

**PEC to break into Executive Session prior to
General Membership Meeting:**

- 1. Purpose to correct errors on the Financial Report.**



Eugene C. Yount, Post 145
Department of Arizona
The American Legion
General Membership Meeting



3rd Wednesday of the month

19 February 2025



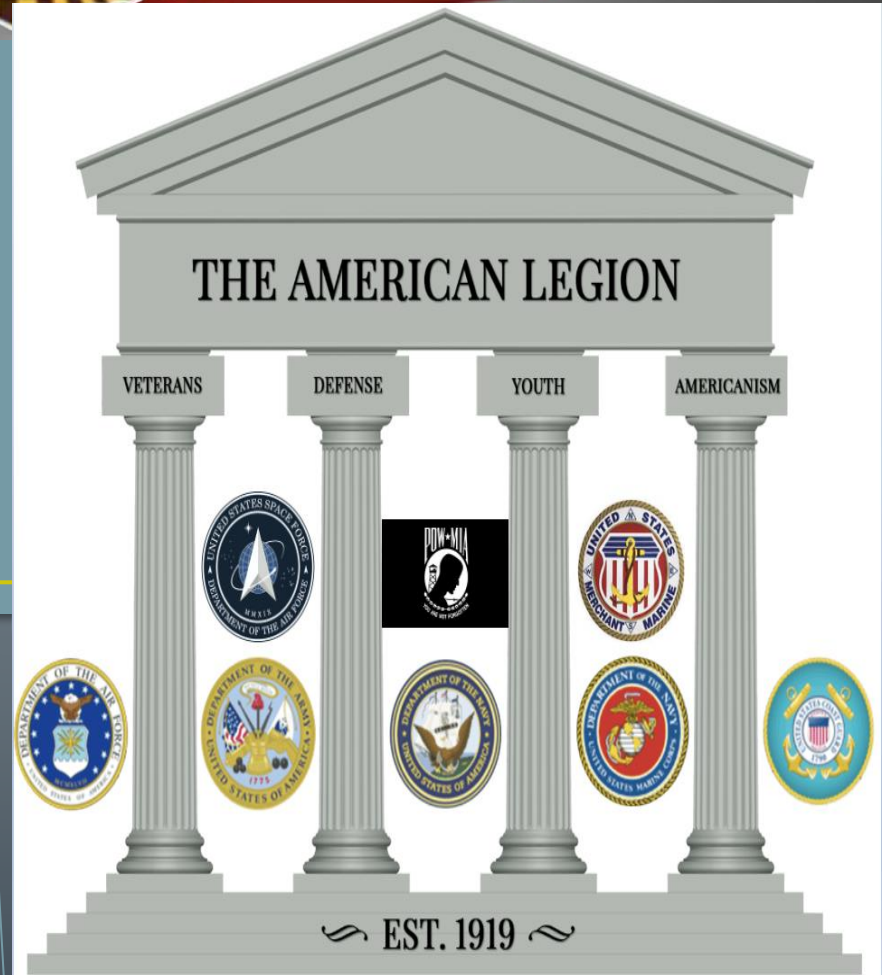
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Peoria, AZ 85382

Post 145 website:
www.eugenecyountpost145.org



AGENDA

- OPENING CEREMONIES
- ROLL CALL
- INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- OFFICER REPORTS
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- GOOD OF THE LEGION
- CLOSING CEREMONIES
- ADJOURN





Opening Ceremony





Opening Prayer







For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard & transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

****To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;**

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Paul Johnson – Post Commander
Bill Ritman – Squadron Commander
Roy Cirincione – Vice Commander
David Hawkins – 2nd Vice Commander
Dan Madore – Finance Officer
Luis Simpson – Adjutant
Dennis Marion – Chaplain
Donald Hladik – Membership
Tom Caisse – Sgt-At-Arms
Marie Zavilla – Service Officer
Robert Portillo – Asst Service Officer
Judi Smith – Judge Advocate
Brad Shafer – At Large Member
Robert Colony – At Large Member



Gary Vaughan – District 11 Commander
Bobbie Kimmelton – Department Membership Chainman

