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It Has Been A Successful & Prosperous Year

Fellow Legionnaires, once again I bring you greetings. This will be my final article to you, as we move towards our Department Convention in Glendale (June 18 through 21, 2009). We have experienced a year of excellent service to the Department of Arizona with honor and good responsibility. Many goals were achieved and accomplished that we can be proud of. It has been a busy and prosperous year for us, as it comes to conclusion.

My vision as your Commander was to provide sound leadership, improve communications and work the Legion programs. I thought we had a good effort in all phases. From the beginning to end, with the State Baseball Tournament, the Western Regional Baseball Tournament, hosting the 89th Annual National Convention, the Fall Conference and National Commander Rehbein's visit, the Department Open House, the National Auxiliary President Stoy's visit and the most recently, National S.A.L. Commander Tommie Cisna's visit. All were completed with wonderful results.

We accomplished much, with there being some honorable noteworthy achievements. We had an amazing and outstanding membership team, led by our Membership Chairman Jeri Strande that added seven (7) new posts. Our most recent new posts are in Yucca (Post 136), San Tan Mountain (Post 97) and in Laveen, (Post 134) We are working to keep pace with the population



growth and service to veterans in Arizona. According to National, we have set a new standard for post start-ups and revitalization. It has been over 10 years since a state (Michigan) added as many new posts in a year (1997). I also appreciate our National Vice Commander Harley Ray (Oregon) returning to Arizona to work and help us obtain these new posts.

Key accomplishments were done in Children & Youth/ National Security, Housing for Veterans, Heroes to Hometown, High School Oratorical Contests, National Emergency Fund (NEF), the Military Hospitality Room, Operation Wounded & Comfort Warriors, the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund Run, the Legislative Committee and others. I must give credit to the chairmen of these committees who were responsible for the success

of the programs. I believe we still have much to do with all we achieved, but, overall we had an excellent year.

Other noteworthy actions included our service to veterans during this historic recession by sponsoring stand-downs and supporting job fairs. Many of our posts stepped up to help the homeless, disabled, and needy veterans during the holiday season. This goes to the core of why we, the "Legion Family" were founded. With all the hard work, donations and contributions, I think we strengthened the "four pillars" of The American Legion!

Ann and I appreciated the opportunity to serve this year. Again, we thank all the posts and members for the warm hospitality and honor displayed to us. Thanks to all the officers (Department, District & Posts) who worked to make the year a success. My Department Commander's Homecoming was held in South Phoenix (Post 65), on May 9, 2009. It was a huge success with numerous dignitaries and members in attendance. Thanks, to DJ Gino for the very smooth music and Post 65 members preparing and serving the superb barbeque rib tips and smoked chicken dinners.

I want to give a "special thanks" to my Area Vice Commanders; Louie Romero (Post 59), Ariel Rodriguez (Post 2), and Jim Strande (Post 25). I appreciate the

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Original Charters Discovered

Several years back, The Hazelton-Butler Post 53 in Buckeye, Arizona, lost their Post home and most of the items of value were being kept by some of the Legion members. Membership kept dropping until there were approximately only 17 members. Then some new members started to take an active part in the Post. Membership grew. Now the Post has been looking to acquire a building in buckeye to have as a Post home. Learning that a house next to the Buckeye Valley Sun was vacant, I stopped by to inquire as to who owned

the house. It was owned by the Adolfson & Peterson Construction Company. I stopped by the company to ask about the house and Ken Gregory, Project Manager, informed me that the house was unsafe and due to be demolished.

After talking to Ken, he said he had something interesting to show me. Taking me down the hallway, there was an old document that turned out to be the original charter for the Auxiliary. He then showed me another document that was the Legion charter. These documents were hung on the wall and displayed for their historical value. There were other various items that had been found and saved during property reinventions when Adolfson & Peterson Construction Company acquired the abandoned Buckeye Cleaners approximately three years ago. It was previously owned by Pete Clemits, a member of the Legion.

Ken Gregory presented the charters to me. I then invited him to attend our next meeting to formally present them to our Post. It was an honor for us to be able to retrieve a very important part of our Post history. We are very thankful to Adolfson & Peterson Construction Company for their part of "We Care" in

wanting to preserve these historical items.

After the presentation, Frank Villa, Past Post Commander; his brother Alex Villa; and Pete Clemits, made frames for the Post and Unit charters using old saguaro cactus spines.

Trish Carlisle-Thompson, Commander
Hazelton-Butler Post 53
Photo by Rick Cochran, IPFX



LtoR: Trish Carlisle-Thompson, Commander; Will Pearson, Past Post Commander; Ken Gregory, Adolfson & Peterson Construction

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Baseball Season's Here

When you receive this edition of the Legionnaire, The American Legion Baseball season will be underway. More than 300 young men will be locked in heated competition to win their respective leagues and vie for a position in the state tournament. Please check with the local area chairman for a schedule and go out to see these future stars as they hone their skills. You will find an evening watching these young men an enjoyable outing. At this time it appears that we will register 25 teams again this year thanks to the effort of Tom Kusek, Bud Grainger and Bob Longoni.

The American Legion has joined with the Diamondbacks for a fund raiser to support the baseball program. There are a total of five games in which you can buy tickets. Unfortunately, the first game is past but the rest of the games are, June 13 vs Houston Astros; July 11 vs Florida Marlins; August 12 vs New York Mets; September 7 vs LA Dodgers. All tickets are \$30.00 with \$5.00 being returned to the Legion provided we sell 400+ tickets. The game with the Dodgers is a bonus game and we will receive \$15.00 for each ticket sold to that game. Seating is just beyond

3rd base in the lower deck. Please contact John Aldecoa to purchase tickets. Support Legion Baseball and enjoy an evening at Chase Field watching the pro's play!!!!

The state tournament will be held in Tucson starting on July 28th and the championship game will be played on August 1st. The first two rounds of the tournament will be played at Cherry Field and Reid Park Annex. All games will start at 6:00 PM. Please come out and support these young men and let them know that we Legionnaires do care for the future of our young men. WEAR YOUR BLUE CAP!

If your post has supported the program by sponsoring a team or by a direct donation to the area program, I extend the sincere thanks of not only the chairman but the players and coaches. If you do not sponsor a team, visit with the local high school coach to see what it would take to sponsor his team in The American Legion program.

Only with the support of the Legion Family can the many great youth programs of The American Legion survive.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

ROLLIN H. KOHRS Baseball Chairman

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hard work and dedication they brought to the job. They were truly committed to our organization and it was a pleasure to serve with them.

In closing, the Commanders come and go through the years, but the spirit of its members to further the mission of The American Legion lives on. As I traveled to the Districts and Posts, I saw a new fire burning that I have not seen in a long time.

I see this in the positive attitudes of our new officer's energetic enthusiasm and eagerness to serve with their elections and installations. I encourage you to support your new Commander and give them the same dedication and commitment you gave me.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY

Henry Branch, Department Commander

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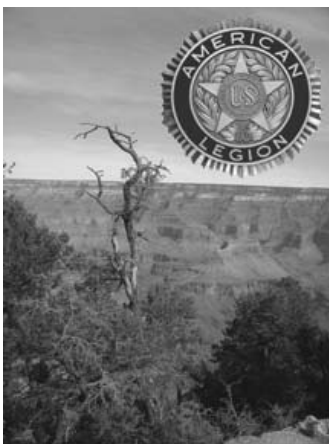
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The American Legion

Department of Arizona

Annual Convention - June 18-21, 2009

Glendale, Arizona



General Information:

****NOTICE****

ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel, 9475 W. Coyote Blvd. Hospitality Suites (check at registration desk)

Registration hours: **Registration Desk**
 Thursday, June 18th Noon until 5:30 PM
 Friday, June 19th 7AM until 5:30 PM
 Saturday, June 20th 7AM until 3:00 PM
 Sunday, June 21st 7AM until 9:00 AM

Special Events:

0AM, Falcon Dunes Golf Course, Waddell
 Membership Breakfast, 100% Post, District & Area Vice Commanders, Friday, 7:00AM, Post 29
 PALS Dinner, Friday, 5:30PM, Post 29
 GNUTS Luncheon, Saturday, 11:30AM, Post 29
 PDC Luncheon, Sunday, 1PM, Post 29
****SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR Friday...1:00PM to 5:00PM...**
****American Legion Extension Institute Course Saturday...1:00PM to 4:30PM...**

