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The Knowledge Tour continues...

Knowledge Is Power, do you have all the tools available to lead?

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Greetings TEAM!

Do you know what is the significance of 1932?

Do you know what VDAY stands for?

Do you know what is the most number of strips that have ever been on the American Flag?

Do you know when the American Legion's first temporary Constitution was written and where?

If you are you currently holding an officers position within our program as a Commander and don't know the answers to

these questions, well then, I would strongly encourage you to attend the Department of Arizona American Legion College. This is a 3-day program that is so very powerful, packed full of the history about the American Legion, the Four Pillars, programs, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, membership, mentoring, legislation and resolution development, parliamentary procedure – Roberts Rules of Order and everything needed for running meetings the *right way!*

This course is designed to help all of us to be better members, mentors and leaders by instilling that "Knowledge Is Power", giving us the tools and information that is needed to be a great mentors and leaders within our

organization. I know, I attended the American Legion College this past weekend in Tucson at POST 36. This is exactly what I needed to make me a better-informed member of our

great program. I learned more in these 3 days than I have learned over the last several years. Although this course is primarily an American Legion driven program, S.A.L. is welcomed to attend.

I was so impressed by this course I have suggested that they even add a segment about our great program, The SONS of The

American Legion to include us teaching that segment, as well, I have submitted a resolution to make this course a prerequisite requirement that any member who desires to advance to the positions of Detachment Commander and Area Vice Commanders attend this course prior to being nominated.

This course is offered 3 times a year and is held across the state. Again, I strongly encourage you to attend this very informative course, *you will be glad you did!*



Matthew Griffis

**For God and Country,
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Detachment Vice Commander Area B message...

As we start out in the New Year I would like to say thank you all for your support and your hard work in your membership drives.

As of January 5th our numbers are looking OK. There are a couple of Squadrons that are doing very good on their numbers and they are as follows:

Squadron 58 is at 79.31% WOW keep up the good work.

Squadron 2 is in a close second with 69.41%

These are the numbers that we really like to see coming in.

Area B is at 46.27% and in second place to Area A buy a few numbers. Our mail out is on Feb 9th, so get them in early so we can catch those guys. Our goal at that time is 75%. You can do this!

There are a few Squadrons having problems getting this completed. Please

contact me for help. I will be more than happy to do so. I also pop in and out of squadrons meetings on occasion and give them some of the tools that can help them make their goals.

My email address is: tttbucket@msn.com or you may reach me by phone: 602-538-6523



Vice Commander Harris (A)



Vice Commander Lucas (B)



Vice Commander Pesek (C)

If you would like me to visit you please notify myself or Detachment headquarters by way of Chuck Treat.

**For God and Country,
Thomas W. Lucas II
Detachment Vice
Commander, Area B
602-538-6523 or by email:
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A helping hand for Vets at 'Camp Bravo'...

What's happening in Southern AZ to help our Veterans:

While I'm spending time attending V.S.O. Meetings (as an invited



guest) and Chairing the Volunteer services Committee at SAVAHCS (Southern Arizona Veteran Health Care System) to find out our

veteran`s issues in getting adequate and timely treatments and through the latter, I help plan for and spend donated funds for our veteran`s more pressing needs like bus transportation to and from the VA for appointments and Housing and comfort item and day to day needs. we have other S.A.L working throughout the months to provide for many of our Veteran`s immediate needs. Please see the Following:

Camp BRAVO, homeless veterans tent camp in Southern Az. Has a constant need for support. Post #109 Sons of the American Legion, regularly checks in with palettes of water and food, seen in picture a drop off being made July 9th,2017.



Tell us what your Squadrons are doing for our Veteran`s. Send us your pictures and stories to the BCN where we can proudly share more of what we do to honor our Fathers through diligent Veteran Service.

**Joe Miller,
Detachment VAVS Representative, Area A
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Detachment Education & Awards...

In order to submit for a squadron or individual award from the Detachment, a letter of recommendation will be needed on Squadron letterhead the Friday one week prior to Camp Out.

Your submittal letter should contain all pertinent information about the award being applied for, signed by the Squadron Advisor, Squadron Commander and/or Squadron Adjutant. Submitting may be made to Awards Committee Chairman, Bob Hath or turned into the Detachment Adjutant, Chuck Treat.

The Detachment has five major awards each year. They are as follows:

Squadron Awards

The Ken Wyman Memorial Award

Is awarded to the Squadron who shows the most progress on the Ten Ideal and Five Star Programs. Squadrons are encouraged that had members achieve certificates in the Ten Ideal or Five Star programs to put in for this award. In past years, this award was given with as little as two Ten Ideal achieved. The awards are given on a per-capita basis to level the playing field for smaller Squadrons.

The Richard Kepler Memorial Award

For the Squadron with the most per-capita charitable contributions in the fiscal year. Add up all your Squadrons charitable contributions and divide that number by your membership total from the previous year.

Individual Awards

Detachment Son of the Year

Awarded to the Member who best exemplifies what a Son of the American Legion should be. An outline should include all information about the member's involvement in volunteerism, fund raising, participation in patriotic observances, and any other participation pertinent to the award.

The C. G. Lorton Memorial Award

This award is given to the member who contributes the best idea for the betterment of the Post home, Squadron, or the Community. Any idea big or small should be submitted for this award. An idea that has a small effect locally, may blossom into a Statewide or even a National movement.

The James Ashley Memorial Award

This award is given to one Detachment Member with outstanding achievements in fundraising resulting in the highest donations amount for the year.

About the Ten Ideals and Five Star Achievement programs

If you start at the beginning of the fiscal year, you should be able to complete these programs in one year's time. While these Awards should not be given lightly or earned easily, they are a valuable tool in the education and training of young citizens. Note on the Five Star program, the test in the handbook is the final step in earning this award, and should only be given to those members who have earned the right to take the test through their work in all aspects of Squadron participation. As we pass the halfway point in the fiscal year, it will soon be time to honor those members who have done the work for your Squadrons. I would hope that you all have taken our suggestion, and have kept a good record of your member's contributions to the successes of your Squadron. As we have asked in the past, we recommend that you honor your workers on or around the American Legion Birthday in March. As we have said in the past, hard work deserves recognition.

We would also like to remind you the deadline for Detachment Awards is Friday *the week before the Saturday meeting at Detachment Camp Out.*

We look forward to receiving many submissions this year. Please do not assume that if you are a small Squadron that you don't have a chance at one or more of these awards. The Awards that the Detachment gives are on a per-capita basis to even the playing field.

Do you know who should win one of these awards?

- ✓ **Kepler Award** – Squadron with the highest per-capita in charitable contributions.
- ✓ **Wyman Award** – Squadron with the most progress on Five Star and Ten Ideals programs.
- ✓ **Son of the Year** - Detachment Member who best exemplifies what a Son of the American Legion should be.
- ✓ **Lorton Award** – Detachment Member with the best idea for the betterment of the Squadron, Post, or Community.
- ✓ **Ashley Award** - Detachment Member with outstanding achievements in fundraising resulting in the highest donations.

Education as a Membership Tool?

When we think about membership tools, what are we usually thinking? Probably ways we can contact our existing members to ask them to renew or ways to attract new ones. We need renewals, and of course we can always use new members. But how do we go about doing that? Most of us would likely say sending emails or letters. Phone calls too if you have their information. Maybe a membership drive to attract new members. But education? How does that work?

It works in many ways, on many levels. You're reading this because The Sons of The American Legion is an organization you believe in and want to participate in. And that is because you have seen the work we do, the causes we support, and the difference we make. But you could know more. We all could. And that knowledge can be used as a membership tool, maybe without you even realizing it.

Why are you a member of The Sons of The American Legion? I am because my father signed me up when I was about 8 years old. But he didn't sign me up and leave me at home. He saw to it I participated in things, attended meetings, honored veterans on Memorial Day, and generally got involved. When I got my first squadron handbook, I saw these things I was eligible to achieve, the Ten Ideals and Five Star Awards.

Participating, studying for those awards, and achieving the awards made me appreciate the organization. If we are signing up our youth, we need to make sure they don't just carry a card.

They need to be educated in the patriotism we believe in, the Americanism we cherish. If we have young members that are not being shown these things, we will likely not retain them as they get older. Retention is key and education works.

And as our younger members grow up, and for those who were not fortunate enough to be raised in the organization

but are adult members, The American Legion offers ways you can get that additional education. Having been a member of The Sons of The American Legion for 45 years, I thought I had a good idea what this organization is about. I heard about the newly revised online education tool called "Basic Training". It's free for any member of The American Legion family as long as you have a valid



Detachment Commander Griffis receiving his Certificate for completing the National Commander's Seminar in Indianapolis. 42 Detachment Commanders participated.

member ID number by visiting www.legion.org/training. It made me realize how little I knew about the history and intricacies of our organization. But as a result, I can now recruit members with a wealth of knowledge that I had been missing all this time. And as you sign up new members, urge them to take the course as well.

Much like what happened to me as a child, when they learn about the organization and the work we do, they will WANT to renew, not drag their heels until the last possible moment. Recruiting and retention are vital and education works.

And for those who want to take that extra step, The American Legion College is available to you as well.

Established at the National level and offered annually at National Headquarters, this week long training is designed for those who want to advance within the organization at the District, Department, or National levels. In addition, many Departments have adapted this training to suit the needs and schedules of their respective states. This is also a live, in-person course stressing the core values and contributions of The American Legion. These are generally available to members of The Sons of The American Legion, on a space available basis. The curriculum typically centers on the core values of the organization and also considers topics such as media relations, membership recruiting and retention, community relations, and tips for serving today's veterans. Members completing this course will be well suited to take on leadership positions, and have the knowledge to promote the organization and inspire those around them to follow suit and seek further education themselves. Leadership is critical and education works.

As you can see, education works as a membership tool. When the young are educated, they become inspired. They are retained. When the adult is educated, they share that knowledge with others which leads to increased membership. They are recruiting and retaining new members. And when our leadership is educated, they inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

The educational tools are out there.

Remember to use them as membership tools as well.

For God & Country
Joe Roberts, Detachment Membership
Chairman & PDC
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The art of being a good sport...



The St Elmos Restaurant in Indianapolis is famous for several things...not the least is their "fresh daily and made from scratch" Cocktail Sauce served with extra-large Jumbo Shrimp. The Commander now has one more story to tell! Good job Commander! Best served Hhhhhhhhot!!!

CHAMP Foundation

CHARITIES HELPING AMERICAN MILITARY PATRIOTS

The Mission Statement

"*Champ*," an acronym for Charities Helping American Military Patriots and is a nonprofit organization created for the collection of donated monetary funds from the public to be used for an identified cause that supports veterans and their families.

Our Goals

To provide a simple and convenient method of collecting and disseminating donated funds to a designated cause, event or charity that has been approved by the Board of Directors.
To maintain a transparent and honest working relationship with supporters of the foundation.
To maintain a secure handling of all proceeds that are entrusted into the foundation, ensuring that such proceeds are distributed to the designated cause, event or charity.

Your Donation

If you would like to donate, you may mail your donation check to: CHAMP Foundation, PO Box 750, Cortaro, AZ 85652-0750

Please make your check payable to: **CHAMP Foundation**. Please remember to make a **notation on the check** for the destination charity. This will be for your records and assist us in following through with your intentions. Currently, **Fisher House located in Tucson** on the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare Campus is the only board-approved charity.

For more information, please contact Champ Foundation by Telephone: 520•289•5113 or by e-mail: azchampfound@gmail.com or visit our website: ChampFoundation.org

Our Objective

Public trust is of the utmost importance for the success of our mission.

The foundation does not have any paid employees. All of the Board of Directors are volunteers who are dedicated to the success of the foundation core purpose.

The foundation will maintain proper records and meeting minutes according to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Our 501(c)3 status is located on the Arizona Corporation Commission website under C.H.A.M.P. Foundation #22113237

All funds that are received, deposited and distributed will be accurately documented and recorded through the foundation's financial branch opened in the name of CHAMP Foundation in Tucson Arizona.

Camp Out 2018 is around the corner...

There is still time to order shirts and register to attend, few camp sites available...

Our Camp Out is coming up in a few weeks and I hope everyone is ready for the fun to start!



Tom Lucas has thoroughly tested the entire menu at Post 25 in Cottonwood in preparation for the Dinner on Friday Night for Camp Out.

The dates are April the 13th (*Friday the 13th*) through Sunday the 15th at Dead Horse Ranch in Cottonwood.

