

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Fellow Riders and members of our Legion Family-  
As I wind down to the final weeks as Director for the Riders, I think back to what an experience it has been. I have learned so much about the Legion, the Riders and myself! In next month's article, I will be introducing the new Rider e-board. I am excited to see who the new leadership roster will be. For myself, it has been announced at my work that we will be on overtime from June until October, so it sounds like I will be busy.  
For Memorial weekend, please take time to honor those that have served this amazing country that we call home. You can attend ceremonies at: Eastlawn, Southlawn, Holy Hope or wherever you might have a loved one. In addition, you can attend Post Everlasting; a ceremony honoring those of us at Post 36 who are no longer with us. See the calendar for date and time.  
Lastly, warm weather seems to be here ahead of schedule, please remember to stay hydrated.

Ride safe and smart,  
Brenda Allord "Twisted"  
Post 36 American Legion Riders Director

### COW PASTURE GOLF

May 4	Fred Enke	8:41am
May 11	Haven	7:00am
May 18	Randolph	7:42am
May 25	El Rio	6:28am

Any Questions, call "JC" Joe Cook 520-834-0375

### KATA GOLF CLUB

May 7	Dell Urich	6:26am
May 14	Fred Enke	6:09am
May 21	Randolph	7:13am
May 28	El Rio	6:09am

Any Questions, call Tom Gallagher 520-954-4895

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TUCSON, ARIZONA

# SENTINEL

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Finance Officer	Lisette Eckman
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Cuestas
Chaplain	Scott Smith
Judge Advocate	Dax Carlisle
Property Trustee	Joe Cook
Historian	Charles Thayer
Service Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Executive Board	Steve Motherwell
Executive Board	Mike Eby
Past Commander	Al Young

## Unit Officers

President	Dolcey Aul
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Christy Gains
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Kelly Madril
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Secretary	Shelly Sperl
Chaplain	Marilyn Zabowsky
Sergeant-at-Arms	Linda Sutton
Historian	<i>Vacant</i>
Executive Board	Dorothy Eby
	Stacy Adams
	Lisette Eckman
	Marie Martin
Past President	Jennifer Turner-Jones

## S.A.L. COMMANDER

Welcome to May 2025! Hope all is well with the Legion Family!! April was a fun month! We had a lot of participation at the SAL Campout, fun and camaraderie was had by all. Amongst the fun of Campout we held a Detachment meeting to conduct our business; two Resolutions were passed. You can look on the Detachment website for details on these two resolutions. Mark your calendar for next April 2026 to attend the next Campout in Cottonwood. We also participated in our Riders Bike Night, what a great event hope you were able to be there. Thanks to the Riders for all they do. We also participated in Post 91's Here's to the Heroes Golf Tournament. What a fun event. Speaking of golf, our upcoming Freedom Golf Tourney is happening the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> followed by our Commanders Golf Tournament on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Our next blood drive is on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 in the Annex. Look for the sign-up sheet on the SAL board at the Post. The SAL will be having a Mother's Day Brunch from 11am to 1 pm on Mother's Day, and moms eat free! Our next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

## Squadron Officers

Commander	Lance Bymers
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	Austin Jones

## Chapter Officers

Director	Twisted
Vice Director	Cal
Secretary	Hot Lips
Treasurer	Warthog
Chaplain	Wero
Sergeant-at-Arms	Wolfman
Ride Captain	T

For God and Country,  
Lance Bymers  
Squadron 36 Commander

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## FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

### Report for the Month of March 2025

Total Sales \$24,346.70

Cost Of Liquor: \$9,968.76

Cost of Doing Business \$16,346.33

(Payroll, Taxes, Entertainment, Janitorial Etc.)

NET PROFIT FROM BAR \$8,000.37

Transferred to General Fund \$8,000.37

May is here and the hot temperatures are on the way, so stop in and enjoy some rehydration and cool air conditioning and visit with fellow members of your American Legion Post!

