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Honors and Holidays

My fellow Legionnaires, by the time you read this article, Thanksgiving will have passed. You know you should have gotten rid of those extra five pounds gained in that one day and the leftovers that followed. While around the table, I hope that everyone reflected and gave thanks for those things we have; our freedom of choice, opportunity, religion and even the election of our representatives.

Now that those elections are over, we have a four year view of what needs to be accomplished. The gains for our veterans that have been achieved in the past must now be protected. The VA benefits, Tricare, a strong national defense and liberty must not be degraded. Keep in touch with your Congressional and Senatorial representatives to make sure we retain what we have.

In the last two months, I attended the District 4 Picnic at Wild Horse; the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony where quite a few of our fellow Legionnaires were inducted; then right down to the Early Bird Dinner at Post 32 in Safford. The next day, I attended the District 5 meeting where I presented our first 100% Post Award to McCullough-McNair Post 49 from Duncan.

Our membership is going well with two other 100% Posts; Haskell Osife Antone Post 51 from Blackwater and Cpl. Joe McCarthy Post 130 from Concho. Let's continue the good work. Remember, that membership is the lifeblood of our American Legion. Every new member and retained member is what gives us our power of voice when addressing our house representatives and senators.



While attending the Department Commander and Adjutant Training as well as the National Executive Committee sessions in Indianapolis, many resolutions were addressed. One of those resolutions resulted in our National team developing a "five year plan" to grow our organization back to 3.5 million members for our 100th Anniversary in 2019. This will be a challenge but one that can be accomplished.

Veterans Day weekend was terrific. On Friday, I attended the Burton E. Beck Post 113 Sonoita/Elgin Celebration. Post 113 and the Elgin K-8 School put on a remarkable one hour event. The school has about 128 students. The colors were posted by the Ft. Huachuca Select Honor Guard and music was performed by the Ft. Huachuca 62nd Army Band. While holding American Flags,

the kindergarten children lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the full student body singing our National Anthem. They have *Commander* continued page 3

Koutz Testifies To Congress

National Commander, James Koutz gave testimony before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on October 3, 2012 in the Cannon House Office Building.



LtoR: John Aldecoa, Dept. Adjutant; James Koutz, National Commander; and Neal Sundeen, National Legislative Committee Chairman

Commander Koutz asked members of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees to protect Veterans and the Department of Defense from the 2012 Deficit Reduction Law. The Commander reminded the members that even though the Department of Veterans Affairs was exempted from the reduction, no such protection was extended to non-VA programs that help Veterans. The Commander also stated that the reductions in the Department of Defense would be devastating to the United States military and "very high risk" to national security. The Commander

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AZ American Legion Riders Visit Balboa Naval Hospital



On September 27, 2012, a group of American Legion Riders, family, friends and supporters departed Arizona for Balboa Naval Hospital San Diego, CA on the first "AZ Riders' Goodwill Ride for Americas' Wounded Heroes". The event was sponsored by Merrill-Mitchell American Legion Post 39 in Gilbert and coordinated by Eric McGregory, ALR 39 a U.S. Navy Veteran. A

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LtoR: Robert Kiekenapp and Al Barber with their certificates and Post 135 Commander Sherie Mercier



LtoR: Bob Powell, Leo Zuercher, Joe Houle, Wilbur Quick and Merl Floyd.

"Forgotten War" Veterans Honored

The American Legion Post 135-Cornville, recently had their Annual Early Bird Luncheon where they presented 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Certificates to their Korean War Veterans. The Post lauds a membership of 48 and nearly one-third of their members served during the Korean War Era. The certificates and a gold foil photo of the Korean Memorial are available to all Korean War Veterans by contacting Jean W. Davis at jean.w.davis.civ@mail.mil. The commemoration period began in 2010 and will continue until 2013 to coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, which was from 1950-1953.

Good Attendance at Fall Conference



LtoR: Joe Roberts, S.A.L. Detachment Commander; Kathleen Medalen, Auxiliary Department President; Carol Stensby, Legion Department Chaplain; Ken Dowse, Department Commander; and Alissa Montijo, Jr. Auxiliary Department President at the Memorial Ceremony on Sunday. FYI-Joe, Kathleen and Commander Ken are all members of The American Legion Family at John P. Burns Post #36 in Tucson; a first for Department of Arizona!



