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## Department Staff Hard At Work in 2009

Fellow Legionnaires, I bring you greetings. We are rapidly moving further into this year as we work on our agenda and I wonder where the time has gone. At the Department Headquarters, the staff has been extremely busy, working hard, and giving a high level of performance while serving veterans, their families and communities.

We have made excellent progress with Children & Youth, the Oratorical Contest, Operation Wounded & Comfort Warriors, Membership, and other programs. Our officers have performed admirably by providing quality leadership at all levels (Department, District, and Post) and are commended for a "job well done".

In January, a Children & Youth /National Security Forum was conducted at Post 29 in Glendale, with over 60 people in attendance. Legion and Auxiliary chairmen gave training to our Junior Auxiliary, Department officers, and members on a myriad of The American Legion Family programs. On the agenda; JROTC, Joe Foss Foundation,



Boys & Girls State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports, Boys & Girls Scouts, just to name a few.

In early February, National Membership Director Billy Johnson and National Vice Commander Harley Ray (Oregon) visited Arizona to canvas the community and assist our membership team in acquiring another new Post #133 in Maricopa. The team operated from the First Baptist Church of Maricopa and even signed up the pastor! Thus far, our team has proudly added three (3) new posts and are currently working on others in Yucca

and Cornville.

I also toured the ADVS Veterans Home and visited the VA Medical Center in Phoenix. At the home, I viewed the state-of-the art medical equipment available to treat veteran residents suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's. At the VA Medical Center, I attended the Auxiliary's Creative Arts Festival and observed the different forms of art (knitting, carving, painting, etc.) made by veteran patients.

Our Legion Family came together to attend the post everlasting memorial service for Past Department President PattiJo Marlowe. PattiJo was a long time member of Unit # 1 and was dearly loved by all. Her service to The American Legion and Auxiliary was outstanding; she will be missed. Later in the month, the legislative committee delegation flew to Washington D.C. to attend The American Legion's 49th Conference to discuss veteran issues with elected Arizona representatives on Capitol

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## Department Oratorical Winners

On March 7th, the Department Oratorical Contest was held at The American Legion Sipe Peterson Post 44 in Scottsdale. The following students participated in the contest: Katharine Mc Murray, Sonoran Science Academy, Tucson; Nicholas Everetts, Fountain Hills H.S., Fountain Hills; and Clayton Masterman, Fort Mohave H.S., Fort Mohave. These students did a terrific job and congratulations to each of them.

Clayton advances to the National Contest in

Indianapolis in April. He automatically wins \$1,500 for competing in the first round. If he advances to the second round he will win another \$1,500. If he wins that round then he will compete in the final contest where the third place winner receives \$14,000; 2nd place \$16,000 and 1st place \$18,000. We wish Clayton the best of luck in Indianapolis!

I would like to thank everyone who attended the contests. It is encouraging for the students to present their speeches to a large audience. A very special thank you to the cadets of the Civil Air Patrol Deer Valley Squadron 302 who were the escorts. The cadets are also members of Squadron 105 and Junior Auxiliary Unit 105 Westtown. Thank you to the judges - Julie Vietri, Neal Sundeen, Pam Joranstaad, Mark Joranstaad and John Tymczyszyn for the terrific job; to all of the volunteers who make this program such a big success, without you we can't do it; and a special thank you to The American Legion Family of Post 44 for hosting the Department Contest and for providing breakfast and lunch for everyone-it was outstanding!

- 1st Place - \$1,500 - Clayton
- 2nd Place - \$800 - Nicholas
- 3rd Place - \$500 - Katharine

*Roger Munchbach, Chairman*



*L-R Front Row - Clayton Masterman, Nicholas Everetts and Katharine McMurray Back Row- Department Commander Henry Branch, Civil Air Patrol Squadron 302, Department Auxiliary President Vickey Zwall*



*Thank you to everyone who attended the Department Oratorical Contest. As you can see, we had a terrific audience and the students really appreciated speaking to a full room.*

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Hill. The proposed flag protection amendment passage, VA health care, rights of veterans, GI Bill, national security, Global War on Terrorism, etc. were major issues of importance. The delegation urged lawmakers to support all critical legislation affecting veterans.

On March 7th, the Department Oratorical Contest finals were held at Post 44 in Scottsdale, with all three Department areas represented in the strong competition. The young people were well prepared and did an outstanding job speaking on the U.S. Constitution. Department Oratorical Chairman Roger Munchbach conducted the event that had over 100 people in attendance to hear the contestants. Clayton Masterman, a senior at Fort Mohave High School (District 7), won the competition. Clayton received a check for \$1,500. We wish Clayton the

best of luck at the National Competition in Indianapolis.

Ann and I have been traveling throughout our great state to many official visits, functions and activities. We thank you for the warm hospitality, delicious meals, wonderful gifts, and excellent presentations. Thanks to Post 36 in Tucson, for an exciting evening of dancing and the Eagle Leadership Award and to Post 65 in South Phoenix and Post 41 Phoenix, for the grandeur of the Inter-post Visitation and the smoothness of "oldies music", respectively. A special thank you to PDC Louie and Gilda Pellon for the excellent barbeque ribs!!

The American Legion Riders (ALR) through Operation Wounded Warriors (OWW) are sponsoring fund-raisers (donation tables at Wal-Marts, raffles, motorcycle benefit runs, etc.) to help

recovering, disabled and homeless veterans. They have also helped the families left behind by our military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan.

All posts are encouraged to complete and turn in their Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs) and to take credit for all your Legion work, as it will be reported to Congress. The Department Convention will be held June 18th through 21st, at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale.

Until next time, May God Bless you. Continue to "Just Ask" when recruiting new members. To reach our membership goals, we need to get in as many renewals as possible, and don't forget about the National Commander's membership incentives.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY  
Henry Branch  
Department Commander

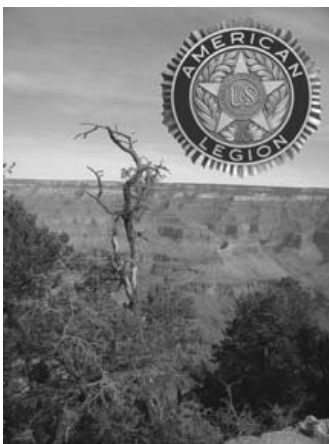
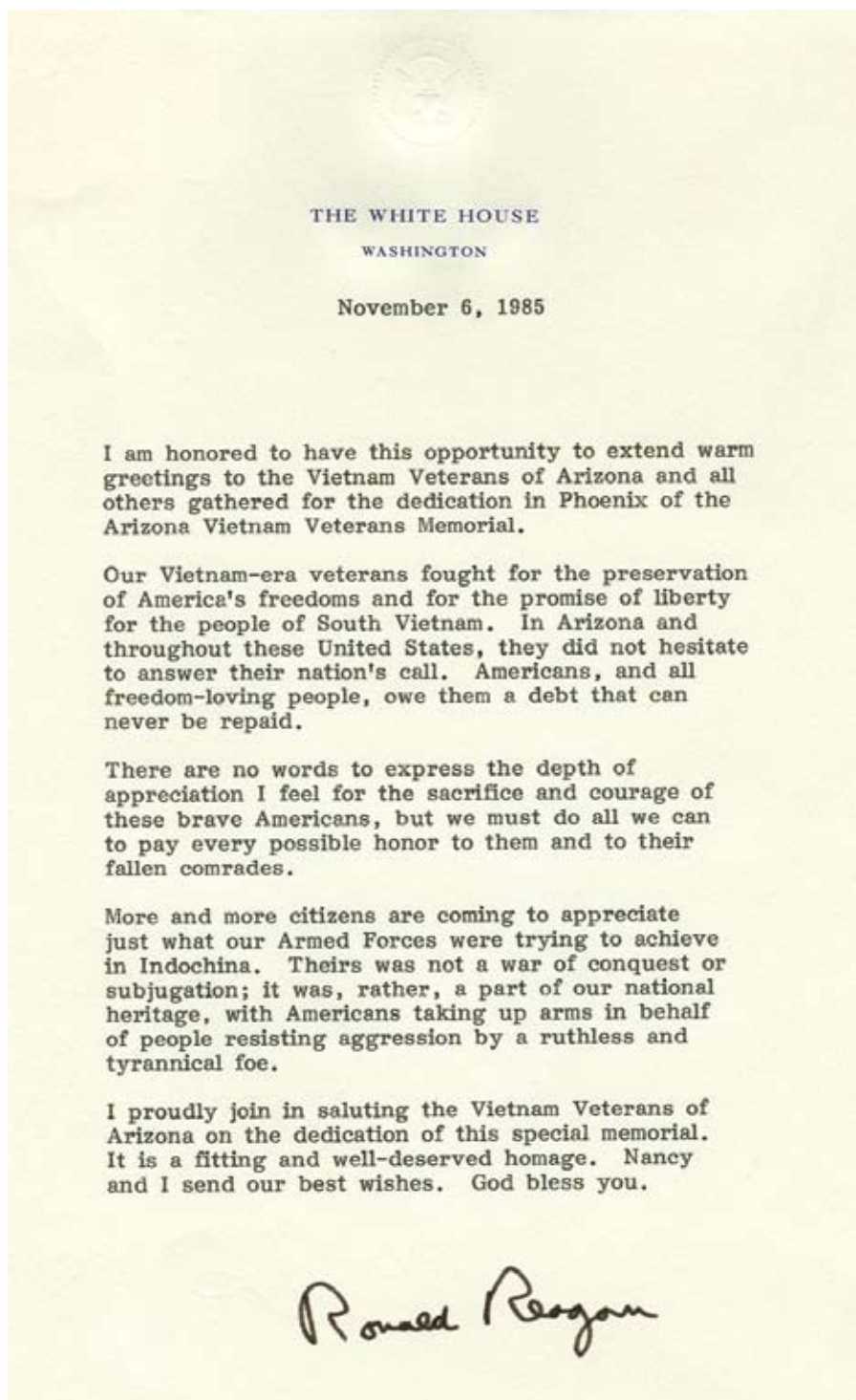
## 24 Year Old Promise

On March 12, 2009, Cheryl & I attended a reception for Arizona Governor, Jan Brewer. At the reception, I was given the opportunity to bring closure to a promise that I had made 24 years ago.

In the early 1980's, I was appointed to the Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board. Our job was to design, fund and build the Arizona Vietnam Veteran Memorial. We dedicated the memorial in November 1985 and had invited President Reagan to the ceremony. He was not able to attend, but sent the Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger, to the dedication. The Secretary of Defense hand carried a letter from President Reagan and read it at the dedication. After the ceremony he gave the letter to the board. We discussed what to do with the letter because the State did not have a very adequate system for archiving paper documents and we felt the letter would be misplaced or worse, destroyed. I was selected to be the custodian of the letter until such a time that we felt it would be properly archived, protected and displayed at the State capitol in Phoenix.

In 1985, the then Senator Jan Brewer was an avid supporter of the memorial and other veteran issues. When she recently became the Governor, we decided it was time to turn the letter over to her. When I found out she was coming to Sierra Vista, I made arrangements to present the letter to her. The presentation went very well and the Governor was very pleased and moved by an original, one of a kind, letter from the late President Reagan. To say the least, it certainly made my day and was the final closure to a 24 year promise.

Thanks,  
Larry Braden  
Past POW/MIA Department Chairman



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For Some of Us

# Memorial Day Is Everyday

I cannot help but see some irony in most holidays. Memorial Day is one that especially hits home with me. I am sure we all know someone who is affected directly by this particular day. Still we only seem to honor those who gave it all, so we could enjoy it all, one day of the year. I see the faces of friends whose names appear on the Vietnam Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, DC.

Is it only to clear our conscience to do good things on certain days? Like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July where patriotism runs high for one day or Thanksgiving where we hand out food baskets and contribute to food banks to feed the poor and homeless for one day or Veterans Day, where we honor Veterans for their service every day, for one day or Mothers and Fathers Day, for one day.

It is good that we do set aside these celebrations to recognize service and sacrifice but we should not let these "holidays" be set aside only as a day off work or an opportunity for a family outing or a backyard barbecue.

On many Memorial Day's in the past, I have had the honor and privilege to be a part of the commemorative service at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in downtown Phoenix. As a member of the Honor Guard of American Legion Post #1, I had the opportunity to reconnect with many fellow veterans that I do not get to see often. Looking into the faces of others who also have seen mans' inhumanity to man close up, reestablishes the bond we have. I know that although we "do" Memorial Day once a year, these fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines "do" Memorial Day everyday in their hearts and minds. We gather, poke fun at each other using the friendly inter-service rivalries freely. But as we watch the Flag go by and hear Taps, the tears are never far off.

Every day someone's loved one becomes a Memorial Day statistic and we should not forget them either, not only the fallen, but the families of the fallen, for Memorial Day comes every day, somewhere.

I wrote an article several years ago in The Arizona Legionnaire about Lance Corporal Tim Davies. He was killed about noon on July 20, 1966. I wrote in the column that I could still hear the three shots that I later learned were fatal to my friend and fellow Marine. I was having a hard time, through survivor's guilt, of understanding how I could make his passing anything but loss. It seemed to me that a life lost should be a plus somewhere, but how?

I put myself in the position that if it were me and not him that fell that day, how would I want him to carry on. I knew I would want him to live a full and happy life, not mourn and become a casualty as well. This is how we should honor our fallen heroes, live a full and rich life and make their sacrifice a plus somewhere in our lives.

So to honor them, live your life to the fullest and keep Memorial Day in your hearts and thoughts... every day.

Semper Fi,  
Tom Hinsdale

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arizona Military Women's Conference

June 26, 27, 28, 2009

Arizona Department of Veterans Services and Veterans First Ltd. are co-hosting this event. Please visit [www.azdvs.gov](http://www.azdvs.gov) for future updates.

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## Post 31 Gets Permanent Charter



Area A Commander Louis Romero looks on as District 2 Commander Ken Dowse presents the permanent charter to Ray Greely, who was standing in for Commander Manny Canez. Seated are Jerry Connors, Finance Officer, and Neva Rasmussen, Adjutant and acting Chaplain/Secretary.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Madera Post 131 of Green Valley was awarded its permanent charter. District 2 Commander Ken Dowse, accompanied by Area A Vice Commander Louis Romero, District 2 Adjutant / PDC Dave Roun, District 2 Sr. Vice Commander Gary Nelson and District 2 Historian Tony Rigney, read and presented the document at the March General Membership Meeting. The meeting was well attended by members and by future members of Unit 131, which expects its charter within weeks, and hopeful members of a Squadron 131.

Post 131 is the 1<sup>st</sup> of two new posts in District 2 established during Ken Dowse's year as Commander. Post 131 already has a Post Home and the members are working tirelessly to get it into shape and, from what was witnessed today, they are making major headway. We all are

expecting great things from this new post and its members.

Article/Picture submitted by Tony Rigney District 2 Historian

## Found – WWII Medals

Approximately 15 medals and ribbons, likely from WWII, were found in the East Valley.

These would have been lost some time before April 5, 2008. Included in the medals are: Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, U.S. WWII Victory Medal, Distinguished Service Cross and a Legion of Merit Medal. If anyone knows who the medals might belong to, please call Sherri Power, Mesa Surplus Store at (480) 644-2663 or (480) 644-4510.

## Legion Volunteers Served Lunch at Fishing Clinic



Arizona Game & Fish Rangers hosted a fishing clinic at Red Mountain Park in Mesa in February for handicapped children in the Mesa School District. The students were given fishing poles and equipment for "catch and release" and then were served lunch by volunteers from The American Legion Family. It was a fun and exciting day for all!

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Membership Director

## “Membership Never Takes A Break”

...I love that saying and as the Department Membership Director, I've used it many times...and there's no truer statement!

This year, as many of you know, National will not be distributing any Direct Mailing Solicitation (DMS) members to the Departments; resulting in each state having to get out and “beat the bushes” to get new and renewal members to make-up the difference. Members are what we need to keep our great organization alive! So far this year, the Department has issued four (4) temporary charters for new posts – while new posts

are vital to our growth, equally important is bringing back the members we already have!

**Now** is the time for Post Commanders to put their 1st Vice Commanders to work...after all **MEMBERSHIP** is their primary job! **Now** is the time for that vice commander to gather up his/her membership team which should include some of your long time members. The team needs to review the membership roster and assign names of non-paid members to be contacted (more often than not, your long time members know these folks by their first names...heck, they may have originally recruited the person). Make a plan and stick to it!

Phone calls and letters are fine, but personal contact is the **best** way to find out why your membership is not renewing...you may find that it's because they have differences with the current leadership, or maybe it's because they feel that the post is not serving their needs or maybe it's because of financial difficulties! You will never know the answer to the question, if you don't contact them. I think that you will be pleasantly surprised to see how gratifying it is to get out and meet your members!

Thus far in our membership year, our areas/districts/

posts have worked very hard and with the result of a strong American Legion, it is worth the effort, so keep the faith and remember, “Just Ask”!

For God and Country,  
Jeri Strande, Membership Director  
Dept. of Arizona

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## Over 300 Participate in “Drill Down”



Over 300 JROTC Cadets participated in the “Drill Down” contest at the West-Mitchell 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Drill Meet held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the 161<sup>st</sup> Air National Guard Base in Phoenix. In this contest the Cadets are given commands in rapid sequence and are “tapped” out if they miss one of the commands. This is quite remarkable to watch and keep up with. Overall, there were 33 schools who participated in the Drill Meet. “Hats Off” to Dan, Mason, Steve, Petee, Linda, and ALL of the volunteers who made sure the Cadets, Officers and visitors were taken care of.

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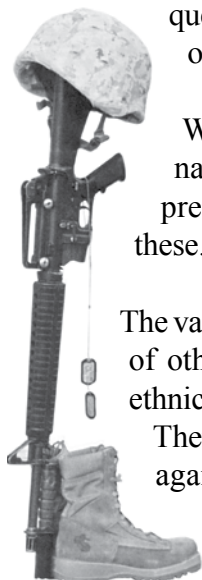
## Chaplain's Corner

### A Nation Divided

This American nation continues to become "a nation divided".

When the Republicans hold the majority, the Democrats become the bad guys, the spendthrifts, and the anti-establishment. Then, miraculously, when the Democrats hold the reins, the Republicans become the bad guys, with all that that implies.

In a nation overwhelmingly Christian/Judaic, the Muslims are the ones who are the heretics, in the Muslim/Hindu sections of the world, it is the Judeo-Christians who are persecuted. Power and majority makes "right & might".



In this nation, the whites distrust those of other colors; brown, yellow, black, red, etc. Yet when these same whites go to other nations of other hues, they become suspect, followed, persecuted, questioned, as we do the minorities in this part of the world.

Why? Is it our upbringing, our friends, our national heritage? Political times, economic pressures? Yes, yes, and again yes to all of these.

The vast majority of us are considerate and ignorant of others differences, yet there is snickering at ethnic jokes, typecasting by color or nationality. There is typecasting in the work place, male against female, color against color, we look down on those with less education, a lesser earning ability, foreign birth, even

the other persons looks, we often do this without conscious effort, never considering where these feelings come from.

We are all God's creatures, and we should not find fault until we are perfect. This economic situation we are in is not the fault of either the Democrats or the Republicans, but the shortcomings of both parties.

Our racial tensions are mostly due to the teachings of our ancestors, not wholly our present generation – look at history! The Greeks fought the Athenians; the Egyptians fought the Persians; the tribes of Africa have fought and enslaved each other for thousands of years. The Shiites and Sunnis have battled since time began. Christians have warred against the Muslims since Christianity began. We all have mixed ethnic backgrounds but we have not

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**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2009 STATE CONVENTION  
JUNE 18 - JUNE 21, 2009**



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6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> DRIVE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
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**RENAISSANCE**  
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ROOMS AVAILABLE JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> (CHECK OUT - 21<sup>ST</sup>)  
SINGLE ROOM (KING OR QUEEN BED) OR DOUBLE ROOM (2 DOUBLE BEDS)  
LIMITED ADDITIONAL SUITES AVAILABLE  
SINGLE/DOUBLE \$89.00 + TAXES

**ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN ANY HOTEL INTERIOR  
INCLUDING PATIOS AND COURTYARD**

CUT OFF DATE: MAY 18, 2009

Check-in time: 3:00 PM Check-out Time: 12:00 PM

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU DO NOT BLOCK OUT ROOMS

WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS INFORM THE HOTEL "AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION 2009". RESERVATIONS #1-800-228-9290 (Specify Renaissance Glendale)

POOLSIDE HOSPITALITY SUITES WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH POST 29. HOSPITALITY SUITE RESERVATIONS WILL REQUIRE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER.

CONTACT: RUBEN GONZALEZ AT POST #29 623 937-3411

**POST 29 WILL HANDLE ALL SPECIAL FUNCTIONS:**  
MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST, PALS DINNER, GUNTS LUNCHEON, PDC LUNCHEON

POST 29 PLANS TO SERVE FOOD FROM THURSDAY DINNER THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST. MENUS AND SCHEDULES TBA

SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE HOTELS TO POST 29

POST 29 WILL SPONSOR A GOLF TOURNAMENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>.  
SHOT GUN START 7:30 AM

\$65.00 PER PLAYER, INCLUDES PRIZES AND LUNCH



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Please indicate arrival & departure dates

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Check appropriate boxes:

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- Double, 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons \$125.36 \*
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- Arizona Party \$25.00 per person
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- Past President's Luncheon (payable to Auxiliary) Call Auxiliary \$
- States Dinner (payable to Auxiliary) \$45.00 per person
- National Commander's Banquet (limited to first 20) \$45.00 per person
- TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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