It’s Back To Work

Now that the summer “dark time” and the National Convention are behind us, it’s time to get down to the real work at hand. Membership and our programs are the task ahead. We made the September 10th National goal of 50% for membership and are on our way to the next goal of 55% for October 15th. Thank you to all who have renewed for 2013 and welcome to the new members who have joined our family.

To those of you who have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible; let’s get to the top early. You have a Membership Director, ten District Commanders and three Area Vice Commanders who are well equipped to do their jobs and are eager to assist in any way possible. Use their talents when needed.

With school back in session, we will soon be calling on our members to contact their local schools and work with them to set the foundation for candidates for Oratorical, Boys State, ALLECA (American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy), and Legion Baseball. For those who work with Scouting, start looking for that Eagle Scout of the Year. If we wait until later in the year for our programs, we might overlook some very talented students.

Since our Department Convention, I have been occupied preparing for the upcoming year. There has already been a mixture of fun and business. On 4th of July, I enjoyed riding in the Bisbee Parade then assisted in the Hire our Hero’s event at Post 36 in Tucson. We had 28 companies and approximately 300 veterans come through the doors. I attended the Legion Baseball State Championship Game in Surprise and presented the winning team from Sunnyside in Tucson, sponsored by Jim Click, their awards. I had the privilege of attending and speaking at the MIAP (Missing in America Project) internment of the 19 remains of our fellow veterans who were transported from Tucson to the VA Cemetery at Sierra Vista. Lastly, a great District 8 Picnic held at Watson Lake in Prescott. I enjoyed every one of the events, met many new and fine folks and saw many old acquaintances. Thank you all for your friendliness and wonderful hospitality.

As for Legion business, I was in Indianapolis for three days to attend the Membership Workshop and then back again for eight days to the National Convention in which our new National Commander, Jim Koutz from Indiana, was elected. His motto this year is “Every Day is Veterans Day”. Commander Koutz will be attending our Fall Conference in Tucson and I invite as many of you as possible to attend and give him a warm Arizona greeting.

During the National Convention, our committees worked on an enormous amount of resolutions which were either approved, disapproved, sent back for review and so forth.

As most of you know, last June, the Supreme Court declared the Stolen Valor Act as unconstitutional because it violated the First Amendment right of free speech. At the Convention, our National Executive Committee approved American Legion Resolution 238 which focuses on the fraud and profiteering aspect from lies of military achievement and states in part: “False claims of military service and receipt of medals have resulted in literally millions of dollars in fraudulent claims for VA services, as well as related costs of investigation by the VA, and law enforcement agencies, to uncover false claims, all of which takes away valuable resources from those who are entitled.”

Less than three weeks after this resolution passed at Convention, The American Legion called on Congress to introduce and approve a new Stolen Valor Act and the U.S. House of Representatives has done just that. The revised legislation sailed through the House by a 410-3 vote on Thursday, September 13, 2012. Every veteran in the country should be proud of what our American Legion accomplished.

I wish all of you well and let other veterans out there know about the work that we do. Ask them to join us in the endeavor to improve life of our fellow comrades.

For God and country,
Ken Dowse
Department Commander
“Bridging our Generations”
The American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (ALLECA) had another successful year. The ALLECA 2012-1 Class took place from June 9th to June 15th and we graduated 34 Cadets and the ALLECA 2012-2 took place from June 16th to June 22nd and we graduated 38 Cadets. We had 95 applications submitted this year; however, we had to send Cadets home for medical reasons, for failures to train, disciplinary issues, and we had a few fail to check-in.

Throughout the week, we teach the cadets that Integrity is a must and if you violate it you are terminated from the program for that year, so that is how we handle disciplinary issues. It may not seem much, but this was a considerable event and task this year since the program hasn’t had two classes in one year since the mid 1990’s. All of the ALLECA Staff (except for Sgt. Palmer) was new to having to juggle two classes and they all quickly learned it can be a success, but it took everything we had to remain motivated for both classes and make sure they both got equality and quality from us.

