

American Legion Post 91

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MEETING INFO

Legionnaire General:
2nd Thursday 6:00 PM

Legionnaire E-Board:
1st Wednesday 6:00 PM

S.A.L. General:
3rd Sunday 12:00 PM

A.L.A. General:
1st Thursday 6:30 PM

A.L.A. E-Board:
As required

A.L.R. General.:
3rd Sunday 9:00 AM

House Committee:
Last Monday 6:00 PM

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\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS

Progressive Weekly Raffle Presented by Squadron 91

Drawings Held Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

New tickets will go on sale for the following weeks drawing immediately after each drawing.



Post 91 Commander
JD Geiser

commander@azlegion91.org

**Welcome New & Transferring
Legionnaire Members:**

- Robert Brown
- Phillip McDonald
- Dale Puhle
- Royce Schultz

Commander's Corner



Dear Post 91 family,

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you know we lost a Post 91 family member and a Post 91 friend. I would like to send out my condolences and my prayers.

I am looking forward to our charity events and functions that support veterans and their families for the New Year. We appreciate your efforts in our current programs and are looking for additional charities and causes in support of our mission. It is very important that we continue to grow and expand in our focus and passion to make a positive impact in our community.

We appreciate any ideas you may have! Please provide your suggestion to your entity leaders to bring up at the four-entity leadership meeting that will be scheduled in the near future.

One of the current activities we participate in is the Veteran's Bingo at the Veteran's Administration Home in Phoenix. It is an exciting event where you have the opportunity to share in the exhilaration of winning bingo and receiving a prize of a \$1.00 to spend at the commissary. Candy bars are highly coveted especially if you are not allowed to have them! It is a good time for fellowship and camaraderie with our

old school heroes. If you have never been to this event, you do not know what you are missing! Please contact me if would like to join in on the fun. This event is being held on Monday, February 17th.

Another important event we as a post participate in is Arizona Stand Down. This is an activity in which we pair up with other organizations to assist homeless veterans with various needs. Standby for more information to come.

For God and Country
JD Geiser
Commander, Post 91
commander@azlegion91.org



Auxiliary President
Kathy McMartin

alapresident@azlegion91.org

**Welcome New & Transferring
Auxiliary Members:**

- Sara Decker
- Dawn Norman
- Linda Puhle
- Rhianna Quesada

2013 cards are only valid through Dec. 31 of 2013. If you have not paid 2014 dues lets get it done.

For God and Country
Melynda Smith
Sr Vice President
Membership Chairperson

Auxiliary Announcements



Hello Ladies

Happy New Year Everyone!

Your Auxiliary has had a very successful year. We have had very few illnesses in our Unit 91 family and for that we are grateful. We have also had a very prosperous year because of all the work the ladies of Unit 91 have done, and for that I thank you!

The Post members sponsored a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. It was a great success and I want to thank the Auxiliary members that brought food for the occasion.

Legion Riders and Auxiliary

from Post 91, made Christmas a lot merrier for an active duty family from Surprise. The wife and mother of 3 is stationed at the Air National Guard station in Phoenix. Combined we were able to give them over \$500 worth of toys, clothing, household items as well as gift certificates for local grocery stores. Some items were given to the family immediately and some were sent home in the trunk of dad's car for Christmas morning. The family of 5 were very grateful. There are pictures on facebook.

We will begin 2014 with a gun raffle. Tickets will go on sale just after the first of the

year and will be raffled off on "Super Bowl Sunday". Tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$20. This raffle will be the last big money maker for your Auxiliary so we need everyone to help sell the tickets.

We have a lot of things planned for 2014 so watch for quick announcement, newsletter articles and facebook.

Our next meeting will be January 2nd at 6:30. Please join us.

