



Wayne V. McMartin
 American Legion Post 91, Chandler, AZ
SMALL BUT MIGHTY
MAIL CALL - JULY 2026

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: Tues prior to meeting day



Commander's Corner

Commander Chris "Bear" Englert

Post 91 Family -

Wayne V. McMartin American Legion Post 91 honors David K. Melka with Lifetime Honorary Membership in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, dedication, and service to the Post and the American Legion. Since joining in 2011, David has served in multiple leadership roles, including Commander from 2021 to 2026, where he led remarkable membership growth, strengthened community partnerships, expanded family and youth programs, enhanced Post security, and helped guide more than 60,000 volunteer hours and over \$1.1 million in charitable support for veterans, military families, and the community. Despite the demands of a full-time career and personal hardships, he consistently embodied the Legion's principle of "Service Over Self," advancing the Legion's Four Pillars while serving as a respected mentor, leader, and friend. The Post also recognizes the steadfast support of his wife, Julie Melka, whose partnership contributed significantly to these accomplishments.

As I begin my term as Commander of Wayne V. McMartin American Legion Post 91 for 2026–2027, I am honored to build upon the strong foundation established by David and the many dedicated leaders who came before me. I look forward to serving our Legion Family—including the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders—and all of our members with integrity, enthusiasm, and a commitment to continued growth. Together, we will strengthen our support for veterans, their families, our youth, and our community while ensuring Post 91 remains a welcoming place where service, camaraderie, and patriotism continue to thrive.

Lastly, I would like to thank ALL the volunteers who helped with The American Legion State of Arizona convention.

Small but MIGHTY!

For God and Country,
 Commander Chris "Bear" Englert

American Legion Unit 91 Auxiliary
 Madam President, Valerie Goodwin

We are excited to kick off a new year for Unit 91 and looking forward to continuing our mission of service to veterans, military families, and our community. A heartfelt thank you to Rae Hopf for her two years of dedicated service as President — your leadership has meant so much to this unit. We also extend our deepest thanks to all outgoing and incoming entity officers for your service, dedication,

and commitment to the Post 91 family.

Unit 91 will be collecting school supplies throughout the month of July. Starting July 2, bingo players who bring in needed supplies will receive a free game 10 card as our thank you for donations.

****NOTE: there will not be an Auxiliary meeting in July**

Thank you for your continued support of Unit 91!

Valerie Goodwin, Madam President

Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Commander Jason Stephens

Welcome to the start of another great year for Squadron 91!

First, I'd like to congratulate and thank all of our newly elected officers for stepping up to serve. Our Squadron continues to grow because of members who are willing to volunteer their time and talents, and I'm excited to work alongside this outstanding team. I know we'll accomplish great things together as we continue raising funds and giving back to our veterans, our community, and the programs we proudly support.

I'd also like to share some exciting news from the Detachment of Arizona State Convention, held at the San Marcos Resort in Chandler at the end of June. Squadron 91 was once again honored with the Richard Kepler Award—our 12th consecutive year receiving this recognition. This award is presented to the squadron with the highest per-capita charitable contributions during the membership year. This achievement belongs to every member and volunteer who gave their time, energy, and support throughout the year. Thank you all for making this possible.

Congratulations are also in order for Matthew Fry, who received the C.G. Lorton Award for his innovative work developing the Squadron's portal and app. His system has streamlined how we track fundraising events, volunteer efforts, and finances, making our Squadron more organized and efficient. Matt's dedication and forward-thinking approach continue to benefit not only Squadron 91 but serve as an example for others across the Detachment.

A quick Queen of Hearts update: As this bulletin is being written, there are 28 cards remaining, and the jackpot has grown to more than \$127,000! Thank you to every volunteer and everyone who comes out each week to make this event such a tremendous success.

As we begin this new year, let's always remember why we wear the emblem of the Sons of the American Legion. We are here to support our veterans, strengthen our communities, mentor our youth, and preserve the principles of patriotism and service that our organization was founded upon.

