



# POST 29 NEWSLETTER



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January - February 2024

## UP COMING EVENTS

*Sunday Mornings we have Breakfast in the Lounge*

*Bar Bingo: Every Sat 1-4 PM*

*Live Bingo: Everyday except Monday and Thursday*

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Make sure you get onto the Facebook pages for the different entities to stay up to date on the happenings at the Post:

*American Legion Post 29*

*American Legion Auxiliary AZ Unit 29*

*American Legion Riders Post 29*

*Glendale AZ*

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**Check out the Post's website as well.**

Mark Lasko keeps it up to date and the Newsletter is on there as well.

[www.azlegionpost29.org](http://www.azlegionpost29.org)



## Post Commander

Happy New Year Members,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You are going to notice an increase in liquor/drinks at the bar that will take place in January 2024. Our Executive Committee reviewed our financial report and the increase is due to the rising cost of alcohol which has steadily gone up **the past year. Please don't give the Bartenders a hard time or argue with them about pricing.** They had nothing to do with the price increases. Go to a meeting and address your comments to the Executive Committee and Finance Team.

I remind you that you must show your 2024 Membership Card to the bartenders or you will not be served. The Bartenders will be checking your cards daily when you come to the post.

It will soon be time where we will be accepting nominations for Commander, Sr. and Jr. Vice Commanders, Finance Officer and Executive Committee Members. If you are considering **running for one of those position's I urge you to** read the Post By Laws and S.O.P.s and make sure that you can take on the duties and responsibilities that come with the position. It is a commitment.

The lounge restrooms have received a fresh overhaul. Please do NOT write on the walls or stalls, clean up after yourself and if you see anything of this nature, please notify the bartender.

Watch the bulletin boards and Facebook for the many events coming up in the next few months. Get Involved and Be The One !

For God and Country

Dave Coates  
Post 29  
Commander

## Adjutant

I am hoping that everyone had a great Christmas, and that Santa granted your every wish.

We are now beginning a New Year 2024.

Many changes will be taking place.

The election of Officers will take place in May.

I encourage you to take a few minutes of your time to cast your ballot on election day. Your vote and election of officers whomever they may be will determine the future of Post 29. If you are interested in running for an officer position, let Dave or myself know and we can give you the procedure to follow.

Many of you have come to me and complained about parking. I have a few people that have volunteered to help me during the Glendale

Glitters. Each year on Friday and Saturday Nights from November through early January, we charge a fee for people to park in our parking lot so they can go see the Glendale Christmas Lights. THERE IS NO FEE FOR LEGION MEMBERS.

When the parking is controlled, Post members have always had space available for parking. When the hall is rented, there is no controlled parking. I have discussed with the Commander possible ways to solve the problem. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

The last issue I would like to address is the lack of attendance at the monthly meetings, which are on the First Tuesday of every month. This is the place where you can raise your issues, make suggestions for changes. And you are aware of when changes are made. you also have a chance to vote on them. These meetings are held for the membership and I hope to see you there.

JOHN RIZZO

Adjutant  
American Legion Post 29  
rzzjjr@aol.com

## *Post Sr. Vice*

Good day brothers and sisters.

With all of the excitement of the holidays some of you may have forgotten that with the new year comes new membership cards.

I have noticed quit a few cards still in the office just waiting to be picked up.

The bartenders will be checking for your new card that has **"BE THE ONE"** on the front.

Without that card they cannot serve you.

The time to start thinking of new officers for your post is now.

Elections will be on the 1st Tuesday of May with nominations brought before the board at the April meeting.

**It's time for new people with new ideas.**

See you at the Post.

For God and Country

Sr. Vice Commander

Tom Junk

## *Legion Riders*

*Be sure to attend the monthly meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the Month.*

*E-Board Noon—1 pm*

*General 1 pm—2 pm*

## Auxiliary President

November and December were very busy for our Unit and the rest of the Post Family.

We started with a Veteran's Day memorial and celebrated it in various ways with an early bird dinner, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Our Early Bird membership dinner was hosted by Tom Junk and Auxiliary 1st Vice President Kerry Jean Ward, who did all the cooking. If you want great Italian food, See Kerry Jean.

We had our Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We are sending a big Thank You to George Macias for smoking 5 Turkeys for the event. The Children's Christmas party was a huge success. Amanda and a small team of Auxiliary volunteers worked around the clock to collect toys and set up the party. We had over 40 children in attendance, and everyone had a great time.

A big shout out to our Auxiliary, Color Guard, Riders, Legionnaires, and Sons.