Thursday, June 18, 2009

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
2:30PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Herschel Sowers, Chairman	Asteria Boardroom
4:00PM	Rules Committee	Joe Aguilar, NEC	Aurora A
6:00PM	Joint Opening Session		Solana E
	Call to Order	Henry Branch, Department Commander	
	Advancement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
	P61 Color Guard		
	Invocation	Richard Kepler, Chaplain	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
	Preamble to Constitution	All	
	Opening Remarks	Henry Branch, Commander	
	Call to Convention	John Aldecoa, Adjutant	
	Report of Rules Committee	Joe Aguilar, NEC	
	Welcome, Host Post 29	Ruben Gonzalez, Commander	
	Greetings:		
	Mayor, City of Glendale	Elaine Scruggs	
	Chief of Police, Glendale	Steven Conrad	
	Luke AFB Commander	BG Kurt Neubover	
	Sons of The American Legion	Jim Ashley, Detachment Commander	
	The American Legion Auxiliary	Vickie Zwall, Department President	
		Barbara Matteson, NEC	
	Jr Auxiliary	Jessica Matteson, President	
	Disabled American Veterans	John Adkins, Department Commander	
	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Joe Reagan, Department Commander	
	Korean War Veterans	Les Nagy, Department Commander	
	MOPH	Robert Puskar, Department Commander	
	40 et 8	Ron DeGonzague, Grand Chef de Gare	
	20 et 4	Judi Beischel, Director VIP	
	8 & 40	Sherry Hall, Departmental Chapeau	
	Arizona Dept of Veterans Services	Joey Strickland, Director	
	VA Regional Office	Sandy Flynn, Director	
	Candidate for National Commander	Clarence Hill, Florida	
	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Joe Aguilar, NEC	
	Keynote Speaker	Jake Comer, Past National Commander	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Friday June 19, 2009

7:00AM	Membership Breakfast	100% Post, District, Area Vice Cmdrs	Post 29
8:30-11:30	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	Solana A
8:30am	Chaplains' Seminar	Richard Kepler	Aurora A
	Constitution & By-Laws Resolutions	Neal Sundeen	Aurora B
	VA&R Commission	Jim Burke	Cira Ballroom A
	Rehabilitation	Mike Espinosa	
	Employment	Tony Valenzuela	
	Cemetery	Mel Zacko	
	Club Committee	Bud Hansing	Solana C
	Membership Committee	Jeri Strande	Cira Ballroom C
	Children & Youth Commission		Cira Ballroom B
	Children & Youth	Roland Matteson	
	Education	Keith Bartz	
	ALLECA	Frank Whitten	
	Jr Shooting Sports	Mike Jurczak	
	National Security Commission		Solana D
	National Security	Larry Cox	
	POW/MIA	Shaun Shields	
	Law & Order	Scott Miller	

Friday continued

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
10:00am	Convention & Conference Committee	Louis Pellon	Solana C
	Americanism Commission		Cira Ballroom C
	Americanism	Charles Vawter	
	Baseball	Rollin Kohrs / Tom Kusek	
	Boy Scouts	Ariel Rodriguez	
	Boys State	Charles Vawter	
	Citizens Flag Alliance	Maria Currie	
	Oratorical Chairman Meeting	Roger Munchbach	Aurora C
	Uniform Groups & Contest	Bob Hammerel	Aurora D
	Legislative Committee	Paul Griffin	Cira Ballroom B
	Legislative Council	Neal Sundeen	Cira Ballroom B
	Bingo Committee	Frank Whitten	Aurora A
	Trophies & Awards	Bob Nixon	Asteria Boardroom
	Public Relations Commission		Aurora B
	Public Relations	Dick Perry	
	Press Association	Richard Kepler	
11:30	Lunch		
1:00-5:00	Service Officers Seminar	Art Brest, Department Service Officer	Solana B
1:30 pm	Convention Reconvenes	Henry Branch, Commander	Solana E
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	Helping Our Veterans	Vernon Bagley, Project We Remember	
	Constitution & By-Laws Report	Neal Sundeen	
	Resolutions Report	Jim Burke	
	Legislative Report	Paul Griffin	
	Children & Youth Report	Roland Matteson	
	National Security Report	Larry Cox	
	POW/MIA Report	Shaun Shields	
	Law and Order	Scott Miller	
	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	
	Legionnaire Insurance Trust	John Aldecoa	
5:30 PM	PALS Dinner	Post 29	

