



## American Legion Riders Post 109

**Rick Curry, Presiding  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Sunday**

**Start time:** 1:18pm

**End time:** 2:09pm

### Roll Call of Officers

<b>Director:</b> Rick Curry (Present)	<b>Assistant Director:</b> Tabathia Knapp (Present)
<b>Road Captain:</b> Kenny Knapp (Present)	<b>Chaplain:</b> Michael Chapman (Present)
<b>Finance:</b> Loren Close (Excused)	<b>Secretary:</b> Lena Johnson (Present)
<b>Historian:</b> Julie Affolder (Excused)	<b>Sgt at Arms:</b> Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Present)
<b>Membership:</b> Theresa Degard (Present)	<b>Communications:</b> Tabathia Knapp (Present)

### Members Attendance:

**Guest(s):** Charlie "Wingnut" Tyszkiewicz  
Nothing to report.

### Approval of last minutes:

Michelle "Cricket" Guritz motion to accept the last month's minutes. Tabathia Knapp seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** Theresa Degard

🚩 **New Member:** Duane McKerchie, USMC, Legionnaire, one of Mike Snyder's good friends.

Theresa Degard motion to accept Duane McKerchie to Post 109 Riders. Kenny Knapp seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

Pass applicant Gene Brown, Theresa Degard motion to accept Gene Brown to Post 109 Riders. Charlie Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

🚩 **82% of our 2025-2026 Goal.** July starts the 2026-2027 year.

**Finance Report:** Loren Close

**ALR April 2026 Finance Report:**

**Beginning Balance(s) as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026:**

**General Fund (GF): \$6,708.07**

**Riders Down Fund (RDF): \$4,479.61**

**Deposit(s):**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	
Kilt Run Registration	4/02/26	\$805.00	
Kilt Run Shirts	4/02/26	\$1,902.00	
Kilt Run 50/50 Raffle	4/02/26	\$120.00	
Kilt Run Auction	4/02/26	\$515.00	
Dues	4/02/26	\$751.00	
Patches	4/02/26	\$90.00	
Trophy Steal	4/02/26	\$283.00	
March Dinner	4/02/26	\$745.00	
Raffle	4/02/26	\$1,900.00	
Refund	4/16/26	\$236.49	Fraud
Refund (exchange rate)	4/16/26	\$7.09	Fraud
Cricket Donation	4/02/26	\$55.00	
Nancy Staufenberge Riders Down Fund	4/02/26	\$5.00	

**Expense(s):**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Auxiliary Post 109 (Memorial Blankets)	4/03/26	\$500.00	
AZALR Black Tie Gala (2 tables)	4/03/26	\$600.00	
Merch Magicians (London)	4/13/26	\$236.49	
Costco ALR Dinner supplies	4/24/26	\$125.57	
Fry's ALR Dinner supplies	4/24/26	\$20.76	
Costco ALR Dinner supplies	4/27/26	\$93.52	
Fees	4/14/26	\$7.09	
Fees	4/30/26	\$6.04	

**Ending Balance(s) as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

**GF \$6,879.44**

**RDF \$4,539.61**

ALR Dinner – April 2026

Dinner	\$945.00
Dishwasher	\$50.00
Volunteer Chips	\$39.00

Kenny Knapp motioned to accept the finance report for subject to be audited. Michelle "Cricket" Guritz seconded to the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Assistant Director:** Tabathia Knapp

- 🚩 Staff from Acacia Elementary wanted to say, "Thank you!!" for the donation to get the gift cards for the Staff Appreciation Day.
- 🚩 Veterans from the Arizona State Veterans Home in Tucson were appreciative for the Girl Scouts Cookies that were donated to them.

**Sgt at Arms:** Charlie "Wingnut" Tyszkiewicz

- **Top Mileage:** Kenny Knapp with 1,950 miles
- **Top Hours:** Lena Johnson with 107 hours volunteered.
- **Top Donation:** Kenny Knapp with \$150 donation.

**Road Captain:** Kenny Knapp

- ✚ Post 24, Tombstone Trophy Steal, we tied in 2<sup>nd</sup>. But Safford won the trophy, with an Ace of Heart.

