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## Carol Hamburger New Arizona Commander

### “Back to Basics”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander. I am deeply honored and promise you that I will do my best to serve you in the way you would expect a Department Commander should. Past Commander Branch had a great year. He was able, with the help of many members throughout the state, to establish seven new Posts.

I would like to thank all of you for your support through the years in helping me achieve my goal in becoming your Department Commander. A very special thank you to my Post 29 Family for all of your support this past year and for helping to make my dream come true. Thank you especially for all your help with the hospitality rooms at Fall Conference and at Department Convention this summer.

This last year has been very exciting. My campaign took me to many posts throughout the State. I was amazed at how many posts were already going back to the basics to update what is important to help our Veterans and children. I strongly believe that we need to continue to find ways to serve our veterans, their families, and our community, state, and nation as our fore fathers have done since our



Commander's Message

establishment. That is why we need to determine what needs to be done at each and every post to make sure we continue to grow.

We have an added challenge this year. The needs of members are greater. Many will need assistance due to the down turn of the economy. This does not always mean financial aid but should include ways to help our members help themselves including résumé preparation, the development of interviewing skills, and direction to places to locate jobs. By helping others help themselves we also help them maintain their dignity while we add to the improvement of our communities and their economies.

To accomplish everything we want to do this year, we are greatly challenged. We have to start at the basics by ensuring that all of our new and re-elected officers understand the responsibilities of their offices and by giving them the support they need to carry out those responsibilities. We are trying to find a way to make training available to all but, in the meantime, each District and Post needs to set up some sort of internal training.

I am looking forward to working with all of the fine elected officers and appointed chairman this year. I know that I have a wonderful group of leaders to work with and look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Let's all work together to make our posts a gathering place for our Veterans and families to fulfill the original purposes of our American Legion principles.

Hope to see you all at the National Convention in Louisville August 21-27, 2009.

For God and Country  
Carol Hamburger, Commander  
Department of Arizona

## Espinoza Area “B” Coach of the Year

Ernie Espinoza was awarded The American Legion Baseball Area “B” Coach of the year this week at Alhambra High School baseball field. Ernie has gone overboard to support the league by offering his field to teams in need and provided volunteer field preparation services.

The award certificate and The American Legion Gold Baseball Medal were presented to Ernie, coach of the Alhambra Lions in recognition and sincere appreciation of the outstanding service, dedication and assistance which contributed to the advancement

of The American Legion Baseball Program and youth activities dedicated to God and Country.

Alhambra Lions are the first place team from the area and will compete in the State Tournament in Tucson on July 28. Ernie has coached teams in the Valley for many years and has participated in many American Legion Baseball Tournaments in the past. He has offered his services to the Area “B” and Detachment Baseball committees for the 2010 season and is a new Son's of the American Legion member.



Rollin Kohrs, Department Baseball Director (right), and Tom Kusek, Detachment Baseball Chairman (left) presented the award to Ernie

## Legion Golfers Raise \$9000

On May 20<sup>th</sup> a check in the amount of \$9,000.00 was presented to the SAVAHCS for the patient's fund. This fund is used for special rehab and patient services not covered by the VA budget. Accepting the check from Nils Nilsen, Program Chairman, is Mary Walters, Chief of rehab services and Gayle Duncan, Volunteer coordinator.

These funds are proceeds from the 7<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament held at Davis Monthan AFB on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Each year a committee made up of representatives from several veteran and civic organizations start planning next years fund raiser immediately after the check is presented. These are dedicated volunteers and make this program a fun and rewarding experience.



Mary Walters (left) and Gayle Duncan (right) The handsome gentleman in the middle is a has been golfer.

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Nils Nilsen PDC



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## A.L.L.E.C.A. 2009

Once again, ALLECA has completed another successful encampment at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. This year was a first in the number of people attending and a first in the number of cadets graduating. On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we checked in 51 people with 47 cadets and four returning cadets who were assigned as advisors. On Friday, there were 47 cadets who graduated with recognition for the four above mentioned advisors. That was also a first. Forty Seven in Forty Seven out. We did have a few accidents during the week but in each case, the cadets opted to stay even though they could not take part in some of training. About two weeks prior to the cut-off date for applications (May 1<sup>st</sup>), it appeared that this year's camp would be cancelled. Then all of a sudden, the applications

poured in. We initially had 63 applications but, as in past years, we had people drop for numerous reasons with four no-shows on opening day. This has been a very pleasing year. One other thing that made this a great year was the attendance at the Academy of the Director of The American Legion National Security Office in D.C. and a staff member and photographer from the *Legion Magazine* in Indianapolis. Sometime this fall, Arizona and the ALLECA program will receive coverage in the magazine. They were there only two days, but wished that they could have been there longer.

On graduation day, the Cadets made an 8 ½ mile run in honor of DPS Officer/Paramedic

Bruce Harrolle who was killed in a tragic helicopter accident last Fall. He had been an instructor on the use of DPS helicopters at the 2008 ALLECA program. In addition, Sgt. Palmer and I presented his widow with a plaque bearing the Legion and DPS logos honoring his memory. This was done during the graduation ceremony.

Finally, DPS Sgt. Dan Palmer (Academy Commandant) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Legion Family members for the financial and moral support they have given this year and years in the past. I would also like to thank Department Commander, Carol Hamburger, for her attendance at the graduation of the 2009 ALLECA Class.

Frank Whitten,, A.L.L.E.C.A. Director

## Out-of-State, Private & Graduate Educations Made More Affordable

WASHINGTON – Over 1,100 colleges, universities and schools across the country have entered into "Yellow Ribbon" program agreements with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to improve financial aid for Veterans participating in the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Over 3,400 agreements were received from the 1,100 schools participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. "This is a strong response to a new benefit," Keith Wilson, Director of VA's Education Service, said. "We are pleased so many institutions are supporting our Veterans."

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an important part of fulfilling our promise to the men and women who have served our country so honorably," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki said. "Implementing this landmark legislation and providing even more veterans with a quality education is a top priority for VA. We are grateful so many schools are joining us as partners in this unprecedented effort."

The Yellow Ribbon program, a provision of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, funds tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Institutions can contribute up to 50 percent of those expenses, and VA will match this additional funding for eligible students.

The Yellow Ribbon program is reserved for Veterans eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100 percent benefit level. This includes those who served at least 36 months on active duty or served at least 30 continuous days and were discharged due to a service-related injury.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

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For information on specific schools participating in the Yellow Ribbon program, go to [www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP\\_List.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP_List.htm).

Additional information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon program, as well as VA's other educational benefits, can be obtained by visiting VA's Web site [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or by calling 1-888-GIBILL-1.

### Former Diamondback Luis Gonzalez Joins ALBWS

Baseball stars Jeff Kent and Luis Gonzalez will add their lively commentary to the first live webcast of The American Legion Baseball World Series in Fargo, N.D. They will join play-by-play webcaster Jim Darby and co-anchor Bill Haase, former Detroit Tigers executive and senior vice president for the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The 15-game series, to be played Aug. 14-18, will be webcast exclusively via live video stream on The American Legion's Web site [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball).

Kent played six seasons (1997-2002) with the San Francisco Giants, usually batting behind Barry Bonds. He drove in 90 or more runs each year for the team and was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 2000. He played high school baseball in California and was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1989.

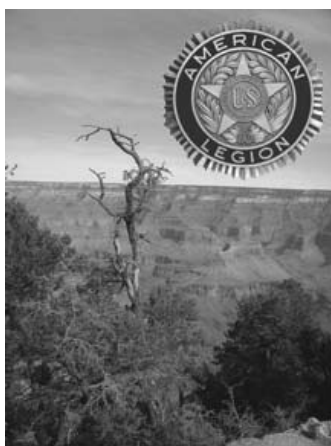


On Oct. 2, 2004, Kent surpassed Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs as the second baseman with the most home runs, hitting number 288 out of the park.

Gonzalez played baseball for American Legion Post 248 in Tampa, Fla., before moving on to the big leagues. He starred as an outfielder with the Arizona Diamondbacks, hitting 57 home runs in 2001. That same year, he drove in the winning run of Game 7 in the World Series, giving Arizona the championship.

On May 22, 2004, Gonzalez slammed career hit No. 2,000 against the Florida Marlins; two years later, he reached 500 career doubles.

Kent and Gonzalez are both five-time members of the Major League All-Star Team. Kent will work the microphone for Legion World Series Games on Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16. Gonzalez will cover the final two days of the series on Monday, Aug. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 18.



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# Arizona Officials Nowhere to be Found

A recent edition of The American Legion Dispatch printed co-sponsors for both House and Senate Flag Protection Amendments. Here is the list but where are Arizona's Senators and Representatives?

**H.J. Res. 47** (introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-MO); Judy Biggert, R-IL; Marsha Blackburn, R-TN; Charles Boustany, R-LA; Henry Brown, R-SC; Steve Buyer, R-IN; Mike Conaway, R-TX; Chet Edwards, D-TX; Mary Fallin, R-OK; John Fleming, R-LA; Randy Forbes, R-VA; Scott Garrett, R-NJ; Phil Gingrey, R-GA; Bart Gordon, D-TN; Steve Kagen, D-WI; Peter King, R-NY; Tom Latham, R-IA; Robert Latta, R-OH; Frank LoBiondo, R-NJ; Cynthia Lummis, R-WY; Don Manzullo, R-IL; Jim Marshall, D-GA; Mike McCaul, R-TX; John McHugh, R-NY; Mike McIntyre, D-NC; Michal Michaud, D-ME; Candice Miller, R-MI; Jerry Moran, R-KS; Randy Neugebauer, R-TX; Erik Paulsen, R-MN; Todd Platts, R-PA; Bill Posey, R-FL; Bill Shuster, R-PA; Mike Simpson, R-ID; Ike Skelton, D-MO; Christopher Smith, R-NJ; Harry Teague, D-NM; Todd Tiahrt, R-KS; Joe Wilson, R-SC; Frank Wolf, R-VA; C.W. Bill Young, R-FL; Roy Blunt, R-MO; John Boehner, R-OH; Steve Buyer, R-IN; Travis Childers, D-MS; Randy Forbes, R-VA; Scott Garrett, R-NJ; Daniel Lipinski, D-IL; Gary Miller, R-CA; Tim Murphy, R-PA; David Roe, R-TN.

**S.J. Res. 15** (introduced by Sen. David Vitter, R-LA); Evan Bayh, D-IN; Sam Brownback, R-KS; Jim Bunning, R-KY; Richard Burr, R-NC; Saxby Chambliss, R-GA; Tom Coburn, R-OK; Thad Cochran, R-MS; Mike Crapo, R-ID; Jim DeMint, R-SC; Michael Enzi, R-WY; Chuck Grassley, R-IA; James Inhofe, R-OK; Johnny Isakson, R-GA; Mike Johanns, R-NE; Richard Lugar, R-IN; Lisa Murkowski, R-AK; James Risch, R-ID; Pat Roberts, R-KS; Richard Shelby, R-AL; Olympia Snowe, R-ME; Debbie Stabenow, D-MI; John Thune, R-SD; Roger Wicker, R-MS; Susan Collins, R-ME.

It is time for all of us to urge our own Senators and Representatives to sign on if they haven't done so to date. It is ironic that our flag needs the protection of the Constitution. The Flag was actually in existence before the Constitution.

The history of our flag goes back to early colonial times. As loyal English subjects, they flew the flag of England. When they began to want their rights recognized, they made a flag of thirteen stripes (showing they were united) but with the Union Jack showing they still wished to be loyal to England. When it became necessary to fight for their freedom, a flag of thirteen alternate red and white stripes and thirteen

stars in a circle was their standard. All over the colonies, people wanted a new flag and since they only had a verbal description, many variations emerged. The stripes were easy to visualize, but the stars on a blue field came out in many different forms; a circle of 13, a circle of less with stars in the corners, a star pattern, a horseshoe, etc.

Washington had a sketch of the flag originally with six pointed stars (easy to make). The seamstress asked why use the stars of our enemy (England) when we could use five pointed stars of our friends (French).

Originally, it was intended to add a new star and a new stripe for each new state. When two new states were added we had our only flag of more stripes (15). It could be seen that this would not work. The Congress went back to 13 stripes to always represent the original 13 states and added a new star for each new state until the present 50 was achieved.

This has become our most sacred symbol. It is draped over caskets of men and women killed defending our way of life. National Commander Rehbein asked, "shouldn't a symbol so sacred be protected the same as a U. S. mailbox and a dollar bill?"

Twenty years have gone by since five United States Supreme Court Justices took away our right to protect the U.S. Flag. We must continue to fight to gain this right back. It takes much time and effort but it is worth it no matter how long it takes.

Fly your Flag,  
Maria F. Currie, C.F.A. Chairman

# Lowes Helps Prescott Valley Family

As Past Commander of Post #91 in Chandler, it is my honor to salute the Lowes Corporation again. The location this time was in Prescott Valley.

On May 20th, Hank Cozine of Prescott Post 6 passed away. His son, Alfred (who resides in Long Island), and I have been friends for many years. Alfred had flown out to Arizona for his father's funeral and he and I stayed at his parent's home. While there, we noticed that the back porch of the home was an accident waiting to happen. I and a few family members went to Lowes Home Center and met with the store manager. Robert of Lowes had heard of my past involvement with assisting veterans through the Lowes in Chandler and asked if he could help and help he did. One of the employees, Trevor, helped us get the right materials needed to do the job of making and building a new deck for the family.



Hank was also a member of the VFW and the DAV Service Officer at the Prescott Veterans Administration facility.

Thank you, again, to Lowes for your assistance with the safety of a veteran's family.

Sincerely,

G. Kris Kryskowiak  
Past Commander Post #91 Chandler

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# June Convention's Photo Finish



Ann Branch, Commander Henry and PDC Louie Pellon. Louie presented Commander Henry with his Past Department Commander Cap and Pin



Clarence Hill, Incoming National Commander



Paul Griffin, Congressman Harry Mitchell, Commander Henry, Adjutant John Aldecoa, Neal Sundeen Presenting Congressman Mitchell with the "Legislature of the Year" Award (Neal presented Congressman Mitchell with framed copies of articles that were in the AZ Legionnaire and the National Dispatch)



2009-2010 Department Legion and SAL Officers being sworn in



Bob Hamburger, newly elected Commander Carol and PDC Louie. Louie is presenting Commander Carol with her cap, pin and gavel



Andy Jaime, Commander-Post 44 Scottsdale, receiving his "Legionnaire of the Year" pin from Commander Henry.



Jessica Matteson, Jr. Auxiliary President and Jim Ashley, SAL Detachment Commander presenting a memorial wreath



PNC Jake Comer, Keynote Speaker



Vickey Zwall, Auxiliary Department President and Henry Branch, Department Commander presenting a memorial wreath



Daniel Sandoval, 2009 AZ Boys State Governor



Elaine Scruggs, Mayor City of Glendale bringing greetings



Auxiliary and SAL lost the Membership Challenge-What a circus it was!



Golden Legionnaires, Post 61-Avondale, retiring Colors



Scottish American Military Society performing their Memorial Service



## Andres "Andy" Jaime, Jr New Membership Director

My first article will be short and I will start by saying Thank You to our Department Commander, Carol Hamburger, for appointing me as the Department Membership Chairman.

I am really excited about this year's goals for membership and look forward to working with our Commander, the Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders and each of the Posts. I can be reached at the following:

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If anyone feels like sharing ideas or would like me to help

with whatever I can in membership, please let me know. Leave a message so that I can get back to you. I am aware of the great work the many chairmen before me accomplished, and I am anxious to get started. Looking forward to serving all of you as well as our future members.

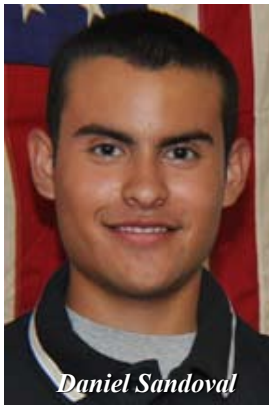
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Andres "Andy" Jaime, Jr.  
Membership Chairman

P.S. On July 22nd, Posts 26-Mesa, 35-Chandler, and 44-Scottsdale distributed "goodie bags" to the 3666th Battalion National Guard who were being deployed. The Posts also gave out "Why You Should Belong" brochures and self-addressed envelopes to send the applications back to their Post of choice. The Posts are paying for their first year of membership. What a great way to say "Thank You" for your service and recruit new members.

## Arizona Senator Appointed Assistant Secretary of The Boys Nation Senate

Daniel Sandoval of Tucson, AZ was appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of The American Legion Boys Nation Senate at Marymount University, Arlington, VA, on Saturday, July 18, during the senate session.



Daniel Sandoval

### BACKGROUND

Daniel Sandoval was appointed as Assistant Secretary for the 2009 American Legion Boys Nation program with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary of the Senate in maintaining the Journal of the Boys Nation Senate.
2. The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary of the Senate in examining all bills, amendments and resolutions before they go out of the possession of the Senate to see that the same are correctly enrolled and, when signed by the President of the Senate, shall forthwith present the same to the President of Boys Nation for his action.



Blaze Baggs

The American Legion Boys Nation program provides a week of government training in the nation's capital, comprised of lectures and forums with visits to federal agencies, institutions, memorials and historical sites. Valuable experience of the political process is gained through the organization of party

the introduction and debate on bills and resolutions, and the election of an American Legion Boys Nation President and Vice President.

The young participants were selected for the 2009 American Legion Boys Nation program based on their academic record, leadership potential and previous activities associated with The American Legion Boys State program in each participant's state. Each American Legion Boys Nation delegate represents his home state as a "Senator." The "Senators" caucus at the beginning of the session, organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills, allowing delegates to learn the proper legislative procedures according to the U.S. Senate. American Legion Boys Nation provides aspiring young men with the opportunity to learn about the federal government while participating in a hands-on experience with the electoral process.

**Editor's Note:** Daniel Sandoval, Governor-2009 Boys State and Blaze Baggs, Speaker of the House-2009 Boys State, were the Senators representing the Department of Arizona at Boys Nation this year. Daniel is from Salpointe Catholic High School in Tucson; Blaze is from Queen Creek High School in Queen Creek. Both of these young men did an excellent job and really enjoyed the experience of Boys Nation.

### Letter to the Editor

## My Dad - My Hero

My Dad went to Korea and fought for our country when he was only 17 years old. He spent three days on a submarine to get there. He has told me a few things about his time there but one thing has stood out more than others. He and some guys "requisitioned" a jeep and were on a bridge when they were fired upon by the enemy. Everybody jumped off the bridge and no one saw each other again.

Then 40 years later, my Dad was on vacation in Missouri in a rented motor home and stopped at a filling station to get gas. The gas attendant looked familiar and it turned out he was one of the guys on that bridge in the jeep 40 years before. They sat down and talked for two hours.

When 9-11 happened a little something was lost that day. It's one of those things you can't see or put into words. But for all the guys that went away to fight a war in another country, a little something was lost. You can see it in the faces of Vets and people that love this country.

So today, we all enjoy our freedom thanks to guys like my Dad who put it all on the line and fought for our country. So, thanks Dad from your son, for all you did for your country and for me all these years.

Thanks to All Vets.  
Michael Minson

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	Carlos R Montijo
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	Dwight H Felt
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Patrick J Hyland	Evert R Engstrom
Richard Karkula	Bernard Koesterer
Donnie E McDowell	Ralph A Kovnesky
Paul S Thomas	Francis A Lagowski
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James A Gardner	Paul F Lemley
George Hollis	Robert L Lind
Eugene W Murray	Joseph A Mariotto
Larry Sakin	Ray Norcross
George R Thorson	E C Robinson
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Arthur A Silvas	Harold F Weimann

Donald S West	Lawrence C Mercer
John J Willis	89
Cliff Woolgar	William E Fouche
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Henry Szot	91
Stephen A Toth	Terrance G Brown
Gilbert L Vonk	93
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David R Carlisle	Francis C Touponce
Marll R Collier	94
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Jake P Adema	John R Dawdy
Donald D Wilfong	Norman D Dudley
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Jimmy D Bufford	Charles W Haislip
Robert A Eldridge	Felton Hitchye
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Francis O Archer	Jon J Taylor
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Charles W Brown	David C Anderson
Howard J Glasser	105
Robert Samsoe	Frank Clouse
Robert F Wallace	Vernon A Ewer
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John C Cullen	107
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Don Haugen	108
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George W Bechan	135
Sammy W Henson	Darrell J Christy
Raymond W Hoppe	

## Chaplain's Corner

### By God's Grace

How do you define a friend? Do you rely on that person, male or female, for advice? Do they keep your secrets, for better or worse? Would you go to that person when in ill health, for help in a financial situation? Are you able to say "thank you" for the good in your life? Isn't this what we have God for? Do we not "Give it to God in Prayer"?

We so often blame other sources for our trouble; and yes, we are unable to control the National economy and often the loss of our job. But it is within our means to prepare for sickness and times of need. We say we cannot afford health insurance while smoking a \$6.00 pack of cancer causing cigarettes. We say we cannot prepare for the future, while driving a brand new car. Do we tithe to our church? Do we donate or volunteer to our favorite charity? We have the power over so many "troubles", if only we would use a little restraint. If only we would "Give it to God in Prayer".

Sure, we all want the finer things in life but they do not come automatically, we must work for them. The same with peace of mind, we have to work for it. We must strive, both physically and mentally, for what we desire. The Bible says all things are possible if we but have the faith as a grain of mustard; pure faith is difficult, we must "Give it to God in Prayer".

I thank God for my Grandmother who taught me to save 10% of all I have ever earned. Sure that is very difficult when raising kids (my wife and I had six total). We never had a new car until 1991 when we felt able to afford one. We never got a call from a bill collector, because our children, our home, and then our selves came in that order of importance. We tithed to our church, not always with money. Often we volunteered, visiting the shut-ins, cooking and delivering to the sick and disabled, raking the lawn at church, painting, scrubbing, etc. etc. I lost my wife after 48 years. We have 14 grandchildren and #'s 13 and 14 great-grandchildren on the way.

They are all mostly comfortable, well educated, and healthy because we "Gave it to God in Prayer".

Be with God,  
Richard Kepler  
Department Chaplain

## The Third Marine Division Association Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion August 25 - August 30, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas, at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on September 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend.

For membership and reunion information, Contact: Jeffery A. Dement, 23830 W. Ottawa St., Planfield, IL 60544, 815-436-3783 (home), 815-354-3783 (cell), email - [jeffdement@aol.com](mailto:jeffdement@aol.com) or visit The Third Marine Division Association, Inc. Website at [www.caltrap.com](http://www.caltrap.com).

Thank you and Semper Fi!  
Jeffery A. Dement, Volunteer Recruiter

### ATTENTION: Post Commanders & Elected Post Officers

July 2009 starts a new membership year for The American Legion. This is the time to review your Constitution and By-Laws. If you are satisfied with your current Constitution and By-Laws and they have been working and have been approved by Department, you are good to go. However, if you need to revise your documents to correct flaws and errors; do it now.

Write the changes, inform your members, vote on the changes and get them approved. Don't wait until February 2010!

Ole Bjerk, Department Judge Advocate

### Congratulations To Sweepstakes Winners

\$3,000 Ralph Herrick, Prescott Valley  
\$2,000 Thomas Rowe, Peoria  
\$1,000 Ann Seney, Kingman

The following were winners of \$500 each: Roy Alford, Dolan Springs; Earl Leet, Jr., Glendale; Allen Branch, Bullhead City; James Polich, Fountain Hills; Kenneth Boswell, Mesa; Samuel Boudreau, Phoenix; Earl Yingling, Chandler; Fred Wright, Golden Valley

**The Winner of the Limited Edition Gun Raffle is: Andy Olson, Stockholm, Maine - Congratulations!**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sweepstakes and the Gun Raffle!**



## Earl E. Mitchell American Legion Post and Unit #29 Win Richard H. Bieri Memorial Cooperation Trophy

For the year 2008-2009, Unit and Post 29 accompanied, participated in and actively worked jointly primarily in Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Each month, on the first Friday of the month, we treat a group of [16-20] residents from the VA Home to free dinners and non-alcoholic beverages. During this monthly event, the residents get to share conversation and enjoy live music.

In July, we held a Watermelon Bash at the VA State Home, with hot dogs and hamburgers. The whole family participates in this—Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L.—with each faction contributing their own part, including donations of toiletries, books, games and whatever items the residents can use to make their lives less lonely.

Post and Unit 29 solicit for donations of funds and toys for Glendale's Heart for the City, an organization that furnishes needy children and their families with food and supplies. In August, we collected school supplies and backpacks for these children.

The Post donated the recreation hall to Heart for the City for purposes of fund raising with "Casino Night". During this event, Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and A.L.R. members were able to mix with the community during a night of fun and frivolity.

On September 11th, we provided free lunches for our Glendale police, fire and EMT groups, in commemoration of 9/11. This includes food cooked in the Post kitchen and desserts donated by the Auxiliary, Legion and S.A.L.

In October, we jointly commemorated the POW/MIAs with the Post's annual ceremony.

For Halloween, we participated in District 11's Military Night at the Fear Farm in Avondale. Our Post and Unit donated hot dogs and soft drinks. The Legionnaires and S.A.L. did the grilling; the Auxiliary did the serving. These refreshments were distributed free of charge to all those who partook. Also, on Halloween, the Post and Unit manned game and activity booths for children at Sahuaro Park. We used this as an opportunity to furnish and distribute Halloween Safety brochures and coloring books to the children.

In November, we furnished the residents of Victory Place, in Phoenix, with a Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, salad and pies were served to approximately 100 residents and staff. We collected new clothing and personal items, including toiletries, books, videos and games to give to them, along with phone cards so that they could make local and long distance calls to family and friends over the holidays. The Unit purchased new flags for the residents' flag poles. The Color Guard and Honor Guard held a flag raising ceremony.

In December, Post, S.A.L. and Auxiliary members volunteered to work at the VA Gift shop. We also held a special Military Family Christmas event. In order to fund this, the Auxiliary held a special fundraiser in October, obtained names of six active duty military families who are in need; then we went on a heavy duty buying spree to purchase gifts, grocery gift cards, toys, cookies and candy to enable the families to have a real Christmas with all the trimmings.

We held our annual Children's Christmas party. Post 29's Adjutant was Santa Claus to our Unit's 2nd Vice Mrs. Claus. The American Legion Riders Chapter 29 provided safe motorcycle rides for the children. The children also enjoyed snacks, games; and each child received a gift.

In February we held our annual Valentine's Day dinner and dance. This event is to raise funds for the AEF. We can always count on the Legionnaires and S.A.L. members to cheerfully purchase tickets and bring their sweethearts to the function. The Legionnaires also helped serve the dinners.

Every March, we get together and assemble Poppy packages to be mailed out. The Legion prints the letters and envelopes, free of cost, for the Auxiliary, then a group of Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary members get together to fold, stuff and label the envelopes for mailing. The Legion provides bulk mailing privileges in order that we may mail over 2,100 poppy envelopes out to our members at low postage rates.

In April, we hosted an Easter party for children. The S.A.L. and Legion members cooked hamburgers and hot dogs. The Auxiliary provided games, snacks and Easter baskets for each child. The children also enjoyed face painting, cookie decorating, and a piñata at the end of the party.

Post, S.A.L. and Unit 29 participated in flag disposal ceremonies, not only at Post 29 but at other locations such as Sunland Memorial Park and one in Buckeye. We support each other with our Boys and Girls State programs. The Legion Honor Guard donated enough money to our Girls State program to fund two girls.

The Unit furnishes decorations, cake and other food for all patriotic holiday potlucks. This past Memorial Day, the S.A.L. provided hamburgers and hotdogs for the potluck; the Auxiliary and Legion members provided side dishes. The Post paid for the live music.

We jointly support the Color Guard in parades, attend funerals with the Honor Guard, and pass out poppies to those in attendance. During "membership drives", the Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary set up tables at different locations, including the jazz and chocolate festivals at Murphy Park, to encourage people to join The American Legion Family. We distribute poppies during these events.

The Unit also purchased an American flag, a state flag and a POW/MIA flag for the Post home when the current ones needed to be replaced.

In April, the Post 29 Service Officer organized a picnic for the residents of the VA Home. Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary members donated food and time to bring this event to fruition.

Starting in May, the Unit and Post presented over 30 school and JROTC awards to deserving students at 20 schools. This project ended the first week of June.

Also in May, we all participated in a cook out at Victory Place. Hot dogs and hamburgers, soft drinks and chips were given out to the residents. S.A.L. and Legion members did the cooking; the Auxiliary did the serving.

We have encouraged people to vote, and helped register those who were not yet registered.

We purchased and distributed pocket flags to our military people. We helped collect clothing and personal items for citizens in Iraq.

The Auxiliary helps the S.A.L. each month with the S.A.L. breakfast and annually with the S.A.L. Mother's Day breakfast.

The Legislative Chairs for Legion and Unit 29 sent letters to senators, congressmen, and local politicians regarding Veterans benefits. We applauded those bills that promoted the welfare of our veterans and active military personnel. Conversely, we denounced those bills, proposals and announcements that were detrimental to our veterans, i.e., the document generated from Homeland Security classifying returning soldiers as "terrorists" and President Obama's proposal to charge our veterans for their medical treatment of service-related illnesses and injuries. We sent letters to the editors of local newspapers with the intent of educating the public about veterans' benefits.

In addition to our membership drives, we attempt to "meet and greet" people in order to bring to their attention the plight of our veterans and the advantages of belonging to The American Legion family.

Post 29, Auxiliary Unit 29 and S.A.L. Squadron 29 work closely together, often crossing over into each other's programs without even realizing it. We have a solid marriage of sorts, and a very happy family with our Sons and Riders.

Earl E. Mitchell Post #29  
Ruben C. Gonzalez, Commander  
Earl E. Mitchell Auxiliary Unit #29  
Sandra Bartz, President

### FALL CONFERENCE 2009

CHARITY GOLF OUTING



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 TH 2009, THE  
COURSES AT LONDON BRIDGE, LAKE  
HAVASU CITY**

**8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START**

**COST PER PLAYER: \$60.00**

**4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

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**PLAYER #1 \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER #2 \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER #3 \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER #4 \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*If you don't have a handicap please use avg. score\*\***

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY OCTOBER 23, 2009**

**Return Form to American Legion Post #81, 181 Paseo Del Sol, Lake Havasu City,  
AZ 86403. Attn Jill Richeal**

**ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TOWARD LEGION PROGRAMS**



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
FALL CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1, 2009

AMERICAN LEGION PRE-REGISTRATION: \$10.00  
(AT CONFERENCE-\$12.00)

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:  
ROBERT A. ECKERT POST #81  
Attn: Jill Richeal, Club Manager  
181 PASEO DEL SOL  
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ 86403

## DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA 2009 FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 2009



### HOSTED BY:

ROBERT A. ECKERT POST #81

181 PASEO DEL SOL • LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ 86403 • (928) 855-2552

### CONFERENCE HOTELS

#### QUALITY INN & SUITES

271 S. LAKE HAVASU AVE. • LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ 86403 • (928) 855-1111  
157 Rooms @ \$69.00 + tax • 20 Suites @ \$99.00 + tax

#### ISLAND INN (AUX HOTEL)

1300 McCULLOCH BLVD • LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ 86403. • (928) 680-0606  
100 Rooms @ \$52.00 + tax

#### ISLAND SUITES

236 S. LAKE HAVASU AVE • LAKE HAVSU CITY, AZ 86403. • (928) 855-7333  
44 Rooms @ \$59.95 + tax

### **CUT OFF DATE 10/1/09 FOR ALL HOTELS**

POST #81 PLANS TO SERVE FOOD FROM FRIDAY LUNCH  
THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST.

POST #81 PLANS TO HOST A HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6-10 PM

SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE 3 HOTELS,  
POST #81 & AQUATIC CENTER

POST #81 WILL SPONSOR A CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 8:00 A.M. SHOT GUN START  
\$60.00 PER PLAYER, ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LEGION PROGRAMS

**CONTACT: KEN HAUGEN, COMMANDER • (928) 855-2552**

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