Kathy McMartin
Unit 91 Auxiliary President
alapresident@azlegion91.org



S.A.L. Commander
Aaron Beauvais
salcommander@azlegion91.org

**Welcome New & Transferring
S.A.L. Members:**

Please welcome Squadron
91's newest members for
December 2013:

Brian E. Andersen
Davis C. Andersen

S.A.L. Squadron 91 News



It has been a busy month for Squadron 91. We supported 3 families for Christmas purchasing the gifts and delivering them. Ask any SAL member that participated and they will tell you it was worth all the shopping, planning, etc... Just to see the kids expressions when we come to deliver them. Please try to make the meetings on every 3rd Sunday at noon to help SAL out with these types of events.

Don't forget to come and visit the post on Wednesdays for the Queen of Hearts drawing. At the time of this writing the jackpot is over \$7,200. In

February SAL will also be holding a Casino night. All proceeds from the Casino Night are going to support Fisher House. We are looking for sponsors for the tables, so if the company you work for or know someone who may be interested please see Gary Barros or myself.

Big Two Toyota located at 1250 S. Gilbert Rd. Chandler, Arizona has agreed to donate \$100 to all vehicle purchases that are referred from Post 91. Contact April Jacob the Internet director at 480-580-7067 and let her know that you were referred to Big Two Toyota by Post 91 and

they will take care of the rest if a vehicle is purchased. This does not have to be from a member of Post 91, it could be someone from another post, family, friends or even neighbors. This is an easy way to make a donation to the post if you or someone you know is in the process of buying a new vehicle.

Aaron Beauvais
Squadron 91 Commander
salcommander@azlegion91.org



A.L.R. President
Terry Schroeder
president@azlegion91alr.org
THWR (*That's How We Roll*)

**Welcome New & Transferring
A.L.R. Members:**

Richard Peterson

Legion Riders News



Greetings Post 91

We recently had our Harley Davidson Bike Raffle drawing and the winners are. 1st Place was John Nevins, who took the \$10,000 cash prize. 2nd and 3rd place winners were Kathen Caddy and Brad Doescher who each received \$1,000.

We would like to thank everybody that bought a ticket and supported us. Now that all the hard work is over we can concentrate on helping out veterans and their families which is what we like to do.

We recently helped out an

Air National Guard family with toys, clothing and food for the children so they could have a nice Christmas. We also helped out the family of J.R. Leasher, S.R. Vice Commander of SAL Post 35, who recently passed away with funeral expenses.

During the month of

November ALR Post 91 members donated 463 hours of their time, rode 2473 miles and spent \$675 of their personal money to help charitable causes.

Terry Schroeder
ALR 91 President
president@azlegion91alr.org
THWR (*That's How We Roll*)





Club Manager
Tim Harvey
manager@azlegion91.org

Post 91 Club Hours:

Mon-Sat - Noon – Close
Sunday – 9AM – Close

**BAR BINGO – KARAOKE
LIVE MUSIC – GREAT TIMES**

**Thanks for Having Fun
at Post 91!**

Club News

Happy New Year!

2014 Is Here – That means starting on January 1st the Bartenders will be checking to make certain that everyone has their new **2014 Card**. Please help us out by having your card ready to show.

New TouchTunes Digital Juke Box – Thanks goes out to ALR 91 for helping the Post upgrade to additional music options. Our new TouchTunes Juke Box is up and running. You can download the TouchTunes App to your smart phone and never have to leave your seat to play your favorite music. Pandora (now our background music) will automatically pause each time a song is played on TouchTunes. No more same old music..... search for your favorite song and change it up. All proceeds that are

generated from the TouchTunes Juke Box will go to ALR 91 in support of their charities.

Super Bowl XLVIII - Post 91 will be hosting The Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 2, 2014. The BIG Game will be on all 9 TV's. Check FaceBook and the Quick Announcements for additional information as things get finalized.

Casino Night 2014 – Save the date. Saturday February 15, 2014. SAL Squadron 91 will be hosting a Casino Night Fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting The Fisher House Foundation. This Casino Night will be bigger and better than ever! Bigger Prizes, More Gaming Action, More Fun! Advance Discount Tickets will go on sale in a couple of

(continued below)

Club News (cnt'd from above)

weeks. Learn more about The Fisher House Foundation at www.fisherhouse.org.