A lot of things are happening in the month of May starting with a Cinco de Mayo extravaganza on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> with karaoke and entertainment by DJ Bennie Scott. Come and enjoy some good Mexican vittles and do not forget to call for reservations. Earlier that day we will be hosting the Colonia Del Viella Neighborhood Association meeting in the annex building. They will be discussing better ways to keep our neighborhood safer and cleaner.

Mother's Day will be hosted by the Sons of the American Legion with a delicious brunch served from 11:00-1:00. So, all you Mom's be sure to come down and let us spoil you. You deserve it! Tuesday is the annual Post Elections from noon until 6:55. Be sure to come and vote for your choice to best lead our Post in the new year.

The weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 40/8 Promenade and Wreck where new members are initiated into that organization. It is always a fun weekend to witness, so come down to show members from other Posts our hospitality and meet some new people.

Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and will be having the Post Everlasting ceremony to remember our fallen members who have left us in the past year starting at noon with a potluck to follow. As usual, we will be putting flags on Veterans graves at various cemeteries around Tucson. Thanks in advance to all that volunteer to honor our Veterans in this way.

Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a fundraising spaghetti dinner for a member to help him get a service dog to help with his recovery from PTSD. Please join us for this very worthy cause. Another blood drive will be held in the annex building on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-4. Please give blood to help save a life.

So, a very busy month here at Post 36. As always, a big heartfelt thank you to everybody that pitches in to make all of the events like these a success. I for one am proud to be associated with this Post.

For God and Country,  
Kevin J. Smith

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

New members, we are so excited to have you as part of our family, welcome aboard.

**VOTING** is upon us. You must have your current 2025 membership card with you to vote (hint, you should always have your card with you). The nomination board has closed. The voting will be May 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. The winners of the election will be announced at the general meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Please exercise this privilege. The membership is strong and so should our voting attendance.

**Volunteers...**my apologies for having to postpone your Volunteer Appreciation Day. I was very saddened by this. First and foremost, this Post would crumble without our volunteers. Second, Past Post Commander and current District 2 Commander Al Young started this event, and I continued it last year. It should be a continual tradition, and will be.

To All the Volunteers: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do no matter how small or large your act of volunteerism is.

**YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND YOU ARE THE  
HEARTBEAT, BACKBONE AND GLUE THAT KEEPS US GOING.  
THANK YOU!!!**

Membership, as of April 15, 2025, here are the standings:

New 49, PUFL 162, Renewal 744, HQ Transfers 8, Totals 963, Goal 1,051.

We are at 91.63% of our goal, Retained 87.2%, Members short of 100% is 850 (88) (target date for 100% is May 14, 2025), Short of 103% is 128.

Please join us for the Post Revitalization project on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 1:00.

Overall, we are positioned nicely with the 3 R's: Recruiting, Renewing and Retaining. Keep up the Great job on membership and thank you! Here is the link to see our Legionnaire numbers along with very helpful resource links:

[www.azlegion.org](http://www.azlegion.org)

You may also find links to the S.A.L., Riders and Auxiliary.

May is National Smile Month. What are you planning to make people smile all month long? Smiles are contagious so just keep smiling! Cheers!

Terri Collins  
Commander Post 36

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

Hello my Legion Family,

Well we are going into May. Weather will be hot so stay hydrated. A lot is going on this month. Cinco de Mayo is here which means a great party on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with DJ Bennie for your enjoyment. On May 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Mother's Day brunch from 11:00-1:00, Mom's eat for free so come and enjoy. May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and our Post Everlasting Ceremony; a special event to honor those who have gone before us. Following at 12:00 with potluck lunch. We would love to sample some of your great recipes. I want to thank Scott Tomecsko and Joe Cook for helping the Auxiliary with our meals. The help is much appreciated. The Memorial Day quilt tickets are still available so get your tickets from the bartender; one for \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. Drawing is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and officer elections will be at that time. Come out to vote! I would love to see you there. The Auxiliary sign-up sheet for Unit nominations for 2025/2026 are posted on the Auxiliary bulletin board; if interested, please sign up and help give ideas and direction with the Auxiliary for a year.

