



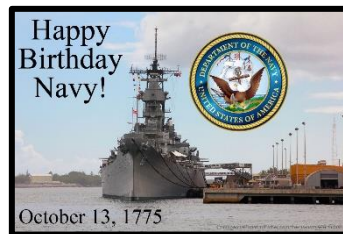
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We are fast approaching the Holiday season, and the entertainment committee is planning all the parties! Please utilize the two-month calendars at the end of each newsletter so you won't miss out on all the planned festivities!

Please remember that our Post dues will be going up on January 1, 2026, to \$45.00, up from \$40.00! We needed to do this as National raised their dues a couple of years ago.

On a personal note, as a lot of you may well know, I have been going through some medical problems lately and have not been myself. I am through with my treatments now and I'm waiting for the results. I would like to thank all of you who have reached out with prayers and kind words and hopefully, I will be back to my old self shortly!

Until next month,

David Stevens
Post Commander



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A VETERAN'S WIFE

By Heather M. Tabers

A uniform I do not wear

A gun I do not carry

But I serve my country proudly

Through the man I chose to marry

I may not wear a dog tag

But I have a mission just the same

My husband defended freedom

And I'll defend his name

A purple heart I'll never wear

No ribbons adorn my chest

But this ring upon my finger

Shows that I'm truly blessed

My husband is a warrior

Both in battle and at home

He loves and guards us fiercely

No greater love I've ever known

When the shadows of his darkest days

Come back to haunt his mind

His wife will faithfully stand beside

And love he'll always find

A Veterans wife I'm proud to be

No greater honor could I know

Than to proudly love and honor

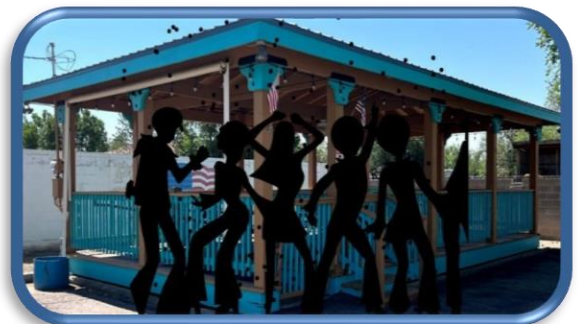
My husband, my hero

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please pay your
bar tab before
leaving for the
evening or incur an
additional 15%
charge. Thank you!**

The District 9 Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 at Post 118. All our Post 69 members are invited to attend. Check-in is at 9:30 AM. Lunch may be purchased at Post 118 or on your own.

**Gazebo Live Music and \$5
food on Friday, October 10,
6-10 PM. Weather
permitting!**



**FREE
EVENT!**

POST 69 TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 18, 12-3 PM!



**Prizes for Best
Costumes!**

**Best
Decorated
Car!**



**Food, Games, Cake Walk,
and Fun! Children of
all ages invited!**

**Enjoy all this
fun at
9000 4TH St NW.**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear friends, can you believe that we have now completed three quarters of the year 2025? Where did the time fly? This month of October focuses on the main national holiday we know as Halloween. A time where little goblins and the young at heart wear costumes, which could be scary, comical, and duplicates of their television and movie superheroes. Most of these costumes require masks to hide the identity of their wearers. Sometimes, we as individuals wear our own masks in daily life. These masks hide our true feelings that originate deep within our hearts. Let us take this time of fun and frolic, to re-evaluate our religious beliefs, and direction of our lives.

Almighty God, and his Son has given us the perfect opportunity to take off our masks of uncaring, indifference, and especially hate, which can only intensify within our being with each moment that passes. Please look closely at the hidden mask we wear in our daily lives. To rid ourselves of these masks, we must first understand God's blessings that he has given all of us. That blessing is the breath of life itself. Let us take this opportunity to know Almighty God and his Son better, by practicing helping those less fortunate and following the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have done to you."



