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A Lifetime Commitment to the Legion

When the founders of The American Legion first came together, they had a mission: to create an organization that would improve not only the lives of World War I veterans coming home in 1919, but those of veterans in years to come. They made a commitment that went far beyond their own lifetimes.

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For God and Country.
George E. Cushing, Commander

ALLECA Class Largest Ever!

ALLECA Class Largest Ever! Thanks to all the Districts, Posts, SAL Squadrons, Auxiliary Units, and Legion Riders for all the donations to cover tuition fees and operating costs this year. A very special "THANK YOU" goes out to Carol Stensby for encouraging the

Legion family in the southern portion of the state to donate funding again this year. Each year she works extremely hard to ensure we have funding, so I wanted to make sure that she knows her work doesn't go unnoticed. Besides me, I know Carol is our biggest fan, so thanks again! A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to the ALLECA Staff for the wonderful job they did this year. We had another extremely successful year that was even better than last year and completely meets the definition of EXCELLENCE.

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Scouting Committee Projects

Legionnaires,

The Scouting Committee has been very busy with several projects in the fire. We just completed acquiring speakers for the Alumni Association Sporting Clay Event on November 12th. We will have two speakers giving presentations of what it means to them to be an Eagle Scout. These individuals are a Distinguished Service Cross Recipient and the other a Purple Heart Recipient. Teams from Luke Air Force Base and the 158th Infantry will be participating at the event.

I have been working with Ed Davis Post 132 Oro Valley to bring their Eagles for Eagles program to the Grand Canyon Council. Legionnaires present an American Flag to an Eagle Scout who is sponsored by an American Legion Post. This program would be beneficial to all involved and I will be asking for volunteers when we get it ready. The only cost involved is \$20.00 per flag, per recipient.

One of the other programs being put together is to collect clothing and food for children who may have a parent deployed. We will be coming to your Posts to give presentations about scouting. I would like to have more Posts sponsor a Scouting Unit. It is good for the Post and good for your Community.

For God and Country.

Wayne Chatfield, Legion Scouting Chairman
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Post #122 Receives Thank You

Cordes Lakes Memorial Post #122 in Mayer has sent over 3,018 packages to our troops since 2006 through their "Something from Home Program". Below is a letter that Post 122 Commander, Ron Johnson received recently:

29 Aug 2011

To the men and women of Post 122,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the care packages that were sent here to FOB Sharana. Being able to have a little something from home means a lot, not only to me, but to the soldiers here who love the care packages and the support from all of you.

We are located in the Mayor's Cell here at Sharana, so we see a lot of foot traffic. We have placed the care packages at the entrance to our office, and they have been a hit. The soldiers and civilians come by and make a point of thanking us for the gum, cookies, nuts, magazines and other items that are a real pick-me-up. I want to pass those thanks on to you.


Have a great week, and keep us in your thoughts and prayers!!

Sincerely,

Joseph Park, 1720 Infantry Brigade
TF Blackhawk

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Memberships Surpassing Goals

Oh my goodness! Watching the membership reports for the last few months has been absolutely amazing. What is so great? You are all working so very hard and we exceeded our first goal of 50% and on to the next; GREAT JOB, TEAM ARIZONA! Your Membership Mom is very proud of all of your efforts, hard work and time. So what is next?

Well, we've got more goals to meet (Are they marked on your calendars? They're on mine.) and we truly believe it will happen. Remember my last article where I let you know that our Department Commander challenged us to be #1 in the Nation? Well, we are on the right track. You started your engines, put that car into gear, and off we went full speed ahead. The first letters went out for membership and a lot of Posts are sending in their membership on a regular basis, making our Department shine.

Another great tool that was sent to every Post was the Post 100 members. I sent out a formatted letter to send out to these folks to entice them to join a home Post. Now, not everyone is going to take advantage of this list and that's OK but quite a large majority will, so get out there, write the letters, send them out, make some calls, and increase your numbers. Quite a few of the Districts have a lot of Post 100 members along with a large number being in Phoenix. You'll never know what can happen if you don't try.

In August, my tall drink of water and I went to Prescott for the District 8 meeting...HUGE THANKS to District 8 Commander Wilbur Quick, Post 6, and all the Post Commanders and Post Family members that made us feel at home. What a joy to meet Tiny and then I got to talk to a gentleman named Jack. Jack's input was that one day, the older members will be gone and we need to look at getting the younger members in and active. I couldn't agree more.