They donated money, bicycles, and toys for the raffles. The remaining toys were given to the Post 29 Riders, and they delivered them to a local hospital children's unit.

Our Adult party was held on Christmas Eve. Usually, the Post closes at 6:00 p.m., but this year, we decided as a Post and Unit to have dinner for anyone who wanted to come, this is just another example of what we can do together.

We closed out 2023 With a New Year's Eve Party, dancing, dining, and champagne. What a great way to ring in the New Year. Robin Park roasted delicious **pork loin and turkeys for our New Year's Eve dinner.**

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on January 2, 2024. Everyone is invited to attend.

It starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary room. I have included the Zoom link in case you cannot attend in person.

Topic: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 29 Monthly Meeting

Time: January 2, 2024, 07:00 p.m. Arizona

February 6, 2024, 07:00 p.m.

March 5, 2024, 07:00 p.m.

April 2, 2024, 07:00 p.m.

May 7, 2024, 07:00 p.m.

June 4, 2024, 07:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84457188583?pwd=LYwyby2dFExNAIZnbkWTGbhHBz418F9.1>

Meeting ID: 844 5718 8583

Passcode: 857486

Please look on our Facebook page for pictures of all the past events and a calendar of all upcoming events.

**Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected!**

**Mrs. Sheila Shaffer-Dewitt M.Ed.**

**602 550-9844 cell**

## Auxiliary 1st Vice

Greetings and Blessings to Everyone,

This year has been a major learning experience, and I am glad I have had the chance to learn more about how the Auxiliary works and what we are here to do.

I would like to take a moment and Thank everyone that has helped me during the past 6 months. Pat Stanski helped me steer the membership submissions as well as Sherry. I think we have a good routine and we are getting things done with less stress. Lol

As of today we are at 50% membership and I still have a couple transmittals that are nearly ready to mail to Department. I appreciate everyone for their patience and suggestions that were offered. I love learning new things so this has been fun (and stressful, I found a ton of new silver hairs lol)

Next up on the agenda I am organizing the Long Term Tea for you ladies who have been members of the Auxiliary for 10 years and more. The Tea will be on February 18th at 1 pm in the Auxiliary meeting room.

We are going to have a rooten tooten good time. The theme is Cowgirls with Class and Sass. I have games lined up, prizes and gift bags for those who attend.

Another thing to note is that voting will take place for Woman of the Year and Member of the Year. Ballots will be available in February.

On the 16th of December 2023, we were invited to go out to Luke Air Force Base and hand out GI Josh Dogs to the children during their Christmas Event. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, due to a health issue, but I am so grateful that Tom and Wanda Lucas were able to go out. Tom dressed in the GI Josh costume and entertain the wee ones. Our President was able to attend as well, along with Lori Pake Muldner from our baby Unit 115. And DeborahAnn, thank you for going **there, even though they didn't get you to the right** place. I am grateful that you all gave your time to something that means a lot to me.

Blessed Be,

Kerry Jean Ward

[kjunit29@gmail.com](mailto:kjunit29@gmail.com)

**P.S.**

**President Sheila and I need to update phone numbers and email addresses. Please email me with the information.**

## Auxiliary Chaplain

Happy, Happy New Year and Welcome to 2024,

I hope you and your family had a joy-filled and safe holiday.

Well, our Post and all our entities serenely had an action packed 2023.

**Yet in 2024 there's more to do, and more to come.**

We have more plans to make, more Military, **Veteran's, and their family members that need** the special gift (s) each of us have inside to give.

One of my prayers for this 2024 year is that we all will serve one another as we serve God and Country. Knowing that in what we do, **"We Are Better Together."**

With that said I am asking Everyone to mark your calendars and plan to attend our yearly event on February 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Post 29, Glendale AZ in the big hall. There we will honor The Four Chaplains, who not only served our country bravely and with great integrity, they served in a way that also honored God and Country.

**These four chaplain's services were given** unselfishly and at a great sacrifice to their families. What they give up for God and Our Country adds up to mean what they give For You and **Me...** I hope you will come out to help honor these honorable men.

Also watch for our next : **"We Are Better Together"** gathering hosted by ALA Unit 29 at Post 29, upcoming date will be **announced. Everyone who'd like to create an** encouraging word, poem, or prayer for their unit, or national chaplain are welcome to join us. So be on the lookout for the date and time.

DeborahAnn Van Scyoc  
ALA Unit 29- Chaplain  
(623)512-6786/ Prayers4u29@gmail.com

## TAPS

PHOENIX - **David Edwin Toeset, "Papa Dave,"**

74, of Phoenix, AZ, sadly left us on Sunday, Dec.17, 2023.

