



**American Legion McCulloch-Wagner Post 109  
15921 S. Houghton Road  
Corona AZ 85641**

**13 Jun 2023**

**General Membership Meeting** was called to order at Post 109 at 7:07pm.

*Roll Call of Officers:*

Andre Koster Commander	Present	Sean Stephenson Executive Member	Excused
Chris Petersen 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Present	Neil Haverlandt Executive Member	Excused
Jessica Ziegler 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Present	Hugo Fontes Executive Member	Present
Joyce Lee Adjutant/Secretary	Present	Bill Sobeck Historian	Present
Rick Morgan Finance	Present	Venture Tounsel Past Commander	Excused
Vacant Sgt. @ Arms		Mike Shaughnessy Chaplain	Excused
Vacant Judge Advocate			

Rick Curry made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on line, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie; motion passed

**Guest:** None

**Reports:**

**Kitchen:** Shelby: we need an entity to cover the cost of the bloody may bar for Father’s Day. 16 June is the Commander’s dinner, tickets are \$10.00 each and for sale with the bartender. I need volunteers to help with a deep clean in the kitchen and dinning room. Bob Suhay: the CZV will donate \$250.00 for the bloody mary bar for Father’s Day

**Club:** Charlene: The Rescue Rider’s from Davis-Monthan has requested for us to host their bike night on 8 Sept. She has contacted Rick Curry as he will be the POC. The new POS (Point of Sale) system is currently being set up. Hope to start training on Monday. Summer hours are in effect, weekend hours are 12:00pm to close; weekday hours are 1pm to close.

**Aux:** Danielle K, Father’s Day Brunch, using new menu. Joint installation is 17 June at 11:00 am. Girls sponsored for Girls State have been invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on 1 July.

**Riders:** Rick Curry: Annual Amy Hill run 19 Aug. Registration 8-10am. Rick plans to have a quarterly bike night.

**Boy Scouts:** Please see attached.

**CZV:** Bob Suhay: \$900.00 donated for new bar stools, \$3,050.00 donated for post members in need, \$450.00 donated to Son's \$650.00 donated to veteran's organizations. Total donated \$5,050.00

**Bingo:** We are shut down for the summer, starting back up in September. We need volunteers.

**Chaplain:** Excused.

**VSO:** see attached. Bruce has been renewing his certifications.

**Boys State:** Nothing to report.

**House:** Nothing to report.

**Son's:** Chas: Gun raffle is a Glock 48 MOS with ammo drawing 4 July after the queen of Hearts. Tickets are \$10.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00. Sons are providing the food for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on 1 July; Burgers, dogs, potato salad, sides and all the fix'ns. Son's next dinner is Sept 8<sup>th</sup> as we go dark through Aug. We would greatly appreciate volunteers.

**Closed:**

**Membership:** Chris: Last years goal was 810 this year's goal 840 we reached 857. We're 102%. 523 Non online renewals, 334 online renewals. 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in state. 1<sup>st</sup> for new members 129. 4<sup>th</sup> in renewals. We're 77% in renewals. 3<sup>rd</sup> with 9 headquarters transfers. 8 New members, 4 transfers. Hugo made a motion to accept the new members as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon: motion passed. Jon made a motion to accept the transfers as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick C.: motion passed. Jon made a motion to accept the membership report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie; motion passed.

**Historian:** Bill passed out burial information for the state of AZ veteran's cemeteries.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Jess; 1 July is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Starting at noon with food. DJ 1-4pm and a band later. There is a blood drive on 29 July. The bar stool fund raiser so far has about \$2,500. Hoping to have new bar stools by Labor Day.

**Finance Report:** Rick; we've had a good this month. Hugo made a motion to transfer \$30,000.00 into the savings account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick C. motion passed. Chris made a motion to accept the finance report as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick C., motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Andre; update on the remodel; finishing up on the concrete work to stop water seepage into the building. Then they will finish the interior There's nothing new on the lawsuit. Square has been purchased and in the process of being set up. Should be ready to go on line Monday. He has found a veteran owned upholstery shop and going to get an estimate to re-upholstery the bar stools where the frame is sturdy. Bob Suhay suggested we sell names for the back of the bar stools.

**New Business:**

Jess made a motion to donate #350 for 50 art projects for the local volley ball tournament, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris motion passed.

John Cuddy suggested we invite the boys who were sponsored for Boys State to our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Chris made a motion for delegates to vote for Steve Sperl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Curry. motion passed.

Jon made a motion for delegates to vote for Ventura Townsel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie, motion passed.

Jon made a motion to allow attendees to vote for the remainder of the positions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris, motion passed.

Jesse motioned to increase the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration budget by \$477.00 to rent a water slide, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce, motion passed.

**Good of the Legion:**

John Cuddy told us about a bar in Manhattan McSully's where in 1917 they gave the soldiers a turkey dinner before sending them to the war. They saved the wishbones for the soldiers return to collect their wishbones. There are still wishbones on the pipes. He also interviewed a 99-year-old WWII Army vet.

Brad Adams: Post 66 selected an Eagle Scout of the year to represent at convention. we did not have an Eagle Scout. The American Legion Department awarded an AED machine for our summer camp at camp Laughton. He also stated he would like for everyone to start calling the old bar the Byrd-McMahon Cantina and stop referring to it as the old bar.

Chris Petersen Thanked those for stepping up to the plate and be a leader. This is a hard position.

Jess suggested Kitchen deep clean for 29 July.

Installations of officers is scheduled for 17 June at 11am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully signed,

*Andre Koster*  
Andre Koster  
Commander

*Joyce Lee*  
Joyce Lee  
Adjutant