

SAL Minutes

October 12th, 2019

Attendance:

Commander	Mike Amick	Present
Vice	Bradley Heck	Present
2 nd Vice	Bill Doyle	Present
Finance Officer	Pat McAnuity	Present
Judge Advocate	Greg Mekula	Present
Chaplain	Julio Beatrice	Present
Sgt-at-Arms	Julio Beatrice	Present

Members-At Large:

Greg Mekula	Present
Jack Jarzynka	Excused
Art Silvas Jr	Excused
Herman Kloock	Absent
Chris Wesolowski	Present
Mark Furrey	Present

And G.I. Josh Present

Minutes

Since No Meeting in September, there are no September Minutes to approve
Also August Minutes we not approved

August Minutes Presented

Motion to Accept: Mark
Seconded by: Pat
Passed

Guest(s)

None

Correspondence

Hacienda Healthcare

Commanders Rpt

Az Legion College was a great experience
Happy Birthday to the US Navy
Brad is the first male Auxiliary member in Arizona
Don't forget about Fall Conference
Commander will be going on Fisher House Ride, Brad will be going to Camp Out

Membership Rpt/ Vice Commander

We are only at 73 Renewals

NEW procedure: If anyone renews at the Club (Bar) they will be given a form for their updated Mailing address / Phone Number / E-Mail Address (I will only leave the Membership Card – at their request- at the Club if they complete this form) This is the only way I can confirm their information short of Mailing the Card

I've been at the Club processing renewals on Monday between 4PM and 6PM.

Junior Members 14
Honorary Members 18

Amendment made by Pat / Seconded by Greg to change/raise rates to

Regular from \$33 to \$35
Dual from \$10 to \$15
Junior No Change – Stay at \$10

Amendment Passed
Motion Passed

Brad made a motion / seconded by Greg to donation \$450 to the Boys State transportation program (See attached page from Blue Cap News for detailed information)

Motion Passed

Motion made by Julio / Seconded by Fred to donate \$500 to Post 39 Packages for Troops
Motion Passed

Packing will be on Dec 7th

Good of the Sons

PDC Greg received his PDC Ring. We paid 50% and waiting for Detachment to reimburse us the other 50%

Meeting Adjourned Commander adjourned the meeting at 13:00 Hours



Sons of the American Legion

Squadron #39

206 North Gilbert Road

Gilbert, Arizona 85234

Meeting Attendance

Date: 10 / 13 / 19

Members Name	Signature
Mike Amick	Mike Amick
GREG MEKULA	G. Mekula
Bill Doyle	William Doyle
BARRY DEER	Barry Deer
PAT McANULTY	Pat McAnulty
Fred My	
JULIO BEATRICE	J. Beatrice
CHRIS WESOLOWSKI	Chris Wesolowski
David A. Burt	
Bradley Hoce	Bradley Hoce
MARK FURLEY	Mark Furley



September 9, 2019

Dear friends,

Let me begin, by once again thanking you for your support of Hacienda Children's Hospital. We are grateful and humbled to be one of the charities that you have selected to support since the hospital opened in 2015. Your giving of time, in-kind gifts, and donations has made a difference in the lives of medically fragile and chronically ill infants, children, teens, and their families.

Since our opening more than 90% of the families we served came from extremely low-income households (0-30% AMI – Area Medium Income). Besides training the families on caring for their children, we have at times provided rent money, paid utilities, donated baby furnishings, car seats, and holiday gifts, because of your generosity. For example, we partnered with Mesa and Tempe fire fighters to provide a home with household furnishings, clothing, and food for a single grandmother who was taking care of several of her grandchildren because their parents were unable. We made sure that each child discharged from Hacienda Children's Hospital was discharged to a safe environment and you helped us do this.

It is with my deepest regret to inform you that our beloved Hacienda Children's Hospital will no longer serve medically fragile children who need our specialized care. We have been serving this population of children since 1994 when we opened our first hospital called Los Niños Hospital in Phoenix. To serve the east valley and provide state of the art facilities and a family friendly hospital, we opened Hacienda Children's in 2015. We consolidated the two hospitals under Hacienda Children's in 2017.

