

AZALR MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2025

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

Meeting opened according to ritual at 1508.

Opening Prayer

Guests:

Candidate for The American Legion Department of Arizona Commander Gary Vaughn

Candidate for The American Legion Department of Arizona Commander Brian Jacks

The American Legion Department of Arizona Commander Manny Beltran

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (by Secretary):

CHAIRMAN: Tracy Lindsey - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A: Kirk Affolder - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B: Dan Simione - Present

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C: David Hay - Excused

SECRETARY: Lisette Eckman - Present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Jennifer Kritzer - Present

INFORMATION OFFICER: Lowell Vahl - Excused

SAL LIAISON: Dennis Pittman - Excused

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

present (7): 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12

excused (2): 6, 8

non-reporting (1): 1

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS:

present (37): 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 19, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 44, 52, 54, 56, 58, 61, 62, 79, 91, 105, 107, 108, 109, 115, 117, 129, 131, 132, 138

excused (0):

non-reporting (29): 4, 7, 13, 16, 23, 30, 40, 45, 57, 59, 66, 68, 69, 76, 78, 81, 86, 87, 93, 96, 97, 103, 125, 126, 130, 133, 134, 141, 143

120 members signed in

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 2025 meeting were previously emailed. Motion to approve by Deb “Backfire” Chalfin, 138 (Mesa); seconded; motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

HME Boy State Scholarship: \$5,380.00

- Preston Biden, \$1000.00

VCF: \$16,308.84

Motion to approve subject to audit by Rick Curry, 109 (Corona de Tucson); seconded; motion carries.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN – Tracy “Big Papa” Lindsey

1. Great year this year. We were presented the opportunity to escort The American Legion Auxiliary National President and The American Legion National Commander. Letter from The American Legion Auxiliary National President Trish Ward read.
2. Legacy Run went from Yuma to Tombstone via Payson. A great time was had by all.
3. Currently, Harley Davidson is running a miles collection program to raise funds for Veterans and other causes. Please sign up and help raise some money. You can sign up at any Harley dealership and start collecting miles. Check the AZALR Facebook page for more information.
4. Cardinal Legion Day at home opener Sept 14. Asking that the Riders sit in sections 402-406. Reserved parking and tailgating areas will be sent out. A ride to the stadium is being worked on as well.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA A - Kirk “Zig Zag” Affolder

1. Thank you to all the chapters that got their reports in.

VICE CHAIRMAN AREA B - Dan “Jackass” Simone

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VICE CHAIRMAN AREA C - David “Ahay” Hay

1. Excused

SECRETARY – Lisette “National” Eckman

1. Please send info for the calendar in email, not text or Facebook Messenger, PLEASE.
2. These posts still have not turned in their Annual Report: 4, 13, 29, 76, 78, 79, 93, 96, 103, 125, 130, 143
3. Need clarification on Annual Reports from: 14, 16, 23, 26, 132. See me after the meeting.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Jennifer “Diva” Kritzer

1. No report

SAL LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. Excused

BOYS STATE LIAISON - Dennis Pittman

1. Excused

INFORMATION OFFICER - Lowell Vahl

1. Excused

DISTRICT REPS –

1. D1 Doug Kraeg: absent
2. D2 Brian “BK” Kempker: ALR 36 will be setting up a bus for the Cardinals game, D2 get with BK
3. D3 Rob "BEAST" Gaines: no report
4. D4 Jose “Mo” Maldonado: no report
5. D5 Casey “Stash” Campbell: no report
6. D6 Todd Harris: excused
7. D7 Patrick “CB” Avila: no report
8. D8 Curt “Stitch” Bancroft: excused

9. D11 Charlie “Gurl Scout” Sullivan: Thank everyone for the last couple of years.

10. D12 JD “Geico” Bristor: Thank you to D12 chapters for a great year.

AZALR LEGACY RUN 2025: 33 bikes; 47 registered; \$3,254.84 was raised for VCF

AZALR LEGACY RUN 2026: April 23-26, in the planning stages

BIKEFEST 2025: October 10-12, Post 25 (Cottonwood). Area rides; bike games; band. 50% of proceeds to VCF. September 1, 2025, deadline for pre-registration of \$30 single \$45 double, goes up \$5 at the door. Shirts \$25 long sleeve, \$20 short sleeve. \$100 to be on the T-shirt. Get your rooms now.

