

Wayne V. McMartin American Legion Post 91, Chandler, AZ SMALL BUT MIGHTY - MAIL CALL MARCH 2025

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: Tues prior to meeting day

American Legion Riders (ALR) General: 3rd Sunday at 11:00 AM E-Board: Wed prior to meeting day

Commander's Corner

Post 91 Family -

I hope you are all doing well!

February was a great month for our Post, and we were able to help a couple of our members in need, to the sum of over \$20,000! Thank you to everyone that helped out through volunteering and also donating! Cassie and Shane are both going through rough times right now, and our Post stood up to help them out. Outstanding!

Bud Woodall's Celebration of Life was a well attended event, and the feedback that I have received has all been positive. Thank you to everyone that helped out in making this a special event.

The key event that is on the books for March is the graduation of our first ever Guitars for Vets class. They have been meeting at our Post every Monday since the 2nd week of January, and their graduation will be on March 29th at 3 pm. The students will graduate and perform for us, followed by a concert by the instructors - it will be a great time!

Our golf tournament is coming up on us quickly - if you would like to sponsor or know a business or friend that would, either let us know or go to http://post91golf.org. We have a new option this year, for our non-golfers - and you need not be present to win! A giant 50/50, that will be decided by a helicopter dropping golf balls on a green. If your ball is in the cup, you win! Only \$10 a chance. Please share with your family and friends. They can buy chances on our golf website - just go to https://birdease.com/29847/register and you will see an option at the bottom of the page to purchase a chance. We also have tickets available at the Post.

I am truly proud of what we do and continue doing for our Veterans, their Families and our Community! Our membership numbers are off the charts, and it is because of all of you and how we all respond when a new unfamiliar face walks in the door. Amazing!

Small but MIGHTY! For God and Country, Commander Dave

Vice President of the Auxiliary

Irish Americans have made a large impact on the history of the United States. Did you know that there are 23 US Presidents that boast Irish heritage?



 Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S Grant, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Harry S Truman, John F Kennedy, Kyndon B Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush (2), Barack Obama, Joe Biden

This month, the Auxiliary will be hosting a Bunco night, March 14th. WEAR your green! Always tons of fun. Games begin at 6:30. (light snacks provided). Then on March 30th, the Auxiliary will be hosting 'brunch and bingo'. These will not be your traditional games, but will be filled with exciting prizes from our Treasure Box. Games start at 1000. Come mingle and meet others! EVERYONE WELCOME!.

The Auxiliary will be meeting on the 16th at 9AM. Nominations for officer positions to begin. Now is the time to step up and help and support an exciting group! We need you!

Melissa Englert

Membership Chair and Vice President

Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Commander Jason Stephens

Membership Milestone!

We're thrilled to announce that our membership has surpassed 100%! A huge shoutout to Ralph Foster for his dedication and hard work in making this happen. Thank you to all our members for keeping up with dues in a timely manner—your support keeps us going strong!

30 for 30 Gun Raffle - Starts April 1st!

No joke—the highly anticipated 30 for 30 Gun Raffle kicks off on April 1st! A new number will be drawn daily throughout April. Winners will be notified by phone, and the winning numbers will be posted on our website. Prizes can be picked up at AZ Guns—good luck to all participants!

Queen of Hearts Update

After an incredible 73-week run, the Queen of Hearts was finally found on February 26th—what a ride! But don't worry, the next game is already on the horizon. We'll start fresh on March 12th,, with a jackpot starting at over \$10,000. Who will uncover the next Queen?

Upcoming General Meetings

Our next General Meeting is set for Sunday, March 16th, at noon. All members are encouraged to attend, stay informed, and have a say in club matters. Looking ahead, our April meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th—mark your calendars!

See you all soon! Yeah, buddy!!

Yeah buddy!! Jason Stephens, Commander

Director of the American Legion Riders Post 91

Director Kathleen "Kat" Valle

" I see the world through Irish eyes, and they are smiling."

The ALR is looking forward to our first overnight excursion to Bisbee on March 8th. The ride committee planned a beautiful ride out with lots of fun stops along the way.

We continue our support of the S.A.L. Queen of Hearts nights, as many of us volunteer for that event. Especially looking forward to the A,L,A, St. Patrick's Bunco event! We strive to support the entities that allow us to be riders!

March 22nd: The riders will be meeting at Post 91 at 1045am that morning to head over to Desert Breeze Park for the BBQ/Picnic. Please join in the fun if you would like! Everyone is welcome!

April 12th is our Inaugural Dash for Dallas Signature Ride. We are really looking forward to this event. The proceeds will be going to Guitars for Vets as they are an art program for Veterans. We hope that as this ride continues over the years that a scholarship can be created in Dallas' name to continue to support his love of the arts for all veterans.

