

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2018

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

**Guests:**

- District 12 Commander JD Geiser
  - Here to help us with training, etc
  - Know what the 4 pillars are, the preamble
  - Serve your communities
- Janet
  - Toys for Tots
  - Post 35 will have a band from 12-4 pm, and a ride, and raffles
  - 24 Nov is the day the toys will be brought to Post 35
  - We are planning on going to Frys again this year
  - Santa will be there
  - 24 Nov is the ride
  - 18 Nov Post 39 will be at Frys
  - 3 Nov Post 39 will be collecting money out front
  - Spread the word and let's get some toys for those kids

**Minutes:**

- Motion, second, voted, passed

**Sr Vice Grosch:**

- New members –2, Transfer – 0
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed
- 51% renewal and we are ahead of the National rate

**Jr Vice Borodin:**

- Discussed the calendar
  - 13 Oct – Navy B-day Lunch to be provided by SAL
  - 20 Oct – Hall rented to SAL
  - 27 Oct – 1800 Halloween Party
  - 17 Nov – Gilbert Days
  - 1 Dec – Packages for Troops
- Kitchen report
  - Discussed kitchen report
  - \$213.57 down to date but expect to make it back

**Finance Officer Heck:**

- There is one extra expense for \$5700 which was for the replacement of everything in the walk in cooler. This should be made up by the insurance
- Reviewed by Sr Vice. Motion, seconded, passed

### **Service Officer Heck:**

- None

### **Chaplain Adamson:**

- Tom Wagner is doing better, his liver counts are improving
- Dave Gray has been dealing with his dad's passing

### **Color Guard:**

- We are registered with the National Cemeteries
- Welcome home on 18 Oct
- 16-18 Nov doing the Rodeo
- Veterans day will be posting colors at the church
- Waiting to hear back for the flags that go on Gilbert road
- 2 new members – Welcome aboard

### **Committee Reports:**

- Queen of Hearts – doing good, Up over \$2000 Looks like we have almost enough for 5 boys state
- Bingo doing well
- Gilbert Days is coming up 17 Nov, let Leslie know if you know of any veteran that would like to sit out front.
- Packages for Troops, 1 Dec at 0900 we will be packing up the boxes, 1 Oct we start collecting money looking to ship out 100 boxes this year. Already over \$1300

### **Old Business:**

- Christmas for Kids – Bob Green we have no checks this year from Walmart so far and that's \$2500. Having problems selling raffle tickets. Got a visit from Bob's bikes and he wants to give away bikes to the kids again this year. Bob needs help selling tickets. The Heck gave Bob a check to start helping him replace all the toys he lost in the fire.

### **New Business:**

- Brad made a motion to start a committee for the grand reopening and a part to thank the First Responders that helped us out
  - Cowboy, Lew, Gil, and Doug and Brad
  - Motion, seconded, discussion – Pete has a square stone for the FD and offered to donate it to the FD, passed
- Brad made a motion to donate \$500 to Dave Gray to help with his issues. Seconded. This will be tabled to the E-Board

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

- Chris has the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the American Legion and the coin is being sold for \$15 each. This is a fund raiser for the centennial celebration on 18 May
- Brad reminded us about the AZ Legion College. He highly recommends we do this. There is a \$50 charge. There is a scholarship available if you cannot afford the charge.
- Brad would like to hear some input from you on maybe having one heck of a Thanksgiving shin-dig
- Fire 22 Sep at 1143 – Due to an errant cigarette butt. Kiley was the one that let out the alarm. Financially we should be covered by insurance and donations. Post 35 donated ~\$5000 from fund raising. We have a lot of vendors stepping up to help us out. We are still collecting donations. Sons from Post 91 brought us some flags. Post 117 did an all day donation. Post 27, 25, 8, 9, 97, 41, 59, 117, Post in Ohio, Post in Colorado, Post in Nevada, it goes on and on. Thank you American Legion Family. We are currently waiting to see how much the insurance will cover. We did cover the bar tenders during the time we were shut down. This should be reimbursed by the insurance. But it will not cover tips, so please be generous with tips for them. We will be putting up a suggestion box for what to do with the back.

- Keep watching the web site. We will be posting a date for when we will be taking care of the storage shed.
- Joe Highly one of our new members. He makes wooded flags. If you know of a vet that doesn't have a flag let him know. He donated an Army flag to us to determine what to do with it. He makes all kinds.

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