Sgt at Arms – Special Guests

Approval of minutes of the last meeting

15 January 2025

At this time I would like to suspend the regular order of business to present a special award

**Peoria Police Officer Robert Hall
Selected as our Law Enforcement Officer of the year – 2024/25**

I now call the regular meeting to order



Officer & Committee Reports:

1. Adjutant: Luis Simpson
2. Membership Report: Don Hladik
3. Vice Commander: Roy Cirincione
4. Second Vice Commander: David Hawkins
5. Finance Officer: Dan Madore
6. Service Officer: Marie Zavilla
A) Asst. Service Officer: Robert Portillo
7. Chaplain: Dennis Marion
8. ALLECA: Joe Dellamarggio
9. Boys State: OPEN
10. Scouting: Gary Vaughan
11. SAL: Bill Ritman
12. Oratorical: Paul Johnson
13. JROTC: Joe Dellamarggio
14. Judge Advocate: Judi Smith, Esq
15. Web Master: Luis Simpson ,
16. Community Relations: David Hawkins
17. VA / R & Be the ONE Committee: Robert Portillo
18. Planning Committee - Vice CDR Roy Cirincione

Adjutant Report

Adj Luis Simpson

February 2025 Adjutant Report

1. **Bryan Hammock is a new member to The American Legion. Served in the Navy.**
2. **Adam Delaney is a new member to The American Legion. Served in the Marine Corps.**

I move that all veterans listed in the February 2025 Adjutant Report be accepted as members of Post 145.





Vice Commander Report

Vice CDR Roy Cirincione

19 FEB 25 Vice Commander's Summary Report

371 Members as of 31 JAN 2025

311 Members paid dues as of 31 JAN 25

Quota Numbers for 2024-25

Post 145 End of Year quota goal for 30 JUN '25— 299 for 100%

- Accelerated Quota completion by 31 DEC 24 for \$1,000 bonus required 17% attainment per month. **Our actual was 305 paid at 102%.**

- **As of 19 Feb 25 we were at 314 paid at 105%**

— Be sure to make your 3 year membership payment online to mylegion.org to membership tab to renew (below), before dues go up you're locked in.

— Our 6 month buddy check and membership calls will occur in April. At present we have approx. 20 members that have not paid 2024 or 2025 dues. If unpaid by 30 JUN 25, they will be removed/deactivated from our Post 145 membership.



2nd Vice Commander Report

2nd Vice CDR David Hawkins

1. Adopt-A-Street:

- Safety training with Boy Scouts on - 1/21/25
- Happy Valley cleanup - 1/25/25
 - There was a lot of trash!

2. 2nd Sunday Car Show at Lowe's – February 9th, 2025, 8:00 - 10:00AM

- Met with Mecum Auctions representative and have 5 pairs of tickets for the March 22nd Auction at State Farm Stadium.
- Also hats and can covers.





Finance Officer Report

FO Dan Madore

American Legion - Eugene C. Yount - Post #145
Income Statement for 01/31/2025
U. S. Bank

Receipts	
Membership Receipts	214.00
Poppy / Fundraising Events	25.00
Grants	37.43
Misc. Donations	50.00
Interest Income	29.41
Sub - Total Receipts	<u>355.84</u>
Clearing	0.00
Total Receipts	<u>355.84</u>
Disbursements	
Operating Expenses:	
Membership	238.00
Building Rental	173.91
American Legion College	100.00
Post Office Box and Postage	72.75
Sub-Total Operating Expenses	<u>584.66</u>
Clearing - Poppy purchases	535.10
Clearing - Aux	500.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,619.76</u>
4 Pillars Expenses:	
Fundraising Costs:	250.00
Scouts	650.00
Total 4 Pillars Expenses	<u>900.00</u>
Grand Total Disbursements	<u>2,519.76</u>
Income (Loss) Current period & YTD	(2,163.92)
Building Fund	0.00



Finance Officer Report

American Legion - Eugene C. Yount - Post #145

Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending: 6/30/2025

Assets:

