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MEETING INFO

General Meeting:	2nd Thursday 6PM
E-Board:	1 st Wednesday 6PM
S.A.L Meeting:	3 rd Tuesday 6PM
Auxiliary:	1 st Thursday 6:30PM
A.L.R.:	3 rd Sunday 9 AM
House Committee:	3 rd Monday 6PM

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Hey Batter, Batter, Swing Batter!

Tom Kusek of Post 35 has been working hard to assemble coaches and verify and approve players for American Legion Baseball. **Post 91 and 35 will both have teams of at least 12 players.** (Coaches can have as many as 18 on a roster.) Coaches have until the end of May to recruit players. There will be an opening date where Post 91 and 35's teams will play each other in Snedigar Park on Alma School just north of Chandler Heights. We'll announce that date as soon as it's available.

Post 91 will also plan a Meet and Greet event away from the Post just as one way to show our support toward the team. Post 91 Team Supporter shirts and memorabilia will soon be available at the Post. Monitor the Post 91 website and Facebook for details on the team, their status, and game schedules as they are available.

A Little History on American Legion Baseball (Reference this site: <http://www.legion.org/baseball/history>)

American Legion Baseball League was founded nearly 86 years ago and has taught thousands of young Americans the value of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship.

Today the program registers over 5,400 teams in all 50 states as well as Canada and Puerto Rico. Almost 100,000 youth, ages 15-19, participate every year.

Nearly 75% of current college baseball players are program graduates. The league annually awards a total of 1,000 - \$51,000 in scholarships for one player from each department based on leadership, character, scholarship and financial need. Businesses can also sponsor the program. Gatorade already funds \$10,000 in scholarships for the Legion Baseball Player of the Year and the eight regional players of the year. There are other recognitions awards as well which are listed on the legion.org web site.



The American Legion World Series Tournament will be held in Shelby, North Carolina August 12 – 16, 2011.

Spectator Rules:

- Be respectful of the feelings of the players and sensitivities of fans around you
- No artificial noisemakers
- No obscene or abusive language and don't engage with others being offensive
- No alcoholic beverages or glass will be allowed at games



Post 91 Commander
Randy "Stitch" Soutiere
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Post 91 Bar Hours

Mon-Sat Noon – Close
Sun 10 AM – Close



Unit 91 Auxiliary President
Rae Hopf

**Auxiliary
Membership Report!**

For the first time, Unit 91 has reached an unbelievable 110% in membership! Many thanks go out to **everyone** (Legionnaires, ALA and SAL) for recruiting members for our wonderful organization. Please keep up the recruiting of new members. Without YOU we can't expand our membership and provide needed services and/or money to members of the community and most importantly our veterans.

For God and Country,
Barbara White, 1st Vice
President

Commander's Corner

It's election season once again. It's time choose the officers who will represent the membership of our Post through yet another year. I have been receiving several questions in regard to the process that is followed, so I thought this would be a good choice for an article.

First of all, nominations are held at the General Membership meeting in the months of April and May. A nominating committee has formed to make recommendations, but nominations can be made by any Legionnaire from the floor of the meeting. The Legionnaire positions that are elected in

Post 91 are:

- Commander,
- Sr. Vice Commander,
- Jr. Vice Commander, and
- 3 Executive Board members.

Nominations close at the May General Membership meeting.

June is the month for elections. The June newsletter will be available to all nominees to provide their platform as well as time at the General Meeting in June. I have made the General meetings open to all members of all entities; however, Legionnaires are the only votes that count for the election.

There are several other

positions available on the E-Board, such as officers for Finance, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, etc. These positions are all appointed by the Commander following the election.

I highly recommend you make the next couple meetings, or if anything else, stop by the Post to find out who you will be voting for. It is the most powerful decision you will make for the year, as the people who are elected will be representing you at conventions, district meetings, as well as in decisions at the Post. Your vote matters.

