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## Thank You For All Your Dedicated Support

Legionnaires, as my year is coming to a close, I want to thank all the committee chairs, Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders and Post Commanders who worked to make the Legion programs successful. A very special thank you to ALL Legionnaires who rolled up their sleeves and went to work to make our great organization successful, it takes every member to make it work. I look forward to shaking your hand at Department Convention.

I cannot thank my wife enough for her support and the sacrifices she has made to help me in my year. To the staff at Department Headquarters, your support was much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I've watched the Vice Commanders, District Commanders and Post Commanders work as a team to do everything they could to make our goals.

At the awards dinners that I attended, it was wonderful to see how excited and proud the members were to be recognized for their work. Way to go to the Posts and Units that do this. Every member of the Legion Family that volunteers their time should receive a thank you and a pat on the back. Thank you from me.

When our delegation went to Washington D.C., we had a chance to meet with all our Congressional staff as all members of Congress from Arizona had gone home. Out of our meetings, we did get some success. We got the V.A. to fund home caregivers for our Veterans. Also, we got a strong commitment to



Commander's Message

provide more jobs for our veterans. As the government has not put pressure on contractors to hire veterans, they now have a bulldog committee to make this happen. Our state almost passed a bill to make this happen. The Bill was #SB1266. Brophy McGee had the section about hiring veteran contractors removed from the bill so it could be studied more. How much more studying do they need? Maybe he has other reasons?

In closing, I want to report my failure in getting our state to 100% membership. In Arizona, we have 600,000 plus veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion. We only needed 42,000 members to make 100%. To those Posts who made your goal and to those members who went above and beyond in your recruitment of new members, a big thank you. To those Posts who didn't make their goal, I apologize for not helping you enough with recruitment of new members.

New members will help your post get involved in your activities and will also allow your Post to participate in more programs. How can membership help you succeed? The more members you have, the more your Post can accomplish and the more recognition it receives. When your Post receives such

positive recognition it attracts new members. The more active members you have the less work every member has to do and the more people there are to take over leadership. No one wants to be responsible for the same programs year after year. Every one wants to try something new or take a break.

To the American Legion Riders, a very big thank you. Your service to our Veterans whether they are being laid to rest or escorting our service men and women on their deployments, you were there for them. Also, thank you for your recruitment of new members for your Post.

For God and Country  
Dick Perry, Department Commander

**\*NOTICE\***  
**EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2011**  
**DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OFFICES**  
**WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FOR LUNCH**  
**11:30AM - 12:15PM**  
**DOORS WILL BE LOCKED, CALLS TAKEN**  
**BY OUR ANSWERING MACHINE**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional occupants shall include	Leg/Aux/SAL	Arrive/Depart
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Check appropriate boxes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	King, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 134.95*	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona Party – Steak Dinner and Entertainment	\$ 35.00 per person	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Past President's Luncheon ( <i>payable to Auxiliary</i> )	Call Auxiliary	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	States Dinner ( <i>payable to Auxiliary</i> )	\$ 45.00 per person	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Commander's Banquet ( <i>limited to first 20</i> )	\$ 45.00 per person	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>			\$ _____

\*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**





# The American Legion Department of Arizona Annual Convention - June 23-26, 2011 Carefree, Arizona



## General Information:

\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*

### ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377  
Hospitality Suites (check at registration desk)  
Registration hours: Hotel Registration Lobby  
Thursday, June 23th Noon until 5:30PM  
Friday, June 24th 7:00AM until 5:30PM  
Saturday, June 25th 7:00AM until 3:00PM  
Sunday, June 26th 7:00AM until 9:00AM

## Special Events:

Golf Tournament, Thursday, Check In At 6:00AM, Shotgun Start 6:30AM

\*Rancho Manana Golf Club, 5734 E. Rancho Manana Blvd, Cave Creek, AZ. 85331\*

Membership Breakfast, 100% Post, District &  
Area Vice Commanders, Friday, 7:00AM, Post 34

PALS Dinner, Friday, 5:30PM, Post 34

GNUTS Luncheon, Saturday, 11:30AM, Post 34

PDC Luncheon, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Post 107

\*\*SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR – Friday...1:00PM to 5:00PM...

\*\*US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Judge Alan Lance will be speaking\*\*

Thursday, June 23, 2011

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
2:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rollin Kohrs, Chairman	Palo Verde I
4:00pm	Rules Committee	Joe Aguilar, NEC	Palo Verde I
6:00pm	Joint Opening Session		Saguaro Ballroom
	Call to Order	Dick Perry, Department Commander	
	Advancement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	Color Guard
	Invocation	Carol Stensby, Chaplain	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
	Preamble to Constitution	All	
	Opening Remarks	Dick Perry, Commander	
	Call to Convention	John Aldecoa, Adjutant	
	Report of Rules Committee	Joe Aguilar, NEC	
	Welcome, Host Post 117	Larry Cox, Commander	
	<b>Greetings:</b>		
	Mayor, City of Carefree	David Schwan	
	Dist. 4 N., Cavecreek, Sheriff Dept	Lt Richard Burden	
	Sons of The American Legion	Jeff Johnson, Detachment Commander	
	The American Legion Auxiliary	Doris Theiss, Department President	
		Debbie Collins, NEC	
	Jr Auxiliary	Lexis Escudero, President (Incoming)	
	Disabled American Veterans	Manuel Rodriguez, Commander	
	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Dennis Dole, Commander	
	Korean War Veterans	Norm Ross, Commander	
	40 et 8	Joe Aguilar, Grand Chef de Gare	
	20 et 4	Beth Nehring, Director VIP	
	8 & 40	Judy Yates, Departmental Chapeau	
	Arizona Dept of Veterans Services	Joey Strickland, Director	
	VA Regional Office	Sandy Flint, Director	
	Eagle Scout Award	Ariel Rodriguez to Bradley Garr	
	Candidate for National Commander	Fang Wong, New York	
	US Court of Appeals - Veterans Claims	Honorable Judge, Alan G. Lance, Sr. PNC	
	Keynote Speaker	William F. Schrier, National Vice Commander	

### Membership Challenge

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Friday June 24, 2011

7:00am	Membership Breakfast	100% Post, District, Area Vice Cmdrs	Post 34
8:30-11:30	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	Saguaro I
8:30am	Historian's Seminar	Jeri Strande	Palo Verde I
	Judge Advocates' Seminar	Ole Bjerck	Ocotillo
	Constitution & By-Laws	Neal Sundeen	Ironwood
	Resolutions	Jim Burke	
	VA&R Commission		Saguaro II
	Rehabilitation	Mike Espinosa	
	Employment	Tony Valenzuela	
	Cemetery	Mel Zacko	
	Club Committee	Bud Hansing	Saguaro IV
	Membership Committee	Ken Dowse	Palo Verde II
	Children & Youth Commission		Saguaro V
	Children & Youth	Steve Seney	
	Education	Gary Nelson	
	ALLECA	Dan Palmer	

Friday continued

	Jr Shooting Sports	Mike Jurczak	Red Horse Saloon
	National Security Commission		
	National Security	Shaun Shields	
	POW/MIA	Phil Johnson	
	Law & Order	Scott Miller	
10:00am	Convention & Conference Committee	Louis Pellon	Saguaro IV
	Americanism Commission		Saguaro II
	Americanism	Charles Vawter	
	Baseball	Rollin Kohrs / Tom Kusek	
	Boy Scouts	Ariel Rodriguez	
	Boys State	Charles Vawter	
	Citizens Flag Alliance	Maria Currie	
	Trophies & Awards	Bob Nixon	Palo Verde I
	Oratorical Chairman Meeting	Roger Munchbach	Palo Verde II
	Legislative Committee	Paul Griffin	Palo Verde III
	Legislative Council -Immediately Following	Neal Sundeen	Palo Verde III
	Bingo Committee	Andy Jaime	Ironwood
	Public Relations Commission		Saguaro V
	Public Relations	Bill Pakinkis	
	Press Association	Ron Murphy	
11:30	Lunch		
1:00-5:00	Service Officers Seminar	Art Brest, Department Service Officer	Saguaro IV-V
1:30 pm	Convention Reconvenes	Dick Perry, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	Veterans Court Mentor Program	Robert Tencer	
	Constitution & By-Laws Report	Neal Sundeen	
	Resolutions Report	Jim Burke	
	Legislative Report	Paul Griffin	
	Children & Youth Report	Steve Seney	
	National Security Report	Shaun Shields	
	POW/MIA Report	Phil Johnson	
	Law and Order	Scott Miller	
	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	
	Legionnaire Insurance Trust	John Aldecoa	
4:00 pm	Honor Guard Captains Meeting	Mel Zacko (Re: National Cemetery)	Palo Verde I
5:30 pm	PALS Dinner		Post 34

Saturday, June 25, 2011

8:30am	SAL Convention	Jeff Johnson, Commander	Cholla I
8:00am	Convention Reconvenes	Dick Perry, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	US Court of Appeals /Veterans Claims	PNC Alan Lance, Judge	
	Membership Report & Awards	Ken Dowse	
	Trophies & Awards Report	Bob Nixon	
	Convention & Conference Report	Louis Pellon	
	Club Committee Report	Bud Hansing	
	Americanism Report	Charles Vawter	
	VA&R Committee Report	Mike Espinoza	
10:30am	Area A Caucus	Al Miller, Vice Commander	Saguaro IV
	Area B Caucus	Jim Burke, Vice Commander	Saguaro I
	Area C Caucus	Ann Seney, Vice Commander	Saguaro V
	Immediately Following		
	Women Legionnaire Cuacus		
11:30am	Lunch	Dick Perry / Ann Seney	Saguaro V
1:30-4:00	Commander & Adjutant Training	GNUTS Luncheon	Post 34
4:15 pm	40 et 8	Dick Perry / John Aldecoa	Cholla I
5:00 pm	20 et 4	Joe Aguilar, Grand Chef	Palo Verde II
		Beth Nehring, Director VIP	Palo Verde I

Sunday June 26, 2011

8:30am	Joint Memorial Service	Carol Stensby, Chaplain	Opera House
		Sherry Hall, Auxiliary Chaplain	
9:30am	Convention Reconvenes	Dick Perry, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	SAL Report	SAL Liaison	
	Final Convention Report	Louis Pellon	
	Election of Department Officers:		
		Commander	
		3 Vice Commanders	
		Dick Perry	
		Louis Pellon	
		Newly Elected Commander	
		John Aldecoa, Adjutant	
		Carol Stensby, Chaplain	
		Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
		Newly Elected Commander	
1:00pm	PDC Luncheon	Dick Perry, Host	Post 107

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

# Legion Members Help Homeless Veteran

A call was received at Christopher J. Lapka, American Legion Post 105 about a Desert Storm Veteran who needed help.

Robert had been homeless for over a year and had just received assistance getting into an apartment. He had nothing but his backpack and was sleeping on the floor.

We put signs up around the post and our members responded. In less than 12 days we had collected five truck loads of furniture, dishes, pots and pans, TV, towels and appliances.

Our ALR and members donated a \$160 gift card from Wal-Mart and delivered everything to Robert's new apartment on Saturday. Robert was very shy and treasured the new and used items donated to help him furnish his new home off the streets. May God continue to bless Robert and help him adjust to his new life.

Thank You to all who help those less fortunate.

Rev. Skip Plapp  
Sr. Vice Commander, Post 105



## Bill Schneider Gets His "Honor" Flight

Bill Schneider was born and raised in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin and enlisted in the Coast Guard June 1942 and served until February 1946. He was Chief Gunners Mate on a DE390 (Destroyer Escort). After being discharged from the Coast Guard he became a mailman and retired after 30 years. He was also an entertainer with a band; something he had been doing since he was 18 years old. Bill is a member of John J. Morris Post #62 in Peoria and served as our Department Chaplain a few years ago among other offices.

