



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

**8 Oct, 2024**

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

*Roll Call of Officers:*

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

**Charter Draped:** George Cooper WWII Vet joined our comrades in Post Everlasting.

Sean moved to accept the minutes as posted on line, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugo. motion passed.

**Guest:** District 2 Commander Al Young, AZ candidate for Department Commander 2025-2026 and George Cooper’s daughter and son- in-law.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Liaison:** Ginger: June Jess Z., Joy, and Ginger went to Warrior’s Healing in Sierra Vista and presented them with \$1,000. Donation. We had a 3-hour tour; we all were impressed as to all the different ways they help veterans. This is the only place in Sierra Vista where vets can receive assistance.

**Auxiliary:** Jess; ALA Unit 109 met on 7 Sep with Dist. 2 President as our guest. Last fish fry sold 102 meals. Next fish fry is 18 Oct. The Thunderbird lounge is open to the public membership drive. Ginger has volunteered to be there for membership purposes. We are continuing to do Taco Tuesday. Next Booze and brushes is 9 Oct. They are painting pumpkins. Trunk or Treat is 25 Oct set up is 4:30 pm We are not doing a raffle in Oct, Nove 12 we’ll be raffling a Thanksgiving Basket.

**Son's:** last dinner sold 135 meals. We are expecting the Vets to attend. Bert is smoking a brisket for Veteran's Day. We have a gun raffle, drawing 29 Oct. Gun is a 556.223 pistol, tickets are \$10.00 ea. Or 5 for \$40. Please see Rick Curry or myself for tickets.

**Riders:** Rick Curry, 12 Oct is the memorial run, with the No Sand Beach Band. There will also be; 50/50, raffles, horse shoes, cornhole, hatchet/Stars, and a mechanical bull. We have combined all runs in to one memorial run. 25 Oct is our next dinner.

**Boy Scouts:** See attachment for full report.

**Girl Scouts:** No Report.

**Kitchen:** Kim; see attachments for full report.

**Club:** Alyssa: Charlene's surgery went well and she's doing good. Nic is back. Thanksgiving and Christmas day; hard close at 9:30 last one out by 10pm. They are thinking of doing a whiskey special.

**Patio Posse:** No report

**CZV:** Jess; They are doing the food sales for 12 Oct Rider's event. Meeting and Slingo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

**Bingo:** No report.

**Chaplain:** Excused

**VSO:** not present.

**Boys State:** Other than starting to recruit, nothing to report.

**House Rules:** No report.

**Sgt@Arms:** Steve; recognized Paul, Chuck, Tom, Mo, June, Michelle and everyone else involved in cleaning the popcorn ceiling and painting in the dinning room. The Dinning room will be closed starting Wednesday after fellowship through Friday in order to complete.

**Jr. Vice:** The calendar is up to date. The quarterly calendar meeting went well. 18 oct we have a band scheduled and we are open to the public for a membership drive. 25 oct along with the Trunk or Treat there will be family Karaoke. Our post calendar will be published in the next issue of the Vail Voice.

**Sick Call and relief:** nothing to report

**Correspondence:** Thank you, card, from Thank you card and donation for \$100 from J. Cruz for using the facility for raddle snake avoidance training. Corona Cares

**Closed**

**Membership:** Brad, 15 new members, 4 transfers. Rick C. moved to accept the new members, transfers, and report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugo. Motion passed. See attachment for full report.

**Historian:** 10 Oct is Mental Health Awareness Day.

**Finance:** Rick gave the finance report. Sean moved to accept the finance report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP, motion passed.

### **Unfinished Business**

Rosy: update on the Marque; First payment made will ship mid to end of Oct and installed by Dec.

### **New Business**

JP informed us a vet whose house burned (please see attachment for ways to help).

Jess Z. Moved to donate \$500. To the family, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugo motion passed'

Moton on Slack: 6 Oct. Brad moved to donate \$1,000.00 from Bingo to Samaritan's Purse, for hurricane relief. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy. Hugo amended Brad's motion to include matching \$1,000.00 from the post too legion National Emergency Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy Amendment passed, motion passed.

### **Good of the Legion**

Roosevelt McKnight received the Veteran Servant Leader Award form Juan Ciscomani on 7 Oct.

The items purchased for the homeless vets have been delivered to the VA.

The memorial wall run was a great success.

The Fire Department Pancake breakfast was a great success. They received \$1,500 in donations and we signed up 6 new members for the legion and 2 for the Aux.

Al Young apologized for not attending Rosy receiving his award last night and he apologized for his confusion and has corrected the issue and we will be receiving the Post Excellence award. Fall Conference rooms are booked. Registration is on line. Membership reports are lagging behind they are working on the issue. Goal have not been published as of yet. Wreaths Across America/ you go on line to order by Dec 14. You can pick which cemetery. Overserving, this is the best way to have your post shut down. Several of the veteran memorial walls throughout Tucson have been vandalized. Al attended meeting with the City and they are owned up correcting the issue. The medals were stolen. Please keep your eyes out for them.

Gary Smith; Stronger and better trained VSO's. Veteran suicide has jumped from 22 a day to 24 a day.

Rosy; last month's volunteer appreciation went great. Rosy had Al Young sign appreciation certificates for the E-Board and he presented them to the E-Board.

Bingo donated \$500.00 to the veteran in need.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully signed,

*Roosevelt McNight*  
Roosevelt McNight  
Commander

*Joyce Lee*  
Joyce Lee  
Adjutant