Earl E. Mitchell Post #29 Glendale Color Guard presenting Colors at Opening Ceremony



PDC George Cushing receives a challenge coin from National Commander, James Koutz for all of his work with Veterans through the various organizations/committees he serves on.

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a Veterans Poster Contest and this year instead of the Veterans Essay Contest, they had a Veterans Poem Contest. Awards were presented by Post 113 Commander, Joe Furno. It is sad that in today's world we don't see more of this in other schools. On Saturday, we visited Thomas Tang Post 50 in Phoenix for their annual dinner. The visit was very rewarding and the hospitality was exceptional. Joey Strickland was also in attendance and addressed the Asian participation during WWII. On Monday, we were in the Veterans Day Parade in Tucson sponsored by Morgan McDermott Post 7. This was really exciting as I was their Grand Marshall. I had the opportunity to rub shoulders and chat with Col. Kevin Blanchard, Commander of the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis Monthan Air Force Base; Retired Col. Martha McSally, who was running for Congress; and Tucson Mayor, Jonathon Rothschild, just to name a few. My greatest thrill came after the parade back at Post 7. I had the honor and privilege to present to Post 7 Commander, Barry Mossman, his "Silver Star Medal". Barry was awarded the Silver Star 40 years ago but it was never presented. The medal finally arrived right before Veterans Day; how appropriate.

A last comment about Veterans Day; it is important for you to remember one thing...that when America called, our service men and women answered that call. Many of you are still serving. When the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, our nation's men and women immediately answered that call to arms. When the twin towers fell, we immediately moved into Afghanistan and Iraq and engaged Al-Qaeda. We are still a nation at war in Afghanistan. I suspect we will be a nation at war for most of our lifetime. We are engaged in a great philosophical struggle with an enemy, who hates our way of life, hates freedom, and wants to subjugate America-THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN! Our brave men and women signed a blank check to our nation that promised they would give up many of the things taken for granted by those who did not serve or could not serve. Often the cost of signing that check was their very lives. During the Vietnam Nam conflict, we lost 60,000 of our fellow Americans with more than 300,000 wounded. We have now lost more than 7,000 KIA and more than 40,000 wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. If anyone ever has the opportunity to stop by Walter Reed, Bethesda, Fort Hood or Camp Pendleton to visit our wounded warriors who are healing, they would tell you it was worth the cost as "Freedom is not Free". Let us not forget

their families who also have sacrificed. Husbands and wives have spent months apart. Children have gone for months with Dad or Mom deployed. As a community, we have to be there for them.

The Fall Conference just ended and although the attendance was down slightly it was considered a great success. Feedback was positive and some commented that they learned more at this Conference than in the last couple of years. I hope we can serve you as well in the future. Jim Koutz, our National Commander, visited us for the Conference. Jim's slogan this year is "Every Day is Veterans Day". The Auxiliary Western Division National Vice President, Barbara Rutherford, also attended. Commander Koutz's project this year is Operation Comfort Warriors. It is an American Legion program in which 100% of all donations go directly to our recovering service members. There are no administrative costs. The Legion contacts officials at military hospitals, warrior transition units and surrounding communities, and obtains lists to determine which items are most needed by wounded, injured or ill service members that are not provided by the VA or government. Once a need is identified, the items are ordered by The American Legion and delivered in an expeditious manner. It is as simple as that. No red tape. For those of you who wish to donate to our National Commander's project, you can do so by going to www.legion.org/ocw or by sending a check to: Operation Comfort Warriors, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Lastly, I wish to apologize for our last contribution mailing of the Legion-Arizona lapel pin. The packet it came in was labeled "Made in China" which caused great consternation among many of our members. Our Department was not aware that the company who distributes for us, did this. The matter has been corrected in more ways than one and will not happen again. At the Fall Conference Executive Board Meeting, a motion was made and carried, not to send out any solicitation items that were made in China. To those of you who have supported these contribution mailings in the past, Thank You and please continue to do so. These donations go to our programs within the Department of Arizona.

I wish to all of our American Legion Family members a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays with a better and prosperous New Year.

For God and Country,
Ken Dowse, Department Commander

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Histories Are Important

I was fortunate to attend the judging of History Books at National Headquarters in October. I also attended the annual meeting of National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion (NADHAL). I learned quite a bit about my position as the Department Historian and feel privileged to serve. I thought I would share an article that was published within the NADHAL it reads as follows:

Instructions on how to put together a Post or a Department History can be found in the Post Officer Guide and Manual of Ceremonies that may be found on line at www.legion.org under "Media" and then "Publications" and then "Internal Affairs". "Histories are Important" starts on page 152-160. There are quite a few changes from the last publication and the one that is currently on line. One change is that judges will get 10 points and not the 20 points as the judge's option that they had in the past.

Some of the basic items stayed the same such as receiving five (5) points for having full name and complete mailing address of the yearbook author on the inside front cover on the lower left-hand corner centered on a 3 x 5 inch index card.

There is also more clarification concerning multiple volumes.

A complete alphabetical index is a must for any history book. People at your post/department will be able to find where they are in the history book. You would be surprised how many people do not recognize themselves after 20 years or more.

Remember, a blurry or fuzzy picture will only detract from your history. It is better to not have a picture than have a bad picture in your history.

A history will last longer than any of us. It is one way to let people in the future know what we have accomplished now. Be **proud** of your hard work and long hours in completing your history records.

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New Flag Resolutions

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1. Only flags made in the U.S. would be purchased.
2. Only flags made in the U.S. would be used in all parades, ceremonies, rites, and special occasions.
3. A high tariff would be levied on flags imported from foreign countries.
4. Not do business with stores, firms, etc. importing foreign made U.S. flags.

Early in October, both past and present National Commanders spoke before Congress urging passage of a flag protection amendment. They also spoke in favor of placing prayer and saluting of the U.S. Flag back into the classroom.

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

Scouting Committee

More Posts Onboard

The Scouting Committee is happy to report on activities. We have made contact with several Posts regarding chartering scout units. Those Posts contacted were Post 1, 5, 12, 15, 29, 35, 41, 58, 61, 65, 90, 105, 107 and 117. To date, we have a commitment from Post 5 and Post 90 to charter scout units. As previously reported, Post 41 has started a Cub Scout pack. Before school is out next year, they are hoping to start a Boy Scout troop. Post 15 in Winslow also started a Cub Scout pack.

Post 29 is in the process of starting a Jr. Shooting Sports Venturing Crew. They have the committee for the crew in place; they just need more youth to participate. We would like to have participation from the Verde Valley and the White Mountains, also Area A and more from Area C.

If your Post currently charters a Boy Scout Troop, the time to apply for the National Eagle Scout of the Year award is nearing. The application is available at Legion.Org and can be downloaded. It must be submitted to Department prior to March 1, 2013. If your troop has a young man who received his Eagle this year, encourage him to apply. The scout chosen as Eagle Scout of the Year locally will receive a plaque and a \$500.00 check from the Department of Arizona. The application is then forwarded to National for consideration as the National Eagle Scout of the Year. That award is a \$10,000 scholarship paid out over four years. There are also three \$2,500.00 scholarships for runner ups. This year alone, there have been over 500 Eagle Scout ranks achieved in Arizona. Now is the time to get started applying for this award.

As always, let us not forget our brothers and sisters in harms way.

For God and Country,
Wayne Chatfield, Department Scouting Committee Chairman

N.E.C. Report

My Fellow Legionnaires

First of all, thank you for putting your trust in me to be your Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

As I said when I was campaigning, it is a learning process. At my first N.E.C. meeting in Indianapolis I sat for two days without talking. In fact, Paul Griffin, our N.E.C. didn't get to say anything except HERE on Roll Call.

The first thing done was the reading of the Resolutions. Some Resolutions were rescinded either because they conflicted with the Charter of The American Legion or were obsolete. Then a Resolution was made and approved naming Theodore Roosevelt, IV, as Chairman of The American Legion's 100th Anniversary Observance Honorary Committee. Mr. Roosevelt was there and gave a talk about his life. He also presented an original painting of his grandfather, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt was made a Life Member of The American Legion.

Resolution #10 consolidated the Heroes to Hometown Program into the Comfort Warriors Program.

Resolution #16 stated that starting with the 2013 season, all coaches, managers and volunteers for Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams must have a background check done on them. These background checks will soon be required for all volunteers dealing with Children & Youth Activities.

The following Resolutions were all approved: Buy American made products; Employment of Veterans first in the Postal Service and the V.A. System; Federal contracts must be at least 20% Veteran owned; the Department of Defense and the V.A. work together and form a partnership to develop the necessary guidance for rehabilitation facilities.