Think how you can do that in your home Posts, folks. We will one day be gone to Post Everlasting and without our new members getting involved and caring about The American Legion, we may fade away and we just can't let that happen. Open your minds and your doors; get them in by having functions, picnics, dinners, cookouts, fairs...whatever it takes to involve the family environment. We will prevail. I was very impressed that all the Post Commanders were there and after talking with ya'all, I must say I learned quite a bit. Legionnaires, SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP. I don't care if you have one or two; you cannot wait. I've even called a few Post Commanders personally and expressed concern about low numbers. One Post has a lot of active duty folks in charge and it is a challenge



to get the membership sent in. Look at a back-up plan; our military experience taught us to always have a back-up plan. If you think that one or two memberships don't matter, talk to Ms. Sheila because that can make a huge difference. We have 121 Posts in Arizona and each one of you matter.

This month, we are headed to District 6 to visit Commander Don Coffman and meet the great folks there; cannot wait! I thought about how to give a personal touch to each Post so I contacted Commander Cushing and asked if I could send a letter to each Post with your current number, goal and percentage. I also included when I'd be at your District meeting and also that I'll be having a Membership Workshop at Fall Conference (hope to see you there). I truly hope that each Post got those letters because I put a lot of time into doing that. Why, because we care.

Each Post is vital to The American Legion. If you are a Post Commander or a Post Officer, you are where the "rubber meets the road" and we need you to be a strong leader, ensure that the four pillars of The American Legion are in the forefront of all your efforts and continue working membership. Now, most of you have been in The American Legion longer than I have and have heard speeches about membership forever (heard this too from my visits). Well, folks, it's not going to stop. There is no magic bullet, no magic wand to making membership. The big secret is hard work and attention to detail...we cannot stress that enough. We've made our first goal and it isn't going to get easier. We've got the holidays approaching and this year is going to zoom by us. Each week, work membership and make it a priority. Your Post meetings are back in full swing so talk about membership. Entice folks to come in and join you. Try new ideas that your membership suggests. It isn't that hard and again, a little effort on your part will reap huge rewards.

TEAM ARIZONA is doing a fantastic job and again, thank you so much. Your time is valuable and the pay you receive for what you do in The American Legion is minimal but the rewards are priceless. We have 77

Posts that are over 50% but Team, we still have Posts out there with big, fat zeros; that needs to be fixed. We got our PUFs in and our numbers jumped up; that is a one time deal so now it is up to you. I cannot stress enough that we need you to keep sending in your members' money and Post reports to Department. I continue to get calls from members that haven't received their 2012 card yet and I can guarantee you that Department is as well. Post Officers, this is your job so get your members their cards and turn in their money; pretty simple.

We look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference, shaking your hand in thanks for all that you're doing, and spending some time having fun. Working in The American Legion should be fun so if you're not at that point, get there. When you enjoy your time, so do others. Positive thinking is contagious; catch it, keep it, and share it.

For God and Country,
Jackie Salter-Miller

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Legionnaires Attend Washington Ceremonies

Jim (S.A.L. Detachment Chaplain 2009-2011) and Judi Beischel (Area B Vice Commander), recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. While there, Judi's Dad, Francis Slate, WWII Veteran from Upstate New York, and her sister Jean Lemmon, joined them at the ceremonies. Three years ago, Francis had the opportunity to take an honor Flight to Washington and was humbled to place a wreath on the WWII Memorial. Francis turned



LtoR, Jim, Judi (with a copy of the Fountain Hills Times) and Judi's Dad, Francis at President Obama's Memorial Day Address.

90 on August 31st. While they were in D.C., they watched "Rolling Thunder" roll through downtown in the finale of the "Run to the Wall". Judi stated that the procession went on for over three hours with the temperature at 97 degrees and the humidity at 90%. As they went by Francis, they noticed his WWII Honor Flight baseball cap and exchanged salutes and sometimes stopped to shake his hand and say

"Thank You".

