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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Riders and fellow members,

MAY I have your attention please? This month is an important month for all of us. Not only do we have great entertainment with live bands, bingo, and karaoke to attend to, but we also vote in our new officers for 2026/2027! If you are interested in becoming an ALR officer or would like to nominate someone, there is a list on our ALR board in the hallway. Voting will take place at our ALR meeting this month (05/19) at 7pm.

As you all know, May is also important, as we remember and honor all of those who have paid the ultimate price for all of us to enjoy our freedoms in this great nation.

As a reminder, we will be putting out flags at East Lawn Cemetery on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am for Memorial Day weekend. Also, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the ALR Gala at the end of the month at Post 29 in Glendale.

Ride safe / Stay hydrated

Gator

Travis Haas ALR 36 Director

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

Hello Legionnaires,

Believe it or not we are going into May full blast. We finished April with our first Bingo and it went quite well. SAL Campout was outstanding. Please check out the calendar for meals and entertainment. Remember you can buy Queen of Hearts tickets anytime at the bar or see me on Thursday night before the drawing. You have to be an American Legion member in good standing to play. May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Luau Dinner. I highly recommend you wear your favorite costumes. Hula Hula!

Until then,

Robert M Cuestas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

## FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

### Report for the Month of March 2026

Total Sales               \$26,447.18

Cost Of Liquor:           \$12,415.14

Cost of Doing Business   \$19,277.31

NET PROFIT FROM BAR       \$7,169.87

Transferred to General Fund   \$7,169.87

Welcome to May!

The first bingo came after a many year hiatus at Post 36, and it went well. A lot of planning by our Bingo committee proved successful and we look forward to continuing the games every Sunday beginning at 2:00pm. (card sales begin at 1:00). Welcome all our bingo players.

Our annual Post elections are being held from noon until 7:00pm on Friday 5/15/26 continuing Saturday morning from 8:00am until 9:55. To be followed by the General Membership Meeting at 10:00am. Please come out and vote and attend the meeting at 10 to show your support for the new and returning officers that will lead our proud Post for the next year.

May marks Memorial Day and we will once again be having our most solemn Post Everlasting Service starting at noon. Following the ceremony, a potluck lunch will be served, so please try to attend our ceremony to honor our fallen Brothers and Sisters who have passed in the last year. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck. As always, we will be planting flags at cemeteries around town to honor our fallen Veteran heroes. Many thanks to all the volunteers who plant and pick up flags.

Saturday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Luau party! I'm sure our entertainment committee have some really fun events planned for that evening, so put on your Hawaiian shirts and join us for a festive evening. Bennie will be spinning the tunes for that event.

Have a great May and enjoy our beautiful desert before the brutal heat gets here!

For God and Country,  
Kevin J. Smith

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy May everyone. First, let me start by saying the inaugural Sunday BINGO went off with very few hitches. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped put this together. We could use more volunteers, so the current ones won't get burnt out. BINGO will be every Sunday at 2pm.

Does anyone have members of their family that served in the Seabees? I've been asked to help create or bring back the Seabee organization within the Post. My father served in WWII in the Seabees and that makes me eligible to join. If anyone wants to take this project on, please let me know.

Lastly, we'll be doing a Mother's Day brunch again this year. Please bring your mother, wife, girlfriend or friend and/or family members to the breakfast/lunch on May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 1:00pm. They will appreciate it. Stay safe.

For God and Country  
Paul Foster  
Post Commander

### Welcome New Members

Billy O Baker	Irrael R Yordani	Charles S Knippenberg
Daniel M Rudowski	George C Saldivar	Mark Jones

### Let Us Forever Remember Our Post Everlasting Members

Roland Berner April 2026

Terrence Kinn March 2026



## YOUR POST ADJUTANT

Hello my Legion family and friends.

With May upon us we have a lot of events happening.

Memorial Day is a day for mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is a time for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries. The first national observance of what would become Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as *Decoration Day*, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic – a fraternal organization of veterans – to honor Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service.

For us here at Post 36, that weekend events are:

-Saturday May 23 at 9:00am Legionnaires and Riders will be placing flags on veteran graves at Eastlawn Cemetery. Come join this solemn event.

S.A.L. will be servicing All Faiths Cemetery at 8:00am.

-Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Post 36 will be part of the Memorial services at 9:00am at Eastlawn. All are welcome to attend.