Our hospital has always been a separate nonprofit entity with its own 501 C 3 designation since 2015. All of our Form 990 tax returns are audited by Henry & Horne, LLP and are available for view on www.Guidestar.org under Hacienda Children's Hospital.

Due to changes in insurance reimbursements and the highly publicized "Hacienda HealthCare" news of sexual assault resulting in the birth of a healthy baby boy at the south Phoenix location, our hospital has been negatively impacted both with the name "Hacienda" and financially. Although the hospital is a separate entity, it had been receiving financial support from Hacienda HealthCare since it was built. With the heavy expenses coupled with the State's moratorium preventing Hacienda from receiving new clients, the Board of Directors had to make some very difficult decisions. One was to

close Hacienda Children's Hospital in Mesa and the other to close our 19-year-old pediatric/young adult Skilled Nursing Facility in south Phoenix.

There is not much more I can say, except that unfortunate events happened so quickly, and the media frenzy that demonized the Hacienda name, caused irreparable harm. The type of service that our specialized children's hospital provided is greatly needed in our community as the number of medically complex children continues to grow with advances in medicine and technology. For families that have the means, they can find help. For those on the lower end of the income spectrum it will mean more visits to the emergency room and inequitable access to care. As one of a handful of hospitals throughout the country that has provided this level of care, I am hopeful that another will arise.

You made a difference in the lives of these children and their families. Thank you so much for your support, caring and understanding. I am available to answer any questions and I am happy to meet with you face to face either individually or in a group setting.

Our hospital will officially close September 30, 2019.

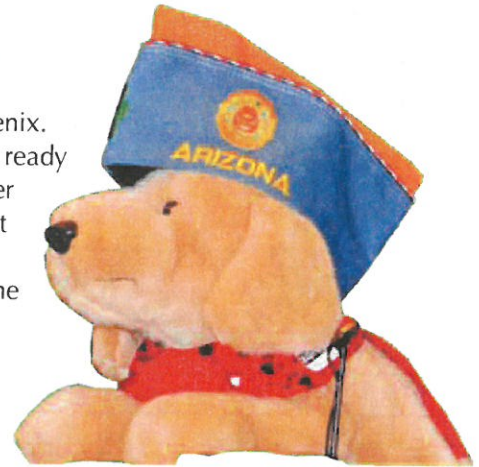
With sincere gratitude,



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“Who let the dogs Out?”

We have a lot of Josh Dogs that came to us on May 15th, 2019. We put all of them in a storage unit at Space Storage 3636 E. Washington in Phoenix. Thanks to your help over the last several weeks in assembly of kits, we are nearly ready to close out the rental storage units. One or two more times of getting together in the early morning (6:00am) and completing the kits we can, we will be set for the remainder of the 2020 membership year. Thank you for your support of this program. We know you made a difference in the support of our troops!
 We'll keep you informed when the next troop deployment Yellow Ribbon is scheduled



Tom Lucas, Detachment GI Josh Chairman 2019-2020
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Boys State 2020...Transportation Needs

Let's get ready to start your online application to attend Arizona Boys State May 31 – June 6, 2020. Don't forget to consider the Samsung Scholarship. American Legion veterans descendants get an extra point and if Korean War Veteran, the applicant is awarded 3 points. You must have been selected and attend @azBoysState 2020 More information can be found at

azboysstate.org (apply there once the application goes live, tentatively in October 2019).

Please inquire at your local American Legion Post with questions or see your High school guidance counselor to help you prepare to apply.

A week that shapes a lifetime! Arizona business leaders take time out of their schedule to address the citizens of #AzBoysState.

Transportation will be provided for those applicant / delegates traveling from Southern Arizona by way of tour bus, the cost is \$4500.00. Detachment CMDR. Chuck Treat is challenging all Squadrons to donate towards this great program. Contact CMDR. Treat for details!