Cash - U. S. Bank - Checking	27,084.18
Cash - U. S. Bank - Savings	3,256.69
Cash - U.S. Bank - Savings Bld'g Fund	2,580.16
Cash - U. S. Bank - CD - Building Fund	8,737.64
Balance Due on Nat'l Payments from membership report	654.00

Total Assets:

42,312.67

Equity:

Restricted - Peoria Councilmembers - Poppy purchases	214.90
Unrestricted	42,097.77

Total Equity

42,312.67



Finance Officer Report

American Legion - Eugene C. Yount - Post #145
Budget Comparison Report for 7 months ending 1/31/2025

	Budget 2024/25	Budget For 7 Months	Actual For 7 Months
Receipts			
Membership Receipts	9,285.00	5,416.25	7,451.10
Poppy / Fundraising Events	15,000.00	8,750.00	9,179.02
50/50 Donations	1,044.00	609.00	80.00
Grants	140.00	81.67	102.56
Misc. Donations	4,240.00	2,473.33	2,054.78
Interest Income	430.00	250.83	199.30
Sub - Total Receipts	30,139.00	17,581.08	19,066.76
Clearing - Restricted Prior	0.00	0.00	4,095.00
Clearing - Holiday Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clearing - BK - Aux	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clearing - Kim Link Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	30,139.00	17,581.08	23,161.76
Disbursements			
Operating Expenses:			
Membership	5,644.00	3,292.33	5,372.00
Membership Aquisition Funding	500.00	291.67	374.00
Building Rental	2,040.00	1,190.00	998.44
Commanders Honor Circle	20.00	11.67	0.00
Corporate Fees & Bonds	395.00	230.42	10.00
General Liability Ins.	480.00	280.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses	711.00	414.75	377.53
Office Supplies	500.00	291.67	124.37
Per Capita Dues	100.00	58.33	103.60
American Legion College	400.00	233.33	300.00
Post Office Box and Postage	450.00	262.50	697.75
Web-Site	200.00	116.67	199.00
Sub-Total Operating Expenses	11,440.00	6,673.33	8,556.69
Clearing - Prior	0.00	0.00	3,414.00
Clearing - Poppy purchases	0.00	0.00	535.10
Clearing - Aux	0.00	0.00	500.00



Finance Officer Report

American Legion - Eugene C. Yount - Post #145
Budget Comparison Report for 7 months ending 1/31/2025

	Budget 2024/25	Budget For 7 Months	Actual For 7 Months
Total Operating Expenses	11,440.00	6,673.33	13,005.79
4 Pillars Expenses:			
ALLECA	1,000.00	583.33	0.00
Arizona State Home	500.00	291.67	0.00
Boys State	1,200.00	700.00	0.00
Brandon Caserta Foundation	500.00	291.67	0.00
Commander's Honor Circle	590.00	344.17	0.00
First Responder of the year	300.00	175.00	0.00
Fund Raising Costs:	1,640.00	956.67	817.57
Honor Wall	250.00	145.83	375.00
JROTC	300.00	175.00	0.00
JSSP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missing in America Project Vet. Recovery Program	500.00	291.67	0.00
Officer of the Year	300.00	175.00	0.00
Oratorical	400.00	233.33	0.00
Scouts	1,300.00	758.33	650.00
Soldiers Best Friend	500.00	291.67	0.00
Speakers Fund	600.00	350.00	0.00
Spec. Ops. Warriors	500.00	291.67	0.00
Teacher of the Year	300.00	175.00	0.00
U.S. Vet.'s	500.00	291.67	0.00
US Vets. - Ashley's House	500.00	291.67	0.00
Veteran's Assistance	600.00	350.00	183.82
Veteran's First	500.00	291.67	500.00
VETSIX	500.00	291.67	0.00
EOD Warrior Foundation	500.00	291.67	0.00
Total 4 Pillars Expenses	13,780.00	8,038.33	2,526.39
Grand Total Disbursements	25,220.00	14,711.67	15,532.18
Income (Loss) Current period & YTD	4,919.00	2,869.42	7,629.58
Building Fund	3,014.00	1,758.17	2,871.16