Pictured are the National Officers of the 20&4, the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires: Judi Beischel, Senior Vice Director from Arizona; Patricia Jackson-Kelley, Director VIP from California; and Connie Jo Popham, Past Director VIP from Texas being escorted by Arlington Cemetery Honor Guards to place their wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



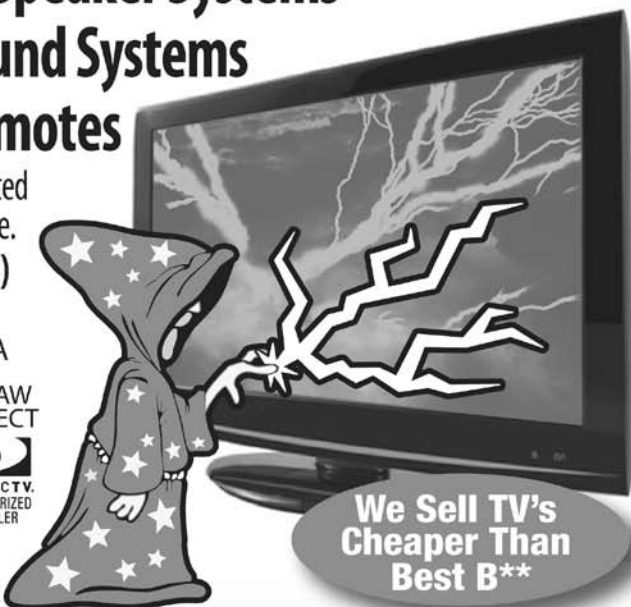
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"I believe this committee is very much needed to add to the Esprit de Corps and pageantry to our Department and to the Convention... I'm looking forward to the Department having Uniform Group Competition again. I believe we have lost the competition between the various units, which brings us closer together."

...Commander George Cushing, 2011-2012.

What refreshing words these were from Commander Cushing, and how honored and privileged I was to accept his offer to chair our Department's Uniform Group and Contest Committee for the 2011-2012 year.

"Uniformed groups are American Legion 'display cases'... they advertise and dramatize The American Legion's size, scope, and substance to everyone within sight and sound. They afford everyone involved a sense of accomplishment, and a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment." To this description, found in the Extension Institute's course, I would also add those mentioned by Commander Cushing—Esprit de Corps, Pageantry, and Camaraderie

To bring out the best of these elements in this coming year's Color Guard Contest, the Uniform Group and Contest Committee has already edited and produced The Department Uniformed Groups Contest Rules for each of the four classes. These rules have been modeled after the 2011 National Color Guard Contest Rules and submitted to Department HQ. There is also now a single Department entry form which can be used for any class registration. A complete guidebook is currently being designed for distribution at the Department Conference Uniform Groups Class—to include a complete set of Contest Rules and a copy of the latest Army Drill Manual, FM 3-21-5. In the coming months, the Uniform Group and Contest Committee will itself undergo the necessary training to serve as "teacher, counselor, and critic" to any American Legion Post desiring to enter and compete in this year's contest.

Comrades, we are here to serve you and assist you in whatever way we can. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us by calling Debra @ 480-338-1309 or emailing us Tszafryk@hotmail.com.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Rev. Roland L'Heureux

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This was ALLECA's 30th Anniversary and we had the largest graduating class ever! Seventy-six (76) cadets graduated this year and what a way to set the mark. Believe it or not, we actually had about 90 youth



interested in attending this year, but unfortunately not all of them could make it. We had 80 youth slated to check in on June 4th, but only 77 of them arrived. We had to send one cadet home early due to a pre-existing injury that flared-up during the week.

We had many firsts this year. The first liaison officer assigned by DPS to the program, Captain Frank Hutcheson (Retired) AKA "Captain Hutch" and his daughter attended the graduation ceremony and anniversary celebration. It was an honor to recognize Captain Hutch for getting the program off the ground. We were at a new location this year; the St. Joseph's

Youth Camp, located within Mormon Lake Village. The camp was exceptional even though we had to crunch shower times.

We created a new award called the "Never Quit-Never Die" Award, which was given to eleven year old Daniel Romero. Daniel came down with a non-infectious bug, but wouldn't quit and actually blackmailed us into keeping him when he tossed the program's motto of "Never Quit-Never Die" into the equation of allowing him to stay or not. I believe the words to his question were, "Sir, I have not quit yet, nor am I planning to die, I'm not infectious, so how about keeping me, so I can graduate with the rest?" What could I say, we let him stay and created a new award. Daniel actually inspired the older members of the class and everyone was happy that he stayed.

We had two 11-year olds attend this year and they both did amazingly well, demonstrating that the program can and will meet the needs of the younger crowd. We had two paramedics on staff this year and we found that the kids quickly figured out that by yelling the word "Medic", it got everyone's attention. They were needed all the time and they got to practice with their triage of bandaging paper cuts and bumps during the week, so it was good to have them on staff.