Deuteronomy 6:5 can give us a direction with its quote; "Love the Lord God with all your heart, and with all you soul, and with all your strength." We also will be celebrating a number of other holidays or remembrances beginning on the 1st with Yom Kippur for those of the Jewish Faith, the 7th was the start of Operation Enduring Freedom back in 2001, the Navy's Birthday and Indigenous Day or Columbus Day in some states will be celebrated on the 13th, followed by the Beirut Bombing which took place in 1983 on the 23rd, then the Grenada Invasion on the 25th in 1983, First Responders Day on the 28th. Ending with, of course, Halloween on the 31st.

In ending, I want to wish all the Duran y Gallegos American Legion Post 69 family/familia and those reading this article a safe and blessed month of October 2025. Please be extra careful on Halloween, as the little ones will be in the streets in masses. Also, please take advantage of Post 69's Trunk or Treat for the little ones which will be advertised in this newsletter for time and place.

Respectfully in Christ,

Pepé Mendoza, Chaplain
Duran y Gallegos American Legion Post 69



President Yolanda J. Montoya		
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Treasurer Annette Brown	Historian Vacant	Sergeant-at-Arms Lisa (Chelo) Kavanagh
Chaplain Debra Sandoval	Executive Committee: Luz Abeyta, Debra A. Archuleta	

Welcome to Fall! It's getting colder, leaves are changing, and time for Balloon Fiesta!

I want to start off by saying thank you to all ALA, those who renewed, new members, and transfers during our early bird on September 21, 2025. Now it's time to Get Involved! Mission Training will be in November and it's time to learn more about what the Auxiliary represents. Whether hosting a stand down, to bringing vital health and support services to homeless veterans or coordinating a welcome-home event for a deployed military unit. ALA members are continuously at work in their communities, demonstrating the compassion and heart we have for those who served our country and protect our freedom. Go to the American Legion Auxiliary website for more information www.legionaux.org/programs.

The 2026 membership cards are here. Dues are \$45.00, so reach out to our membership chairman, Virginia Sanchez, vcs404.vs@gmail.com or by phone 505-363-0955 for more options.

Our monthly dinner fundraisers have been so delicious to all that have purchased a plate. This month we will have beef stew with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and dessert, all for just \$12.00 on October 16, 5:30-7 PM.

Post 69 upcoming events:

- Music every Friday night, 7 PM, so come dance the night away.
- Karaoke every Sunday evening, 6 PM, with a potluck.
- October 26, District 9 Meeting at Post 118.
- October 31, Adult Halloween party.
- November 4, SON's Craft Fair. Contact Randy at 505-238-1291 for table prices.

Yolanda J Montoya
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October 18,
Trunk or Treat
(see flyer).





Commander Randolph Montoya		
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Finance Officer Danny Padilla	Chaplain Carlos E. Gurulé	Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Maestas
Executive Committee: Randolph Montoya, Michael Chavez, Danny Padilla		
Historian: Leroy Montoya		

Hello, everyone!

Our annual Tractor Show and Growers Market/Flea Market will be on October 4, 8 AM to 2 PM. If you have a tractor, please bring it out for display. We are giving trophies! If you are interested in entering your tractor, contact me at 505-238-1291. Our next event will be in November, our Arts & Crafts Show. We will have more information next month.



Our SONs have been asked to provide Security for special events, and I want to thank those members that have volunteered their time to help the Post in this capacity. Shenanigans don't get past our Security Watch!

Our Early Bird Membership Renewal went very well. Thank you, Eddie Garcia and Danny Padilla, for doing the membership drive and thank you to President Yolanda for the good barbecue sandwiches! We will continue with Early Bird Membership Renewal until November 11. So, take advantage now and save yourself \$5.00.

Our monthly meetings are on the second Saturday of each month. Eat breakfast early and stay for the meeting. Executive board meeting at 8 AM, membership meeting at 9 AM.

