

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Fellow Riders and members of our Legion Family-  
Congratulations to the new E-board members for the Riders!

Travis Haas "Gator" - Director  
Christy Gans "Hot Lips" - Assistant Director  
Brenda Allord "Twisted" -Secretary  
Mike Cummings "Warthog" -Treasurer  
Brian Kempker "BK" - Chaplain  
Robert Terstegge "T" - Ride Captain  
Matt Wolfman "Wolfman" Sergeant-At-Arms

Thanks for the opportunity to be the Director for the last two years! It had some challenging moments, but the overall experience was well worth it! I know that the Riders are in good hands with the new leadership and I look forward to see what the next year brings.

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

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**To fold and assemble the Sentinel for mailing. See the calendar for date & time. Come join us and get in on the fun!**  
**Thank you in advance for your precious gift of your time.**  
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POST 36  
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# SENTINEL

AMERICAN LEGION  
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COMMANDER

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AUXILIARY  
UNIT 36  
DOLCEY AUL  
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RIDERS  
CHAPTER 36  
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**JOHN P. BURNS POST #36**

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## Post Officers

Commander	Terri Collins
Adjutant	Brian S Kempker
Vice Commander	Paul Foster
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Cliff Anderson
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
Treasurer	Karen
	Thompson
Secretary	Shelly Sperl
Chaplain	Marilyn
	Zabowsky
Sergeant-at-Arms	Linda Sutton
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Chaplain	Edward Seright
Historian	Edward Seright
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Cuestas
Advisor	Don Bracken
	Steven Sperl
	Al Young
E-Board	Jim Chamberlin
	Austin Jones

## Chapter Officers

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

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## FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

### Report for the Month of Feb 2025

**Total Sales**                   **\$24,519.92**

**Cost Of Liquor:**           **\$10,025.23**

**Cost of Doing Business**   **\$15,903.21**

(Payroll,Taxes,Entertainment,Janitorial Etc.)

**NET PROFIT FROM BAR**           **\$8,616.71**

**Transferred to General Fund**   **\$8,616.71**

June is here and the temperatures are heating up! Stay safe and hydrated throughout the desert summer!

May was an eventful month here at Post 36 as we had our yearly elections for the new officers who will lead our Post for the next year. Congratulations to Paul Foster who has dedicated his time and energies to serve as our Post Commander. Many thanks to all of our officers for all of our entities who have stepped up and given their time. The officer installation ceremony will take place on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Our own Past Commander and Past State Commander Steve Sperl will swear in our new officers. All are welcome that evening. It will be steak night and the Whiskey Riverdogs Band will provide entertainment! Be sure to make reservations for that evening. We also had our Post Everlasting Ceremony on Memorial Day. Many thanks to all members who put flags on our Veteran's graves that weekend.

For the first time in close to 50 years, The Boy's State Conference will be held in Tucson on the U of A campus. Prior to this year, the conference was always held in Flagstaff. This very proud and important American Legion sponsored event involves High School aged young men who spend a weekend learning about our government and how it works. It has had a great impact on many young men for decades now. We are proud to host a dinner and a luncheon for all of the staff who volunteer their time to teach all of the classes, which numbers between 30 and 45 people. Thanks to all that keep this proud American Legion tradition alive!

As always, many thanks to all of our staff, volunteers, officers and members for making your Post the best it can be!

For God and Country,  
Kevin J. Smith

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

New members, welcome to the family, you are home and greatly appreciated. Please understand that we are not just a bar. We have one as part of your privileges as a member, but we are so much more. I encourage you to let us know what your interests are so we may guide you in the direction of putting your passion to work in supporting our Four Pillars of The American Legion: Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

**VOTING** took place in May. At our General Meeting, the new officers were announced. Your newly elected Commander is Paul Foster, and it is effective June 30, 2025. Now, I must let you know he is super excited and ready to go; he started his position almost immediately after the announcement of his election. I am absolutely on board with it.

Commander Fosters Board will be: Vice Commander Trina Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Robert M Cuestas, Finance Officer Lisette Eckman, Service Officer Joe Cook, Chaplin Cliff Anderson, Historian Lynn Halbert, Judge Advocate Dax Carlisle, EBoard Member Charles Thayer (2 year), EBoard Member Robert Terstegge (1 year). Commander Foster will appoint his Adjutant and Property Trustee in July.

**Membership** as of May 19, 2025, here are the standings:

New 59, PUFL162, Renewal 762, HQ Transfers 10, Totals 993.

Goal of 1,051, we are at 94.48%. Retained 88.93%, members short of 100% 21 (target date for 100% is May 14, 2025, did not hit the target), Short of 103%, 100. We may not have reached our goal of receiving an award at Convention; we still have time to hit or 100% keep up the great recruiting! Love seeing all the new faces.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all the members, it has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Post Commander these past two years. I will be moving to the District 2 Sergeant-At-Arms position starting June 30. You have all really helped me with tremendous growth within myself, and I appreciate each and every one of you for that. Please give our incoming Commander all the support you have provided me. Always remember, it is the MEMBERS who run the Post, not the Commander or any individual on the board. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous summer.

Terri Collins  
Commander Post 36

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

Hello Legion Family,

First, let me introduce our 2025-2026 Auxiliary Officers.

