

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2020

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

**Guests:** Bill Spence, Lt. Cmdr. US Navy (Ret). Running for Gilbert Town Council. Third Generation Arizonian. Lives in Gilbert. 2012 Operation Coming Home Honoree.

**Minutes:**

- February 2020; Motion to accept. Second, Discussed, voted, passed.

**Sr Vice Grosch:**

- New members 11 – Transfer – 6
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 100.583% for renewal

**Jr Vice Borodin:**

- Discussed the calendar
  - Mar 7 – Bartender Appreciation Day – ALL DAY
  - Mar 14 – Celebration of Life – (1400 - ?) NO POKER
  - Mar 21 – Lasagna Bake Off (1400-1800)
  - April 4 – Baby Shower (1600 - ?)
  - April 18 – 40/8 Picnic (1000 - ?) On Patio.
  - April 25 – Spaghetti Dinner – First Responders (1600)
- Kitchen report
  - Discussed kitchen report
  - \$927.50 total income for February 2020
  - \$889.31 Expenses
  - \$38.19 Profit
  - YTD (\$175.06)

**Finance Officer Olson:**

Asset Position Report:

1. Reminder this is our balances, as of the end of the month, in the various accounts we use.
2. Our investments had a large loss for February. This was mostly from the convulsion the markets are having over the coronavirus. Update: at closing today (3/3) our investments had earned back \$3,302 or about 2% of our loss.

The Income and Expense report is based on the cost detail from the Legion Checking and Legion Savings accounts. I print a detailed report each month, if you want to see the items in each category. This report does not include the Club, Gaming or Entity accounts. It also DOES NOT include the items listed on the Special Items report.

1. As of the end of February, we are averaging about a \$4,200 loss each month. Note the loss is greater on this report than the Asset Sheet shows, is the costs on the Special Report are included in the Asset Sheet balances.
2. The Building costs include Cleaning, Maintenance, Repairs, Utilities, etc. Those items which allow us to occupy and use the building.

3. The Service costs are all the costs of providing Programs to service our veteran community.
4. Office costs include the rental, usage and maintenance costs of the copier/printer and the costs for our Internet and telephone connection through Cox Business.
5. Gaming income is the monies deposited into the Legion Checking account from all gaming (mostly from Bingo). Gaming money deposited into the Savings account for Queen of Hearts is on the Special Item report.
6. At the rate of loss, we will have spent the current Investment funds in just over three years.

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1. Programs: The balances shown are the current funds available for each Program shown.
2. Investments: This is the money we have used from the Investments to help with operational costs.

### **Good of the Legion**

Some did you know, items.

The first Wednesday of every month is Senior Day at Fry's. If you have a Fry's shopper card and have registered your birthday at Customer Service, you will receive 10% off your entire purchase. You also get to use any coupons you have collected paper or electronically.

Are you aware we have both a Website and a Facebook page? Both are a great way to keep up with what is happening around here.

Finally, there is a television over the juke box which shows the Veteran's News Network. This is provided by Hometown Heroes project. The network shows programs on items of interest to veteran's and services available to veterans.

Motion to accept the Finance Report as written, pending review. Seconded, Passed.

### **Service Officer Shoemaker:**

- Excused for meeting.

### **Chaplain Adamson:**

### **HEALTH & SICKNESS:**

- Dave Birosh (Legion&SAL) Dave's son has notified the Post of Dave's passing late Thurs. night (2/20). Please check the Chaplain Board for times and place for Mar 4 and Mar 5.
- Julie Cusick (Aux) is back home now after suffering a severe head injury from a fall at home. There will be a long rehabilitation process going forward.
- Craig Johnson (Legion) the Post has been notified of Craig's sudden passing. A Memorial Service is planned at the View Point Golf Club, 650 N Hawes Rd, Mesa, on 01 Mar at 1PM.
- Carmen "Sailor" Tucker (Legion) passed away Fri. Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Sailor was a Viet Nam era Navy veteran and a Legion PUFL member. The Post will have a Memorial/ Celebration of Life on 14 Mar (Sat) at 2 PM.
- 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:

- 05 Mar Julio's day - Seabee's Birthday
- 08 Mar Daylight saving time begins for everyone else.
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 19 Mar First Day of Spring

## POST EVERLASTING

As I face obstacles, fears, and temptations, please guide me to rely on you. Point me to scriptures that will give me the courage and strength to face the day. Give me a humble attitude so I will simply listen to you and follow your leadings.

## **AMEN**

*Doug Adamson, Post 39 Chaplain. ([DougDebAz@gmail.com](mailto:DougDebAz@gmail.com); 602-882-8030 cell)*

## **Color Guard:**

- 5 Funerals, 2 Flag Postings, Flag Retirement 3/18 (all March)

## **Committee Reports:**

- Queen of Hearts – \$8500 (cards left).
- Bingo – Doing well. Bar Bingo doing well. Needs a Money Taker. See Larry.
- 50/50 – Boys State is looking good.
- Packages for Troops done.
- Flags for First/Second Graders – went well in Mesa. Contacted two Gilbert Schools.
- Committee – Kids for Christmas
  - Bob Greene is retiring – needs a replacement for next year.

## **Old Business:**

- Fire Restoration project – waiting on Insurance.

## **New Business:**

- Brad Heck – Motion to change the Post 39 Bylaws - to have all Officers (Elected or Appointed) to either Post 39 or Post 39 programs are required to have the American Legion On-Line Basic Training Course completed and passed prior to taking office or position. Effective June 1, 2021. Seconded, disc, discussed, voted and passed.
- Status of Audit Committee?

## **Good of the Legion:**

- **Bob Greene – annual fishing trip to Canada this year (summer).**
- **Audit Committee – to audit the Post (not necessarily Finance).**
- **Audit Fund Raising – Fund Raising once per month.**
- **March – start nominations for next year's officers.**
- **Boy Scouts in Post 39 last week – got a tour.**

## **From Eric Olson:**

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**Nominations:**

Post Commander – Dave Gray

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Larry Grosch

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim Borodin

Finance Officer – Eric Olson

**Members at Large**

Ken Skwartz

Bob Greene

Mitch Ellis

Laddy Cusick

Joe DiMarcello

Ken Lewis

Jim Reid

Gene Frericks

**Adjourned at 1850.**