Thank you,

Randolph Montoya
SAL Commander





Director Rick "Ponch" De La Rosa		
Assistant Director <i>Liz "DragonLady" Martinez</i>	Secretary <i>Veronica "Hitchhiker" Zapata</i>	Treasurer <i>Joyce "Bubbles" Maestas</i>
Sergeant-at-Arms <i>Lila "Enforcer" Rodriguez</i>	Road Captain <i>Ben "BenJammin" Martinez</i>	Chaplain <i>Jesus "Zap" Zapata</i>
Historian <i>Steven "Slick" Fernandez</i>	OWW Chair <i>Veronica "Hitchhiker" Zapata</i>	

Hello Everyone! Fall is upon us and soon the weather will start to cool us off from all that summer heat we got this year. Riding season will start to slow down but we will continue to support most of the fundraiser events coming up. Speaking of which, we have upcoming on **October 4**, Hitchhiker's in Milan, NM, **October 11**, ALR State Meeting in Deming, NM.

Please continue your prayers for the following American Legion Riders (ALR) members: Veronica "Hitchhiker" Zapata, she is still battling Cancer and is close to ending her treatments; Dave Stevens, our Commander, a success on his treatments. David "Sarge" Cortese, recovering from a terrible motorcycle accident. Again, get well and our prayers are with you all.

Remember, Red Fridays are continuing and a lot of our Post membership and guests are very much participating!

We will have our motorcycles decorated in the spirit of Halloween on October 18, with Treats of course.



Your Director,

Rick "Ponch" De La Rosa
 Duran y Gallegos American Legion
 Post 69 ALR Chapter 10



October 4,
Hitchhiker's
Cancer Bead
Run, Milan, NM

October 11,
ALR State
Meeting,
Deming, NM



October 18, Post 69 Family
Trunk or Treat

2024 Ms. Veteran America was Cassandra Guzman

Ms. Veteran America may appear to be a beauty pageant in the same mold as Miss America, Miss World, or similar events. But this contest is different in that it has a purpose far beyond the scope of the event itself; a private charitable organization called Final Salute, Inc. is the direct beneficiary of the contest in more ways than one.

The mission of Final Salute, Inc. is to support homeless women veterans and their children; the winner of the pageant is expected to perform 100 hours of community service including



work that raises awareness of the Final Salute mission and efforts to end veteran homelessness. Individual competitors are asked to start crowdfunding campaigns to benefit Final Salute, Inc. as part of the contest. Ms. Veteran America also differs from other pageants or beauty contests in when it comes to who may compete. This year's competition is on October 12.

Aside from putting military women front-and-center, the event includes a military spouse award called Mr. Mom recognizing those who support military women.

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			1 1830 – Riders Mtg.	2	3 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1900 – Live Music & Food	4 7 AM-1 PM – SAL Tractor Show/ Growers/Flea Market
5 1700 - Karaoke W/Allan	6	7	8	9	10 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1800-2200 – Gazebo Live Music & \$5 Food	11 0800-1030-Breakfast 0900-Finance/Exec. Comm. Mtg. 1100-General Mtg. 0900 – SAL Gen. Mtg.
12 Ms. Veteran America Competition 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	13	14 1800 – Auxiliary Mtg.	15	16 1730 – ALA Dinner Sale, Beef Stew, mashed & more, \$12.00.	17 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1900 – Live Music & Food	18 1200-1500 - Halloween Trunk or Treat
19 1700 - October Birthdays, Karaoke w/Allan	20	21	22	23	24 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1900 – Live Music & Food	25
26 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	27	28	29	30	31 1800 - Adult Halloween Potluck 1900 – Live Music & Food	

A Brief History of Warrior Care Month

In 2008, Secretary of Defense Robert F. Gates announced the creation of programs to address the needs of wounded warriors, raising the awareness of these people, their sacrifices, and their families. The Defense Department created Warrior Care Programs (WCP) to help those injured or sick in the line of duty. WCP established accountability and uniform standards of care across all branches of military service from the recovery process, going back to duty, or [transitioning into civilian life](#). This is an attempt to raise awareness of the needs and lives of wounded warriors. It is observed every November, DoD-wide, with a variety of activities and programs.



NOVEMBER 2025

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23 1200 – Post Thanksgiving Lunch 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1900 – Live Music & Food	29
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