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Membership Goals On Target

Fellow Legionnaires, It's hard to believe that it's already September; time seems to be flying by. In August, all of your District and Area Vice Commanders attended a Membership Seminar in Indianapolis. It must have paid off because with all of your help, we just made our first target goal of 50% by September 9th. Awesome! Thank you and keep up the good work. Post 140 in Prescott Valley has already hit 150% and Post 123 in Seligman just made 100%. They will both be receiving Honor Ribbons from National for their Post flag for reaching 100% before December 31st.

When we returned from Indianapolis, it was time for the Western Regional Tournament for American Legion Baseball. Eight teams from seven states competed for five days of great baseball. The team from Petaluma, California won and then went on to Shelby, North Carolina for The American Legion

Baseball World Series where they placed second. Brooklawn, New Jersey won the title. All the teams were great and as always, Rollin Kohrs did an outstanding job! Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help serve, drive and cheer the teams on!



After Baseball, it was off to Houston, TX for the National Convention. We had a great turnout for the ANW (Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming) Party at the Harrisburg Post. The rain held off until after the parade on Sunday and Arizona looked sharp. The American Legion

Riders raised over \$772,000 for the Legacy Foundation and National Commander Koutz raised over \$1,119,000 for OCW (Operation Comfort Warrior). Incoming National Commander Dan Dellinger's project this year is NEF (National Emergency Fund) which helps our members and Posts that are impacted by natural disasters.

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Badgers Win 13th State Crown

Tucson Badgers do it again! For the 13th time, Oscar Romero had guided his team through the loser's bracket to take the Department of Arizona State Tournament defeating Post 36 in the final and 15th game of the tournament. The Badgers lost the first game to San Tan Patriots and then

rallied to defeat Alhambra and Copper Canyon to advance to the final game. The Badgers then moved on to play in the Western Regionals in Surprise and were eliminated in game # 12 by Nevada. Congratulations to the Badgers and Coach Romero!



PDC Ken Dowse presents the winner's trophy to Oscar Romero, Coach of the Tucson Badgers.

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National Convention in Houston, TX

Thanks Jeri and Jim for the National photos



PDC Kenny Dowse and Department Commander Judi



Let's get this parade going...it's HUMID out here!



Commander Judi with husband, Jim



Department Commander Judi and National Commander, Daniel M. Dellinger



AZ Delegation, National Parade Al Dunaway and Scott Miller presenting colors and PDC Kenny Dowse and PDP Kathleen Medalen leading the AZ Legion Family Delegates

Western Regional Baseball Tourney

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Department Commander Judi with tournament organizers



Two American Beauties Department Commander Judi and Miss Arizona, Jennifer Smedstad



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MANA House needs our help to keep its Women Veteran Section open. If your Post Family can plan a fundraiser to help, any amount will be appreciated. Grants that were anticipated, have not materialized.

Remember your American Legion Family "PRIDE".

Please keep PDC Maria Currie's family in your prayers, she passed away on September 4th. Also, PDC Paul Griffin needs your prayers to speed along his recovery.

For God & Country,
Judi Beischel,
Department Commander

National Defense At Risk Via Sequestration

Legionnaires: A host of concerns are facing us. The biggest is sequestration. Our Senators and Congressional members will not sit down and talk to each other. They prefer to stand in front of the cameras and lambast the other party. The Department of Defense will take the biggest hit. Days without pay in 2014 will be much deeper along with painful spending cuts on the backs of service members, retirees and their families.

Some former Pentagon Leaders and their so called think tank experts have called for a crazy complete overhaul criticizing the 20 year retirement as unfair and unaffordable. They want to divide and conquer the military by grandfathering existing retirees and current active duty troops.

The bottom line is that the commission needs to understand the most important element of National Security is the sustainment of a dedicated top quality all-volunteer force.

The retirement system we have now is the very system needed to entice troops to endure levels of sacrifice most citizens are unwilling to accept for even one tour of duty.

This same commission wants to cut pay increases for active duty and retirees.

