



## American Legion Riders Post 109

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Sunday**  
**General Membership Meeting**

**Rick Curry, Presiding**

**Start time:** 1:15pm

**End time:** 2:15pm

### **Roll Call of Officers**

**Director:** Rick Curry (Present)

**Assistant Director:** Tabathia Knapp (Present)

**Road Captain:** Kenny Knapp (Present)

**Sgt at Arms:** Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Present)

**Finance:** Loren Close (Present)

**Secretary:** Lena Johnson (Present)

**Historian:** Julie Affolder (Present)

**Membership:** Theresa Degard (Present)

**Chaplain:** Michael Chapman (Excused)

**Communications:** Tabathia Knapp (Present)

**Members Presented:** 36

### **Guest(s):**

**Aaron Russ, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 770.**

Aaron Russ came to talk about his Eagle Project; he wanted to ask for a donation of \$500. He has also been to the other entities asking for donations to fund his project.

### **Approval of last minutes:**

Tabathia Knapp motioned to approve the February minutes. Chas Bird seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**New Members:** Theresa Degard

Nothing to report. She is going to reach out to the applicant.

**Finance Report:** Loren Close

We are at \$9500 strong. Just receive the account and must organize the account. More information to come.

Also received an e-mail from Matt "Gator" Griffis, Website Administrator, for renewal of the yearly fee. Invoice # 122723554 for \$343.66 to be added to the statement of March.

**Assistant Director:** Tabathia Knapp

Nothing to report.

**Sgt at Arms:** Charlie Tyszkiewicz

- **Top Donation:** Matt "Gator" Griffis, donated \$250.
- **Top Mileage:** Lena Johnson, with 102 volunteer hours.
- **Top Hours:** Chip Bilyeu, with 1,299 miles.

**Corporal Report:** Skylar Miller

Nothing to report.

**Road Captain:** Kenny Knapp

- **Kilt Run:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Very excited, there will be three stops, maybe four. Registration will start at 8am.
- **Memorial Run:** still trying to iron out the details. Will bring more information soon.

**Historian:** Julie Affolder

Nothing to report.

**Communication:** Tabathia Knapp

Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Theresa Degard

We are 100% of our membership goal! Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and our new members as well.

**Chaplain:** Michaele Chapman

\*Bert Hemperley filled in for Michaele Chapman.\*

Nothing to report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Road Lt.:** Chas Bird

- **Kilt Run shirts:** Hopefully, we will receive them on Thursday or Friday. But if not, it will ok and we will receive them after the Kilt Run. Thank you for being patient.
- **Post 131's Trophy Steal:** It was a good turnout; there was a 4-way tie. But Post 36 won the trophy. They will be having the Trophy Steal at Post 36, 2pm.

## Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

## New Business

- **Kirk Affolder** motioned to donate \$500 to Aaron Russ, Senior Patrol Leader, for his Eagle Scout Project. Skylar Miller seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried for \$500 for the Eagle scout project.
- **Theresa Degard** motioned to donate \$500 to the Auxiliary's Memorial Blanket supplies. Bert Hemp motion for instead of \$500, to donate \$100 to the Memorial Blanket supplies. No discussion. Motion carried for \$100 for the Auxiliary's Memorial Blanket supplies.
- **Charlie Tyszkiewicz** motion to donate \$600 to go towards the Black-Tie Event, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Post 29, Glendale, AZ. For the two tables. Chris Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried for \$600 to be donated for the Black-Tie Event.
- **Bert Hemperley** motion to donate \$500 to the Vail District , Mesquite Elementary School, to help build the playground for sensory sensitive children. Charlie Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried for \$500 donated to Mesquite Elementary School.
- **Charlie Tyszkiewicz** motioned for \$1000 to go toward purchasing Log Splitter. To cut Mesquite wood for the Riders Dinner. Chas Bird seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried for \$1000 to go towards purchasing a Log Splitter.

**\*\* We paused the meeting to do the Nominations of the Officers\*\***

### **Nominations for Director:**

Charlie Tyszkiewicz nominated Rick Curry, and he accepted.

### **Nominations for Assistant Director:**

Kenny Knapp nominated Tabathia Knapp, and she accepted.

### **Nominations for Road Captain:**

Tabathia Knapp nominated Kenny Knapp, Bert Hemp 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination, and he accepted.

### **Nominations for Finance:**

Chas Bird nominated Loren Close, and he accepted.

### **Nominations for Sgt at Arms:**

Tabathia Knapp nominated Skylar Miller, and he declined.

Skylar Miller nominated Charlie Tyszkiewicz, and he accepted.

### **Rick Curry appointed the following:**

**Historian :** Julie Affolder, she accepted.

**Chaplain:** Michael Chapman, she accepted during the E-Board meeting.

**Secretary:** Lena Johnson, she accepted.

**Membership:** Theresa Degard, she accepted.

**Corporal at Arms:** Skylar Miller, he accepted.

**\*\* We will do the nominations in the next General Membership Meeting. If you are interested in being and Officer in the 2026-2027 term, please contact any of the Officers now until next meeting. \*\***

### **Good for the Riders**

- **Silver Rose Ceremony:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Post 27, 1018 S Meridian Rd., Apache Junction, AZ., 85120, (480) 354-2571.
- **Kilt Run:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Registration starts at 8am. 3 – 4 stops.
- **St. Patty's Run:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday. KSU at Roadrunner at 10am. If interested, reach out to Bert "Uno" Hemperley.
- **Final Stand Bike LEMC Night:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, Pub 1922, 15920 S Rancho, Sahuarita, AZ., 85629. 4pm.
- **Tillman Run:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Harley Davidson, 15656 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, AZ., 85260 (480) 925-1903
- **Legacy Run:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Starting at Post 24, 225 E. Allen St., Tombstone, AZ., 85638 (520) 457-2273. And ending at Post 30, 825 E. Main St., Springerville, AZ., 85938 (928) 333-5897.

#### **\*\* Hotel Information:\*\***

- **Tombstone, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday:**  
Inn History Tombstone Motel, 502 E. Fremont St., Tombstone, AZ., 85638. (520) 457-3478 {Use code: Legacy20}
- **Safford, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday:**  
Best Western Desert Inn, 1391 W Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ., 88546 (928) 278-4303 {Use code: Legacy Ride}
- **Springerville, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday:**  
Reed's Lodge, 514 E Main St., Springerville, AZ., 85938 (928) 333-4323 {Use code: Legacy Ride}
- **San Marcos:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. More information to come.
- **Bike Fest:** October 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Post 41, 715 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ., 85003 (602) 262-9243.
- **Western Romp:** October 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Post 9, 441 N Main St., Florence, AZ., 85638 (520) 457-2273. Registration \$40 for each person.
- **Conventions/Conferences:**
  - **Arizona State Convention**, June 2026 in Chandler, AZ.
  - **Fall Conference**, November 2026 in Tucson, AZ.
- **Trophy Steal:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Post 36, 5845 E 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Tucson, AZ., 85711 (520) 747-2700. 2pm.
- **Riders Dinner:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5pm-7pm.
- **Next Meeting:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. 1pm .
- **Raffles:**
  - **Meat Raffle and Gun Raffle:** If you are interested in purchasing ticket(s), please reach out to Rick Curry, Kenny Knapp, and/or Chas Bird.

- **Memorial Run:** Looking into available time on the Legion's calendar. Information to come.

**Raffles:**

**Who won:** Dave "Digger" Degard

**How much:** \$183

**For God and Country**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Lena Johnson

Secretary