

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2024

American Legion Department of Arizona Annual Convention

Hosted by ALR 132, Oro Valley, AZ

Meeting opened according to ritual at 1436.

Opening Prayer

VIPs present:

Dan Wiley, Candidate for American Legion National Commander, NEC Department of Kansas

Manny Beltran, Candidate for Department of Arizona American Legion State Commander

Rose Ficklin, Department of Arizona American Legion Auxiliary President

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (by Secretary):

CHAIRMAN: Gerard Brinkmann - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A: Kirk Affolder - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B: Tracy Lindsey - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C: David Hay - Present

SECRETARY: Lisette Eckman - Present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Jennifer Kritzer - Excused

INFORMATION OFFICER: Lowell Vahl - Excused

SAL LIAISON: Dennis Pittman - Excused

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

Chapters present (43): 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 16, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 44, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 78, 86, 91, 97, 105, 108, 109, 117, 125, 132, 133, 138, 140, 141

non-reporting (24): 1, 4, 12, 13, 23, 30, 45, 66, 68, 69, 76, 81, 87, 93, 96, 103, 107, 115, 126, 129, 130, 131, 134, 143

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve by Eric "Q" Qumiby, 24 (Tombstone); seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

HME Boy State Scholarship: \$1,491.00

Hospitality Suite: \$2,748.72

VCF: \$10,467.27

Motion to approve subject to audit by Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder; seconded; motion carries.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Gerard "Ja-Hari" Brinkmann

1. Sign-in sheet is going around. Please make sure you sign in.
2. Annual Reports: I appreciate everyone that got your reports in. We are only missing three chapter reports. We are sitting at 67 Chapters; 2240 Riders; 372 Supporters; 256,753 hours to post; 289,127.4 hours to Veterans/Community; \$202,527.18 donated to posts; \$515,624.20 donated to Veterans/Community
3. Next AZALR Meeting at Fall Conference at the El Conquistador. It will be the last one at that location.
4. January 11, 2025, AZALR Meeting location will be voted on in New Business.
5. Traveling Trophy Master Thief Award currently tied between 9 (Florence) and 24 (Tombstone). Per the rules, it will be decided by one card draw-off. 24 (Tombstone) wins with a 6 of Diamonds.
6. Hospitality Suite is in room 1601. We will do it again at Conference, but not next year. Next year's Convention will be hosted in Chandler, and we should not be competing with money the post should be making.
7. Some of the patches and road names out there are still inappropriate. Think about what would be appropriate in front of young kids.
8. The ALR Resolutions that were going to be put forth at Convention have been withdrawn.
9. This is the first year we awarded the Hampton Murphy Epstein Award and scholarship for \$1000 to Dawson Reed from Post 86.
10. We have back patches in stock from Flag and Emblem. \$40 plus shipping for a single-line patch; \$55 plus shipping for a single-line embroidered; \$70 for 3 line embroidered. We have received permission from Flag and Emblem for us to have the embroidery done, and we have someone to do it.
11. New website: azlegion.org/riders

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder

1. Thank you to my chapters who got their reports in.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Tracy "Big Poppa" Lindsey

1. No report

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David "Ahay" Hay

1. Do better on getting our Annual Reports in on time. I would love to see the Legacy Run grow next year.

SECRETARY – Lisette "National" Eckman

1. No report

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Jennifer "Diva" Kritzer

1. excused

SAL LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. excused

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. excused

District Reps:

1. D1: Doug Kraeg: no report
2. D2 Brian "BK" Kempker: All's good in D2
3. D3 Rob "BEAST" Gaines: If you need help, reach out.
4. D4 Jose "Mo" Maldonado: Thanks for getting your reports in.
5. D5 Casey "Stash" Campbell: No report
6. D6 Todd Harris, proxy Terry Rutherford: no report
7. D7 Patrick "CB" Avila: No report
8. D8 Curt "Stitch" Bancroft: VA BBQ Aug 17; District Pool Tournament is doing well; Congrats to the new board; Recommend everyone get first aid/CPR training
9. D11 Charlie "Gurl Scout" Sullivan: Presented checks from D11 for \$5,294,83 and \$6000 from Post 105 for VCF
10. D12 Robert "Wine Bob" Granholm: no report