Yours in service,
Stitch

Auxiliary Announcements

The American Legion Auxiliary for several years has been a supporter in the observance of **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**, which in 2011 is on May 3rd. This year's theme is building resilience for young children dealing with trauma. Research is showing that trauma experienced in the child's first three years of life can lead to physiological changes in parts of the brain. This is particularly important to young children in military families. The stress of having one or even both parents deployed, returning, and possibly deployed again and other disruptions in the family structure can cause permanent damage to a young developing brain. This leads to mental health problems and learning disabilities.

The Department of Defense states that there are 1.7 million children with parents in military service with 355,000 from the ages of 0-3. The non-profit organization **Zero To Three** is looking at ways to assist and educate military parents of young children in parenting skills to promote positive child development. Unit 91 has

donated \$100 to this organization to support these efforts.

At our April meeting we had our first read of revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws. The second and final read will be at the May 5th Unit meeting. Also, nominations for officers for the 2011-2012 year occurred. Further nominations and elections will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer of Unit 91, plan on attending the meeting in May.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6th. Once again this year, Melynda Smith will be making boxes with treats inside and they will be given to the teachers at Erie Elementary school. It's Unit 91's way of saying that these hard working individuals are appreciated.

Activities of Unit 91 in April:

- Carol Brown delivered over \$500 worth of clothes, shoes, purses to Crossroads Women's Residential Treatment Center

- Dry erasers, glue sticks, and lined paper donated to Erie Elementary school
- \$1500 donation to Operation Military Kid will be coordinated by Gina Soutiere
- \$60 given to Post 91 from Scavenger Hunt to help purchase supplies for boxes being sent to the 158th Infantry Battalion
- Over 1600 plastic Easter eggs were taken to the Family Fun Day event at ICAN. Thanks to Jeff Slaboch (SAL) for stuffing and helping me hide the eggs. Unit 91 Auxiliary purchased 3 Easter baskets as Grand prizes for children who found eggs with prize slip inside.
- \$100 donation to Girls State
- \$100 donation to Unit 35, the host Unit of Past President's Parley for nursing scholarship
- Over \$100 donated to Post 91 ALR for Mary Ellen's Place

For God and Country,

Rae Hopf
Unit 91 President
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A.L.R. Message



Well, another month has past and the riders have been very busy this month. But before I get into what we have been up to, I would like to talk a little bit about what we have done in the month of March. The riders as a post have supported many events in the month of March that include PGR events, Kensi's ride, Post 58 bike show, Post 2 Legacy ride, and Mary Ellen's ride. The riders have put a total of **9130.9 miles** on their bike and over **253 hours** of donated time. Out of their own pockets not including gas and bike up keep they have donated over \$896 dollars of their own money. I am very proud of the support the riders have been giving the posts and charities within our community. If you see a rider, please give them a pat on the back for the dedication it takes to get out every weekend to show support for all of these worthy charities.

In last month's newsletter, we spoke about Mary Ellen's ride that took place on March 30th. The ALR Post 91 and El Dorado Bar and Grill were able to raise over \$1400 dollars. We will be presenting our check at the grand opening of Mary Ellen's place on May 14th. El Dorado will be presenting their check with the riders present on April 18th @ 6:30 p.m., El Dorado is located at 8708 E. McDowell Road, Scottsdale, Az 85257. We would love to have members from all Post entities stop by for this event and show support to El Dorado for all of the help they have given the riders of Post 91. Hope to see you all there.

On April 20th the Post hosted a PGR Appreciation event at Post 91. I want to personally thank all of the ALR groups that showed up, there were a lot of them there and if I miss any I will apologize now, but from my memory we had, Post 2, Post 5, Post 117, Post 35, Post 39, Post 29, Post 26, Post 109 and Post 79. **Thank you for showing your support for the PGR and Post 91 to make this a very successful event.** We look forward to hosting another event in the future.

Well, I hope you have a great month and please keep an eye out for motorcycles on the road. Keep the rubber to the asphalt and enjoy the wonderful weather.

Chris "Baz" Balsley, ALR 91 President

Welcome New & Transferred Members

Legionnaires

* John Geiser

S.A.L.