Bill had read an article about something called the Honor Flight in the National Legion Magazine. The goal of the Honor Flight is "to pay homage to our WWII heroes by supporting them on their 3-day journey of honor and remembrance to their memorial at No cost to them". Bill became very interested and called to get an application, filled it out and then waited. After five months and still no word, he called a friend of his at the Sky Harbor Veterans Hospitality Room to ask if anyone there could get some answers on how long it took, etc. After some more waiting, he was notified that he was on the list to go. The S.A.L. Squadron #62 sponsored Bill without any hesitation (cost is \$850.00). You could just tell by the expression on his face that he was very excited about going.

Each veteran that goes on the Honor Flight has a "guardian" that is with them throughout the whole trip. Bill's guardian was Dick Kurbot and it was Dick's first trip with the veterans (his son had done this six times). The guardians pay their own way on these trips. The trip is three days/two nights and everything (flight, hotel, banquet, tours) is already arranged.

Bill was telling me about the reception that the



veterans got everywhere they went. They were going to board the plane at Sky Harbor and it was announced that WWII Veterans were flying to see their memorial in Washington, D.C. People clapped, shook their hands, touched their shoulder and thanked them for the service. He especially remembers when they were in the Rotunda at the Capitol and there were Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts standing their saluting them and thanking them for serving our country.

I asked Bill what his first thoughts were when he arrived at the memorial; his answer, without any hesitation was "Elegant in its simplicity". Every state has a pillar and in between them are pillars with quotes from famous people. A reflecting pool is in the center of the pillars which form a circle where you have a great view of the Washington Monument which dominates everything. The Veterans toured the Mall and got to see all of the monuments. Bill was really impressed with the Korean Memorial stating that there were 19 soldiers casting 19 shadows equaling the 38th Parallel (Korea, 1950-1953). As they went by the Iwo Jima Memorial on the tour bus, he said that the bus went to slow that it gave the optical illusion of the American Flag being fully raised. He was just amazed by that. Bill then started talking about the Vietnam Wall. He hesitated and I could see the emotion in his eyes as he spoke about the nurse holding the soldier at the end of the Wall. It was very emotional for him, so emotional that I had chills and tears along with him.

# Are You Ready for the Convention Competition?

Is your history book ready to put to bed???????

If you're like me, you're probably "burning the midnight oil" trying to get your history book ready for competition at the Department Convention which is within 60 days. May I suggest that as you go through your book, use a critical eye to assess what you may want to include or exclude!

Are the folks in your pictures identified, have you numbered the pages, are any photos blurry...if your answers are not as they should be, then back to the drawing board! Two other questions you need to ask yourself are:

- Do I intend for the judges to see the #1 Department History Book? or...
- Do I intend the judges to see the # 1 National History Book?

Regardless of your answer, it's imperative that you

review the criteria one more time before you put that book to bed! For those of you who are aiming for the



#1 book at Department, and you do not intend to send the book forward if it is selected, check-out the guidance provided in the Annual Post Report Forms Packet – the criteria is clearly stated along with your category which is based on post membership.

If your goal is National, along with being the 1st place

winner at Department, I highly recommend that you review and closely follow the guidance in the most recent Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, pages 160 - 168. You will note that some of the guidance for the National contest is much more specific.

It's been a fast year... and I hope all of you Post Historians have had fun this year collecting photos, stories and even newspaper clippings to show next year's membership what you accomplished this year. Additionally, I hope to see you at Department Convention. Tentative, the History Training Seminar will be June 24th at 8:30am – I know it's an early class and I promise to try to make it worth your while, plus it gives you time to attend all those other great training classes!

