



Wayne V. McMartin
American Legion Post 91

SMALL BUT MIGHTY - MAIL CALL MARCH 2024

Meeting Information:

American Legionnaires (TAL)

General: 3rd Sunday at 10:00 AM

E-Board: 1st Wed at 6:00 PM

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)

General: 3rd Sunday at 09:00 AM

E-Board: Tues prior to meeting day

Sons of The American Legion (SAL)

General: 3rd Sunday at 12:00 PM

E-Board: Wed prior to meeting day

American Legion Riders (ALR)

General: 3rd Sunday at 11:00 AM

E-Board: Wed prior to meeting day



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Commander's Corner

Commander, Dave Melka

Post 91 Family,

This past month started out slow, but finished with a bang! Due to the efforts of many volunteers, the patio has been extended and revitalized!

A HUGE thank you to David Bell, Paul Neale, Eric Eller, Christa Bartholomew, Ron Courey, Scott Macziewski, Rick Macziewski and Chris Englert!

Due to them, the fencing on the patio is 100% new, and the chairs and table tops have been brought back to life with a little Legion flare added. Due to their efforts and contributions, the cost to us is pennies on the dollar. Thank you so much!

We have a busy month coming up in May, starting on May 1st with breakfast for the crew of the USS Arizona. This is a Department wide project, and breakfast starts at 8 am. Come meet the crew and learn what this project is all about!

March 10th is the District 12 BBQ, and it starts at 11 am. Please come, if able, and meet fellow members from other posts within our District. This is a give back from the District to us. It will be held at:

McCormick - Stillman Railroad Park

17301 E Indian Bend Rd

Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Monday, March 18th at 6 pm we will be putting Easter Baskets together for our Easter event on Saturday, March 23rd.

On the 23rd we are partnering with the Wounded Warriors for an Easter Lop Hop Event at 11 am. Lunch, egg hunt, prizes, etc. will all be here. Please come and bring your family!

The first round of nominations for elected positions will take place at our meeting this month on March 17th. In order to be on the ballot you must be present and accept your nomination. The elected positions for our Post are: Commander, Sr Vice Commander, Jr Vice Commander, and (3) Executive Committee Members.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Veterans, their Families and our Community!

Small but MIGHTY!

For God and Country,

Commander Dave

American Legion Chaplain's Corner

Bob Willeford, Squadron 91 Chaplain

Last month I was able to attend an annual ceremony honoring the memory of four military chaplains of different faiths, who drowned on a sinking ship in 1943, after giving away their own life jackets.

If you don't know the story, the Four Chaplains, the SS Dorchester, during WWII was struck and sunk by a torpedo from a German U-Boat in the North Atlantic. As hundreds of scared soldiers panicked and rushed to their lifeboat stations, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest John P. Washington, Methodist minister George L. Fox, and Dutch Reformed minister Clark V. Poling, ministered to them as they handed out life jackets to the crew, when they ran out of life jackets they each removed their own and gave them to other crew members.

Some survivors reported the 4 Chaplains were last seen standing together on the deck with their arms linked, saying prayers for their shipmates and singing hymns as they slowly went down with the ship sacrificing their lives for those whom they ministered to.

The scene was immortalized on a U.S. postage stamp and through the efforts of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains which promotes annual Four Chaplains Memorial Services in communities across the nation on or about the Feb. 3 anniversary of the Dorchester sinking.

I was so moved learning about this unselfish act of heroism and interfaith, that I feel compelled to encourage you to read their story. I highly encourage you to attend one of these ceremonies next February, to honor these heroes. Post 35 hosts this ceremony every year on Feb 3rd.



ALEXANDER D. GOODE



GEORGE L. FOX



CLARK V. POLING



JOHN P. WASHINGTON

"The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets."

—Grady Clark, survivor

-Bob Willeford, Squadron 91 Chaplain -

Madam President of the Auxiliary

Madam VP Melissa Englert

We are the American Legion Auxiliary! We are grateful for the strong roster we have and those that are dedicated to making a difference, just for that one person.

"We are called to serve. We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms. We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it. We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families. We are alone, yet we stand together. We are of every color, race, faith, age. We are anyone and everyone. We are common and extraordinary. We are citizens. We live in small towns, suburbs, and cities. We work in fields, factories, warehouses, offices and at home. We are a community. We help one another. We love our flag and all that it stands for. We are many, we are one. We ARE the American Legion Auxiliary!"

We commit ourselves to the ideal: **Service Not Self**. **Be the One!**

Hello Everyone,

We will be helping to build Easter baskets on Monday night March 18 for the Wounded Warrior and Post 91 Family members. If you would like to join us at 7 pm.

On Saturday March 23 we will be having Easter Lot Hop so join us and bring your family.

Easter Sunday we are looking for side dishes or dessert to serve at the Post at 1 pm. If you can not join us but are able to drop off a dish please make sure it is there before 1 pm.

We will be accepting nominations at our meetings on March 17 and April 21 for our new officer positions for the year 24/25. Remember you can nominate yourself or someone but it has to be done at one of these meetings and the person has to accept. If any voting needs to be done that will happen at our meeting on May 19

Thanks to everyone who helps support our Post family.

-Barbara Suitt, Unit 91 Auxiliary President-

Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Commander Jason Stephens

Howdy Sons,

We did it! Membership is at 101.6%!! Thank you to everyone for renewing their dues and welcome to all the new members this year. A big shout out to Ralph Foster for all his hard work on getting this done and updated.

The next round of 91 drink chips on the wall raffle will be held on Sunday March 17th, St. Patrick's Day!! This round benefits the Fisher House. Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. Tickets are only \$10 each, ask a son to buy your tickets.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped sell all the 30 for 30 gun tickets. The raffle will begin on April 1st. Drawings will be held daily at 1200 and the winner will be notified with a phone call. If you purchased a ticket(s), be ready for that call in April. All winning numbers will be posted on the website as well, you can check those here <https://azlegion91.org/30-for-30-gun-raffle-2024/>.

Yeah buddy!

Thank you,

Jason Stephens

Director of the American Legion Riders Post 91

Director Kathleen "Kat" Valle

Hello Family!

Welcome to March! The riders are looking forward to sharing a night of comedy with our Post 91 family on the first! Then on the 2nd of March we have our Poker Run to the Cook E Jar Cafe, Post 27, Post 58 and back to 91 for some awesome raffles and to give away a flight with Grounded No More! Hope to see you there!

We are looking forward to the Operation Easter Bunny delivery ride on March 16th. Always brings us joy to bring happiness to kids in need! Here are some more of the March events if you would like to join in the fun! Cages are always welcome!

March 4th Support Our Supports Ride to Jupe's and Floridino's, March 9th Old West Run, March 15th Steak Night at Post 41, March 16th Operation Easter Bunny delivery, March 23rd Trunk Hopping at 91 and March 30th the Tillman ride at Post 117. Going to be a great month of supporting our vets, our kids and our community! Thanks to all you riders !

Much love to you all!!

-Kat, Post 91 A.L.R Director-

Toot's Kitchen

Come out and support Post 91 Toot's Kitchen. Great food !!

Hours of Operation*:

Mon: Closed

Tue: 1700 - 2030 (5:00 - 8:30 PM)

Wed: 1700 - 2030 (5:00 - 8:30 PM)

Thu: 1700 - 2030 (5:00 - 8:30 PM)

Fri: 1700 - 2000 (5:00 - 8:00 PM) Fish/Shrimp/Chicken

Sat: 1600 - 2000 (4:00 - 8:00 PM)

Sun: Closed

**Please Note: Hours are subject to change.*

NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE POST WHILE THE KITCHEN IS OPEN.

Upcoming Events for March 2024:

03/01/2024 - 0800 USS Arizona Breakfast

03/01/2024 - 1200 Celebration of Life

03/02/2024 - 0700 A.L.R. Poker Run (see flier for details)

03/08/2024 - 1900 Trivia Night

03/10/2024 - 1130 District 12 Barbeque - McCormick Ranch (see flier for details)

03/15/2024 - 1900 Karaoke Night

03/16/2024 - 0900 Operation Easter Bunny (ALR Ride) - 'Cages' encouraged and welcomed

03/17/2024 - 0900 A.L.A. Meeting // 1000 Legion Meeting // 1100 A.L.R. Meeting // 1200 S.A.L. Meeting

03/17/2024 - 1200 S.A.L. Drink Raffle Drawing

03/17/2024 - 1300 - Corned Beef and Cabbage - HAPPY St. PATRICK'S DAY

03/18/2024 - 1700 Golf Meeting // 1800 House Committee Meeting
 03/18/2024 - 1800 Build an Easter Basket
 03/22/2024 - 1900 Legion Feud
 03/23/2024 - 1100 Wounded Warrior Easter Lot Hop - (see flier for details)
 03/25/2024 - 1700 Co-Op Survival Leash Building Event
 03/29/2024 - 1800 GOOD FRIDAY - Open JukeBox
 03/31/2024 - 1300 Easter Dinner (Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Side Dishes, Desserts)

Please note: Activities, dates, and times are subject to change.

American Legion Post 91	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91	Sons of The American Legion Squadron 91	American Legion Riders Post 91
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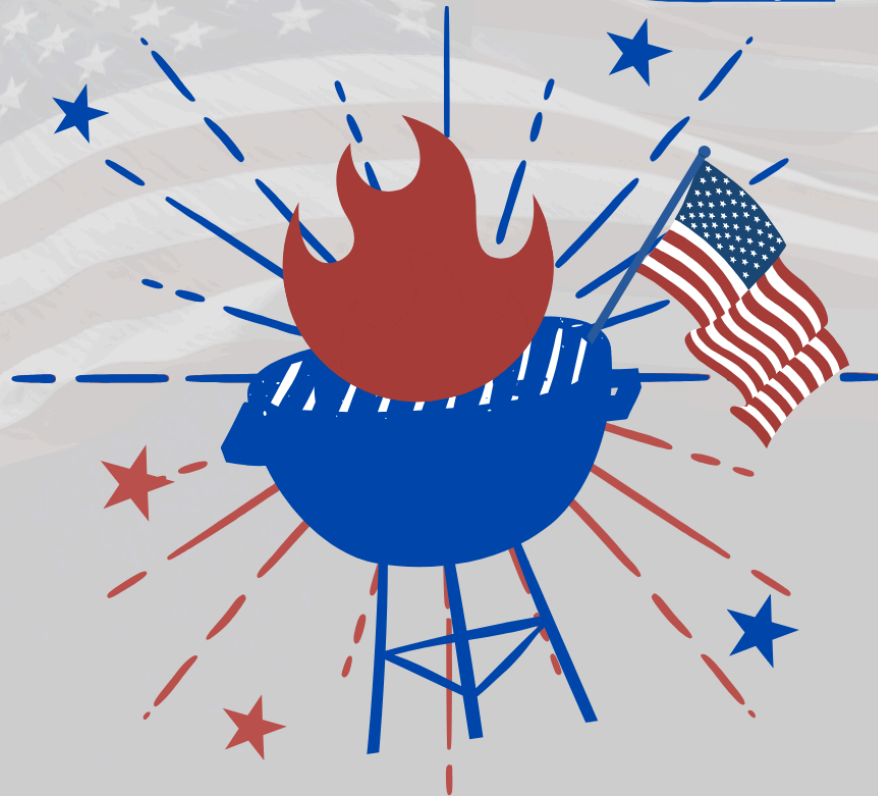
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MARCH

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11:00AM



*American Legion Post 91
922 N Alma School Rd.,
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Easter Lot Hop
























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Join us March 23rd 11am to 2pm
for an Easter themed Trunk or Treat!



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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 0800 USS Arizona Breakfast 1200 Celebration of Life 	2 0700 ALR Post 91 Poker Run 
3	4	5 1900 BINGO 	6 1900 Queen of Hearts 	7 1900 BINGO 	8 1900 Trivia Night 	9 1700 BINGO 
10 1130 District 12 BBQ - McCormick Ranch	11	12 1900 BINGO 	13 1900 Queen of Hearts 	14 1900 BINGO 	15 1900 Karaoke 	16 0900 Operation Easter Bunny 
17 0900 A.L.A. Mtg 1000 Legion Mtg  1100 A.L.R. Mtg 1200 S.A.L. Mtg ST PATRICK'S DAY	18 1700 Golf Meeting  1800 House Meeting	19 1900 BINGO 	20 1900 Queen of Hearts 	21 1900 BINGO 	22 1900 Legion Feud 	23 1100 Wounded Warrior Easter Lot Hop 
24	25 1700 - 1900 Co-Op Survival Leash Building Event	26 1900 BINGO 	27 1900 Queen of Hearts 	28 1900 BINGO 	29 Good Friday	30 1700 BINGO 
31 1300 EASTER DINNER						

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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 S.A.L. Gun Raffle Tickets Start APRIL FOOLS DAY	2 1900 BINGO	3 1900 Queen of Hearts	4 1900 BINGO	5 1900 Karaoke Night	6 NCAA Men's Final Four 1700 BINGO
7 0800 Post 91 Spring Cleaning 1400 Post will open	8 NCAA Men's Championship	9 1900 BINGO	10 1900 Queen of Hearts	11 1900 BINGO	12 1900 A.L.A. Bunco Night	13 1700 BINGO
14 A.L.A. Charcuterie Board Competition	15	16 1900 BINGO	17 1900 Queen of Hearts	18 1900 BINGO	19 1900 Karaoke Night	20 1700 BINGO
21 0900 A.L.A. Mtg 1000 Legion Mtg 1100 A.L.R. Mtg 1200 S.A.L. Mtg	22 1700 Golf Meeting 1800 House Meeting	23 1900 BINGO	24 1900 Queen of Hearts	25 1900 BINGO	26 1900 Legion Feud	27 American Legion Golf Tournament 1700 BINGO
28	29 1700 - 1900 Co-Op Survival Leash Building Event	30 1900 BINGO				