



DURAN Y GALLEGOS AMERICAN LEGION POST 69

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Executive Committee: Dee-Dee Chapman, Pro Padilla, Eddie Santillanes		

Well, we are already hitting July and the heat that comes with it! Don't forget that you can come down to the Post and enjoy a cold refreshing drink and connect with family and friends! We are open at 12 PM every day!

Don't forget that if you have a suggestion/complaint that you can get a form from the bartender and write it down or go to the monthly meeting and voice your opinions there! Meetings are the second Saturday of every month at 11 AM.

I have mentioned in the past couple of articles that we are not going to put up with patrons coming into the Post and causing problems. We have suspended a couple of members for doing just that! It's going to stop. Once you get suspended, you will have to go to an Executive Board meeting before your right to return to the Post is granted.



Don't forget we will be having festivities here at the Post on the 4th of July with a Dunk Tank, Jumper, and a Climbing Wall! Hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats will also be available so bring the kids down and have a great time! Also, that day the Honor Guard will be in the parade in Corrales so come on down and join us for all the fun!

Until Next Month,

David Stevens-Post Commander

**JULY 2026
SPECIAL COLOR EDITION!**

COME CELEBRATE WITH POST 69!
JULY 4, 2026, 5-10 PM!



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats PROVIDED!
POTLUCK – bring a side dish to share.

Cornhole and games, bring the entire family!

DUNK TANK * JUMPER *** MUSIC**



American Legion Post 69
9000 4TH St NW

Bring your lawn chairs!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Blessed 250th Independence Day Birthday!



Friends, I can't believe that the heat of summer is now with us, and summer vacation for most of our youth, and for many, vacation times to get out and explore new places and adventures. The month of July is ushered in by a very special National Holiday we have known as Independence Day, or the Fourth of July. This year the Nation will be celebrating the 250th Birthday of Independence Day. A little historical background shows that on this date 250 years ago, the Declaration of Independence, which was the formal statement written by Thomas Jefferson and adopted by the Second Continental Congress, declaring the thirteen American colonies free and independent of Great Britain. There were 56 signers representing these colonies. These signers made a personal oath and contract to themselves, and to those citizens they represented that America was to be free and independent.

This Declaration of Independence was the foundation of our Nation, and is, and should be, celebrated by all living in this Country, as a very special day on our calendars. Some of you will be celebrating this day with parties and barbeques or watching firework displays in person, or on television. And when the day turns into night, some folks will be setting off safe and sane fireworks in your yard, or safe location(s). I ask you to take this time, or time throughout the day to reflect on how lucky we are to live in a great Nation we call the United States of America. It's not perfect by any means, but it is "Free" to express our thoughts and follow its established Laws. In closing, please remember that we must try to be an example of good thoughts and deeds, to others. A quote from Proverbs 15:29 is a perfect fit in my eyes, quote; "He hears the prayer(s) of the righteous."

In closing, I want to wish all the members of the Duran y Gallegos Post 69 Family/Familia, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Legion Riders, and those reading this article, a safe and blessed month of July 2026.

Respectfully in Christ,

Pepé Mendoza, Chaplain
Duran y Gallegos
American Legion Post 69



President Yolanda J. Montoya		
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President's July Newsletter

Celebrating 250 Years of America

Dear Auxiliary Sisters and American Legion Family,

Happy Independence Day! This July marks a truly historic occasion as our nation celebrates the **250th Anniversary of the United States of America**. For two and a half centuries, brave men and women have answered the call to defend the freedoms we cherish. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we are honored to preserve their legacy through service to our veterans, active-duty military, their families, and our community.