We had our Camp Out meeting on the 6th of January to talk about what we will be doing for games and the meals for the weekend.

Bring your kids and some fun games for all. There will be a fishing tournament for all to have some fun as well. If anyone likes to play darts please bring them with you, targets will be provided (*Steel darts that is*).

To go fishing, you must have the proper documentation in the form of a current fishing license.

You may bring a small boat or something along that nature to fish from. NO MOTORS OF ANY KIND. Prizes will be awarded.



The menu has something for everyone. Dinner is served from 5:00pm until there is no more or 7:30pm. Prices are moderate and the food is really good! Good entertainment, too!

Cottonwood Post 25 will be having their fish fry on Friday night and we would like to have a good showing of Camp Out attendees for their dinner event. Dinner at Post 25 in Cottonwood starts at 5:00pm. Along with that they will have a live band playing for the evening.

Saturday morning the menu will be made by our own A J McMullen and cooked by the Detachment Vice Commanders and the Executive Board Members, with help from those of you that are able to assist.

Our Executive Committee meeting will start at 9:00am after the breakfast with a short break and then



Chuck Treat felt the need to verify Tom's results and came to the same conclusions. The food is GREAT!

the General Meeting will start at 9:30am.

The fishing tournament will start after we finish our meetings. Have your fishing license and fishing rod ready to start.

Dinner will include Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and a few other good items to be decided on. The cooking will be done by our own PDC's. Dinner is served at 5:30PM...so everyone come out and cheer them on.

For more information and to register for Camp Out 2018, please go to azsal.org

Get signed up for the fun!

**For God and Country,
Thomas W. Lucas II
2018 Camp Out Chairman
602-538-6523 or by email: tttbucket@msn.com**



Sons of The American Legion

Danny Smith, National Commander 2017-2018

National Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

I would imagine that many of us never gave much thought to what the future would hold as we grew up, we were focused on the present or reflecting on yesterday. We never gave much consideration to what tomorrow would hold or planned too far in advance, we were focused on our immediate needs and not so much on the future. As we mature we start thinking about tomorrow, when will I be able to retire, will I be healthy, and how many good years do I have left. Since you have been reading this time has ticked away, what was the future a minute ago has quickly turned into the present and will soon be the past. Our future, our tomorrow, will be upon us in the blink of an eye. That is why we must continually look to the future and plan well ahead of where we are today. Things are different from what they were when many of us grew up in the 50's, 60's and 70's. What was viewed as Science Fiction has now become Science Fact and it seems that technology changes quicker than we can absorb the change.

If we are to keep up with technology and the changing world, we too as an organization must change to keep up, or be placed on a shelf with other antiquated items. Not that antiques are useless, antiques are rare and valuable items, one of a kind and handcrafted, just like our organization. Therefore to keep from being placed on a shelf to collect dust, we must show our value to the world. We must show them the beauty and purpose of our rare, handcrafted organization, always mindful of the changes that are upon us and adapting to an ever changing world.

Our Strategic Initiatives Planning committee is striving to keep up and place our organization in a position where we can meet opportunities head on. No one wants to be classified as outdated or old and neither do we as an organization. We need to stay fresh, new and attractive to our members and potential members. You accomplish this by planning ahead and looking to the future.

As I look to the future I see a vibrant, enthusiastic organization, consisting of dedicated male descendants of Veterans of the Great Wars. Surely our parents and grandparents are as proud of us and our service to the Sons of The American Legion, as we are of them and their service to our Country.

Respectfully,

Danny Smith

Danny Smith, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion

**Meeting Notes from the Camp Out Committee Meeting for
Arizona Camp Out 2018 in Cottonwood, Arizona
Department Headquarters — 11:00am, Saturday, January 6, 2018**

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| <p>#1 Camp sites are reserved. Everyone must be signed up to get into the Campground. This includes Day Guests staying in hotel rooms in town. Last date to do this is on March 28th. NO EXCEPTIONS.</p> <p>#2 Taxi service is arranged, to and from the Post. Tip well please!</p> <p>#3 Wood will be delivered on Thursday the 12th of April to the Cottonwood Post 25. Tom and Noah will distribute the firewood.</p> <p>#4 Camp Out shirts are designed and ready to order. Last order for the shirts will be on March 2nd, end of day NO Exceptions!</p> <p>#5 Post 25 Cottonwood will be having a Band and a Fish Fry on Friday night the 13 of April. Lets have a big showing for all the Post 25 assistance this year, as the whole Post is helping out in many different ways. Friday's menu: Fresh Fish, Fried Fish, Lobster tails, Steaks and more — A very nice menu!</p> <p>#6 Saturday morning breakfast will be provided by the Executive Board and the Area Vice Commanders. Breakfast starts at 7:30am</p> <p>#7 Saturday Night dinner is prepared by the PDC's. Dinner starts at 5:30pm. Menu is tentative: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans and more. Bring your own beverages.</p> | <p>#8 Assignments for jobs at Camp Out will be given to the Detachment Executive Board Members / Camp Out Committee Members:</p> <p>A Camp Out Chairman Tom Lucas, assigns jobs that need to get done, and help with as many as possible.</p> <p>B Dan Ashley, and Keith Birkemeyer will deliver the shirts on Friday afternoon & evening (with a break for dinner at Post 25).</p> <p>C Noah McMullen, and Ron Martin will help with wood distribution and setting up of the kitchen as needed.</p> <p>D Ed Wallace will be backup to whom ever needs help.</p> <p>E The Camp Out Committee will be helping with the kitchen cleanup and tear down on EARLY Sunday morning. Volunteers are welcome to assist!</p> <p>F Games will be controlled by Dan Ashley, and Noah McMullen.</p> <p>#9 Games will be as follows for children, and parents, Fishing tournament. There will be trophies for the following: Largest fish, Smallest fish, and Most fish. Also Corn Hole.</p> <p>#10 Adult games will be horse shoes, Darts, and Corn Hole. Do you have any games to bring? Please call and let me know.</p> <p>#11 Entertainment is acoustic guitar on Saturday night.</p> |
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The meeting concluded after 27 minutes

From the Adjutant's corner...