Thank you for all that you do. Here's to another successful year for Squadron 91!

Yeah buddy!!!

Jason Stephens, Commander

Important American Legion Websites:

Grassroots Action Center: Take Action and Vote online

<https://www.voterve.net/AmericanLegion/home>

Free Legionnaire Insurance Trust - No Cost Legion Care

<https://www.thelit.com/>

Director of the American Legion Riders Post 91

Director Matthew "Peaches" Fry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Arizona State Convention this year. Your dedication, support, and presence truly showcased the strength of our ALR community. A special thank-you to all who helped make the AZALR Bike Night a tremendous success — your hard work and coordination made the event shine.

Congratulations to **Mic Marty**, winner of the *Loudest Pipes* competition, and a proud shout-out to **Kat Valle**, who will be serving as the next **District 12 ALR Representative**.

Just a reminder: the next ALR meeting will be held on **July 19th at 11:00am..**

I look forward to seeing you there.

Director "Peaches"

Upcoming Events:

JULY 1st: ALA School Drive Starts

07/01/2026 - 1800 T.A.L. eBoard Meeting (Bear out of town) // 1700 Florindino Pizza Muffins // 1900 Queen of Hearts

07/03/2026 - 1900 Karaoke Night // **Red Shirt Friday**

07/04/2026 - 1200 Post BBQ Independence Day and Potluck // No Bingo // Post hours 1100-1800

07/08/2026 - 1700 S.A.L. Kitchen // 1900 Queen of Hearts

07/10/2026 - 1900 Trivia with Sheila and Rich // **Red Shirt Friday**

07/12/2026 - 1400 Girl Scout Troop 969 Meeting

07/14/2026 - 1700 A.L.A. Strategic Planning Mtg // 1800 Marine Corps Mtg (north side) // 1900 A.L.R. eBoard Mtg

07/15/2026 - 1700 S.A.L. Kitchen // 1900 Queen of Hearts

07/17/2026 - 1900 Karaoke Night // **Red Shirt Friday**

07/19/2026 - 1100 A.L.R. Meeting // 1200 S.A.L. Meeting (**NO meetings in July for the T.A.L. or the A.L.A.**)

07/22/2026 - 1700 S.A.L. Kitchen // 1900 Queen of Hearts

07/24/2026 - 1900??? // **Red Shirt Friday**

07/27/2026 - 1700 CO-OP Build a Leash

07/29/2026 - 1700 S.A.L. Kitchen // 1900 Queen of Hearts

07/31/2026 - 1900 ALA Bunco // **Red Shirt Friday**

AUGUST 1st: Matthew's Crossing Food Drive Starts

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
Commander: Chris Englert Sr Vice Commander: Wes Burns Jr Vice Commander: Cynthia Archuleta Executive Committee: Bob Willeford Executive Committee: Mark Hendrix Executive Committee: Richard Imburgia Judge Advocate: Rick Caplette Adjutant: Valerie Goodwin Finance Officer: John Archuleta Service Officer: Trevor Olsen Chaplain: Lou Carufel Sergeant of Arms: Brad Ness Historian: Mike Cummings Past Commander: Dave Melka	President: Valerie Goodwin Vice President: Melissa Englert 2nd Vice President: Mandi Mead Secretary: Elizabeth Fry Finance Officer: Robin Vandeventer Sergeant at Arms: Victoria Gayton Historian: Char Rodriguez Chaplain: TBD Members at Large: Andrea Morris Members at Large: Trina Buwalda Members at Large: Diane Cummings Past President: Rae Hopf	Commander: Jason Stephens Sr. Vice Commander: Ralph Foster Jr. Vice Commander: Matt Fry Adjutant: Andy Foster Finance Officer: Chris Balsley Sergeant at Arms: Rick Macziewski Historian: Richard Fernandez Chaplain: Lou Carufel Past Commander: Aaron Beau	Director: Matt "Peaches" Fry Asst Director: Lou Carufel 2nd Vice Director: Trevor Olsen Secretary: Elizabeth Fry Treasurer: Gerald Valle Chaplain: Charlie Gaytan Historian: Becca Marty Sergeant at Arms: Mick Marty Road Captain: Bradford Toth Past President: Kathleen "Kat" Valle

ROLL CALL



East Valley Marines Detachment 1296

meet the second Tuesday of every month at 1800



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for each area
(Approximately 5.0" height x 8.0" width, in color).

