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## Greetings and Success In the New Year

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, let me wish everyone a Happy New Year. The previous year brought The American Legion, Department of Arizona, many goals and challenges which we met with outstanding success. I am confident the same will be true this new year as we move to reach attainable, measurable, and challenging goals.

Before we move forward in the ensuing new year, let me tell you about some wonderful charitable actions in our Department during the past holiday season. Auxiliary Unit #29 Glendale prepared Thanksgiving dinner and served homeless veterans and staff at the US VETS Homeless Center in South Phoenix. Through generous donations, the Unit cooked and delivered ten turkeys with all the trimmings. Our Auxiliary Units are extremely pro-active in helping this organization train, educate, and feed the hungry.

Post 65 South Phoenix, put together Thanksgiving boxes to donate to the needy families in that community. Over 50 boxes, with turkey and trimmings were delivered to homes or picked up at the Post. Post 65 Commander, Bill Bridgeman, spearheaded this project.



I was invited to the Phoenix VA Medical Center by Auxiliary Department President Vickey Zwall, to assist in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Christmas Gift Shop. It was truly an exciting benevolent offering of gift giving to patients and their families so no one would be forgotten and could enjoy a Merry Christmas. A huge "Thank You" and "Great Job" goes out to the many Auxiliary members in Districts 11 and 12 who volunteered to make this such a huge success.

All the charitable donations by our Legion Family (toys, food and clothing, etc.) were extra special to those who have fallen on hard times, due to the

severe economic downturn. It really does show we can accomplish much as a **Legion Family** with good service and a return to our basic principles with **pride and purpose**. We must be sure to include all these tremendous efforts in our Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs).

Our Department has been working diligently for veterans. First, Department Adjutant, John Aldecoa and I, met with Arizona Department of Veteran Services (ADVS) Director Joey Strickland and Deputy Chief of Staff Anna Chavez at the Governor's Office to discuss our programs, mission, and the founding of a new veterans home in Tucson. Second, the Department received a letter of recognition & certificate of appreciation from National Commander Rehbein for our \$4,000 donation to the National Emergency Fund (NEF).

In November, Keith Bartz, Post 29, and I visited the 161st Air Refueling Wing at the Sky Harbor Airport complex to attend a briefing on the Heroes to Hometown Program. This program has The American Legion and Department of Defense (DOD),

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## 64th Anniversary of the Capture of Iwo Jima

**February 20 and 21, 2009 - 64th Anniversary Iwo Jima Landing and Flag Raising Commemoration in Sacaton, Arizona**

"The flag doesn't wave because the wind blows it. It waves with the last breath of every service member that has given his life for this grand and great nation."  
*Marshall Tall Eagle Serna*

On February 19, 1945, a large contingent of Marines landed on the island of Iwo Jima facing an equally

substantial army of Japanese defenders. One of the bloodiest, fiercest four days of combat ensued. Iwo Jima became the most populous 7½ square miles on the planet as U. S. Marines and Japanese soldiers fought a battle that would test American resolve symbolizing a free society's willingness to make the sacrifice necessary to prevail over evil - A SACRIFICE AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS THEN.

On February 23, 1945, forty Marines climbed Mt. Suribachi in order to plant the American Flag at the top of the hill. The U. S. victory became a turning point in the Pacific War of WWII and provided one of the most memorable photographic images, the planting of the U. S. Flag atop Mt. Suribachi five days after the Iwo Jima Landing. The famous photograph of the raising of the second flag at Iwo Jima is the picture which has now become a universal symbol - an enduring image of bravery and heroism. Over the years, this image of Marines raising the U.S. Flag has come to symbolize the spirit of the Corps to all Marines ~ a symbol forever of the valor and sacrifices of the United States Marines.

In order to keep memories alive and to reunite brave warriors who stood on that tiny volcanic island, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 holds the annual commemoration of the Iwo Jima Landing and Flag Raising in Sacaton, Arizona, located on the Gila River

Indian Community. This post was named after Ira H. Hayes and is dedicated to the memory of Ira H. Hayes, a Pima Indian born and raised in nearby Bapchule, one of six who helped raise the American flag on Mt. Suribachi a second time.

This event "commemorates" the Iwo Jima Landing and Flag Raising. Although the parade and ceremony specifically honors all who took part on the gruesome assault on Iwo Jima, all who take part in preserving our freedom are honored. We honor those who were attacked on Pearl Harbor, fought at Midway, Bougainville, Normandy, and on what is referred to as "Bloody Tarawa", Tinian, Roi Namur, Saipan, to name a few and last but not least, the battle of Okinawa which proved to be the bloodiest battle of the Pacific War where casualties totaled more than 38,000 Americans wounded and 12,000 killed or missing. They are honored.

Lieutenant Jim G. Lucas once said: "It takes courage to stay at the front on Iwo Jima. It takes something which we can't tag or classify to push out ahead of those lines, against an unseen enemy who has survived two months of shell and shock, which lives beneath the rocks of the island, an enemy capable of suddenly appearing on your flanks or even at your rear, and of disappearing back into his hole. It takes courage for

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working together to help disabled veterans (wounded warriors). Keith is the Heroes to Hometown veteran coordinator for our Department.

In December, the American Legion Riders from Chapter 105 conducted a Dedication Ceremony at the ADVS Phoenix Veteran Home. They donated 200 new DVD recorder/players, over 1,000 movies and a DVD storage facility for the items. DVDs and players were a couple of the items on the Veterans Home "wish list" for Christmas. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio **America's Toughest Sheriff** was the keynote speaker. It was an awesome event that made the front pages of the National American Legion web-site... [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

In membership, we have made excellent progress. We have added two new posts and working on another in Maricopa. Welcome to Post 131 (Madera) and Post 132 (Oro Valley), both posts are in District

2. The hard work of District 2 Commander Ken Dowse, and the aggressiveness of our membership team, under the direction of Membership Director, Jeri Strande has paid dividends. Results of the National Christmas Bonus incentive to Districts that have improved membership over last year by at least 1% on December 31, 2008 are listed in Jeri's Membership article.

Ann and I visited Post 27 Apache Junction, for their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner and enjoyed an exciting evening of recognition and reminiscing for the years of service the Post has given to the community. PDC Bud Hansing was the Master of Ceremonies.

We were also invited to Phoenix Post 50, for their annual dinner and awards ceremony. Joe Johnson, a WWII POW, was the guest speaker. On December 7, 2008, District 11 Commander Bob Hicks, Keith Bartz and I laid a wreath on the USS Arizona anchors in Wesley Bolin Plaza. It was a ceremony in remembrance of our

fallen comrades and the bombings at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1941.

In closing, we have an exciting and fun filled year planned in Arizona. I hope to visit many posts and districts in the next few months and appreciate all your invitations. The Department Open House held on January 10, 2009 had a great turnout and everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves. We have the Oratorical Contests, a visit from National Auxiliary President Desiree A. Stoy, a trip to the legislative meeting in Washington, D.C. and the Northern Run on the schedule.

Continue to **Just Ask** when recruiting new members. Until next time, may God bless you and our brave military men and women.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY

Henry Branch  
Department Commander

## Arizona OIC Needs Donations

Arizona OIC is asking for donations to support their newly implemented, "Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program", (HVRP). This new endeavor involves working with homeless Veterans to expedite their return to the labor force. Employing a holistic perspective, including counseling, employment assistance, transportation, housing and clothing. The ultimate goal is to help Veterans with their successful, productive return to the workforce and community.

We are in need of cash or in-kind donations.

No clothing, please, for space and staff is in short supply.

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- Help with transportation to job referrals
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- Any required fees for temporary housing
- Deposits and rent for those transitioning to permanent housing

- Hygienic toiletries
- Support the breakfast at OIC
- Assist in the reinstatement of driver's licenses.

To make a donation, please contact Arizona OIC at 602/254-5081. If you would like to volunteer some time to work with AzOIC, contact Ms Janet Shines to sign up.

Let's work together to give our Veterans a "Hand Up".

Gene C. Blue - President/CEO  
David Williams - Case Manager/Job Developer, HVRP

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*Join us on these 2009 Tours in commemoration of those who fought and those who died*

# 65<sup>th</sup> D-DAY Anniversary

**June 3-10, 2009: EIGHT DAY TOUR .....**

- **FRANCE:** Special June 6th ceremony with reserved seating for WWII Veterans. Visit Paris, Normandy, and Northern France.
- **BELGIUM:** Battle of the Bulge area, Bastogne Museum & Monument.
- **LUXEMBOURG:** General George S. Patten's grave & more.

**Aug. 11-21, 2009: ELEVEN DAY TOUR .....**

- **FRANCE-BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG:** Same as 8-day tour & Colmar Pocket, France.
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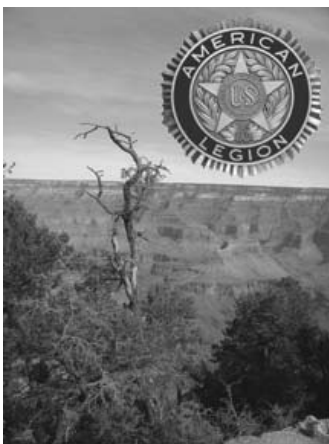
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# It's Time to Play Ball!

Last year was an exciting year for the Department Baseball Program. For the first time in 28 years, Arizona hosted the Western Regional at the Surprise Recreational Campus. In my many years of attending the regional tournaments, I felt this was one of the best run but the least supported of any that I have attended. The National staff did a superb job of conducting the tournament and our heartfelt thanks to them and the staff at the Surprise Recreational Campus.

High School Baseball Season will soon begin around our great state with many young men aspiring to enhance their skills on the diamond. Take some time and go out to your local high school and watch baseball as it should be played. As a matter of fact, don't just watch the game, become involved with their program, introduce yourself to the coach and

publicize the American Legion Baseball Program. Coaches are always looking for people to support their program. Tom, Bob and Bud, our local chairmen, are working diligently to enhance American Legion Baseball and need your help to improve the program within Arizona.

Last year, more than 600 American Legion Baseball games were played in Arizona. This represents an investment of over \$60,000.00 in the future of our young men, the future leaders of our great nation. Each year the cost to operate the program continues to grow. It is necessary to have the continued support of The American Legion posts and members of the Legion family. If your post is supporting the program, I extend "thank you" on behalf of the Baseball Committee. If your post is not supporting the program,

go to the local high school coach and ask what he would need to play in the Legion program. Publicize the baseball program within your post. I am always surprised when someone asks, "I didn't know we have a baseball program in Arizona".

The Department Tournament will be held in Tucson beginning on July 28th and will end on August 1st. Games will be played at the Reid Park Annex and at Cherry Field. The schedule will be posted in the July All Post mailing; please make sure that you post it on your bulletin/message board. I certainly hope that we can have a few more of our Legionnaires in attendance than we have had in the past. Come out and watch some exciting baseball. Cheer for your local team-show our youth and community that The American Legion is there.

Rollin Kohrs,  
Baseball Chairman

## VA Re-Opening Enrollment

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today plans to re-open enrollment in its health care system by July 2009 to about 265,000 veterans whose incomes exceed current limits.

"We're pleased to be able to offer what has been called 'the best care anywhere' to many more new veterans," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "We'll be able to provide these newly enrolled veterans with the kind of timely, high quality health care veterans who already use our system are accustomed to."

The change affects veterans whose incomes exceed the current VA means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10 percent or less. Congress provided funds in VA's fiscal year 2009 budget to support the new enrollment.

In 1996, Congress established a priority-based enrollment system for VA and a uniform package of medical benefits for all enrollees. The legislation

opened enrollment in VA's health care system to all eligible veterans and required that each year the Secretary of Veterans Affairs assess veterans' demand for services and determine if the necessary resources are available to provide timely, quality care to all enrollees.

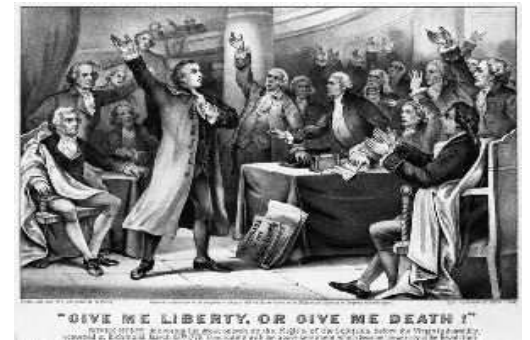
Enrollment for the lowest priority of the eight groups—veterans who are not being compensated for a military-related disability and who have incomes above a set threshold—was suspended on January 18, 2003, although veterans in that priority group who were already enrolled for care were permitted to remain enrolled.

VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA is now plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of these veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high

quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care.

VA's computer systems are being modified to accommodate the changes, and the Department is preparing communication and education materials to ensure that Congress, veterans service organizations, and the public are aware of the coming changes.

"The rule will take effect by June 30, 2009, if the regulatory process proceeds smoothly," Peake said. "We look forward to welcoming these newly eligible veterans into the VA system. VA will continue to monitor wait times to ensure the quality of care is not adversely affected."



### UPCOMING AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL COMPETITIONS

#### DISTRICT 2

Saturday, February 7, 2009  
Post 102 (Tucson Mountains)  
5900 W. Western Way (Tucson Mountain Estates)  
1 PM  
Community Center Main Hall

#### AREA A

Sunday, February 22, 2009  
Post 102 (Tucson Mountains)  
5900 W. Western Way (Tucson Mountain Estates)  
1 PM  
Community Center Recreation Hall

#### AREA B

Saturday, February 28, 2009  
Post 2 (Tempe)  
2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.  
10 AM

#### AREA C

Contact Bobby Reyes for information  
(928) 773-0084

#### DEPARTMENT FINALS

Saturday, March 7, 2009  
Post 44 (Scottsdale)  
7145 E. 2nd St.  
10 AM

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officers to send their men ahead, when many they've known since the Division came into existence have already gone. It takes courage to crawl ahead, 100 yards a day, and get up the next morning, count losses, and do it again. But that's the only way it can be done." And this is the way of our American forces to this day!

With memories fading and with the survivors' ranks thinning, those who fought in these battles still gather. Each veteran across the country marks their historic anniversary in his own way but most are thankful to be alive. With each passing year, the memories of Iwo Jima and other conflicts of WWII become less vivid and the number of survivors slowly dwindles. They are the ones who fought in Europe and the Pacific to throw back tyrants, to answer aggression, and to liberate millions.

We give thanks for the Americans who strengthen our nation with their example of service and sacrifice. Our military is drawn from many generations and from many backgrounds. Some charge across great battlefields. Some fight on the high seas. Some patrol the open skies. And all contribute to the character and to the greatness of America.

We honor a new generation of men and women who are defending our freedom. Our Armed Forces are

engaging the enemy, the terrorists on many fronts. At this moment, more than 2-million Americans are on active duty, serving in the cause of freedom and peace around the world. They are our Nation's finest citizens. They confront grave danger to defend the safety of the American people. Through their sacrifice, they are making this Nation safer and more secure.

We are humbled by the strong hearts of those who serve. There are many who lost limbs. Many bear the scars of their service to our country. We as a nation need to keep its commitment to those who have risked their lives for our freedom as they follow in a great tradition handed down to them by all America's warriors. In public ceremonies such as this commemoration, we give thanks for the freedom we enjoy because of their willingness to serve. We celebrate and honor America's warriors for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Veterans and military personnel from all conflicts are honored and are invited as well as families and friends. The parade, ceremony, gourd dance and powwow honors all those who have served this Country.

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# Arizona Veterans Home Residents Receive Special Gifts

Alan "Big Al" Jones, an American Legion Rider from Christopher J. Lapka Post #105 Westtown, received a "wish list" from the Arizona Veterans Home. In the past, the residents had received socks, slippers, magazines, sweatshirts, etc. but this year there were some special items on their list; DVD movies. Not a huge request, just something that they would all enjoy. With that in mind, Big Al spoke with some of the other Riders and asked about establishing a DVD Library at the Veterans Home and collecting 500 movies and giving a DVD player to each resident. Money needed to be raised to accomplish this and they needed to start soon!

One of the fundraisers was HOT AUGUST NIGHTS held at Post 105. They had dinner, live music, a bike show, silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. There were

people from all over the valley; approximately 200 who really enjoyed themselves and raised money for their



fellow veterans. They also initiated "Vets Helping Vets DVD Drive" that got American Legion members from around the valley involved.

Now came the time to get the ceremony together to present everything to their fellow veterans. They had the POW/MIA, KIA Color Guard directed by David Carrasco and led in by Michael McClanathan on bagpipes followed by the National Anthem sung by Candi Smith from Apache Post #27. The Scottish American Military Society performed a flag folding ceremony followed by a prayer from Chaplain Bill Schneider. Speakers were Henry Branch, Department Commander-American Legion; Henry Tank, Past Commander Post 105; John Moffitt, Department Chairman-American Legion Riders and the keynote speaker, Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The residents loved seeing Sheriff Joe.

The veterans received their DVDs along with movies and also received Biker tee-shirts which they all wore proudly. There were more than 400 people in attendance and everyone truly felt how much this event meant to their fellow veterans. The mission was accomplished! Hats off to "Big Al" and to each and every one of you who were involved in giving some special gifts to our Veterans.

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## THE 64th ANNIVERSARY OF THE IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING PARADE & CEREMONIES

# SAT. FEB. 21, 2009

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Membership Director

### Membership Momentum.....let's keep it going!

Yes, membership is my life this year and the life blood of our organization!

Area, District and Post commanders have worked very hard these past months in renewing and signing up new members...now with the turning of the

calendar to 2009 it is **your** opportunity to physically see membership cards and identify those who have not renewed. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, many posts started validating cards – it's very amazing how many of you look at membership cards *every time* someone enters your post and I say Bravo! Every member whether Post, Auxiliary or SAL should be PROUD to show their card and not upon request, but just because it's a privilege to belong to these organizations!

The requirement for a current membership isn't just the money; it's also because the Legion membership is an annual requirement beginning on January 1 – December 31. If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended but nevertheless a member with **no** privileges (see the Officer's Guide, Section 4, Delinquency, Resignation and Transfer for a complete reading).

If after reviewing your membership renewals, you find you have members that still need a little reminder to pay their lapsed dues, you can contact the Department

for some handy-dandy little past due post cards (that were developed by National) which you can send out. The front of the post card has a color picture of the Four Pillars of Service and visually reminds members of our great programs. The reverse contains a brief message and a request for their dues and a place for a post official to sign the card, along with an area for the person's address. The cards are **free** and by calling Gayle at Department, I know she'll be more than happy to send you some. By sending the card rather than a letter, you will actually save your Post some money since the cards mail for \$.27.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate the 14 posts that are members of the 100% Club and who will receive their 100% membership ribbon from National. Additionally, "good job" to Districts 2, 4, 11 and 12 for earning the Christmas Bonus from National by attaining 1% more membership than they had on December 31, 2007. Keep up the good work and the membership rolling in.....

For God and Country,  
Jeri Strande, Membership Director

### Festive Open House

Everyone had a terrific time at the Open House. We had LOTS of food and people and it was great to see so many enjoy the day. Thank you to everyone who stopped in and to those who brought something. Everything was delicious!!



January Birthday Girls, Barbara Matteson, Auxiliary Office and Gayle Reed, Legion Office. It was also Kathy Thompson's Birthday!

### S.A.L. Membership Goals A Ways Away

My Fellow Blue Caps

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and a great send off into the New Year. When you receive this, we will have five months left in our administrative year and still a long way from our goals. Keep working hard on your membership and assisting us all on meeting our quota. To you Squadrons that have already reached 100% we appreciate everything you are doing.


Spinoza Bear requests and donations have doubled this year and I would like to thank each of you for your continued support to this very important program. Child Welfare donations are coming in slow and we need to pick this up if we are going to get anywhere near last year's accomplishment. At Fall Conference, the body decided they wanted to raise what we did last year so please pick up the pace.

Camp Out this year will be at Canyon Lake April 3, 4 & 5, 2009, and back at Lake Pleasant next year April 9, 10 & 11, 2010. Please plan on attending if not for anything else than to show up for the meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday.

If you would like me to attend a meeting or a function you have coming up, please contact me as soon as possible.

Continue your great efforts in supporting The American Legion Family and assisting where ever you are needed.

For God and Country,  
Jim Ashley, Detachment Commander



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	Herman E Metz
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	John D Wilson
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	Jacob Krieger
	William F Schrader
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25	Victoria Argostino
	Pat J Antonelli
	James D Biddle
	Ernest H Hill
26	Tony Caldarella
	Charles H Chenoweth
	Clinton M Gill
	Monte J Montgomery
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	Kenneth C Snyder
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	James Caillier
	Samuel J Grandinett
	Shirley R Griffin
	Edward E Kelly
	John F Maher
	Dugalo M Purton
	Evelyn F Souders
	Quentin G Walmsley
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	Michael Cammarota
	Vernon F Franklin
	Bruce Rutter
	Frederick J Tizzano
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	Mino Delgado
	Glen C Haynie
	Filomeno Lucero
	Vernon L Ryan
	Adan W Sanchez
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	Kent Price
39	Jay Johaneck
	Donald M Pollak
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	Ruperto M Alvarez

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Ralph Ayala
Ruben S Calderon
Charles C Fonseca
Ronald S Gomez
George McGee
Joe J Urias
Bernardo Valencia
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Edward B Dees
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Larry L Halvorsen
Leonard Kopperud
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John Fitzpatrick
Arthur E Gauthier
Donald K Goonan
Gary D Gummow
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Travis L Williams
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Thomas J Bennett
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Angelo Di Giovanni

Kenneth P Dix
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Gerald F Erwin
John W Gilbert
David H Haynes
Edwin R Michelsen
Nick H Olvera
Jack T Reed
Wallace F Rodgers
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Lloyd L Cazier
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Philip Kaplan
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Robert M Stoker
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Donald H Sedgeman
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Jon F Falk
Mario J Flores
Vincent Frodsham

Merle Getten
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Eugene W Kehrer
Walter J Krzyzak
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Norman L O'Connor
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William D Paccione
Clinton P Palmer
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Walter J Jones
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## Third Infantry To Hold Reunion

The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90<sup>th</sup> reunion September 16<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65804. (1.417.883.6500). Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Includes a free breakfast. Free airport transportation.

For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine: 1.360.663.2521. E-mail: [info@theReunionBrat.com](mailto:info@theReunionBrat.com). The Society of the Third Infantry Division is seeking those who served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke 1.803.782.7517. E-mail: [pennieburke@sc.rr.com](mailto:pennieburke@sc.rr.com). Visit our Website at: [www.3rdiv.org](http://www.3rdiv.org)

## Citizen's Flag Alliance

The year 2009 marks a new year with an entirely new term of Congress. For the flag protection amendment, this means it must be introduced as a new bill. As it starts over, there is great hope for passage this time. Each time it has been voted on, it came closer. The last vote lacked one for the necessary amount.

Each new National Commander has vowed The American Legion will not stop until there is a flag protection amendment.

It takes money to advertise. Therefore, it is necessary to keep supporting Citizens Flag Alliance.

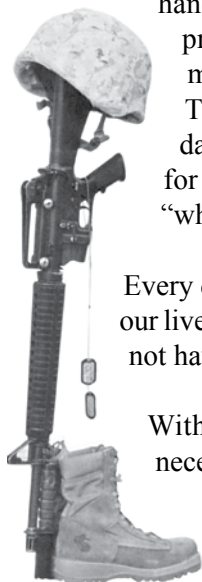
Fly your Flag,  
Maria F. Currie, C.F.A. Chairman

## Chaplain's Corner

### We Are the Common Denominator

There are so many things that affect our day to day lives that it would take this whole paper to list them; family, friends, neighbors, fellow employees, the area of the U.S. that we live in, etc., etc., etc. However, the thing that affects us most is---US.

How we were raised, our religious training, our level of education, even the type of career we choose. Hopefully, we all strive to live up to our potential, both religious and civilly. We are instructed to have charity for those in need; does this only mean giving money to a charity or giving one day a month to help in a food kitchen? Does this mean dropping a dollar in the kettle at Christmas or tithing to our church of choice? Does this mean forgiving those



“who trespass against us”, or being a mentor to a handicapped person or child? Do we know the programs of The American Legion or what it means to volunteer at your local V.A. Hospital? These are all things we all need to consider every day. Do we do it? Unhappily not. We take things for granted when things are going well and ask “why me” when things go bad.

Every day, we need to check off the things that make our lives good and find a way to help another who does not have it as well as we do.

With The American Legion programs, it is not necessary to spend a lot of money to help others who need our Christian charity. The veterans' hospitals have programs that need gently

used clothing, shoes, small appliances, calendars for patients, help with Bingo, patient care, etc. We have the Child Welfare Foundation which gives 100% collected to children's charities. Post, District, Area and Department level help with ALLECA, Baseball, Boys/Girls State, Oratorical, Boys/Girl Scouts, and Junior Shooting Sports. Every Legion family member should be aware of these programs and find one area of interest to help. If we all gave five hours per month, this would equal over 13,500,000 hours per year. Imagine the effect this would have on our organization and on our country.

God Bless us All and keep us well in 2009.

Richard Kepler  
Department Chaplain





**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Legacy" Rally and Poker Run  
Saturday March 28 2008  
ALR Post 29 Glendale Arizona**

**Music - Food - Fun Ride - Door Prizes - Ride Pins to First 100  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$250.00\***

**Worst Hand \$100.00\*\***

\* In the event of multiple winning hands, individuals will draw a card, high card will establish winner.  
\*\* In the event of multiple losing hands, individuals will draw a card, low card will establish winner.

**THIS POST 29 AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED POKER RUN IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Registration from 8AM - 10 AM First Bike out at 9AM - Last Bike in at 1PM

Breakfast will be available

Ride will start and end at Post 29

Registration \$20.00 per bike \$10.00 per passenger includes end of ride lunch

All proceeds to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, which supports children of fallen military hero's  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 IS LOCATED ON 57<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE BETWEEN GRAND AVE & GLENDALE AVE

Point of Contact Fred Manske email [fmanske\\_alr@msn.com](mailto:fmanske_alr@msn.com) Phone 623-334-4680

Guest and Event Waiver will be signed morning of ride

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Pre - Registration  
Rider \$20.00 Passenger \$10.00

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable ALR Post 29

Post Address

Send Pre-registration to  
American Legion Post 29  
% Sandra Shaar  
PO Box 125  
Glendale AZ 85311-0125

American Legion Post 29  
6822 N 57<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Glendale AZ  
623-334-4680



**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2009 STATE CONVENTION  
JUNE 18 - JUNE 21, 2009**



**HOSTED BY  
EARL E. MITCHELL POST #29  
6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> DRIVE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
(623-937-3411)**

CONVENTION HOTEL  
**RENAISSANCE**  
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623 937-3700 or Fax 623 937-3703

ROOMS AVAILABLE JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> (CHECK OUT - 21<sup>ST</sup>)  
SINGLE ROOM (KING OR QUEEN BED) OR DOUBLE ROOM (2 DOUBLE BEDS)

LIMITED ADDITIONAL SUITES AVAILABLE  
SINGLE/DOUBLE \$89.00 + TAXES

**ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN ANY HOTEL INTERIOR  
INCLUDING PATIOS AND COURTYARD**

CUT OFF DATE: MAY 18, 2009

Check-in time: 3:00 PM Check-out Time: 12:00 PM

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU DO NOT BLOCK OUT ROOMS

WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS INFORM THE HOTEL "AMERICAN LEGION  
CONVENTION 2009". RESERVATIONS #1-800-228-9290 (Specify Renaissance Glendale)

POOLSIDE HOSPITALITY SUITES WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH POST 29.  
HOSPITALITY SUITE RESERVATIONS WILL REQUIRE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER.

CONTACT: RUBEN GONZALEZ AT POST #29 623 937-3411

**POST 29 WILL HANDLE ALL SPECIAL FUNCTIONS:**

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST, PALS DINNER, GUNTS LUNCHEON, PDC LUNCHEON

POST 29 PLANS TO SERVE FOOD FROM THURSDAY DINNER THROUGH SUNDAY  
MORNING BREAKFAST. MENUS AND SCHEDULES TBA

SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE HOTELS TO POST 29

POST 29 WILL SPONSOR A GOLF TOURNAMENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>.  
SHOT GUN START 7:30 AM

\$65.00 PER PLAYER, INCLUDES PRIZES AND LUNCH