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# Let's All Remember... "Take the Time To Ask!"

We have completed our organizational meetings and are ready to start our new year. Our officers are in place and we are ready to move on to a great year. With your help, we have put together a fine American Legion Team. They have pledged to work with every one of you this year to accomplish our goals. Our Vice Commanders want to make this a fun year.

My theme this year is "Back to Basics" which is based on "The Four Pillars":

- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 1.
- 2. National Security
- 3. Americanism
- 4 Children & Youth

Each of these Pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our Veterans, service members and their families, (especially their children).

Each post should select the programs that would work best for the needs of their community. In working specific programs, this will ensure membership.

We have many veterans that are not members who just need to be asked to join. They are willing and able to



help other veterans in any way that they can. "Take the Time to Ask"

When you get a new member or a member who has transferred in, don't just hand them a card, ask them to join a committee.

What skills or talents do they have?

...Just Ask

Even members that are home bound can help. ....Just Ask

Remember what it feels like to be left out of things? ....Just Ask

The more we help others, the more they will help us.

Clarence Hill, our new National Commander, said that one of his membership goals was to reach out to all veterans from Vietnam era, post Vietnam era, and current war on terrorism veterans. We need to explore a highly untouched group, female Veterans; 16% of all U.S. forces are females. We also need to be aware of issues affecting women veterans. In using all of this we will accomplish our membership goals. Without this, we will slowly die.

This will take a lot of hard work by all of us. This means the whole "American Legion Family". For every Veteran that joins, we can get possibly five or more members for the S.A.L. and Auxiliary.

My first official visit was to Post 97 in San Tan Valley. They held their first meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> and they are already setting up teams to contact the schools in their area about the Oratorical, Baseball and Boys State Programs. I wish them much success!

August 14th, we went to Swaskegame Post 14 in Kingman, to help them celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was a wonderful night. They showed off their newly

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## Arizona American Legion Baseball 2009 Season Ends

The 2009 Arizona American Legion Baseball season comes to an end and this was one of the most competitive seasons yet. The top teams in Area "B" battled in the last two weeks to place in the State Championship games.

Alhambra High School, sponsored by Post 29, Glendale, had the best record at 16 wins and two losses, Mt. Ridge Black 2nd, Mt. Ridge Maroon 3<sup>rd</sup> and Florence placed 4<sup>th</sup>. This was

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the first year that the number two, three and fourth place teams participated in American Legion Baseball.

Tucson Area "A" line-up included Tucson High School/Post 7, Mayhem/Post 7, Northwest Red Raiders and Post 59/KFC. The top four teams competed in Tucson, Reid Park Fields for the State Tournament. At the State Tournament each game was a thriller with

Area "A" teams eventually eliminating the Area "B" teams.

Tucson High School/ Post 7, Mayhem/Post 7, and NW Red Raiders provided competition and eventually Post 59/KFC, of Tucson, won the State Championship advancing the team to the Western Regionals (Region 8). Post 59/KFC won its fifth state title since 2000, to go with three runners-up, under Coach Alex Gaynes.

The Regional Tournament Cocio-Estrada Post 59/KFC, (54-12) lost to Las Vegas

12-8 in the Western Regional Tournament. Post 59/ KFC, as Arizona State Champions, was only two games away from the American Legion World Series, which was held in Fargo, ND. In the Fairfield, CA vs. Las Vegas game, Las Vegas won and proceeded

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Cocio-Estrada Post 59/KFC - Tucson - State Champions. Past Department President, Kimberly Wynn, from Morgan McDermott Unit 7, Tucson, conducted the awards ceremony. (Photo by Gerry Gall)



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to the World Series. Midland, Michigan, Post 165 beat Medford, Oregon, Post 15, 11-4 and Midland is now the reigning American Legion World Series Champions. Congratulations to all of the teams who participated! To get additional information on these games, please visit www.legion. baseball.org and www.cocioestradapost59. org/baseball.html (Post 59 website). Detailed statistics are located on these sites. Please visit these sites as so many members work hard to provide updates on important

decorated lounge and served a wonderful

dinner prepared by Ann & Steve Seney.

The highlight of the night was a video about

the history of the Post. I also got to meet

Past Department Commander Joe Whalen.

Homer Graves, a long time member of Post

14, was there. He had the honor of helping to physically move the Post from its old

location to the current site. Commander

September 16

the resolution earlier in the day.

national legislation.

legislation ever enacted.

