

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2026

Hosted by ALR 29, Gilbert, AZ

Meeting opened according to ritual at 1300.

Opening Prayer Jean Elison, 62 (Peoria)

Welcome: Post 29 2nd Vice Commander Scott Lacey

Special Pass-the-Hat: for the family of Scott Sarapa, ALR 23 Director who has gone on to Post Everlasting.

Please send a list of names for this year's Convention so the ALR can do their own Post Everlasting.

Guests: Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona Candidate for Detachment Commander, Lance Byemers

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (by Secretary):

CHAIRMAN: Tracy Lindsey - present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A: Kirk Affolder - present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B: Jack "JD" Bristor - present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C: David Hay - absent

SECRETARY: Lisette Eckman - present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Brian "BK" Kempker - present

INFORMATION OFFICER: Lowell Vahl - excused

SAL LIAISON: Robert "Slim" Vasquez, Jr. - present

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (6): 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11

excused (2): 5, 12

non-reporting (2): 1, 4

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

present (28): 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 14, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44, 53, 61, 62, 66, 86, 91, 105, 109, 115, 117, 132

excused (2): 23, 32,

non-reporting (36): 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 19, 34, 45, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 68, 69, 78, 79, 81, 87, 93, 96, 97, 103, 107, 108, 126, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, 138, 141, 143, 147

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 2026 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve by Theryl "T" Dillon II, 30 (Springerville); seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

HME Boys State Scholarship: \$5,380.00

VCF: \$9,888.00

- Legacy Run Registration: \$2,450
- Legacy Run T-shirts: \$885

Gala: \$1,390.00

Motion to approve subject to audit by Gerry "Ja-Hari" Brinkmann, 24 (Tombstone); seconded; motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Tracy Lindsey

1. The National Auxiliary President graced us with her presence this past month. I know it was short notice and I know it was late but I got the information out as soon as I got it. I want to thank Dan Karnes and Thumper for coming out and helping me escort her to the hotel and also want to thank Ja-Hari and Misty for helping me in Tucson escorting her to post 109 for her dinner.
2. Flyers, please remember that yes we are a veterans organization but we are also a family oriented organization so please remember that anything that you want to advertise keep it clean.
3. If anyone has any questions regarding membership requirements for a rider please refer to the resolution 5 file that is in the Arizona American Legion Riders Facebook page located at the top of the page.
4. I say it every chance that I get, we are not riders only, this is a privilege of our entities. So remember that you are a Legionnaire, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion first. They help us on our mission so make sure you go to your meetings and participate in what they have going on also.
5. What is the phrase that everyone uses for riders? "Riders lead the way" I want to start a new mantra, "Legion First". Legion before any other group. The American legion is the organization that we have pledged ourselves to. The American Legion is the organization that we need to promote over anyone else. So let's remember that the American Legion is the patch that we all hold so dear to our hearts, it's the patch we wear proudly on our backs.

6. District reps and Area Vice Chairman you must remember that in these positions you are representing the Arizona American Legion Riders and must remember to conduct yourself in a manner that shows respect for that position.
7. New job description for the ALR District Reps and ALR Area Vice Chairman - due to the fact that we only have meetings every 4 months, I would like for you all to start sending me a report at the end of every month on all ALR events and rides in your respective districts and areas. This will be added to the revised set of AZALR bylaws.
8. Please get with Lisette and make sure that your meeting dates and elected board are correct on the AZALR State calendar.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder

1. No report

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Jack "JD" Bristor

1. Bike Nights are no longer "District 11" or "District 12". They are now referred to as "AZALR Bike Nights"

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David "Ahay" Hay

1. Absent

SECRETARY – Lisette Eckman

1. Yearly report form with instructions will be sent mid-May.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Brian "BK" Kempker

1. We will be updating the by-laws. If you are interested in being on the committee, let BK know.

SAL LIAISON - Robert "Slim" Vasquez

1. April 10-12 is the SAL Campout.

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. Excused

DISTRICT REPS –

1. D1 *vacant*
2. D2 Bill "Magoo" Wood: No report; update on the pass-the-hat: \$300
3. D3 Joe "Huckleberry" Teske (Gerry "Ja-Hari" Brinkmann, proxy): District 3 participated in several Border Patrol "Burger Burns" (if you don't know what those are, ask Gerry).

4. D4 JW Ausbern: absent
5. D5 Casey "Stash" Campbell: excused
6. D6 Theryl "T" Dillon: Runs are starting to ramp up in District 6. June 13 - ALR 30's Devil's Run (info on the AZALR Calendar)
7. D7 Patrick "CB" Avila: Chapter 3 is starting up in Flagstaff. They have two Bike Nights coming up to help recruit: April 17 & May 3
8. D8 Curt "Stitch" Bancroft: Still doing pool tournaments, etc, trying to unify the chapters in District 8.
9. D11 Stephan Lopez: Bike Nights have a lot of different groups showing up. There will be a Bike Night event at Post 62 tonight from 5-9 and at Post 39 on April 3.
10. D12 Randy Dodson (Jack "JD" Bristor, proxy): April 4, Pat Tillman ride; April 10, Ride to Campout; ALR 41 has their Rudy's Run coming up; ALR 39's annual Ride to Fisher House to present checks is coming up; Register for the Legacy Run that is also coming up.

AZALR LEGACY RUN 2026: April 23-26; 43 registered so far; Past the deadline for T-shirt sponsorship; Post 30 (Springerville) will be providing dinner Saturday night for donation only, as well as breakfast on Sunday morning.

BIKEFEST 2026: Post 41: October 14-18. Different guided rides; music inside and out; stunt riders; Registration will open at Convention in June.

WESTERN ROMP 2026: October 8-11, 2026, Post 9, Florence: They are in need of vendors. Get your hotel reservations now.

GTKYP: 26/27 maps will be ready by Convention - please get your post on the map! April 30 deadline for this year's map to be turned in.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations:
 - Vice Commander Area A: Kirk "Zig-Zag" Affolder - accepts
 - Vice Commander Area B: Charles "Gurl Scout" Sullivan - accepts; Jack "JD" Bristor - accepts
 - Vice Commander Area C:
 - D1: Dave Clark accepted via phone
 - D2: Bill "Magoo" Wood - accepts
 - D3:
 - D4:

- D5: Casey Campbell accepted via phone
- D6: Theryl "T" Dillon - accepts
- D7: Patrick "CB" Avila - accepts
- D8: Curt "Stitch" Bancroft - accepts
- D11: Stephan Lopez - accepts; Joel Ireland - accepts
- D12: Randy Dodson accepted via phone

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Harley Davidson donated over \$100,000 to VCF through their "Let's Ride" program. ALR was one of their biggest charities (let's make it bigger next year). Register on the App or at a Harley Dealership. They are giving away 5 bikes this year as well.
2. April 7, Wall That Heals: Escort from Goodyear ballfield to Surprise ballfield. 11:30 am - KSU 12:30. More information at <https://thewallthatheals2026.surpriseaz.gov/>
3. May 30, AZALR Inaugural Gala: Post 29; \$40 single/\$75 couple/\$300 table (of 8); Funds will benefit Boys State, Girls State, VCF, CWF, ALLECA, and COTA.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 27, 2026

Department Convention, San Marcos, Chandler

November 7, 2026

Fall Conference, DoubleTree, Tucson

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary