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## Many Posts Close to Membership Goals

Greetings fellow Legionnaires. I first want to thank all the Posts who have made their membership goals this year. I know we are all working on membership. Some Posts are so very close to your goal, I'm asking everyone to please step up a notch. Thank you all.

In my travels, I have met a lot of Legionnaires and I've learned a lot about what's happening in Posts around the state. I have come to realize how hard all of you are working to help our Veterans and their families. Also, the Children & Youth programs are strong. I was just at the Department Oratorical Finals – what a great bunch of young ladies and gentlemen. The competition was very close. The winner was a young lady, Rachel Moses, who is home schooled. We wish her success at the National Competition in April. I have also noticed that there are some young Legionnaires stepping up, but I want all Legionnaires to keep training their new members and get them to step up too.

In the last decade, women in the service of our country have become more visible to the public. They are also



Commander's Message

serving in combat roles. They are also dying and being injured for our Flag. We need to increase our recruitment of the female veterans. So, Legionnaires, we have our work cut out for us. We need a strong outreach program. Let's put our heads together and share our ideas. We need to have success with our recruitments. We also need to work with the V.A. to get them to provide more resources for gender specific care.

The Flag Amendment has been reintroduced in both the Senate and Congress. We need to get this bill passed

this year. Stay connected with your representatives. We need to keep our lines of communication open. The government is trying to cut spending on the backs of our Veterans currently serving and those who are retired and those on Social Security. Please keep informed on these issues and let those in Washington know what you want and what you don't want.

Post Commanders-your job doesn't seem to end I know, but you get the "big bucks", so as well as membership and your Post activities, I want you to start working with your Adjutant in getting out the Consolidated Reports. And District Commanders, it's time to start working with your Posts on these reports too. Let's get 100% reporting this year. It's not that hard. If a Post or District held a meeting this year - that is an Activity.

Remember my challenge; Sign up one new member.

Thank you,  
For God and Country  
Dick Perry, Department Commander

## Rachel Moses Oratorical Winner

Arizona celebrated the end of the 2011 Oratorical Contest season with its Department Finals Competition on Saturday, March 5, 2011, hosted by Sipe-Peterson Post 44 in Scottsdale.

Rachel Moses, a home-schooled sophomore from Cave Creek, was selected by the judges to represent Arizona at the National Contest in Indianapolis from April 15 to 17. The title of her original oration on the United States Constitution was "Blessings of Liberty".

This year, interest and participation in the contest by Arizona students indicated that the members of



Department Commander Richard Perry and Rachel Moses

the Legion Family were very successful in "getting the word out there" to schools and speech coaches. Department Chairman Roger Munchbach thanks everyone who assisted in any way to increase the effectiveness of the program.

Here are the statistics:

Number of Arizona students who requested information—80

Number of students who actually spoke at a contest—15 (only seven a year ago)

Number of contests in Arizona

Posts-2

Districts-5

Areas-3

Department-1

(total of Four contests a year ago)

Total dollar amount of scholarships awarded by Arizona--\$6,525.00 (\$3,950.00 last year).

The Final Round of the National Contest will be streamed live on [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) on Sunday, April 17, at 10:00 am Eastern Time. Tune in to see the top three National competitors.

Editor's Note: A Big "THANK YOU" to Roger and Deb Munchbach for ALL of the hard work they do for the Oratorical Program. They work on this program all year long and everyone does appreciate it!



Back row: LtoR: C/1stSgt. Alethia Patocs; C/SSgt. Alex Rossi; Judges-Neal Sundeen; Julie Vietri; Charles Vawter; Roger McFadden; Ole Bjerke; Department Oratorical Chairman, Roger Munchbach; C/Ann. Ryan Payne; C/TSgt. Blade Cavanaugh (The cadets are from the Civil Air Patrol Deer Valley Squadron 302).

Front row: LtoR: Emily Dart, home-schooled Phoenix (3rd place); Rachelle Clifford, Mt. View HS, Tucson (5th place); Brennen Bowman, Lake Havasu City HS (4th place); Rachel Moses, home-schooled Cave Creek (1st place); Sean Currie, River Valley HS, Fort Mohave (2nd place).

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Membership - Today's Compelling Value

Member or Membership. Webster's Dictionary describes these words as each of the persons composing a society, party, community or other body.

We, as members of The American Legion, comprise the largest veterans' organization in the United States. One may ask, "Why would our Membership Director begin an article in this fashion?" In today's world, many if not all of us, have been confused with sudden changes of events. Make no mistake, it will influence the way we live. We may not know how our medical costs, taxes,

benefits or world events are going to affect



both those who have served and those who are serving.

Our children and youth at this important time are the most precious asset that we have. They are our future and the mentoring of our youth is so ever more important. We must continue to instill the values of Americanism, true democracy and respect of our American flag to them. No easy task. We are the greatest country in the world and must remain as such.

us as veterans. One thing for sure, we as Legionnaires, must continue to fight the battle to take care of our fellow comrades

Membership in The American Legion

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2011 National Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota August 26 – September 1, 2011



The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Normandy Inn & Suites, 405 South 8th Street, 55404, (612) 370-1400 Rooms are limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Please indicate arrival & departure dates

NATIONAL CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

RESERVATIONS TO BE LISTED IN THE NAME OF: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 3 columns: Additional occupants shall include, Leg/Aux/SAL, Arrive/Depart. Includes rows for occupancy and dates.

Check appropriate boxes:

Table listing convention fees and options with checkboxes. Items include King, Double, Roll Away rate, Arizona Party, Registration, Past President's Luncheon, States Dinner, and National Commander's Banquet.

TOTAL DEPOSIT

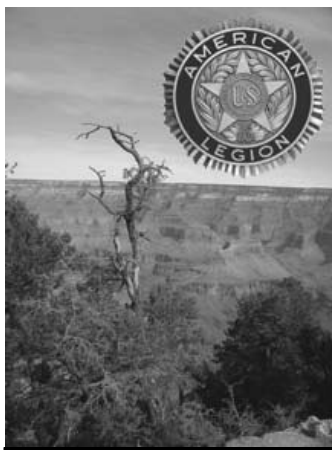
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\*The registration fee and 1 night's lodging deposit, plus any other fees must be submitted with this reservation form.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 15, 2011

- Occupancy Tax in the amount 13.4% 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 25, 2011



For the Latest Legion Info www.azlegion.org



# Keep Your History Alive - Record It!

December 7, 1941; Sept. 11; Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>...what do all these days have in common? All days that live in infamy because of their significance in the history of our great Country; but what if someone had never recorded those days and their importance...they would just be "another day"!

Well, that's what happens to your Post's history when no one takes the time to record it. Each Post, no matter how small it is, has a history to document – in many cases, it is the small Posts that are getting involved, because they are an integral part of their community. It stands to reason that small Posts are in small communities,

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allows our veterans organization to carry on our goals for our veterans and our youth toward the future. As Director, I have experienced the ups and downs of membership. In January, we missed our 80% National goal by about 200 members. In February, we achieved our 85% goal and in March, we missed our 90% goal by 284 members. During February, the Department of Arizona climbed to 16<sup>th</sup> in the country out of 55 Departments, the highest we have been in a long time. We are so close each time and this year, we have a good opportunity of making 100% with our efforts.

therefore, they are often the gathering place in town, whether it's hosting the monthly Boy Scouts meeting, a local ladies sewing guild or even the Junior ROTC cadets to practice drill – each and every post has something to tell.



As our membership year begins to wind down, I hope each Post (big and small) has taken the time to record what they've done this year for the benefit of future members. If you're currently the Post Historian, I thank you. If you think you'd like to give your hand a try at being the Post Historian, make it known to your Commander.

As you read this article, take a few moments to reflect and think of any of your fellow members who may be experiencing hard times whether financially or medically who can't afford to renew. Take to heart, be kind, and pay their dues for them. God willing, next year their situation will be improved. Take time to think of your associates, friends and family who qualify for The American Legion and recruit them into our family. Today, as never before, our voice is needed to assist our fellow veterans and as important, our youth.

For God & Country  
Ken Dowse, Department Membership Director

Speaking of the Commander, it's time to think about elections; if the Historian is an elected office at your Post – get nominated; if it's an appointed position, let the folks running for Commander know that you'd like to fill it. And, if you need help to get started – plan to attend the Historian Training at Department Convention – meet other Historians – let the Department know how invaluable your Post is not only to The American Legion, but to your community through your history! If you'd like to contact me, please feel free to call: 928-649-3374 or email me at: [sicily84@cablone.net](mailto:sicily84@cablone.net)

Jeri Strande, Department Historian

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 9, 2011**

**District 11 Veterans Rehab Dinner/Auction**

at Luke-Greenway Post #1, 364 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix Buffet Dinner featuring Roast Beef and Baked Chicken Donation \$12.00. No host cocktails 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM Auction 7 PM For information or to donate items for the Auction, contact Jim Katzenberger (623) 628-6297

**April 15-17, 2011**

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona 2011 Campout**

La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344 Tent and RV sites available. For registration and information, contact Dana Dobson, Campout Chairman (480) 603-7099 or Jeff Frain (602) 418-0508.

**April 16, 2011**

**Veterans Helping Veterans Event** at Phoenix VA Hospital West Parking Lot featuring food, music, health screenings, friendship and special guests. Donations and assistance will be appreciated. Contact – Michael Thelen (480) 282-0815

**April 22, 2011**

**Applebee's and Veteran Services Association, Inc. – Dining to Donate Event**

Just mention veterans at any point during your visit and 10% of your bill will be donated to VSAI. This applies to dining in or take out at any Arizona Applebee's. VSAI is a non-profit organization dedicated to aiding veterans in times of need. They ensure that 99.9% of donated funds are directly utilized in this manner. For more information, contact Joe Dora (602) 620-2781.

**May 7, 2011**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Fund Raiser for Payson Supply Line** hosted by Tonto Rim Post #69 American Legion Riders. Registration from 0800 to 0930. First bike out at 0900, last bike in at 1430. Donation \$10.00 per participant. For more information, contact Post #69 at (928) 474-6969. (Payson Supply Line send needed personal supplies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan)

**May 14, 2011**

**Department Commander Perry's Homecoming Hosted by Post #24 Tombstone**

Western Dress Social Hour 1800, Dinner 1900 BBQ Ribs or Chicken \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP with selection by May 1<sup>st</sup> to Post #24 (520) 559-0030 Lodging (mention American Legion Post #24) Holiday Inn Express \$78.00 (520) 457-9507; Tombstone Motel \$65.00 (520) 457-3478 (some smoking rooms available at \$59.00); Wells Fargo RV Park (across from Legion) \$34.00 (520) 457-3966

**June 10-12, 2011**

**American Legion Riders-Detachment of Arizona 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Campout**

Tall Timbers Navajo County Park, Hwy 260, Overgaard, AZ for registration form and information, contact Todd Harris, Campout Chairman (928) 240-0055 or Sporty Jim (480) 710-4101.

## DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

### 2011 CONVENTION

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**There will be a Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 23rd**





## Christopher J. Lapka American Legion 105 Assists 75 Homeless Veterans

On Sunday, December 19, 2010, American Legion Post 105 assisted the Madison Street Veterans Association again this year. With the help of all our Post 105 Legion Family, the Legion Riders collected and delivered blankets, gift bags, Walmart gift cards and food to the Armana House for 75 Homeless Veterans. We had a great time visiting with our brothers and sisters and making their Christmas a little brighter. The 300 blankets donated will go to their outreach program. The gift bags included socks, gloves, stocking hats, personal hygiene gear, snacks and each received a Walmart gift card to purchase needed clothing and supplies. We also donated 100 bus passes for their use. The word buzzing around after the run was "We need to do this more often."

How about asking other Legion Posts to help them out? They have a wish list they send out once a month. Can you help? Please contact Frank Letter at 602-254-5752 or 623-313-1696. Frank is the Service Officer for the Madison Street Veterans Association at 233 South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85007.

What a great Christmas it was for these Veterans!

## Thank You For Your Support and Prayers

I wish to very sincerely THANK all of my friends who were so thoughtful with all of the beautiful cards, phone calls, personal visits and flowers sent to me during my recent bout with Pneumonia.

I was confined to the hospital for eight days before they finally cleared the problem in my lungs. I am feeling much better now and seem to be on the way to recovery, Thank God!

Your prayers on my behalf were truly powerful and saw me through my problems, for which I am extremely GRATEFUL and THANKFUL!!! It is great to know that someone out there cares and is concerned for one's health and well being.

Thanks again. I love you all and will never forget your THOUGHTFULNESS !!

LOVE & HUGS,  
LOUIS PELLON, PDC

## Americanism Award

*LtoR:*  
Department Commander  
Richard Perry; William  
Bloys Post 2 Commander;  
Angelo Lombardi; J. "Hut"  
Hutson, 2011 Americanism  
Award Recipient; Unit  
2 Auxiliary President,  
Judy Galvez; and Post 2  
Americanism Chairman,  
Tom Gleason at Post 2's  
91st Birthday Party &  
Americanism Celebration.



## Yuma Hosts American Legion Birthday Party

*LtoR:* Auxiliary Unit #19 President, Ruth Patterson; Department Auxiliary President, Doris Theiss; Department Commander Richard Perry; Post #19 Commander, Herschel Patterson; ALR Chapter #19 President, Bob Carey; and S.A.L. Squadron #19 Commander, Brion Caley. H. H. Donkersley Post #19-Yuma, hosted The American Legion Birthday Party and Celebration with a luncheon and dinner on Saturday, March 12th and then hosted a breakfast on Sunday, March 13th at Home Town Buffet.



## S.A.L. Super Sundaes

"KC" Holt, Squadron #44 Commander (center holding GI Josh Dog), is surrounded by S.A.L. Detachment and Squadron Officers from the east valley who showed up to enjoy one of the "Best in the West" Sundaes at Sipe-Peterson Post #44 in Scottsdale. The event is hosted by S.A.L. Squadron #44 and is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 and proceeds go to support the Child Welfare Foundation and the GI Josh Dog Program.



Greetings from the S.A.L. Detachment of Arizona

# There's Still Room at S.A.L.'s April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Campout

Well this year seems to be going by very rapidly as it is almost time for the S.A.L. summer meeting and campout which will be held April 15th and 16th at the La Paz County Camp Ground in Parker, AZ. We still have spaces for tents and campers with full hook up. There is a golf outing planned for Friday afternoon. They have also come up with some other games, Horseshoes, Corn Bag Toss just to name a few. We will also have the air gun with t-shirts.

The Committee has come up with a T-Shirt for the Campout at \$12.00 each; please get a hold of your Squadron Commander for the application and get it in

by April 1st. I hope to see many of you there.

It has been an honor to receive invitations to the dinners put on for the Department Commander Dick Perry and for the National Auxiliary President this year.

The GI Josh Dog Program is doing well. We have attended four deployments this year and they have more scheduled, with a big one this fall. We are still looking for donations to the program as each dog costs the S.A.L. \$33.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to JOSHCO, LLC and send it to headquarters attention S.A.L. Adjutant.

To coin a phrase from the Michigan Detachment Commander Dave Mennel, "Are you a WISHBONE, JAWBONE, OR BACKBONE?" The wishbone wishes thing would get done, but doesn't manage to help do anything about it. The jawbone talks about it but still doesn't do anything to help. The backbone is the one that gets out and does something to help get things done. Let's all strive to be the backbone! When we all work together, we can make good things happen.

Jeff Johnson, Commander  
S.A.L. Detachment of Arizona

## Tenely-Lopez Post 20 Receives Certificate of Achievement For Support of National Guard Unit

In December 2009 HHC of the 158<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Arizona National Guard arrived at Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Post 20 undertook the support of these fellow Arizonans in January, 2010 by sending care packages to the soldiers of HHC 158<sup>th</sup> CSSB. This support was carried on until October, 2010, when the unit rotated back to Arizona.

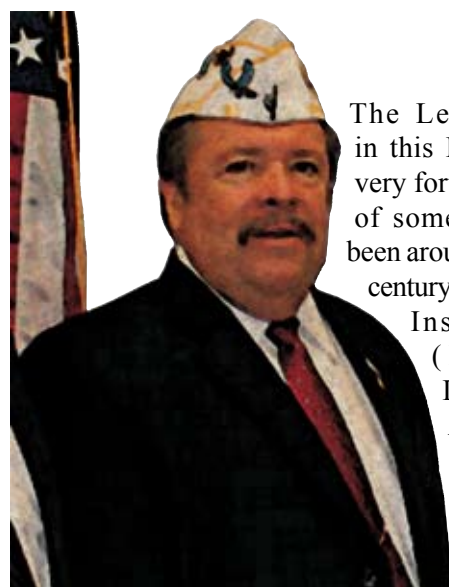
In part the certificate reads "The American Legion dedication, commitment, and loyalty to the 158 CSSB and the United States Army ensured that deployed soldiers received care packages. The morale that the care packages brought is an incomparable and selfless Deed."

The certificate was presented to Don Ulses, Commander of Post 20 by Robert E. Moscarello, LTC, LG, AZ ARNG, Commanding 158<sup>th</sup> CSSB. The award was presented on Saturday, 12 February, 2011 during their change of command and awards ceremony in Tucson.



From the desk of...John Aldecoa, Department Adjutant

## Take Advantage of Insurance Programs Designed Specifically for Arizona Legionnaires



The Legion families in this Department are very fortunate to be part of something that has been around almost half a century-the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT). The Department of Arizona joined with the other 47 Departments that make up the LIT in 1969.

The LIT became this Department's sponsored insurance program and remains so today. Make no mistake, the broad range of insurance products and services found under the LIT umbrella are your products and services. These products and services are not available to just anyone-other veterans included-but only to members of this Department's Legion Family.

By combining the Department of Arizona's programs with the other LIT participating Departments, we can be assured our products and services are continually reviewed and updated (plus new programs added) so that you have access to the best selection possible. The oversight of the programs of the LIT is done by a Board of Trust Directors-one Legionnaire Director

from each participating Department. Like most Legion "jobs", it is an unpaid appointment so the Director is serving on your behalf and not his; which is one more way to make sure you are getting the best possible coverage when you buy through your Department.

Again, this Department sponsors a broad range of insurance products and services-ranging from the "no-cost" Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) to Hospital Help to Cancer Care to Emergency Assistant (EA+) to Medicare Supplement to Auto/Homeowners and more-so one or more will likely fill a need or void in your family's insurance portfolio. But, let's talk a bit about buying insurance-the best way to buy is to shop, compare, and then purchase the coverage from a source you trust. We invite you to compare the endorsed products with any on the market and then you can buy with the confidence of 45 years of continuous service to Legion families behind the LIT (by the way, buying through LIT also helps the Department underwrite its ability to serve our veterans and the communities).

To learn more about your Department's insurance products and services, please call the LIT's administrator at (800)

235-6943 or check out the programs at [theLIT.com](http://theLIT.com). Either way, there will be no hard sell or obligation to buy when you do contact them.

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Arizona Press Association

## Issues Addressed

Hello from the AZ Press Association. This newsletter is being sent out with some reminders as well as addressing a few issues that have been discovered this year with the Press Association.

First, the newsletter awards!!! I have received many wonderful submissions for these awards and ask that you keep them coming. Please remember that we need three newsletters from each Post. Now please keep in mind that we MUST have a member of the Post, Unit or Squadron belonging to the AZPA in order for these to be considered. I am currently running into the issue of too many newsletters, not enough members. Please be sure that when submitting these newsletters you give us the name of the member that belongs to the AZPA. If you do not have a member, please be sure to sign one up before the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. **The deadline for the newsletter awards is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.** I need all newsletters in by that date in order to have them judged before June Convention.

I ask that you please mail a physical copy to the address listed below and not email any of the newsletters for submission. A lot of times I work out of town and am not able to keep track of all the emails. This guarantees to me that these are published and not something put together for the awards only. I do apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

We are working on the end of another wonderful year with the AZPA and we are asking that each of you consider renewing for the 2012 year and send in those dues to us before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to email myself or Shannon Mead if you would like an application for a new member.

Please remember, if you are sending in a newsletter, you must have someone within your Post, Unit or Squadron listed as a paid member of the AZPA for our roster. A Post is more than able to pay for the membership, it doesn't cost much. Thank you for your time and interest and we look forward to another great year.

Ron Murphy, President  
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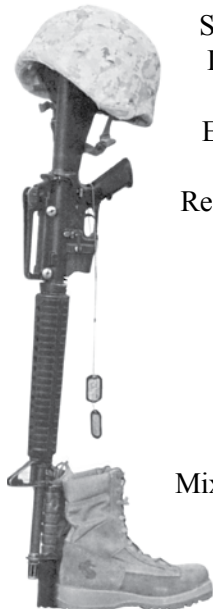
## Chaplain's Corner

# Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

We've all experienced the feeling of wanting to get it just right when entertaining; no matter if it's your boss, good friends or grown children who've come home for a visit. Making a good impression and serving an enticing menu is always paramount.

I've taken notice over the years of Posts going all-out when Department Commanders make their official visit. In almost every Post across this nation we find a POW/MIA Table honoring those prisoners and veterans missing in action.

Perhaps now would be a good time to invite the Supreme Commander to dinner. Set a place for Him and imagine Him sitting at your table and sharing the meal you have so lovingly prepared.



Suggested menu follows:

Appetizer: Enthusiasm Pate' on Patience Crackers

Salad: Hearts of Tenderness with Honesty Dressing

Entree: Happy Heart Stew

Recipe: 4 Cups Love  
1 Cup Courage  
2 Cups Loyalty  
3 Cups Forgiveness  
10 Cups Faith (unwavering)  
6 Cups Understanding  
3-1/2 Cups Energy Laughter to Taste

Mix Love and Courage until well-blended. Gradually stir in Forgiveness, Understanding and Energy. Add unwavering Faith 1 Cup at a time until well coated. Top with Loyalty and sprinkle with generous amounts of

Laughter. Bake in a large Peaceful pan with Positive Energy. Serve king-sized portions on a golden platter daily.

Dessert: Felicity Cake with Tolerance Icing

If the forgoing menu does not keep the Supreme Commander at your table daily, you might need to juggle the quantities accordingly until the proper balance is achieved.

The guest list is an important part of any social event. Make dinner at your house a special event. Invite the most important Guest! Using the suggested menu will guarantee success.

For God and Country,  
Carol Stensby  
Department Chaplain

# American Legion - Department of Arizona

## Membership Report

### March 15, 2011

Area	Goal	2011	% of Goal
A Al Miller	9,445	8,836	93.55
B Jim Burke	19,104	17,217	90.12
C Ann Seney	8,395	7,522	89.60
HQ Dick Perry	6,075	4,165	68.56
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>43,019</b>	<b>37,740</b>	<b>87.73</b>

High Area - A - 93.55%  
 High District - 2 - 96.04%  
 High Post - 137 - 241.67%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,086	999	91.99
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	137	94	68.61
47 Somerton	Somerton	16	8	50.00
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	182	154	84.62
67 Frank Mick	Roll	38	27	71.05
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	48	28	58.33
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>86.93</b>

