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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Riders and fellow members,

First, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Legion Riders Director for a second year. I truly appreciate the trust you've placed in me, and I'm proud to be part of a group that supports our Post, our veterans, and our community.

Looking back at this past year, there were some great successes. Our Bike Nights were extremely successful and brought a lot of people through the doors. Events like this help the Post and show the community what the Legion Riders are about.

At the same time, there are a couple areas where I'd like to see us grow. One is riding together more. We didn't get as many group rides in as we probably should have, and I'd really like to change that this year. Riding together builds camaraderie and keeps the riders strong, whether it's a short local ride or a planned charity ride.

The other piece is simply participation and volunteerism. Our Post runs on volunteers, and that includes the Riders. Whether helping at Bike Nights, Wing/Taco Nights, or Post activities, stepping in where help is needed—every little bit helps. If everyone pitches in when they can, it makes a big difference and keeps things running smoothly.

My goal this year is simple: more rides, strong participation, and continuing to support the Post and the mission of the American Legion.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Director. I'm looking forward to another great year with all of you.

Ride Safe, Stay Hydrated
Gator Travis Haas
ALR 36 Director

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Report for the Month of May 2026

Total Sales \$25,827.40

Cost Of Liquor: \$10,302.13

Cost of Doing Business \$18,167.63

NET PROFIT FROM BAR \$7,659.77

Transferred to General Fund \$7,659.77

July is here and this year's Independence Day celebrates 250 years since the founding of our great Country! It seems like yesterday that we celebrated our bicentennial! The 4th falls on a Saturday this year and we will be having a potluck luncheon. The Post will provide juicy hamburgers and hot dogs and some other munchies. Please bring a dish for all to enjoy and help us celebrate 250 years of greatness! I will be having drink specials all day as well. Without our proud Veterans and active-duty personnel, this Country would have never achieved the greatness that we enjoy. Many thanks to all that served or are serving!

The Sonoran Summer season is in full swing, and we have already enjoyed some monsoon storms. The official start of the monsoon is June 15th and we had a nice storm that day! How often does that happen? Always remember to stay hydrated in the summer heat as it can be very dangerous. What better way to stay cool than to stop by your Post for some great food and liquid refreshments? Our volunteer bar and kitchen staff work very hard to present a fun and enjoyable experience, so always show your gratitude to them all.

Please remember that our General Membership meetings are now held on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. Try to make a meeting to learn how our Post runs and offer some great ideas how we can do new things. Comments, criticisms and kudos are always accepted.

Happy July and happy 4th of July to everyone and always be safe.

For God and Country,
Kevin J. Smith

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy July everyone.

Guess what? It's a new year!! Happy New Year! A new membership year that is, lol.

Lots of good stuff looking forward. Hopefully we can expand our bingo and build on this as a revenue source for the Post.

Beyond that, I would personally like to see improvements, modernizing the Post, and make it friendlier for **all** our members, old and new, but we need money for that.

We are sponsoring the Fall Conference again in November, so please look forward to that. And yes, we're going to need volunteers please.

Lastly, the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring a beautiful mural for the front of our building. Although the plan is to have no cost for Post 36, the DAR is accepting donations for the cause. See the flyers posted or see our Adjutant for details. Our goal is to be complete by Fall Conference and proudly on display for all of Arizona to see. It will be slightly different from the one posted but will look amazing.

Thank you to everyone who placed your confidence in me by reelecting me for a second term. Let's continue working together as a team as we move forward.

Stay safe.
For God and Country
Paul Foster
Post Commander

Welcome New Members

Stephen Riley
Peter Questi
Chris Bjorgaad
Jamison Peevy

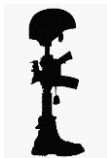
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Adam Torua Barrera
Bryan Matlock
David Portuese

Amy Sherman
Eileen Martinez
Vito Ferrera

Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

Bonnie Anderson

July 2, 2026



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

Hello Legion Family,

Happy 4th of July to everyone I hope you have a fun and safe Holiday. I'd like to remind everyone that the Auxiliary will still be doing great Thursday dinners so please come and enjoy some delicious food and help support our Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is selling tickets for our Beautiful 250th Anniversary raffle basket \$5.00 per ticket or three tickets for \$10.00. Drawing will be on the 4th of July; see the bartender get your tickets. Thank You for supporting our Auxiliary.

This will be my last article as president. It has been a great two years serving our Unit and the Post. I would like to say Thank You to everyone for their support and kindness. I know Christy will be a wonderful president and we will continue to help our veterans as we always have done. Stay safe and keep cool and I will see everyone around the Post.

