

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2026

**The American Legion Department of Arizona Convention
Crowne Plaza Phoenix-Chandler Golf Resort**

Meeting opened according to ritual at 1401.

Opening Prayer Jean Elison, 62 (Peoria)

Guests:

Jim Bourassa, 138 (Mesa): Medal of Honor for James Witowski

Bruce Callahon, Candidate for Department Commander, 2026-2027

Steve Sperl, Candidate for Alternate NEC, 2026-2028

Gary Vaughn, Department Commander

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 - present

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

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (5): 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12

excused (2): 5, 11

non-reporting (2): 1, 4

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

present (42): 3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 52, 53, 61, 62, 66, 68, 78, 79, 81, 86, 91, 105, 107, 109, 115, 117, 129, 131, 132, 133, 138, 147

non-reporting (25): 2, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 23, 30, 32, 54, 57, 58, 59, 69, 87, 93, 96, 97, 103, 108, 126, 130, 134, 141, 143

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 2026 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve; seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

HME Boys State Scholarship: \$5,380.00

VCF: \$17,536.49

- \$6,684.82 from the Gala

Gala: CWF	\$1,684.82
ALLECA	\$1,484.82
COTA	\$2,925.82
Boys State	\$1,484.82
Girls State	\$1,484.82
Total	\$15,749.90

Motion to approve subject to audit; seconded; motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Tracy Lindsey

1. National Commander
2. National Madam President
3. Legacy Run
4. Gala - National Chairman and his wife had a blast, and will be joining us on our Legacy Run next year as well
5. Two new chapters: 3, Flagstaff; 37 Holbrook
6. 24Seven app - suicide prevention

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder

1. Thank everyone in Area A that got their reports in.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Jack "JD" Bristol

1. Great year; pleasure working with everyone depending on this afternoon's votes. Getting away from "D11" and "D12" and just calling it ALR Bike nights. Everyone is welcome to Capture the Flag. Trophy Steal - Lisette can't send out info until she gets it, so before posting on social media, ask your group to make sure the info hasn't

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David "Ahay" Hay

1. absent

SECRETARY – Lisette Eckman

1. Yearly reports are still missing from 2, 4, 23, 32, 34, 54, 68, 93, 103, 130, 134, 143.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Brian “BK” Kempker

1. By-law revision: need to form a committee. If you want to be on the by-law committee, see BK. He wants the revisions made to go before the body at Fall Conference.

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. The By-laws and Resolution 5 are on the website. AZLegion.org/riders to find that information under the ‘documents’ tab.

SAL LIAISON - Robert “Slim” Vasquez

1. Riders were involved in a lot of the Sons activities this past year.

DISTRICT REPS –

1. D1
2. D2 Bill “Magoo” Wood: no report
3. D3 Joe “Huckleberry” Teske: privilege of escorting the National Commander who said it was the fastest escort he had. Supported burger burns in Cochise County.
4. D4 JW Ausbern: absent
5. D5 Casey “Stash” Campbell: excused
6. D6 Theryl “T” Dillon: Post 30 had their Devil’s Run - thanks to all who came. Working with Flagstaff to get them started. P86 Overgaard - 4th of July parade w/ Legion Riders leading. All Legion Riders are invited. 250 challenge: at 2:50 in the afternoon, want 250 people to recite the Pledge. Get your information in, so you can stay updated on what is
7. D7 Patrick “CB” Avila: New Chapter: 3 out of Flagstaff. They are very active, and excited.
8. D8 Curt “Stitch” Bancroft: 79, Yarnell, has restarted, and are excited to get events going.
9. D11 Stephan Lopez: absent
10. D12 Randy Dodson: Thanks for everything you do. Raised almost \$200,000 for different charities.

AZALR LEGACY RUN 2026: Had over 40 registered, over 30 bikes, raised \$\$\$\$. It wouldn’t be a Legacy Ride without weather. 4th weekend in April, 2027.

BIKEFEST 2026: Post 41: October 14-18. 4-day event - rides on W-T-F,

WESTERN ROMP 2026: October 8-11, 2026, Post 9, Florence: Getting with 54 Off-road riders for an off-road ride. Army Reserves are setting up a shooting booth for under 18.

TRAVELING TROPHY: Draw off between 24 & 66 - 66 wins Master Thief. 9 wins the Participation Trophy. New year starts Tuesday at 66.

GTKYP: Coverall: Charlotte Sullivan, 105

Drawing winners:

\$400: Joe Jackson, 105

\$300: Tim Derk, 9

\$200: Randy Dodson, 117

\$100: Mark Thomas, 39

Posts with the most maps turned in:

\$500 - Post 117 - donated back to GTKYP

\$300 - Post 105

\$200 - Post 138

NATIONAL ALR ADVISOR: Gerard Brinkmann: on behalf of National Chairman David Heredia, thank you.

New road name earned on Legacy Run given to Jennifer Kritzer.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ELECTIONS

Nominations:

- Vice Chairman Area A: Kirk "Zig-Zag" Affolder - accepts;
- Vice Chairman Area B: Charles "Gurl Scout" Sullivan - accepts; Jack "JD" Bristol - accepts; Charlie rescinds his acceptance.
- Vice Chairman Area C: Mike Carroll - accepted
- D1: Dave Clark - accepted
- D2: Bill "Magoo" Wood - accepted
- D3: Mitch "Purple" Hayes - accepted
- D4: Jennifer Gilbert - accepts; Gregory Lomeli - accepts
- D5: Casey Campbell accepted
- D6: Theryl "T" Dillon - accepted
- D7: Patrick "CB" Avila - accepted
- D8: Curt "Stitch" Bancroft - accepted
- D11: Stephan Lopez - accepted; Joel Ireland - accepts
- D12: Randy Dodson accepted; Kathleen Valle - accepts

Brian "BK" Kempker, 36 (Tucson): Motion with exception of D4, 11, 12, cast one vote.

Gerard "Voodoo" Valle called for a roll call vote

D4: Jennifer Gilbert, 1, Gregory Lemeli, 1; Goes to District Representative vote. Jennifer Gilbert 5, Gregory Lomeli 0, abstain 2

D11: Stephan Lopez 2, Joel Ireland 4

D12: Randy Dodson 6, Kathleen Valle 6. Randy Dodson conceded to Kathleen Valle

NEW BUSINESS

1. January 9, 2027, meeting location: 26, 36, 61, all put their post in to host. Members voted on Post 61 to host the January 2027 meeting. 1 pm

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Check Presentations:
 - a. ALR 66 (Green Valley): \$6000 to VCF
 - b. Post 117 (Phoenix): \$1117 to VCF
 - c. ALR 105 (Phoenix): \$7500 to VCF
 - d. ALR 115 (Glendale): \$500 to VCF
 - e. Post 91 (Chandler): \$1000 to VCF
 - f. ALR 26 (Mesa): \$226 to VCF
2. Ron Young, 26 (Mesa) - Purple Heart 3-D printed medallion. If you are interested in one, contact him.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

November 7, 2026	Fall Conference, DoubleTree, Tucson
January 9, 2027	Post 61, Avondale

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADJOURNED

Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary