



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

8 April, 2025

General Membership Meeting was called to order at Post 109 at 7:03pm.

Roll Call of Officers:

Roosevelt McKnight Commander	Present	Tom Kopecky Executive Member	Excused
Brad Adams 1 st Vice	Present	Hugo Fontes Executive Member	Present
Jessica Ziegler 2 nd Vice	Present	Sean Stephenson Historian	Present
Joyce Lee Adjutant/Secretary	Present	Andre Koster Past Commander	Present
Rick Morgan Finance	Present	Mike Shaughnessy Chaplain	Excused
Steve Brooks Sgt. @ Arms	Present	Jeff McIntyre Judge Advocate	Present
Jon Upchurch Executive Member	Present		

Jon moved to accept the minutes as posted on line, 2nd by Micha. motion passed

Guest: Al Young District 2 Commander and Bert Humphrey

Committee Reports:

Community Liaison: Ginger I'm super excited, Family Day is April 12. I will be at the raffle table with over 10 raffle prizes that have been donated by the community, and I'll be helping with the membership table. She thanked Roosevelt for handing out appreciation certificates to the venders and Rob will be helping cook.

Auxiliary: Every Tuesday is Taco Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Tuesday April 15th Auxiliary Spring raffle drawing at 6:45 pm. They have volunteered for Family Day. Next Slingo is 13 April 3-5pm. Next Fish Fry is April 18th.

Son's: Steve; Membership; 225 renewals and 25 new members. The gun raffle, an MP 5 22 long H&K drawing 29 April tickets sold out. Our expansion to serve more vets is coming along, the long-term care ward at the V.A. Hospital will continue to attend our dinners averaging 25 to 30 a month. This Friday is our chicken fried steak.

Riders: Steve; Kilt run was a success. 25 April we're going to start having Bike Night quarterly on Friday night when we have the Rider's Mesquite Chicken dinner, 5-9 pm. Bike nights are planned for July, October and January.

CZV: Bob; Slingo this Sunday 3-5pm. Everything is running smooth.

Scouts:

Cubs; are doing well. They had a carwash last Sunday.

Girl; will be going dark soon.

Boy; had a successful dinner, 108 meals sold new record for us. Car and bike wash is the 1st Saturday of the month. June they will go to Colorado for their summer camp. Roosevelt thanked the scouts and adults for everything they do including putting the flags out for Vietnam Veteran's Day. It looked absolutely amazing.

Club: Switching to Pepsi on Friday Cinco De Mayo drink special; \$3 Tequila. Micha has returned to the bar staff.

Kitchen: Entities will continue to with their dinners, unfortunately we will continue to be closed for breakfast until further notice.

Chaplain: Keep Bruce, Kim, Cathay and Pam in your prayers.

Bingo: There is \$36,000 in the account. Bingo purchased smart T.V.s after Dish went down. Dish wanted to charge \$100 for service call to look at their equipment. Direct T.V. was contacted, after up grading the T. V.s we are now steaming Direct T.V. Blue span has assured us that it will be up to full capacity in the next 3 weeks. Streaming issues should be resolved after that. Kim asked how much the machines generated. Full report is given to the Executive Board at their monthly meeting and posted on line with the minutes in accordance with by-laws and house rules. Those figures are not available at this moment.

VSO: 12 Vets assisted, 4 needed financial assistance and 1 hot water heater purchased for veteran with 6 kids.

Bert gave presentation for a barber shop trailer 10 x 24. He's asking permission to park it in the parking lot Tuesday through Saturday 8 am – 4 pm. If a vet needs a cut for job interview, he will cut for free. He informed us of his pricing, with 109 membership discounts and a punch card where the 10th cut is free., he will also do women's cuts; blunt or short. He will also pay \$300 a month for space rental and electric. Discussion on where to park trailer. All insurance requirements have been met.

Boys State: No report.

Closed Legionnaires Only

House Rules: 3 incidents to discuss after meeting.

Membership Sr. Vice: Membership report read; We are 72 members over goal. 12 new members and 3 transfers. Seth moved to accept the report, new members and transfers as read, 2nd by Dean, motion passed. See attachments for full report.

Jr. Vice: 12 April is Family Day we need volunteers, sign up on Genius, Facebook or contact Kim. It's open to the public with vendors, bounce house, over 10 raffles prizes, and a table for arts and crafts.

Sgt@Arms: Nothing to report.

Finance: Rick gave the finance report. This is the first time in months we have been in the black. Sean moved to accept the finance report as given, 2nd by Seth. Motion passed.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nominations for Election:

Commander	Roosevelt McKnight accepted
Sr. Vice	Brad declined, Darcy nominated Jessica Ziegler nominated and accepted.
Jr. Vice	Jessica declined and nominated JP Caddish and he accepted
Finance	Rick Morgan accepted
Sgt @ Arms	Steve declined left vacant
3 Executive Board	Darcy Menard accepted
Historian	Sean declined left vacant

New Business

Seth moved to accept Bert's offer of Barber shop trailer on property, 2nd by Gary Bell motion passed.

Jeff McIntyre moved to donate \$1,000 a month for 12 months to Boulder Crest, 2nd by Chris P. During discussion Jeff amended his motion to \$500 a month, 2nd by Chris P after further discussion Jeff amended his motion to a one-time donation of \$5,000 2nd by Andre, motion passed with 6 abstained.

Jon moved to nominate Roosevelt McKnight for Legionnaire of the Year award at Department, 2nd by Kim N. Unanimously passed.

Brad moved to donate \$500 to the City of Tucson Veteran Affairs Committee to provide snacks for traveling veterans, 2nd by Chris P. Motion passed with 1 Na.

Good of the Legion

Family Day 12 April.

Vietnam Day was a huge success.

Connex is in use. Roosevelt thanked Steve and Paul for insulating, building walls, painting and preparing to install electric.

Kim N, addressed the rumor of the mini splits being turned down due to Brad not liking the drinking and smoking. Roosevelt's response: Not a rumor. Last 10 incidents reports have come from the smoking patio. He has received calls about how he is running two different bars, a smoking and a non-smoking bar. In the smoking bar everyone is following the rules. In the Smoking bar no-one is following the rules. We have had an employee's car assaulted and multiple issues when bartender calls last call. No at this time I don't think there should be additional A/C because that would be fueling into being a smoking bar. Brad had nothing to with it. I am not trying to do any other enhancements right now that is going to turn it to a smoking building rather than a smoking patio. Something needs to be addressed. Incidences continue to happen out there and they are escalating. As the Commander I have to figure a

way to deescalate the situation. Whether we switch to a 1 ounce pour instead of a 2 ounce pour. Members are already receiving twice the amount of alcohol as in town. Is that what is making the issues at last call, I don't know. The pattern is the smoking patio and closing. Bartenders are afraid of the confrontation when calling last call on the patio. Every single week there's a confrontation with someone on the smoking patio over last call. Andre added We have a thousand children to oversee, do we need to vote for punishment to be harsher for incidents on the patio? Roosevelt said he's not trying to move anything. Kim said it's not going to change because the issue is with the bartender closing too early. Roosevelt talked about reducing the 2 ounce pour to 1 ounce. Roosevelt's clarification he never said anything about going into the lounge. What he said was; The problems keep happening in one area. We task our bartenders in keeping everyone safe. Andre asked who in the room has taken the title 4 liquor law class. Only E-Board and bartenders raised their hand. The bartenders are the ones that are protecting our license. Quit acting like children were grown adults. We are trying to keep our license. This is not a smoking thing this is a behavioral thing.

District Commander is running for District Commander 2026-2027 and Roosevelt has been nominated to be Vice Commander.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully signed,

Roosevelt McNight
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Commander

Joyce Lee
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Adjutant