



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

14 Jan, 2025

General Membership Meeting was called to order at Post 109 at 7:02pm.

Roll Call of Officers:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Title, Status, Status. Rows include Roosevelt McKnight (Commander, Present), Brad Adams (1st Vice, Present), Jessica Ziegler (2nd Vice, Present), Joyce Lee (Adjutant/Secretary, Present), Rick Morgan (Finance, Present), Steve Brooks (Sgt. @ Arms, Present), Jeff McIntyre (Judge Advocate, Excused), Jon Upchurch (Executive Member, Present), Tom Kopecky (Executive Member, Present), Hugo Fontes (Executive Member, Present), Sean Stephenson (Historian, Present), Andre Koster (Past Commander, Excused), Mike Shaughnessy (Chaplain, Excused).

Charter Draped for Joseph Giordano, He has gone to Post Everlasting

Jon moved to accept the minutes as posted on line, 2nd by Matt. motion passed with 1 Na

Guest: None

Committee Reports:

Community Liaison: No report.

Kitchen: Everything is going well so far. Closed over the holidays, but things are picking back up. We had the car show Sat.

Club: No report

Auxiliary: They are doing Bingo food on Thursday. Next Fish Fry is 17 Jan. Next Aux meeting is 3 Feb 2025. The Valentine's Day raffle will be 11 Feb right after the Queen of Hearts game.

Riders: Rick; 25 Jan the Thunder Mountain Moose Rider's are doing their Polar run. They will be stopping here about 3-3:30.

CZV: Tom; Meeting and Slingo this Sunday

Chaplain: No Report

Boy Scouts: We had a successful tree sell season. They will be in tomorrow to wrap things up on that. This weekend we're heading up to the mountain to do the Klondike Derby. That's what we're looking at for the month of January.

Son's: Rick; We do know the signs work; they were put out late and we had a poor turnout. We sold 76 meals when we should have been over 100. We had 17 Vets.

Cub Scouts: They are preparing their cars for the Pine Wood Derby coming up in Feb.

Girl Scouts: they are starting cookie sales. Roosevelt will be talking to them next to set dates for cookie sales at the post.

Bingo: No report

VSO: No report.

Boys State: No report.

House Rules: No report.

Sgt@Arms: No report.

Jr. Vice: Nite life band played for the New Year's Party. Great turnout with positive feedback. Thank you, Jess. We had a new band in last Friday from what I heard they were okay. The calendar is up to date. There is a blood drive in Feb.

Sick Call and relief: None

Correspondence: 4 thank you cards and a flyer from My 22 Veteran's for a Hike a thon in the White Mountains. Thank you cards and flyer will be posted on the bulletin board. The Greater Vail Chamber of Commerce reached out to Roosevelt; they are interested in us joining them in a home remodel for a veteran in the local area. This is sponsored by the Montel Williams Show. It will be televised; Possibly in March. Habitat for Humanity; They have started doing veteran remodels, this is something we are looking into for the future. Roosevelt will be having a meeting with them to try to organize a post 109 build. All entities will be requested to participate.

Closed Legionnaires Only

Membership: Membership report read; we are at 84.1 % of goal for 2025. 15 new members and 2 transfers. 3 Deceased; Joseph Giordano, John Catura and John Averill. Jon moved to accept the new members and transfers as read, 2nd by Matt, motion passed

Historian: No Report.

Finance: Rick gave the finance report. Rick moved to accept the finance report as given, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bruce made a motion to donate \$500 to The Door Christian Church to assist with expenses for the drivers' delivering items to the fire victims in LA, 2nd by Sean Motion passed.

Good of the Legion

Hugo; are we looking to sell advertisement on the marquee? This will be discussed at the next E-board meeting as a P.O.C will need to be established and contracts will need to be made up and pricing established before this can take place, and go before the general membership meeting. Laura Kelly said it feels like a slippery slope.

Hugo What constitutes an excused absence? Calling the commander prior to the meeting explaining the reason to not attend. Unexcused; Come in drink and not attend the meeting.

Bruce; 30 Jan in building 4 10--12 at the VA is a mental health open house, and 1pm-2pm there will be a VSO state holder meeting in reference to any of the veteran's service organizations. That's your time to talk. There is going to be a 3-day Veteran disability rating workshop taking place Feb or March, more information to follow.

Roosevelt: We had a booth at the Arizona Bowl. There was a huge turnout. It exceeded all expectations First Vice is good at arts and crafts. He put together signs and banners. We carried the Legion Flag across the field. This was good publicity. The district 2 Commander attended. In march they are having a drawing for every non-profit that participated. Three non-profits will be drawn for 3 \$5,000.00 gift certificates. Tomorrow Brad will have a telephonic interview with National Head Quarters. Brad had posted pictures to the website and this sparked an interest from National

Roosevelt: The Vail Chamber of Commerce has expressed an interest to reconnect with the post.

There was a kid that took a gun to school; the principal went in and removed the backpack and kid from the classroom. Roosevelt would like to provide a staff luncheon. Roosevelt and Brad gave them a red shirt and a Be the One shirt. We would also like to recognize the child who reported it.

Bill; The T-Shirts make a difference; I was approached and thanked while on base and I was wearing a Rider's Autism shirt.

Hugo; What's the status of 131 and their new building? They still do not have a permit.

Sean read from the by-laws (officer's absence) Article 5 section 7 and Article 13 Removal from office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully signed,

Roosevelt McNight
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Commander

Joyce Lee
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Adjutant