

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 22 members in attendance.

Guests:

Minutes:

- April 2021; Motion to accept. Second, Discussed, voted, passed.

Sr Vice Grosch:

- New members – ; Transfer - (2021); Unable to get into MyLegion.org to find out. System having issues.
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 101.4% for renewal

Jr Vice Borodin:

- Discussed the calendar
- Kitchen report
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 - \$1,705.00 total income Apr 2021
 - \$1,544.00 Expenses
 - \$160.81 Profit
 - YTD Expense YTD \$10,100.97
 - YTD LOSS (\$897.47)
- Calendar
 - May 15 – Bartender's Appreciation Day (ALL DAY)
 - May 29 – Choir Boys Meeting – 1000 - 1100
 - Jun 19 – Baby Shower 30 people – 1600-1900

Finance Officer Skwartz:

- Meeting scheduled with another Copy Machine Vendor.
- Trying to get ahold of our Point of Sales.
 - We've transferred YTD (daily operations) from Savings –
 - Quick Books isn't matching up with POS.

Motion to accept the Finance Report as written, pending review. Seconded, No Discussion, Passed.

Service Officer:

- Assisted two people with claims. Sent to DAV.

Chaplain Adamson:

HEALTH & SICKNESS:

- Gerald Goschie (Legion) We have been notified of the passing Gerald. He was a Navy veteran during the Viet Nam era.
- John Binnert (SAL) the SAL was notified of John's passing. Known by 9 toes he was 13 yr member of the SAL.
- David Rogers (SAL) the SAL was notified of David's passing.
- Tommy Unverrich (SAL) the SAL was notified of Tommy's passing.

- Richard Olson (SAL) the SAL was notified of 13yr member Richard's passing.
- Ronald Gillum (SAL) the SAL was notified of 12 yr member Ron Gillum's passing.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

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

NEWS:

- 09 May Mother's Day
- 11 May Ramadan ends
- 15 May Armed Forces Day
- 28 May National Poppy Day
- 31 May Memorial Day—Post supports Gilbert at Civic Center

POST EVERLASTING

"Father, I have to thank you for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You. Amen."

Doug Adamson, Post 39 Chaplain. (DougDebAz@gmail.com; 602-882-8030 cell)

Color Guard:

- Funeral this Friday

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$13,200 (8 cards left).
- Bingo –
- 50/50 – doing good.
- Dog Tag Campaign slowing down. Only 6 new tags from last month's report
- Quilted Flag Fund Raiser up to \$215.00 now selling ticket up to June 2. All donation to back patio. Drawing June 2 at the post
- Packages for Troops –
- Flags for First/Second Graders –
- Committee –
- Patterson Elementary – Flags for First Graders (Fred and Doug)

Old Business:

- Fire Restoration project – waiting on Insurance.

• **Nominations for Officers and EBoard – Voting concluded this evening. The WINNERS ARE:**

- ***Dave Gray – Commander***
- ***First Vice – Larry Grosch***
- ***Second Vice – Wally Phillips***
- ***Finance Officer – Ken Skwartz***

- **Executive Board: Members at Large – Chris Ellis, Leslie Miner, Mitch Ellis, Laddy Cusick, Ken Lewis, Mike Bailey, Brad Heck, Ron Miner,**

New Business:

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Good of the Legion:

- **Dog Tag Campaign -**
- **Audit Committee –**
- **Audit Fund Raising –**
- **Convention week of June 24-27.**
- **August (last week) National Legion Convention here in Phoenix.**

- **Brad Heck:**

I move in honor of Fallen Police Officer Chandler Chris Farrar and Injured Gilbert Police Officer Rico Aranda to sponsor 2 Chandler Cadets to ALLECA (2 x \$300) totaling \$600

ALLECA – American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy

ALLECA IS A PARTNERED YOUTH PROGRAM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (AZ DPS) THAT BEGAN BACK IN 1981 AND HAS NOW REACHED ITS 38TH YEAR. ALLECA IS ONE OF ONLY TWENTY ONE (21) SUCH PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT ARE GEARED TOWARD THOSE INDIVIDUAL TEENAGERS WHO HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN SOME PHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR MILITARY AND OURS IS UNIQUE BECAUSE MUCH OF THE PROGRAM IS FOCUSED ON PHYSICAL FITNESS. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY “AMERICANISM” PROGRAMS THAT ARE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AND OUR PROGRAM IS SEEN AS THE NATIONAL MODEL FOR SUCH PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A EIGHT-DAY ENCAMPMENT AND IS HELD AT THE EMMANUEL PINES CAMP, WHICH IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF PRESCOTT ARIZONA. THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 AND 19. THE CADETS ARE FED THREE MEALS A DAY AND ARE PROVIDED QUARTERS AND UNIFORMS.

The American Legion believes that our young people have a strong sense of patriotism and a high regard for law and order. The objective of the American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (ALLECA) is to provide a firsthand look at the role of a police officer in promoting and safeguarding America’s freedom and rights. As only one of 21 such programs in the Country, it is the belief of the Department of Arizona that the young men and women who take part in the ALLECA program will develop favorable attitudes toward law enforcement and will spread those attitudes throughout their communities and among their peers. The ALLECA program is not a “boot camp” or a camp for problem or incorrigible, unmanageable teens.

This could be described as a one-week mini police academy. Sessions are planned annually during summer vacation. Discipline is strict with vigorous physical training, running, and calisthenics included. Training begins at 5:00 a.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. each day after which, clothes will be washed, and dormitories cleaned. Obstacle courses and defensive tactics are planned. Various government and criminal justice officials will be guest speakers. Basic instruction will be by certified police officers from various Arizona police agencies.

- **Motion to provide \$300 for each officer injured/deceased during last week’s incident. Total of \$600.**
- **ALLECA - Department of Arizona American Legion and Department of Public Safety.**
 - **Discussion. Wally Philips offered to pay \$600 for the two scholarships as a gift to the American Legion.**
 - **Amendment to the Motion to accept Wally Philips donation. Voted. Seconded, Passed.**
 - **Motion to the Amendment – Wally Philips to Donate \$1200. Seconded, Voted, Approved.**

Who here is registered for 100 miles for hope?

Who here has logged in to THEIR MyLegion.org to verify their information?

Do you know who is running for Area Vice Commander?

What Area are we in?

Do you know who is running for district officers?

What district are we in?

Do you know who is the leading candidate for Department Commander?

Do you know who is running for National Commander (from Arizona) What Post?

Do you listen to the Tango Alpha Lima Podcast? Or what it is

- Do you have an American Legion Uniform Cover? Or know where to get yours?
- **Motion to have the Ballot and Tally Sheets destroyed. Seconded, Voted, Passed.**
- **Motion that Post 39 pay \$10 registration fee for the upcoming Convention. Voted, Discussed and approved.**
- **Benito donated \$2500 to the Legion from his company.**

Adjourned at 1700