For God and Country
Dolcey Aul
Unit 36 President

FROM 2nd VICE

Hello Legion Family,

These last couple of months have been very busy. Installation of Officers was on July 13th and congratulations to our new board of officers. Just a reminder the 4th Friday of the month we host the Blind Veterans. A great bunch of veterans are transitioning to a new way of life. We please ask our Friday patrons to stay in the lounge and enjoy a beverage until our Blind Vets depart the area.

I know I am leaving many things out of the newsletter. This year has been amazing. I met many new members and longtime members. I am stepping down as Post Officer to pursue another position in the American Legion. Thank you all for your confidence that you have in me. If you need assistance in any matters, I would be happy to guide you in the right direction. God Bless you all and thank you so much for the experience to have served you as the Second Vice for Post 36.

For God and Country,
Robert M Cuestas
2nd Vice Commander



COW PASTURE GOLF

July 5 Freedom Tournament
July 12 Haven 7:00am
July 19 Dorado 7:00am
July 26 Torres Blancas 7:00am

KATA GOLF CLUB

July 1 Fred Enke 6:30am
July 8 El Rio 6:20am
July 15 Randolph 6:50am
July 29 Dell Urich 6:20am

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

YOUR POST ADJUTANT

PARKING: When coming to Post 36 we want everyone to be safe and have a good time; and getting towed is not a good time. So, we ask that you *only* park on Legion property. Please do not park on the neighbor's lots which may result in a tow. When parking on Legion property, only park in designated parking spots that are marked with white parking lines. Please do not park on the red lines, in the driveways, nor in handicap or Purple Heart spot unless legally authorized. Please inform your guests of this. Let's work together to avoid confusion.

MEMBERSHIP: Your 2026 membership is good through December 2026. But you will soon be receiving renewal notices from National. Feel free to renew in the office 8:00 – 2:00pm Mon-Sat. Or you can mail in your check, ensure your membership number is enclosed.

Rates for the upcoming year are:

Legion \$47 Auxiliary \$40 Aux Jr \$15
SAL \$30 Dual/Jr \$15 Riders \$25 (Early Bird \$20)

FRIENDS: Would you like to enjoy the Post and its benefits with your neighbor or relative? Are they a veteran or a son/daughter/spouse of a veteran? Invite them to check us out and maybe become a member. Becoming a Legionnaire means joining America's largest and most influential network of U.S. veterans, families, and communities, with nearly 2.5 million members in over 14,000 Posts nationwide. The American Legion is a grassroots organization that shapes policy, supports veterans, and strengthens communities through its four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

So, bring in a friend and let's sign them up.

BK

Post 36 Adjutant

HOW ARE WE DOING?

A report from our Finance Officer:

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/(Loss)</i>
March	\$23,584.54	\$24,136.10	-551.56
April	\$27,817.20	\$25,589.53	\$2,227.67
May	\$26,372.61	\$25,628.74	\$743.87

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

S.A.L. Commander's Report

Welcome to Monsoon Season...May the rain wash away the heat and all your sorrows!!! I hope all the fathers enjoyed their day last month and everyone that made the trek to Chandler for State Convention had a great, educational and fun time. We continue with our Patriot Bingo venture, I hope everyone has had an opportunity to participate.

SAL Activities

I want to thank Grizz, Scott & Father Dave for cutting, hauling & restocking the woodshed; they truly went beyond the call of duty for their Post. We have some nice mesquite wood to grill on!

Our Burger Nites continued thru the July heat to Rave Reviews... Kudos to our Hamburger Staff! As long as the rain keeps cooling us down, we'll try to cook burgers thru the Summer. Let's see if the weather cooperates.

On Monday July 6th the SAL is hosting Family Dinner. We are serving BBQed Chicken Quarters grilled over mesquite by Chef Tomecsko. In addition, I hope you all come out for our Post 4th of July Cookout.

Patriot Bingo continues to be a popular activity. Join us on Sundays at 2:00 PM for some fun and camaraderie. I'll continue to make it fun as your Caller...

Upcoming Events

- **SAL Golf:** The Freedom Golf Tournament at Dorado is July 5th
- **SAL Poker:** The next game will be held July 25th in the Annex
- **SAL Blood Drives:** August 7th and October 9th Noon to 5 PM.

The next SAL meeting is scheduled for July 12th at 2pm in the Annex.

For God and Country,
Don Jones
Squadron 36 Commander