-Annual Post elections. For Legionnaires, cast your ballot on May 15 noon-7:00pm *or* May 16 8:00-9:55am. Results will be announced during the monthly meeting at 10:00am. S.A.L., Auxiliary, and Rider elections will also be held during May. See the calendar for specific times.

-Also, on Monday May 25 at noon – Post Everlasting. A time where we remember and honor our fallen Post family members. Let's fill the hall to remember our friends.

For those planning on attending this year's Legion Convention.

The link for the hotel is on the Department website: [AZLEGION.ORG](http://AZLEGION.ORG)

When booking, ensuring you change the dates to June 25-28 (the pre-program dates are 11 days). Cost is \$165 per night total.

When San Marcos (host hotel) is full, the overflow hotel is next door at Hilton (5-10 minute walk). Standard price is \$110 per night.

To register for the Convention itself (mandatory) the best way is to get with me (or Dolcey & Christy for Auxiliary) by May 27 and we will register as one group. Cost is \$10. Registration after is \$20.

Convention is a great learning experience and a good time.

For family and friends,

BK

Post 36 Adjutant

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

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

~Poppy Committee

For God and Country  
Dolcey Aul  
Unit 36 President

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

### A report from our Finance Officer:

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit/(Loss)</i>
Jan	\$24,688.84	\$28,299.14	-\$3,610.30
Feb	\$30,435.04	\$25,410.17	\$5,024.87
March	\$23,584.54	\$24,136.10	-551.56

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

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 36

Hello Legion Family,

I hope everyone is well and in good health. I'd like to start by saying Thank You to all the members that participated in our Lottery Easter Basket raffle; all proceeds went to our Children in Youth program. Congratulations to Mr. Johnny Walker on winning the basket! On April 12<sup>th</sup> we had our first Bingo games. I'd like to say what a great time was had by all and great teamwork. We are still providing delicious meals on Thursday nights. If anyone is willing to volunteer please get with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Christy Gans; any help is greatly appreciated. As a reminder the Auxiliary dues for 2026-2027 will be increased. Members will \$40.00 Junior's will be \$15.00. The next Auxiliary meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the annex. We are looking forward to see you all there. There are still positions available for our Auxiliary board. Be a part of a great organization to help serve our veterans and community. If you have any questions, please see me or any of our board members.

To all our Mothers I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day! Hope to see you at our next meeting and around the post stay safe and be happy.

### **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 veteran's 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.

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## S.A.L. Commander's Report

Well we're into Summer now...stay cool and hydrated. I hope everyone enjoyed our beautiful weather in April...We probably won't see the 80's again until October!

Patriot Bingo started in April, and yours truly is the Caller...Come out every Sunday at 2pm and join the fun!!! Our New SAL Shirts are now available, see Kevin to order.

### **Recent SAL Activities**

April was a busy month with several activities taking place for our Squadron. The NASCAR events continue to be popular, so remember to check in with your bartender to choose your winning driver!

Our SAL Campout was another success. If you weren't able to make it up to Cottonwood this year, next year's Campout has already been scheduled a little closer to home—Patagonia Lake, from April 9 to 11, 2027.

The Post 91 "Here's to the Heroes" Golf Tournament was once again a big success. Squadron 36 proudly represented the Post with both a team and a hole sign.

SAL Burgers continue to have a great following on Monday nights from 5 to 6:30 PM. We encourage you to stop in and try one!

Please note, we will only have two Burger Nights in May due to Memorial Day. I would also like to thank everyone for attending Past SAL Commander Dave McKee's Memorial on April 30<sup>th</sup>; RIP Comrade.

Once again, I would like to thank all the Legion Family Volunteers. They are truly the backbone of our Post, and we couldn't do it without them. Remember Bingo every Sunday at 2pm, we definitely need more volunteers for it.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **SAL Blood Drives:** Blood drives will return on May 29<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup>. All events are scheduled for Fridays from Noon to 5 PM.
- **SAL Poker:** The next poker game will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the Annex.
- **Mother's Day Brunch:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, the SAL will be Serving from 10am – 1pm
- **Legion Laughlin Golf:** The annual tournament is May 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>
- **AZ ALR Gala:** A Formal Dinner benefiting VCF, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Post 29 in Glendale. All invited.
- **SAL Golf:** The Freedom Tournament at Dorado is Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>, Flyer Posted

We have our Officer Sign-up Sheet posted on our bulletin board, if you are interested in serving as an officer, please sign up. Our next meeting is on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Annex; we'll be selecting officers at that time; come vote.

For God and Country,  
Don Jones  
Squadron 36 Commander