PENDING FINAL APPROVAL FOR FINAL AUDIT OF THE POST



Veteran Service Officer

VSO Marie Zavilla



LEGION POST # 145 DISTRICT 11 MONTH
ENDING January 2025

SERVICE OFFICER: Marie Zavilla

COMMANDER: Paul Johnson

OUTGOING CALLS 314 # VETERANS ASSISTED IN POST 24

INCOMING CALLS 187 # VETERANS COUNSELED 23 - Other Veterans Helped

CLAIMS OPENED REQUIRING VBC 1 - Through AZDVS

HOURS FOR THE MONTH 461* - \$15,439*

MILES FOR THE MONTH 2,104** - \$1,136**

AMOUNT OF WELFARE MONIES ISSUED \$ 0

TOTAL TFA \$ 0

* \$33.49 per Hour is From Value of Volunteer Time Report, Independent Sector with the Do Good Institute, April 23, 2024

** American Legion Mileage Rate for 2024 is 54 cents per mile



Veteran Service Officer

VSO Marie Zavilla

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 40.5 Hours - Post Executive Committee & General Membership Prep & Execution
- 15 Hours - Poppy Making
- 21 Hours - Miscellaneous Phone Calls/Emails/Texts/Research
- 3 Hours - Vistancia Car Club Car Show
- 52 Hours - Post Building Committee Plans Review/Research/Meetings
- 44.5 Hours - Peoria Adopt-A-Street Prep/Training/Clean up
- 2.5 Hours - West Valley Women's Veterans Brunch Leader
- 5.5 Hours - Post Website/Social Media Maintenance & Updates
- 1 Hours - Service Officer Training (District Meeting)
- 20 Hours - Finance Officer Activities - P.O. Box/Recording/Reports/Training
- 2 Hours - Post January Birthday Cards (32)
- 3 Hours - Assistance With Post Auxiliary 501c-3 Application
- 3 Hours - Sandra Day O'Connor Courthouse visit
- 20 Hours - Oratorical/Sandra Day O'Connor HS Visit/Computer
- 38 Hours - American Legion College
- 9.5 Hours - Secretary of State 250 Project
- 3 Hours - Department Luncheon
- 3 Hours - Post One Luncheon - National Commander



Veteran Service Officer

VSO Marie Zavilla

- 24 Hours - Travel to/from Tucson to 3 Eagle Courts of Honor (Green Valley, AZ)
- 5 Hours - Visit Catalina Scout Council to Present Funding for Safety Radio System
- 5 Hours - Visit Scout Troop in Vail, AZ to Motivate Youth and Leadership
- 4 Hours - Eagle Scout Project Reviews and Approvals
- 4 Hours - Scout Order of the Arrow Presentations
- 5 Hours - Scout Advancement Counseling
- 4 Hours - TAL Scout Committee Quarterly Meeting and Preparation
- 16 Hours - Post Troop and Pack 1776 Scout Meetings with Youth and Adult raining
- 4 Hours - Scout Summer Camp Planning and Committee Meetings
- 5 Hours - Working with VSOs for Veteran Assistance
- 1 Hours - Assist Post Veteran with Claim (through AZDVS)
- 3 Hours - Commander Training and Presentations
- 17.5 Hours - District 11 Bi-Monthly Meeting and Preparations
- 23 Hours - District 7 Visit, Presentation, Leadership Visits and Program Promotions (Lake Havasu)
- 8 Hours - Wickenburg Stand-down and Post Visits
- 4 Hours - Special Department Executive Committee Meeting and Preparation on Post Leadership Assistance
- 4 Hours - Department Emergency Response Quarterly Meeting and Preparation
- 5 Hours - Department Emergency Response Trailer Outfitting and Design
- 2 Hours - Work with AZ Diamondbacks for Special Occasion Games for Veterans
- 12 Hours - Host National Commander and Event Planning and Execution to Motivate D11 Posts
- 7 Hours - 40 and 8 Meetings and Historian Assignments
- 7 Hours - Department of AZ Website Training and Article Creation and Publication
- 3 Hours - Department Luncheon
- 2 Hours - SAL admin and Planning



Chaplain Report

DENNIS MARION

NOTHING TO REPORT



Boys State Report

<https://azboysstate.org>



JROTC

Sandra Day O'Connor HS



Scouting Report

CDR Gary Vaughan



Our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop continue in good shape.