"Congress

measure,

opposition.

senators, Snowe praised the 90-year old

veterans service organization, the largest in

the nation, for its continuing work to aid

wounded warriors and military families,

for Legionnaires' legacy of community

volunteerism and for the organization's

significant role in establishing important

"As all of us in this chamber know, The

American Legion remains today an active and vigorous advocate for service

members, veterans and their families here on Capitol Hill," said Snowe. "Among

its greatest legislative achievements was the enactment of the ... GI Bill of Rights.

The initial draft of the GI Bill was written

by Legionnaires at the Mayflower Hotel here in Washington, DC. Many consider the GI Bill as one of the greatest pieces of

Legion its Federal charter on September 16, 1919; therefore, I think it only fitting that we proclaim September 16, 2009, 'The American Legion Day," Snowe added. "I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this well-earned

esteem and reverence for this outstanding organization." The measure passed without

A similar resolution was introduced in the

House by Rep. Debbie Halvorson, D-Ill., in late July. House Resolution 679 is

Clarence E. Hill, the National Commander

of The American Legion, expressed great

expected to be adopted early next week.

presented The American

demonstrating our mutual

information and events.

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This season, Ira Hayes Post 84, Sacaton, and their coaches were outstanding and provided great support and representation for The American Legion Baseball Program. Commander Manuel Hernandez. Gerry Gall, Department Historian; and officers and members from Post 84 were in attendance at nearly all of the team's home and away games. Thank you Post 84 for being a positive part of the program.

Special thanks to all who supported the

Dale Heckathorn said the Post is just waking up!!! Stop by to enjoy some of the exciting happenings in Kingman.

I'm looking forward to visiting as many of you as possible this year.

"Did You Know"

Arizona Membership in 1920 was 3,223

program in 2009 and in past years. The only way our youth can participate is through support from The American Legion Family. Members can help this program by visiting high school coaches near your Post and asking how the Post can support young athletes form an American Legion Baseball team.

Thank you for a terrific year!

Tom Kusek Detachment Baseball Chairman/Area "B" Chairman

Arizona Membership in 2008 was 49,305 We've Come a Long Way

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference in Lake Havasu City. CONGRATULATIONS on reaching the 50% membership target!

For God & Country

Carol Hamburger, Commander

thanks to Rep. Halvorson, who I had the great pleasure of addressing yesterday during my congressional testimony, for her fine efforts to establish September 16th as 'The American Legion Day."

With a current membership of 2.5-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

#### 'The American Legion Day' WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate has pleasure upon hearing of the resolution's passed a resolution designating September

progress. "We, as an organization, are 16, 2009 as "The American Legion Day." honored and humbled that Congress is The measure, Senate Resolution 260, was recognizing the dedication that members of shepherded through last evening by Sen. The American Legion have demonstrated on behalf of their fellow veterans for Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, after submitting nearly a century now. I am very grateful to Sen. Snowe and her colleagues for their As she presented the resolution to fellow work last night. I also offer my sincere

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ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TOWARD LEGION PROGRAMS

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# 2009 **DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE**

