

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
Dec 6, 2022

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 9 board members in attendance and a total of 21 members/board members.

Guests:

- Tyler Gillespie from Key Retirement Solutions (Chris Ellis) (no show)
- Randy Maestra, owner of Christian Bros. Automotive (Chaplain Jim)
 - Higley and Baseline – part of 267 shops.
 - Pastor Jim – met at COC luncheon.
 - Wants to give back to the community. Giving away car's/repair every 30-60 days now.

Minutes:

- November 2022 Minutes:
 - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

1st Vice Ellis: -

- Challenge with Aux and SAL:
- New members – 20, Transfer – 7
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- 80% for this year (total)

2nd Vice: Ken Skwartz

- Kitchen Calendar:
- No Kitchen reports
 - Income
 - Expenses
 - Profit
 - Profit/Loss YTD now \$

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Rob Heibult

- Change over from Ken to Rob this week.
- Bills paid
- Renewing Corporation Commission
- AZ Lottery for pull tabs being renewed, need gaming officer

Service Officer Shoemaker:

- 6 Calls
- 6 Worked
- 4 finished
- Any problems with VA, call Rick to get added to the Congressional.
- Vets from Ahwatukee came in on a Sat night and had great things to say.

Chaplain Jim Paplaczyk:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Pam Anders is recuperating at home from throat cancer surgery. I am communicating with her through text messages. She may need rides to doctors' appointments and will let me know as those needs arise. She has a long recovery ahead of her.
- Eric Olsen, the Legion's past Finance Officer, has passed away in his home. Services will take place sometime in January.

IMPORTANT DATES

PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
USANG BIRTHDAY	13 December

MONTHLY INVOCATION

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

Jim Paplaczyk, Post 39 Chaplain jrpapy50@gmail.com (630) 408-8210

Color Guard

- Gilbert Vets (2 events)

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$1,922 (44 cards remaining)
- Bingo – Larry Mann/SON guest at meeting, volunteers are needed for Sunday Bingo. Money raised goes to the legion, would like more legionnaire volunteers. George volunteered to help.
- **Christmas for Kids – Dec 17 at 1000.** Need help for 2022. Should be approximately 74 kids this year.
- Between some 50/50 raffles, chili cook off and gun raffles we raised approximately \$14,600. I believe there are some outstanding funds not counted from football squares and other fundraising activities but we have enough money to support the lists we have received.

We have lists from 29 families with approximately 70 children and shopping is ongoing.

I still need to coordinate some logistical items and how we are going to make that day run smoothly. I will most likely need a few volunteers on 12/17 to assist with handing out the presents.

- Gilbert Days – made \$1,428.75 from concessions.
- 50/50 – doing good. Money going to Christmas for Kids. Julio will give Erica an amount already deposited.
 - Starting next week, money from 50/50 will go to Packages for Troups.
- Flags for First/Second Graders. Fred says it will start up beginning of February 2023
- Boys State – No report
- Building Committee – Frank Banaszewski;

- Bar – getting quotes
- Permit for Gazebo
- Legion needs help this weekend in Kitchen (cook and clean-up) (Friday and Sunday)
- Veterans Advisory Board – No update
- Packages for Troups: COMPLETED DEC 3rd. Well done folks!!!
 - 125 packages this year.
- **Tech Committee** – Andy Duncan;
 - Working on updating the PA system. We have a new receiver installed – this should fix the mic’s cutting out.
 - Will start looking at creating a business page for Facebook. Plan on keeping the group page, this will allow us greater access to the public, it will be very restricted to who can post.
- Audit Committee – Finance Officer cannot lead this group. Mike Bailey, Leslie, Frank and Andrew. No update, Commander reached out to several companies with no luck obtaining an outsider auditor
- Finance Committee Chaired by Ken Skwartz, Frank Banaszewski, Establish budgets. – No update

Old Business:

- Wally – 100 Club
 - Golf Tourney (update at next E-Board meeting); update at next meeting
- Flag Fund Raiser – Mitch will make an American Flag that will hang Dog Tags inside the Stripes. Could bring in \$17K. Mitch said it would be done this week.

New Business:

- Replace broken tiles on backside of bar. George said he would replace the tiles.
- John – Steve and he had problems in restroom to clean up the mess in the restroom. Waterless urinal would solve the problem. Bring up to E Board.

Good of the Legion:

- Friday the 16th and Sunday the 18th Aux will not have the kitchen (no vol’s)
- No breakfast Christmas morning.

Adjourned at 1850 hrs. by Commander Bailey.