The 2018 Membership Year Calendar has been updated. Please use this calendar and discard the previous version. The changes were minimum but important enough to print a new copy for your use. Special items of note are:

1. We will be accepting nominations at Camp Out for Detachment Officer Candidates. Is your endorsement letter from your Post Commander in, yet?

Additionally, on page 15 of this issue, is a sample endorsement letter for your reference AND the "Nominated Officer Data Page" for each candidate to complete and submit with their endorsement letter.

2. Awards deadline for your submittal(s) is the Friday, one week before Camp Out 2018.

Send your submittals to the Detachment Adjutant, Bob Hath or mail it to Department/ Detachment Headquarters.

3. The deadline for shirt orders for Camp Out are defined on the form. If your order arrives late, no shirts!

4. Camp sites are disappearing fast.

Some are available, call Tom Lucas, the Camp Out Committee Chairman if you are interested.

5. Detachment Scheduled Events for the next year: Please see the attached calendar on pages 10-11 for additional information and planning purposes.

6. For the last several months, most of the Squadrons have been hitting the MARK on timing for sending membership. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

A short recap of the year's remaining scheduled events:

- Membership Shipping Dates with the associated Membership Reporting Dates – each Month
- Washington DC Wreath Laying Ceremonies and Legislative Commission, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission (VA&R) and Veterans Employment and Education Commission (VE&E) Conferences in Washington, DC – February 2018
- The Yuma Run – March 2018
- The Northern Run – March 2018

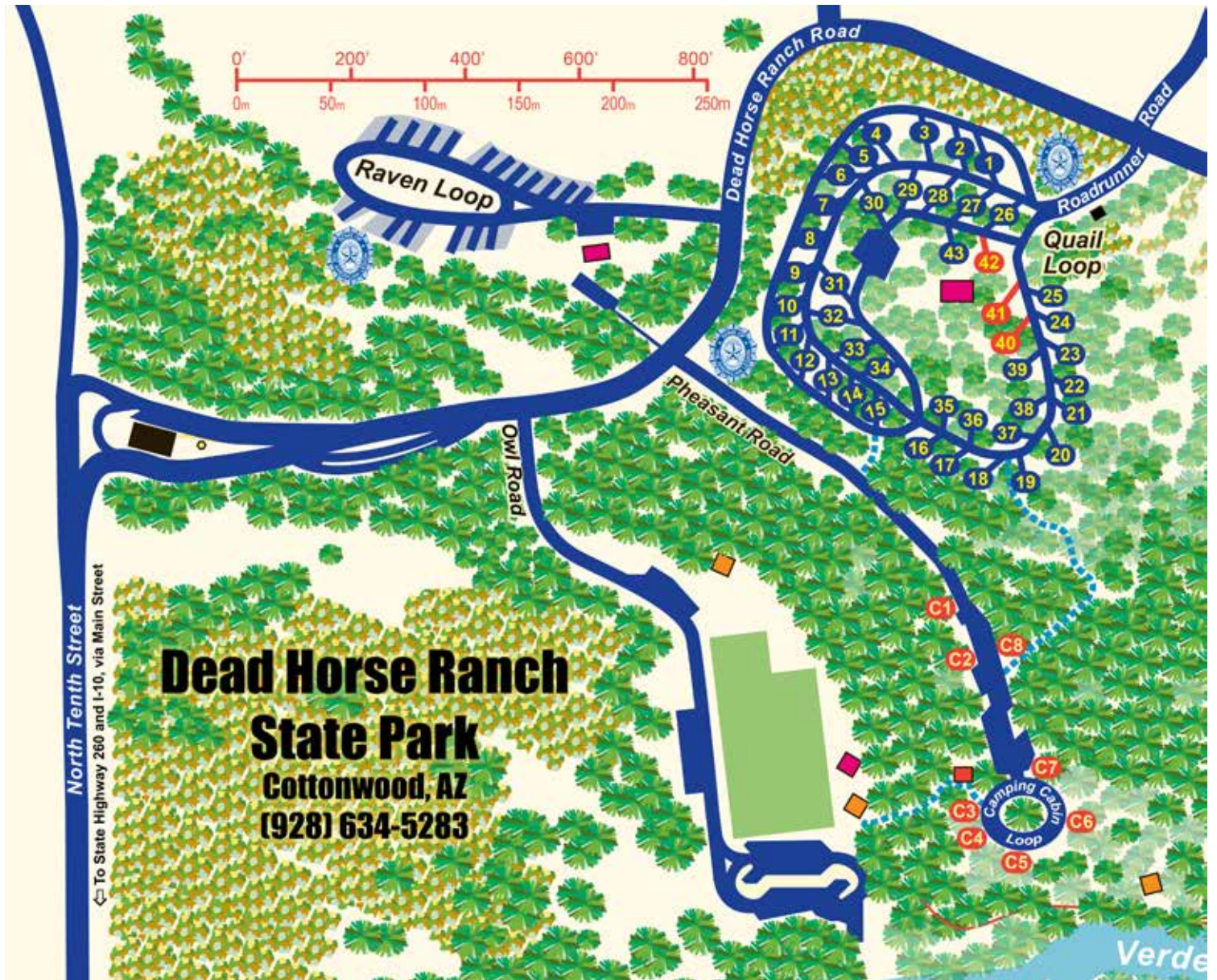
- Detachment Candidate Endorsement Letters are due at Detachment either before or at time of nomination.
- SAL Camp Out 2018 shirt order deadline, March 2, 2018
- SAL Camp Out 2018 – April 13, 14, 15, 2018
- Consolidated Squadron Reports deadline
- Squadron Officer Report Form due at Detachment BEFORE Detachment Convention
- Spring NEC & National Management Institute Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana – May 2018
- Detachment & Department Convention in Chandler, Arizona at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Resort – June 2018
- 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota – August 2018

Thanks for all of your efforts, they are noticed...

Chuck Treat, Detachment Adjutant



Can you say "Photo Bombed!!!" in Indianapolis during the Fall NEC-Commanders' Training meetings.





Sons of The American Legion Membership Due Dates at Detachment

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May • 2018

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2018 Membership Year Headquarters and Event Dates

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My Squadron's

100% Goal

for 2018:

My Squadron's

105% Goal

for 2018:

My Squadron's 2018
Membership Goals
Each Month:

September 2017

10% **Thank YOU!!** ✓

October 2017

25% **Thank YOU!!** ✓

November 2017

35% **Thank YOU!!** ✓

December 2017

45% **Thank YOU!!** ✓

January 2018

60% **Thank YOU!!** ✓

9 February 2018

75% _____

9 March 2018

80% _____

6 April 2018

90% _____

3 May 2018

100% _____

13 July 2018

105% _____

Note:

Using the calendar at left...