There are some good things in the Defense Appropriations Bill before the Senate. They are recommending the military be given a pay raise of 1.8%. Also, they approved 25 million for the implementation for Special Victims Counsel Program to provide victims of sexual assault with legal assistance and support.

On the local level, SB1286 exempts the Arizona State Veterans homes from a Nursing Facility Assessment that was passed last year, saving the Arizona State Veteran's Home in Phoenix nearly \$500,000 in taxes per year. This passed and was

signed into law in April by Governor Brewer. HB2064 requires the state to issue training permits to qualified doctors and dentists, also physician assistants who are licensed by the military without them having to go back to school. This was passed and signed into law in April by the Governor. Also in April, HB2076 giving separating service members credit for military training and experience in meeting the requirements of a license, certificate or registration issued in Arizona. This was also passed and signed into law by the Governor.

The Senate lost its last WWII Veteran, Frank Lautenberg on June 3 at the age of 89. The current Senate has just 16 members who have military experience. The House of Representatives has two WWII Veterans. So what we need to do is keep in touch with our Congressional members and guide them on our programs. Please stay in touch.

For God and Country,
Dick Perry
Alternate National Executive Committeeman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 19th 2013

Free Legal Advice for U.S. Veterans and their Spouses Clinic sponsored by Arizona Disabled Veteran Foundation (You need not be disabled to obtain legal advice) held at DAV Chapter 20, 8447 N. 61st Avenue, Glendale, AZ. For more information, contact Norman Fulton, III, Legal Clinic Director (303) 249-5827 or nsfultoniii@gmail.com to schedule an appointment and receive forms needed for the clinic.

Sunday, November 3rd

Diocese of Phoenix 3rd Annual Veterans Mass *The "RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS"* will be held at All Saints Catholic Parish, 1534 N. Recker Road, Mesa, AZ 85202 at 11:00 A.M. Reception to follow. Veterans and families of All Faiths are invited!

Friday, November 8th to Sunday, November 10th

Department of AZ Fall Conference at Doubletree Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85711. For reservations call 520 323-5202 by October 18th to receive \$95.00 discount rate. Be sure to mention The American Legion to receive that rate.

Saturday, November 9th

The 8th Annual Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade and Family Picnic will be held in Anthem with the parade starting at 10:00 AM. The family activities including games, entertainment and a food court will be available from 12:30PM to 3:00PM. Grand Marshals will be veterans of the Korean Conflict. To become a parade sponsor or to enroll your group for participation, please visit: www.DaisyMtnVets.org. Be sure to join us in Anthem on November 9th as we celebrate and honor our veterans. For more information, contact Jim Oliveri at (623) 243-7998 Yeeditor@cox.net or Tom Smith (623) 551-8689 Windpress@cox.net.

Monday, November 11th VETERANS DAY

The City of Phoenix will be sponsoring this year's parade. The parade will start at North Phoenix Baptist Church, Central Avenue and Bethany Home, (this is where it usually ends) and will end somewhere near the VAMC Hospital on 7th Street (where it use to begin). If you are interested in participating or for more information, please contact Katherine Brooks at 623 640-6437 Kvbrooks@cox.net

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Welcome Veterans!

My first article will be short and I will start by thanking Department Commander Judi Beischel for appointing me as the Department Membership Director.

I am excited about being able to present to you the beginning of our Five Year Membership Plan that Commander Judi and I presented in Indianapolis in August. Our plan was well received and with your help, we can complete it. You notice I started this article with a Yellow Ribbon. A Yellow Ribbon means "Welcome to Returning Veterans." One thing that I would like to see each Post do is put up a Yellow Ribbon on the door of your Post to let your Veterans know that we welcome them to join us.

Our first challenge of the year came on September 9th with the National

Membership target at 50%. Arizona was in at 50.76% on September 6th. Mission accomplished for the first round. Our next target date is set for October 7th at 55%. Congratulations to Prescott Valley Post 140 for being our first Post to reach 100%. They are at 150% as of this report. Remember to get all memberships in to our "Bulldog Sheila" before that date. Let us see if we can surpass the 55% by that date. I know that you can accomplish this but it must be through the efforts of the members who have not renewed yet. So don't hesitate and renew as soon as you can. Your renewal is what gives your Post their delegate votes at State Convention in June.