We had a visitor from the Alaska Highway Patrol evaluating our program this year to see if what we do with our program would help them get their program jump started and successful. It was nice to hear that our program was strongly recommended from other states as a program with an "ACE" in its pocket and one that is extremely successful.

We had the ceremonies at the Flagstaff High School and transported the cadets from the camp to the school for the graduation. Auxiliary Unit 3 (Flagstaff) provided refreshments for the ceremonies. Ann Seney, Area C Vice Commander, represented the Department Commander as the inspecting official during the open-ranks inspection and the cadets really enjoyed her words of wisdom for their future. We had the DPS Honor Guard post the colors for the ceremonies along with a few graduating cadets. The DPS Director Robert Halliday was the guest speaker during the graduation ceremony and inspired the cadets with his words.

The dates for ALLECA 2012 have not been set yet, but we will keep the Legion family informed of the events for 2012 as soon as we know more.

In closing, I want to specially thank all of the Cadet Advisors and volunteers that helped out this year. Your inspiration, leadership, and mentorship does get noticed and won't be forgotten. Lastly, thank you to all the officers on the ALLECA Staff for the 160+ hours of time that you put into the program this year to make it EXCELLENT.

For God and Country,
Sergeant Dan Palmer, AZ DPS
ALLECA Director/Camp Commandant

"Just the facts" make the best history...

"Once upon a time" is a great story beginning for fictional writing, but for our post histories, we want the facts and only the facts (plus some great pictures)! Those facts and photos can be useful tools for future members in determining past activities both in the post and in the community!

For instance, I recently visited a large post in California and being a "nosy" historian and having

seen the post history books (yes, I said books not book) prominently displayed, I asked if I could look at it. *Please remember whether it's your history or some other post's, you "just might learn something, if you approach things with an open mind."*

Anyway after receiving permission, I began perusing the first 3-inch binder, and happily I saw lots of post events from hosting district meetings, parties and official functions – this historian had done one bang-up job and I could tell he or she had put many hours into the project, as well as money; each page had a minimum of 6 pictures and they were all in color!

Unfortunately, even with all the work and expense,

those history books will be of little value in the future, because less than 1% of the events and/or members were identified – rendering the reader unable to positively identify what was happening in the photo. Bottom line: tell the story; tell the facts surrounding the story and don't forget to tell who made the story possible.

In closing, I would be remiss not to remind you that Fall Conference is just around the corner and if the schedule

permits, I will again host a Historian Training Seminar - please look for the date and time in the program guide. Until then, I will be participating in the 2011 National History Book Judging Contest and plan to bring back some "first hand" tips for you to produce an award winning book, so please plan to attend the training.

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Jeri
Jeri Strande
Department Historian



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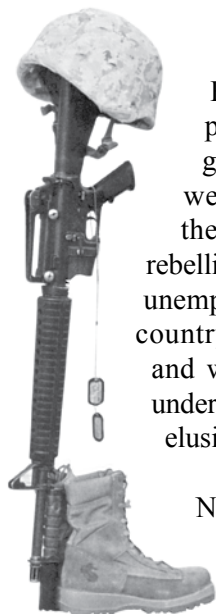
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Chaplain's Corner

In Search of Peace



Everyone strives to find inner-peace; a seemingly unattainable goal given the roller-coaster world we live in. Taking into account the unstable economy, uprisings, rebellions and outright wars globally, unemployment rates not seen in this country since the Great Depression and world poverty and hunger, it's understandable that such peace seems elusive.

No individual person is capable of changing the world but each of us is capable of changing ourselves and mentoring those

around us by example. A simple guideline to follow in your quest can be found in the Peace Prayer of St. Francis written by St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. While the prayer has Catholic origins, the basic premise can be applied universally as a meaningful working tool in any religion.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord make me an instrument
of Your peace;
where there is hatred
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope:
where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy;

Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood
as to understand;
to be loved as to love
for it is in giving
that we receive,
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

All of our lives will be enriched if we take these simple words to heart. Give it a shot!!