* None Submitted

Auxiliary

* Krystle Coe

* Sharon Papp

* Perry Page

A.L.R.

* None Submitted



Post 91 S.A.L. Marches On



Things for SAL at Post 91 are on a roll. We have so many new and exciting things to talk about I don't know where to start.

I guess I should start at home (our Post) I am happy to announce the **Pizza oven** is here and working great. If you have not tried one of the fresh Pizzas that are available from the bartenders then I highly recommend that you do. The new 8" pizzas are still in the works and should be arriving soon.

The **SAL Campout in Parker** is over and was a huge success. It was announced that **Post 91 SAL membership is at 126%**. Thank you to all who had renewed your membership and recruit new members. At the SAL Campout Chuck Plimmer along with Bob Hath (Scooter Bob) presented **\$250 check to the Child Welfare Fund** and also presented a check for **\$231 to W.L.Foster to purchase 7 more G.I. Josh dogs** for those being deployed with small children at home. This program is dear to my heart and we will continue to purchase more dogs with your kind donations. That being said SAL also Presented a second check for an additional 10 G.I. Josh dogs during the Patriot Guard Rider Donation Night at the Post on Wednesday April 20th. This brings us to over 40 dogs that have been donated from SAL at Post 91. Keep up the good work.

SAL and Post 91 members also stuffed **over 1600 Easter eggs with \$200 worth of candy and goodies for the ICAN (Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods) Easter egg hunt**. I met with Auxiliary President Rae Hopf at the ICAN care center and along with some ICAN volunteers we put the eggs all over the place to watch the kids go nuts trying to get as many as they could hold. The Auxiliary also donated 3 large Easter baskets as special gifts to a few lucky winners. It was a great day and fun to watch. I can say I do look forward to doing this again next year. I give a shout out "Thanks to Rae" for her help and donations.

Onto some more exciting news. The SAL members agreed at our last meeting to purchase a **Wii play station for the Post**. I look forward to having some bowling or baseball competitions out there. Keep your eyes and ears open (shouting sometimes happens) as it will be coming soon.

Something fun to look forward to is **State Convention coming June 23rd thru 26th**. I will pass along the information as it comes in. Be sure to set aside those dates and I hope all can attend.

It is Voting time. Elections will be held at our next SAL meeting on May 17th at 6:00. Be sure to attend this very important meeting to have your voice and vote heard. Nominees are as follows:

Commander ...Jeff Slaboch

Sr. Vice commander ...Tim Harvey

Jr. Vice ...Jimmy Freeman

Treasurer...Gary Barros

Adjutant....James Fuller

Sgt. at Arms...Greg Smith

Thanks to all of you who has stepped up to help and support all the things we have accomplished during this past month (you know who you are) and I apologize that at the time of this letter I do not have the new members list available to welcome the new SAL members of Post 91 but I will have to double up next month.

Jeff Slaboch, SAL 91 Commander

Food Feud Winners Announced!!!

January winner: AUX at 89.47% GREAT votes
 February winner: SAL at 92.86% GREAT votes
 March winner: LEG at 100% GREAT votes
 Overall winner: ALR total attendance 85
 (SAL 78 - AUX 42 - LEG 31)

ALR will be donating to a Women's Veterans Homeless Shelter.

Congratulations to Everyone!

Valerie Nevius, Finance Officer

Bar News

Most of all the construction has been completed at the post. Jim has done a wonderful job. Jerry has done a fine job with his repairs and the new sinks in the men's and women's bathrooms. Thank you both from all of us. Allen B is doing a wonderful job cleaning the post Monday thru Friday, thank you also for a fine job. The post looks very clean and neat.

The club hours on Sunday have changed to noon to close, except when there is ALR breakfast the 3rd Sunday of the month, we will open at 10 am that day.