Mark your Squadron's
Membership Shipping Dates
to meet the Deadline at
Detachment.

Your Squadron's membership
needs to arrive the day **before**
the **Detachment of Arizona**
Shipping Date (identified as
Red Box in calendar for each
month)



*Be nice to Rose!
Rose Heitzenrater processes the Son's membership at Detachment HQ. Looks like someone did something right in this photo! Keep her smilin' guys!*



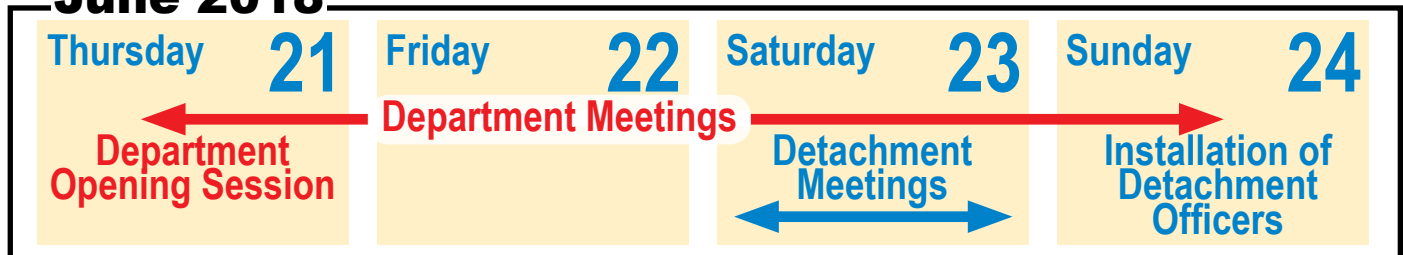
*Ed Cleary and Matthew Griffis at Western Region Rendezvous V in Las Vegas.
Fred Kavasnik captured during a break in the Saturday training sessions.*



Detachment Commander Griffis and Department Commander Bonilla at the Department of Arizona Legion College Graduation

The 2018 Annual Department of Arizona Convention

June 2018



Book your hotel reservations NOW!

By WEB link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1801085228&key=37434FE3>

By phone: Call 866•837•4156, the Department of Arizona standard Convention Room Rate is \$113.00 per night, tax and room gratuity inclusive.

Deadline: The final date to secure accommodations at the contracted rate is **May 30, 2018.**

Address: Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, 5594 West Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, AZ (not the casino)

The Department of Arizona Convention 2018 begins meetings with the Opening Session on **Thursday, June 21** and ends with the Closing Session on **Sunday, June 24, 2018.**

The Detachment of Arizona Officially called meetings will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. The first meetings will start at 8:30am and continue with meetings until 4:00pm. An Official Call Letter will follow in the April/May issue of the Blue Cap News. Additional information about Convention 2018 will follow in the next Blue Cap News. Registration forms for attending the SAL Meetings will be available after Monday, April 2, 2018. Registration and credentials are required for entry into all meeting locations.

Detachment of Arizona

2017-2018 Officers & Committee Contact Information as of 6 August 2017 **BCN**

Title	Name	Home SQ	Phone	E-mail
SAL Detachment/Department Headquarters		100	602•264•7706	SALadjutant@Azlegion.org
	4701 N 19th Ave #200, Phoenix, AZ 85015			
"Junior" Immediate Past Detachment Commander	Mike Talty	27	480•202•3806	miketalty@yahoo.com
Detachment Commander	Matthew Griffis	109	520•289•5113	SALazCMDR@gmail.com
Detachment Vice Commander, Area A	Ryan Harris	52	520•678•2674	RyanHarris520@hotmail.com
Detachment Vice Commander, Area B	Tom Lucas	29	602•538•6523	TTTbucket@msn.com
Detachment Vice Commander, Area C	Robert J Pesek	81	928•230•6210	Pesek_Bob@yahoo.com
National Executive Committeeman	Bob Hath	91	480•650•1445	HathR@earthlink.net
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Joe Roberts	36	520•404•9211	AZmembership@yahoo.com
Detachment Chaplain	Jim Beischel	58	480•299•1007	jrbeischel@yahoo.com
Executive Board Member / Campout Committee Member	Ron Martin	14	928•530•0739	rMartin@AL14.org
Executive Board Member / Campout Committee Member	Dan Ashley	26	602•339•6689	POTATO480@live.com
Executive Board Member / Campout Committee Member	Ed Wallace	44	480•586•6284	edmarwallace@yahoo.com
Executive Board Member / Campout Committee Member	Noah McMullen	62	623•910•5696	NoahEMR@yahoo.com
Executive Board Member / Campout Committee Member	Keith Birkemeyer	107	602•819•4646	KeithVBirkemeyer107@cox.net
Detachment Adjutant & Finance Officer	Chuck Treat	29	480•239•2844	ChuckTreat@aol.com
Detachment Judge Advocate	Jeff Frain	27	602•418•0508	Jeff.Frain@aol.com
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Detachment Sgt at Arms, Assistant	AJ McMullen	62	623•910•5696	NoahEMR@yahoo.com
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Detachment Membership Chairman	Joe Roberts	36	520•404•9211	AZmembership@yahoo.com
Detachment Camp Out Chairman 2018	Tom Lucas	29	602•538•6523	TTTbucket@msn.com
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Children & Youth - subcommittee CWF Co-Chairman	Dan Ashley	26	602•339•6689	POTATO480@live.com
Children & Youth - subcommittee CWF Co-Chairman	Mike Talty	27	480•202•3806	miketalty@yahoo.com
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Detachment Finance Committee Member	Dana Dobson	26	480•603•7099	daDobson@mpsAZ.org
Detachment Finance Committee Member (Adj & FinOff)	Chuck Treat	29	480•239•2844	ChuckTreat@aol.com
Detachment Finance Committee Member (Dept Adj)	Angel Juarez	41	602•264•7706	adjutant@Azlegion.org
By-Laws & Resolutions Committee Chairman	Jeff Frain	27	602•418•0508	Jeff.Frain@aol.com
Bv-Laws & Resolutions Committee member	Rob Pederson	14	928•279•1598	pdcr86-88@al14.org
By-Laws & Resolutions Committee member	Joe Roberts	36	520•404•9211	AZmembership@yahoo.com
By-Laws & Resolutions Committee member	Mike Talty	27	480•202•3806	miketalty@yahoo.com
By-Laws & Resolutions Committee member (Adj)	Chuck Treat	29	480•239•2844	ChuckTreat@aol.com

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Title	Name	Home SQ	Phone	E-mail
Legislative Committee Chairman	Open to Volunteers			
Americanism Committee Chairman	Open to Volunteers			
Veterans Education & Employment Committee	Open to Volunteers			
Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Chairman	Ed Cleary	2	480-296-6228	Emcleary@cox.net
Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Area-A Rep	Joe Miller	66	520-405-7352	jpsc1971@comcast.net
Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Area-B Rep	Ed Cleary	2	480-832-1065	emcleary@cox.net
Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Area-C Rep	Ron Martin	14	928-530-0739	rMartin@AL14.org
Conv & Conf Committee Member	Dan Ashley	26	602-339-6689	POTATO480@live.com
Conv & Conf Committee Member	Bob Hath	91	480-650-1445	HathR@earthlink.net
Conv & Conf Committee Member (Det Cmdr)	Mathew Griffis	109	520-289-5113	SALazCMDR@gmail.com
Conv & Conf Committee Member (Det Adj)	Chuck Treat	27	480-239-2844	ChuckTreat@aol.com
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SAL National Commander	Danny J. Smith			ddjssmith@msn.com
Leading Candidate for National Commander	Gregg 'Doc' Gibbs			ggibbs@sbu.edu

for more information, visit the Detachment website...
www.AZsal.org

Look to the website for copies of forms and information available in a downloadable & fillable PDF. We need your input: Events, calendars, and what you would like to see added in the future! Send to: SALazCMDR@gmail.com or SALadjutant@Azlegion.org

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Detachment of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 200
Phoenix Arizona
1-602-264-7706

Important Links

- SONS of The American Legion
- American Legion National
- ALLECA - Arizona's Youth Leadership
- Child Welfare Foundation
- Fisher House Foundation
- SAL of AZ Face Book Page
- DD-214 Search
- MySAL.org
- Calendar of Events
- SAL Area "A"
- Why I Belong Application
- Membership Application
- 2015 SAL Hand Book





Visit the Arizona Detachment Website for information, calendars, copies of the Blue Cap News and information on meetings & hotels for Camp Out 2018 and Convention 2018 as well as postings of SAL National Meetings, Commissions & Committees materials.

JOIN TODAY

S.A.L. Membership Eligibility Requirements
All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members

Detachment Officers
CMDR Greg Mekula - salcommander@azlegion.org

Nominated Officer Data Page

PLEASE Print ALL information in Blue Boxes

2019 Membership Year [2018-2019]

Your Name	Office You are Seeking:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Letter of recommendation received prior to nomination?	
Name on your CURRENT Membership Card	Membership Number
Your Mailing Address	
Your e-mail Address	Your Cell Phone Information
Squadron Number	Squadron Phone Number
Current Squadron Commander	Squadron Commander Phone Contact
Current Squadron Adjutant	Current Squadron Adjutant Phone Contact
Current Post Commander	Current Post Commander Phone Contact
Name you Prefer to have used:	Your SAL Cover Size:

Sample Letter of Endorsement by Commander on Post letterhead:

Date: 1 April 2018

From: David A.T. Argonauts, Post 100 Commander
 1234 Any St
 Yourtown, AZ 85003
 (345) 678-9012

To: Commander Griffis, Detachment of Arizona Commander
 Detachment of Arizona
 4701 N 19 Ave
 Phoenix, AZ 85015

American Legion Post 100
 1234 Any St
 Yourtown, AZ 85003
 (345) 678-9012



Commander Griffis:

Benny Franklin is a member of Squadron 100 and is a member in good standing. Post 100 endorses Benny for any elected Detachment Position for which he may be nominated.

Sincerely,

Jason A.T. Argonauts

Jason A. T. Argonauts
 Post 100 Commander
 (345) 678-9012

**A new letter is required each year
 from your Post Commander!
 The form above must completed
 and accompany your letter.**



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Camp Out 2018

To: *All Detachment Officers* *All Squadron Commanders*
All Past Detachment Commanders *All Squadron Adjutants*
Detachment Committee Chairman

From: *Matthew Griffis, Detachment Commander*
Charles Treat, Detachment Adjutant

Date: *February 2, 2018*

Official 2018 Annual Detachment Camp Out Meeting Call

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, I, Matthew Griffis, Detachment Commander, hereby call for the **Annual Detachment Spring Camp Out Meeting to be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Quail Loop, Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood, AZ.** The Detachment Camp Out is in accordance with the Uniform Code of Procedure and will convene at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Official 2018 Detachment Executive Committee Call

The Detachment Executive Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. All Detachment Officers are required to be present.

Detachment Officers unable to attend either or both meetings must notify either the Detachment Commander, Matthew Griffis, 520•289•5113 or the Detachment Adjutant, Charles Treat, 480•239•2844 prior to the meeting date.



32nd Annual Camp Out
Dead Horse Ranch State Park
Sons Of The American Legion
April 13, 14 & 15, 2018
2018 Camp Site Registration Form

2018

- All members of the American Legion Family are invited to attend.
Reservations are "First come basis WITH payment".
Name listed for each reservation (Responsible Person):
Sites are available on Thursday. The normal camp fee (\$35) is payable at the park upon arrival.
Pets are allowed; however, pets must be registered with the park and require a refundable \$20 deposit.
Please limit the number of vehicles.
No fireworks; No glass bottles and all fires are to be contained in fire rings provided.
Please send registration form with check Payable to: "Detachment of Arizona Camp Out" by Wed, March 28th to:
Sons Of The American Legion Detachment Of Arizona 4701 N. 19th Avenue, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3799
Additional Dead Horse Ranch State Park Rules on Back of Form Responsible Party

Responsible Party Name Phone Number E-mail Sqd#

Resv. Note List Names of Adults at \$10.00 each Names of Youths at age 17 or under - No Charge
Please Check ONE
Tent, or
RV or Trailer
Day Guest

Do Not Write in Area Below Line

Registration Rec'd: ___/___/2018
Check Deposited: ___/___/2018
Check # _____
Check Amount: \$ ____ . ____
Campsite Notification
Sent: ___/___/2018
Notification Sent By: _____
Camp Site Assigned: _____
Camp Site Assigned By: _____

PAID



32nd Annual 2018 Camp Out Tee Shirts



**Order your shirts today! Available with Pre-Order Only!
Deadline for Tee Shirt Orders is Friday, March 2nd, 2018**

Place Your Order Today!

Mens SHORT Sleeve, NO pocket				
			Cost	
Size	Qty	*	Each	= Extended
Small	_____	*	\$10.00	= _____ .00
Med	_____	*	\$10.00	= _____ .00
Large	_____	*	\$11.00	= _____ .00
XL	_____	*	\$11.00	= _____ .00
2XL	_____	*	\$14.00	= _____ .00
3XL	_____	*	\$15.00	= _____ .00
4XL	_____	*	\$15.00	= _____ .00
5XL	_____	*	\$16.00	= _____ .00
			Total:	_____ .00

**Make Check Payable to:
Industrial Shirt Shop**

**Memo Section:
your Squadron, Post or Unit #**

**Send order and Check to:
Industrial Shirt Shop
P.O. Box 12045
Chandler, AZ 85248**



Shirts available for pick-up at Dead Horse Ranch on Friday Afternoon

Questions?

**602•538•6523, Tom Lucas - Camp Out Chairman
602•339•6689, Dan Ashley - Assistant Camp Out Chairman**

..... **Do Not Write In Area Below**

Order placed by: _____, Squadron _____

Check# _____, total amount of check: \$ _____ .00



SAL members attending the 'Open House' at the Department Headquarters on January 6, 2018., top photo. Recent graduating class of the 'Department of Arizona Legion College', Tucson, middle photo. The Arizona contingent attending the 'Western Region Rendezvous V' in Las Vegas, bottom photo.



Detachment of Arizona Membership as of 2 Feb 2018

Sqcd	City	Area	Dist	2017 Ending	2018 Current	2018 Goal	Var to 100%	percent to 100%
4	Globe	A	5	66	50	69	-19	72.46%
7	Tucson	A	2	43	25	45	-20	55.56%
9	Florence	A	4	38	31	40	-9	77.50%
11	Douglas	A	3	70	63	74	-11	85.14%
24	Tombstone	A	3	156	152	164	-12	92.68%
28	Clifton	A	5	35	37	37	0	100.00%
32	Safford	A	5	83	80	87	-7	91.95%
36	Tucson	A	2	201	159	211	-52	75.36%
52	Sierra Vista	A	3	79	63	83	-20	75.90%
54	Coolidge	A	4	26	9	27	-18	33.33%
59	Tucson	A	2	35	0	37	-37	0.00%
66	Sahuarita	A	2	371	361	390	-29	92.56%
68	Tucson	A	2	37	22	39	-17	56.41%
95	Soloman	A	5	33	13	35	-22	37.14%
109	Vail	A	2	223	150	234	-84	64.10%
131	Green Valley	A	2	197	190	207	-17	91.79%
132	Oro Valley	A	2	26	19	27	-8	70.37%
133	Arizona City	A	4	16	17	17	0	100.00%
Total Detachment Area A				1735	1441	1823	-382	
1	Phoenix	B	11	218	144	229	-85	62.88%
2	Tempe	B	12	81	64	85	-21	75.29%
5	Phoenix	B	11	45	39	47	-8	82.98%
12	Wickenburg	B	11	128	104	134	-30	77.61%
19	Yuma	B	1	79	50	83	-33	60.24%
26	Mesa	B	12	121	52	127	-75	40.94%
27	Apache Junction	B	12	714	614	750	-136	81.87%
29	Glendale	B	11	139	124	146	-22	84.93%
34	Cave Creek	B	12	210	183	221	-38	82.81%
35	Chandler	B	12	173	163	182	-19	89.56%
39	Gilbert	B	12	322	212	338	-126	62.72%
41	Phoenix	B	12	161	118	169	-51	69.82%
44	Scottsdale	B	12	131	99	138	-39	71.74%
58	Fountain Hills	B	12	166	169	174	-5	97.13%
61	Avondale	B	11	128	90	134	-44	67.16%
62	Peoria	B	11	242	120	254	-134	47.24%
65	Phoenix	B	12	250	181	263	-82	68.82%
75	—	B	12	0	5	5	5	0.00%
91	Chandler	B	12	155	148	163	-15	90.80%
105	Phoenix	B	11	80	25	84	-59	29.76%
107	Phoenix	B	12	202	153	212	-59	72.17%
117	Phoenix	B	12	94	43	99	-56	43.43%
134	Laveen	B	11	24	26	25	1	104.00%
138	Tempe	B	12	63	45	66	-21	68.18%
Total Detachment Area B				3939	2971	4137	-1166	
3	Flagstaff	C	7	95	56	100	-44	56.00%
6	Prescott	C	6	95	97	100	-3	97.00%
13	Williams	C	7	17	0	18	-18	0.00%
14	Kingman	C	7	50	32	53	-21	60.38%
15	Winslow	C	6	35	1	37	-36	2.70%
22	Golden Valley	C	7	70	64	74	-10	86.49%
25	Cottonwood	C	6	85	67	89	-22	75.28%
30	Springerville	C	6	13	26	14	12	185.71%
37	Holbrook	C	6	46	39	48	-9	81.25%
40	Chino Valley	C	6	35	53	37	16	143.24%
42	Grand Canyon	C	7	32	20	34	-14	58.82%
57	Ash Fork	C	7	32	11	34	-23	32.35%
69	Payson	C	6	61	40	64	-24	62.50%
78	Humbolt	C	6	92	73	97	-24	75.26%
79	Yarnell	C	6	140	98	147	-49	66.67%
81	Lake Havasu	C	7	186	140	195	-55	71.79%
86	Overgaard	C	6	131	62	138	-76	44.93%
87	Bull Head City	C	7	44	34	46	-12	73.91%
88	Dolan Springs	C	7	34	19	36	-17	52.78%
93	Camp Verde	C	6	87	38	91	-53	41.76%
139	Crown King	C	6	26	26	27	-1	96.30%
Total Detachment Area C				1406	996	1479	-483	
100	Detachment HQ	H	0	4	7	0	7	0.00%
Total Detachment Squadron 100				4	7	0	7	
Detachment Totals to date:				7084	5415	7439	-2024	72.79%

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BlueCapNews@aol.com

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Separately send an e-mail with the flyer attached for inclusion with the Web edition. PDF's are requested, but we will work with you to get the word out!

Please send the flyer as an attachment to your e-mail to:

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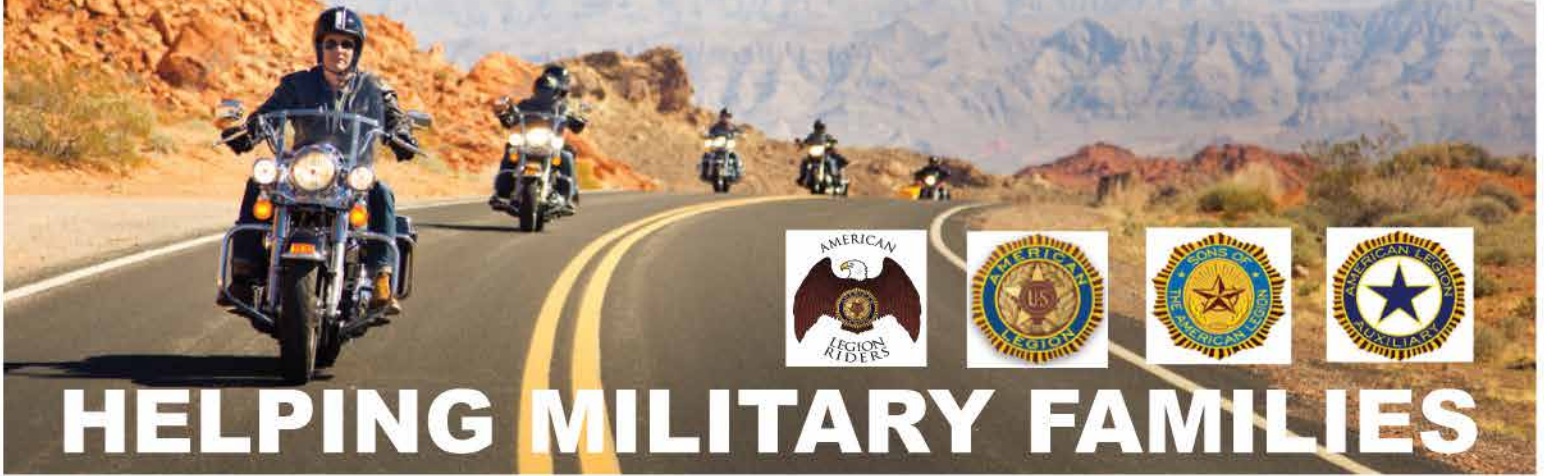
Next Deadline:

March 15th, 2018

for the published issue:

**April / May
2018 Issue**

RIDE *for* FISHER HOUSE



Ride with ALR 39, Thursday April 5 through Sunday April 8, 2018

Starting at American Legion Post 39 in Gilbert and ending with a BBQ celebration and presentation at Fisher House*.

**Thursday
April 5 2018**

**AL Post 39
to
Las Cruces**

**Friday
April 6, 2018**

**Las Cruces
to
Mountains
or Barnett
Harley
Davidson**

**Saturday
April 7, 2018**

**Las Cruces
to
Tombstone
Post 24**

**Sunday
April 8, 2018**

**BBQ
and
presentation
at
Fisher House**

**Registration \$20 per bike/cage, \$5 each add'l rider (includes ride pin)
You can meet us at any of the stops, but registration is required.**



Arizona Fisher House 3601 S. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85723



*Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.



READY to SERVE YOU AGAIN!

ANNOUNCING: JOE MILLER

Candidate For

2018/2019

NEC

A History of SERVICE for our SONS

1. *S.A.L. Detachment Commander -2014/2015*
2. *Squadron Commander (three years past Experience- One Year Current Position Serving Squadron # 66 in Green Valley Az.)*
3. *Squadron Adjutant (Three Years)*
4. *VAVS Committee Member Southern AZ (six Years)*
5. *VAVS Committee Chairman (four years) Spear-heading Fundraisers for Veteran`s Volunteer Services programs.*
6. *Service to Local Veterans in Southern Az. Through the "Blind Rehab-Recreational Programs" (Dinners- Field Trips)*
7. *Major Fisher House Supporter- awarded "Fisher House Angel" Award*
8. *Fund Raiser: Child Welfare-Fisher House-Homeless Veterans "Back-Pack Project"- Community Food Bank Green Valley. AZ- Toys for Tots & various Community Services, project leader*
9. *Train Flag-Etiquette/Care and use at Local Schools and Boys and Girls Clubs in Tucson Az.- On-going past ten years.*
10. *Trainer (2015/2016-two Years running at the Western Regional Unofficial Gathering in Las Vegas*

Rec'd on at SAL AZ HQ:

/ / 2018

Posted and Filed by HQ:

/ / 2018



Please Print or Type this report giving complete name, mailing address, telephone and e-mail information of all Squadron Officers. Send the original to: Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, 4701 N 19th Ave, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015 or e-mail the fillable PDF to SALadj@azLEGION.org Please photocopy and retain for your Squadron & Post records. This form MUST be completed and certified EACH YEAR.

The following Squadron Officers were elected/appointed at a regular meeting of The Sons of The American Legion at American Legion Post _____, on the date of _____.

Officers assume their responsibilities effective (date) _____.

Regular Squadron meetings are held: _____.

Your Maximum Squadrons Dues for renewal are: \$ _____

Squadron Information
Squadron Number
Squadron Name
Mailing Address
Telephone

Squadron Commander
Name
E-mail Address
Mailing Address
Telephone

First Vice Commander
Name
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Second Vice Commander
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Judge Advocate
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Chaplain
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Historian
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Sergeant at Arms
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Telephone

Post SAL Advisor
Name
E-mail Address
Mailing Address
Telephone

Return to Detachment before Friday, 15 June 2018

Officers Elected for the 2019 Membership Year

Attested Signatures
Squadron Commander
Squadron Adjutant
Date