



## Post General Membership Meeting and Agenda

Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
Arrowhead Resort  
20025 N 81<sup>st</sup> Ave, Peoria AZ 85382

### Post 145 General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes

Meeting started at 6:15pm - Vice Commander Robert Colony

Opening Prayer – Chaplain John Low

MIA/POW Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

TAL Preamble

Roll Call:

- Executive Committee Members Present: Robert Colony, Tom Caisse, Adam Delaney, Donald Hladik, and Douglas Patterson
- Members Present: Patrick Caserta, Roy Cirincione, Joe Dellamarggio, Jake Dirkse, John Wiczorkowski, Michael Fusco, David Hawkins, Campbell Long, John Low, Robert Portillo, Gary Rayfield, Lynn Solace, Derek Wilson, Department Commander Gary Vaughan
- SAL Members: Commander Bill Ritman
- Auxiliary Members: Wanda Amado, Teri Caserta, Linda Lee, Katie Taylor, and Brenda Turnage
- Special Guests - District 11 VSO: Steve Palmer, Colonel Todd Riddle, Commander, 944th Fighter Wing

At 6:21pm Vice Commander Robert Colony suspended the GMM to introduce the guest speaker Colonel Todd Riddle, Commander, 944th Fighter Wing

At 7:15pm Vice Commander Robert Colony resumed the GMM.

Donald Hladik presented Commander Gary Vaughn with a 10-year membership pin and Lynn Solace with a 25-year membership pin.

Vice Commander Robert Colony introduced Department Commander Gary Vaughan. Commander Vaughan discussed:

- Post 149, the first post established in a prison in Arizona and is working on the nation's first ever post established in a woman's prison
- The Arizona Cardinals, American Legion partnership at the September 14<sup>th</sup> football game supporting Be the One
- Invited Colonel Riddle to Arizona Boys State. Col. Riddle is a Boys State and Boys Nation alumnus.

Vice Commander Robert Colony asked if there were any changes to the June 18, 2025 GMM Minutes. Minutes accepted as submitted.

See Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda for reports and presentation details.

**Adjutant Report** given by Donald Hladik

Donald Hladik motioned that Lynn Solace, Carl Ford, Derek Wilson, Tim Barrett, Jeff O'Dell, Gwendlyn Bailey be accepted into Post 145. A late addition was motioned that Todd Riddle be accepted into Post 145. The motion was passed.

**Membership Report** given by Robert Colony

Post 145 is currently at 52% as of September. (a year ago this time we were at 47%) last month we were at 48%. Buddy Checks are scheduled for October 18, 2025.

**Scouting Report** submitted by Gary Vaughn (presented by Robert Colony)

1 Eagle Scout passed Eagle board, 9 new members of the Order of the Arrow.

Gary Vaughn stated that he is looking for a venue to hold the Eagle Court of Honor for approximately 50 people.

**Baseball Report** presented by Robert Colony

There is discussion about expanding to a second team for Post 145. The American Legion baseball program is expanding within the area school districts.

Adam Delaney discussed adopt-a-street on October 11, 2025. The golf tournament is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. We currently have \$4,250 in donations. There are currently 28 golfers signed up and many more have said they are going to sign up. Adam needs to get the final count to the golf course by Friday, September 19. Arrowhead Cadillac has sponsored a Cadillac Optiq giveaway for that lucky person that sinks a hole in one on the designated par 3 hole. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 145 has donated several gift baskets for the silent auction.

Bob Portillo discussed the 12th Annual Stand Up For Veterans event will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Arizona Christian University. Adam Delaney stated that post is donating \$200 towards the standup to buy a startup of hygiene kits to the veterans in need.

**Unfinished Business**

**Budget** presented by Donald Hladik

The budget was previously distributed. Donald stated that Director and Officer (D&O) insurance policy in the amount of \$800 was added to the budget at the PEC meeting. Don is still researching a bond for the post commander and finance officer. Donald Hladik made a motion to accept the budget; the motion was seconded and passed.

**New Business:**

**Awards:** presented by Roy Cirincione –Tom Caisse, Desert Storm Veteran and Ralph Ryan, Korean War Veteran were submitted for recognition on Peoria's Honor Wall at Rio Vista Community Park.

It is time to start the process to submit names for the Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, and Teacher of the Year awards. The applications are due by November 01. Contact Roy Cirincione if you have names of professionals deserving of these awards.

**Good of the Legion:**

None

Closing Prayer – Chaplain John Low

POW/MIA – recover

Flag Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynn Solace

Adjutant (acting)