Pull tabs on Tuesday & Thursday 12-6 pm
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday \$1.75 Domestic Beers 12-6 pm

Thank you all!
 Gary Pelkey
 Club Manager



STAY CONNECTED ON LINE: Post 91's Web Site has been Updated and Improved!! If you haven't stopped by in a while, please go to: www.americanlegionpost91.org !! There are Event, Kitchen, Meeting and Rider Calendars! Sick Call information and the latest News on events and activities at the Post are kept current every day! BUSINESS SPONSORS!! If you've been advertising in our newsletter but would like to also have a special banner ad on our web page, please contact: postcommunications@americanlegionpost91.org for details. Monies raised help cover costs of newsletter productions and web hosting.

Legionnaire Membership Report

We currently have 119.6% membership and it is growing weekly. The E-Board has formed a nominating committee. The committee consists of Glenn White, Gary Pelkey & Jim Faltermeier. They will submit the names next E-Board meeting for our upcoming E-Board elections.

Gary Pelkey, Sr. Vice Commander

Sick Call

Tom Boswell, S.A.L. Member, has been diagnosed with throat cancer and is working with local doctors to determine options.

Carol Boswell, Auxiliary Member, has also been in and out of the hospital.

Carol Brown's Son has been diagnosed with cancer. (*I did not have his name before newsletter printing.*)

Char Ward, Everette Ward's wife, Legionnaire, went into the hospital and has been diagnosed with cancer. They are awaiting further tests to determine next steps.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

Taps

Walter Erick Schroeder 1916-2011 – Father of Terry Schroeder, passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday. He put a lot of living into 94 years. Please pray for and support Terry & Melynda and the entire Schroeder family in their time of need.

Bar & Kitchen News

Weekly Bar Specials & Events

- Pull Tabs – Tue & Thu
- \$1.75 Domestic – Mon, Wed & Fri
- Bike Nite – Wed

Stitch & Gina Karaoke EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT! If you haven't stopped by on a Friday night lately, you're missing out! The Post really rocks on Fridays! Singing, dancing & great music fills the Post! The Song Library continues to grow every week!



YOU BAKE PIZZA'S NOW AVAILABLE

12" Sausage, Pepperoni or Deluxe for only \$8.00!!

You pay the bar tender and she'll get you a pizza cutter and a pizza. You pre-heat the pizza oven for 11 minutes and then cook your pizza to your liking (between 12-15 minutes).

Calendar of Post 91 Events

May 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Color Key: Green – Kitchen Blue – Bar Specials Red – Meetings Black – Bar Events Orange – Special Events @ 91 Gray - Events Not @ Post 91</p>	<p>May Birthdays!</p> <p>Happy Birthday!!!</p>	<p>Jerry Bernstein Donald Burnham Donald Carr Richard Combs Louise Gay Craig Lambright Neil Mudie</p>	<p>Gary Pelkey Chuck Plimmer Sam Rainwater Ralph Raw Carl Salyards Karin Wickwire-Krause</p>	<p>KITCHEN We are working to lease out the kitchen to an outside organization during the week.</p>	<p>Menu and Meal Times will be announced as they are .. .</p>	<p>1 Sunday Fun Day!</p>
<p>2 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm Annual Report Prep Mtg 6pm</p>	<p>3 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p>	<p>4 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm A.L.R. Bike Nite E-Board 6pm</p>	<p>5  Pull Tabs 12-6pm Auxiliary Mtg. 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Sunday Fun Day!</p>
<p>9 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm</p>	<p>10 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p>	<p>11 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm A.L.R. Bike Nite</p>	<p>12 Pull Tabs 12-6pm General Mtg. 6pm (open to all entities)</p>	<p>13 \$1.75 Domestic  Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close – RETRO NIGHT!!! Come dressed in your 70's and 80's wardrobe!!</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 ALR Breakfast Sunday Fun Day! A.L.R. Mtg 9am</p>
<p>16 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm House Committee Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>17 Pull Tabs 12-6pm S.A.L. Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>18 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6 A.L.R. Bike Nite</p>	<p>19 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p>	<p>20 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>21  ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER Legionnaires eat <u>Free</u> Menu TBD</p>	<p>22 Sunday Fun Day!</p>
<p>23 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm</p> <hr/> <p>30 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm MEMORIAL DAY! </p>	<p>24 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p> <hr/> <p>31 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p>	<p>25 \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm A.L.R. Bike Nite</p>	<p>26 Pull Tabs 12-6pm</p>	<p>27 MAY B-DAY BASH!! \$1.75 Domestic 12-6pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Sunday Fun Day!</p>

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**Wayne V. McMartin AMERICAN LEGION POST 91
UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION**

We will not sell your information to anyone. The purpose is for distributing our monthly newsletter and other event information as well as helping making you a part of our family.

