



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

15 Feb 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 st Vice	Present	Neil Haverlandt Executive Member	Excused
Jessica Ziegler 2 nd Vice	Excused	Hugo Fontes Executive Member	Excused
Joyce Lee Adjutant/Secretary	Present	Bill Sobeck Historian	Present
Rick Morgan Finance	Present	Venture Tounsel Past Commander	Present
Sgt. @ Arms	Vacant	Mike Shaughnessy Chaplain	Present
Vacant Judge Advocate			

Guest: Master Sergeant Jordan from Cienega NJROTC to talk about their shooting program. In Feb they took 6 kids and competed in Nationals in Utah, out overall took 9th place with one cadet who placed 3rd overall out of 619 units. They can no longer afford the required ammo. Master Sgt. Jordan is requesting assistance of \$500.00 to continue their shooting program.

Reports:

Kitchen: Kitchen Manager position Vacant.

Club: Sam has booked every Saturday from now through May with private parties. Naomi and Heather have both resigned their positions as bartenders. Carson has been hired and seems to be a good fit. Be sure to thank Naomi and Heather for their lime here.

Son's: All spaces for the Son's Campout are full. March 31 – 2 April at Patagonia. Cost to attend is \$10.00 for a day pass also get a t-shirt. Please make your reservation quickly in order to get the T-shirt. There are tickets for sale for the scratcher's raffle; tickets are \$10.00 or 5 for \$40.00, drawing is 4 April. There are 30 tickets with a \$30.00 value totaling the drawing \$900.00 value. Dinner is scheduled as normal, \$12.00 a plate. Today 80 Josh Dogs were dropped off with the Army National Gard. Marti Graw dinner is April 21 serving at 5:30 Seafood gumbo, chicken and andouille sausage jambiya, \$5.00 each can do ala carte.

Aux: Bingo snack bar is back, pop, candy and chips in addition to our bingo meal. This week is enchiladas and rice. Fish Fry is this Friday, cost is \$15.00 a plate due to cost. In March they will still be doing regular fish fry and they will also do a corned beef and cabbage for \$12.00. March 18 they will do a corned beef hash breakfast from 8-11am. All volunteers are welcome. This Saturday they are doing the Rock of love valentines celebration. They are providing a fondue and chocolate fountains with donation jars.

Riders: Feb 24th 5-7pm is the mesquite grilled chicken, seasonal vegetable with scalloped potatoes for \$12.00. the Kilt run is march 18th, start and end will be at post 109. Anyone is welcome, bike or no bike. They have a food truck coming in, 3 until they sell out. Same truck as last year.

Boy Scouts: Please see attached.

CZV: Meeting is this weekend. We have a lot of ill members as they are all ageing and Vietnam vets. Slingo is this Sunday 3-5. We have agreed to provide a lunch for the Bikers for boots run in May.

Bingo: Bingo is doing good. We'll keep pressing as long as we have the volunteers. Bingo is prepared to finance Boy's State. The Bingo license is due renewal the 28th. I'm getting read to send it in. they have added a questionnaire. One of the questions is, do you have a technological aid. The bingo machines are considered a technological aid. Another question is; are they being used being used in conjunction with numbers being called and players physically present marking their own card. The answer to that question is no. I'm not sure what that is going to mean when the paperwork is submitted. We may have to get rid of the bingo machines in order to keep our license. I'll keep the E-Board abreast of the situation, specifically the commander.

Chaplain: Nothing to report.

VSO: 4 veterans assisted today.

House: Nothing to report.

Pam Gorecki, she works with the memorial blankets for our veterans. The VA specifically asks for our blankets provided by post 109. The blankets are used to cover a vet when they pass away to cover them from their room to the morgue. The blanket is then given to the family. The cost of material is \$500.00. she is working with in-mates to make the blankets.

Closed:

Membership: This year's goal is 840 and we are currently at 716. Which puts us at 85% of our goal. We are not in 4th place in the hunt for 1st in the district. Percentage wise, 51% still doing paper and 34 % on line 6 New Member's 10 Transfers. Seth made a motion to accept the new members and transfers as read, 2nd by Micha; Motion passed. Verification of AZ post 100 transfers is up to the post transferring them in.

Historian: The aircraft has been cleaned by the snow fall this morning. History is a funny thing; we always learn from the past.

2nd Vice: Excused.

Finance Report: Rick; we're in the black this month. The Queen of Hearts packed the house every Tuesday. Micha a made a motion to accept the finance report as stated, 2nd by Joy. motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Andre; we were served today (please see attached). We are being sued by Mr. Torres. The paperwork has been sent to the lawyer provided by the insurance company. So far, we have not had any out-of-pocket expenses.

New Business:

Ace made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Cienega NJROTC for their shooting program 2nd by Chris; motion passed.

Ace made a motion to donate \$500.00 for the memorial blanket program, 2nd by Micha, motion passed.

Ace stated that Bingo will make the checks for the two motions that just passed.

Good of the Legion:

Brad would like to put together a team to cook breakfast once a month.

Andre thanked Bruce for clearing the snow off the sidewalks today for fellowship.

The remodeling has been put on hold due the lawsuits in place. There is quite a bit of work to be done on the outside as water is seeping in from outside. Gutter drains need to be moved, concrete repairs and sealing the bottom of the building.

Ace asked on the status of the past commander’s pictures. Bill is scanning them and lining up the name plates with the pictures to display electronically on a screen. This should be completed by the end of the month.

Ace is still the statutory agent; this needs to be transferred to Andre.

All nomination packages for Legionnaire of the year needs to be submitted to the E-Board by the March E-Board meeting. Department suspense is 1 May. For more information click on the link; <https://azlegion.org/awards-and-trophies>

Chris is donating a big flat screen to replace the membership board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully signed,

Andre Koster
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Commander

Joyce Lee
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Adjutant