



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

9 May 2023

General Membership Meeting was called to order at Post 109 at 7:05pm.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Draping of the Charter for: Andrew Bevilacqua, Anthony Torres, and Thomas Hutchinson, as they have been called to the commander of Post Everlasting

Sean made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on line, 2nd by Matt; motion passed

Guest: Sgt at Arms, None

Reports:

Correspondence read; 2 Letters from the VA and presented flyer for memorial service at East Lawn Cemetery; First Letter from the VA Committee inviting the to have a seat with them. Second letter from VA asking for donations for their programs; Chaplain’s Ceremony (\$400) and Operation Exodus (\$2,800). (Bruce Hayes volunteered to take Post 109 seat with the VA Committee and bingo offered to make donations.)

Kitchen: Shelby. Breakfast is starting Labor Day weekend. Mother’s Day Brunch will be in the lounge, 11:00am to 3pm. Free mimosas for the mothers, the sons have donated money to pay for the mimosas, and cooking.

Club: Danielle; Thanked Charlene for stepping up and filling the Bar manager position. Please thank her for doing filling in and all her hard work. The Memorial service starts at 11am, the bar will open at 10am. Just a reminder no alcohol will be sold during the service.

Aux: Danielle K, Father's Day Brunch, menu is not set I do know there will be all meats. More details to come. Craft Fair is on 20 May 8-1200pm. This is an outdoor event. 13 May is the Poppy Sock Hop with an ice cream bar. Auxiliary has opted to stop doing slingo on the first Sunday of the month. It's open for grabs. (Legionaries may pick up the open slingo slot to raise funds for the bar stools). Election result; President; Jessica Bird, 1st Vice; Tracy Goodwin, 2nd Vice; Naomi Daly, Treasurer; Ann Westmoreland, secretary; Lena Johnson. 1 vacancy for member at large.

Riders: Not Present

Boy Scouts: Please see attached. (Everyone loves the new recycle container.)

CZV: Tom Kopecky: They did Slingo and food last week. They also did food for the bike run. They donated \$150.00 to the silent auction for bar stools.

Bingo: We are shut down for the summer, starting back up in September. We need volunteers. Bingo's donations for the past year: 2 service dogs, Funds for a vet in need, sent 3 boys to Boy's State, adopted a family at Christmas, donated to Youth on Their Own, up graded the sound system in the lounge, donated to all three of the scouting programs sponsored by the post, donated to the JROTC at Cienega, donated to the Vietnam Veteran's home coming celebration, the veteran's day parade in Tucson, and sponsored 2 families for Thanksgiving. The point is we have done a lot of work this year behind the scenes. It was suggested to write article for the Vail Voice informing the community about all the things we do and to let them know we are not just a drinking post.

Chaplain: Nothing to report.

VSO: Between both VSO's (Matt Johnson and Bruce Hayes): 6 vets assisted, sent in a couple of claims, made house calls, and did community volunteer work. The VA is now looking to get some of their money back from veterans who are collecting compensation. Ace commented; the membership numbers give the Legion a seat in leisure, where our lobbyist fights for our veterans.

Boys State: Nothing to report other than 6 boys are scheduled to attend in June.

House: Nothing to report.

Son's: Chas; Son's Elections: Commander; Mike Carnivale, Adjutant; Jacob Hummer, 1st Vice; Andre Koster, Finance; Rick Curry, Sgt. @ Arms; Charlie T., @nd Vice is Vacant. Starting soon, Glock 48 with removable piece and ammo raffle. Tickets \$10 for 1 or 4 for \$20.00. Waiting on tickets. Past Detachment Commander Frank (nick name Special K) has passed; Services are at post 39 in Gilbert on May 20th at 1pm—3pm. Dan Ashley also a past detachment commander has been elected as National Vice Commander.

Closed:

Membership: Chris; sent out a blast email to members who did not renew, explaining where the dues go. We are at 100%; last year's goal 810 this year's goal 840 we hit 843. 39% renewed online, 61% renewed in-person or by mail. In the district We're 4th, with 2nd for new members and 77% New Members presented. Neil made motion to accept the new members as read, 2nd by Jon, motion passed, Neil made a motion to accept the transfers as read 2nd by Sean, motion passed. Neil made a motion to accept the membership report as given, 2nd by Ace, motion passed. See attachment for list of names.

Historian: Excused

2nd Vice: Jess; Taco Tuesday starting up during the Queen of Hearts game proceeds go to new bar stool fund. The silent auction raised \$970 for the bar stool fund. Art McMahon's 94th Birthday party is 15 May 1:30. Tom Hutchison's celebration of is 27 May 1pm. The family has requested a low-key event. Blood drive 13 May. She is still working on Memorial Day Services.

Finance Report: Rick; we're in the black this month by \$12,000. Jon made a motion to accept the finance report as stated, 2nd by Ace. 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. The inventory has been sent to uploaded. We purchased the restraint plus so we can add as needed to include the kitchen. Each entity will have their own account.

New Business:

Rick Curry made a motion for the Patio Posse Committee to be authorized to do a 50/50 raffle for building maintenance during the Q of H raffle game, 2nd by Ace; After discussion Rick withdrew his motion and Ace withdrew his 2nd. Motion withdrawn.

Ace would like to start a new tradition; Having a commander's dinner at the end of his term in June. Ace made a motion to set a side \$500.00 for an Appreciation Commander's Dinner this June 2nd by Hugo, motion passed.

Good of the Legion:

Legionnaire Election results; Commander; Andre Koster, Vice Commander; no nominations, write ins are; 1 Joy Lee; 3 Chris Peterson, 1 Bob Brown, 5 Bob Suhay, 2 Roosevelt McKnight, 1 Glenn Pacheco. Roosevelt McKnight. Chris and Bob declined position and Roosevelt accepted the position. 2nd Vice; Jessica Ziegler, Finance; Rick Morgan, Historian Bill Sobek, Sgt. Arms; Brad Adams, 3 Year Executive board committee Tom Kopecky. We had 36 members who voted.

Ace Gary Smith Area A commander laid his bike down and is in the hospital. This happened Sunday.

There are 3 rooms reserved for the past and present commanders and the adjutant for the conference in June.

Ace reminded Andre of the official pictures for the outgoing leaders.

Rick Morgan is our Legionnaire of the year for Post 109

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully signed,

Andre Koster
Andre Koster
Commander

Joyce Lee
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Adjutant