District 2 - Commander: Lance Hurst

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	469	383	81.66
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	83	70	84.34
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,388	1,299	93.59
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	319	301	94.36
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,436	1,267	88.23
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	332	321	96.69
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	182	164	90.11
74 Calabasas	Rio Rico	16	2	12.50
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	119	111	93.28
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	683	702	102.78
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	16	16	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	31	24	77.42
125 Yoem	Tucson	27	28	103.70
131 Madera	Green Valley	398	567	142.46
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	103	125	121.36
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>5,602</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>96.04</b>

District 3 - Commander: Greg Normand

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	329	350	106.38
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	85	101.19
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	47	43	91.49
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	630	592	93.97
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	82	79	96.34
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	925	779	84.22
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>2,097</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>91.94</b>

District 4 - Commander: Jerry Boales

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	231	210	90.91
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	199	142	71.36
17 William P. Kern	Superior	27	25	92.59
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	35	32	91.43
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	52	60	115.38
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	29	25	86.21
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	132	121	91.67
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	38	43	113.16
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	79	63	79.75
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	29	52	179.31
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>851</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>90.83</b>

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	213	195	91.55
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	116	95	81.90
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	451	365	80.93
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	28	20	71.43
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	87	80	91.95
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>895</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>86.59</b>

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	94	79	84.04
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	162	144	88.89
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	30	19	63.33
37 Navajo	Holbrook	62	63	101.61
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	51	54	105.88
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	512	405	79.10
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	225	191	84.89
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	37	35	94.59
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	16	3	18.75
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	446	398	89.24
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	31	14	45.16
130 Joseph McCarthy	Saint Johns	15	17	113.33
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1,681</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>84.59</b>

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	585	527	90.09
13 Cordova	Williams	129	119	92.25
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	317	293	92.43
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	251	205	81.67
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	17	14	82.35
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	196	197	100.51
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	95	89	93.68
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,320	1,256	95.15
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	510	435	85.29
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	122	106	86.89
103 Meadview	Meadview	51	28	54.90
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	25	24	96.00
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	35	23	65.71
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	44	37	84.09
136 Yucca	Yucca	21	22	104.76
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>3,718</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>90.77</b>

District 8 - Commander: Doug Keller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	783	740	94.51
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	790	673	85.19
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	383	335	87.47
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	232	216	93.10
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	269	251	93.31
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	42	42	100.00
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	305	266	87.21
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	23	22	95.65
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	85	78	91.76
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	47	59	125.53
135	Cornville	37	43	116.22
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>2,996</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>90.95</b>

District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	997	885	88.77
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	63	60	95.24
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	91	72	79.12
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	348	305	87.64
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,479	1,349	91.21
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	14	14	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	54	52	96.30
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	106	78	73.58
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	641	552	86.12
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,203	2,001	90.83
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	25	13	52.00
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	355	321	90.42
96 Surprise	Surprise	152	141	92.76
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	141	125	88.65
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	624	550	88.14
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	62	61	98.39
134 Laveen	Laveen	42	36	85.71
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	24	58	241.67
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>7,421</b>	<b>6,673</b>	<b>89.92</b>

District 12 - Commander: Andy Jaime

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% of Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	448	395	88.17
26 Mesa	Mesa	1,040	872	83.85
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,492	2,364	94.86
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	307	314	102.28
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	669	577	86.25
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	573	492	85.86
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	799	762	95.37
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,153	1,000	86.73
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	223	204	91.48
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	451	450	99.78
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	38	38	100.00
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	154	141	91.56
65 Richard H. Hamilton	Phoenix	340	286	84.12
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	333	305	91.59
83 East Mesa	Mesa	110	101	91.82
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	48	36	75.00
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	161	189	117.39
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	547	363	66.36
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	61	64	104.92
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	51	87.93
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	131	163	124.43
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	21	28	133.33
138 Scottsdale	Scottsdale	19	39	205.26
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>10,176</b>	<b>9,234</b>	<b>90.74</b>

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  - Department Judge Advocate (2 years)  
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  - Post Commander (100% Membership)
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  - Department Legislative Committee
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