The most important Resolutions for our women Veterans are as follows: Congress to pass legislation to ensure reporting, tracking and actions taken upon incidents of sexual assault at each Department of Veteran's Affairs Facility; that the V.A. address women Veterans access, outreach, culture, and communication training for V.A. staff as well as women Veterans quality of care and gender specific women Veterans programs in order to ensure that their needs are met; that the V.A. dedicate one full-time employee at the Veterans Integrated Service Network in order to analyze data on women Veterans to help program managers conduct outreach.

A plan to develop an integrated five year strategic plan for the purpose of developing posts and growing the membership to an all-time high was accepted by the N.E.C.

In closing, remember that a Veteran is a Veteran, regardless of race, religion, gender, creed, age or war era.

For God and Country,
Dick Perry, Alternate N.E.C.

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asked members of Congress to pass an alternate debt reduction deal that avoids hurting the military and Veterans.

The Commander also told members of the committee that The American Legion supports the President's budget request for funding for the State Administration Grants Program which matched The American Legion's request. The Commander stated that we support keeping the VETS Program in the rightful place with the Department of Labor where it is established.

The National Commander also asked Congress for some relief on the claims backlog within the VA and stated that the number of claims pending for more than 125 days in the system continues to rise and over 65% of claims are now in backlog status and delays continue to grow.

The National Commander discussed newly discharged Veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq and the licensure and certification of these Veterans to work in the civilian field that they had been trained to work in while they were on active duty. The American Legion is currently working with both national and state level officials to ensure licensing and credentialing authorities give Veterans the credit they deserve for the training they received in the armed forces. A Veteran who was certified by the military to be an EMT should be certified when they return to the civilian world. The same thing would apply to an individual who has been certified as a commercial truck driver in the military should be qualified to receive a commercial driver's license in the civilian world.

The National Commander also reminded Congress that The American Legion is committed to protecting the flag of this country from acts of physical desecration. The National Commander requested support from the Congress for passage of a bill to amend the Constitution to protect the flag. This issue has been a top priority of The American Legion for several years and will continue to be a priority of The American Legion until Congress passes a resolution to protect the flag and allow the states to vote on an amendment to the United States Constitution.

Prior to the National Commander's presentation to members of Congress, members of the Arizona Legislative Committee met with Lieutenant Commander Todd Ladwig, an Aide to Senator, John McCain. We also met with Chad Heflin, an Aide to Senator Jon Kyl. When we met with these gentlemen, we discussed the issues of importance to The American Legion including the above issues that were presented to members of Congress. These gentlemen were very attentive and stated that they would be discussing these issues with Senators McCain and Kyl.

We also visited the offices of Congressman Trent Franks, Jeff Flake and David Schweikert.

Neal S. Sundeen
National Legislative Committee Membe

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 John E. Enroth Post 100
 Lt. Col. Donald S. Holtine, Ret. Post 107

The winners were drawn on November 18, 2012 at our Department Fall Conference held in Tucson. Thank you to all of you who participated in the Sweepstakes drawing. We do appreciate your continued support of The American Legion programs.

To My Legion Family

Thank you so much for the prayers, kind words, hugs and cards that I and my family received after our Dad passed away. One never realizes how big our American Legion Family is until they are right there for you. It was all very overwhelming and helped in so many ways. Again, thank you and God Bless, Sheila.

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special thank you goes out to the participating riders from ALR(s) 26, 34, 35, 39, 79, 84, 91 and 125 as well as all the accompanying family, friends and supporters to make a combined 48 bikes and five vehicles including a custom painted 'Support Our Troops' corvette coupe driven by Pratt and Sandi Ashworth of American Legion Post 34.

The purpose of the event was simply to go and spend time with the brave young men and women that are being treated at the hospital. The idea was to pass along our gratitude and appreciation for their service and sacrifices with the continuing mission being to ensure that our heroes know that they, nor their service, are not and will not be forgotten. While the event was not billed or presented as a fundraiser, there were donations made in the amount of \$10,308.00. These funds were used to pay for a pizza luncheon with the troops and the rest being presented to the Armed Services YMCA for their recreation and rehabilitation fund. While this event was considered a successful mission, there is already conversation of how to make the next one bigger and better.