The Fourth of July is more than fireworks and celebrations. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifices that secured our liberty and to recommit ourselves to the principles of patriotism, service, and unity. Let us proudly display our American flags, teach future generations about our nation's history, and honor those who have worn our country's uniform.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, I encourage each of you to find meaningful ways to serve—whether through volunteering, supporting our veterans, mentoring our youth, promoting Americanism, or simply extending kindness to a neighbor. Every act of service strengthens our community and reflects the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer your time, talents, and dedication to Unit 69. Your commitment makes a difference each day. Together, we are building a stronger Auxiliary and ensuring that our veterans know they are never forgotten.

As we move through the summer, I encourage everyone to stay involved, attend meetings, participate in upcoming events, and continue representing our Auxiliary with pride, respect, and professionalism.

May God bless our veterans, our military, our American Legion Family, and the United States of America.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!

In Service, Not Self,

Yolanda Montoya

President

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 69





Commander Danny Padilla		
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Finance Officer Vacant	Chaplain Carlos E. Gurulé	Sergeant-at-Arms Eddie Padilla
Executive Board: Randolph Montoya, Danny Padilla		
Historian: Leonard Duran		

"Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.

~ H. Jackson Brown Jr.

One might add siblings, coworkers and friends to that. We have the best Post in the state, and I am asking my fellow Sons members to keep it that way. Remember this is an American Legion Post. We are guests that are here to support our Veterans. We must follow the rules. Remember the bartenders are in charge when they are on duty.

I want to thank Randy Montoya, Carlos Gurulé, Leonard Duran, Phil Baca, Dee-Dee Chapman, Ed Padilla, Andrew Tafoya, Richard Gonzales, Anthony Leyba, Johnathan Leyba, Ben Martinez, Nicholas Gurule, David Ramirez, and Steven Duran for their help putting up and taking down the flags on Memorial Day. In this group we had Legionnaires, Sons and Legion Riders. Also, thank you to the Honor Guard and the entire Legion family for the beautiful ceremony at San Carlos Cemetery.

There will be no flea market in July. We will resume in August. In October there will be a flea market and tractor show. Our general meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month (July 11th) at 9 AM.

The 2027 SAL membership cards will be available soon. Our dues are \$30 for new members. We will have an early bird discount of \$25. This is only for renewals of 2026 cards.

Every month I will share the name and information of a Veteran that is the father or grandfather of a son who is a member of our post. This month is Jose Domingo Gurule. He was a US Navy WWII Veteran, a lifetime Alameda resident who was born in March 1922 and died in June 2003. He is the father of Carlos and the grandfather of Nicholas.

Happy 250 4th of July!

As always, look both ways,

Danny





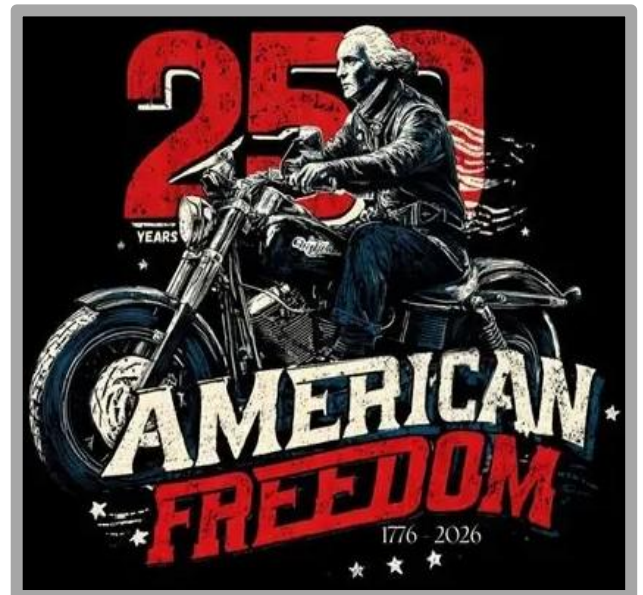
Director Anthony "Airborne" Leyba		
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Historian Ali "Hot Flash" Leyba	OWW Chair <i>Veronica "Hitchhiker" Zapata</i>	

Hello everyone,

June was a good start of the summer with the Four Corners American Legion OWW Ride in Aztec, NM, on June 6, a Bike Rodeo at Post 13 on June 7 and on June 13 some of our riders joined Post 118 for a Fun Run to Jemez, NM. I want to thank everyone who came out to support the riders second Post meal on Friday June 12. It was a great success!