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain

American Legion - Department of Arizona

Membership Report

September 18, 2011

Area	Goal	2012	% Goal
A Gary Nelson	9,416	5,498	58.39
B Judi Beischel	18,575	10,205	54.94
C Bill Dawson	8,114	4,537	55.92
HQ George Cushing	6,745	2,649	39.27
Grand Totals	43,000	22,951	53.37

High Area - A - 58.39%
 High District - 5 - 66.00%
 High Post - 138 - 111.11%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,053	570	54.13
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	96	54	56.25
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	0	0.00
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	173	85	49.13
67 Frank Mick	Roll	32	9	28.13
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	37	14	37.84
District Totals		1,406	732	52.06

District 2 - Commander: Gene Chewning

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	404	243	60.15
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	75	42	56.00
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,366	869	63.62
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	327	164	50.15
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,365	821	60.15
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	342	154	45.03
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	171	106	61.99
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	114	79	69.30
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	743	449	60.43
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	17	0	0.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	26	2	7.69
125 Yoem	Tucson	32	18	56.25
131 Madera	Green Valley	598	404	67.56
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	127	113	88.98
District Totals		5,707	3,464	60.70

District 3 - Commander: Al Reyes

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	370	187	50.54
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	94	60	63.83
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	48	19	39.58
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	627	390	62.20
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	87	57	65.52
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	854	382	44.73
District Totals		2,080	1,095	52.64

District 4 - Commander: Larry Moore

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	228	143	62.72
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	147	56	38.10
17 William P. Kern	Superior	26	18	69.23
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	33	19	57.58
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	61	6	9.84
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	26	7	26.92
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	137	74	54.01
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	45	16	35.56
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	66	42	63.64
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	57	28	49.12
District Totals		826	409	49.52

District 5 - Commander: Ray Thiessen

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	205	140	68.29
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	104	77	74.04
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	385	243	63.12
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	26	21	80.77
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	83	49	59.04
District Totals		803	530	66.00

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	86	45	52.33
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	148	75	50.68
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	26	13	50.00
37 Navajo	Holbrook	64	28	43.75
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	59	32	54.24
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	468	163	34.83
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	200	119	59.50
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	36	2	5.56
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	3	20.00
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	431	259	60.09
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	15	3	20.00
130 Joseph McCarthy	Concho	23	12	52.17
District Totals		1,571	754	47.99

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	574	337	58.71
13 Cordova	Williams	127	78	61.42
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	309	188	60.84
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	221	90	40.72
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	0	0.00
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	199	90	46.23
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	98	52	53.06
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasut City	1,334	779	58.40
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	470	275	58.51
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	110	60	54.55
103 Meadview	Meadview	41	28	68.29
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	28	13	46.43
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	24	2	8.33
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	39	15	38.46
136 Yucca	Yucca	23	12	52.17
District Totals		3,612	2,021	55.95

District 8 - Commander: Wilbur Quick

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	796	515	64.70
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	713	414	58.06
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	365	232	63.56
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	233	147	63.09
79 Taylor-Keekner	Yarnell	273	155	56.78
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	20	42.55
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	294	151	51.36
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	17	70.83
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	80	48	60.00
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	61	32	52.46
135	Cornville	45	31	68.89
District Totals		2,931	1,762	60.12

District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	552	58.17
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	66	15	22.73
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	74	49	66.22
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	352	192	54.55

29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,425	862	60.49
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	11	11	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	53	37	69.81
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	87	38	43.68
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	608	331	54.44
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,108	1,142	54.17
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	18	11	61.11
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	340	246	72.35
96 Surprise	Surprise	155	125	80.65
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	130	89	68.46
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	599	286	47.75
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	65	53	81.54
134 Laveen	Laveen	49	17	34.69
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	61	36	59.02
District Totals		7,150	4,092	57.23

District 12 - Commander: Jim Ashley

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	429	257	59.91
26 Mesa	Mesa	922	552	59.87
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	1,320	52.26
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	334	202	60.48
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	616	302	49.03
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	517	281	54.35
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	823	474	57.59
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,071	559	52.19
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	216	125	57.87
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	480	288	60.00
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	39	25	64.10
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	146	92	63.01
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	343	144	41.98
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	328	147	44.82
83 East Mesa	Mesa	111	82	73.87
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	42	33	78.57
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	205	96	46.83
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	483	195	40.37
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	65	5	7.69
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	34	58.62
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	191	118	61.78
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	29	0	0.00
138 Scottsdale	Scottsdale	45	50	111.11
District Totals		10,019	5,381	53.71

Citizen's Flag Alliance

Orin Hatch Backs Flag Amendment

Senator Orin Hatch of Utah has begun a personal campaign to get all Senators behind a flag protection amendment. He feels he can appeal to them to see this as the right thing to do-not a party issue.