To see some of the pictures taken on this ride go to these web pages:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mykeaz/sets/72157631679833757/>
 (taken by Myke Tripp)

http://www.azlegion91alr.org/photos/2012_0927/index.html
 (taken by Theresa Vodika)

Chaplain's Corner

Peace On Earth, Good Will...

Admittedly, a lofty wish, easily related to finding the proverbial needle in the haystack! While we may hope to see the people of the earth living in harmony, it's most likely a far cry from reality. Husbands and wives have difficulty finding common ground, ergo the divorce rate is through the roof.

Parents and their children can't seem to get on the same page, employers and employees are at odds and huge sports franchises and their player associations can't agree on a contract. Peace on earth would then seem to be "pie in the sky".

Since it's not realistic for us to be able to settle a sports dispute, let's concentrate on the things we may be able to change.

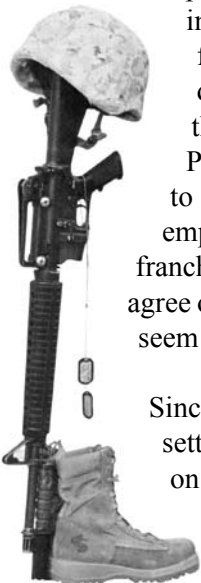
The obvious starting point is with yourself. Do a little introspection and try to identify something that

YOU could change to make life more peaceful. Each of us can be said to have traits that could use improvement; having the ability to search them out and personally, purposely and intentionally make that change is the key to success.

As this holiest and happiest of seasons surrounds us, pray that God will guide you in finding things that will make you and those around you more peaceful. Taking this first step is mandatory if you truly wish to see improvement. Make peace with your world and the small world around you. Were each individual to do this, gradually we would be viewing a more peaceful world.

May The Lord grant you many blessings during this holy time. I wish each of you joys beyond measure as you spend time with your families, friends and comrades.

For God and Country,
 Carol Stensby, Chaplain





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Membership Report

November 18, 2012

A Jerry Boales	9,539	7,138	74.83
B Andy Jaime	18,092	13,087	72.34
C Jeri Strande	7,933	5,630	70.97
HQ Kenneth Dowse	5,436	3,654	67.22
Grand Totals	41,000	29,509	71.97

High: Area A – 74.83% • District 2 – 76.97% • Post 49 – 109.09%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	938	708	75.48
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	100	66	66.00
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	7	46.67
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	150	105	70.00
67 Frank Mick	Roll	25	16	64.00
70 Fremam Sharp	Parker	42	36	85.71
District Totals		1,270	938	73.86

District 2 - Commander: George Molina

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	385	264	68.57
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	69	44	63.77
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,345	1,042	77.47
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	332	224	67.47
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,368	1,050	76.75
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	346	228	65.90
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	152	120	78.95
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	104	86	82.69
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	809	588	72.68
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	19	15	78.95
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	25	18	72.00
125 Yoem	Tucson	37	35	94.59
131 Madera	Green Valley	675	606	89.78
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	179	179	100.00
District Totals		5,845	4,499	76.97

District 3 - Commander: Al Reyes

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	329	174	52.89
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	82	67	81.71
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	49	40	81.63
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	654	500	76.45
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	94	75	79.79
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	793	549	69.23
District Totals		2,001	1,405	70.21

District 4 - Commander: Larry Moore

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	232	157	67.67
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	157	130	82.80
17 William P. Kern	Superior	23	18	78.26
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	35	31	88.57
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	53	36	67.92
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	33	36	109.09
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	133	90	67.67
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	48	17	35.42
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	74	39	52.70
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	67	60	89.55
District Totals		855	614	71.81

District 5 - Commander: Ray Thiessen

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	211	162	76.78
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	134	87	64.93
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	370	264	71.35
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	38	41	107.89
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	85	66	77.65
District Totals		833	620	73.99

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	86	65	75.58
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	133	136	102.26
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	25	15	60.00
37 Navajo	Holbrook	62	36	58.06
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	51	34	66.67
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	415	267	64.34
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	187	133	71.12
80 Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	36	2	5.56
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	3	20.00
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	436	353	80.96
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	26	16	61.54
130 Joseph McCarthy	Concho	26	27	103.85
District Totals		1,498	1087	72.56

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	550	402	73.09
13 Cordova	Williams	110	91	82.73
14 Swasekage	Kingman	291	214	73.54
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	209	133	63.64
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	10	66.67
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	201	128	63.68
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	82	70	85.37
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,347	1,005	74.61
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	458	298	65.07
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	106	87	82.08
103 Meadview	Meadview	46	28	60.87
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	25	15	60.00
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	38	17	44.74
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	36	23	63.89
136 Yucca	Yucca	29	19	65.52
District Totals		3,543	2,540	71.69

District 8 - Commander: Karen Litt

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	782	611	78.13
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	641	479	74.73
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	384	164	42.71
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	248	187	75.40
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	296	184	62.16
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	44	27	61.36
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	284	175	61.62
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	26	17	65.38
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	78	61	78.21
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	42	35	83.33
135 Cornville	Cornville	49	47	95.92
139 Crown King	Crown King	18	16	88.89
District Totals		2,892	2,003	69.26

District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	583	61.67
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	60	37	61.67
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	61	51	83.61
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	362	263	72.65
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,349	1,035	76.72
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	10	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	56	42	75.00
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	96	73	76.04
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	592	422	71.28
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	1,954	1,461	74.77
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	16	8	50.00
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	326	286	87.73
96 Surprise	Surprise	196	171	87.24
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	131	100	76.34
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	581	383	65.92
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	90	69	76.67
134 Laveen	Laveen	49	34	69.39
137 Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	59	27	45.76
District Totals		6,837	5,055	73.94

District 12 - Commander: Danny Bugh

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	417	274	65.71
26 Mesa	Mesa	842	647	76.84
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,583	1,852	71.70
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	365	270	73.97
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	626	462	73.80
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	487	381	78.23
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	766	597	77.94
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	974	723	74.23
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	231	184	79.65
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	494	352	71.26
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	41	28	68.29
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	148	108	72.97
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	346	178	51.45
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	281	159	56.58
83 East Mesa	Mesa	123	90	73.17
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	41	39	95.12
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	246	160	65.04
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	489	303	61.96
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	55	6	10.91
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	59	52	88.14
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	217	159	73.27
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	15	0	0.00
138 James Witkowski	Tempe	139	70	50.36
District Totals		9,985	7,094	71.05

2013 ORATORICAL CONTEST SCHEDULE

AS OF 11/16/2012

Saturday, February 9, 2013

Area C, Prescott VA, 11:00 am

Thursday, February 14, 2013

District 3, Post 20 Meeting, Willcox, 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 16, 2013

District 2, Post 102, 5975 W. Western Way, Tucson, 85713, (mobile home park clubhouse), 1:00 pm

District 11, Post 29, 6822 N. 57th Dr, Glendale, 85301, tentatively 10:00 am

District 12, Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, 85220, 10:00 am

February 23, 2013

Area A, Post 102, 5975 W. Western Way, Tucson, 85713, (mobile home park clubhouse), 1:00 pm

Area B, Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, 85220, 10:00 am

March 2, 2013

Department, Post 64, 5001 E. Cheyenne, Phoenix, 85044, (Ahwatukee Rec. Center), 10:00 am

PRIZES

National - \$18,000/\$16,000/\$14,000

 compete in semi-final \$1,500

 compete in quarter-final \$1,500

Department - \$1,500/\$800/\$500/\$300/\$300/\$300

Area - \$300/\$200/\$100/\$50 all others

District - (suggested amounts) \$100/\$75/\$50/\$25 all others

Post - (suggested amounts) \$50/\$25/\$10 all others

WEBSITES

www.azlegion.org/programs

(Arizona brochure, power point, Arizona application)

www.legion.org/oratorical

(Chairman's Guide, National brochures, videos of National Champions)

Holiday Greetings

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all
NEC Paul & Helen Griffin

Our best wishes to all for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!
Mel & Ellie Zacko

Hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may God Bless America!
East Mesa Post #83

Our best to you this holiday season and the coming year.
PDC Bud Hansing and his lady Sandy Adams

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013 to The American Legion Family!
PDC Al & Donna Tercero

From Our House on the Border to Yours...Happy Holiday wishes and have a wonderful New Year.
PDC Mac & PDP Penny Maklary

May God shower you with peace and love during this holy season so that you may enjoy family, friends and beautiful memories of holidays past.
Chaplain Carol Stensby

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to everyone.
PDC Larry & PDP Ginger Cox

I wish all of our Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Family members a joyous and fruitful holiday season.
Kenneth Dowse, Department Commander

God Bless you and yours in our Legion Family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Al & Jackie Miller

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Gary & Ardith Nelson

We are wishing our Legion Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
PDC George & Jan Cushing

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a great new year.
Swaskegame Squadron #14

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Here's hoping 2013 will be a good year for all.
Ernie & Rebecca Faris

A Very Merry Christmas & a happy and prosperous New Year to all our Legion Family!
PDC Joe & Jeannie Aguilar

Wishing our Legion Family a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
Jim & Judi Beischel

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Scott Miller, District 7 Commander

Happy Holidays from Northern Arizona!
Scott Miller

Greetings to all our Arizona Legion Family and best wishes for a great 2013.
20&4 Honor Society of Women Veterans
AZ Echelon 35

A Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year!
Luke-Greenway Post #1, Auxiliary Unit & S.A.L. Squadron

May the blessings of All the Holidays be with my American Legion Family.
Andy Jaime, Vice Commander Area B

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
In Memory of Bunny Hamilton from her Family

Wishing our Department Legion Family a Happy Holiday Season.
Scottsdale Post #44 Legion Family

Happy Holidays to our Legion Family.
Nicki Cruz, Unit #62 President & Auxiliary Unit #62 Members

Wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
Gayle Reed & Marge Ahrens

Season's Greetings & great eatings. Serving you this Holiday Season.
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Wishing everyone a joyous and safe Holiday Season.
American Legion Post #35

Thanks to one and all for making me feel so welcome in my new position as Club Manager. I look forward to spending the holidays with all of you. God Bless.
Barry Nelson, Post #35 Club Manager

Happy 2013!
Ahwatukee Post #64

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our American Legion Family.
PDC Bruce & Sandy Conklin

May the spirit of Christmas and the excitement of the New Year be with you always.
Kenny & Sheila☺

Blessings abound to you all this upcoming year!
Sherie Mercier, Commander Post #135

May the miracle of Christmas bring Peace to our world.
Jeri Strande, Vice Commander Area C & Jim Strande, Past Vice Commander Area C

May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer.
Members of American Legion Post #135

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and many more.
Anne Cline

May the Christmas Season radiance shine brightly throughout the year.
PDC Maria & Jack Currie

May your heart be filled with love and joy.
Glenn, Keith and Sean Currie

Best wishes and thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona

From Our Family to Yours!
Matteson Family

Another year---WOW! Thank you!
American Legion Auxiliary Department Staff

Happy Holidays to All!
Ben "Coach" Headen

Happy Holidays to All!
Mike & Marty Stout

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!
Alt. NEC Dick & Elaine Perry

Feliz Navidad "y" Prospero Ano Nuevo.
John & Sylvia Aldecoa

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





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American Legion Oro Valley Post 132 and Auxiliary Unit 132 receive award from the Arizona National Guard

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The American Legion's Oro Valley Post 132 and Auxiliary Unit 132 have been recognized as the "Outstanding Community Partners of the Year" by the Arizona National Guard (ANG). This statewide recognition was awarded during the 2012 Arizona National Guard Soldier Awards Banquet in Phoenix, October 20, 2012.

The prestigious award was presented to Ed Davis, Commander of the Oro Valley American Legion Post and Onita Davis, President of the Auxiliary Unit by Major General Hugo Salazar, the Adjutant General, ANG.

The recipient of the award is selected from among the hundreds of Arizona National Guard community partners from across the state. The Oro Valley Post and Auxiliary Unit were selected for the positive impact they have had on the Guard members and families of the 2-285th Assault Helicopter Battalion during their deployment to Iraq and of A and B Companies of the 1-285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion during their current deployment to Afghanistan.

The Oro Valley Post and Unit have earned a reputation for their hands-on personal involvement in veterans and community programs. This approach has led to an extraordinarily successful partnership with the Guard members and their families as reflected in support for sendoff ceremonies, the Guard's first Battle Update Briefing for family members, ongoing social activities and monthly comfort packages. "We consider the American Legion Oro Valley Post and Unit, members of our family", said Major Peter Huble, Executive Officer of the 1-285th Battalion based at Pinal Air Park, Marana, AZ.



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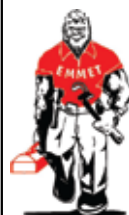
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