Until Convention,  
Jeri Strande  
Department Historian 2010-2011

## Ceremonial Team Represents the Legion At Many Events

The American Legion Post #19 Ceremonial Team met at American Legion Post #56 for its annual dinner on 22 March 2011. In all, 18 members were present along with their ladies. This dinner is held yearly and paid for by donations and contributions. The team is comprised of 26 Legion members (seven are from Post #56). Most are retired military and some are retired members from the civilian community plus members that are still employed.



*H.H. Donkersely Post #19 Ceremonial Team*

The team participates whenever called upon. Their uniform consists of navy blue or black trousers, white short sleeved shirt, Legion cap and Legion bolo tie. During the summer months, a white pith helmet replaces the Legion cap. The members provide their own uniforms except for patches, flags, belts and other accessories which are provided at the team's expense.

The team pays Honors for any deceased veteran by posting colors at the funeral homes or grave site. The Chaplain offers the final prayer; the flag is folded and is presented to the Chaplain who in turn presents it to the next of kin. The rifle team fires three volleys and then Taps is played. The team Commander then presents three polished brass casings to the next of

kin with the following comments: "These three casings represent the three volleys that were fired in his/her honor. Please accept these in memory of your loved one's service to God and Country. God Bless You".

The team also participates in our local Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day ceremonies, flag raisings, Flag Day, Post Everlasting Ceremony, Naturalization Ceremonies and Flag Disposal Ceremonies.

During the year, the man hours expended are 2,000 plus and miles traveled are 2,600-2,800. The approximate yearly cost is \$6,300.00. Awards are presented at the Post's Annual Birthday Ball Banquet for their participation and appreciation.

### Assisting Veterans with VA Disability Claims - Appeals Only\*

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\*Federal law permits the payment of attorney fees by the veteran for assistance with any VA claim if Notice of Disagreement is filed after June 20, 2007.

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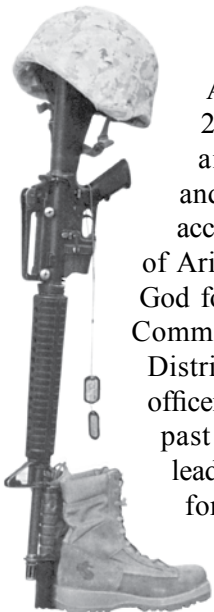
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Michael Ettinger  
Randall D Isom  
Harold K Reed  
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Carl A Jensen  
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John Cooper  
Donald S Doughty  
Keith E Ewing  
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Thomas P Cupan  
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Vito P Gerardo  
Michael Grady  
William Gusias  
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William Holland  
Milton W Hood  
Allen E Hultquist  
Ronald A Huscher  
Stefan Koczerzuk  
Wheeler L Mackie  
Benny J Maxwell  
Ronald E McLaughlin  
Marvin McPike  
Robert N Onstott  
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David L Scott  
Henry W Sieck  
John E Stonegerger  
James L Townsend  
Lyle Vandersnick  
Orville D Whitmer  
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Glen H Gabriel  
Bertran L Schlenker  
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Michael E Jackley  
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James C Seed  
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Stanley G Hohman  
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Neil Mortensen  
Susanne M Stearns  
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Derek Mosher  
William E Schaad  
James D Whitfield  
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Reuben Ellingson  
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Chris R Melde  
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William H Bos  
Eugene B Field  
Edward L Moreaux  
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Jack Schneiker

## Chaplain's Corner

# The Sun Is Setting



As the sun sets on the 2010-2011 American Legion year and the moon begins to rise and cast a luminous glow on the accomplishments of our Department of Arizona, I'll ask you all to thank God for the leadership shown by our Commander, Vice Commanders and District and Post Commanders and officers. Unless you have been in the past or are currently serving in a leadership position, there is no way for you to comprehend the time they spend meeting the goals and requirements as set by our Department and National

Organization. It's a daunting job and they deserve lots of kudos for their work.

The American Legion is all about service to our Veterans, Children and Youth, Americanism and National Security. From what I've been able to ascertain, we've had a stellar year all thanks to the hard work of each and everyone of you.

