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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings all.

This month is our biannual Bikefest: “Too Broke for Daytona”!

The event will be on February 28th at 5:00pm. All welcome, you need not be a biker to attend. And as always, this is a family friendly event. Mark and Texas Roadhouse will be preparing a fabulous dinner. We will have a band outside (weather permitting) and KJ Bennie inside for great entertainment. Our “Jalapeño Eating Contest” will once again be happening, and maybe a little fun twist added, raffle prizes, bike show, 50/50, and a whole bunch of fun!

The American Legion Riders can’t wait to see you there.

Ride safe / Stay hydrated

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. February is here and so is Valentines Day, so show your love. February 14th is the Valentines Day dinner. Steak with the fixin's and the band for the evening will be Dr Jim! There will be a 50/50 raffle which you not need be present to win, as well there will be games with prizes as well as a surprise gift for the ladies. Wait!!!...can't forget the fun dances. Please be sure to put in your dinner reservations.

Important message: Membership 2026 dues are now overdue. Ensure you are current.

Until next month be safe and please be kind to all our wonderful volunteers.

For God and Country

Dolcey Aul

Unit 36 President

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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Report for the Month of Dec 2025

Total Sales \$23,758.15

Cost Of Liquor: \$9,867.37

Cost of Doing Business \$17,561.82

NET PROFIT FROM BAR \$6,196.33

Transferred to General Fund \$6,196.33

February is here and as of this writing, a large part of the country is about to get hit with a polar vortex with lots of snow and ice. Thank God we live in this beautiful part of the country!

We are about to get new carpeting installed in our lounge and also new bar stools! All of our entities have stepped up to split the cost of this project. The Riders, the Auxiliary, the Sons and the Lotto account have come up with the funding. Thanks to all of the fundraising each of our entities do, we are not only able to fund all of our Veteran charities but also keep our aging building viable. Many thanks to the hard work everyone does.

Sunday February 8th is Super Bowl Sunday and for all of you that are in the Super Bowl pool, the doors to the party in the main hall will open at 3:30, with kickoff at 4:30. Come on down and enjoy beverages and some of Luis' awesome cooking. Kelly will be tending bar in the main hall and Marie will be serving. For those of you not in the pool, the lounge will be open with all big screens tuned in to the Big Game! Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year, so make sure to make reservations for that night. Entertainment will be provided by The Desert Treasure Band. The Sunday after Superbowl (the 15th) will be the annual Chili Cookoff! Sign up in the lounge if you want to bring your secret recipe to compete with all the others.

Saturday February 7th will be the 4 Chaplains Ceremony at 1:00pm in the main hall. Please come down and hear the true story of these brave souls who gave their lives so that others may survive.

As always, we have a full slate of entertainment, dinners and lots of good times planned all month long thanks to all of our wonderful hard-working volunteers, staff and officers.

I hope everyone has a warm and safe February because it won't be long before the summer heat will be here!

For God and Country,
Kevin J. Smith

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy February everyone. Just a quick update on things going on at the Post. On the East side of the building are **Red Lines** to designate a **NO Parking** area. This area is a travel lane and gets jammed up when people park there. Please park only in designated parking spots on Post property.

If you haven't heard yet, our monthly Legion Members meeting has moved to the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:00am. This change was made to help accommodate those that cannot attend evening meetings. We encourage everyone to attend; be informed about what is happening and be a voice on decisions. Hope to see you there.

The Riders are holding a Bike Night named "Too Broke for Daytona" on February 21st at 5pm. You don't have to be a Rider to attend, everyone welcome. Food, Fun, and Entertainment. Please come out and support the Riders.

Also, Thursday nights is Queen of Hearts. This is a fund raiser for the Post and a chance to win money yourself. The pot is over \$1600 and growing. New twist: tickets are being sold at the bar every day and you don't need to be at drawing to win. Simply write down your name, phone number and which envelope you wish to choose.

Lastly, I want to take a moment and talk about The 100 Club. Its mission is to support the families and members of public safety: First Responders, Police, Fire. Their services include safety stipends, scholarships, and funds for financial hardships.

Go to info@100club.org for more information.

For God and Country
Paul Foster
Post Commander

Welcome New Members

Gregory Harrell Justin Velis Robert Shmikler

Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

Ralph Ferris August 2025



FROM 2nd VICE

Greetings American Legion Family,

Well, we have completed our first month of the year 2026. We had a lot of activities, and we will be continuing with many more into February. A big thank you again to all the new volunteers that have joined us in making things possible for our activities at the Post. Happy to say, we are still getting more volunteers as I write this. It makes me proud! Remember that the ALR will be doing their thing in February. I won't spoil it for them. You can read all about it their section of the Sentinel. We still have wonderful meals by our ALR (Rider Wings on Tuesdays), Auxiliary (Surprise Dinner each Thursday), the famous Lee's Ribs, (last Thursday of the month), and SAL (Burger Nights on Mondays). "Louie the Cook" will be preparing his Friday Fish Fry's meals on Friday and fantastic meals on Saturday evenings. And do not forget his fantastic Sunday Breakfasts and Lunches.

I would like to ask the members to let me know or drop a note in the suggestion box if they would like to have the return of Breakfast and Lunch on Saturdays. There are some of you that have expressed interest. Again, please read the newsletter for all other activities.

By the time you all read this, I will be in Europe (Germany), to take care of some family business. Then maybe some time to unwind and relax. Hopefully, I will return refreshed and ready to take on what comes in the next months. I wish all a Happy Valentines day.

YOUR POST ADJUTANT

Have you ever wondered "When did Arizona become a state?" or "Who founded Arizona?"

Arizona was founded on February 14, 1912, when it became the 48th state of the United States. Prior to statehood, Arizona was part of Mexico and was ceded to the U.S. in 1948. The state was originally part of the New Mexico Territory until it separated in 1863 and later became a separate territory. Arizona's name is believed to derive from the Basque (area of Spain) phrase meaning "Good Oak Tree" or the Tohono O'odham phrase meaning "The Place of Young Little Spring". The Grand Canyon State was born on the sweetest day of the year: Valentine's Day. On February 14, 1912, President William Howard Taft signed legislation that admitted Arizona to the Union as the 48th state. Nothing compares to the wide-open, rugged desert landscape peppered with ancient red rocks and majestic Saguaro cacti.

Some more fun facts about our state:

-The Sonoran Desert is the only place on earth where Saguaro cacti grow wild

-No day light savings time. Come-on rest of U.S., follow Arizona's lead.

-The Grand Canyon is older than the dinosaurs.

-How it all began, The Five C's of Arizona: Cotton, cattle, citrus, copper, climate. These have been the economic drive of Arizona from day one.

- From hiking to seeing ancient cliff dwellings, old ghost towns, underground mines, live caverns, to riding our motorcycles, Arizona is a wealth of natural and human history.

Let's explore!

BK

Post 36 Adjutant

S.A.L. Commander's Report

Welcome to February, everyone! We've made it through the start of 2026, and I suspect many of us have already broken our New Year's resolutions. Now it's time to get back to enjoying life as part of the American Legion Family. I'm pleased to share that we've fired up the grill out back for Monday Night SAL Burgers once again. I want to give special recognition to our newest volunteer, Derrick. Derrick is the one preparing garnishes, frying the fries and onion rings, and assembling the plates for our beloved waitress, Joanne, to deliver. Thank you, Derrick, for stepping up and helping our team! A big thank you also goes to Jim, who helps prep everything before I arrive and takes care of selling our 50/50 tickets. I would be remiss not to thank our one and only Wolfman, who works the grill out back, serving up burgers to order for our wonderful customers. On behalf of Lance, Robert, and myself, we extend our sincere appreciation to all of our dedicated SAL volunteers!

Recent SAL Activities:

In January, several activities took place. Unfortunately, the blood drive scheduled for January 9th was canceled by the Red Cross and has not yet been rescheduled.

On Saturday, January 24th, the SAL picked up a large supply of wood for the outdoor grill. That same day, we held our first SAL Poker Game of the year, with plans to host a game every other month throughout 2026.

On Saturday, January 31st, SAL members attended the SAL Rendezvous in Las Vegas—a day dedicated to training SAL officers from the Western States. We also took the opportunity to celebrate two special birthdays: my grandson Austin's 21st and Joanne's 70th. Congratulations to both of them!!!

Upcoming Events:

- **NASCAR Pool:** The AUX and SAL are teaming up to bring back the NASCAR Pool this year. The first race is on February 1st, and tickets will be available the week before.
- **SABH Gaslight Nite:** Join us on February 28th at 3:00 PM for "The Belle of Tombstone."
- **ALR Bike Nite:** February 28th at 5:00 PM. The SAL will once again be cooking for this event.
- **SAL Campout:** The annual campout will be held April 10th–12th at Dead Horse Ranch in Cottonwood.
- **Post 91 Golf:** On April 25th in Chandler, join us for the "Here's to the Heroes" golf event.

Your participation is what keeps our Squadron strong—whether you're volunteering, attending events, or simply spreading the word. If you'd like to get involved or join in any of our events, we'd love to hear from you!

For God and Country,
Don Jones
Squadron 36 Commander



COW PASTURE GOLF

Feb 1	Fed Enke	7:50am
Feb 8	Haven	8:00am
Feb 15	Dorado	7:30am
Feb 22	Torres Blancas	8:00am

KATA GOLF CLUB

Feb 4	Silverbell	8:00am
Feb 11	El Rio	7:40am
Feb 18	Randolph	8:20am
Feb 25	Fred Enke	7:30am

Any Questions, call JC 520-834-0375 Jay Haubert 520-304-6220

HOW ARE WE DOING?

A report from our Finance Officer:

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/(Loss)</i>
Oct	\$24,477.99	\$28,059.09	-\$3,581.10
Nov	\$27,354.48	\$27,207.06	\$147.42
Dec	\$28,999.24	\$30,539.36	-\$1,540.12

Profit/Loss varies due to dates of deposits, purchases. Etc.

Have you renewed your 2026 membership?
If not, you are now expired. Please come to
the office to renew so you do not lose your
Post privileges. We'd love to see you.