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

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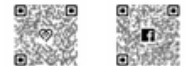
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American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 91 Presents

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLY DRIVE

Collecting the whole month of July

ITEMS NEEDED:

pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, copy paper,
Kleenex, Clorox wipes, cardstock paper, etc.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

American Legion Post 91
922 N Alma School Road Chandler, Az 85224

****BINGO PLAYERS****
BRING THE REQUESTED ITEMS & RECEIVE
A FREE GAME 10 CARD!

KARAOKE

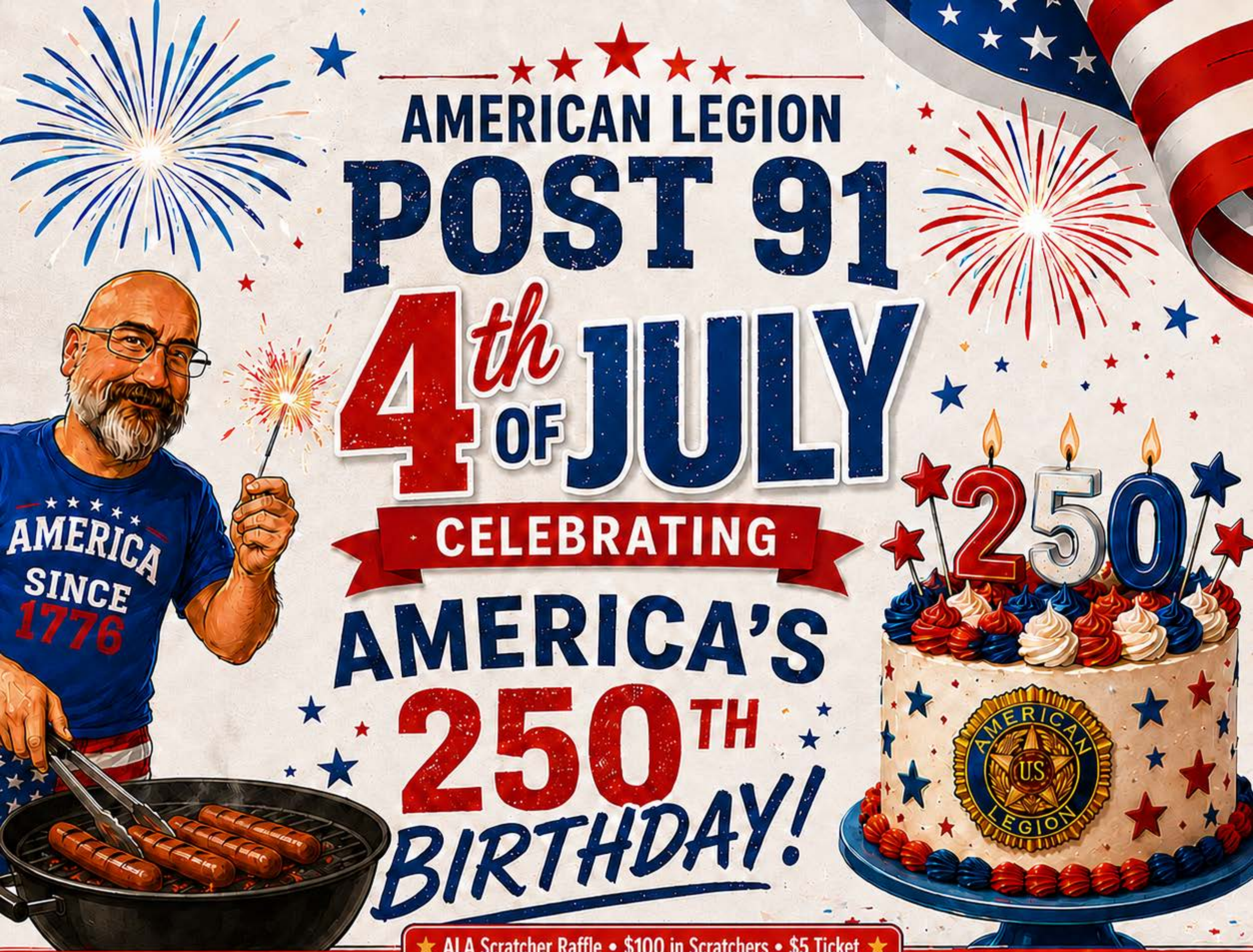
@ POST 91

JULY 3RD @ 7PM



AMERICAN LEGION POST 91

922 N Alma School Rd., Chandler AZ 85224



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 91

4th OF JULY

CELEBRATING

AMERICA'S

250TH BIRTHDAY!

★ ALA Scratcher Raffle • \$100 in Scratchers • \$5 Ticket ★

★ POST OPENS
11:00 AM

FOOD STARTS
NOON

POST CLOSURES
6:00 PM ★



AMERICAN LEGION POST 91

★ 922 N Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ 85224 ★

Post 91

TRIVIA NIGHT



JULY 10th
@ 7pm

Hosted by
Sheila & Rich



KARAOKE

★ @ POST 91 ★

JULY 17TH @ 7PM



★ AMERICAN LEGION POST 91 ★

922 N Alma School Rd., Chandler AZ 85224

AMERICAN
LEGION



AUXILIARY

Auxiliary

Unit 91

Hosting

BUNCO

Night



July 31






















7 PM

★ \$10/player ★

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		ALA School Drive Starts	1 WEAR the 'BE THE ONE' shirt for \$1 first drink	2	3 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 1200 Post BBQ and Potluck