I have the honor as being retained as your President. Our Vice President will be Kenzie Gans; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Christy Gans; Treasurer Karen Thompson; Secretary Shelly Sperl; Chaplain Marilyn Zabowsky; Sergeant-At-Arms Linda Sutton; Historian Jennifer Turner-Jones; Executive Board Marie Martin, Lisette Eckman, Stacie Adams, and Marsha Schweiss; Past President Jennifer Turner-Jones. We have a nice mix of past and new officers, which affords us the pass along history, and grow into the future. Let's all welcome your new EBoard!

June is here and in full force so stay cool and drink plenty of fluids. The Auxiliary will still be providing delicious dinners on Thursday so please keep an eye on the calendar. Installation of Officers will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the dining room. Come in and welcome our new board.

Father's Day Brunch will be June 15<sup>th</sup> 11-1:00pm.

Hey Dad's...you eat free! \$10.00 for others. A good day to be had by all. Our next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Annex, see you there.

### From your Auxiliary Poppy Committee:

We would like to "Thank" those who have already sent in donations for our VA/Poppy fund. We are still running short to provide the resources we need to assist in the programs for which we are committed.

Remember 100% of the funds that are donated go toward our Veteran's programs.

It is not too late to donate by either using the self-addressed envelopes that were provided in last month's sentinel or mailing a check or money order made payable to:

American Legion Aux Unit #36  
PO Box 19110  
Tucson, AZ 85731

Everybody stay cool stay safe and hope to see you at the post.

For God and Country  
Dolcey Aul  
Unit 36 President

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

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day. It was good to see so many of you at our Post Everlasting and the potluck that followed. So here is the menu for June: Friday nights are our fish fry; Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> is Orange Chicken dinner; Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day followed by Installation of Officers, the dinner that night will Mexican Fiesta; Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> is steak night and the 28<sup>th</sup> is our Asian dinner. Just a reminder the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month we host the Blind Veterans, so we please ask everyone to stay in the lounge and enjoy a beverage until they leave (usually around 5:20).

Thank you your continued support

For God and Country.

Cliff Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

## S.A.L. COMMANDER

Welcome to June 2025 American Legion Family! Wow! What a busy May. We held our 5 Star program unit 3, 4 and 5 this month. Congratulations to all who completed the course. The SAL served brunch on Mother's Day complete with carnations for these special mothers. We also put out Flags at All Faiths Cemetery. Also, great turn out and fun for our poker tournament. We also held our Red Cross Blood Drive and our SAL elections. Congratulations to all that were elected and a special thank you to our current board members. We have had a very successful year and am looking forward to the upcoming year. June means SAL Convention, being held this year in Chandler, Az. I hope to see many of you there! Our meeting in June will be on the 8th at 3pm. Please plan on attending the Officer Installation Ceremony on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. If you are a golfer, please plan to play in our Freedom Golf Tournament on July 6<sup>th</sup>. On September 6<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Commander's Golf Tournament. We need players and volunteers for both tournaments.

For God and Country,  
Lance Bymers  
Squadron 36 Commander

### Welcome New Members

Dean Bundy	Melissa McCool
Dan Brown	Dakota Wilson
Dan Snyder	Mark Hoffman
Jason Halper	Vernon Peterson
Edgar Gates	Galen Rogers
Richard Cooper	Sandra Takow
Robin Branson	Denis Weakley

### Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

Donald Stark	4/26/25
James Moore	4/13/25

### COW PASTURE GOLF

June 1	Fred Enke	7:06am
June 8	Haven	7:00am
June 15	Del Urich	7:32am
June 22	El Rio	6:19am
June 29	Silverbell	6:38am

Any Questions, call Rich Schweiss 520-403-6218

### KATA GOLF CLUB

June 4	Dell Urich	6:26am
June 11	Randolph	6:54am
June 18	Fred Enke	6:09am
June 25	El Rio	6:19am

Any Questions, call Tom Gallagher 520-954-4895

## **YOUR POST ADJUTANT**

### **WHO ARE WE?**

A question some have asked. The American Legion is the largest U.S. veterans organization with more than 1.6 million members who strengthen the nation through programs, services, and advocacy for those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, youth, and communities.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Over the years, the Legion has built its identity by achieving hundreds of benefits and services for veterans, supporting the U.S. Armed Forces and instilling the values of responsible citizenship among young people. From the nation-changing of The American Legion-drafted GI Bill to relief for veterans exposed to toxic contamination in the service, veterans of The American Legion have worked for over a century to improve and strengthen the nation they swore with their lives to defend.

And Post 36? Why is it called John P. Burns? Our Post is named for John P. Burns. John was born on May 2, 1946 in Tucson, Az. John served his country during the Vietnam War when he gave his all in the line of duty. He had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and obtained the rank of Private First Class. His military occupation or specialty was Rifleman, and was attached to 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, 1st Battalion. During his service in the Vietnam War, Private First Class Burns experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life on 7 July 1965.

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>
Feb	\$35,887.84	\$29,509.95	\$6,377.89
March	\$21,953.03	\$23,242.76	(\$1,289.73)
April	\$21,997.44	\$25,248.41	(\$3,430.97)

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