He was born on Jul 29, 1949 in Spokane, WA and adopted by the Rev. Carl and Mrs. Julia Toeset 3 days later.

He is survived by his sister, Eileen Slinkman; his brother, the Rev. Timothy Toeset (Marge); his daughters, Lecia Winter and Tara Kehoe (Terence); his grand-children, Quinn Takeda (Mari), Jacob Winter (Vanessa), Tarynn Godfrey (Connor), Kameron McLaughlin, and Adam McLaughlin; great grandchildren, Keena Godfrey, Dean Winter, and Wren Winter.

As a veteran of the U.S.A.F., a memorial with military honors was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ on Fri, Dec 22, 2023, and a funeral service will be held in his honor at the Thornapple Valley Church on Tue, Jan 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM, located at 20 State St in Middleville, MI.



# *Important Dates in Military History*

## *January*

- 1/16 Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) Began (1991)
- 1/27 Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)
- 1/31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

## *February*

- 2/1 National Freedom Day
- 2/2 Army Nurse Corp Established (1901)/Groundhog Day
- 2/3 USO Incorporated
- **2/13 Marine Corps Women's Reserve Established (1943)**
- 2/23 Iwo Jima Flag Raising (1945)
- 2/27 Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day



## *Four Chaplains Day*

February 3 is Four Chaplains Day in the USA. This day commemorates the events of February 3, 1943, when the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank.

Dorchester left New York on January 23, 1943, carrying 4 chaplains and about 900 others as a part of convoy of three ships.

It was torpedoed by German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland at 12:55 a.m. When Dorchester began to sink, four chaplains of different religions, George L. Fox (Methodist), Alexander D. Goode (Rabbi), Clark V. Poling (Baptist) and John P. Washington (Catholic) were helping to calm down the passengers and organized an orderly evacuation. The life vests were passed out to men, but the supply ran out before each man had one.

The four chaplains gave their own life vests to others and helped as many men as they could into the boats, then they linked their arms together, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship. Four chaplains were posthumously awarded by the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross on December 19, 1944. In 2006 chaplains were awarded by the Medal of Honor.

**The Four Chaplains' Medal was introduced by Congress on July 14, 1960.**

These medals were presented posthumously to the next of kin of each of the four chaplains of Dorchester on January 18, 1961.

Congress established February 3 as Four Chaplains Day in 1988. This day is observed with official proclamations and, sometimes, flags flying at half-mast.



**BOOK YOUR**

*Function*

**WITH US**

**American Legion Post 29 Hall**

**6822 N 57th Drive Glendale Az**

**Reasonable Rental Rates!**

**Contact the Office**

**623-937-3411**

**Weddings**

**Quinceaneras**

**Bar Mitzvahs**

**Retirement Parties**

**Birthday Parties**

**Celebration of Life**

**Corporate Meetings**

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**Bridal Shower**

**Anniversary Parties**

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**American Legion Post 29**

# **FUNERAL ESCORT** *Services*

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**Will Provide Funeral Escort Service To All Post 29 Members, From Funeral Home, To The Burial Location. Free of Charge ( Donations Accepted)**

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**John Rizzo {Owner} 602-622-0505**  
**Dave Coates 602-739-0084**



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### **RECRUITING FOR DRIVERS/TRAFFIC OFFICERS**

#### **Requirements:**

Must be 18 Years or older.

Must have a clean driving record.

Must be able to pass a background check.

Training is Provided and a class will be scheduled soon!!!

If you are interested in becoming a Funeral Escort Driver,  
Please contact:

John Rizzo: 602-622-0505

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# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Fish Fry 5:30 - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Tony Ahumada 6 pm - 10 pm	3 Grill Lunch Noon - 3 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Bar Bingo 1 pm - 4 pm
4 Legion Breakfast 10am - Noon *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Four Chaplains 10 am Big Hall	5	6 Legion Meetings 6pm E-Board 7 pm General *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Aux. Meetings 6:30 pm E-Board 7 pm General *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Taco Tuesday 5 pm - 7 pm	7 Grill Night 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Karaoke 6 pm - 10 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 pm	8	9 Fish Fry 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* TBA	10 Grill Lunch Noon - 3 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Bar Bingo 1 pm - 4 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Sweetheart Dance 5 pm
11 S.A.L Breakfast 9 am - Noon *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* ALR Meetings Noon - E-Board 1 pm - General	12	13 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7 pm	14 Grill Night 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Karaoke 6 pm - 10 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 pm	15	16 Fish Fry 5:30 - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Flashback 6 pm - 10 pm	17 Grill Lunch Noon - 3 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Bar Bingo 1 pm - 4 pm
18 ALR Breakfast 10 am - Noon *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Long Term Tea Aux. Meeting Room 1 pm	19	20 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7 pm	21 Grill Night 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Karaoke 6 pm - 10 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 pm	22	23 Fish Fry 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Band AZ 6 pm - 10 pm	24 Grill Lunch Noon - 3 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Bar Bingo 1 pm - 4 pm
25 Aux. Breakfast 9 am - Noon	26	27 Taco Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7 pm	28 Grill Night 5:30 pm - 7 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Karaoke 6 pm - 10 pm *~*~*~*~*~*~*~* Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 pm	29 Sons Meeting 6 pm		

**Son's are your host for Bar Bingo this month**

**Rider's will be bringing in sweets and hosting the cake table**

## PATRIOTS COLOR GUARD



THE COLOR GUARD MAKES SURE THAT ALL  
OF THE BRANCH FLAGS ARE FLOWN  
PROUDLY AT OUR POST

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Frank Barraza  
Commander

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Grill Night 5:30 pm - 7 pm  
Karaoke 6 pm - 10 pm

## QUEEN OF HEARTS

Purchase your tickets for \$1.00 each or 6  
for \$5.00. Drawings are held each Wednes-  
day at 7:00 PM.

Check the poster in the lounge for details.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

FISH FRY 5 pm - 7 pm  
LIVE Bands 6 pm - 10 pm

Kerry Jean Ward  
Office Administrator

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday  
10 am - 2 pm  
Friday  
2 pm - 6 pm

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Dues are as follows:

Legion \$40 - See Kerry Jean Ward  
Auxiliary \$30 - See Kerry Jean Ward  
Sons \$30 - See Chuck Treat

Please let me know if you would like to be on  
the email list for the Newsletter. You can  
email me your request, that way I can add  
your email to my address book.

If you have any questions please feel free to  
either call me at: 623-937-3411  
or email me at:  
[secretary@azlegionpost29.org](mailto:secretary@azlegionpost29.org)

## BAR BINGO

EVERY SATURDAY  
1:00 pm - 4:00 PM

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE COMRADERIE AND  
SUPPORT THE VARIOUS  
ENTITIES OF THE POST

## POST 29 OFFICERS

Commander	Dave Coates
Adjutant	John Rizzo
Sr, Vice Commander	Tom Junk
Jr. Vice Commander	Rickey Mindt
Service Officer	Martha Alderman
Finance Officer	
Finance Audit Chairman	Hope Blood
Chaplain	Rickey Mindt
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dennis Wirtz
Secretary	Kerry Jean Ward
Past Commander	Tom Junk

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bob McLachlan - Dennis Wirtz - Mark Lasko  
Phil Wulfers - John Rizzo

## ALTERNATES

Jennifer Kritzer - Eric Wenzel

## EMAILS

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Secretary: secretary@azlegionpost29.org

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Sheila Shaffer - DeWitt
1st Vice President	Kerry Jean Ward
2nd Vice President	Christine Macias
Treasurer	Sherry Jones
Secretary	Vera Robertson
Chaplain	DeborahAnn Van Scyoc
Historian	Denise Plum
Sergeant of Arms	Patricia Reed

Past President - Donna Aronoff

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Emily Grams - Tona Burrus - Yvonne Cortez  
Amanda Salt

## ALTERNATES

Pat Stanaski - Vera Robertson

## LOUNGE

Manager: Dave Coates  
Assist Manager: Stephanie McLane

Phone 623-937-3411  
FAX 623-937-8832

*\*Closing time at bartenders  
discretion\**

Mon, Tues, Thurs 10 am - 10 pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat 10 am - 12 am  
Sunday 10 am - 10 pm

## AL RIDERS STAFF

Director	Warren Grams
Asst. Director	George Macias
Treasurer	Dave Coates
Secretary	Christine Macias

## ALR Advisory Board

Robert Coates - Bob MacLachlan

Past Director: William Lindahl

*\*\*Meets the 2nd Sunday  
At Noon & 1 pm\*\**

## S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander	Dale Brandt
Sr. Vice	Chuck Treat
Jr. Vice	Tom Lucas
Treasurer	Tom Lucas
Adjutant	Mike Grigsby
Chaplain	Al Nusbietel
Sgt.-at-Arms	George Macias



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