Polls have shown that 80% of Americans feel the flag should be protected. It was protected by 49 states and Washington, D.C. for over a hundred years. In 1989, the Supreme Court ruled that actions against the flag were free speech. As ridiculous as this decision is, it has been in effect for 22 years now.

Americans have shown their love and respect for the flag by its use publicly in so many ways. It is present at local, state and national government meetings, at sporting events, community celebrations, parades, and at deployment and welcoming home events for service men and women.

For those who serve and don't make it home again, the flag is draped over the casket during funeral ceremonies.

We retire battered and torn flags with appropriate flag burning rites.

The flag means so much to so many Americans. Why can't the U.S. Senate understand, respect and protect the flag?

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



2011 DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE

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ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS



**Registration hours: Friday, October 28th 11:00 AM until 5:30 PM
Saturday, October 29th 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM**

Friday, October 28, 2011

Time	Event	Speaker	Location
11:00 am -5:30 pm	Registration Open		Hotel Lobby
11:30 am - 4:00 pm	American Legion Extension Institute Course	Sean Sparks, National Liaison	Cholla Ballroom
6:00 pm	Joint Opening Session Call to Order Advancement of Colors Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Opening Remarks Greetings: David Schwan Lt. Richard Burden Sharon Doran Lexis Escudero Doris Theiss W.L. Foster Dick Perry Beth Nehring Jan Cushing Sandy Flynn Joey Strickland	George Cushing, Department Commander Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms Carol Stensby, Chaplain All George Cushing Mayor, City of Carefree District 4 North Sheriff Dept., Cavecreek Auxiliary Department President Department Junior President National Executive Committeewoman SAL Detachment Commander Grand Chef de Gare 40&8 Director VIP 20&4 Departmental Chapeau 8&40 Director, Phoenix VA Regional Office Director, Arizona Department of Veterans Services	Saguaro Ballroom
	Introduction of Guest Speaker: Joe Aguilar, NEC Address: Fang Wong, National Commander Presentation of Award: George Cushing, Department Commander		

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Saturday October 29, 2011 - Morning Sessions

ALL SESSIONS HELD IN THE CAREFREE RESORT

Time	Event	Speaker	Location
7:30 am -4:00 pm	Registration Open		Hotel Lobby
8:30 am	S.A.L. Conference	W. L. Foster, Commander	Cholla Ballroom
8:30 am	Membership Workshop	Jackie Miller, Director	Saguaro I
8:30 am	Children & Youth Commission	Steve Seney, Chairman	Saguaro IV

Saturday Morning Sessions continued...

Time	Event	Speaker	Location
8:30 am	Club Committee	PDC Bud Hansing, Chairman	Saguaro II
10:00 am	Convention & Conference Committee	PDC Louis Pellon, Chairman	Saguaro II
10:00 am	Judge Advocates Training	Ole Bjerck, Judge Advocate	Palo Verde I
10:00 am	Chaplains Training	Carol Stensby, Chaplain	Palo Verde II
10:00 am	Uniformed Group & Contest Committee	Rev. Roland L'Heureux, Chairman	Saguaro V
11:30 am	GNUTS Lunch		Post 34

Saturday October 29, 2011 - Afternoon Sessions

Time	Event	Speaker	Location
1:30 pm	Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Mike Espinosa, Chairman	Saguaro I
1:30 pm	Commanders Training <i>Immediately Following</i> Adjutants Training	George Cushing, Commander John Aldecoa, Department Adjutant	Cholla Ballroom
1:30 pm	Historian & PR Training:	Jeri Strande, Historian Bill Pakinkis, PR Chairman Press Association: Ron Murphy, Chairman	Palo Verde I
1:30 pm	Americanism Commission	Charles Vawter, Chairman	Saguaro IV
3:00 pm	Oratorical Chairman's Meeting	Roger Munchbach, Chairman	Palo Verde I
4:00 pm	40&8	Dick Perry, Chef De Gare	Saguaro II

Sunday, October 30, 2011

Time	Event	Speaker	Location
8:00 am	Joint Memorial Service	Carol Stensby, Chaplain Josie Herrera, Auxiliary Chaplain	Opera House
9:00 am	Conference Reconvenes		Saguaro Ballroom
	Trophies & Awards Committee Reports	Bob Nixon, Chairman	

Executive Committee Meeting to Follow

****Have a SAFE Trip Home****