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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Riders and fellow members, Spring is in full swing and that means great riding weather. It's also a great time to perform your safety and mechanical inspections on your ride. Whether you plan on attending the Legacy Ride (Tombstone to Springerville 4/24 to 4/27), SAL Campout (Deadhorse Ranch in Cottonwood 4/10to 4/12), or any other event coming up, or just riding around town, you want to make it to and from your destination without any hassles.

Also, a couple friendly reminders:

ALR meetings have been moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Post Clean-up is the 3rd Sunday of the month at 8am to 9am (7am to 8am in the summer) followed up with breakfast at the post. This is a time to help make our outside ground cleaner and safer. (Open to ALL members of the post)

If you have any questions about rides, events, or anything else, give me a shout. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone.

Ride safe / Stay hydrated

Gator

Travis Haas ALR 36 Director

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

A report from our Finance Officer:

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/(Loss)</i>
Dec	\$28,999.24	\$30,539.36	-\$1,540.12
Jan	\$24,688.84	\$28,299.14	-\$3,610.30
Feb	\$30,435.04	\$25,410.17	\$5,024.87

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

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Report for the Month of Feb 2026

Total Sales \$23,369.89
Cost Of Liquor: \$8,639.93
Cost of Doing Business \$15,441.53

NET PROFIT FROM BAR \$7,928.36
Transferred to General Fund \$7,928.36

April is here and the desert is abloom. The time sure does fly by. For the first time in recorded history, it broke 100 degrees in March in Tucson. What's up with that? I just hope it isn't a premonition of the summer to come.

March was a busy month at Post 36 with both the District and the Area Oratorical competitions held here. The students were all amazing. It was an honor to host this event once again. St. Patrick's Day was a great turn out and thanks to all of our volunteers who cooked and served and cleaned all day to celebrate this tradition. BK, Joe, Scott, Father Dave, Derrick, Frances and Stacey worked their tails off serving an extremely good meal. Once again, teamwork came through at Post 36. I can't forget Kelly and Sunni who kept the cocktails flowing all day! Thank you all!

Sunday April 5th is Easter Day and we will once again be having a delicious brunch from 11 til 2. Chef Luis will be putting on a very varied and scrumptious meal. Come on down and enjoy our hospitality! One of the various Veteran groups that we host at Post 36 is the Our America Group. They honor Veterans and First responders in our community. On Wednesday 4/15/26, they will be having our newly crowned Tucson Chief of Police, Monica Prieto speak to them that evening. All are welcome to attend. The event will take place at 5:30 pm.

On a sad note, our past SAL Commander Dave McKee recently passed away and his sons are having a Celebration of Life for him here on Thursday March 30th at 11.00 am. For all that knew him, please try to stop down and raise a toast to Dave.

I hope everyone has a great and healthy spring season before we head into the hot summer months.

For God and Country,
Kevin J. Smith

Happy April, everyone. I'm pretty excited about what I have to report on. The Oratorical contests went well. We can do better though; one way is to get contestants from Post 36. If you know of a 8th-11th grade student, let's get them involved. Great experience for them and scholarships available. Thank you to all who attended.

March 31st is the target date for the Bingo equipment to arrive and be installed. The target date for the first game is April 12th. And a big thank you to the Lottery Committee for putting up seed money to get things started. Looking forward to the first game!

St. Patrick's Day was highly successful for the Post. Thanks to JC, Stacy, Scott T, Milo, Frances, BK and all the volunteers that helped out in the kitchen and all the volunteers that make Post 36 what it is.

Welcome to all the new members to the Post.

For God and Country
Paul Foster
Post Commander

Welcome New Members

Dennis Korte	Donald Hoffert	Korey Bowlby
Ken Monsees	Michael Earls	Max Kushner
Michael Martin		

Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

Dave McKee

February 2026



YOUR POST ADJUTANT

This month in U.S. history:

“The Shot Heard Around The World” is a phrase that refers to the opening shot of the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, which sparked the American Revolutionary War and led to the birth of the United States as an independent country. It originates from the opening stanza of Ralph Waldo Emerson's 1837 poem "Concord Hymn".

The American Revolutionary War (April 19, 1775 – September 3, 1783) was the war that established our great country. The final eight years of the broader American Revolution, in which American Patriot forces organized as the Continental Army and commanded by George Washington defeated the British Army. The conflict was fought in North America, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic Ocean. The war's outcome seemed uncertain for most of the war, but Washington and the Continental Army's decisive victory in the Siege of Yorktown in 1781 led King George III and the Kingdom of Great Britain to negotiate an end to the war. In 1783, in the Treaty of Paris, the British monarchy acknowledged the independence of the Thirteen Colonies, leading to the establishment of the United States as an independent and sovereign nation. To these great patriots, our forefathers, our founders, our veterans.... we raise a hearts and say Thank you!

