



## **American Legion Riders** **Post 109**

**Rick Curry, Presiding**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Sunday**  
**Start: 1:15pm**  
**End: 2:05pm**

### **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: 28**

**Guest(s):** Charlie Tyszkiewicz

- ✚ Michelle Rauch, Moral Artist, Retired Engineer with DOD, Auxiliary, Moral Artist. She is doing a Traveling of Vietnam War Wall of April 2-13<sup>th</sup>, 1972, recusing Bravo 2-1, during the Vietnam War. She mentioned with this project she will need art supplies. And she already asked the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and now the Riders for a donation.

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

\*\*With minor corrections.\*\*

Bert Hemperley motioned to approve March's minutes. Chris Peterson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Theresa Degard

- ✚ **New Member** Herald "Huckleberry" Johnston, transferring from Post 66. 21 years of experience as a rider. Theresa Degard motioned to accept Herald Johnston. Wingnut seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.
- ✚ 80% of our goal!!

**Finance Report:** Loren Close

More information to come. Still organizing the statements. Currently we are at \$11,646.00. Michelle “Cricket” Guritz motion to approve the finance report. Michaelae “Lady” Chapman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Assistant Director:** Tabathia Knapp

Nothing to report.

**Sgt at Arms:** Charlie Tyszkiewicz

- 🚧 **Top Mileage:** David Schaffer 553 miles
- 🚧 **Top Hours:** Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz 195 hours
- 🚧 **Top Donations:** Jeff Johnson \$60 donated

**Corporal at Arms:** Skyler Miller

Nothing to report. Julie Balasa stood in for Skyler during the meeting.

**Road Captain:** Kenny Knapp

**Historian:** Julie Affolder

Nothing to report.

**Communication:** Tabathia Knapp

Nothing to report.

**Chaplain:** Michaelae “Lady” Chapman

- 🚧 Jeff Shaner, not feeling good.

\*\* If you need/want to talk to someone, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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

Nothing to report.

## Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

## New Business

- 🚧 **Tabathia Knapp** motioned for the Riders donate \$300. To buy gift cards for her staff appreciation gift. Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

✚ **Michelle “Cricket” Guritz** motioned for the Riders donate \$500 to Michelle Rauch, Moral Artist, for her supplies to create her traveling moral. Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

**\*\* We pause the meeting for the Nominations for the new term. (2026-2027)\*\***

#### **Nominations:**

- ❖ **Director:** Rick Curry (he accepted)  
Bert Hemperley nominated Dave “Digger Degard as Director (he accepted)
- ❖ **Assistant Director:** Tabathia Knapp (she accepted)
- ❖ **Road Captain:** Kenny Knapp (he accepted)
- ❖ **Finance:** Loren Close (he accepted)
- ❖ **Sgt at Arms:** Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz (he declined)  
Charlie “Wingnut” Tyszkiewicz nominated Jeff Johnson (he accepted)

#### **Appointed:**

- ❖ **Historian:** Julie Affolder (she accepted)
- ❖ **Chaplain:** Michaelae “Lady” Chapman (she accepted)
- ❖ **Secretary:** Lena Johnson (she accepted)
- ❖ **Membership:** Theresa Degard (she accepted)
- ❖ **Corporal at Arms:** Skylar Miller (he declined)

**\*\* We resumed with the meeting.\*\***

#### **Good for the Riders**

- ✚ **Auxiliary Raffle:** Mother’s Day Basket Raffle 1 ticket \$5, 5 tickets \$20.
- ✚ **Donated Girl Scouts Cookies:** Tabathia Knapp received 250 boxes and will donate them to the Arizona State Veteran Home (Tucson).
- ✚ **Riders Fund:** Kenny Knapp will be getting small rides together to raise money for the Riders Fund. Advance apologies for last minute notices. So be ready!! (Either Saturdays or Sundays)
- ✚ **Elks Run #2532:** Throttle 4 Tomorrow Poker Run. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Saturday. BPOE: #2532, 615 S. Pantano, Tucson, AZ., Registration at 9am. Out at 10am. In at 4pm. \$20 per rider, \$5 per passenger. [RickBotkin1@gmail.com](mailto:RickBotkin1@gmail.com) 1<sup>st</sup> stop will be here at Post 109.
- ✚ **Remembrance Poker Run:** Rescue Riders MC, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Registration 10am-11:30am. Last Bike Out at 11:40am. Last Bike IN 4pm. Route starts at Whiskey Roads. Raffles Remembrance Toast to the Fallen at 6pm.

- ✚ **MIAP Mission:** April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Saturday. (Missing in America Project) in conjunction with Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Marana, Pima County Indigent Services and Marana Mortuary, will lay to rest multiple unclaimed veterans at 10am. Starting point is at Marana Mortuary, 12146 W Barnett Rd., Marana, AZ 85653. Please arrive at 8am. Cremains transfer at 8:30am. KSU 9am. Honors Ceremony 10am. All Veteran Groups are welcomed. Open to the public.
- ✚ **Trophy Steal:** at Post 66, April 15<sup>th</sup>, meet at 109 10:30am
- ✚ **Next Meeting:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Sunday, 1pm
- ✚ **Riders Dinner:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Friday, 5p-7p

**\*\*Herald "Huckleberry" Johnston notification rang aloud \$5\*\***

**\*\*Chris Peterson notification rang aloud \$5.\*\***

**Raffle:**

**Who?** Kathy Byran

**Amount:** \$100, donated \$20 to the Riders Fund.

**For God and Country**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Lena Johnson

Secretary