



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



November 15, 2023 Minutes

Location: Arrowhead Valley Apartments
20025 N 81st Ave
Peoria, AZ 85382

Post 145 website: www.eugeneyountpost145.org

Roll Call:

Executive Committee Members Present: Kim Branch, Roy Cirincione, Joe Dellamarggio, Jake Dirkse, Leonard Fulcher, Donald Hladik, Paul Johnson, Nathan Smith and Marie Zavilla

Members Present: Bill Adams, Tom Caisse, Robert Colony, Bob Foss, David Hawkins, Maria Jones, Joel Larson, Stephen Linck, Campbell Long, Dan Madore, Robert Portillo, Jessica Roza, Bradley Shafer, Gary Vaughan, and Jean Wood

Guests: Peoria Chief of Police Art Miller and his wife and Wanda Amado

Opening ceremonies started at 6:03.

Minutes for the October 18, 2023 meeting of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

Program/Guest Speaker: Commander Paul Johnson presented Arthur Miller Chief of Police for the City of Peoria the Post 145 Commanders Honor Circle award.

Meeting went into recess at 6:15 and reconvened at 6:24.

Reports:

Adjutant Report was given by Don Hladik and is attached to the minutes. Don Hladik moved that James Holley and Campbell Long be accepted as members of Post 145. Motion was adopted.

Vice Commander Report was given by Roy Cirincione and is attached to the minutes.

Second Vice Commander Report was given by Nathan Smith and is attached to the minutes.

Finance Officer Report was presented by Jake Dirkse and are attached to the minutes. The total cash assets are \$20,736.24 and building fund has \$5,958.43.

Service Officer report was given by Marie Zavilla and is attached to the minutes.

Chaplain Report: None

ALLECA Report was given by Gary Vaughan. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

Boys State Report was given by Paul Johnson. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

Scouting Report was given by Gary Vaughan and is attached to the minutes.

SAL Report was given by Gary Vaughan. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

Oratorical Report was given by Gary Vaughan. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

Baseball Report was given by Gary Vaughan. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

JROTC Report was given by Joe Dellamarggio. Refer to Slide Presentation located under Documents on the Post website.

JSSP Report: None

Judge Advocate Report: None

Webmaster Report: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Wanda Amado is leading the effort to form an Auxiliary Unit for Post 145.
2. Post 145 members met with US Bank personnel to open an account for Post 145.
3. Post 145 is gathering information for the formation of an Honor Guard and Color Guard.
4. An Awards Committee will be created to support the selection of candidates for the Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and Teacher of the Year awards.

New Business:

1. Officer Stephen Cusumano of the Peoria Police Department was selected as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Post 145.
2. Officer Kevin Moe and State Trooper Andrew Evans also received recognition from their respective units.

The Good of the Legion:

1. Next American Legion College will be held on January 26-28 at Post 24 in Tombstone, AZ
2. A free clinic for veterans will be held on Friday November 17, 2023 at the VA Community Resource and Referral Center at 1500 E. Thomas Road Suite 106 Room 1133, Phoenix, AZ 85014
3. Donation for the Turkey Fund Drive: Post 145 collected \$860 and District 11 collected \$2,500.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next meeting of the general membership to be held on December 20, 2023.

Donald L. Hladik

Adjutant Eugene C. Yount Post #145

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