Saturday, June 20, 2009

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
8:30am	SAL Convention	Jim Ashley, Commander	Solana A
8:00am	Convention Reconvenes	Henry Branch, Commander	Solana E
	Distinguished Legislator Award	Paul Griffin - Congressman Harry Mitchell	
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	Membership Report & Awards	Jeri Strande	
	Trophies & Awards Report	Bob Nixon	
	Convention & Conference Report	Louis Pellon	
	Club Committee Report	Bud Hansing	
	Americanism Report	Charles Vawter	
	VA&R Committee Report	Mike Espinosa	
10:30am	Area AA@ Caucus	Louie Romero, Vice Commander	Cira Ballroom A
	Area AB@ Caucus	Ariel Rodriguez, Vice Commander	Cira Ballroom B
	Area AC@ Caucus	Jim Strande, Vice Commander	Cira Ballroom C
11:30am	Lunch	GNUTS Luncheon	Post 29
1:00-4:30	ALEI Class	Sean Sparks, IA National HQ	Solana B
1:00-3:00	Suicide Prevention Briefing	Ali Cassidy, Prescott VA	Solana C
4:30pm	40 et 8	Ron DeGonzague, Grand Chef	Aurora A
4:30pm	20 et 4	Judi Beischel, Director VIP	Aurora B

Sunday June 21, 2009

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
8:30am	Joint Memorial Service	Richard Kepler, Chaplain	Media Center
		Kathleen Medalen, Auxiliary Chaplain	
9:30am	Convention Reconvenes	Henry Branch, Commander	Solana E
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	SAL Report	SAL Liaison, Richard Kepler	
	Final Convention Report	Louis Pellon	
	Election of Department Officers:	Commander	
		3 Vice Commanders	
	Farewell Speech	Henry Branch	
	Installation of Officers	Louis Pellon	
	Acceptance Speech	Newly Elected Commander	
	Announcements	John Aldecoa, Adjutant	
	Benediction	Richard Kepler, Chaplain	
	Retirement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
	Executive Committee Meeting	Newly Elected Commander	
1:00pm	PDC Luncheon	Henry Branch, Host	Post 29

****Have a SAFE Trip Home****

Photos from the Department Commander's Homecoming Dinner



Photo captions clockwise from the upper left

1. The cake says it all.

2. Commander Henry and National Vice Commander

3. There was a big crowd at Post 65 to welcome home Commander Henry.

4. Harley Ray (OR) Henry- I'm almost done!



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Citizen's Flag Alliance

Congress & Senate at Odds on Flag Desecration

"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." A simple enough solution that would return to the people the right to protect their flag. Unfortunately, the Senate of the United States has not seen fit to grant this right to the people.

In 1989 the Texas vs. Johnson decision by a 5 to 4 vote did away with more than 200 years of laws protecting the U.S. Flag from physical desecration. As a result of this action, a grass roots movement was started to protect the U.S. Flag. In 1994, National Commander Bruce Thiesen was approached to have The American Legion co-ordinate this movement.

Since then, a flag protection amendment has come before both houses of Congress for a vote four times. It has always passed the House easily. It has been defeated in the Senate by a 4, 3, 3, and 1 vote. A positive way of looking at this vote is that it comes closer each time. As yet, the amendment has not been introduced in this new session of Congress.

As concerned citizens, we need to approach our Senators and Representatives, urging them to press for the introduction of such an amendment. Once introduced, they should then become co-sponsors of the Joint Resolution. Ask them to urge their colleagues to do the same. Let the people decide!

Polls taken by the CFA over the years show that over three-fourths of the American people favor the amendment and 80% feel the flag should be protected. This symbol has become sacred, it is draped over caskets of men and women killed defending our way of life. This symbol gives hope to oppressed countries, to citizens coming to the United States for a better way of living and it springs up immediately in emergencies. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, huge flags hung from the Pentagon and Ground Zero. When it is so obvious that the flag means so much to the American people, why can't the Senate let the people decide? Do they feel they know more than the voters they represent? Perhaps they don't care. We as voters need to get more veterans back in both houses of Congress.

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Membership Director

**Membership Is Our Lifeline
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It seems like yesterday was the 2007 - 2008 Department Convention and now we're just around the corner from the 2008 - 2009 convention...its been a quick, fun, learning year with my humble thanks to all the Posts, Districts, and Areas for making this year so memorable!

You've all heard me saying or read that "membership never takes a break" and with nearly half of our posts at 100% I'm in awe that even without the assistance of the Direct Mail Solicitation membership, the Department of Arizona is standing tall!

Not only can we be proud of the final tally in membership, but we've proven our state as a leader in the fact that we've started seven new posts this year! Establishing these new posts is NOT a credit to me as the membership director, but to several very hard working district commanders and their members within that district. Starting a new post is not a "one task event"! It took a great deal of time and dedication by these commanders to work with their fledgling posts to lay

the ground work to ensure they (the new posts) got off to a good start. The District Commander's are: District 2, Ken Dowse, District 4, Jerry Boales; District 7, Ann Seney; District 8, Joe Duggan, III; and Bob Hicks, District 11 - great job and thank you!

I'm sure many District Commanders learned that keeping the old posts viable and working the programs was also a lot of work. Unfortunately, the excitement of starting a new post is rarely found in the posts that are struggling with reduced membership renewals, aging post homes and rising costs. As demonstrated in the fact that we have not "pulled a post charter" this year, it is a tribute to those commanders who have worked equally hard, if not harder, to keep those posts motivated and going, I truly thank you as well.

In closing, we know that District 4 is our first 100% District and that Post 53 took small 100% Post award, while Posts 46 and 73 tied for medium and whichever post turns in their CPR first, will be the winner; large post went to Post 36. Along with attaining their 100% each post **must** submit a CPR on-time, if they fail to, then the prize will be awarded to the next post in that category with a 100%. The awards will be presented at Department Convention during one of the general sessions, please join us for the presentations.

My "Just Ask" membership incentive pins will be given to recipients at the Membership Training meeting during Convention (please check the agenda for date and time). Remember the criteria to receive the pin is to recruit or reinstate five (5) or more members, validated with a list of names provided to me NLT 31 May by either your Adjutant or 1st Vice. Likewise, with the incentive gift card for transferring the largest number of members out of Post 100 (during this membership year and not part of the automatic transfers made by HQ) into a local

post will also be given at the meeting. This award also requires the Adjutant or 1st Vice to send me a list NLT 31 May of the members names that were transferred. That's it for now...hope to see you at Convention!

For God and Country,

Jeri Strande
Membership Director, Dept. of Arizona

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I've learned many things about our flag, most recently-why don't we walk between the flags when approaching the speakers table? Thanks to American Legion Post 42, this has been explained. The area between flags represents hallowed ground, so we walk around the flags, visualizing the grave of a fallen warrior, our soldier. The Legion and S.A.L. stop to salute the flag; the Auxiliary does not need to salute. They also have a poem that is both explaining and touching. It reads:

Between these flags that proudly fly,
Let no man dare to stand;
For here our fallen comrades lie.
A symbol yes, but mark it well;
Here let us pause in memory of the lads
Who fell in fighting for our sacred cause.
On sea and land these buddies died;
Some lie beneath a foreign sod

In graves caressed by wind and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is hallowed ground,
And it shall be forever be blessed
As tho' it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to tread this spot
Where lies our gallant brave,
He desecrated that noble died
As tho' he walked upon their graves.

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Ray L Gonzales
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Victor I Gordon
Thomas Hart

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Helmut J Deike
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Thomas J Hanahan
Clayton N Leary
Richard S McCord
Robert E Quinlan
Leonard A Ross
Donald A Shay
Guy Spiller
William E Weir

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Johnnie W Dunston
Jackson W Edwards
Clinton O Jacobs
Larry W Louderback
William F Oelklaus
Donald L Scholler
Earl E Weller

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Barney R White

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Fredric G White

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John j Arcuri
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David L Greenwalt
Alberto Jimenez
Merle S Kelley
John McClary
Thomas E Miller
Curtis E Probst

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Daniel H Frasier
Barbara Noren-Homsey
James F Swan

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Ingmar K Moe

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Ernest Fortney
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James D Biddle
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Richard A Letcher
Schuyler T Lucas
Mitri E Migdalene
Salvador C Munoz
Stanley Rothber
James W Scott
Fred C Shaw
Thom Stapleton
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Donald C Thompson

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Harry S Conwell
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Charles H Idle
Richard L Johnson
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Clifford J Omarro
Larry M Orton
Patrick E Painter
Eugene C Robertson
Roy A Stachwick
Frederick W Stone
George J Zrust

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Leo J Andreasen
Valentine P Barnas
Dale Beatty
Marvin H Bonta
Robert L Brown
Armando M Cordova
James Jerdee
Paul Maltaverne

George S Paul
George E Phillips
Earl P Poage
Frank J Ragusa
Lloyd Schek
Harry Z Smith

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Louis Esparza
Joseph T Galusky
Gonzalo E Luna
Ruben L Nunez
Leonard W Romero

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Raymond H Baker
Howard L Barnard
Samuel J Boudreau
Robert Canik
Merrill R Davison
Carl M Gershman
Herbert R Grady
Gene W Green
Paul L Jones
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John R Miller
Esther M Olson
Anthony J Pacelli
William L Perkins
William F Sudac
Harold Van Gorp

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Donald V Jordan

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Lester L Harper
Mary A Jackson

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Joseph M Forni

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James J Clark
Joseph S Gully
Johnny F Oxner
Richard S Swenson
Jerel D Walker

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Gerald A Bradley
Hugh H Connolly
Edward G DeVoe
James W Driscoll
Fred L Jacobs
Richard O Kiser
Reid R Olszak
Eleanor H Price
Rafael P Sena
Arthur Simons
Martin G Smith
George H Starbuck
John E Walker

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John S Benson
Ronald E Davis
Dale L Horsley

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Robert Z Maldonado
Lewis O Pardew
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Bennie L Vann
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Glenn Doering
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Joseph Ratkiewicz
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George Steinhilber
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Emile H Brunelle
Robert A Crownhart
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John G Kendrick
Ervin T Steege

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William J Bell
James W Carter
John A Laschinger

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Philip C Hammond
Vernon Simmons
William W Stratton
Robert P Sullivan

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Frank P Bujanda

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Francis J Abram
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Robert M Hanko
John C Summers

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Virgil B Bachim
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Maynard J Engler
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Chaplain's Corner

To Love One Another is Complicated

"For this is the message you have heard from the beginning; we should love one another." 1 John 3:11

These are simple words to live life by yet we do not follow them.

Yes, we love our mates, families, children and friends. But, we do not follow that up with those that we differ from in race, religion, nor nation or origin. This is the test of true Christianity, or whatever form of worship we follow. We often ask those we have just met where they are from. If they meet our sub-conscious criteria for friendship, thereby establishing some additional

bond such as state of birth. We might endeavor to find additional points of joint interest. If that other person matches our ideas of mutual interest; color foremost, nationality next, and then lastly religious inclinations, we find comfort.

If we meet someone new in familiar surroundings, such as church, we immediately feel more comfort. We know that veterans will fall into conversation at the drop of a hat, especially if that other person was in the same branch of service. We compartmentalize our comfort zones never realizing the opportunities we miss for a true friendship.

It just seems that we have forgotten things from our youth that formed those friendships. The school experiences, the service connections (to a large extent), even people we have met on visits or vacations. One of my closest friends was a bishop in the Episcopal Church from Namibia. He was a fascinating, intelligent,

loving soul, who never had a bad word for any one. God rest his soul. Another friend I called my brother, was from East Orange, New Jersey. I visited several times at his home, as he did at my redneck, prejudiced area of middle Tennessee. We never hesitated when the other needed something.

How do we achieve this harmony in everyday life? Follow 1 John 3:11; by practicing the teachings of all the prophets – "Love one another as you love yourself".

This has been a year I will always treasure for the new friends, the new experiences, and the chance to serve our American Legion. Thank you all, and especially Commander Branch.

Be with God,
Richard Kepler, Department Chaplain

American Legion - Department of Arizona

Membership Report

May, 15 2009

Area	Goal	2009	% of Goal
A Louie Romero	9,013	8,928	99.06
B Ariel Rodriguez	19,423	19,165	98.67
C Jim Strande	8,834	8,506	98.48
HQ Henry Branch	11,730	6,948	59.23
Grand Totals:	49,000	43,547	88.87

High Area - A
High District - 2
High Post - 53 - Buckeye

District 1 - Commander: Dale Hiller

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,086	1,027	94.57
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	120	132	112.50
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	9	60.00
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	164	171	104.27
67 Frank Mick	Roll	32	33	103.13
70 Fremman Sharp	Parker	36	36	100.00
District Totals		1,453	1,411	97.11

District 2 - Commander: Ken Dowse

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	514	470	91.44
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	85	85	100.00
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,246	1,296	104.01
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	321	324	100.93
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,515	1,525	100.66
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	342	342	100.00
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	169	181	107.10
74 Calabasas	Rio Rico	15	2	13.33
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	147	142	96.60
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	617	631	102.27
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	16	14	87.50
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	33	33	100.00
125 Yoem	Tucson	34	32	94.12
131 Madera	Green Valley	15	51	340.00
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	17	32	188.24
District Totals		5,086	5,160	101.45

District 3 - Commander: David Lambert

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	343	289	84.26
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	108	97	89.81
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	50	34	68.00
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	659	629	95.45
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	80	80	100.00
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	901	904	100.33
District Totals		2,141	2,033	94.96

District 4 - Commander: Jerry Boales

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	216	216	100.00
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	194	202	104.12
17 William P. Kern	Superior	32	33	103.13
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	34	45	132.35
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	71	72	101.41
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	30	28	93.33
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	126	128	101.59
97	San Tan Foothills	15	15	100.00
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	99	93	93.94
133	Maricopa	15	21	140.00
District Totals		832	853	102.52

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	202	208	102.97
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	145	121	83.45
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	476	431	90.55
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	33	28	84.85
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	98	94	95.92
District Totals		954	882	92.45

District 6 - Commander: Tom Alstatt

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	97	91	93.81
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	185	179	96.97
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	34	32	94.12
37 Navajo	Holbrook	93	78	83.87
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	42	45	107.14
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	534	488	91.39
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	232	233	100.43
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	39	1	2.56
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	4	26.67
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	427	431	101.94
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	45	31	68.89
130 Joseph McCarthy	Saint Johns	22	20	90.91
District Totals		1,765	1,633	92.52

District 7 - Commander: Ann Seney

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	630	586	93.02
13 Cordova	Williams	100	107	107.00
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	323	327	101.24
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	236	244	103.39
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	19	14	73.68
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	192	192	100.00
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	115	105	91.30
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havas City	1,341	1,285	95.82
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	568	528	92.96
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	139	132	94.96
103 Meadview	Meadview	47	53	112.77
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	27	19	70.37
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	37	35	94.59
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	56	56	100.00
136 Yucca	Yucca	15	15	100.00
District Totals		3,845	3,698	96.18

District 8 - Commander: Joe Duggan

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	812	789	97.17
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	894	894	100.00
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	447	435	97.32
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	246	243	98.78
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	245	245	100.00
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	43	45	104.65
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	330	333	100.91
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	34	24	70.59
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	111	102	91.89
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	42	42	100.00
135	Cornville	20	23	115.00
District Totals		3,224	3,175	98.48

District 11 - Commander: Bob Hicks

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	1179	1,057	89.65
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	81	72	88.89
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	85	89	104.71
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	362	364	100.55
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,580	1,520	96.20
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	19	19	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	59	52	88.14
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	41	92	224.39
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	654	617	94.34
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,283	2,309	101.14
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	25	22	88.00
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	365	352	96.44
96 Surprise	Surprise	144	132	91.67
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	178	169	94.94
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	573	615	107.33
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	62	61	96.39
134	Laveen	15	15	100.00
District Totals		7,705	7,557	98.08

District 12 - Commander: Tom Will

Post Name	City	Goal	2009	% of Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	484	485	100.21
26 Mesa	Mesa	1,069	1,107	103.55
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,454	2,456	100.08
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	302	303	100.33
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	684	705	103.07
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	573	577	100.70
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	888	829	93.36
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,195	1,145	95.82
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	213	216	101.41
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	421	423	100.48
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	33	35	106.06
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	140	144	102.86
65 Richard H. Hamilton	Phoenix	334	335	100.30
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	409	368	89.96
83 East Mesa	Mesa	95	105	110.53
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	56	59	105.36
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	200	185	92.50
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	539	522	96.85
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	34	44	129.41
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	61	50	81.97
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	64	71	110.94
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	17	24	141.18
District Totals		10,265	10,197	99.34

S.A.L. Report

Final Push Necessary For Membership Success

My Fellow Blue Caps,

I would once again like to thank you for electing me as your Detachment Commander for the 2008-2009 year. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve you.

As we approach our last month of the year, our membership is still about 300 off for 100%. If some of your members are having hard economic times and been with you for years, you might think about paying their per capita until they get back on their feet. Try and push hard this last month.

We have had our best year in Spinoza "buddy bears"

and we exceeded \$30,000.00 in Child Welfare Foundation. Congratulations to Squadron 26 for raising over \$10,000.00, they had a super year in donations!

I hope to see you all in Glendale at our Convention this month. Please show up to vote and remember to support the individuals you elect this year.

For God and Country,

Jim Ashley
Detachment Commander

Arizona Military Women's Conference

Knowledge & Empowerment
June 26 & 27th

Radisson Phoenix City Center Hotel • 3600 N. 2nd Ave • Phoenix, AZ 85013
(Cross Streets: Osborn and 2nd Ave • North of Holiday Inn on 2nd Ave • Covered Parking)

Friday, June 26th 8:00-5:00 and Saturday, June 27th 7:30-5:30

THE CONFERENCE WILL:

- ▶ Assist you in understanding your VA entitlements, benefits, programs and services available.
- ▶ Provide information and resources on topics of interest to women.
- ▶ Introduce you to and provide assistance from your ADVS Women Veteran Benefit Counselors.
- ▶ An opportunity to meet and socialize with your sisters of military service.
- ▶ Provide information that can assist you and veterans in locating the correct agency or person that will help with benefits and entitlements. This will empower attendees to help others in need.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS Friday 6-10 p.m. Social & Networking Event with Entertainment • Saturday 10:30-2:15 17th Annual Military Women's Luncheon • Saturday Evening 7:00-9:00 p.m. Memorial Tribute to our Nations Fallen Military Women of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- ▶ Conference Registration, Agenda & Updates visit: www.azdvs.gov or www.veteransfirstltd.org
- ▶ Conference and resource/vendor table information contact Gabe Forsberg 602-234-8431 or gforsberg@azdvs.gov • Joan Sisco 602-841-7663 or jsisco@veteransfirstltd.org
- ▶ 17th Annual Military Women's Luncheon Contact: Sue Wudy 602-277-4168

Join your sisters of military service at the conference and help us accomplish a mission of assisting and empowering our Arizona Military Women.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CREATING A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR OUR ARIZONA MILITARY WOMEN THROUGH THIS EXCELLENT NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY



2009 National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky August 21 - 28, 2009

The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Galt House Hotel & Suites,
140 North Fourth Street (502) 588-4044

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:

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Check appropriate boxes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Double, 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons | \$125.36 * | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Away rate | \$25.00 per day | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Party | \$25.00 per person | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration (mandatory for Legion, Auxiliary and guests) | \$15.00 per person | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past President's Luncheon (payable to Auxiliary) | Call Auxiliary | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> States Dinner (payable to Auxiliary) | \$45.00 per person | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Commander's Banquet (limited to first 20) | \$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 16, 2009

- Occupancy Tax in the amount 15.01% 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 21, 2009

CALL TO CONVENTION

Call to the 91st Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of Arizona.

By authority of the Department Executive Committee, the 91st Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Arizona is hereby called to meet in Glendale, Arizona, June 18 - 21, 2009.

The Convention business sessions will be held in the Solana Ballroom of the Renaissance Glendale Hotel.

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, which ever occurs first on Sunday, June 21, 2009, officers for the ensuing year will be elected, these being the Department Commander and three Department Vice Commanders, in that sequence.