Blessed to be at 91! Director Kathleen "Kat" Valle

Upcoming Events:

- 03/01 1300 Bud's Celebration of Life
- 03/07 1900 Karaoke Night
- 03/10 1800 A.L.A. eCommittee Meeting // 1900 A.L.R. eBoard Meeting
- 03/12 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 03/14 1830 A.L.A, Bunco Night (St. Patrick's Day Theme)
- 03/16 0830 Meeting Day Breakfast, brought to you by The American Legion (T.A.L.)
 - 0900 American Legion Auxiliary (A.L.A.) Meeting
 - 1000 The American Legion (T.A.L.) Meeting
 - 1100 American Legion Riders (A.L.R.) Meeting
 - 1200 Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Meeting
 - 1300 Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch
- 03/19 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 03/21 1900 Post 91 Game Night (ALL WELCOME)
- 03/22 1100 District 12 BBQ and Picnic (Desert Breeze Park)
- 03/23 1300 MLB Draft (presented by Dickey)
- 03/26 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 03/28 1900 D Maz Band
- 03/29 1500 Guitars for Vets Performance Graduation
- 03/30 1000 American Legion Auxiliary (A.L.A.) Brunch and Bingo
- 03/31 1800 Co-Op Survival Build-a-Leash
- 04/02 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 04/04 1900 Karaoke Night

04/06 - 0800 American Legion Post 91 Spring Cleaning - IMPORTANT - Need volunteers to help

- 04/09 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 04/11 1900 A.L.A. Bunco Night (Easter Theme)
- 04/12 0700 (KSU 0800) 1st Annual Inaugural Dash for Dallas Signature Ride
- 04/12 1300 Bingo (note time change)
- 04/13 1100 Easter Bunny Party
- 04/16 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings
- 04/18 1800 Karaoke Night
- 04/19 1000 The American Legion (T.A.L.) Meeting 1100 American Legion Riders (A.L.R.) Meeting 1300 Bingo (note time change) 1700 POST CLOSED
- 04/20 1300 Easter Potluck Dinner
- 04/25 1900 Jimmy P Guitar Night
- 04/26 0700 Post 91 Golf Tournament
- 04/27 0900 American Legion Auxiliary (A.L.A.) Meeting 1200 Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Meeting
- 04/28 1700 Co-Op Build a Leash
- 04/30 1900 Queen of Hearts & Wings

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

American Legion	American Legion	Sons of The American Legion	American Legion
Post 91	Auxiliary Unit 91	Squadron 91	Riders Post 91
Commander: Dave Melka Sr Vice Commander: Chris Englert Jr Vice Commander: Wes Burns Executive Committee: Cynthia Archuleta Executive Committee: J. D. Geiser Executive Committee: Bob Willeford Judge Advocate: Glenn White Adjutant: Rebecca Tupy Finance Officer: John Archuleta Service Officer: Valerie Goodwin Chaplain: Harry Ridge Sergeant of Arms: Brad Ness Historian: Richard Imburgia Past Commander: Mike Simon	President: Rae Hopf Vice President: Melissa Englert 2nd Vice President: Elizabeth Fry Secretary: Valerie Goodwin Treasurer: Robin Vandeventer Sergeant at Arms: Debbie Ashley Historian: TBD Chaplain: Ann Willeford Members at Large: Megan Osinga Members at Large: Debbie Jennings Members at Large: Carol Wuertemburg Past President: Barbara Suitt	Commander: Jason Stephens Sr. Vice Commander: Ralph Foster Jr. Vice Commander: Matt Fry Adjutant: Andy Foster Finance Officer: Chris Balsley Sergeant at Arms: Trevor Olsen Historian: Justin Reed Chaplain: Bob "Skipper" Willeford Past Commander: Aaron Beauvais	Director: Kathleen "Kat" Valle Asst Director: KJ Voorheis 2nd Vice Director: Matt "Peaches" Fry Secretary: Liz "Cream" Fry Treasurer: Paul Pawlowski Chaplain: Lou Carufel Historian: TBD Sergeant at Arms: Scott "Tiny" Bender Road Captain: Paul Neale Past President: Bob "Skipper" Willeford



Please Join Us! Every Thursday Morning - 7:30 - 8:45 am Wayne V. McMartin, American Legion Post 91 922 N Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ (SW comer of Ray Rd and Alma School Rd) www.chandlerbusinessalliance.com Together, We Can Make a Difference!

The Chandler Business Alliance is a networking group that bridges the gap between the business community and the non-profits in Chandler & the surrounding areas. We are focused on building and maintaining relationships of trust among business and non-profit members. Our business members are always active in the community and strive to give back to local non-profit organizations.