**Historian:** Julie Affolder

Nothing to report.

**Communications:** Tabathia Knapp

- ✚ Chas “Big Bird” Bird will oversee emailing members, with the current events and the minutes as well.

**Chaplain:** Michaele “Lady” Chapman

- ✚ We lost one of our fellow members, “Train” on Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There will be a ride for him, details will be in the “Good for the Riders”.
- ✚ If you need to talk and a prayer, please reach out to Michaele “Lady” Chapman at [abzlady109@gmail.com](mailto:abzlady109@gmail.com).

**1<sup>st</sup> Road Lt:** Chas “Big Bird” Bird

- ✚ Voting: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 12pm-6:30pm. For the 2026-2027 term. During shifts will be Steve Brooks, Michelle “Cricket” Guritz, Michaele “Lady” Chapman, and Chas Bird. If you can’t make it, text Cricket, she will proxy for you. Results will be announced in the Legion’s General Membership meeting at 7pm.
  - Director: Rick Curry or Dave Degard
  - Assistant Director: Tabathia Knapp
  - Road Captain: Kenny Knapp
  - Finance: Loren Close
  - Sgt at Arms: Jeff Johnson

**Unfinished Business:**

Nothing to follow up.

**New Business:**

- ✚ **Donations:** Kenny Knapp motion that we do our annually donations at the Gala (at the end of May) instead of at the State Convention in June.
  - **Girls State \$200**
  - **Boys State \$200**
  - **CWF \$200**
  - **ALLECA \$200**
  - **COTA \$200**
  - **VCF \$200**

Michelle “Cricket” Guritz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

## Good for the Riders:

- ✚ **Clarification:** Michelle “Cricket” Guritz asked if our Riders can be “Dual Membership” with other MC groups? Because we are losing our Riders to other groups. Charlie “Wingnut” T mentioned he asked a certain group if they recruited our Riders. They said “No, they came here, we did not recruit them.” Chas “Big Bird” Bird stated from Tracy Lindsey, said that our Riders “can” be dual. Dave Degard said “may” because of the rules the other groups have.
- ✚ **May is “Poppy Month”:** Auxiliary is selling Poppy Pins for \$5, Poppy Crosses \$10, and have donation cans all over the Thunder Bird Lounge for the month of May.
- ✚ **Memorial Day Ceremony:** May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Monday Ceremony starts at 11am. Potluck Fellowship at 12pm. Ceremony and food are open to the public.
- ✚ **Rider Dinner:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday at 5pm-7pm Grilled Mesquite Chicken Dinner for \$15. Food is open to the public. And “to-go” options as well.
- ✚ **Next Meeting:** June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Sunday at 1pm
- ✚ **Train’s Last Ride Home:** A memorial motorcycle meet-up/ ride. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Meet-up at Chatterbox at 11am. KSU: 12pm. **First stop:** Thunder Mountain Moose Lounge (2442 S Harrison Rd., Tucson, AZ., 85748) at 1:15pm. **Second stop:** American Legion Post 109 (15921 S Houghton Rd., Corona de Tucson, AZ., 85641) at 2:20pm. **Third stop:** San Xavier Moose Lounge (9022 N Nogales Hwy., Tucson, AZ., 85756) at 3:25pm. **Fourth stop:** M & M’s Saloon (3364 E Benson Hwy., Tucson, AZ. 85706) at 4:10pm. **Final stop:** Territorial Bar (3727 S Palo Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ., 85713 at 5pm There will 50/50 High Low Poker. Food. Entertainment. Bidding for exclusive Train item!!
- ✚ **Denise Bell’s Life Celebration:** Mike “Hulk Smash” Bell’s wife life celebration will be at American Legion Post 131 (249 W Esperanza Blvd., Green Valley, AZ 85614) June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1pm.

### Raffle:

**Who won:** Jeff Johnson

**Amount:** \$83 (Donated \$40 towards Poppy Pins)

### For God and Country

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Lena Johnson

Secretary