The ALLECA 2012-1 graduating class ran 4-miles for their graduation run and the ALLECA 2012-2 graduating class ran 5-miles for their graduation run. Cadet Mariah Lopez was the Class President for the (2012-1) Class and Cadet Zachary Wilson was the Class President for the (2012-2) Class. The Most Improved Cadet for (2012-1) was Lindsey Greenwood Wilson (2012-2); Most Physically Fit Female Award went to Mariah Lopez (2012-1) and Gabrielle Pini (2012-2).

I find many of our Legion Family asking me, so I’ll define it for you. So what is ALLECA? ALLECA is a partnered youth program between the Department of Arizona American Legion and the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZ DPS) that began back in 1981 and has now reached its 31st year. ALLECA is one of only ten (10) such programs in the United States that are geared toward those individual teenagers who have shown an interest in some phase of law enforcement and ours is unique because much of the program is focused on physical fitness. This is one of the many “Children and Youth” Programs that are sponsored by The American Legion. The program consists of a six-day encampment held at the St. Joseph’s Youth Camp (Mormon Lake Village), located about 23 miles south of Flagstaff. The program is offered to youth between the ages of 11 and 18. The cadets are fed three meals a day and are provided quarters and uniforms. This camp is not meant to correct disciplinary problems, but is one developed for kids interested in law enforcement or the military. Physical training is rigorous, so cadets attending the academy must be in good shape.
and able to run 1.5 miles within 15 minutes, and complete 35 push-ups and sit-ups upon entering the program. The cadets experience many aspects of law enforcement, including, but not limited to; defensive tactics, SWAT, collision investigation, Citizenship and Americanism, building searches, active shooter, what not to do when driving, etc. The encampment is under the direct leadership of the Arizona Department of Public Safety with most of the instruction being provided by certified Arizona or Federal law enforcement officers. For more information about ALLECA, please visit the ALLECA websites at: www.orsites.com/az/legionalleca and www.webspawner.com/users/alleca and both sites have over 3,000 hits each since their creation.

I want to send out a special thank you recognizing all of the Arizona American Legion Posts, Women’s Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, and businesses for supporting numerous cadets that could not financially meet the cost to attend the academy. Thank you letters from the Cadets you supported will be arriving in the mail soon. A huge thank you goes out to Post #3 in Flagstaff and their Sons of the American Legion for feeding the staff and cadets for the first day of each session this year and the Women’s Auxiliary for providing refreshments during both graduations.

As Sgt. Palmer said in the “I’m a New Person Now, American Legion Magazine 2009” article, “If we can save one youth, then we’ve been successful”. We have created a “Facebook” ALLECA Graduates group page where alumni of the program can stay in touch and look at and download photographs and videos. The group page has already grown in numbers and it reaches out and touches alumni back to 1993, and we are searching to find older alumni to join the group too. Within this group page, the alumni can tell us of their future plans and what exactly ALLECA did for them.

What do the cadets say each year about the American Legion and the ALLECA program? Thank you for your support, we want to see more representation of American Legion members during the week and we want to eat lunch with them, thank you for your service to our country, thank you for sparing your money to keep the program running, thank you for taking a chance on me and sponsoring me during the week, thank you for creating this program—it is the best thing that has ever happened in my life, and thank you for helping me become a better citizen and American.

A very special thank you goes out to all of the law enforcement officers and U.S. Army ROTC Cadets that continue to volunteer their time each year. All of these officers/deputies are wonderful mentors and provide outstanding leadership to the cadets throughout the week; without them, the program would not be as successful. It should be noted that the officers only receive 40 hours of pay and donate over 120 hours during the week for the ALLECA Program. The officers are: Sgt. Dave Hornung (GCSO and Deputy Camp Commandant); DPS Officers Brady Little, Mike Dickinson, Diana Mondragon, Tiffany Harold, and David Romero; Phoenix PD Reserve Officer Mike Warren, Deputy Scott Strobal (PCSO), and U.S. Army ROTC Cadets: Cadet Major Brad Palmer (ALLECA 2005 Graduate) and Cadet Private Zach Johnson (ALLECA 2009 Graduate). A HUGE special thank you goes out to our ALLECA Volunteer Christina Hilton (ALLECA 2006 Graduate) for taking time away from work and your family to handle our administrative issues. Thank you to Cadet Advisors: Brad Maxwell, Gavin Wisner, Ashlee Chastain, Annaliese Schnelle, Emma Martin, Maxwell Kincade, and Katelynn Wisner for all of your untiring work and devotion to both classes.

The dates and location for ALLECA 2013 have not yet been determined, but you should begin to see announcements around October 2012.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Sgt. Dan Palmer at 602-309-8531 (Cell) or allecadirector@hotmail.com. I look forward to another exciting year and our goal is to have over 100 applications submitted for 2013.

For God and Country,

Sgt. Dan Palmer
ALLECA Director/Camp Commandant
**Come and Participate**

**November 11th**

Fellow Legionnaires....

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held by the Tovakinpi Order of the Arrow Chapter of Thunderbird District at the Meadows Baptist Church, 3701 W. Beardsley (south side of the 101 freeway and 37th Ave.) It will take place on Veterans Day, Sunday November 11th and the ceremony will start at 7:00 P.M. They have the flags for the ceremony but they need a safe fire receptacle.

They would like to get several local Veterans there if possible. This will be the first time that the Chapter has done this and it would be nice if this became an annual event. If you have a spare receptacle that you can loan to this group, please contact Mike Eardley at 602-679-5682.

The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Camping Society of the Boy Scouts of America and is open to all boys who have the rank of 1st Class. Youth are chosen by their peers. Adult male scouters who were members as a youth are also in the organization. Today, the organization is open to both male and female scouters who have attained the age of 21 years old. The criteria for adults joining is different than the youth. The organization as stated is oriented towards camping and service. This was evident this past May at the National Veterans Cemetery. If you were out helping place flags, those scouts wearing the white sash with the red arrow were OA members.

Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in harms way.

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

**Citizens Flag Alliance**

Because of a 1989 Supreme Court decision, the American people are entering their 24th year of the ridiculous idea that spitting, urinating on, dragging through the mud (or worse) is really a form of speech. Very foul speech! At that time, many organizations and individuals moved to change this decision.

In 1984, The American Legion National Commander Bruce Thiesen agreed to coordinate the movement to get a flag protection amendment added to the Constitution. For over one hundred years, 49 states and Washington, D.C. had flag protection laws in place. The American Legion has been active ever since in working for such an amendment.

Past National Commander Fang Wong has been to Washington, D.C. to address Congress on this as well as other veterans’ concerns. When Commander Fong was elected at the 2011 National Convention, he pledged The American Legion’s continuing work toward this end.

The American people show their great regard for the flag in so many every day uses. It is seen in parades, sporting events, opening ceremonies of all kinds, welcoming our military home, in burial rites for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and at all sorts of school events and public meetings.

It was heartwarming at our Department Convention in June to have the Mayor of Carefree declare it “Legion Weekend” and ask the individuals and businesses of Carefree to fly their flags while we were there.

It is doubtful if flag protection will occur in 2012. However, The American Legion will never give up until such an amendment is passed. Fly your flag!

Sincerely,
Maria Currie, C.F.A. Chairman

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**Veteran’s Day Parade Update**

The 8th Annual Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade and Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, November 10th in Anthem beginning at 10:00AM. Family activities including games, entertainment and a food court will be available from 12:30PM to 3:00PM. Grand Marshals this year will be Dave Woellner, WWII POW and Thomas Kirk, Vietnam Conflict POW. Parade organizers are also seeking other local POWs to participate. For more information, please contact Jim Oliveri (623) 243-7998 Yeeditor@cox.net or Tom Smith (623) 551-8689 Windpress@cox.net. You may also visit www.Daisymtnvets.org.

There are many Veterans Day Parades being held throughout the state. Please check with your local American Legion, VFW, DAV, Chamber of Commerce or Town Hall to find out the exact date and time.
A Productive Year Ahead

Well, it’s that time of year again. Congratulations to Ken Dowse and all the newly elected officers of the Department, Districts and Posts. I am sure with the officers we now have that this will be a very productive year for The American Legion both in membership acquisitions and retention, plus participation in our Veterans and Children and Youth programs. Without members we cannot support these programs.

We need the new members but at the same time we need to retain the new members from the previous years. We have younger members coming into our Posts and we need to have functions that include them and their families. Some suggestions would be to have a family day or night once or twice a month at the Post. This could be done by showing a movie with hotdogs and popcorn for the younger kids in the hall or have a children’s festival with games (Balloon Darts, ring toss, Putting game, etc.) for them with small prizes like school supplies and stuffed animals. You could have a carnival with clowns and bands that play their music. Have music for the younger generation once a month. As we know, some of our music was different than our parents.

How to get new members? That is the yearly question. The best idea that I think came up a few years ago, and I still see it on some Legion Covers, is “Just Ask”. This simple phrase has been more productive than any others. We meet a lot of people in our daily life as we go about our work, shopping or leisure time. These people are potential members for the Legion Family; if you don’t ask them if they, their parents, and/or siblings were Veterans, then you have missed a great recruitment opportunity. You should keep at least two membership applications for the Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary with you at all times and replacement applications in your vehicle. The Auxiliary has a new form that has all three entities on it. If you have American Legion Riders Chapter you should include theirs also, as I have seen many motorcycle riders join because of all the great support the Riders give to their Posts programs and Veterans.

Find places to go and set up recruiting tables. This can be inside malls or outside stores. Ask the management for permission and a good location for the best traffic patterns. Set up booths at city events such as Constitution day, Patriots Day, City Founder Days or any other events the city has planned; they will welcome you to participate.

Our District Commanders can get a list of Post 100’s and past un-renewed membership for your area by zip codes. Another way is to get the membership lists from the previous years and find out who hasn’t renewed. Call, write and/or visit them to find out why they haven’t renewed. These lists are a good source for you to welcome back Veterans that have not renewed.

To help keep members, have an orientation seminar. I or one of the membership team is more than willing to come assist you. You can explain what The American Legion is about (the Four Pillars) and what activities and programs we have to support Veterans and the community.

Commanders and Vice Commanders should attend their District meetings to find out what is going on with other Posts in the District. And when you have your Post meetings, impart to your membership what is happening. Let your members know what comes in the all post mailing, you just might find that a member is interested in the information and will do something with it.

Looking to the future of The American Legion through recruiting our younger Veterans.

For God and Country
Michael Thelen
Department of Arizona Membership Director

Alexander Kahn, Class of 2013 at Brophy Preparatory, has launched the website www.HeroesofaGeneration.com. On this website he would like to chronicle the stories of Veterans of U.S. Wars. He has interviewed a handful of veterans so far and is reaching out to us to locate as many veterans as possible who would like to share their stories and experiences while serving our country. He will personally interview the veteran and input the information or the veteran can input the information themselves by visiting the website and clicking on “share your story” on the home page. Alexander believes that it is very important to save these stories and share them with others to preserve our country’s history. Check out the website to see other Veterans’ stories already there.
Friday, November 16, 2012

11:00 am  Registration Open............................... Ballroom Foyer
-5:30 pm  American Legion National Training …Boojum Room
- 5:00 pm  National Liaisons ....................................*** TBA***

2:00 pm  Finance Committee Meeting....................... Palo Verde
6:00 pm  Joint Opening Session......................... Grand Ball Room

Call to Order: Ken Dowse, Department Commander
Advancement of Colors: Carl Armbruster, Sgt-at-Arms
National Anthem: Doug Keller
Invocation: Carol Stensby, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance: All
Opening Remarks: Ken Dowse, Department Commander

Greetings:
Brett Klein, Assistant Police Chief, City of Tucson
Col Carl Blanchard, Commander
355th Fighter Wing, Davis Monthan AFB
Kathleen Medalen, Auxiliary Department President
Alissa Montijo, Department Junior President
Sharon Doran, National Executive Committeewoman
Barbara Rutherford, Western Division National Vice President
Joe Roberts, SAL Detachment Commander
Teddy Julian, Grand Chef de Gare 40&8
Beth Nehring, Director VIP 20&4
Judy Yates, Departmental Chapeau 8&40
Joey Strickland, Director AZ Department of Veterans’ Services

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Paul Griffin, NEC
Address: National Commander Jim Koutz

Presentation of Awards: Ken Dowse, Department Commander

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Saturday November 17, 2012 - Morning Sessions

ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE DOUBLE TREE

7:30 am  Registration Open............................... Ballroom Foyer
-4:00 pm  S.A.L. Conference.............................Bonsai Room
Joe Roberts, Detachment Commander
8:30 am  Membership Workshop .....................Boojum Room
Michael Thelen, Director
8:30 am  Education & Scholarship Workshop ..........Salon A
Jon Altmann, Chairman
8:30 am  Club Committee ...............................Salon B
PDC Bud Hansing, Chairman
8:30 am  Legislative Committee....................... Palo Verde
Larry Bahill, Chairman,
Neal Sundeen, Council Chairman

Saturday Morning Sessions continued...

8:30 am  Uniformed Groups & Contests...............Salon C
Roland L’Heureux, Chairman
10:00 am  Children & Youth Workshop...................Salon A
Steve Seney, Chairman
10:00 am  Judge Advocates Training......................Salon C
Ole Bjerk, Judge Advocate
10:00 am  Convention & Conference Committee.......Salon B
John Aldecoa, Chairman
11:30 am  GNUTS Luncheon ..................................Post 36

Saturday November 17, 2012 - Afternoon Sessions

1:30 pm  Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation...........Salon B
VA&R: Mike Espinosa, Chairman
1:30 pm  Commanders & Adjutants Training…Boojum Room
Ken Dowse, Commander
John Aldecoa, Adjutant
1:30 pm  S.A.L. Training ..................................Bonsai Room
Joe Roberts, Detachment Commander
1:30 pm  Public Relations Training......................Salon A
Bill Pakinkis, Chairman
Ron Murphy, Press Association
3:00 pm  Oratorical Chairman’s Meeting..............Salon A
Roger Munchbach, Chairman
3:00 pm  Chaplains Training.............................Salon C
Carol Stensby, Chaplain
4:00 pm  40 & 8 Meeting ..................................Boojum
4:00 pm  20 & 4 Meeting .................................. Palo Verde

Sunday, November 18, 2012

8:30 am  Joint Memorial Service ......................... Ballroom D
Carol Stensby, Chaplain
Missy Bieganek, Auxiliary Chaplain
9:30 am  Conference Reconvenes....................... Ballroom D
Trophies & Awards
Bob Nixon, Chairman

Executive Committee Meeting to Follow

****Have a SAFE Trip Home****
Trying to imagine life without dreams is like trying to imagine a movie without popcorn. Dreams are the very thing that keep us going every day in an effort to achieve the goals that we hold for ourselves. I’m not speaking of the dreams we have while we’re sleeping but of the ones we hold deep within us.

Do you remember when perhaps a two-wheeler or a baby-doll was the only dream you had; then it was to be 16 and finally be able to drive and next was to be 21 so you’d be legal, then it was to land the job you desired, find the love of your life, find the house of your dreams and live happily ever after. If attaining all those things sounds like a fairy-tale, it’s because it most probably is. Life rarely turns out exactly as we had dreamed it would. The psyche of homo sapiens is rarely put off by these little bumps in our path. Our imagination will desperately search for a detour around these setbacks, get back on track and continue the ongoing quest.

These dreams are a wonderful motivator; sometimes the only thing that keeps us going. They are the catalyst for the phrase “HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL”. You should never stop dreaming no matter your age or circumstance. Always remember that when one door closes another opens and behind that door is the Lord guiding you along to fulfillment. You know He does answer all your prayers - sometimes He just says “NO”!

Put your faith in Him and the road to attaining your dreams will be much smoother; so folks, dream on!

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain

Post
Everlasting

1 Rex E Glasco
John L Tucker
2 Dennis J Auman
9 Jerome G Gebhard
14 Lawrence D Wagner
15 Milton C Baca (Leonard A. Baca listed in error last issue)
16 Loretto F Leftault
19 Don Beland
Ramon O Ortega
24 Roger M King
25 Joe Howell
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Ken Wesolowski
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William House

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Joseph Fiumidini
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Duane A Nielsen

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29 Paul D Cain
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John F Vance

30 Nicolas R Chavez
Ralph L Gardner
32 David T Lee
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34 James R Lukash
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39 Michael J Ira
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#### Membership Report

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| District Totals       | 1,498                 | 742         | 48.33       |

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| District Totals       | 3,543                 | 1,966       | 55.55       |

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| District Totals       | 9,985                 | 5,300       | 53.08       |

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American Legion Department of Arizona
2012 Fall Conference Golf Tournament

Friday, November 16, 2012

Dell Urich Golf Course
600 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711

CHECK IN AT 7:30am, SHOTGUN START 8:30am

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE $60 PER PLAYER
Make your own foursome or sign up individually

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch and a cash bar.
Lunch will be served after golf at Post 36.

Send Registration and Payment to:
HOWARD MARTIN
6563 E. Calle Mercurio, Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone (520) 730-1189

All entries must be received by
NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Player Name | Phone Number | Hdc
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Lowes Recognized

The American Legion Family from H.H. Donkersley Post 19 in Yuma, presented a plaque to Lowe’s General Manager Bill Dover in recognition of Outstanding Service to our Veterans and supporting The American Legion’s ideals and programs.

District 8 Picnic at Watson Lake, Prescott

Pictured from left: Gary Johnson; James LaMarche; Ceremonial Team Commander Dale Hiller; Duane Jacobsen; Post Commander Terry Greene; Sr. Vice Commander Rev. Thomas Woodward; Bill Dover; S.A.L. Squadron Commander Frank Maisano; and Dan Jones.

LtoR
Department Commander Kenny Dowse; S.A.L. Detachment Commander Joe Roberts and Past Department Commander George Cushing getting ready for the parade at the National Convention in Indiana.

Commander Kenny Dowse with District 8 Commander Karen Litt

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*Federal law permits the payment of attorney fees by the veteran for assistance with any VA claim if Notice of Disagreement is filed after June 20, 2007.
Arizona Awarded the 2013 and 2014 Western Regional Tournament!

The popularity of American Legion Baseball in Arizona continues to soar! In 2008, Arizona had the opportunity to host the Region 8 Western Regional Tournament in Surprise, AZ which was labeled as a great success. National American Legion Baseball Directors were amazed with the facilities that we possess in our great state and once again, we have been awarded the bid to host the 2013 and 2014 Western Regional Tournaments.

Surprise Sports Complex, spring training fields for the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals, will be one of eight sites for Regional play in 2013 and 2014. Other sites include Middletown, CT (Northeast Regional); Brooklawn, NJ (Mid-Atlantic Regional); Asheboro, NC (Southeast Regional); North Little Rock, AR (Mid-South Regional); Terre Haute, IN (Great Lakes Regional); Eugene, OR (Northwest Regional); and Fargo, ND (Central Plains Regional).

Each regional will have an eight-team format. The Western Regional in Surprise will include the state champions from Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, California, Utah, Arizona and a local host team. The champions of the Western Regional Tournament will proceed to the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC. The local responsibilities will be spearheaded by Rollin Kohrs, Department of Arizona Baseball Chairman, whose leadership was the key to making the 2008 Regional a great success.

The Western Regional also presents the work of the local American Legion Family and the dedication to our youth programs. This event generates revenue to our state and hosting the tournament means we have some work to do. Our young athletes are the core focus of the tournament, but volunteers are a necessity. Over the next few months, you will be given more important information on how our American Legion Family can assist. You can always visit AZBall.org for updates.

We look forward to your continued support and participation!

Tom Kusek
American Legion Baseball, Department of Arizona

2012 American Legion Baseball Season

The 2012 American Legion Baseball Champions proceeded to round three at the Western Regional Tournament in Fairfield, CA. The double elimination tournament was well represented by Jim Click/Sunnyside High School from Tucson, our Department Champions! American Legion Family members, parents, and fans boasted about the game that sent these players to the Regional as the final game of the 2012 Department Tournament was perhaps the most exciting game ever experienced.

This was the best year for attendance of Department officers and American Legion Family members and it is certainly appreciated! Thank you all for the support and thank you Sunnyside High School Champs for your display of talent and sportsmanship.