Now, July is going to be a busy month, and I would appreciate anyone that can volunteer with July's post's events. The Riders monthly meeting will be scheduled for July 1 followed by our entertainment committee meeting afterward.

On July 4, the Post will be celebrating America's 250th Anniversary celebration with fireworks, food, jumper for the kids, a dunk tank, and much more. Bring all the family for a lot of fun!



We will also be hosting our annual Christmas in July event on July 11 from 1-5 PM with food, dunk tank, jumpers, games, etc. There will also be a gift donation box in the bar for children of all ages for our Christmas party. Your donation of an unwrapped gift for a child would be much appreciated. July is going to be a hot month so be safe and stay hydrated.

Your Director,

Anthony "Airborne" Leyba
 Duran y Gallegos American Legion Post 69
 ALR Chapter 10

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TOY DRIVE

& BIKE RUN

Registration at 10AM/KSU at 10:30AM

\$25 per Bike or unwrapped gift



Saturday JULY 11, 2026 | At 1 PM-5PM

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Chapter 10 POST 69

9000 4th ST NW

POC Liz Martinez 505-319-2232



- *Food
- *Vendors
- *Dunk
Tank
- *Jumper
- *Games



Please bring unwrapped gift for ages Infant to 12yrs old



JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 1830 – Riders Mtg.	2 1730 – Honor Wall Mtg.	3 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY!	4 AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY 1700 – Burgers, Brats, and Dogs
5 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	6 1730 – Entertainme nt Mtg.	7 1800 – Auxiliary Mtg.	8	9 1800-2000	10 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1730 – ALR Food Sale	11 0800-1030-Breakfast 0900-Finance/Exec. Comm. Mtg. 1100 – General Mtg. 0900 – SONs Gen. Mtg. 1300-1700 – ALR Christmas in July
12 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan 1700 – ALR Food Sale	13	14	15	16	17 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1730 – Auxiliary Food Sale, Frito Pies	18
19 1700 – Karaoke w/Allan	20	21	22	23 1800-2000- Ramblin Rodeo	24 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY! 1730 – SONs Food Sale	25
26 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day	29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary	30	31 It's Wear R.E.D. FRIDAY!	

National Senior Citizens Day on 21 August is intended to increase awareness of the factors and issues that affect older adults, such as health deterioration and elder abuse. It is also a day to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of older people to society. The history of the National Senior Citizens Day dates back to 1988, when it was officially proclaimed by the President Ronald Reagan. He had signed Proclamation 5847 on 19 August 1988 for the first National Senior Citizens Day on 21 August. National Senior Citizens Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments and dedication they have given in their lives.



AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 0700 – SONS Flea Market
2 1700 - Karaoke W/Allan	3	4 Coast Guard Day 1800 – Auxiliary Mtg.	5	6	7 PURPLE HEART DAY 1730 – Bar Food Sale	8 0800-1030-Breakfast 0900-Finance/Exec. Comm. Mtg. 1100 – General Mtg. 0900 – SONS Gen. Mtg. 1300 – ALA Christmas in July
9 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan 1730 – Bar Food Sale	10 DOD BIRTHDAY Agent Orange Awareness Day	11	12	13	14 Navajo Code Talkers Day 1730 – ALR Food Sale	15 1700 – Post 69 Honor Guard Dinner
16 National Airborne Day 1700 – Karaoke w/Allan	17	18	19	20	21 National Senior Citizens Day 1730 – Auxiliary Food Sale, Frito Pies	22
23 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan	24	25	26	27	28 1730 – SONS Food Sale	29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
30 1700 - Karaoke w/Allan						