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A Year Gone By

My fellow Legionnaires,

This is my last article as Department Commander. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you this past year. During my travels your hospitality and courtesy was impressive and I thank everyone. I have always stated that one never stops learning and this experience has again provided me even more knowledge and insight into our great organization. I would like to thank our staff, Sheila Galloway, Anne Cline and Gayle Reed for their never ending assistance and patience. They are a great team. The Department Vice Commanders and District Commanders as well as our Chairmen have extended themselves many times this year to make the Department of Arizona a success.

Our Post and District elections are now over and for many there will be new officers to assume the responsibility and leadership of their members. Convention is right around the corner and we will be electing a new Department Commander as well as Department Vice Commanders. I ask every Post and member to attend Convention and participate in that election process.

Let us not forget our National guests who will be in

attendance; Western Region National Vice Commander – Jeanette Rae; National Judge Advocate – Phil Onderdonk; and the leading candidate for National Commander – Dan Dellinger. During Convention, there won't be a Commander and Adjutant session. Instead, a LEAD Training – Legal Procedures session will be held on Saturday afternoon from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Our National Judge Advocate will be in attendance to answer any and all questions regarding issues, procedures, by-laws, etc. I recommend that all officers and members attend this important session and ask whatever is on your mind. It is an education that will be invaluable toward your leadership. Please attend.

As this year draws to a close, I will be attending Boys State, ALLECA (American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy) and Girls State. These are three superb programs in which our youth gain the knowledge of Democracy, Americanism and respect for our flag.

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To Never Forget



Department Commander Ken Dowse pointing out a specific name on the Traveling Viet Nam Wall while in was in Cottonwood
Photo by Jeri Strande

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Memorial Day Ceremony National Cemetery in Phoenix

Photos by
Chuck Treat,
Squadron #29



Glendale Auxiliary Unit and Post #29 Color Guards



Ahwatukee Post #64 Color Guard



Ahwatukee Post and Unit #64 presenting wreath



Phoenix Post #105 wreath presented by Ken & Tina Lapka



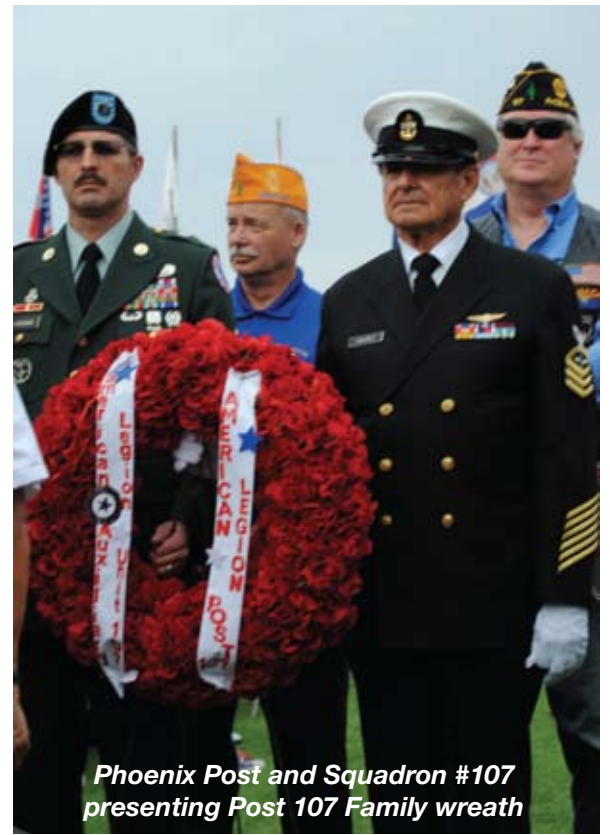
George Cushing
standing guard



Area B Vice Commander, Andy Jaime
presenting the Department Wreath



Beth Nehring presenting the 20 & 4 Honor
Society of Women Legionnaires Wreath



Phoenix Post and Squadron #107
presenting Post 107 Family wreath



CALL TO CONVENTION



Call to the 95th Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of Arizona.

By authority of the Department Executive Committee, the 95th Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Arizona is hereby called to meet in Carefree, Arizona, June 20 - 23, 2013.

The Convention business sessions will be held in the Saguaro Ballroom of the Carefree Resort Hotel in Carefree, Arizona.

The Annual Department Convention is the legislative body of The American Legion, Department of Arizona.

The convention is called for the purpose of setting the programs of The American Legion for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution and Bylaws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

At twelve o'clock noon of the final day or at the conclusion of all other business of the Department Convention, whichever occurs first, on Sunday, June 23, 2013, officers for the ensuing year will be elected, these being the Department Commander, three Department Vice Commanders, in that sequence.

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In closing, I ask every member of the Department of Arizona to continue to grow our organization. Remember, we are the advocates for every veteran, member or not. We are the largest Veterans Organization in this country. On a daily basis, we fight to protect and improve our veterans' benefits whether it is medical, retirement or education. We fight toward getting our flag amendment and stolen valor act passed and will continue to do so until accomplished. When speaking with a

fellow veteran who is not a member, make them aware of the facts. Ask them to join our organization and add their voice. After all, it is an investment for their own protection whether young or old.

I hope to see many of you at Convention. Thank you for your support and cooperation over this last year. May God bless you, your families and our veterans.

For God and country,
Ken Dowse, Department Commander

Legion Baseball National Tournament in Surprise This Year

Post 29 Recruiting Volunteer Support

Seven state baseball champions and a host team from Arizona will square off this summer in the main stadium at the Surprise Recreation Campus – spring training home of the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals. The event is the American Legion Western Regional Baseball Tournament, a qualifier for the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC.

Hosted by Earl E. Mitchell Post #29 in Glendale, the Western Regional will be held August 8 – 12, 2013. It will be an eight team, double-elimination tournament featuring American Legion Department Champions from Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Texas. Teams arrive in Surprise on August 7th. The first tournament event is the Banquet of Champions on the concourse of the ballpark that evening at 7:00 PM featuring the introduction of the competing teams, a guest speaker and a video presentation. Guests are welcome; dinner tickets are \$15.00 per person.

The full tournament game schedule will be posted on the Arizona Baseball Web Site www.azball.org – or you can call the local tournament chairman for details at 602-550-0762. Games begin August 8th with a 9:00 AM double header; the second tournament double header is at 5:00 PM. Official opening ceremonies will

precede Game 4 and are expected to begin at approximately 7:30 PM.

Local tournament organizers are anxious to recruit volunteers to assist with a wide variety of duties. Positions available include "housing volunteers," who will assist with each team's hotel arrival and departure; van drivers, to shuttle teams between the hotel and ballpark; and, stadium volunteers to fill many different roles. Van drivers will work in shifts starting at 7:45 AM and 2:00 PM daily; a photo copy of your driver's license will be needed to comply with insurance requirements. Volunteers for any or all of the tournament days can contact Rollin Kohrs at 602-550-0762.

Tournament souvenir shirts will be presented to all volunteers.

In addition, the Baseball Committee will raffle off a 50 inch TV, \$250.00 in cash, and a patriotic quilt. Raffle tickets, already on sale, are priced six for \$10.00; the drawing will be held during the 7th inning of Game #4 the evening of August 8th. The winner need not be present to win. Tickets are available from Rollin Kohrs, Tom Kusek and Anne Cline. The Baseball Committee is also selling souvenir pins for \$4.00. The pins replicate the letterhead at the top of this article.



