

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 26 members in attendance.

Guests:

- Annie Remsburg – Son Corey Remsburg hurt by an IED in Afghanistan. Annie represents Elizabeth Dole foundation. Ms Dole noticed a gap in what caregivers were getting for help. So Ms Dole started a campaign to get help to the caregivers. Hidden Heroes Cities Campaign. Trying to create awareness for military and veteran caregivers. Seeks to identify all caregivers within that city. Make all organizations aware of caregivers. Starting to find out that children are being impacted by the wounded warriors. Starting to educate the schools about this. Annie left her business cards so that we can hand them out to the caregivers that we know. Have them contact Annie for further information and assistance. 20 May is Hidden Heroes Cities day. HiddenHeroesCities.org list numerous resources that can help with this. **Let's put the word out that there is a place for caregivers to get help.**
- John – Gilbert HS chess club. Last year our donation helped them go to Tucson and they finished 2nd, 1 point out of 1st. This year they are going to go up to Flagstaff. We are the one service organization that helps the chess club every year.
- Tom Jackson – Presented a gift from Salt River and the Bushmasters. This year is the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. He gave us 50 pins.

Minutes:

- Motion, second, voted, passed

Sr Vice Gray:

- New - 4
- Transfers - 5
- Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, all passed
- 100.5%, Way to go!

Jr Vice Grosch:

- Discussed the calendar
 - Saint Patrick's day
 - 13th APR ASU's having ROTC program here
- Kitchen report
 - Discussed kitchen report
 - Kitchen is doing good

Finance Officer Szabo:

- Went over finance report
 - We are operating mostly out of Chase Bank now
 - Looking into Chase handling our credit card services
- Reviewed by Sr Vice and approved. Motion, second, voted, passed

Service Officer Lane:

- Ernie discussed the new military exchange online shopping benefit
- Discussed VA denied stay on paying of emergency care claims
- Discussed the legislation that is coming up

Chaplain Adamson:

- Discussed the latest update on the Chaplain report
- We are starting to see the transition from WWII vet passing to Korean vets passing

Color Guard:

- We've already had 8 memorials this year
- 9 Mar one at National
- Another in Apr
- Posting colors at Fire Side
- AZ Girls Softball opening
- If Color Guard personnel have not participated in 1 year, you are asked to hand your uniform in
- Color Guard has dinner 31 Mar

Committee Reports:

- Packages for troops
 - Dinner was good
 - \$86 donations
 - Thinking of doing a fund raiser dinner before shipping out packages next year
- Front renovation
 - Going to start demolition
 - Still waiting on a response from the city
 - There will be no electric out front when demolition starts.

Old Business:

- Bingo – 1400 Sunday

New Business:

- None

Good of the Legion:

- Sportsman's show at West World – we have comp tickets. See Bob Green
- If you're interested in going fishing in Vancouver See Bob Green
- Nominations
 - Commander – Chris Ellis
 - Sr Vice – Dave Gray
 - Jr Vice – Larry Grosch
 - Finance Officer – Wayne Szabo

- E-board – Leslie and Ron Minner, Mike Johnson, Julio Beatrice, Fred Meyers, Brad Heck, Gil Gilligan, Bill Doyle, Dave Earney,

Adjourned at 1907