Shortly, we will be gathering for our annual convention where we will elect new officers for the coming year. Once again, I'll recommend a one-on-one with your Lord and Savior before attending your Area Caucus and making your final choice. Our incoming officers are of prime importance to the health and welfare of

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# American Legion - Department of Arizona

## Membership Report

### May 18, 2011

Area	Goal	2011	% Goal
A Al Miller	9,445	9,204	97.45
B Jim Burke	19,104	18,163	95.07
C Ann Seney	8,395	7,892	94.01
HQ Dick Perry	6,056	4,291	70.86
Grand Totals:	43,000	39,550	91.98

High Area - A - 97.94%  
 High District - 2 - 99.80%  
 High Post - 137 - 250.00%

#### District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,086	1,029	94.75
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	137	94	68.61
47 Somerton	Somerton	16	10	62.50
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	182	168	92.31
67 Frank Mick	Roll	38	31	81.58
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	48	28	58.33
District Totals		1,507	1,360	90.25

#### District 2 - Commander: Lance Hurst

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	469	395	84.22
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	83	71	85.54
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,388	1,331	95.89
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	319	320	100.31
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,436	1,338	93.18
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	332	334	100.60
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	182	168	92.31
74 Calabasas	Rio Rico	16	2	12.50
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	119	112	94.12
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	683	731	107.03
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	16	16	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	31	25	80.65
125 Yoem	Tucson	27	31	114.81
131 Madera	Green Valley	398	591	148.49
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	103	126	122.33
District Totals		5,602	5,591	99.80

#### District 3 - Commander: Greg Normand

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	329	366	111.25
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	93	110.71
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	47	43	91.49
24 Roy Fourn	Tombstone	630	609	96.67
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	82	86	104.88
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	925	837	90.49
District Totals		2,097	2,034	97.00

#### District 4 - Commander: Jerry Boales

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	231	221	95.67
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	199	145	72.86
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	132	100.00
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	38	43	113.16
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	79	63	79.75
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	29	56	193.10
District Totals		851	802	94.24

#### District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	213	197	92.49
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	116	101	87.07
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	451	373	82.71
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	28	25	89.29
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	87	81	93.10
District Totals		895	777	86.82

#### District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	94	84	89.36
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	162	145	89.51
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	30	19	63.33
37 Navajo	Holbrook	62	63	101.61
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	51	58	113.73
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	512	459	89.65
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	225	196	87.11
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	37	35	94.59
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	16	3	18.75
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	446	411	92.15
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	31	14	45.16
130 Joseph McCarthy	Saint Johns	15	22	146.67
District Totals		1,681	1,509	89.77

#### District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	585	549	93.85
13 Cordova	Williams	129	124	96.12
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	317	303	95.58
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	251	209	83.27
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	17	14	82.35
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	196	197	100.51
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	95	97	102.11
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasut City	1,320	1,310	99.24
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	510	461	90.39
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	122	108	88.52
103 Meadview	Meadview	51	28	54.90
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	25	27	108.00
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
District Totals		3,718	3,509	94.38

#### District 8 - Commander: Doug Keller

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	783	783	100.00
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	790	699	88.48
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	383	358	93.47
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	232	228	98.28
79 Taylor-Keekner	Yarnell	269	269	100.00
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	42	46	109.52
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	305	287	94.10
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	60	127.66
135	Cornville	37	44	118.92
District Totals		2,996	2,874	95.93

#### District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	997	915	91.78
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	63	65	103.17
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	91	73	80.22
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	348	349	100.29

29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,479	1,383	93.51
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	14	14	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	54	52	96.30
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	106	85	80.19
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	641	595	92.82
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,203	2,054	93.24
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	25	15	60.00
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	355	333	93.80
96 Surprise	Surprise	152	153	100.66
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	141	127	90.07
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	624	587	94.07
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	62	63	101.61
134 Laveen	Laveen	42	48	114.29
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	24	60	250.00
District Totals		7,421	6,971	93.94

