

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 27 members in attendance.

Guests: Dr. Keith Ramsey, Christine Greene, Mr. Jack Griffin and Mrs. Corine Griffin – all received Certifications of Appreciation for their donations (time & items) for Christmas for Kids.

**Minutes:**

- December 2019; Motion to accept, voted, second, voted, passed

**Sr Vice Grosch:**

- New members – 4, Transfer – 7
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed
- 93.9% for renewal
- Motion to accept these folks into our post made, voted, seconded and approved.

**Jr Vice Borodin:**

- Discussed the calendar
  - Jan 15 – Comedian (1900-2130)
  - Jan 27 – Blood Drive (1200-1700)
  - Feb 1 – 40/08 Steak Drive for Super Bowl
  - Feb 9 – Post Everlasting (1300-1330)
- Kitchen report
  - Discussed kitchen report
  - \$1,264 total income for December 2019
  - \$1,088.19 Expenses
  - \$175.81 profit for 12/2019
  - YTD Loss of (\$332.39)

**Finance Officer Olsen:**

**Report Details:**

**On the Asset Position Report:**

1. Reminder this is our balances in the various accounts we use.
2. Legion Checking received a Bingo deposit and paid out for Christmas for Kids and Packages for Troops, plus our usual operating expenses.
3. Our investments had a gain of over \$3,000 for the second month in a row. However, with the markets embroiled in trade wars, Middle East issues and such, we may not see that kind of growth continue.

On the Income and Expense detail report is split between those items which are part of our general operation and those which are specific events.

1. The general operation sheet shows only those costs and income which we have on a regular basis.
2. The Special Items report are those items which are one-time items (2018 Fire) or Program items or items which generate their own funding with payouts (Gaming). Also shown is the money being used from our Investments to cover our general operation.

Motion to accept the Finance Report once reviewed. Voted, Discussed, Second, passed.

**Service Officer Shoemaker:**

3 vets helped

1. Mr. Weeks: Helped get enrolled in VA Healthcare, explained PX and commissary rights, and disability tax breaks in Arizona.
2. Alex: Got him set up with MidWest Food Bank network for food needs and Rob Thompson Az Dept. Of Veteran Services for other needs.
3. Shaton Williams: Vet released from VA hospital limited to hospital bed at home facing eviction, No food in the house with 3 daughter age 15, 14 and 8, and no Christmas for the girls. Hooked her up with Az. Housing Commission. Collected \$673.00 in 3 hat-passes in the bar for food and got her in the Midwest food bank system for food support. Julio got \$300 in late fees taken of back rent bill. Lisa, our lovely bartender took them Christmas dinner. My wife and kids collected stuff animals and a CD Radio Boombox for the older girls so they would have some sort of Christmas.

This month I would like to explain new Mission act Urgent Care system and Urgent Pharmacy program.

**Chaplain Adamson:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS:**

- John McLoughlin (Legion) passed away Tues. (12/03). Our Color Guard supported his memorial service. John was a Korean War veteran and 30 year PUFL Legion member.
- Patrick Marchione (Legion) has been released from the ICU unit and returned home but no visitors yet please.
- Jim Borodin's (Legion) mother has returned home for Hospice care per her wishes after the initial cancer diagnosis.
- John Curley (Legion) has had the rehabilitation process moved back to his home after suffering a stroke.
- Linda Collins (Aux) has been entered into palliative care

**SERVICE BIRTHDAYS**

ARMY	JUNE 14	COAST GUARD	AUGUST 04
AIR FORCE	SEPTEMBER 18	NAVY	OCTOBER 13
MARINES	NOVEMBER 10		

**NEWS:**

- 01 Jan HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
- 20 Jan Martin Luther King Day observed
- 25 Jan Chinese New Years

**POST EVERLASTING**

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4)

**Color Guard:**

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**Committee Reports:**

- Queen of Hearts – \$5,400 (21 cards left)
- Bingo – Doing well. Bar Bingo doing well.

- 50/50 – Boys State is looking good.
- Packages for Troops
- Committee – Kids for Christmas – Spend \$7,000 / 50 families / 150 kids
  - Superintendent of Schools joining Post 39 (Sons)
  - \$5,000 left over in the bank
  - Bob Greene is retiring – needs a replacement for next year.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Eric – worked with another Post in California; went to campus' to work with/recruit Vets to join our Post.

**Good of the Legion:**

- **Bob Greene – annual fishing trip to Canada this year (summer)**
- **Fred Meyer – Flags for First and Second Graders East Mesa school**

**Adjourned at 1834**