Tailgate Sundays Continue at Post 91 - If you haven't had the chance to stop in for football at Post 91 you are missing out on a great time! We have a Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar for \$3.50 as well as Mimosa's and Screwdrivers for \$1.50 from 10:00 – 1:00pm every Sunday. And don't forget about our Bucket of Beer Special. 6 12oz. Domestic Beers for only \$10 every time an NFL Game is being played!

**BAR BINGO
KARAOKE
LIVE MUSIC
GREAT TIMES**

**Everyday Is Fun
at Post 91**

Food for Thought:

In any given week, there are 168 hours. The average person spends:

40 hours working
56 hours sleeping
10 hours commuting

leaving 106 hours per week for family time, personal pursuits and other interests.

As we start a new trip around the sun, please consider donating one or two hours per week to helping others.

What amounts to less than 1% of your available free time can make a world of difference to those needing our assistance.

And besides, putting some good karma in the karma bank is always a good thing – you never know when the person needing assistance may turn out to be you.

S.A.L. Membership Update

Membership is the lifeblood to our organization. Recruiting good potential candidates is also very important. If you are asked, What do the Sons of the American Legion do or represent? Tell him this: The Sons of The American Legion place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. The S.A.L. story can be told through the faces of its members. Whether raising money for special projects, helping others less fortunate or contributing to their home Posts, Sons all around the globe are living up to the principles of our organization!

As of January 1, 2014 you will be asked to present your 2014 membership card. Our dues help support the many programs of The Sons of The American Legion. Please send your dues as soon as possible so you will not become delinquent and lose your American Legion, Post 91 privileges.

Currently, Squadron 91 has 27 new members, 81 paid up members and 72 unpaid members. These numbers raises Squadron 91 membership to 63%. Keep up the good work.

For God and Country
Frank Ramirez
Senior Vice-Commander
Sons of the American
Legion, Squadron 91

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ALR 91 Social 6pm-8pm Legionnaire E-Board 6pm Kitchen - 3-9	2 CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Auxiliary General 6:30pm Kitchen - 3-9	3 Karaoke 8:00-Close Kitchen - 3-9	4 CASH BALL BINGO 4:00-6:30pm Karaoke 7:00-11:00pm Kitchen - 12-10
5 Sunday Funday Tailgate Party	6 Open Noon to close	7 Pull Tabs 12-6pm CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing – 7pm Kitchen - 3-9	9 CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Legionnaire General 6pm Kitchen - 3-9	10 Karaoke 8:00-Close Kitchen - 3-9	11 CASH BALL BINGO 4:00-6:30pm Karaoke 7:00-11:00pm Kitchen - 12-10
12 Sunday Funday Tailgate Party	13 Open Noon to close	14 Pull Tabs 12-6pm CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	15 ALR 91 Social 6pm-8pm Queen of Hearts Drawing – 7pm Kitchen - 3-9	16 CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	17 Karaoke 8:00-Close Kitchen - 3-9	18 CASH BALL BINGO 4:00-6:30pm Karaoke 7:00-11:00pm Kitchen - 12-10
19 A.L.R. General Mtg. 9am S.A.L. General Mtg. 12pm Sunday Funday Tailgate Party	20 Open Noon to close	21 Pull Tabs 12-6pm CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	22 Queen of Hearts Drawing – 7pm Kitchen - 3-9	23 CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	24 Karaoke 8:00-Close Kitchen - 3-9	25 CASH BALL BINGO 4:00-6:30pm Karaoke 7:00-11:00pm Kitchen - 12-10
26 Sunday Funday Tailgate Party	17 Open Noon to close House Committee 6pm	28 Pull Tabs 12-6pm CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	29 Queen of Hearts Drawing – 7pm Kitchen - 3-9	30 CASH BALL BINGO 6:30-9:00pm Kitchen - 3-9	31 Karaoke 8:00-Close Kitchen - 3-9	

Post 91 Meeting Schedule:

