

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2024

American Legion Department of Arizona Annual Fall Conference

Hosted by ALR 132, Oro Valley, AZ

Meeting opened according to ritual at .

Opening Prayer - Jean Ellison, 62 (Peoria)

VIPs present:

Mike Bryant, Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona Commander

Gary Smith, Candidate for Department Commander 2025-26

Dan Ashley, Sons of the American Legion Western Regional Vice Commander

Gerard Brinkman, American Legion Riders Western Region National Advisory Committeeman

Mark Clark, American Legion Riders National Advisory Committee Chairman

Manny Beltran, The American Legion Department of Arizona Commander

Ben Headen, The American Legion Western Region Endorsed Candidate for Vice Commander

Gary Vaughn, Candidate for Department Commander 2025-26

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (by Secretary):

CHAIRMAN: Tracy Lindsey - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A: Kirk Affolder - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B: Dan Simione - Excused

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C: David Hay - Present

SECRETARY: Lisette Eckman - Present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Jennifer Kritzer - Present

INFORMATION OFFICER: Lowell Vahl - Present

SAL LIAISON: Dennis Pittman - Present

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (6): 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12

excused (3): 6, 7, 8

non-reporting (1): 1

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

present (33): 2, 5, 8, 9, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 34, 36, 39, 41, 44, 52, 54, 56, 62, 66, 78, 86, 91, 105, 109, 115, 117, 125, 131, 132, 133, 138, 140

excused (4): 6, 14, 45, 141

non-reporting (31): 1, 4, 7, 12, 13, 16, 19, 23, 30, 35, 40, 57, 58, 59, 61, 68, 69, 76, 81, 87, 93, 96, 97, 103, 107, 108, 126, 129, 130, 134, 143

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 2024 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve by Dennis Pittman, 140 (Prescott Valley); seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Hospitality Suite: \$1,106.08

- Donations at Convention:
 - ALR 19: \$100.00
 - ALR 41: \$141.00
 - ALR 105: \$105.00

HME Boy State Scholarship: \$5,491.00;

- \$4000.00 donation from ALR 86 (Overgaard)

VCF: \$326.00

- Check for VCF at National Convention: \$23,214.40

Motion to approve subject to audit by Deb Chaffin, 138 (Mesa); seconded; motion carries.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Tracy Lindsey

1. Encourage your members to return patches to the chapter if they quit ALR so they don't end up in thrift stores
2. Auto-cycles: is a 3-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver and passengers ride in a completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with a roll cage, seatbelts for each occupant and antilock brakes and is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedal
3. 3rd Annual Statewide Legacy Run: April 24-27 - start in Yuma. Committee is working on the route and hotels. If you have questions, contact Kim Lyndsey or BK.

4. VCF - After last year's donation and doing some math, we can make it better - if every member donated \$20.00, we would be able to raise \$54,000, not including the donations from the State Legacy Ride. Just a thought.
5. Religious symbols above the Flag: per national a religious symbol as in a cross, Star of David, Crescent Moon, is allowed above the American Flag on a vest. God before Country.
6. HME Scholarship- a challenge has been raised by Chapter 86 to each chapter to match or exceed their donation of \$5000
7. State calendar - Email information to Lisette - texts get lost

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk "Zig Zag" Affolder

1. District Reps - if you need to get ahold of him or pass on info, please do so.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Dan "Jackass" Simone

1. excused

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David "Ahay" Hay

1. Thank you to 24 for an awesome Bike Fest. See you in Cottonwood in September.

SECRETARY – Lisette "Lizard" Eckman

1. PLEASE do not text me information that needs to be updated or put on the calendar. Send an email.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Jennifer "Diva" Kritzer

1. Pleased with how diligently chapters are working on their by-laws

SAL LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. Campout out in Lake Havasu - April 4-6, 2025, azsal.org for registration. All riders are invited. Raffling off a VIP cabin for \$50 a ticket.

BOYS STATE LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. If we can get to \$20,000, we can set it up to become self-sufficient.
2. Plaque for the HME award is being finished

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. no report

District Reps:

1. D1: Doug Kraeg: absent
2. D2 Brian "BK" Kempker: have access to several medical supplies if anyone needs anything

3. D3 Rob "BEAST" Gaines: 132 registered for Bike Fest; approximately \$7000 raised
4. D4 Jose "Mo" Maldonado: D4's inaugural poker run on January 18, 2025
5. D5 Casey "Stash" Campbell: no report
6. D6 Todd Harris: excused
7. D7 Patrick "CB" Avila: excused
8. D8 Curt "Stitch" Bancroft: (via email): thanks to all the D8 ALR members who attended the great Bikefest that Tombstone hosted last weekend, and the revival of Chapter 40 Chino Valley.
9. D11 Charlie "Gurl Scout" Sullivan: no report
10. D12 JD "Geico" Bristor:

AZ ALR LEGACY RUN: April 24-27, starting in Yuma. More information to come

BIKEFEST 2024: Chapter 24 (Tombstone) did a great job putting on this event! Next year, Cottonwood is hosting.

GTKYP: Al Hazelwood: (see attached)

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. Motion to table by Diva. passed

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 2025 meeting location vote. Vote between 138, 26, 36, 66. 138 will be the location for the meeting.
2. JD "Geico" Bristor, D12 Rep, motion: starting with 2025 bike fest, start a rotation between the Areas. Motion fails, 7 yes, 15 no.
3. Gerard "Ja-Hari" Brinkmann, 24 (Tombstone): motion to move bike fest vote to fall conference. Discussion: vote will only be available to those ALR's that were present at Bike Fest. Passes unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. 41 put out hotel info for Jan meeting
2. 131 Building a post

3. Gerald Valle, 91 (Chandler) - running for Area B Vice - wants your support
4. Steve Solari, 66 (Green Valley) - check for \$2000 for VCF
5. Gary Smith, 132 (Oro Valley) - thank you everyone for all your attendance in Oro Valley, our last time here
6. "Mo" Maldonado D4 Rep - running for Area A Vice - wants your support
7. Hospitality Suite is in 1601
8. Rob "Beast" Gaines, 24 (Tombstone) - Dept Boys state has had their 501c19 reinstated; Requests that everyone go to your posts to ask for help to rebuild Boys State foundation.
9. Jim C, 34 (Cave Creek) - brought attention to a memorial spot

FUTURE MEETINGS:

January 11, 2025	Post 41, Phoenix
April 12, 2025	Post 138, Mesa
June 21, 2025	Department Convention, San Rafeal, Chandler

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADJOURNED

Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary

GTKYP Report Oct 24

Thank you for your support and participation in the Get To Know Your Posts program!

Our focus this year is to share the program to all our American Legion Family members.

We have sixty Ride Stamp Stops for your enjoyment this year that are ready for your visit. Remember to call ahead for special events and operating hours.

Your participation has allowed the program to provide significant donations to The Arizona Patriot Guard, the 100Club, Down-N-Durdy, The Military Support Foundation and The Military Assistance Mission. We have also earmarked funds for several more Veteran Community Charities.

We are also working on items such as caps, patches and other GTKYP items that have been requested.

Please utilize the QR code on the bottom right corner of the map to access our Facebook webpage for updates and notifications.

If you'd like help adding your events to the webpage, contact us at GTKYP@pattillmanpost117.org.

You'll also find a google maps QR code on the bottom right corner of your map. This code will bring up a map where all the GTKYP stops are located and provide their proximity to your current location!

Get out there and drive or ride. We'll see you on the road!