Join Chandler Business Alliance Foundation the 2nd Wednesday of each month for our Lunch Bunch networking event! Check our upcoming events at www.chandlerbusinessalliance.com and find out our next location & featured non-profit presenter. Together, we can make a difference.

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If interested, please contact American Legion Post 91 Sr Vice Commander Chris Englert at <u>englertchrisa@gmail.com</u> or by cell 480.717.7449.

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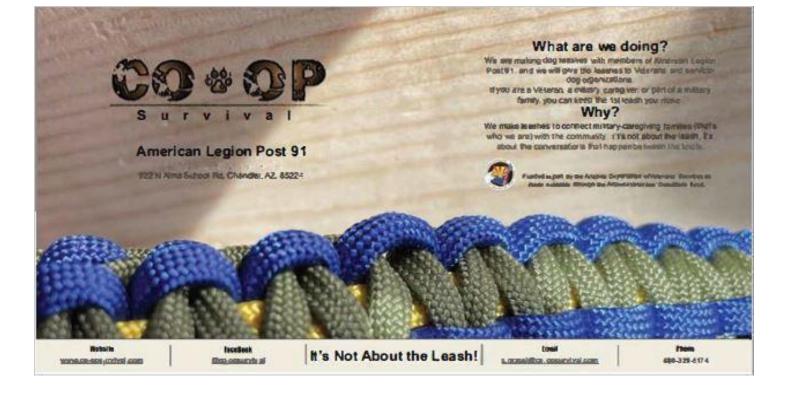
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Veteran Benefits:

VA Benefits can apply to single veterans, married veterans, and a surviving spouse of a veteran





ALR POST 91 INAUGURAL DASH FOR DALLAS April 12, 2025 Muster 7:00AM KSU 8:00AM

'When I'm asked about art The first thought is always of the Artist. '

-Dallas Del Summers



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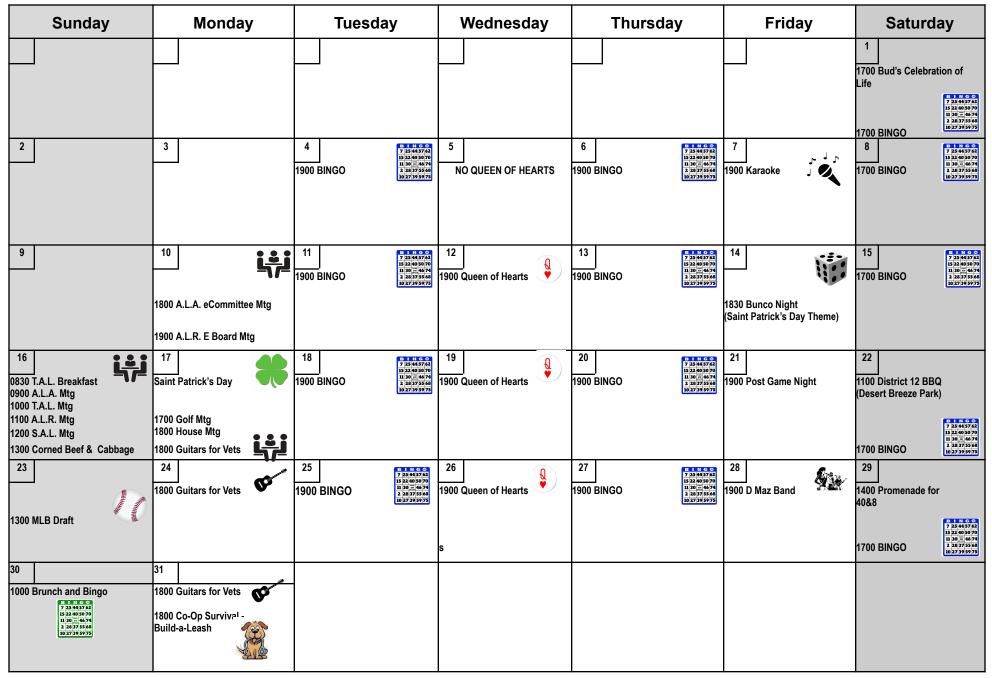
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- 1. Starting at American Legion Post 91.
- 2. El Guapo Burro Cantina (Breakfast Stop)-Queen Valley AZ
- 3. American Legion Post 4 Globe AZ
- 4. Firehouse Saloon (Lunch Stop) Kearney AZ
- 5. American Legion Post 27 Apache Junction AZ
- 6. SoZo Coffeehouse Chandler AZ
- 7. American Legion Post 91



MUSIC - RAFFLES - FOOD - 50/50

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