Did you know,,, On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the Great War. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, they distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs. Come by the Post to get your poppy!

For God and Country,  
Dolcey Aul  
Unit 36 President



## YOUR POST ADJUTANT

Dear Legion Family,

### COME OUT TO VOTE

Good day everyone. Hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits; for those under the weather...our thoughts for your speedy recovery.

It is that time of the year at our Post to vote for your new officers. All four entities hold their own elections in May. Members of the respective entity show up during these times to cast your vote:

May 13, 12:00 – 6:55pm - Legionnaires

May 13, 6:00pm - Auxiliary

May 11, 2:30pm – Sons of the American Legion

May 18, 9:00am – American Legion Riders

If you are one to come into the Post for dinner or a refreshment, it is always great to see you. If it has been a while since you have been here, why not swing in and relax with some old friends, or make new ones. We would love to see you.

Thank you,

BK

Post 36 Adjutant

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

#### A report from our Finance Officer:

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/(Loss)</i>
Jan	\$27,221.61	\$29,007.58	(\$1,785.97)
Feb	\$35,887.84	\$29,509.95	\$6,377.89
March	\$21,953.03	\$23,242.76	(\$1,289.73)

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

## FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE

I hope everyone had a great Easter. And for those who came to our Easter Brunch, what a great job our chef Louis did. I would also like to thank Scott, Bonnie and Grizz for helping. Our monthly menu is Fish Fry Fridays; Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is our Cinco de Mayo party, so the dinner will be Chimichanga; May 10<sup>th</sup> is steak night; May 17<sup>th</sup> is Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner. This is also a 40/8 Promenade, so the hall will be closed for 40/8 members only. If you would like to come to dinner, you can enjoy in the lounge. May 24<sup>th</sup> is steak night and the 31<sup>st</sup> is chef's choice. Also, remember May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Blind Vets dinner so the hall will not be open until they leave (about 5:20).

For God and Country.  
Cliff Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

### Welcome New Members

Joshwa Putrzenski	Robin Branson
Sandra Takow	Richard Cooper
Jay Franz	Nadia Nurse
Quintus Wilder	Scott Thowson
Michael Hagebusch	Joshua Maynard
Anthony Brundige	Jose Valentin
SAL:	
Tristen & James Downs	Robert Barba
Derek Crow	Kennith Tackett
Mark Bobowski	Philip & Brian Hemswoal
Joshua Stewart	Russell Recchion
Donald Belbeck	Darrel Lippert

### Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

James Palmer 1/8/25	Terry Patrick 4/8/25
James Moore 4/3/25	
SAL:	
Todd Strand	Todd Strand
Narciso Selph	Ian Ickes

## Poppy envelopes are enclosed in Sentinel. What do I do now?

We would like to thank Poppy committee members that took the time to get the Poppy envelopes ready to put in the newsletter this month and those who fold the sentinels and insert these envelopes.

Now it is your turn! We have so many Veterans that need a little help, so dig deep into your pockets and send us what you can to help our Veterans in need.

100% of your donations go toward the Veterans programs. Some of the programs that we are involved in are assisting Veterans that have PTSD, alcohol and drug addiction programs, Veterans on Patrol, holiday gift shop, the homeless Veterans Stand Downs, and many more programs through the VA Medical Center and DMAFB.

For those of you that receive your sentinel on-line, we would love to have you send your donation to the below address:

Auxiliary Poppy Committee  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit#36  
Po Box 19110  
Tucson, AZ 85731

Please make your check to – American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36

Thank you again for your support of our Auxiliary programs, but most of all to the Veterans, which have, or currently serving our country.

*Poppy Committee*

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