#### District 12 - Commander: Andy Jaime

Post Name	City	Goal	2011	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	448	420	93.75
26 Mesa	Mesa	1,040	904	86.92
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,492	2,481	99.56
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	307	331	107.82
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	669	604	90.28
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	573	506	88.31
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	799	815	102.00
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,153	1,051	91.15
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	223	212	95.07
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	451	470	104.21
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	38	38	100.00
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	154	144	93.51
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	340	340	100.00
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	333	322	96.70
83 East Mesa	Mesa	110	104	94.55
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	48	41	85.42
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	161	203	126.09
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	547	474	86.65
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	61	64	104.92
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	55	94.83
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	131	181	138.17
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	21	28	133.33
138		19	44	231.58
District Totals		10,176	9,832	96.62

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our Department. Please give it some serious thought and choose wisely.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain this year. We had our share of sad times and glad times. Every day I've served as a Legionnaire, no matter in what capacity, has been a learning experience. I've met so many Family Members who've shown me what can be accomplished when cooperation is the operative word and the Good of The Legion is uppermost in our minds.

I wish you all a safe and productive summer filled with sun and fun. Cherish you families and loved ones. Remember that today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make it count!!

Please remember in your prayers PDC's Louis Pellon and Richard "Pappy" Patton who are currently dealing with some health issues.

For God and Country  
 Carol Stensby, Chaplain  
 Department of Arizona

## New Flag Protection Amendment

The 112th Congress has seen the introduction of a new flag protection amendment. In the House, Representative Joe Ann Emerson (MO) introduced House Resolution 13. It is now important that other house members sign on as co-sponsors.

New members, (Republican) assigned to the House Veterans Affairs Committee are Marlin Stutzman (IN), Bill Flores (TX), Bill Johnson (OH), Jeff Denham (CA), John Runyan (NJ), Dan Benishek (MI), Ann Maria Buerkle (NY), Tim Huelskamp (KS).

The Democrats are not freshmen but some reshuffling of old members has taken place. It would be wise to contact freshmen members to let them know how we feel about a flag protection amendment.

Although Veteran's Affairs has many priorities, it will favor protecting our precious symbol. The House VA website is [www.veterans.house.gov](http://www.veterans.house.gov).

Fly your Flag,  
 Maria F. Currie, C.F.A. Chairman

# A Year of Challenge

My fellow Legionnaires, this will be my last article and I wish to thank all of you for the support that you gave to our American Legion this year. As the voice of the old superman series stated, "faster than a speeding bullet", was the way this year passed.

I enjoyed my visits that I could attend to our Posts, District meetings and other events such as the Yuma Run, the Northern Run, the Ira H. Hayes Commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising, Safford for Veterans Day as a speaker, the District 2, Area A and Department



Oratorical competitions as well as many others. I intend to visit Boys State and ALLECA in June. This enjoyment came from the wonderful and friendly reception I received from our Legion Family. Thank you.

On the solemn side, I attended many memorials of close friends and associates as I know we all did. All of our fellow fallen comrades are irreplaceable to us and our family. Please show your respect and attend their memorial services when you can.

With an exceptional loss of members this year, it has taken a toll on our overall membership. We did not make the National 100% goal on May 11th. In fact, only one state made that goal out of 55 Departments. As of this writing, the Department of Arizona is in 18th place out of the 55 Departments and in 4th place in the Western Region out of 15 Departments. This is not bad with all things considered. I know we can maintain these positions and raise our numbers before our Department Convention and the National Convention in August.

Again, thank you for your efforts this year and I ask that you continue to support our Department next year with your new Commander and Membership Director. I hope to see many of you at the Department Convention on June 23rd through 26th. I hope that many of you will attend the membership session on Friday the 24th.

I would like to hear your thoughts on ways to improve

our membership. Remember membership never ends so keep signing up new members right on through the summer.

I look forward to continue to serve you and our American Legion in the future and am always available to try to assist you whenever possible. God speed to all of our Legion Family.

For God and Country,  
Ken Dowse, Membership Director

## Louie Romero for Department Commander 2011 - 2012



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