The time for leadership changes are near as our Cubmaster, David Masciangelo, having served 7 years with the Pack is seeking a break from action. Our Troop Scoutmaster, who also serves as the Council Ranger at Camp Geronimo, is also facing serious demands on his time and has asked to be replaced for the good of the troop.

At this time, we are searching for a new Cubmaster. It appears we may have a father, who has two sons in the Pack and one in our Troop, who is also a member of our SAL Squadron, who has indicated that he may be able to take charge in a few weeks. That process is ongoing to ensure appropriate training is provided.

As for our Scoutmaster, Stuart "Sully" Sullivan, who is also joining our SAL Squadron with this son, has volunteered to serve as the new Scoutmaster. Sully was the original Scoutmaster of our troop when first formed, but with previous service in another troop and ours, totaling 7 years, requested a break. Having had a good period to catch up with his responsibilities, he says he is ready to take on the responsibilities again. He holds all the required training for the position and is highly favored by both the Scouts and their parents.

As COR for the Troop, I recommend that Stuart "Sully" Sullivan be approved as the new Scoutmaster of Troop 1776 to begin immediately after Post 145 approval. I also recommend that former Scoutmaster Ramon Martinez, a member in good standing in our Post, be congratulated and recognized for his service. His service has proven worthy of a nomination to the Post 145 Commander's Honor Circle.

In January, Department Commander Manny Beltran attended the regular Pack 1776 meeting and enjoyed handing out kits to the young Scouts for the upcoming Pinewood Derby. He was amazed at the energy and character of our young scouts and wants to become more engaged with the Scouting Program.

Several Scouts and parents assisted in our Adopt-a-Street project and collected several bags of trash along our assigned route. This event qualified for service-hours the Scouts required for rank advancement and service to the community.

Our Scouting program continues strong. Our youth are becoming the great leaders we'll need for tomorrow.

1. Motion to approve New Scoutmaster
2. Motion to approve New Cubmaster





Oratorical Report

CDR Paul Johnson

For questions or concerns on the Department Oratorical Program:

Post 145 Event – HELD ON 15 February 2025 – Saturday – 0800 - 1200

Next EVENT District Event Post 145 – 08 March 2025 – Saturday – 2:00 -5:00

Area Event Post 145– 22 March 2025 – Saturday – 8-12

Department Event – Sandra Day O'Connor HS – 29 March 2025 – 8 – 1

**National American
Legion Oratorical Competition.
Hillsdale College, Michigan
Dates: 16 – 18 May 2025
Deadline for submission: 7 April 2025**

**Paul Johnson Post-145 – Department Chairman
Peoria Arizona, Cell: (623) 399-0633**

<https://azlegion.org/oratorical/>



Judge Advocate Report

JA Judi Smith, Esq

**501©-3 Foundation is being submitted
To correct ACC and IRS errors and move forward with
our Grant proposals and corrections to by-laws.**

**1. By-laws being reviewed:
Resolution No. 2025-001: Amendment to
Article XII, Section 2 to to Allow for
Incurrence of Liabilities**

**Resolution No. 2025-003: Amendment to
Article II, Section 2 Regarding Directors
Listed with the Arizona Corporation Commission**

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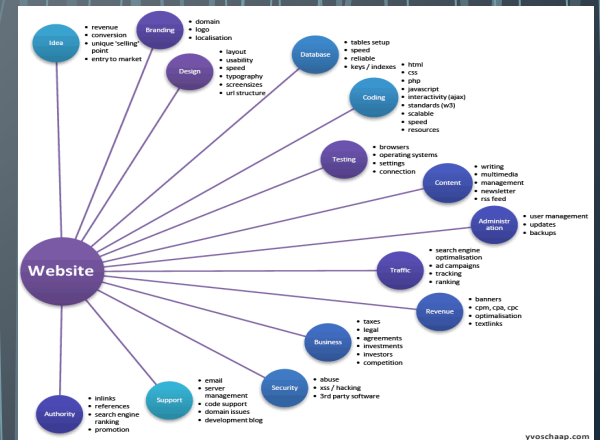