General Information (If updating only, we only need your name and any new\changed info, please.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Check the Appropriate Boxes

Legionnaire? SAL? ALR? AUX?

New Member? Newly Transferring? Updating Information?

Birthday Info: Month _____ Day _____

How Might We Help Your Family?

To you have young children or grandchildren in (indicate # of children)?

Boy Scouts? Girl Scouts?

Other Scout Group? ROTC? Other

Are you or a member of your family in Active Duty? If so, please explain as we may be able to send troop boxes if applicable at some time in the future:

How Might You Help Our Family?

Do you work for or own your own business that might be able to sponsor the American Legion in some future event? Or, do you have any skills not listed below we could leverage?

Cooking Work with Youth Maintenance (paint, sheetrock, etc.)

Plumbing Electric Printing Computers\Technology

Interest in Future Officer\Leadership Position in the Post?

Please ask the Bar Tender to forward this form to the Post Communications Manager.

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Senior Vice: Gary Pelkey
Jr. Vice: OPEN
Finance Officer: Valerie Nevius
Sgt. @Arms: OPEN
Chaplain: Joe Remeika
Judge Advoc: Ken Makowski
Past Commander & Adjutant: Glenn White
Elected E-Board Member: Jim Faltermeier, Dave moreland
Service officer: Will Hemphill
Historian: Marie "Gibb" Gibney

Auxiliary Officers

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1st Vice: Barbara White
2nd Vice: (OPEN)
Secretary: Ashley White
Treasurer: Kathy Pless
Historian: Christine Helvoigt
Chaplain: Kathy Dymalksi
Sgt @ Arms: Carol Wuertemburg
Executive Committee: Angie Antaya, Carol Brown & Nell Gray

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Jeff Slaboch (NEW)
Senior Vice:
Jr. Vice: Chris Balsley "Baz"
Finance Officer:
Chaplain:
Historian:
Adjutant: Guy Glenn
Sgt. @ Arms: Geno Bohnee
Jr. Past Commander: Bob Hath

A.L.R. Officers

President: Chris Balsley "Baz"
Vice President: Dave Baker
Treasurer: Dave Moreland
Sgt @ Arms: Steve Papoi
Road Captain: Bill Pless
Membership Chairman:
Chaplain\PGR Liaison/Ride Coordinator: Terry Schroeder

Other Leaders:

Club Manager: Gary Pelkey
Kitchen Coordinator: (OPEN)
House Committee Chair: (OPEN)
Post Communications: Gina Soutiere

Comments or Articles for the Newsletter?

Email:
PostCommunications@AmericanLegionPost91.org

Armed Forces Day Dinner Saturday, May 21st 5-8 PM



To show our appreciation, we will serve a meal on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21st. All Legionnaires with a valid 2011 membership card will eat free while the rest of us pay a small price. Menu to be announced.

Please come show your support to the veterans in our Post 91 Family!

Boxes for 158th Infantry En Route Afghanistan

Thank you to everyone that donated money and/or their time to fill 50 boxes for troops deployed to Afghanistan. Sunday, April 24th, a platoon sized element of members of our great post assembled and filled the care packages for the 158th Infantry Battalion in under one hour! Food was brought in by members, and the mission was a great success. The boxes will be in the mail before the end of the month as scheduled. Thank you to everyone at Post 91 for your support and teamwork! This event proves that if we all work together as a family, there isn't anything we can't accomplish. I am truly proud to call each of you my friend, and look forward to doing bigger and better things in the future. Keep up the great work!

William Hemphill, Service Officer, American Legion Post 91

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