And for the Post, reminder that Officer Election sign up are now happening. All four entities will be having elections. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin boards. Be involved, be part of the future, become an officer.

Have a Happy Easter and Passover,

BK

Post 36 Adjutant

S.A.L. Commander's Report

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool during this early heat spell. I also trust that you all enjoyed plenty of corned beef last month—I know I certainly did! Wishing everyone a blessed Easter.

Recent SAL Activities

March was a busy month with several activities taking place for our Squadron. The NASCAR events are still going strong, so be sure to check in with your bartender to choose a winning driver!

Our SAL Poker tournament was another great success. Congratulations to all our winners! The next poker game is scheduled for May, with the exact date to be determined soon.

The Legion Golf League recently crowned its annual champion and held the banquet on Sunday, March 29. Congratulations to all my fellow golfers who participated and made the event memorable.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Legion Family volunteers. They are truly the backbone of our Post, and we couldn't do it without them. Please make sure to thank them the next time you see them and let them know how much they are appreciated!

I know I said this last month, but get used to it—I will be repeating it every month!

Upcoming Events

- **SAL Blood Drives:** Blood drives will return on May 29th, August 7th, and October 9th. All events are scheduled for Fridays from Noon to 5 PM.
- **SAL Poker:** The next poker game will be held in May at 5 PM in the Annex. The exact date will be announced soon.
- **SAL Campout:** The annual campout is scheduled for April 10th–12th at Dead Horse Ranch in Cottonwood.
- **Post 91 Golf:** Join us on April 25th in Chandler 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! Our next meeting is on April 19th at 2pm.

We have also posted our Officer Sign-up Sheet. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please sign up!

For God and Country,
Don Jones



FROM 2nd VICE

I'm Baaaack!!

I had a wonderful time in Europe and in the Caribbean. But as you know, it just wasn't long enough.

We had an awesome March. We celebrated the American Legion's 107th birthday. Outstanding St. Patrick's lunch and dinner. Kudos to BK, Scott, JC, and their Leprechauns that assisted him in making it a fantastic event.

April is going to be a busy and exciting month.

Louie the Chef with his Sunday breakfast (8:00-10:00) and lunch (11:00-2:00).

All dinners are served from 5:00-6:30pm. Don't forget that we host our wonderful Blind Vets for dinner on the 4th Friday 4:00-5:30pm.

We will be having our entities with their great meals: Mondays SAL Burger Night, Tuesday ALR Wing Night, Willie and Helen Lunch on Wednesdays. Auxiliary dinners on Thursdays, and 4th Thursdays we have Lee's Ribs.

Throughout the month we have live bands, our famous Karaoke Bennie and Ruben, and much more! See you all there.

Until then,

Robert M Cuestas

2nd Vice Commander

NOTICE

Officer elections for the upcoming year are just around the corner.

Do you want to contribute to the direction Post 36 takes?

Do you have ideas for the betterment of our Legion Family?

Think about signing up to be an officer. All four entities need you.

Talk to a current officer for details. Come to the office to sign up for elections.

COW PASTURE GOLF

Apr 5	No Golf	N/A
Apr 12	Haven	7:00am
Apr 19	Dorado	7:30am
Apr 26	Torres Blancas	7:00am

KATA GOLF CLUB

Apr 1	TBD
Apr 8	TBD
Apr 15	TBD
Apr 22	TBD
Apr 29	TBD

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

Hello April!

Yep, summer is here and beating us up already, so please stay hydrated. A big thank you to BK, Scott, JC and all the volunteers that put out a great St. Patrick's meal everyone enjoyed the meal.

We will have a collection box for school supplies for our local schools at the end of April; we want to get an early start to help our Kid-O's. We will be collecting notebook paper, pencils, backpacks, etc.... any donations are greatly appreciated.

The 4th of July is around the corner and with that we will have a fun Raffle Basket that will help with our Children in Youth program.

The Auxiliary Officer sign up is posted on our Auxiliary board. Please sign up and help support our Post and our cause for our Veterans.

Our next meeting will be April 14th at 6:00pm in the Annex.

Love to see you there. Have a safe April.

For God and Country

Dolcey Aul

Unit 36 President