AZ ALR LEGACY RUN: Tracy - April 25-28. Thanked Cottonwood, Chino Valley, Ash Fork, Kingman, Lake Havasu, Quartzite, and Yuma for their hospitality. It's something that we want to grow and expand. Thank you to everyone who participated.

BIKEFEST 2024: Eric "Q" Quimby - October 25-27; Registration in person Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Registration forms and sponsorship forms are available from Q. Remember, if your post wants to host 2025, you must be present at this year's event. The vote for next year's location will be at this year's event.

GTKYP: Al Hazelwood: Some new squares were added this year.

Drawings:

\$1000 - Tim Aiderman, 131

\$400 - Joe Jackson, 105

\$300 - Dan Simone, 117

\$200 - Charlotte Sullivan, 105

\$100 - April, 27

\$100 Bike Fest - Ja-Hari, 24

New for next year will be a drawing for the post with the most entries who will receive \$400.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Motion that was tabled in the April meeting by Nick Goven dealing with an award for the Chapter with the most participants in the TT is still tabled, due to Nick Goven not being present.

Meeting suspended for nominations

- Vice Commander Area A: Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote by Eric "Q" Quimby, 24 (Tombstone). Seconded. Congratulations Kirk.
- Vice Commander Area B: Tracy Lyndsey, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote by Deb Chafin, 138 (Tempe). Seconded. Congratulations Tracy.
- Vice Commander Area C: Dave Hay, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Dave.
- D1: Doug Kreag, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Doug.
- D2: Brian "BK" Kempker, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote by Robi Campell, 125 (Tucson). Seconded. Congratulations BK.
- D3: Rob Gaines, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote by Eric Quimby, 24 (Tombstone). Seconded. Congratulations Rob.
- D4: Jose "Mo" Maldonado, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Mo.
- D5: Casey Campbell accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Casey.
- D6: Todd Harris, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Todd.
- D7: Patrick "CB" Avila, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations CB.
- D8: Kurt Bancroft, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Kurt.
- D11: Charlie "Gurl Scout" Sullivan, accepted the nomination. Motion for the Secretary to cast one vote. Seconded. Congratulations Charlie.

- D12: Bob “Wine Bob” Granholm accepted via correspondence; JD Bristor, 41 (Phoenix) nominated and accepted. Vote determined JD Bristor to be the new D12 representative. Congratulations JD.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. January 2025 meeting location vote. 16, 78, 62, and 39 are ineligible. Post 41, 36, 26, 14 and 138 all volunteered to host. 41 received the most votes. The next AZALR meeting will be January 11, 2025 at Post 41.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Ja-Hari presented the Area Vice Chairman and Secretary with gifts ~~for putting up with him~~ of appreciation.
2. Post 26, presented a check for \$832 for VCF
3. ALR 41, presented a check for \$141 for the Hospitality Suite
4. ALR 109, presented a check for \$500 for VCF
5. Question: is it possible to get a copy of the resolutions before they go before the committee? Answer: there will be a motion on the floor in the morning to post them on the Department website.
6. Update on starting an American Legion Post in the prisons is currently being held up waiting on background checks on the volunteers. The Department of Arizona is being very supportive.
7. Lisette Eckman: I need to see a representative from the following Chapters after the meeting: 96, 107, 2, 8, 26, 27, 35, 44, 52, 59, 78, 87, 91, 107, 109, 133

FUTURE MEETINGS:

January 11, 2025	Post 41, Phoenix
April, 2025	TBD
June 22, 2025	Department Convention, San Rafeal, Chandler

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADJOURNED 1647

Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary