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'Tis the Season of Giving and Sharing

My fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members: my wife, Elaine, and I bring you greetings as we move into the holiday season. Our wish for all is to have a Merry Christmas and your New Year is safe and healthy. Please remember our veterans who are serving in foreign countries and also those veterans who are in hospitals and nursing homes and who are less fortunate. We want to remember our communities, our neighbors who are struggling. If there is any way you can help, please do your best.

We just completed Fall Conference. I want to thank the Legion Family of Post 117 for a well run Conference. Thanks also to Post and Unit 26 for providing shuttles and the GNUTS luncheon. To all Legionnaires who couldn't make the Conference, you missed a good time. Training was provided and reports given on how the Legion is doing, where our dues are going and how we are helping families in need.

We want to provide training to all Legionnaires; I believe training is very important. Saying this, I must apologize to everyone who was especially looking forward to the Americanism training. The class



Commander's Message

was cancelled because Dr. Vawter's wife had some complications during surgery. We wish her well.

The National Commander Jimmie Foster was our special guest. He told us about his experiences as Commander and his goals. He also reported on how our National Organization is doing. He visited as many classes as possible. We were also honored to have Bill Sloan, National Liaison Officer, teach the American Legion Extension Course. The Auxiliary was also honored by the visit of the Western Division National Vice President, Darlene McLaughlin.

I know you all are working hard on our goals. I want to thank all of you for your work this year. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Please try to make the Convention this summer. You will learn a good deal of information about the Legion and our programs. Also, you will hear how your Legion functions and where your dues go in addition to how we help families and our youth. You will also learn about programs that help our veterans. One more important item – you will be voting on your leaders and learn how they plan to lead the Legion into the future.

Here is some great news: before Fall Conference ended, we made our 65% goal. This is two weeks early. Thank you for your hard work and getting the transmittals in. Please remember my membership challenge to sign up one new member. Also remember to mentor those new Legionnaires. They are our future leaders.

For God and Country,
Dick Perry, Commander

Don't Cut Vet's Benefits!

INDIANAPOLIS (November 18, 2010) – “There they go again,” said The American Legion’s National Commander Jimmie Foster about the recommendations of two debt reduction commissions which would decrease military retirement benefits. “Every time Washington wakes up with a deficit hangover after decades of spending binges, those who study the serious problems of our national debt can’t resist the easy but unfair route of trying to balance the budget on the backs

of veterans. It is unfair and if these ridiculous proposals are passed into law, it will hurt America’s ability to defend itself from our enemies.”

One panel, chaired by former Sen. Pete Domenici and Clinton administration Budget Director Alice Rivlin, calls for changing the formula to calculate military retirement pay and delaying payments until the eligible veterans reach age 57. Another panel, chaired by former Sen. Alan Simpson and retired Clinton White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, recommends that military retirement checks be delayed until age 60.

“Tell it to the Marines!” was Foster’s response to the proposals. “I want these commissions to look a 22-year-old Marine in the eye and say that if you retire at age 40, after 20 years of service and three, four or even more tours of being shot at in Afghanistan, that you still have not done enough to receive your retirement. I want these commissions to tell the soldiers in Iraq that the benefits they are receiving are too much. America has a huge debt all right. And it is owed to these men and women who protect our freedoms every day. It is a debt that must be repaid.”



The panels have also recommended cuts to military weapons systems that could hurt American efforts to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

The Simpson/Bowles Commission suggested slashing \$100 billion from the defense budget in 2015, closing one-third of the U.S. bases overseas and freezing noncombat military pay. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates warned that cutting even 10 percent or \$55 billion from his budget would be “catastrophic” for the military.

“Cutting the military’s budget while it is engaged in two wars is unconscionable,” said Foster. “When you send American troops to war, you must pay the cost of those wars. Freezing pay and cutting benefits, whether in combat or in garrison, will also make young people think twice before volunteering to serve their country. The United States would not exist if not for the sacrifices of the men and women who have served in our military

throughout our history. It is only because of their sacrifice, that beancounters have the freedom to argue about how to balance the budget to begin with.”

With a current membership of 2.4-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

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Membership Work Shop Well Attended

I hope that everyone had a delightful Veterans Day as it is the day of celebration to give respect and tribute to our fellow comrades. I had the pleasure of being a speaker at the City Hall for the Veterans Day event hosted by Post 32 in Safford. Thank you for your great hospitality as well as other posts I have visited.

With the holidays coming, I also hope that you all did not put on that extra five pounds that comes with Thanksgiving. I want to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look toward life improving for all of us next year.

The Fall Conference held in Mesa went very well and the Membership Workshop was attended with a full room. The basic membership procedure and online renewal was addressed by our own "Bulldog" Sheila Galloway from the Department Staff. The National DMS (Direct Mail Solicitation)

program was addressed by the National Internal Affairs and Membership Vice Chairman, Bill Sloan. Bill provided the history of DMS and was able to clarify many of the questions regarding its procedures. Thanks to both of you for your assistance and to all who attended. For anyone still having questions regarding membership



continue to call our Department Staff at (602) 264-7706 or contact me at (520) 834-4043 or email k.dowse@att.net

Now for the good news, the National

objective of 65% was set for November 17th. As of November 1st, we were at 66.1%, two weeks ahead of objective. GREAT JOB! Let's keep up the good work and get our state to 100% for the first time in a while. There are already five 100% Posts as of this writing with many more closing in. January 1st is not that far away so let's put in a major effort and get as many renewals and new members in as possible. For those who have not renewed yet, please help our American Legion out and get your renewal in. For our Post 100 members out there, visit your local Post or any Post of your choice and transfer into the one you like.

Remember our Department Commanders challenge, "every member sign up one new member". Hope to see many of you at the Department Open House.

For God and Country
Ken Dowse – Department Membership Director

S.A.L. Membership Ahead of Target

The SAL membership is over 40%, which is over and above the goal that National has set for us. We will be sending more membership into National December 6th so please, all Squadrons send in what you have. Remember if the Detachment is 100% membership by Campout, the Commander and the three Vice Commanders will have to wear dresses to the Campout meeting.

The Fall Conference was a success for the S.A.L. as we set the date for the 2011 summer campout, it will be held in Parker at the La Paz County Camp Ground the third week end of April. There are over 100 full hookups and a grass area for tents. They have showers and public rest rooms. More will be forthcoming after our E-board meeting at Open House on

January 8th.

The Campout is put on by the S.A.L. Detachment to say thanks to the Squadron members for their hard work and dedication. The entire Legion Family is also invited to take part in it. We are looking forward to the visit of the S.A.L. National Commander and the leading candidate at the Campout.

Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

For God and Country
Jeff Johnson – Commander
SAL Detachment of Arizona

Congratulations! Fall Conference 2010 Cash Raffle Winners

Richard L. Exler, P-44	\$3,000
Charles E. Gregory, P-104	\$2,000
Tony Smith, P-62	\$1,000
Andy Jaime, P-44	\$500
Gary T. Welsh, P-6	\$500
Charles W. Day, P-69	\$500
Robert E. LeMaire, P-62	\$500
William R. Higgins, P-128	\$500
Charles C. Ciangura, P-81	\$500
William Whitton, P-29	\$500
Mike A. Aldaco, P-1	\$500

Thank You to each of you who participated in the Cash Raffle!

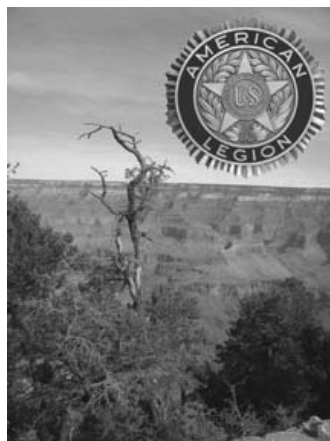
Win \$1,000!!- Open To All Legion Family Members!!!

The American Legion Riders in the Department of Arizona, have started a new program called **RIDE TO KNOW YOUR POSTS**. All you have to do is purchase a run sheet and ride to a Post listed on the sheet and get them to stamp it. **FOR EVERY FIVE POSTS YOU GET A STAMP FOR, YOU GET AN ENTRY FOR CASH DRAWINGS – WITH THE MAJOR PRIZE BEING \$1,000!** Other prizes are \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The participating Posts are:

2 (Tempe), 3 (Flagstaff), 4 (Globe), 5 (Phoenix), 9 (Florence), 10 (Ajo), 11 (Douglas), 19 (Yuma), 26 (Mesa), 27 (Apache Junction), 29 (Glendale), 34 (Cave Creek), 35 (Chandler), 39 (Gilbert), 40 (Chino Valley), 41 (Phoenix), 44 (Scottsdale), 57 (Ash Fork), 58 (Fountain Hills), 62 (Peoria), 75 (Phoenix), 79 (Yarnell), 81 (Lake Havasu City), 86 (Overgaard), 91 (Chandler), 93 (Camp Verde), 107 (Phoenix), 109 (Vail), 115 (Scottsdale), 117 (Phoenix) and 131 (Green Valley).

YOU HAVE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 31, 2011 TO COLLECT YOUR STAMPS. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ALR RIDER TO PARTICIPATE – ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGION FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE! All stamped sheets must be returned to ALR 117 at 16428 N. 32d Street, Phoenix, AZ 85078 no later than May 31, 2011. The drawing for prizes will be held at the AZALR meeting at the American Legion Department Convention in June. **PROFITS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY FOUNDATION AND THE PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION.** ALR 117 (Pat Tillman Post) is running this Program on behalf of the American Legion Riders, Department of Arizona. **SO BUY YOUR RUN SHEETS NOW!!** The sheets are now available for purchase from your friendly bartender if your Post is listed as one of the stops on the ride - only \$15 per run sheet. If your Post is not listed as a stop, they may still have run sheets available for purchase. Otherwise, they can be purchased from ALR 117 - contact W.L. Foster at egbdfib@gmail.com (602-684-4625) or Henry Burks at hank.usmc@yahoo.com (480-296-3886). **IF YOU BUY MULTIPLE RUN SHEETS THAT JUST INCREASES YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.**

Let's have some fun and RIDE TO KNOW YOUR POSTS!



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Alex Montminy Arizona Eagle Scout of the Year

The 2010 American Legion, State of Arizona Eagle Scout of the Year award was presented to Alex Montminy at American Legion, Oro Valley Post 132 September 28, 2010. The award, which also included a \$500 college scholarship check, recognizes Alex for his high school scholastic achievements, his scouting leadership, and his faithful commitment to community service.

Alex is the son of Randy and Shellie Montminy of Oro Valley. Randy is a member of Post 132 and serves as its Americanism Chairman.

Alex's Eagle project encompassed creating, coordinating and executing a conservation project and area beautification at the Immaculate Heart Academy in Oro Valley. The project amassed more than 300 hours of volunteer time. Specifically, Alex oversaw the relocating of more than 18 ton of rock that was used to prevent additional erosion along side a campus road and on

the playground area. Alex also directed the removal and replacement of broken curbing meant to contain

of funds which were donated to the Immaculate Heart Dad's Club.



Alex is currently the Vice President (Administration) of Venturing Crew 205 sponsored by the Santa Catalina Catholic Church in Catalina.

Alex began studies at the University of Arizona in August and is pursuing a double major in Computer Engineering and Computer Science.

Pictured , left to right: Al Miller, American Legion Dept of AZ Area-A Vice Cdr; Ken Dowse, American Legion Dept of AZ Membership Director; Ed Davis, American Legion Oro Valley Post 132 Cdr; Eagle Scout Alex Montminy; Gene Chewning, American Legion District 2 Vice Cdr; and Lance Hurst, American Legion District 2 Cdr.

the all-purpose field. Alex's successful solicitation of donations from the community resulted in an excess

Citizen's Flag Alliance

Flag Protection Still In Limbo

"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." A simple enough solution that would return to the people the right to protect their flag. Unfortunately, the Senate of the United States has not seen fit to grant this right to the people.

In 1989 the Texas vs. Johnson decision by a 5 to 4 vote did away with more than 200 years of laws protecting the U.S. Flag from physical desecration. As a result of this action, a grass roots movement started to protect the U.S. Flag. In 1994, National Commander Bruce Thiesen was approached to have The American Legion coordinate this movement.

Since then, a flag protection amendment has come before both houses of Congress for a vote four times. It has always passed the House easily. It has been defeated in the Senate by a 4, 3, 3, and 1 vote. A positive way of looking at this vote is that it comes closer each time. As yet, the amendment has not been introduced in this new session of Congress.

As concerned citizens, we need to approach our Senators and Representatives urging them to press for the introduction of such an amendment. Once introduced, they should then become co-sponsors of the Joint Resolution. Ask them to urge their colleagues to do the same. Let the people decide!

Polls taken by the CFA over the years, show that over three-fourths of the American people favor the amendment, and 80% feel the flag should be protected. This symbol has become sacred, it is draped over caskets of men and women killed defending our way of life. This symbol gives hope to oppressed countries, to citizens coming to the United States for a better way of living and it springs up immediately in emergencies. After the September 11th terrorists' attacks, huge flags hung from the Pentagon and Ground Zero. When it is so obvious that the flag means so much to the American people, why can't the Senate let the people decide? Do they feel they know more than the voters they represent? Perhaps they don't care. We as voters need to get more veterans back in both houses of Congress.

I've learned many things about our flag, most recently-why we don't walk between the flags when approaching the speakers table. Thanks to American Legion Post #42, this has been explained. The area between the flags represents hallowed ground, so we walk around the flags, visualizing the grave of a fallen warrior, our soldier. The Legion and S.A.L. stop to salute the flag; the Auxiliary doesn't need to salute. They also have a poem that is both explaining and touching.

Between these flags that proudly fly,
Let no man dare to stand;
For here our fallen comrades lie.
A symbol yes, but mark it well;
Here let us pause in memory of the lads

Who fell in fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea and land these buddies died;
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by wind and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God
And so this place is hallowed ground,
And it shall be forever blest,
As tho' it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to tread this spot
Where lies our gallant brave,
He desecrated that noble died
As tho' he walked upon their graves.

Author Unknown

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

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A Christmas Wish List Answered

Submitted by Kris Kryskowiak

A few months ago after attending a District meeting at Post #35 and listening to representatives from the V.A. Southeast Clinic at Williams Air Base, Mesa, it was brought to my attention that budget dollars were not as great as expected. The clinic seemed to be in need of items and articles that could not be afforded to them.

After listening to Eric Gyton, Medical Director and Karen Williams speak; I had the idea that veterans should assist the Clinic that takes care of us. After speaking with friends, we raised monies and purchased a DVD player. I then proceeded to research where items such as photocopiers and hospital gurneys, etc come from. Thanks to Hawk via Post #91 and John at Chandler Hospital, I found the ways and means to get the Hospital Corp to donate four hospital gurneys to the Clinic at a value of approximately \$32,000 plus. It



LtoR: Kris Kryskowiak, Past Commander Post #91; Karen Williams, Assistant Director; kneeling-S.A.L. #91 member Cory Bertalot; Eric Gyton, Director; and Delmar Swindler, Past S.A.L. Commander.

was a mission of great importance to me as pay back to our V.A. partners, doctors, nurses and staff and they didn't know what was going on. Thanks to Buddy for his donation.

I certainly wish other Legionnaires in Arizona could turn their attention to give help to the local clinics as well and help other veterans get assistance. The time to give back is now!

It was also my pleasure to be involved with VFW Post 7401 Chandler recently. I would like to give a sincere thanks to Jeanette, Cindy, Bill and the 120 plus motorcycle brigade on our ride to Banner Desert Hospital in Mesa to present two truckloads of toys and stuffed animals to the children in the Cancer Ward. The smiles on the children made it all worthwhile. A picnic for everyone followed the presentation. Also, \$6,000.00 was raised and donated to the Hospital Children's Cancer Wing. Karma pays back to good as well. If you love America, Thank a Veteran!

Foster Addresses Veteran's Affairs Committee

By Neal S. Sundeen, Legislative Co-Chairman

The National Commander of The American Legion, Jimmie Foster, gave testimony before a Joint Session of the House and Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee on September 22, 2010. Members of the Arizona American Legion were given the opportunity to attend this presentation.

Commander Foster stated that the Veterans of this country deserve an Appropriations Bill for the funding of the VETS, Veteran's Administration and DOD now and would like the Congress to pass this Appropriations Bill prior to the elections. If this cannot be completed by the elections in November, the Commander urged that the Congress pass a Continuing resolution for at least six (6) months. The Commander stated that veterans and active duty service members deserve nothing less than an operational budget to meet their needs.

While The American Legion was in Washington the Senate voted on proposed language to the Defense Authorization Bill relating to immigration, abortions and "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The American Legion supports a Defense Authorization bill, however, The American

Legion strongly urged the Congress to pass a bill that remained focused on the Department of Defense and its programs and operations without the added language of unrelated amendments or consideration of any measure that would jeopardize a timely passage of this bill. The American Legion supports the Department of Defense's current policy regarding "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and urged Congress not to take any action that would alter the Department of Defense policy until a through review was completed. Thanks to the efforts of Senator McCain and Senator Kyl, this is exactly what the Senate chose to do when the Senate voted on a broad based Defense-Funding Bill that contained the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". Prior to the vote on this bill, members of The American Legion in Arizona discussed this bill with Senator Kyl and Senator McCain and urged that the bill remain focused on the Department of Defense and its programs and operations and not other controversial amendments that are not related to the defense of this country.

The Senate also passed a bill The American Legion had strongly supported allowing gold star parents to become residents at state veteran's homes throughout. Currently, they are prohibited from admission unless they lose "all of their children". This bill had no costs associated with it. Senator Kyl and Senator McCain both supported this bill and it passed in the Senate without objection and was sent to the President for his signature. This bill was also supported by all Arizona House Members.

Members of the Arizona American Legion also discussed the Omnibus Veteran's Benefit Bill with Congressmen Mitchell and Kirkpatrick who both are members of the House Veteran's Affairs Committee. This Omnibus Veteran's Benefit Bill was also discussed with Senator Kyle and McCain and they all indicated support for this bill which would increase insurance,

compensation and pension, and burial benefits. Because this bill is not in final form there have been no committee votes on this legislation.

The American Legion has long supported legislation to completely do away with the Disabled Veteran's Tax for Veterans who are retired from the military service. At the present time many Veterans who are retirees have their retirement pay offset by their VA Disability Compensation. The American Legion supports legislation that would completely repeal this Disabled Veteran's Tax that now exists. Other government retirees are not required to pay this tax. Military retirees should not have to pay this tax either.

The National Commander also discussed enhancements for the post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits that would include vocational and on-line programs as well as provisions for the National Guard and Reserve service members. At the present time, the post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits do not include these enhanced benefits and is only available for Veterans who attend a university, college or community college. Many Veterans who are discharged are not interested in attending a university or college and would rather attend a vocational school to learn a trade, however, the present GI Bill does not allow for this type of educational benefit.

The Arizona American Legion members would like to thank Congressmen Harry Mitchell, Ann Kirkpatrick and Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain for taking time out of their busy schedule to meet with members of the Arizona American Legion. These members all have huge responsibilities; however, it is vital that The American Legion be given the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to Veterans with its elected Senators and Representatives. The Arizona American Legion would also like to thank the Aides to these Congressmen and Senators for taking the time to discuss these issues.

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Flag Presentation

Here is a photo of the NA KIA Flag Presentation October 16, 2010 to the American Legion Post 80 at the Tuuvi event in Tuba City, AZ. They greeted me well, they fed me good, and they raised the NA KIA flag over the event.

What more can a Pony Express Messenger ask for? I was honored to be with them.

R. Eagle "Many Hats" Levy





Everyone having some sun on the Karaoke Terrace

National Commander Foster with Roger Munchbach, Department Oratorical Chairman



National Commander Jimmie Foster addressing the Arizona Legion Family at the opening session of Fall Conference.

Neal Sundeen, John Aldecoa, Senator McCain, Paul & Helen Griffin



Neal Sundeen, John Aldecoa, Senator Kyl, Paul & Helen Griffin



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	Lewis T Brown	A L Veach
	Duke C Burks	36
	Anthony Downer	Nicholas Casciotta
	George Fahey	Brian M Chesire
	Russell J Harper	Maynard Hall
	Irving H Helm	James Houghton
	Arthur S Hogfoss	Jay W Huff
	Leon E Kittelson	Dennis H Lower
	William E Long	Robert E Maibauer
	William Lynott	Peter Murolo
	Teddy N Mosbaugh	Carmen Phillips
	Michael J Payson	Hugh J Rodgers
	John Twardzik	Harold E Schoen
	Earl P Wilger	Andrew R Warack
27	Donald F Bryson	37
	Richard D Burbidge	Vance Miller
	Varian A Fakes	40
	Steve M Hixson	Ralph J Gardner
	William L James	Norbert A Marcinek
	Francis J Juetten	E L Turnbow
	Thomas J Kennedy	41
	Kenneth L Maine	Patrick D Clancy
	Leon E Mardesen	James Hardy
	Michael P Novi	Albert A Thurman
	John Palmer	42
	Bob G Pierson	Raymond Castaneda
	Wilford H Sanborn	Lyman Nielson
	Arthur E Sargent	44
	Joe Segura	Allyn R Colen
	Charles E Smith	F Todd Dustin
	Marv Stafford	Raymond Glauer
	Arthur D Strahla	Robert R Manista
	George Trombino	Donald McGandy
	William J Webb	Robert Peterson
	Carl M Williams	Wayne E Pettes
29	George R Doane	Joe Pickart
	Richard Forbus	C T Price
	Robert C Hill	Darryl E Rabideau
	Harry L Hostetter	C F Rhoades
	Larry Labrum	Robert M Rucker
	Clarence W Nelson	John A Scholz
	Virgil L Trigg	Kenneth G Schueler
32	Patrick K Donaghue	Frank A Smith
	Ivan W Everett	Victor A Szarka
	Robert A Leinum	Arnold S Zielinski
	John L Mendenhall	46
	Edward J Peters	Jack J Bateman
	Nephi R Smith	Alan C Edgar
34	Kenneth Douglas	48
	Donald C Kurkowski	Modesto Guillen
35	Freed Ahmad	51
	Stephen P Batura	Dean A Juste
	Gregory L Cronkwright	52
	Richard T Eisele	Robert L Bolton
	Robert J Hensley	Gerald L Denney
	Nicholas E O'Connor	Larry C Frye
		Douglas R Kinkaid
		Frank J Tanguay
		Carl K Weisenberger
		54
		Fred M Betz
		Garry C Spahr

55	Robert J Angsten	83	Robert T Frazer
	Leo Cole	86	Howard F Swinton
	Calvin N Knock		Mark W Zimmerman
	John C Scully		87
	Hollis H Smith		Leslie E Cole
	Derrick Wright		Wesley D Johnson
	56		Edward J Morris
	William J Davis		Vernon L Nelson
	Clarence Gilmore		Harold Scharich
	58		88
	John W Rigdon		Thomas F Caldwell
	59		John A Stewart
	Henry M Figueroa		Fred D Tuttle
	Loren L Gripp		Ronald A White
	Martin Lugo		90
	Jesus A Natividad		Raymond G Cox
	Lawrence C Spencer		91
	61		Vincent Beach
	Clarence E Cooley		James E Cape
	George A Cooper		93
	William D Rickard		William B Baker
	62		Charlie F Cantrell
	Al Archer		Orlando A Covelli
	Robert J Balling		Wilber B Gates
	Edith A Brewer		Ralph C Knowles
	Marion E Butcher		94
	Arthur C Cook		Richard Colby
	Laurence M Cooley		James D Connor
	Kenneth J Cyphers		Northern I Flegel
	Marion E Dooley		John A Planey
	Darrell L Fosburg		William J Wood
	C A Freeman		95
	John Gordon		Ernesto D Montez
	John J Griffiths		Angel Rios
	Gene R Larson		96
	Fred Schmitt		Theodore C Cios
	Harry Williams		100
	63		Julius L Abramsohn
	Norma Eby		Odell V Baggett
	Lahoma Keck		Lawrence W Barnett
	64		James L Baumruk
	Randall G Oliver		Charles D Bell
	65		John Cole
	Jimmy L Green		Denzell Fox
	James L Ricks		Jerrold A Gibbs
	66		John Lasusa
	Walter R Baese		George S Lutz
	Charles W Beetschen		Stephen Martinick
	Jerrold L Behrens		Clifford E Moore
	William F Brown		Raymond Parkett
	George R Bushanan		Charles G Payne
	Paul J Kurtan		Jerry Plumb
	Herbert H Romisch		James R Smith
	James D Schafer		George E Smorra
	Roberto A Vasquez		Darrin J Spies
	68		Joseph Stohr
	Jose S Baray		Elton E Strawn
	Tony J Moreno		Morris Swanson
	69		Edward N Taylor
	Raymond F Borowski		David Turrell
	James S Cambier		Danny R Wales
	Alvis R Crosser		101
	John P Daly		Harold F Hoprich
	Larry Everhart		Lester R Kurtis
	Harry L Hansen		Ernest Ornelis
	Glenn E Lentz		Robert Perkins
	Val Nitzsche		102
	Eugene V Snyder		William J Lawson
	Joseph J Sobotka		105
	70		Robert Johnson
	Daniel A Martinez		Oliver Lay
	72		Dwight T Redfern
	Roy Merkle		107
	73		Jeffrey A Hadden
	Edwin M Knitowski		Daniel M Roberts
	75		108
	Kenneth F Karpinski		George H Sonderby
	76		126
	Franklin E Hodges		Richard Knox
	78		127
	John G Pearson		Joseph Meyer
	79		Vallee R Michimer
	Robert G Behm		Patrick O'Keefe
	81		Gerald F Ruger
	Eugene R Bertling		128
	L B Dodson		Charles F Hammerslag
	Richard G Gregory		131
	Harold E Hancock		James L Knight
	William L Johnson		Joseph C Martin
	Eldon D Kinart		Paul A Triller
	Eugene E McCabe		132
	Earl R McMackin		C W Mattox
	Raymond L Oursler		137
	Walter L Pavel		John E Willeford
	William D Phillips		
	Ford L Richardson		
	Charles H Stauffer		

Chaplain's Corner

HO! HO! HO! - Here We Go!

Unless you've been living in a cave you've surely noticed the signs of the season. How could one miss it? Black Friday (that occurs the day after Thanksgiving), holiday trees gaily decorated everywhere, Menorahs flickering brightly, the jolly fat man and his elves busy at work, Frosty, Rudolph and the host of other symbols that signify this holiday season.

It's a wonderful season where mostly kindness and joy abound. Wonderful smells are coming from the kitchen as cookies are baking and holiday meals are being prepared. Wrapping paper and ribbons seem to be overtaking your house and those last minute gifts still need to be purchased. It's all part of the package. Sometimes we get too "wrapped-up" in the trappings of the season to remember the reason for the season. December is a month of celebrations. For those of the Jewish faith it's Hanukkah and for the Christians it's the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

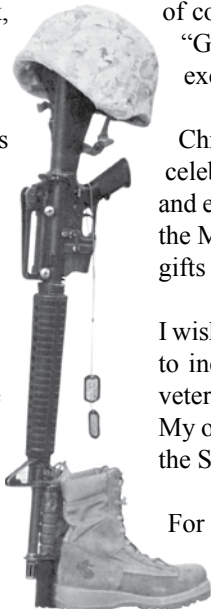
Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Light is an eight day celebration of the rededication of

the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in the Second Century BCE. This year Hanukkah begins at sundown December 1st and runs through December 9th. Each day an additional candle is lit on the Menorah; many special meals are prepared and, of course, there is the giving on the traditional Hanukkah "Gelt" - translation: money or gifts. Most often gifts are exchanged on a daily basis.

Christmas, the Christian holiday is traditionally a 12 day celebration beginning on December 25th with Jesus' birth and ending on January 6th which signifies how long it took the Magi to follow the star to the birthplace and offer their gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.

I wish you all the Happiest of Holidays. Please don't forget to include prayers and whatever else you can do for our veterans and brave men and women serving in our defense. My only prayer is that everyone remembers the Reason for the Season.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain



American Legion - Department of Arizona

Membership Report

November 15, 2010

Area	Goal	2011	% of Goal
A Al Miller	9,445	7,070	74.85
B Jim Burke	19,085	12,841	67.28
C Ann Seney	8,395	5,850	69.68
HQ Dick Perry	6,075	3,670	60.41
Grand Totals:	43,000	29,431	68.44

High Area - A - 74.85%
 High District - 2 - 76.69%
 High Post - 137 - 170.83%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,086	737	67.86
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	137	58	42.34
47 Somerton	Somerton	16	7	43.75
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	182	101	55.49
67 Frank Mick	Roll	38	24	63.16
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	48	29	60.42
District Totals		1,507	956	63.44

District 2 - Commander: Lance Hurst

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	469	315	67.16
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	83	62	74.70
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,388	1,070	77.09
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	319	222	69.59
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,436	978	68.11
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	332	260	78.31
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	182	145	79.67
74 Calabasas	Rio Rico	16	2	12.50
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	119	8299	83.19
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	683	557	81.55
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	16	16	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	31	19	61.29
125 Yoem	Tucson	27	17	62.96
131 Madera	Green Valley	398	428	107.54
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	103	106	102.91
District Totals		5,602	4,296	76.69

District 3 - Commander: Greg Normand

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	329	280	85.11
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	76	90.48
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	47	36	76.60
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	630	454	72.06
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	82	64	78.05
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	925	644	69.62
District Totals		2,097	1,554	74.11

District 4 - Commander: Jerry Boales

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	231	186	80.52
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	199	110	55.28
17 William P. Kern	Superior	27	21	77.78
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	35	24	68.57
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	52	25	48.08
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	29	25	86.21
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	132	90	68.18
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	38	26	68.42
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	79	48	60.76
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	29	46	158.62
District Totals		851	601	70.60

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	213	159	74.65
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	116	71	61.21
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	451	317	70.29
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	28	9	32.14
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	87	63	72.41
District Totals		895	619	69.16

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	94	70	74.47
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	162	122	75.31

Greer-Dewitt

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
37 Navajo	Saint Johns	30	12	40.00
60 Whiteriver	Holbrook	62	38	61.29
69 Tonto Rim	Whiteriver	51	46	90.20
76 WilliamHouse	Payson	512	313	61.13
80 Hopi	Show Low	225	151	67.11
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Kykotsmovi	37	2	5.41
86 John D. Wibby	Ganado	16	3	18.75
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Overgaard	446	345	77.35
130 Joseph McCarthy	Snowflake	31	13	41.94
District Totals	Saint Johns	15	14	93.33
District Totals		1,681	1,129	67.16

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	585	405	69.23
13 Cordova	Williams	129	98	75.97
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	317	239	75.39
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	251	135	53.78
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	17	14	82.35
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	196	82	41.84
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	95	65	68.42
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,320	977	74.02
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	510	353	69.22
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	122	75	61.48
103 Meadview	Meadview	51	8	15.69
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	25	19	76.00
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	35	23	65.71
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	44	26	59.09
136 Yucca	Yucca	21	21	100.00
District Totals		3,718	2,540	68.32

District 8 - Commander: Doug Keller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	783	633	80.84
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	790	542	68.61
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	383	244	63.71
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	232	169	72.84
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	269	202	75.09
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	42	32	76.19
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	305	202	66.23
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	23	15	65.22
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	85	54	63.53
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	47	56	119.15
135	Cornville	37	32	86.49
District Totals		2,996	2,181	72.80

District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	997	621	62.29
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	63	34	53.97
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	91	56	61.54
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	348	245	70.40
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,479	1,102	74.51
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	14	14	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	54	47	87.04
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	106	33	31.13
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	641	390	60.84
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,203	1,595	72.40
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	25	10	40.00
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	355	284	80.00
96 Surprise	Surprise	152	117	76.97
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	141	110	78.01
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	624	380	60.90
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	62	37	59.68
134 Laveen	Laveen	42	24	57.14
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	24	41	170.83
District Totals		7,421	5,140	69.26

District 12 - Commander: Andy Jaime

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	448	318	70.98
26 Mesa	Mesa	1,040	712	68.46
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,492	1,735	69.62
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	307	227	73.94
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	669	422	63.08
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	573	312	54.45
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	799	592	74.09
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,153	761	66.00
55 James O. Schroeder	Sun Lakes	223	184	82.51
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	451	349	77.38
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	38	35	92.11
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	154	117	75.97
65 Richard H. Hamilton	Phoenix	340	174	51.18
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	333	189	56.76
83 East Mesa	Mesa	110	83	75.45
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	48	35	72.92
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	161	78	48.45
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	547	252	46.07
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	61	4	6.56
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	44	75.86
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	131	122	93.13
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	21	0	0.00
District Totals		10,157	6,745	66.41

The American Legion Scholarship Programs

Department of Arizona

2011 Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides annually for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected the "American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year".

The winner is eligible to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded over a four-year period.

Three additional scholarships of \$2,500 each are also awarded.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew
- the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member
- have received the Eagle Scout Award
- be an active member of his religious institution
- have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem
- have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community
- have reached his 15th birthday
- be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.



DEADLINE

Department Headquarters must receive nominations no later than March 1, 2011.

Nomination forms are available at:

4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 200,
 Phoenix, AZ 85015-3227

or

Ariel Rodriguez

Scouting Chairman, Department of Arizona

P. O. Box 27796,

Tempe, AZ 85285

Boy Scouts Chairman, Department of Arizona

Home: 480-897-2332

Cell: 480-703-2332

arielro@cox.net

Arizona 2010 Eagle Scout of the Year: Alex Montminy from Tucson.

And A Prosperous New Year

Holiday Greetings



Greetings to All and Happy Holidays!
Dick & Maggie Patten

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year
Don & Donna Murphy

Health and Happiness to All
John & Maria Currie

Season's Greetings
Keith & Jean Currie

Happy Holidays
Glen P. & Glenn P. Currie, II

Warmest holiday greetings to our Arizona
Legion Family
Dave & Ann Loney

Keep up the good work and come back safe!
Russell Freeman

Please remember our troops and their families.
Lance Harst, District 2 Commander

Merry Christmas and may health and happiness
to with you in the New Year
John & Sylvia Alasca

God Bless you All and Merry Christmas
Post #452, Sierra Vista — Ft. Huachuca

Hang in there and us All support you—Support Ft.
W.F. "Bill" Palumbo

Our holidays are blessed because of you.
Thank you,
Red Kubstad

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
Scott Mills & Rebecca Proctor-Mills

Merry Christmas to all our Service men
Dale Schulte

Christmas blessings for our troops, the Legion
and our country,
Denny & Sarah DeBoeraga, Post #109

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season ☺
Andrew "Andy" James, Jr.
District 12 Commander

To all my Department Legion Family,
Happy Holidays to you All
Bunny Hamilton, Post District 12 President

God Bless
Earl & Tina Amundson

We wish the Legion Family a wonderful Happy
Holiday and a new year filled with peace, good
health and prosperity
DDE Bruce & Sandy Tomblin

To all my friends in The American Legion
Family,
May you have a Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year,
DDE Carol Hamberger

Thank you for your service, Happy Holidays to
you and yours!
National Commander, Jammie L. Foster

Fun holidays and warm memories from Area 8,
Ann Loney

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to The
American Legion Family
George & Jan Eubank

To our American Legion Family,
How New Post #78 wishes all a safe holiday
season and a GREAT 2011!

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy
New Year,
Keith & Sandy Barts

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to
All of my Legion Family
DDE Betty Smith

Greetings from Post #11 — Douglas
DDE "Mac" & DDE Penny Maloney

Hoping you all have a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year,
DDE Bill Brigham

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
(Slightly incorrect!)
Gayle Reed

We wish all of the Legion Family a most
joyful holiday season,
DDE "Bud" Hawing & Sandy Adams

Season's Greetings to All, Prayers to our Troops
that they come home safe,
Swastigame Post #14 — Kingman

Merry Christmas to all our Legion Family and
best Wishes for a great 2011!
Ernie & Rebecca Fox

Happy Holidays and blessings to our Troops
and their families,
American Legion Auxiliary
Swastigame Unit #14

May the spirit of the season remain with you
throughout the coming New Year
Carol Hensley

Have a Happy Holiday Season!
Anne Elze

Happy Holiday greetings to our Legion Family
and to our Troops. Bring them home safe!
DDE Lewis & Edith Pellen

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a
Happy New Year,
Neal P. Sanden

Have a Holy & Merry Christmas and a
Happy and prosperous new 2011!
DDE Al & Donna Ferris

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and
a joyful New Year,
Ken Dewe, Department Membership Director

Sending wishes for your best Holidays ever!
The Minchbacks and Post #67—Shawnee

Have a wonderful holiday season and a
Prosperous New Year!
Jack Bischof

Have a blessed Christmas and a Healthy
and Happy New Year
Jan Bischof

Season's Greetings and best wishes for
the New Year,
Marge Ahrens, District 11 Substant

To All of our Veterans our Active Duty, and
their families, may you find some Peace to calm you.
God Bless, Shale ☺

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Byron Norton

May Peace to with All Happy Holidays!
Don & Donna and Dick & Maggie

Holiday Greetings from
American Legion Baseball
Roller, Tom, Bud & Bob

May you All have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year,
Earl E. Mitchell Post #29 — Glendale

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All
S.A. S. Squacken #29 - Glendale

God Bless our Veterans, our Troops and their
Families. Keep them safe and strong.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
DDE Joe and Jeannie Aguirre

Merry Christmas and a successful New Year,
Apache Squacken #27

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Dick & Elaine Perry

Happy Holidays
Mike & Marly Stout

Pray for Peace all around the world
David & Tina DuBois

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our
American Legion Family,
Your Department Staff,
John, Anne, Gayle and Shale ☺