I would also ask you to reach out to those Post 100 members. Ask them to consider transferring into a local Post of their choice. I know many feel that

they might be obligated or expected to volunteer, but explain to them the values of becoming a member of The American Legion and the programs of the Four Pillars. The online service at MyLegion.org is an excellent tool to use to locate these members. If you need assistance, please contact me. I will show you how to walk through it. Let's not forget our Department Commander Judi's theme PRIDE (Patriotism, Religion, Ideas, Dedication and Enthusiasm) and use all when you are recruiting those new members. National Commander Dan Dellinger's Theme is "Building Tomorrow – Today." Recruit those young veterans coming home and Welcome them to your Post. For each five members recruited (new and renewed) you can receive the National Commander's Pin; 15 members for the first time, the National Commander's Challenge Coin, and for 25 members you can become a Silver Brigade recipient. More information will follow.

Again, I look forward to working with this year's great Membership Team, our Commander Judi, the Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders and each of our Posts. I will be attending some of the District Meetings with Commander Judi, but if you would like me to come to your Post and speak on membership, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 602-363-8546 cell, or via email at 70wave@gmail.com .

Your Membership Team is here to provide you with the tools that you need to help each and every Post obtain that 100%. We want to continue where Michael and his Team left off and make 100%+ membership this year. Remember that all it takes is to JUST ASK!

Beth Nehring, Membership Director

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New Americanism Chairman Covers Many Issues

Having been selected to be the Area “B” Americanism Chairman by Dr. Vawter I am honored. As such, I can now combine my articles to cover the whole Americanism Pillar. The pillar includes Legion Baseball, Boys State and Nation, Flag Advocacy, Flag Etiquette, Get out the Vote, Oratorical, Scouting, Jr. Shooting Sports, Jr. Law Cadet and Youth Alumni. Each Post should be participating in at least three of the programs in the pillar. It would strengthen your standing in the community. As it was stated by Past Commander Cushing “We are a service organization”. As I have traveled around District 11 and 12, I’ve found most Posts do participate in the Americanism Pillar. We need to get the rest of them participating. If your Post does not participate in a program, please contact me.

In August, the Western Region Baseball Tournament was held at the Surprise Sports Complex. Rollin Kohrs and Tom Kusek are to be congratulated for their outstanding work in making the Tournament one of the best. Our National Anthem was sung by Miss Arizona Jennifer Smedstad. (Note, it was sung the way it was written by Francis Scott Key). Commander Beischel was there every day of the tournament. Other Legion dignitaries that attended were Past Department Commander, George Cushing; Past Area B Vice Commander, Andy Jamie; Area B Vice Commander, Domingo Bonilla; District 11 Commander, Frank Myers; Post 29 Commander, Jim Gallagher and Department Chaplain, Carol Stensby.

The Scouting Program is growing in numbers. In October, Post 29 will charter a Cub Scout Pack. The Post Venturing Crew is now up to 15 members. The Scouting program is probably one of the best members of the pillar. Veterans can use the skills they acquired in the service to pass on their knowledge to the youth of today. Posts can charter a Scout unit for \$40.00 per year. As Department Scouting Chairman, I can help you get started. As a Scouter, you can have the position of Charter Organization Representative, Committee Member, Leader or Adviser. Contact me if you are interested in starting a unit. I will have a member of the Scouting Committee contact you.

One of our members has written a book, “Inside the World of Mirrors”. J. Max Taylor was drafted by the Army in 1967. At the end of his testing he was taken aside and offered a special position in military intelligence. The book details his exploits as a Special Intelligence Operative. All proceeds from the book are going to the Legion to help veterans. If your Post is interested in having Mr. Taylor attend one of your meetings, please contact me and I will help make the arrangements for him to visit. (This has been authorized by Department)

In future articles, I will cover the other programs in the

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

Wayne Chatfield
 Area B Americanism Chairman
 Department Scouting Committee Chairman
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Maria Currie...A Proud American!

C.F.A. This is how Maria started every article that she sent in for Citizens Flag Alliance. On September 4th, PDC Maria Currie joined Post Everlasting. I was going through some of her past articles and took a paragraph from each of them to come up with an article in memory of her. She was a very proud American and Legionnaire.

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 1994, American Legion National Commander, Bruce Thiesen, agreed to coordinate the movement to get a flag protection amendment added to the Constitution. For over 100 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.

The American people show their great regard for the flag in so many every day uses. It is seen in parades, sports events, opening ceremonies of all kinds, welcoming our military home, in burial rites for those who do not come home and at all sorts of school events and public meetings.

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

A new American Legion year brings renewed efforts to gain a flag protection amendment. Remember that this is costly, so support the Citizens Flag Alliance financially as well as in spirit.

Fly your Flag!



Good or Bad, History Does Seem to Repeat Itself!

Most everyone has heard the proverb “history repeats itself” and this year, as the Department Historian again, I hope that I won’t be accused of saying the same things in my articles as I said two years ago, but will pass along new and fresh ideas on how to develop an outstanding post yearbook or narrative history.

Those post historians who served with me before, know that I am a “broken record” when it comes to formatting your histories in accordance with the guidance in the Officer’s Guide; where formats have been laid out in easy-to-read instructions. Also, if you’re still using a guide dated prior to 2013 – get rid of it; and treat yourself to a new book; some of the judging criteria have changed – besides, it always good to stay current in all programs.

When I attended the National Historian Luncheon at National Convention in August, there was some discussion about the recent changes to the guidance in the new guide. I



will be attending the National History Book Contest in mid-October held at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis, and suspect there will be more discussion concerning those changes. Stay tuned for more!

To each Post Commander, I’d like to remind you that your Post Historian cannot do his/her job without you and the cooperation of the entire Post. If your Historian is not a regular at your Post Planning Meeting, then shame on you...if the Historian is the last one to know what’s going on in the Post, then you can’t expect coverage – either in your Post newsletter or Post history! Since most Historians are appointed by YOU, you should be the first one to say “thanks”, by keeping them in the loop and appreciate all they do to make you and the Post look good! I say “use your Historian, don’t abuse them”.

In closing, I thank Commander Beischel for asking me to serve as her Department Historian – I appreciate the opportunity to serve not just the department, but you the “blue hatter” Historians.

Until next edition...

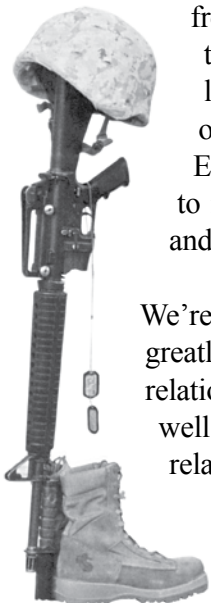
Jeri Strande, Department Historian 2013-2014

Chaplain’s Corner

It’s Becoming a Lost Art!

“What is it?” you ask. It’s the art of communication. Most people would respond that they’re doing a stellar job of communicating with others. They’ll tell you that they “tweet”, text, e-mail, go on Facebook and even use the phone from time to time as it was intended to actually talk to someone. Having fingers and thumbs loaded with manual dexterity is fine but it’s far outshone by the art of face-to-face conversation. Electronic communication denies us the ability to read and react to the facial expressions, eyes and tones of voice of others.

We’re all aware that open and clear communication greatly improves the conditions of corporate relations, marriages, child-rearing, friendships as well as Post operations. Electronics serve well for relating facts and figures but is sorely lacking in transmitting emotions. All of us should be spending more time focusing on face-to-face conversations.



Let’s face it, you can’t text God. The only way to communicate with Him is one-on-one. Open your heart and bare your soul to the Lord. Not only will He hear you and understand all of your sorrows and joys, but He will hear your thanks for His blessings and your love and adoration of Him. Personal conversations with your God are equally, if not more so important than those you conduct on a professional and personal level. It’s crucial to your peace of mind and heart to have these encounters on a daily basis.

Once again, your prayers for our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Department Membership Director, Beth Nehring was in an auto accident. While not seriously injured she was badly bruised and is in pain. PDC Paul Griffin is still dealing with some health issues and your prayers will help speed his recovery. Please remember in your prayers the family of PDC Maria Currie who joined Post Everlasting on September 4th.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain
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Membership Report

September 12, 2013

A	Gene Chewning	9,456	4,847	51.26
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C	Scott Miller	7,807	3,755	48.10
HQ	Judi Beischel	5,911	3,252	55.02
Grand Totals		41,000	20,813	50.76

High: Area A – 51.26% • District 5 – 58.21% • Post 140 – 150%

District 1 - Commander: Terry Greene

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
19	H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	905	524	57.90
46	Chic Chisom	Bouse	106	46	43.40
47	Somerton	Somerton	15	0	0.00
56	Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	157	80	50.96
67	Frank Mick	Rolla	17	7	41.18
70	Freman Sharp	Parker	35	5	14.29
District Totals			1,235	662	53.60

District 2 - Commander: George Molina

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
7	Morgan McDermott	Tucson	339	200	59.00
10	Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	66	49	74.24
23	Ridge-Igo	Nogales	63	36	57.14
36	John P. Burns	Tucson	1,286	772	60.03
59	Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	339	125	36.87
66	Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,383	744	53.80
68	Sahuaro	Tucson	341	163	47.80
73	Casas Adobes	Tucson	146	87	59.59
102	Tucson Mountains	Tucson	102	61	59.80
109	McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	807	393	48.70
111	Patagonia	Patagonia	16	0	0.00
113	Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	21	2	9.52
125	Yoem	Tucson	48	15	31.25
131	Madera	Green Valley	729	442	60.63
132	Oro Valley	Oro Valley	218	158	72.48
District Totals			5,904	3,247	55.00

District 3 - Commander: Mike Stout

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
11	Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	298	44	14.77
16	L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	32	38.10
20	Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	43	30	69.77
24	Roy Fourr	Tombstone	643	365	56.77
45	Vicente Manzo	Benson	98	61	62.24
52	Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	739	149	20.16
District Totals			1,905	681	35.75

District 4 - Commander: Roy White

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
8	Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	236	138	58.47
9	McClellan-Parsons	Florence	168	93	55.36
17	William P. Kern	Superior	22	18	81.82
18	P.A.L.	Kearny	38	26	68.42
48	Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	42	18	42.86
51	Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	37	10	27.03
54	William David Hood	Coolidge	126	61	48.41
97	San Tan	San Tan Foothills	55	21	38.18
129	Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	54	32	59.26
133	Bernie G Crouse	Mariopca	77	41	53.25
District Totals			855	458	53.57

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
4	Henry Berry	Globe	195	117	60.00
28	Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	136	63	46.32
32	Swift-Murphy	Safford	333	207	62.16
49	McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	46	22	47.83
95	Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	82	52	63.41
District Totals			792	461	58.21

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
15	Frank Perkins	Winslow	80	56	70.00
30	John H. Slaughter	Springerville	154	91	59.09
31	Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	23	3	13.04
37	Navajo	Holbrook	55	18	32.73
60	Whiteriver	Whiteriver	43	17	39.53
69	Tonto Rim	Payson	439	57	12.98
76	WilliamHouse	Show Low	171	96	56.14
80	Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	38	2	5.26
82	Warren L. Dempsey	Canado	15	1	6.67
86	John D. Wibby	Overgaard	433	236	54.50
126	Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	18	10	55.56
130	Joseph McCarthy	Concho	35	6	17.14
District Totals			1,504	593	39.43

District 7 - Commander: James Roscoe

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
3	Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	537	301	56.05
13	Cordova	Williams	101	11	10.89
14	Swaskegame	Kingman	282	172	60.99
22	Golden Valley	Golden Valley	208	72	34.62
33	Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	11	0	0.00
42	John Ivens	Grand Canyon	190	81	42.63
57	Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	85	28	32.94
81	Robert A. Eckert	L. Havasu City	1,319	599	45.41
87	Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	438	240	54.79
88	Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	116	54	46.55
103	Meadview	Meadview	47	24	51.06
112	Curtis Huskon	Leupp	24	7	29.17
123	Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	20	20	100.00
127	Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	38	21	55.26
136	Yucca	Yucca	26	1	3.85
District Totals			3,442	1,631	47.39

District 8 - Commander: Sherie Mercier

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
6	Ernest A. Love	Prescott	755	454	60.13
25	Verde Valley	Cottonwood	611	310	50.74
40	Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	367	166	45.23
78	Humboldt	Humboldt	269	139	51.67
79	Taylor-Keehner	Yarnold	269	119	44.24
90	Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	44	13	29.55
93	David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	297	147	49.49
104	Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	22	18	81.82
108	Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	77	54	70.13
122	Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	45	25	55.56
135	Cornville	Cornville	60	49	81.67
139	George D. Reiff	Crown King	21	1	4.76
140	Prescott Valley	Prescott Vly	24	36	150.00
District Totals			2,861	1,531	53.51

District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
1	Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	786	431	54.83
5	Southern Meadows	Phoenix	99	10	10.10
12	Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	373	178	47.72
29	Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,304	701	53.76
43	Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	10	100.00
50	Thomas Tang	Phoenix	51	30	58.82
53	Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	102	45	44.12
61	Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	572	289	50.52
62	John J. Morris	Peoria	1,978	1,000	50.56
72	Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	16	6	37.50
94	Sun City West	Sun City West	323	235	72.76
96	Surprise	Surprise	201	122	60.70
101	John H. Harries	Sun City	116	59	50.86
105	Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	553	245	44.30
128	Daisy Mountain	Anthem	96	44	45.83
134	Laveen	Laveen	55	26	47.27
137	Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	51	25	49.02
District Totals			6,686	3,456	51.69

District 12 - Commander: Michael Thelen

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
2	William Bloys	Tempe	403	211	52.36
26	Mesa	Mesa	806	472	58.56
27	Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	1,323	52.38
34	Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	356	162	45.51
35	Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	634	274	43.22
39	Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	553	283	51.18
41	Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	794	341	42.95
44	Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	971	512	52.73
55	James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	217	132	60.83
58	Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	471	218	46.28
63	Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	34	18	52.94
64	Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	140	72	51.43
65	Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	324	71	21.91
75	Sunnyslope	Phoenix	237	96	40.51
83	East Mesa	Mesa	109	63	57.80
84	Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	50	31	62.00
91	Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	254	99	38.98
107	Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	463	224	48.38
114	Bushmasters	Scottsdale	63	5	7.94
115	North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	62	33	53.23
117	Pat Tillman	Phoenix	224	113	50.45
124	Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	30	7	23.33
138	James Witkowski	Tempe	184	81	44.02
District Totals			9,905	4,841	48.87

Petaluma Wins!!

On August 7th, eight teams representing Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Utah descended upon the Surprise Baseball Facility to begin competition to decide which team would represent the Western Region in the 2013 American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC. The tournament was a double elimination tournament. After five days of grueling competition and 15 games later, Petaluma, CA defeated Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Thanks to Jim Beischel for all of the Baseball pictures!



2013 Western Region Champions from Petaluma, California



Department Commander Judi shows her stuff throwing the first pitch.



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Petaluma was defeated in game #15 of the World Series by Brooklawn, NJ 10-0 in the last and final game. Petaluma had defeated Brooklawn in game # 13 forcing game #15.

On behalf of the Post #29 Baseball Committee, I wish to thank all those who took time from their busy schedule to volunteer in setting up the banquet, assisting in the opening ceremonies, selling souvenirs and driving the vans transporting the teams during their stay. Our thanks to Miss Arizona, Jennifer Smedstad, for singing the National Anthem at the banquet and to Vernon West for singing the National Anthem during the opening ceremony.

I extend a special thanks to our Department Commander, Judi and to Andy Jaime for being present at the games and reciting the American Legion Sportsman Code and greeting each player as they were announced at each game.

Once again, the staff of the Surprise Sports Complex was exemplary in helping conduct an outstanding tournament.

- Rollin Kohrs, Baseball Chairman



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