

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 13 board members in attendance and a total of 23 members/board members.

**Guests:**

- Christine Paplaczky & Erica Bailey (Aux)
  - Veteran Program - \$1005 raised for the legion. \$1000 for Packages for Troops.
  - Pre-Gobble Time – Packages for Troops/ 50-50 raffle also.

**Minutes:**

- October 2023 Minutes:
  - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

**Commander, Frank Banaszewski:**

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**Sr. Vice, Chris Ellis:**

- New members – 9; Transfer – 7
  - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 662
- 73.2% for this year (total)

**2nd Vice Andy Duncan:**

- Kitchen Calendar:
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$
- Went over courtesy remind if you are present at the club during a meeting to keep talking limited, signs purchased to put up during meetings
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club

**Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:**

- Balances - \$ (post/legion) 182K Investments
- Post turned \$
- Club profitability for Oct– made \$2785 year to date – 2940.31
- Fry's Program
- See Reports
- Need 3 quotes on Oven/Stove. Apply for Grants, pay for Stove/Oven through Investments and pay it back with Grants if awarded.

**Service Officer, Rick Shoemaker**

- **Be The One – it's the Legion's program for the rest of the year. Deal with one at a time.**

**Chaplain, Jim Paplaczyk:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS**

Nothing to report!

**IMPORTANT DATES**

THANKSGIVING	23 November
PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
USNG BIRTHDAY	13 December
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 December

**MONTHLY INVOCATION**

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for food, and remember the hungry. We thank You for health, and remember the sick. We thank You for friends, and remember the friendless. We especially thank You for freedom, and remember the enslaved. Amen*

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**Color Guard, Pete Brown:**

- Back in Business
- Need replacement and new members to join
- Donald Lesowski – funeral Wednesday at National.
- Queen Creek Rodeo Thursday.
- James Wagner will be new leader of Color Guard.
- Flag Retirement Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee (Andy) No further updates**
- **Building Committee** (Frank Banaszewski); No update
- **Queen of Hearts;** \$2,330.80 (44 cards remaining). Dollar per ticket. Two Jokers – when second Joker is found, the board will be reset.
- **Tech:**
- **Bingo;** No update
- **Gilbert Days**
- **Un-Silence Project (Ken, Christina, Katrina)** – Gave \$15K to Mission 22
- **50/50** (Julio Beatrice) Six months for Christmas for Kids until 11/1, then Packages for Troops.
- **Flags for First/Second Graders,** (Fred Meyer) Frank talking to Boy Scouts. They'll be involved.
- **Boys State,** (Doug Adamson) 5 kids this year. \$1500. If you have a child that's a Junior in High School, we'll take care of them first.
- **Christmas for Kids,** (Eric Wilcox) We have \$15,100. Dec 16, 0900.
- **Veterans Advisory Board,** (Mike Bailey) No update

- **Packages for Troops, (Julio Beatrice)** Ken and Eric have things planned. Raised ytd \$1,166.00
  - **12/2 here at Post to Package boxes**
    - **Ship following week**
  - **Saturday – Early Bird Dinner 1200 - 1700**
- **Semper Fi Association, (Ken Skwirtz)**
  - **Glock TUP, (Ken Skwirtz) -**
- **ROTC, (Frank Banaszewski)** No update, schools usually reach out in March
- **Audit Committee – Finance Officer cannot lead this group**
- **Veterans Business Council, (Jimmy Paplaczyk)** no report
- **Finance Committee, (Rod Heibult)**

#### **Old Business:**

- **Flags down Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- **No Queen of Hearts on Christmas Day.**

#### **New Business:**

- **Urinal in Men’s Bathroom.**
- **Video’s – pushing.**
- **Christmas Tree –**
- **Flags Down Sunday – see above.**
- **Fixing our Building – what order, quotes. Show progress.**
- **Chris Clifton – Tee Shirt with 7 O’Clock on it.**
- **Volunteer Meeting – people who want to volunteer. Bring in all entities.**
- **ByLaws and Constitution (Rachel) – amending. Semper Fi adding them to Post.**
  - **Statutory Representative. Judge Advocate should be this person.**
  - **Raised the amount from \$5K to 10K without E Board approval.**
  - **Adjutant will maintain minutes from all entities.**
  - **Outlining the Incident Report process. Rachel to send to Mitch; Mitch to send to E-Board.**
  - **July 2024 (after Convention) Legion Dues are \$50.00**

#### **Good of the Legion:**

- **July 1, 2024 National Dues goes up \$5.00**
- **American Legion (Be the One) – not a membership program. Is a four-year old program stated by American Legion for Suicide Prevention. Blue Cross/Blue Shield part of this. Purpose is to not get caught up with 22 per day, etc., start with one! Dept of Az stood up last week.**
- **Fund Raisers – Berheim will purchase the Glock for the Legion – we’ll sell tickets for the Glock.**
  - **Flags and Dog Tags**
- **Volunteer Board in Post**
  - **Kitchen, Color Guard, etc.**
- **Commander sent letter to all new members/renewals explaining mission of the post and volunteer opportunities.**
- **Advisory Board (Rick) for VA (SE)**

**Adjourned at 1855 by Commander Banaszewski**