			1700 Pizza Muffin Truck 1900 Queen of Hearts	1900 BINGO 	1900 Karaoke Night	NO BINGO POST HOURS - 1100-1800
5	6 1800 ALR Ride Committee Mtg	7 1800 EV MC Mtg 1900 BINGO	8 1800 TAL eBoard 1700 SAL Kitchen 1900 Queen of Hearts	9 1900 BINGO	10 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink 1900 Trivia with SHEILA and RICH	11 1700 BINGO
12 1400 Girl Scout Troop Mtg	13 1700 ALA Strategic Planning Meeting	14 1900 ALR eBoard Mtg 1800 EV MC Mtg 1900 BINGO	15 1700 SAL Kitchen 1900 Queen of Hearts	16 1900 BINGO	17 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink 1900 Karaoke Night	18 1700 BINGO
19 1100 A.L.R. Meeting 1200 S.A.L. Meeting	20	21 1900 BINGO	22 1700 SAL Kitchen 1900 Queen of Hearts	23 1900 BINGO	24 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink 1900 ???	25 1700 BINGO
26	27 1700 COOP Build a Leash	28 1900 BINGO	29	30 1900 BINGO	31 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink 1900 ALA Bunco	

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Matthew's Crossing Starts	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		1900 BINGO 	1800 TAL eBoard 1700 SAL Kitchen 1900 Queen of Hearts 	1900 BINGO 	1900 Karaoke Night 	1700 BINGO 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1000 American Red Cross		1800 ALA eComm Mtg 1900 ALR eBoard Mtg 1800 E Valley Marine Corps Mtg 1900 BINGO 	1700 SAL Kitchen 1900 Queen of Hearts 	1900 BINGO 	1900 RED SHIRT FRIDAY \$1 off first drink	1700 BINGO 
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