Legionnaire E-Board	1 ST Wednesday – 6:00pm
Auxiliary General	1 ST Thursday – 6:30pm
Legionnaire General	2 ND Thursday – 6:00pm
S.A.L. General	3 RD Sunday – 12:00pm
A.L.R. General	3 RD Sunday – 9:00am
House Committee	Last Monday – 6:00pm

Post 91 Bar Hours:

Mon-Sat - Noon – Close
 Sunday – 10AM – Close

Post 91 Kitchen Hours:

Tue - Fri - 3 – 9 PM
 Saturday - Noon – 10 PM

Be sure to check the post web site(s) regularly for the latest news, events and happenings

WWW.AZLEGION91.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CHANDLERPOST91
WWW.TWITTER.COM/AZLEGION91

Service Officer's News

Hello Post 91

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As I reflect back on the last few months, I am grateful for the opportunity to help Veterans and their families, as a member of Post 91 and the Service Officer. It has been a great experience, with a bit of a learning curve, but a wonderful chance to help others. I have learned so much and met so many people, that I asked to have a little space in the newsletter, to share some of the things I have learned.

Since July, I have gathered so much information, I would take up most of the newsletter, so I will try and share a little each month.

One of the best things I have found, during my research and meeting people who help Veterans, is the East Valley Veterans Education Center. I talked to one of the staff members and received some pamphlets about their center and was very excited to know a place like this existed to help Veterans. We toured the facility and were in awe of what they offer! They have one regular classroom and another classroom, fully equipped with computers. There is a small lounge, to just hang out and relax and another lounge, that has a large screen monitor, with a computer, for those that may not have a computer or internet access, to Skype with their loved ones, possibly ones deployed overseas. There are 4 other computers with programs to help create a resume, find a job or just search the internet. They also have large area with job postings, Veterans benefits information and other Veterans information.

They also have volunteers that help with writing resumes and navigating the VA disability claims maze! The staff is awesome and very willing to help with just about anything a veteran might need. Please visit their website, <http://www.evvec.org/Pages/default.aspx>, call them at 480-384-9850 or visit the center at 2055 S Cottonwood Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282 and let them know how you heard about them. Since we are trying to spread the word about the center, they are always happy to know this information.

I also toured the 2 offices of the AZ Department of Veteran's Services. They assist Veterans with their disability claims. They have an east valley location, 3130 N Arizona Ave, Suite 114, Chandler, AZ, 85224, 480-558-2052 and a central Phoenix location, 3333 N Central Ave, Suite 1048, Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-627-3281.

We were honored to have 2 guests at our District Service Officers meetings, from the VA. They talked about the Phoenix Veterans homeless population and Veterans suicide. I was alarmed by the statistics of both! So, my message for this newsletter is, please, please, please be aware of those Veterans around you, that maybe having problems. Many times they will not call for help, they may reach out to those closest to them and that might be you. I am always available to talk to, day or night! I may not have all the answers, but I know who does and I am willing to use them!! You can always call the Veterans Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, press one. Or you can contact the Maricopa County Crisis Response Network at 602-222-9444, for assistance.

These are just 2 of the long list of things I have learned and gathered in the last few months, but have a very large library of these fliers, pamphlets, websites and booklets, most of these are available at the post or contact me with any questions or information you might need.

Semper Fi
Kyla Lout
Service Officer
service@azlegion91.org



WE WANT YOU!
.. to get involved
with your Post TODAY



5TH ANNUAL CHANDLER AMERICAN LEGION POST 91 HARLEY RAFFLE



December 14, 2013

Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner - John Nevins





**Post 91
Karaoke with Kim**

**Friday 8:00 to close
Saturday 7:00 to 11:00**



**Tues & Thurs @ 6:30 PM
Saturday at 4:00 PM**

**50 cents off all drinks
for those playing
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**Shuffleboard
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**Every Sunday @ 1 PM
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*Carlos' Corner
Kitchen*

**Tues - Fri 3~9
Saturday 12~10**

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Unit 91 Auxiliary Program



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Post 91 Meeting Schedule

**Legionnaire E-Board
Legionnaire General
Unit 91 Auxiliary
Squadron 91 S.A.L.
Post 91 Legion Riders
House Committee**

**1st Wednesday @ 6:00pm
2nd Thursday @ 6:00pm
1st Thursday @ 6:30pm
3rd Sunday @ 12:00pm
3rd Sunday @ 9:00am
Last Monday @ 6:00pm**



Get Involved TODAY!

Chaplain's Reports

Legionnaire Chaplin Report

Please keep the family and friends of the following in your thoughts and prayers.

J. R. Leasher, Sr. Vice Commander of SAL Post 35, who recently passed away.

Jim Fuller, Post 91/ALR member, who recently had surgery and is recovering at home.

Carol Brown, Unit 91 member, who was recently hospitalized and is

recovering at home.

Glenn Barney, Post 91 member, who has been transferred to Post Everlasting.

Bless our men and women in the military that are serving throughout the world and cannot be home for the holidays.

For God and Country
Terry Schroeder
Legionnaire Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplin Report

Tough times with our Auxiliary Sisters this month.

Lisa McKinney lost her brother.

Amber Nelson lost her mother-in-law.

Carol Brown was recently in the hospital with pneumonia and other health issues.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Glenn Barney who was recently transferred to Post Everlasting.

For God and Country
Melynda Smith
Acting Auxiliary Chaplin

Post 91 Business Sponsors

Please support our business sponsors. Their advertising dollars help us to offset the cost of publishing this newsletter and to provide support for Veterans and

their families in our community.

Business owners: we offer sponsorship opportunities by way of printed

advertising in this newsletter, web site advertising and in-house advertising in our facility. If you are interested in advertising with us, please

inquire via email to newsletter@azlegion91.org
A representative will contact you as soon as possible to discuss the available opportunities.

Your ad could be here ...

and on our web site at <http://www.azlegion91.org>

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2013-2014 LEADERSHIP

Legion Officers

Commander: John "JD" Geiser
Senior Vice: Mike Simon
Jr. Vice: Jim Faltermeier
Finance Officer: David Ulm
Adjutant: Gillian Burns
Sgt @ Arms: Shawn Corey
Chaplain: Terry Schroeder
Historian: Robert Krumwiede
Judge Advocate: Glenn White
Service officer: Kyla Lout
Elected E-Board Members:

David Ulm
Dennis Masters
Joe Remeika

Past Commander: Randy Soutiere

Auxiliary Officers

President: Kathy McMartin
1st Vice: Melynda Smith
2nd Vice: Mitzi Knickerbocker
Secretary: Carol Arias
Treasurer: Barbara White
Historian: Theresa Vodika
Chaplain: Kathy Pless
Sgt @ Arms: Carol Wuertemburg
Elected E-Board Members:

Amber Nelson
Robyn Krumwiede
LeAnn Taylor

Past President: Barbara White

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Aaron Beauvais
Senior Vice: Frank Ramirez
Jr. Vice: Mikel Robinson
Finance Officer: Gary Barros
Adjutant: David Ulm Jr
Sgt. @ Arms: Jim Sampley
Chaplain: Steve Heaven
Historian: David Vilardo
Past Commander: Tim Harvey

A.L.R. Officers

President: Terry Schroeder
Vice President: Aaron Beauvais
Jr. Vice President: David Vilardo
Secretary: Leo Gabryelski
Treasurer: David Ulm
Sgt @ Arms: Bill Wehrle
Road Captain: Ernie Ponicki
Membership Chair: Tina Gabryelski
Chaplain: David Ulm Jr
Historian: Bob Krumwiede
Past President: Dave Andersen

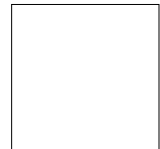
Other Leaders:

Club Manager: Tim Harvey
Communications: Leo Gabryelski
House Committee Chair:
Jim Faltermeier

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



WAYNE V. MCMARTIN
AMERICAN LEGION POST 91
922 N. ALMA SCHOOL RD
CHANDLER AZ 85224



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