**Quality Inn, Lake Havasu City** ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS



<b>Friday, O</b> TIME 3:00pm	<b>ctober 30, 2009</b> EVENT Finance Committee Meeting	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN Rollin Kohrs, Chairman	LOCATION Ocotillo Room	<b>Saturday</b> TIME 8:30 a.m.		SPEAKER CHAIRMAN PDC Maria Currie, Chairman	LOCATION Havasu Room
6:00pm	Joint Opening Session	Aquatic Center			Education & Scholarship: ALLECA:	Keith Bartz, Chairman Frank Whitten, Chairman	
	Call to Order	Carol Hamburger, Department	Commander				
	Advancement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms		8:30 a.m.	Club Committee	PDC Bud Hansing, Chairman	Cholla Room
	Invocation Pledge of Allegiance	Richard Kepler, Chaplain All		10.00	. Convention & Conference	PDC Louis Pellon, Chairman	Cholla Room
	Preamble to Constitution	All		10.00 a.m	Committee	PDC Louis Pellon, Chairman	Chona Room
	Opening Remarks	Carol Hamburger, Department	Commander		Committee		
	Welcome, Host Post 81 Greetings:	Ken Haugen, Commander		10:00 a.m	. Legislative Committee	PDC Paul Griffin, Chairman Neal Sundeen, Council Chairma	Yucca Room
	Mark Nexsen	Mayor, City of Lake Havasu				-	
	Doris Goodwell	AZ District 3 Representative		11:30 a.m	. GNUTS Lunch		POST 81
	Buster Johnson	Mohave County Supervisor					
	Margaret Nyberg	Lake Havasu City Councilwom		1:00 p.m.			Cholla Room
	Debbie Collins	Auxiliary Department Presiden Department Junior President	t		Service Officer Training	Lee Borgen, ADVS	
	Alyson Florian Vickey Zwall	National Executive Committee	women	1.00	Common down &		Harran Daam
	Peggy Brown	Western Division National Vice		1:00 p.m.	Commanders & Adjutants Training	Carol Hamburger, Department	Havasu Room
	Xavier Rodriguez	S.A.L. Detachment Commande			Aujutants Training	John Aldecoa, Department Adju	
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	Dee Hoisington	Director VIP 20&4		3:00 p.m.	Membership Workshop		Havasu Room
	Joanne Wiley	Departmental Chapeau 8&40		•		Andy Jaime, Membership Direc	etor
	Joey Strickland	Director, AZ Dept of Veterans					
	Jimmie Foster	Leading Candidate for National	l Commander	3:00 p.m.	Oratorical Chairman's Meeting	g Roger Munchbach, Chairman	Yucca Room
	Joe Aguilar, NEC	Introduction of Guest Speaker		~			
		Commander Clarence Hill		Sunday, <b>N</b>	November 1, 2009		
	Presentation of Awards: Caro	l Hamburger, Department Domm	ancer	8:30a.m.	Joint Memorial Service	Dishard Kaplar Chaplain	Aquatic Center
	MEMBER	SHIP CHALLENGE		8.30a.m.	Joint Memorial Service	Richard Kepler, Chaplain Kathleen Medalen, Auxiliary Cl	
Saturday	October 31, 2009			9:30a.m.	Conference Reconvenes		Aquatic Center
v					Trophies & Awards	Bob Nixon, Chairman	1
8:30 a.m.	S.A.L. Conference	Xavier Rodriguez, Commander	Aquatic Center		Committee Reports		
					Announcements	John Aldecoa, Adjutant	
8:30 a.m.	Americanism and Children &		Havasu Room		Benediction	Richard Kepler, Chaplain	
	Americanism:	PDC Charles Vawter, Chairman	1		Retirement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
	Children & Youth:	Roland Matteson, Chairman		E (			
	Baseball: Boys State:	Rollin Kohrs, Chairman PDC Charles Vawter, Chairmar	<b>,</b>	Executive	Committee Meeting to Follow		
	Boy Scouts:	Ariel Rodriguez, Chairman	1		****Uava a	SAFE Trip Home****	
	Oratorical:	Roger Munchbach, Chairman			Have a s	SALE HIP Home	

#### Tried-and-True Methods Launch New Arizona Posts

From the Desk of the National Adjutant By Daniel S. Wheeler

Getting "back to the basics" is a common war cry when rallying Legionnaires in the quest for recruiting new members. If you've ever attended a national, department or district membership workshop, chances are you've heard that phrase thrown around more than once. But they're not just words - quite the opposite. In the midst of their simplicity, they speak loud and clear. When there was no Internet, Direct Mail Solicitation program or phone blasts, The American Legion still had a healthy membership in the millions. Legionnaires went door to door, asking fellow veterans to join. They talked about the Legion and its many incredible programs for veterans, servicemembers, their families and America's youth. Pretty basic stuff maybe, but it worked. Moreover, nearly every community had a post, and people knew the Legion because the post was visible and active.

Now, it's working again in the Department of Arizona where, during the 2008-09 membership year, Legionnaires were able to start seven new posts - believed to be the first time a department established seven new posts since Michigan did it in 1997. The results of the work of those Legionnaires are what give me hope that we are headed in the right direction in the membership battle.

Jeri Strande, a member of Post 135 in Cornville, Ariz., and the 2008-2009 department membership director, said the "back-to-the-basics" approach began early in the membership year. Immediate Past Department Commander Henry Branch told Arizona Legionnaires that, because the department wasn't going to have DMS members during his tenure, they were going to need to hit traditional membership methods even harder.

"Our commander basically said, 'We need to get on it, doggone it!" Strande said. "And we had several Legionnaires out there who reached out to us and asked if it was possible to start some posts as well. They also saw a need for those posts."

Strande said the membership success was truly a topto-bottom effort. While national staff offered assistance, membership drives on the post level also included local, district and department Legionnaires, as well as some help from National Vice Commander Harley Ray.

"National sent out some letters for us, letting veterans in the area know we are coming in," Strande said. "But in most cases, (Branch) was there. We had people from all levels of the Legion involved. The entire Department of Arizona did a very good job with this. It takes effort and work from people who are committed to go out and do the job. That's what we had."

Legionnaires went door to door, talking up their organization's value. Strande herself had never gone through a grass-roots membership effort before last year. The process was an eye-opener. "I'm not a real arm twister; I think our product sells itself," she said. "Even if we didn't sign a person up, we were still getting the Legion message out. We were still letting people know what our organization is doing. We were getting the word out. We were getting those people into a conversation about The American Legion.'

Strande said the opportunity for growth among the new posts is strong. One post already has improved its membership by 435 percent; several are set to start Auxiliary units and Sons of The American Legion squadrons. The enthusiasm has carried over into the 2009-10 membership year. "My outgoing district commander (Joe Duggan III) asked me if we were still going to do another start-up post in this area," she said. "When I told him that we were, he said, 'Then invite me because I want to come and help out with that.""

There are new, improved ways to pursue membership leads, and to not take advantage of those opportunities is a poor decision on our part. But for 90 years, we've always been able to count on face-to-face contact as a way to draw in new members. Tried-and-true methods are not to be forgotten. Just look at what Arizona did last year. "High tech" helps, but "high touch" gets the job done.

## National Commander Clarence E. Hill Presents Testimony to a Joint Session of the House & Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee

National Commander Clarence Hill appeared before a Joint Session of the Veteran's Affairs Committees in the United States Congress on September 10, 2009. Commander Hill thanked the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress for recommending FY2010 Funding Allocations for many VA accounts that meet or exceed funding targets proposed by The American Legion. Commander Hill also thanked the Members of Congress for passing a comprehensive and effective post 9-11 GI Bill that more accurately reflects the sacrifices of America's service members. However, he asked that the Congress consider making "on line" educational resources available to Veterans who elect to utilize this form of educational benefit.

Many Veterans, because of family and economic considerations, are required to immediately return to the work force rather than elect a full time education. An "on line" educational program would be of benefit to these Veterans that cannot go full time.

Commander Hill also asked that the Congress stay on top of changes in healthcare and technology for the "new generation" of Veterans. Commander Hill made several budget recommendations for the VA for healthcare, construction of medical facilities, state Veteran's homes, state Veteran's cemeteries and the National Cemetery.

In Arizona, we have one state Veteran's home and one state cemetery that have received funding from the Federal Government; however, we are in need of an additional Veteran's home in Tucson and a state cemetery for Northern Arizona.

Commander Hill also asked that the Congress consider advanced appropriations for the VA so that they can timely, predictably and sufficiently fund the VA medical system without having to go back to the Congress because there has been a budgetary shortfall. The American Legion believes this legislation would help resolve the question of timely and predictability that would not be affected by continuing resolution or other budget delays. The American Legion would still have a normal appropriations process to request additional funding if the amount already approved appeared insufficient.

The National Commander also asked the Congress to pass a Medicare VA Reimbursement Act. This would allow the VA to bill Medicare when Medicare eligible Veterans have received care at a VA medical facility. At the present time, the VA is prohibited from billing Medicare for Veterans who receive medical care at a VA Hospital or other medical facility. However, Congress has required the VA to collect 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Reimbursements from Veteran's healthcare insurance providers to help cover the annual discretionary appropriations for medical care.

If the VA had additional funding, the VA would be able to treat more priority Group 8 Veterans and this group of Veterans would also be allowed to obtain their prescriptions through the VA rather than some other source.

During our visit to Washington, we were able to discuss these issues with Senator Kyl and Senator McCain and their Legislative Aides. We also discussed the above Legislative Priorities with Congressmen Harry Mitchell from Congressional District 5 and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick from Congressional District 1.

We were fortunate to have National Commander Hill with us when we met Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick and Congressmen Harry Mitchell. Congressmen Mitchell and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick are both members of the House Veteran's Affairs Committee and actively participated in the hearing.

Senators Kyl and McCain have always been willing to meet with The American Legion representatives and we would like to thank them for their courtesy and time in discussing Veteran's Affairs with members of The American Legion from Arizona.

Neal S. Sundeen Legislative Co-Chairman



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Paul Griffin, Senator John McCain, Neal Sundeen



John Aldecoa, National Commander Clarence Hill, Congressman Harry Mitchell, Neal Sundeen, Paul Griffin



#### New Veterans Mural in Williams, AZ



This mural located above the shop windows at 117 E. Route 66 in Downtown Williams, was painted by local artists Mike and Sandy Rusinko. Make sure that you stop in Williams and enjoy this beautiful mural. John Ivens Post #42 Grand Canyon has their office in this building. What a terrific tribute to all of our Veterans past, present and future. Thanks to Al Dunaway for taking the picture.

#### October 2009



### Membership Drives Planned

The 91<sup>st</sup> American Legion National Convention membership delegates' meeting was held at the Louisville Convention Center. The meeting was chaired by Past National Commander, Dale Barnett and National Membership Director, Billy Johnson. No resolutions were

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presented and plenty of membership success ideas were shared with 39 Department delegates in attendance. Direct Mail Solicitation (DMS) will resume in the near future after National recoups some of the related expenses from DMS. The delegates were asked NOT to depend on DMS rather, get out and actively recruit new members. Face to face contact and telling what we do as Legion members is more successful than a letter that may end up in "file thirteen".

On the local level, we had a membership drive at Post 44 in Scottsdale on September 16<sup>th</sup> which is the day that Congress chartered The American Legion. I'm not sure if any others did the same, but it is something that could be done for the rest of the year at different dates.

My membership challenges and awards will be announced at Fall Conference in Lake Havasu City. Commander Carol will also announce her personal challenges for membership.

### Hello S.A.L. Members and Legion Family

Our new year is underway and we are looking forward to a great year. This year the SAL will continue to focus on our programs. Child Welfare will still be one of our major programs; we will also put some added emphasis on some VA programs. VAVS and Fisher House will be two programs that I will be emphasizing throughout the year, as well as the Spinoza Bear program. We hope to raise lots of funds for these great programs this year.

As you all know, what we do cannot be accomplished without our members. Membership is the cornerstone of our organization and it is important to renew your members and recruit new members to help in our efforts. I would also like to invite any post that does not have an SAL squadron and would like to start one to contact us and we will be more that happy to help you in getting it started.

I want to thank all of my officers for their great work thus far this year and wish them success the rest of the year. Thank You for the opportunity to serve as Detachment Commander this year and I hope to get out and meet as many SAL members as possible.

Xavier Rodriguez Detachment Commander



Female Veterans from the White Mountain area participated in the 2009 Fourth of July Parade. They had eight female veterans aboard their first time entry float and are looking to add a lot more for next year's parade. Way to go Ladies!

### **A Pair of Special Events**

The Department of Arizona Open House will be held on January 9, 2010 at Department Headquarters.

The Children & Youth and National Security Workshop/Conference will be held on January 23, 2010 at William Bloys Post 2 in Tempe.

Both of these events are open to everyone in The American Legion Family. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss these. We will be sending out flyers in future mailings to the Posts, Units and Squadrons. Hope to see you at both of the events. I would like to let every member of our Legion Family know how inspired, as well as motivated, I am to help achieve the best membership year ever. The American Legion leadership at all levels in Arizona appears to be just as motivated. Hopefully, we can inspire our members to ask friends and family members that are eligible, to become members. We also have seven new Posts and I would like to ask everyone that might be in the neighborhood of these Posts, to stop by or call them and show your support in any way you can. Thank you and remember to invite a Vet to join...Back to Basics!

For God & Country

Andres "Andy" Jaime, Jr. Membership Chairman



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# Chaplain's Corner "Give it to God in Prayer"

I received a phone call recently from a man I have high regard for. He wanted to tell me he had enjoyed the article in our last Arizona Legionnaire that I wrote, titled "By God's Grace". He had the courtesy to say that this article showed insight, and intelligence.

I had to tell him that perhaps he had read the wrong article - I have never thought I had advanced insight, and certainly not above average intelligence. I just truly believe in God, and know that he expects the best we can give; honesty, integrity and, above all, a love for our fellow man.

I had good teachers as a child who taught by example, not with the adage of "do as I say, not as I do". I learned to say "I'm sorry" when I wrong, "please" as a request and "thank you" for what was given to me; including "thank you" to God for his many blessings. I thank God daily for my five sons, 13 grandchildren, and now 14 great-

grandchildren; yes, I am a good catholic who practiced "be fruitful and multiply". I also render unto Caesar

by being active in my community, agreeable to my neighbors and forgive my enemies (though that is hardest of all!). I try to be a good example to those I come in contact with-though I am sure that somewhere in God's great green earth, there must be one or two persons who don't like me.

To simplify the Ten Commandments, that is what we all should do-thank God, and do our best to love/ like others. If this was practiced by all of man, just imagine what we could accomplish! No more wars, sharing what God has made possible (and no, this is not communism), accepting others' differences, the end of famine, cooperation to cure disease, produce beautiful art and literature, all possible just by following a few simple steps as God has given us nothing complicated, hard to start because of our distrust and suspicion

of others, but easier and easier as we continue to follow God's way.

We have but to truly believe, follow God's teachings, and "give it to God in prayer".

We have the power to change so much if we but follow those simple guidelines and live "By God's Grace"

Be with God,

Richard Kepler, Department Chaplain

### Tucson Hosts "BULGE" Veterans National Reunion

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge-the largest land battle in U.S. Army history-are to hold their national annual reunion in Tucson, October 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Hotel Arizona, 181 West Broadway. The reunion will mark the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the horrendous battle during which more than 19,000 U.S. troops were killed and another 62,000 injured. The battle included three airborne divisions, nine armored

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A Ken Dowse	9,120	5,551	60.87
B George Cushing	19,514	10,492	53.77
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68 Sahuar		Tucson	352	157	44.60
73 Casas		Tucson	188	108	57.45
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126	Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	32	19	59.38
130	Joseph McCarthy	Saint Johns	21	10	47.62
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Dist	rict 7 - Commander:Ann	Seney			
Post	Name	City	Goal	2010	% of Goa
3	Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	596	337	56.54
13	Cordova	Williams	108	76	70.37
14	Swaskegame	Kingman	330	178	53.94
22	Golden Valley	Golden Valley	249	115	46.18
33	Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	0	0.00
42	John Ivens	Grand Canyon	194	63	32.47
57	Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	108	70	64.81
81	Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,306	728	55.74
87	Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	539	276	51.21
88	Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	135	54	40.00
103	Meadview	Meadview	54	6	11.11
112	Curtis Huskon	Leupp	21	9	42.86
123	Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	36	22	61.11
127	Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	57	27	47.37
136	Yucca	Yucca	16	6	37.50
Dist	rict Totals		3,764	1,967	52.26
Diete	rict 8 - Commander:Jeri	Stranda			
	Name	City	Goal	2010	% of Goa
6	Ernest A. Love	Prescott	806	514	63.77
25	Verde Valley	Cottonwood	907	478	52.70
40	Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	438	200	45.66
78	Humboldt	Humboldt	249	134	53.82
79	Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	249	147	59.76
90	Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	23	48.94
93	David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	337	182	54.01
104	Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	25	132	52.00
104	Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	103	55	53.40
122	Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	43	21	48.84
135	Cornville	Cornville	43 24	21	33.33
133	Contraine	Contrine	24	0	55.53

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Officially known as the Battle of Ardennes-Alsace, the "bulge" name came when more than 500,000 heavily-armed German troops staged a powerful surprise attack along the forward line held by the allies, creating a bulge. The Nazi attack started on December 16, 1944 and continued until January 26, 1945 during the coldest European winter in 50 years.

In addition to Battle of the Bulge veterans visiting from all around the United States, Hon. Nicolas Mackel, Deputy Chief of the Luxembourg Embassy, Washington, D.C. will also be in attendance. Everyone is invited to visit the VBOB Hotel Arizona hospitality room during the reunion.

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## **FPA Not Likely in 2009**

Although the Flag Protection Amendment has been introduced in both houses of Congress, it does not look hopeful for a 2009 vote.

In each house, it has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. The Senate Judiciary Committee is chaired by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and the chairman of the Constitution Sub-committee is Sen. Russell Feingold (D-WI); both of these Senators are well known opponents of the Flag Amendment.

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