

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 28 members in attendance.

Guests:

- Chaplain Bryan – We Honor Veterans
 - Serves 3 purposes: 1 education, 2 provide quality end of life care for veterans, 3 honoring veterans
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Veteran to veteran session
 - Pinning ceremony of the flag pin on the veteran
 - So if you would like to work with veterans that are coming to the close of their life, please volunteer
- Tammy and LeeAnne
 - Realtor and Lender
 - The new VA loan limit just changed to \$453,100
 - Cash out refinance is to 100%
- Dave Lambert
 - Director of Security in the Air Force for Health Care
 - He is looking to provide information on Senior Fraud
- Mark
 - Representing the ALR
 - New annual run is for the Fisher House
 - 5 Apr is the run
 - SAL put a challenge out to the AUX to meet a donation of \$750 and a match if they donated more than that. AUX donated \$1000
 - Challenge goes out to the Legion
- Mike
 - First Vice of SAL
 - Really appreciate the dual members
 - Offering to anyone that is eligible for dual membership, the SAL will pay your 2018 dues
 - Dues for dual is \$10

Minutes:

- Motion, second, voted, passed

Sr Vice Gray:

- Mailed out numerous cards

Jr Vice Grosch:

- Discussed the calendar
 - 10 Feb AUX chilly cook-off
 - 17 Feb Four Chaplains
 - 18 Feb Post Everlasting
- Kitchen report
 - Discussed kitchen report
 - January was rough

- Had a loss of \$418
- Part of that was the cleaning of the exhaust fan
- We will be able to make that up in Feb

Finance Officer Szabo:

- Moved to Edward Jones
- They said our investments were too heavy in equities. So we moved into CDs
- Motion to table the Finance, second, passed

Service Officer Heck:

- Last month assisted 1 vet within the post and 8 outside the post
- Helped out a vet
- The majority of the VA hospital staff have been effected by the flu

Chaplain Adamson:

- Ron has pneumonia
- Fred had a stroke and has recovered and was in the meeting. His daughter who is a product of the 40/8 scholarship funds told him he was having a stroke and took him to hospital
- Dave Gray's wife had a spike in her blood sugar
- Don't forget the Four Chaplains service
- And also don't forget about the Post Everlasting

Color Guard:

- Last year we did over 8800 miles, over 1500 hours, 34 gun shoots, 19 Colors posting, 3 parades
- Been a slow year so far

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – doing good up to about \$1600
- Bingo is doing awesome, power ball over \$1200

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Motion to donate \$250 to the WWI memorial, second, discussion, approved to forward to the E-Board
 - The memorial was vandalized and will cost over \$5000 to restore.
 - Trying to get it restored by Veterans day, Nov 7th
- Lou discussed the 40/8 and POW/MIA scholarship funds
- Jim Curry new member of 39, introduced himself and Bob and Jack

Good of the Legion:

- Fred is looking for veterans to help with Flags for First Graders
- Fred is looking for volunteers for the Chandler Ostrich Festival
- Brad told the new members about the newsletter and calendar
- Brad thanked everyone for renewing his faith in humanity. Brad did not expect to walk out with \$1000 dollars for the young vet that needed assistance. Way To Go Post 39!!!
- Leslie has the misspelled post sign at her house. She is looking for some house paint to paint the sign. Once redone we will look at it to see if we can put it back up
- Chaplain Doug read a letter thanking the packages for troops

Adjourned at 1859