WESTERN ROMP: 18-21 Sept; Rides are planned; Online registration is open (FB: Western Romp 2025 Tombstone AZ; www.azlegionriders.org/store)

GTKYP: Dan “Jackass” Simone:

Posts with the most maps turned in:

\$400 - Post 105 (Phoenix)

\$300 - Post 138 (Mesa)

\$200 - Post 27 (Apache Junction)

GTKYP Patches (\$10) and Hats (\$20) are available

66 Stops on this years map

Coverall: Linda Acritelli, 105 (Phoenix); Tim Ackerman, 131 (Green Valley); Jan Chaney, 131 (Green Valley); Jan wins the coverall for \$1000

Drawing winners:

\$400 Tim Derk, 27 (Apache Junction)

\$300: Matt Kritzer, 29 (Glendale)

\$200: Jennifer Kritzer, 29 (Glendale)

\$100: Guy West, 24 (Tombstone)

TRAVELING TROPHY: Master Thief Award, ALR 24 (Tombstone). The Participation Trophy has been made, and will start this year. First steal Monday at Post 24 (Tombstone).

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nominations:

- Vice Chairman Area A: Kirk “Zig-Zag” Affolder, 109 (Corona De Tucson), previously accepted; Congratulations Zig-Zag

- Vice Chairman Area B: JD “Geico” Bristor, 41 (Phoenix), previously accepted.
Scott “Satori” Booth, 105 (Phoenix), previously accepted.
Congratulations Geico.
- Vice Chairman Area C: Dave Hay, 25 (Cottonwood), previously accepted;
Congratulations Dave.
- D1: Doug Kreag, 19 (Yuma), previously accepted; Congratulations Doug.
- D2: Bill “Magoo” Wood, 36 (Tucson), previously accepted; Congratulations
Magoo.
- D3: Joe “Huckleberry” Teske, 24 (Tombstone), previously accepted;
Congratulations Huckleberry.
- D4: J.W. “Beauregard” Ausbern, 54 (Coolidge), previously accepted;
Congratulations J.W.
- D5: Casey “Stash” Campbell, 32 (Safford), previously accepted; Congratulations
Stash.
- D6: Todd Harris, 86 (Overgaard), nominated and accepted via email;
Congratulations Todd.
- D7: Patrick “CB” Avila, 14 (Kingman), previously accepted; Congratulations CB.
- D8: Curt “Stitch” Bancroft, 6 (Prescott), previously accepted; Congratulations
Stitch.
- D11: Stephan Lopez, 115 (Glendale), previously accepted; Congratulations
Stephan.
- D12: Debbie “Backfire” Chalfin, 138 (Mesa), previously accepted and withdrew
via email this morning; Randy Dodson, 117 (Phoenix), previously accepted;
Congratulations Randy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. January 10, 2026, meeting location: ALR 2, 26, 29, 35, 36, 58, and 61 all put in their
bid. ALR 58 (Fountain Hills) won by one vote. Meeting at 1300.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. ALR 26 (Mesa) donates \$1026.26 for VCF
2. Charlie Sullivan;s VCF challenge between D11 & D12; D11 raised \$8500.00; D12 raised \$5,041.00; ALR 41 (Phoenix) now owes \$141
3. ALR 91 (Chandler) - \$1000 to VCF by IOU (note: check was received at the end of the meeting)
4. ALR 109 (Corona de Tucson) - \$1000 to VCF
5. Mark Lamberton, Smiles for Veterans: thanked the ALR for kicking off SMile for Veterans years ago with a passing of the hat at a quarterly meeting
6. Steve Vandez, 2 (Tempe): suggested we pass the hat again for Smiles for Veterans. \$636.00 was collected.
7. PDC Steve Sperl will be auctioning off the ability to shave his beard, any way you want, and he has to wear it for 24 hours. This will be happening tonight, 1900, at Post 91 (Chandler)
8. Jean Ellison, 62 (Peoria); PAWSS update from the Auxiliary - just shy of \$100,000

FUTURE MEETINGS:

November 8, 2025	Fall Conference, Doubletree, Tucson
January 10, 2026	Post 58, Fountain Hills
April 11, 2026	TBD

CLOSING PRAYER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADJOURNED 1627

Submitted by

Lisette Eckman

AZALR Secretary