Webmaster Report

ADJ Luis Simpson
Judi Smith – Admin access



<https://www.eugencyountpost145.org/>



VA & R & Be the One COMMITTEE

Be the One **Robert Portillo, Chairman**

- A. Support Veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI
- B. Help reduce military suicide
- C. Support homelessness programs

Health Administration

- A. Veterans care at VA Hospitals and clinics
- B. Veterans state homes
- C. Create volunteer opportunity

National Cemetery

- A. Promote policies, plans, and programs

Veterans Benefits

- A. Ensure timely results on decisions for Veterans and widows
- B. Veterans education & employment



Planning Committee

Vice CDR Roy Cirincione

Post 145 New Home Building Report

12 FEB 25

Progress has been made on P145 Veterans Activity Center

City of Peoria grants- bumps in the road encountered regarding grant restrictions.

At AZ Dept of Veterans Services large and small grants are problematic as well. VA/FED grants similar restrictions.

4. Fundraising obstacles, will delay land purchase discussions
5. We are looking at alternate plans, with a possible interim Post 145 location while we continue to pursue the P145 VAC.
6. New fundraising methods

Commander's Honor Circle

CDR Paul Johnson



Eugene C. Yount, Post 145

**COMMANDER'S HONOR CIRCLE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Teacher of the Year selected and will be awarded in March

Unfinished Business



1. Resolution being rewritten for BLDG AND LAND Planning for Post-145. Business Plan to be presented in GMM in February (tabled)
2. Challenge Coin Contest concluded – Selection Made
Kim Branch coin was selected as the coin to be our first Here for the post.



3. Ms. Christine Lipinski - Teacher of the Year for 2025.
Will be awarded at our March GMM



New Business

1. Planning meeting on March 1st, Resort breakfast at 8:00 am, bring \$8.00 and your ideas. The more the merrier.



The Good of the Legion

1. Looking at new speaker system for the Post to be considered for future meetings. This will be discussed at PEC and GMM at later dates. (Tabled)
2. Update Training on Sexual Harassment – Anti –Harassment and Discrimination Policy - all updated material posted on the website
3. Chili Cook off for March, let's have some fun and get indigestion...invite your neighbors, raffle and donations that evening, 5:15 show time, Bring your best entry, win a prize.
4. D11 car/bike show at P29 – Big event
Mar 8 , 1100-1400. Free to enter cars/bikes.
Posts with most members present will receive funds for their general operations.
- 5.



Commanders Motto 2025:

“UNITY THROUGH SERVICE”



**Any other
business?**



Closing Ceremony





Closing Prayer





Adjourn

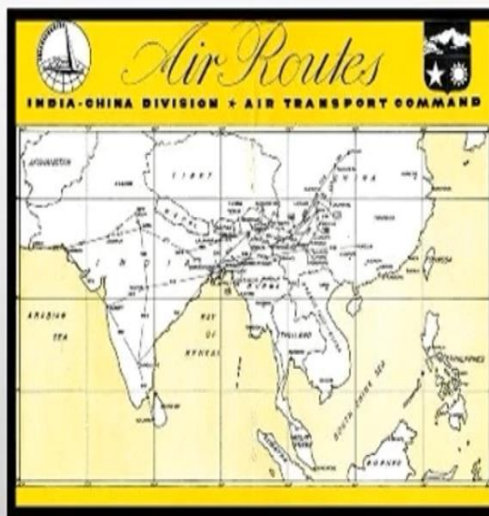




THANKS FOR ATTENDING OUR
General Membership MEETING

See you on:
Wednesday, 19 March 2025
At 1800
for the next General Membership Mtg,

Eugene C. Yount
Post 145
Peoria, AZ





50 – 50 DRAWING