2013 National Convention

Houston, Texas August 23 – August 29, 2013

The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Four Seasons, 1300 Lamar St, 77010 (713) 650-1300
Rooms are limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Please indicate arrival & departure dates

NATIONAL CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

RESERVATIONS TO BE LISTED IN THE NAME OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

Additional occupants shall include	Leg/Aux/SAL	**Arrive/Depart**
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
_____	_____	_____/_____ /

Check appropriate boxes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	King, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 152.10*	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double, 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 152.10 *	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roll Away rate (additional occupant \$35.00)	\$ 35.00 per day	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona Party – Dinner and entertainment	\$ 37.00 per person	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration (<i>mandatory for Legion, Auxiliary and guests</i>)	\$ 25.00 per person	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Past President’s Luncheon *** (payable to Auxiliary) ***	Call Auxiliary	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	States Dinner *** (payable to Auxiliary) ***	Call Auxiliary	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Commander's Banquet (<i>limited to first 20</i>)	\$ 45.00 per person	\$ _____

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ _____

*The registration fee and 1 night's lodging deposit, plus any other fees must be submitted with this reservation form.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 19, 2013

- Occupancy Tax in the amount **17%** per room/night is **already included** in the room rate.
- \$2.00 per room night is returned to the National Convention Corporation by the hotel.

CANCELLATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 26, 2013

Sharon Doran, INEC
Alissa Montijo, Jr Auxiliary President

4:00 pm

40 et 8 - Teddy Julian, Grand Chef Palo Verde II

Disabled American Veterans: Johnny Stewart, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars: Tony Mangine, Commander
Vietnam Veterans of America: Gene Crego, President
Korean War Veterans: Carl Orth, Vice Commander
MOPH: Ronald Capek, Commander
40 et 8: Teddy Julian, Grand Chef de Gare
20 et 4: Beth Nehring, Director VIP
8 & 40: Sandy Brown, Departmental Chapean
Arizona Dept of Veterans Services: Robert Barnes, Director
Phoenix VA Regional Office: Sandy Flint, Director
Eagle Scout Award: Aidan Schneider, Wayne Chatfield, Chairman
Candidate for National Commander: Dan Dellinger, Virginia
Keynote Speaker: Jeanette Rae, National Vice Commander

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Friday, June 21

7:00 am Membership Breakfast - 100% Post, District Area Vice Commanders Post 34
8:30 am Historians Seminar - Robert Hernandez Palo Verde I
8:30 am Membership Committee - Michael Thelen Saguario I
8:30 am Constitution & By-Laws Resolutions - Neal Sundeen/Jim Burke Saguario II
8:30 am Club Committee - Bud Hansing Saguario IV
Children & Youth Commission Saguario V
Children & Youth - Steve Seney
Education - Jon Altmann
ALLECA - Dan Palmer
Jr Shooting Sports - Mike Jurczak
National Security Commission Saguario III
National Security - Shaun Shields
POW/MIA - Phil Johnson
Law & Order - Scott Miller
Convention & Conference Committee - John Aldecoa, Chairman Saguario IV
10:00 am Americanism Commission Saguario I
10:00 am Americanism - Charles Vawter
Baseball - Rollin Kohrs / Tom Kusek
Scouting - Wayne Chatfield
Boys State - Charles Vawter
Citizens Flag Alliance - Maria Currie
10:00 am Trophies & Awards - Bob Nixon Palo Verde I
10:00 am Oratorical Chairman Meeting - Roger Munchbach Palo Verde II
10:00 am Legislative Committee - Larry Bahill Saguario II
Legislative Council (Immediately Following) - Neal Sundeen

Saturday, June 22

8:30 am SAL Convention - Joe Roberts, Commander Cholla I-II
8:00 am Convention Reconvenes - Ken Dowse, Commander Saguario Ballroom
Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
Membership Report & Awards - Michael Thelen
Trophies & Awards Report - Bob Nixon
Convention & Conference Report - John Aldecoa
Club Committee Report - Bud Hansing
Americanism Report - Charles Vawter
VA&R Committee Report - Mike Espinoza
10:00 am Area A Caucus - Jerry Boales, Vice Commander Saguario IV
Area B Caucus - Andy Jaime, Vice Commander Saguario I
Area C Caucus - Jeri Strande, Vice Commander Saguario V
Lunch GNUITS Luncheon Post 34
1:00 - LEAD Training - Legal Procedures
4:30 pm Phil Onderdonk, National Judge Advocate Cholla I-II
1:30 - Legion Riders - John Moffitt Saguario I
4:00 pm
5:00 pm 20 et 4 - Beth Nehring, Director VIP Palo Verde I
Color Guard Competition - Bob Hammerel, Chairman Saguario Ballroom

Sunday, June 23

8:00 am Joint Memorial Service Saguario Ballroom
Carol Stensby, Chaplain,
Melissa Bieganek, Auxiliary Chaplain
Convention Reconvenes - Ken Dowse, Commander Saguario Ballroom
9:00 am Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
SAL Report - SAL Liaison, Steve Allen
Legion Riders - John Moffitt
Final Convention Report - John Aldecoa
Election of Department Officers:
Commander, 3 Vice Commanders
Farewell Speech - Ken Dowse
Installation of Officers
Acceptance Speech - Newly Elected Commander
Announcements - John Aldecoa, Adjutant
Benediction - Carol Stensby, Chaplain
Retirement of Colors - Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms
Executive Committee Meeting - Newly Elected Commander
1:00 pm PDC Luncheon - Ken Dowse, Host Post 107

Have a SAFE Trip Home



2013 Department of Arizona Annual Convention June 20-23

All Meetings held at the Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Road, Care Free Arizona 85377

ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS

Hospitality Suites (check at registration desk)

Registration hours: **Hotel Registration Lobby**

Thursday, June 20st 11:30AM until 6:00PM

Friday, June 21st 7:00AM until 5:00PM

Saturday, June 22nd 7:00AM until 4:00PM

Sunday, June 23rd 7:00AM until 9:00AM

VA&R + SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR – Friday...1:00PM to 3:00PM...

ALR SESSION – Saturday... 1:30PM to 4:00PM...

Thursday, June 20

2:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting..... Palo Verde I
 Rollin Kohrs, Chairman
 4:00 pm Rules Committee..... Palo Verde I
 Paul Griffin, NEC
 Joint Opening Session..... Saguario Ball Room
 6:00 pm Call to Order: Ken Dowse, Department Commander
 Advancement of Colors: Carl Armbruster, Sgt-at-Arms
 Invocation: Carol Stensby, Chaplain
 Pledge of Allegiance: All
 Preamble to Constitution: All
 Opening Remarks: Ken Dowse, Commander
 Call to Convention: John Aldecoa, Adjutant
 Report of Rules Committee: Paul Griffin, NEC
 Welcome, Host Post 117: Henry Burks, Commander

Greetings

Mayor, City of Carefree: David Schwan, Mayor
 Carefree Sheriff's Office: Deputy Timothy Goeza
 Sons of The American Legion: Joe Roberts, Detachment Commander
 The American Legion Auxiliary: .. Kathleen Medalen, Department President

Friday, June 21 (continued)

10:00 am Bingo Committee - Andy Jaime..... Saguario III
 10:00 am Public Relations Commission..... Saguario V
 Public Relations - Bill Pakinkis
 Press Association - Ron Murphy
 Lunch
 11:30 am Service Officers Seminar VA&R Commission - Art Brest..... Cholla I-II
 Rehabilitation - Mike Espinoza
 Employment - Mike Espinoza
 Cemetery - Mel Zaacko
 1:30 pm Convention Reconvenes - Ken Dowse, Commander..... Saguario Ballroom
 Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
 Constitution & By-Laws Report - Neal Sundeen
 Resolutions Report - Jim Burke
 Legislative Report - Larry Bahill
 Children & Youth Report - Steve Seney
 National Security Report - Shaun Shields
 POW/MIA Report - Phil Johnson
 Law and Order - Scott Miller
 Legionnaire Insurance Trust - John Aldecoa
 Honor Guard Captains Meeting - Mel Zaacko Palo Verde I

Special Events:

Golf Tournament, Thursday, Check In At 6:30AM,
 Shotgun Start 7:00AM
 Rancho Mañana Golf Club, 5734 E. Rancho Mañana
 Blvd, Cave Creek, AZ. 85331
Membership Breakfast, 100% Post, District & Area
 Vice Commanders, Friday, 7:00AM, Post 34
GNUTS Luncheon, Saturday, 11:30AM, Post 34
PDC Luncheon, Sunday, 1:00PM, Post 107

3:30 pm



Post Everlasting

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Charles Calhoun
C A Carrol
Lawrence E Wich
- 2
Robert H Colen
Edward E Gracia
James Guinane
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Harrison A Copley
Richard E Ferguson
Thomas K Halls
Donald L Osborn
Robert K Parsons
Eugene L Pate
Albert V Stockton
- 4
James O Andrews
Bernard E Pile
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Frank Drewe
William L Dunsmore
Donald L Egenberger
Richard Martin
Delbert L Prange
Edward C Shryock
Neylon M Spencer
John R Tapia
Peter J VanDyke
Dennis R Young
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Joseph M Smolkovich
Fredrick N Soles
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Clarence O Eipper
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Dixie L Clark
Julius "Mac" Maklary
Wayne Orr
Andrew G Solis
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Raymond S Bates
Clarence E Bowerman
John L Hales
Stanley J Kordyla
Marshall Kuberski
William B Mansker
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Paul W Springborn
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Karl A Dennis
Dale Fortune
Ronald V Givens
Edwin L Hansberger
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Donald A Kelly
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Herbert McBride
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- Nicholas N Verlinich
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Raymond D Hacker
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James Spiconardi
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Glenn V Fergason
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David W Hughart
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Melvin Molitor
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Erich Freudenberg
James W Grassman
Dan J Guilmette
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Edgar V Hansen
Edward Janica
Norman L Jewell
James W Jones
Paul Jones
Edmund H Jung
Will Justus
Harry Kelley
Robert A Kelley
Michael M Kunst
Merle E Lawson
Wayne E Lien
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Alternate N.E.C.: The Washington Trip

I went to Washington D.C. with Commander Ken Dowse February 23 through February 27. Also attending was N.E.C. Paul Griffin, George Cushing, Jim Burke, John Aldecoa, Angel Juarez and Larry Bahill.

We had a Joint Session of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions. The Ambassador of Israel to the United States, Michael B. Oren, gave us a general view of what Israel faces. He stated that Israel's right to security and peace is tested every day. He said Israel is very thankful for the support of the United States.

Next, we were given POW/MIA updates and briefings by Major General (Retired) W. Montaque Winfield, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel; Johnie E. Webb, Deputy to the Commander of Public Relations of the Joint Personnel Accounting Command; and Ann Miller-Griffiths, Chair of the Board for the National League of POW/MIA families.

Here is a breakdown of our POW/MIA's: WWII – 73,000, Cold War – 139, Korea – 7,000, Viet Nam – 1,653, Iraq – 2 Navy pilots and 3 contractors. Arizona has 15 service members unaccounted for from the Viet Nam conflict.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has set a goal to be obtained by 2015 of identifying 200 remains per year. Congress has cut funding so how this will affect this program and their goal is unknown.

On the second day, we had Commander's Call. We were briefed on the Legion's Legislative priorities for the 113th Congress. We also had appointments with all of Arizona's Congressmen and women.

Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema from the 9th District and Ron Barber from the 8th District were both very impressive as they were attentive and promised to support our Legislative priorities.

Congressman Ron Barber asked me to be a member of his District 8 Home Front Veteran's Commission.

I urge all Legionnaires to keep communicating with their Representatives and Senators. Only in this way can we make them understand what we need. Just maybe we will get the Legion's priorities passed.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Be "Still"

What exactly does this mean? To some it might mean to stop moving about busily; to others, something completely different.

By way of explanation, some synonyms for the way the word is being used for this message are silent, calm, tranquil, noiseless and quiet.

Please reflect on the many conversations you've had with others. In all honesty, you will most likely find that you were far busier formulating your rebuttal than you were in truly listening to what was being said to you.

The end result of this trait is that you've possibly missed the point. Maybe this is why some discussions go on for a long period of time between ingress and egress.

We've all been in situations like this and often find them frustrating.

In order that we truly hear what someone is saying, it is necessary to "still" your mind. It

is in this manner that you may hear a subtle plea for help or understanding; tears of grief being shed internally or an outright cry for change. As has been mentioned before, we are all chaplains of a sort. We have a responsibility to aid our fellow man in times of peril regardless of their perception of what that peril might be.

The same method is applicable if you wish to hear the Word of God. In this case, it is not only necessary to "still" your mind but you heart as well. Open your heart as you would a dam and let all of your feelings flow out to God. When you're finished, close your dam and let His renewing waters flow back in. WOW-talk about refreshing! Consider giving yourself some of this refreshment every day for the ultimate euphoria.

Please keep the families of our departed family members in your prayers. Since the last publication, Julius "Mac" Maklary, PDC (1998) has transferred to Post Everlasting and Sherry Hall, Past Auxiliary Department Chaplain has transferred to Unit Everlasting. May they rest in peace.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain
Department of Arizona



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Membership Report

May 21, 2013

A	Jerry Boales	9,539	9,270	97.18
B	Andy Jaime	18,092	17,711	97.90
C	Jeri Strande	7,950	7,701	96.87
HQ	Kenneth Dowse	5,419	4,384	80.90
Grand Totals		41,000	39,066	95.29

High: Area B – 97.90% • District 2 – 98.64% • Post 124 – 193.33%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	938	883	94.14
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	100	105	105.00
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	8	53.33
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	150	155	103.33
67 Frank Mick	Roll	25	16	64.00
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	42	34	80.95
District Totals		1,270	1,201	94.57

District 2 - Commander: George Molina

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	385	336	87.27
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	69	62	89.86
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,345	1,272	94.57
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	332	334	100.60
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,368	1,359	99.34
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	346	338	97.69
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	152	144	94.74
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	104	101	97.12
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	809	779	96.29
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	19	15	78.95
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	25	20	80.00
125 Yoem	Tucson	37	47	127.03
131 Madera	Green Valley	675	720	106.67
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	179	215	120.11
District Totals		5,845	5,742	98.24

District 3 - Commander: Al Reyes

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	329	295	89.67
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	82	83	101.22
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	49	42	85.71
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	654	636	97.25
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	94	97	103.19
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	793	732	92.31
District Totals		2,001	1,885	94.20

District 4 - Commander: Larry Moore

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	232	228	98.28
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	157	166	105.73
17 William P. Kern	Superior	23	21	91.30
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	35	37	105.71
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	53	41	77.36
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	33	36	109.09
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	133	125	93.98
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	48	54	112.50
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	74	53	71.62
133 Bernie G Crouse	Maricopa	67	76	113.43
District Totals		855	837	97.89

District 5 - Commander: Ray Thiessen

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	211	193	91.47
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	134	135	100.75
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	370	327	88.38
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	38	45	118.42
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	85	80	94.12
District Totals		833	780	93.08

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	86	79	91.86
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	133	152	114.29
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	25	22	88.00
37 Navajo	Holbrook	62	54	87.10
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	51	42	82.35
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	415	389	93.73
76 William House	Show Low	187	169	90.37
80 Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	36	37	102.78
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	1	6.67
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	436	429	98.39
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	26	17	65.38
130 Joseph McNair	Concho	26	34	130.77
District Totals		1,498	1,425	95.13

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	550	532	96.73
13 Cordova	Williams	110	100	90.91
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	291	279	95.88
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	209	206	98.56
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	10	66.67
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	201	188	93.53
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	82	84	102.44
81 Robert A. Eckert	L. Havasu City	1,347	1,303	96.73
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	458	433	94.54
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	106	115	108.49
103 Meadview	Meadview	46	46	100.00
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	25	23	92.00
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	38	19	50.00
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	36	37	102.78
136 Yucca	Yucca	29	25	86.21
District Totals		3,543	3,400	95.96

District 8 - Commander: Karen Litt

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	782	748	95.65
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	641	605	94.38
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	384	363	94.53
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	248	264	106.54
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	296	266	89.86
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	44	43	97.73
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	284	293	103.17
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	26	21	80.77
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	78	76	97.44
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	42	44	104.76
135 Cornville	Cornville	49	59	120.41
139 George D. Reiff	Crown King	18	20	111.11
140 Prescott Valley	Prescott Vly	17	23	135.29
District Totals		2,892	2,825	97.11

District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	849	778	91.64
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	60	98	163.33
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	61	65	106.56
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	362	363	100.28
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,349	1,291	95.70
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	10	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	56	50	89.29
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	96	101	105.21
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	592	566	95.61
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	1,954	1,957	100.15
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	16	15	93.75
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	326	320	98.16
96 Surprise	Surprise	196	199	101.53
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	131	115	87.79
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	581	540	92.94
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	90	93	103.33
134 Laveen	Laveen	49	51	104.08
137 Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	59	50	84.75
District Totals		6,837	6,662	97.44

District 12 - Commander: Danny Bugh

Post Name	City	Goal	2013	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	417	399	95.68
26 Mesa	Mesa	842	795	94.42
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,583	2,487	96.28
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	365	352	96.44
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	626	628	100.32
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	487	547	112.32
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	766	780	101.83
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	974	959	98.46
55 James O. Schroeder	Sun Lakes	231	215	93.07
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	494	466	94.33
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	41	33	80.49
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	148	137	92.57
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	346	321	92.77
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	281	235	83.63
83 East Mesa	Mesa	123	106	86.18
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	41	49	119.51
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	246	251	102.03
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	489	453	92.64
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	55	62	112.73
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	59	61	103.39
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	217	221	101.84
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	15	29	193.33
138 James Witkowski	Tempe	139	182	130.94
District Totals		9,985	9,768	97.83

Meet Angel Juarez - Arizona's New Assistant Adjutant

Angel Juarez has dedicated his life in service for military veterans. He served six years in the U.S. Army, both active duty and reserve. He has since applied many dedicated volunteer hours with Veterans Service Organizations locally and at the National level. Angel was appointed as an Assistant Cub-Master in his Cub Scout Pack and serves as the Pack Committee Chair. He serves as an Executive Board Member of The American Legion Post 41 in Phoenix, AZ.



Angel was installed as the Chaplain of his American Legion Post in July 2002. Successive Post Commanders have re-appointed him through 2012. He serves as a committee member on The American Legion National Internal Affairs Commission.

In 2009, he was elected Squadron 41 Commander of the

Sons of the American Legion. Angel has recently been appointed to serve as the Assistant Adjutant for the State of Arizona American Legion Headquarters offices.

Angel was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ. He attained National Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician at Phoenix College in 1994. He is currently attending to his degree completion at Arizona Christian University toward a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

He and his wife Tommie Juarez have been married for six years. They have five children in their blended family, ages 5-26. Their oldest children, both daughters, have blessed them with four grandchildren. The three sons remaining at home are active in their Sons of the American Legion Squadron through honor guard service and scout programs.

Commander Dowse's Homecoming



Department Commander Kenny thanking everyone for showing up and sharing his Homecoming with him, Kathleen and Joe.



Department Adjutant John presenting a gift to Commander Kenny; Assistant Department Adjutant Angel waiting his turn.



PDC "Bud" Hansing giving some "advice" to Commander Kenny

*My deepest and heartfelt, sincere **Thank You** to each and every member of the American Legion Family for your flowers, donations, cards, calls, support and for taking your valuable time to attend the Visitation and Celebration of Life for my husband Julius "Mac" Maklary.*

There are no words that can totally express how much each of you helped myself and our family during such a difficult time. Please know that your thoughtfulness and kindness was more than appreciated.

*I am so thankful for the Legion Family that has been a part of Mac and my life for more than 40 years. Your actions **Did** make a difference, meant so much and will not be forgotten.*

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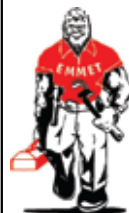
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