

## **Two Words**

Traditionally, this space is reserved for the Department Commander to raise awareness about important American Legion programs. This issue, we are doing something a little different that we believe is very significant.

Our message is to remember the value of saying "Thank You". In volunteer organizations like The American Legion, that is often the only compensation for a job well done. To those currently serving our country in uniform, a little bit of unsolicited gratitude can go a long way toward easing the often lonely tension of wartime service far from home. As for us older veterans, we learned that a company interested in learning what makes Legionnaires tick found that it certainly wasn't

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money or fame, but gratitude and remembrance. This makes a lot of sense, we see it everywhere and know our fellow Legionnaires do too.

We see it in the way the Post Historian carefully assembles a scrapbook of photos, news clips and event programs year after year; a half century after fighting at the frozen Chosin Reservoir. We see it at the front desk of the VA Medical Center where the same clutch of Legionnaires and Auxiliary members can always be found helping patients and families get where they need to go. When U.S. flags magically appear for patriotic holidays along your town's main street, chances are some unassuming veteran with a good pickup truck made it happen; wanting nothing in return except the satisfaction of having done something that needed doing.

When elected to lead our Department, we stand before the Convention delegates and thank them. Mark Twain wrote that "kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." An unknown author wrote that "the two most important words are 'thank you.' The one most important word is; 'we.' The least important *Commander continued page 2* 

### Santa and Elves Deliver "Presents" to MANA House

Santa and his elves from Christopher J. Lapka Post #105 American Legion Family were very busy on Sunday, December 18th assisting the Madison Street Veterans Association. Six trucks and a few cars were loaded up with boxes full of sweatshirts, jackets, clothes, boots and shoes, toiletry items, snacks, and canned food. One of the Auxiliary members donated 300 blankets for the outreach program.

These items were donated by the members and collected throughout the past few months and delivered to the MANA House for homeless Veterans. The trucks were led by Santa and his elves (American Legion Riders), it was chilly but they didn't mind. When Santa arrived, the Veterans came out and helped everyone unload the trucks and they were really excited to see the amount of items that were given to them. They also received bus passes and cash for each Veteran living at the MANA House and a check was also presented to the Director, Terry Araman. What a great Christmas for these Veterans and for the volunteers!

\*Editor's note: Thanks John for the ride...it was fun!



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## Resolve To Make A Plan and Stick To It!

So, you're still thinking about that New Year's resolution that traditionally comes on the first of the year...well I've always found that a commitment to making a change for the "good" can come at any time. If you're still pondering whether you should make a resolution to write your Post's history, then **STOP** wondering and make a plan to start writing!

I can't disagree that you've lost some valuable time by procrastinating, but you still have six months to get it together and now is the time while Thanksgiving and Christmas are still fresh in your mind.

The first place to start is with your Commander; ensure that the Historian job is still open someone else may have been appointed to the position and if so, talk with that person... she or he may need an assistant, that could be YOU!

If the job is still open, then your next moves should be:

**Step 1** – search out the Post/Auxiliary/ Sons/ALR project person/s for the recent Thanksgiving activities – dinner, gift baskets, etc.

**Step 2** – follow Step 1 for Christmas activities. I promise you, with a couple of phone calls



to the right person, you'll have enough information and photos that will put you even with those of us who started working our histories from "day one!" Just remember with a plan and determination, it's never too late to resolve for a change that is for the greater good.

In closing, I want to leave you with a reminder that if you were unable to attend my yearbook training class at Fall Conference and would like a copy of the handout that I put together, PLEASE contact me at either 928-649-3374 or email me at: <u>sicily84@cableone.net</u> and I'll mail you one. The purpose of the handout is to give you ideas, suggestions and guidance which may be helpful to you as the Post Historian and...as my dear old mamma used to say "just because you date a fellow, don't mean you gotta' marry him", *translation* - take a look at your options (to include the handout), before you commit to any thing or any one style!

Until next time, Jeri Strande, Department Historian

## **Scouting Program Growing**

It has been a very good year for The American Legion Scouting Program.

Three new Scouting Units have been chartered by American Legion Posts in Arizona. A Cub Scout Pack was chartered at Post 15 in Winslow thanks to Commander Hernandez and also through the fine efforts of James Brown, Department Scouting Committee member from Post 3 in Flagstaff. A Venturing Crew was started at Post 44 in Scottsdale, and at Post 32 in Safford. We are still working on getting a Crew at Post 29 in Glendale where the Post has recently started a Junior Shooting Sports Team.

Area A has also done a good job with their program providing flags to newly awarded Eagle Scouts. It is through the efforts of Ed Davis, Ken Smith and David Raymond and others that this program is working. Area B's units have yet to award a flag. We have the program in force. We just need to know when a prospect is ready to recieve his flag. Any Post that sponsors a scout unit with a boy that is eligble to recieve this honor can apply. If you know of anyone, please contact me.

We have one project that needs to be addressed before the Legion year ends. Memorial Day is fast apporching, we would like to make sure all Veterans graves have flags placed on them for Memorial Day. If you as a Post are interested, I can give you the names of the Scout District Executives to make this happen. There are enough boys and girls in Scouting to accomplish this project. Alone in the Valley there are some 58 cemeteries. Most of the larger cemeteries like National, Greenwood and Resthaven Commander continued from page 1

word is "I."

With that in mind, please think about that special person or persons in your community. It might be a veteran or a member of the National Guard or Reserve who never complained about the number of deployments that led to missed birthdays or anniversaries. It might be a family who weathers the stress of a loved one at war or struggles to find a job in this difficult economy. It might be a teacher who always does a great job preparing students to compete in The American Legion Oratorical Contest or the local newspaper reporter who never forgets to publish stories about it.

It's certainly the young man or woman in the military uniform pacing nervously at the airport or train station, in transit from one training installation to another, or from a training installation to a combat outpost.

Please walk up and thank them for their service to our great country. Remember to send a card from time to time. Let them know that when good people humbly sacrifice their time and energy or even risk their lives for the benefit of others, we have a couple of words we'd like to share; "THANK YOU".

For God and Country, George Cushing, Commander

are already covered. It is the smaller ones that need help with flag placement. A list is available for all cemeteries in Maricopa County. Please contact me if your Post is interested.

I would like to wish everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Thanks to the Scouting Committee members for all of their efforts as well.

Please don't forget the Eagle Scout of the Year Award. Applications are available at <u>legion.org</u> and at Department Headquarters and need to be submitted to Department by March 1, 2012.

For God and Country, Wayne Chatfield Scouting Committee Chairman whiskeycharlie2503@yahoo.com Cell Phone 602 803-6048

# Heading To 100% Goal

Happy New Year TEAM ARIZONA! We are in the second half of our Legion year and my goodness, how time flies when you're having fun. We hope that everyone had a little break and now, we are back on the race track to 100%. We didn't make our December goal of 75% but TEAM, I have faith we will make 100% and I know you do too. BIG THANKS to everyone who has been working so hard to get the membership into Department. Ms. Sheila loves to get envelopes full of membership renewals and new members; just ask her, she'll tell you.

Since we are now in the New Year, <u>everyone</u> should have their 2012 cards and if you don't, you need to fix that today...right now! When folks come in the Posts, make sure they have their current card and if not, help them to get it. We all get caught up in our busy day-today lives and sometimes we forget (I call it brain farts). We should be at 100% before the end of February in my calculations; we actually should have hit that number the end of December, especially with renewals. Make sure each Post sends in the members' money to Department; this is vital! Your members want their current card; make it happen!

Our Commander has been traveling to our Posts throughout Arizona, fulfilling a promise he made while campaigning; that he would be back and darned if he isn't making that promise good. We got that honor at our January meeting and what a treat it was to see George and Jan at Post 109! While speaking, Commander Cushing talked about our Four Pillars and this information has gone out in our All Post mailings. Do you know the Four Pillars of The American Legion? Just in case you don't, they are: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. This is what we were founded on; these are our principles. Now if you're sitting there rolling your eyes and thinking; here we go, I know all this stuff, I've heard it for years; well, here it is again.

With all the activities and celebrations at our Post, we need to stay grounded on what we stand for. These are the topics we discuss when we talk to and recruit our members. The dinners and drinks are fun but where are we concentrating our efforts? We have lost almost one million (yes, one million) members since WWII and I guarantee it isn't all due to Post Everlasting. Have you contacted members that haven't renewed and asked them WHY? Remember...JUSTASK! There are reasons people aren't renewing or joining and you'll never know why if you don't just get out there and find out. I have spoken about the <u>mylegion.org</u> site where you can download reports; please make sure your Post has an account - it's free!!!



At the Fall Conference, our National Commander put the Four Pillars in a pretty cool perspective and I'd like to share it. Think of a large jar and in it, you put four large rocks, representing the Four Pillars. Is the jar full? No, because you add numerous pebbles that fill in the gaps around these large four rocks, representing our members. Is the jar full? No it isn't; you add sand that fills in the space around the pebbles, representing all the volunteer hours worked. Is the jar full yet? No, because now it's time to add some liquid to celebrate our accomplishments. Now the Legion jar is full with the Four Pillars, members, hours worked and liquid of choice. If you start off filling that jar with liquid and forget what we stand for, we've lost the foundation that our forefathers started in 1919.

We all know The American Legion is a great organization and we love giving back to those with a greater need, still serving our Great Nation. Don't lose that spirit; don't lose being positive and sharing stories about the great things your Posts are doing. Nothing happens without our membership; without you. Al and I have been traveling throughout our great state and we've enjoyed so many fun times. You are all doing so much and we know everyone was busy over the holiday season with activities to raise funds. In the December 16<sup>th</sup> Dispatch, National asked us to tell our story. They want to share your Post's holiday generosity in the December 2012 issue of The American Legion Magazine. Send a description of what your Post did along with a contact person's name and phone number, to Assistant Editor Laura Edwards at ledwards@legion. org...share your stories!

Let's make 100% right away, keep our members, and mentor new members into our Posts. TEAM ARIZONA has a lot to offer and we need you to stay a part of The American Legion Family and gain strength through numbers. Thank you for all that you do; it truly means a lot. Take care and God Bless.

For God and Country, Jackie Salter-Miller (Your Membership "Mom")

## **Oratorical Contest Dates and Times**

Post 27 (Local) Sat., February 11, 2012, 10 a.m. American Legion Post 27 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

District 11(Western Phoenix Metro) Sat. February 18, 2012, 10 a.m. American Legion Post 29 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Dr., Glendale, AZ 85311

District 12 (Eastern Phoenix Metro) Sat. February 18, 2012, 10 a.m. American Legion Post 27 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Northern & Eastern AZ (Area C) Sat. February 18, 2012, 11 a.m. Prescott VA Medical Center--Auditorium Bldg. 15 500 N. Hwy 89, Prescott, AZ 86313

District 2 (Tucson) Sun., February 19, 2012, 1 p.m. American Legion Post 109 15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

Area B (winners from District 11 and 12 plus Yuma) Sat. February 25, 2012, at 10 a.m. American Legion Post 44 7145 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Southern Arizona (Area A) Sun., February 26, 2012, at 1 p.m. American Legion Post 109 15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

> State Finals (winners from Areas A, B, and C) Sat. March 3, 2012, at 10 a.m. Ahwatukee Recreation Center (hosted by American Legion Post 64) 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85044

## USS Radford DD/DDE 446 Association Looking For Former Crew Members

The USS Radford was in commission from 1942-1969 and was honored to receive 26 Battle Stars.

Since the founding of the association in 1991, over 1,400 crew members have been located.

They recently relocated the USS Radford National Naval Museum to the USS Orleck in Lake Charles, Louisiana. A newsletter is published three times a year and they have an annual reunion.

For more information, please contact Charles A. "Chuck" Parsons (62-66 BTC USS Radford) (304) 927-0094 or email at kjp263@localnet.com.

# **Veteran's Day Around the State**



 Pearl Harbor Survivors Association



2011 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade





Commander George and Jan Cushing in the Tucson Veteran's Day Parade.





### Daisy Mountain Veterans Day Parade

Greenway High School NJROTC Drill Team demonstrating what they do best.

Department Commander George Cushing, Department Auxiliary President, Sharon Doran and VFW State Commander, Tim Borland.

Photos: Stephen Goodman

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## 70th Anniversary Ceremony of Pearl Harbor Bombing

Above: Beth Nehring, 20 & 4 Director VIP Echelon 35; Judi Beischel, 20 & 4 National Director VIP; George Cushing, Department Commander and John Aldecoa, Department Adjutant (20 & 4 is the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires)

Below: Pearl Harbor Survivors presenting a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Phoenix.

Photos: Sheryl Fricke





(L to R) Tony Rigney, Post 36 Commander; 'Mo' Mulholland, Post Sgt-at-Arms and Christmas basket Co-Chairman; Vicki Harke, Bravely Waiting; Dave Klages Christmas Basket Co-Chairman; and Ken Dowse, Post Judge Advocate (and candidate for Department Commander 2012-2013)

#### John P. Burns Post #36 Assists Bravely Waiting

During the Christmas season of giving, John P. Burns Post #36 of Tucson, gave Bravely Waiting \$2,500.00 in \$50.00 gift certificates to Fry's Food Stores and at least a dozen boxes of food. Bravely Waiting is a tax free organization in Tucson that assists the families of deployed service members. These gifts were in addition to the food baskets presented to needy veterans' families. Dave Klages and "Mo" Mulholland presented the items to Vickie Harke who is in charge of Bravely Waiting.

Submitted by Tony Rigney and Dale Schunke, Post Historian



#### Bob Bloom Recognized

American Legion Department of AZ Area "C" Vice Commander, Bill Dawson (left), & American Legion Auxiliary Unit 81 President, Judy Harvey (right), honor Pearl Harbor survivor, Bob Blum, with a "Thank You for Your Service" coin on Veterans' Day 2011 at

American Legion Post 81.

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\*Federal law <u>permits</u> 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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## Post **Everlasting**

Harold E Bryant Allan D Colletti Harold L Dimke Vincent F Hertzing Randall R Ranstead Woodrow J Wilson 2 Henry A Wedell 3 Michael Blair Billy C Honahni Joan L Jensen Larry Lukus Eddward L McDevitt John G Montfort Guifford W Moore Wendell Page A H Strasser 4 John A Cronin Dennis R Mason Edwin Powell Francisco Ramirez Velva D Ray Jackie Stanneart Jack Thomas 6 Charles A Hay E J Mason Bruce D Moore Richard H Proper Harold W Wolfe 7 Grant E Jefferies Richard J Loss James F McNulty

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Lloyd Raber Truman Rue 8 John W Banwarth Harry Kopiak 10 Walter N Richardson 11 Ben Flores Raul U Jordan Joe V Rodriguez 12 Paul F Miller 13 John Carillo 14 Ramon S Gonzales Fred E Young 16 William J Franks Joe B Giacoletti 18 Francisco F Guzman 19 Henry C Anaya William S Franks Clifford A Hart Paul S Jones Frank H La Riviere Robert G McMorris David D Nolan Charles M Stein Eldred E Winter 20 Emerson Scott 22 Range D Neilsen 23 Eduardo M Corral 24 William Bouton Russell G Freeman Alfred B Jepson Kelsie E Marquess Herbert M Moor Anthony T Perotti

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Clarence W Hudson Edward Kierznowski Arthur Mainwaring C P Spence Jack S Stalo 26 John D Beck Jack D Brause Daniel J Casillas Donald J Clark Gerald Ellis Willaim F Jostes Gerald D Kearns Jerry R Kennedy Gary R Kremer Robert N Kunkle Richard H Magdaleno Ysmael Manriquez Ronnie W Stauffer Jerald L Stephen Donald R Swisher Fredrick L Wilson 27 William Ashcraft Gary A Blake Howard L Breeden John F Dassinger Robert E Emore Rosalie Hernandez Robert K Johnson Robert F Lenartz Lawrence L McElroy John Schritz Robert Steven Robert L Thompson Richard L Winter 29 William L Babcock Bob L Campbell Gordon L Drake John P Johnson Joyce W Myers Willard M Young 30 Dieter Krueger 31

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Alvin H Dodge 32 William A Bright Gerardo P Smith Joseph L Smith 34 Lee R Ballard 35 Tommy Dean John E Henry Carl Rispoli Ronald F Ritter 36 Warren J Cuny Elinor F Patton Raymond W Whistler 39 Wendy J Tripp-Hams 40 Norman L Litt 41 Arthur Angulo Henry F Blanco Arnulfo Murrieta 42 Louie D Cryts Jim Mc Donel 44 Jack Allison John J Angel Edward P Baltz Harold E Dannenberger Tom Dean John R Dresback **Richard A Duchemin** Edwin W Fleming Robert G Gronemann Bernard L Jacobs Peter J McCarthy Elmer E Miller George Wesley 45 Alan P Sloan 50 Paul Lou

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Thomas H Ellery

Robert C Gallagher

Phillip T Hall

Mark R Mills

Robert E Smith

Homer Williams

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Robert R Samler

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Henry J Hamilton

Stuart D Kush

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Walter Williams

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Francis L Sturgeon

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Carl Auer

Sam E Cobb

Roger M Deangelis

Rob Howes

Roger C Pranske

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Herman Lovato

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Jack A Colombo

Jack W Copp

Leon S Cornell

Garv N Dalessandri

Randall J Daniels

Carl R Duncan

Merle G Groenwold

Francis J Gudgeon

Jerome A Haves

Scott M Honeychurch

Raymond Hoover

D E Klucas

Bernard A Lobenstein

Donald E Siemek

John B Wayne

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Frank Harrison

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Elmos Caston

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Jerold G Gallagher

Frank T Kinch

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John A Baross

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James J Dickson

Moises G Navarrette 69

Alan Eberle

Climith W Rogers

Junior E Stith

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Earl Meyer

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William H Powell

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Jack E Brown

Vic Rivera

Rosendo Vargas

Samuel S White

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Dale E Gifford

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Harry W Dickey

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Earl W Caldwell

Phylliss L Caldwell

Fred Krenkler Edward J Panner 83 James F White 84 Kenneth Terry 87 Jerry C Call Telesforo M Escamilla Charles F Gulbrandsen Art Garner 88 Larry O Wallace 89 William Abrams 91 Russell F Kotila 100 Michael Barton Kennedy Baughman Robert A Billek Lyle Blaker Donald Collins Lawrence Couey Emmett J Douglas Roy Duffey Marshall R Fering John M Flores Stanley W Fogler John H Hay George Howell Thomas N Jones Carl K Karsgor Donald H Le Roy Richard Macaluso Sanford McCall James F Michael Tony Novak Frank Perea Edward W Sheble Fred Shirley Otto Smith Robert C Snyder Charles P Wilson 101 James R Berry James E McDonald John J Ohara James V Sterne Walter W Washchuck Raymond L McKibben 102 Harold Hagman 104 Jack B Hansen 105 Joseph H Handley David H Lehtinen Joseph Parillo 108 Herbert L Carpenter 117 Bradley Linthicum 131 Donald R Damico Gregory R Kozakiewicz Rodney G Stebbins 132 Stuart W Fordyce Dennis L Vandewiele 136 David Romo 138 John M Galuski David M Moreland

### **Chaplain's Corner How To Get Rich Quick GUARANTEED!!!!** highest possible return. Now that I have your attention,

get ready to enjoy more wealth than you've ever imagined. If you don't already have a savings account, open one ASAP and get lots of deposit slips because you're going to need them. Realizing riches doesn't necessarily come easy. It takes diligence, awareness and an open mind that will allow you to consider all possibilities that are available to you. Once you've amassed your wealth, you may begin various ways to invest for the

GETTING STARTED: If you are reading this article, you've been granted the gift of eyesight, have had at least an elementary education enabling you to comprehend the written word and have served your country honorably; you're an American Legionnaire. Get out a deposit slip. Time to start building that wealth. Do you have your health, a roof over your head and food on the table? Ka-ching! Rather than bore you with reminders of just how rich you are, I'll ask you to stop reading now and do a quick review of your life to date. I'm guessing you'll find it's overflowing with

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## **American Legion - Department of Arizona Membership Report** January 18, 2012

Area A Gary Nelson B Judi Beischel C Bill Dawson HQ George Cushing Grand Totals	<b>Goal</b> 9,416 18,575 8,114 6,895 43,000	<b>2012</b> 8,142 15,090 6,647 3,419 33,298	% Goal 86.47 81.24 81.92 49.59 77.44				
High Area A - 85.47% High District - 5 - 89.29% High Post - 138 - 226.67%							
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District 7 - Commander: S	cott Miller			
Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	574	467	81.36
13 Cordova	Williams	127	101	79.53
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	309	251	81.23
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	221	178	80.54
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	7	46.67
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	199	170	85.43
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	98	73	74.49
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,334	1,169	87.63
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	470	380	80.85
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	110	90	81.82
103 Meadview	Meadview	41	29	70.73
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	28	15	53.57
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	24	34	141.67
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	39	30	76.92
136 Yucca	Yucca	23	27	117.39
District Totals		3,612	3,021	83.64
District 8 - Commander: V	Vilbur Ouick			
Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	796	682	85.68
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	713	579	81.21
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	365	338	92.60
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	233	218	93.56
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	273	245	89.74
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	39	82.98
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	294	239	81.29
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	21	87.50
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	80	70	87.50
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	61	38	62.30
135	Cornville	45	45	100.00
District Totals		2,931	2,514	85.77
District 11 – Commander:		~ .		
Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	724	76.29
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	66	33	50.00
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	74	60	81.08
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	352	276	78.41
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,425	1,199	84.14

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riches you never knew you had.

OK, you all have the picture now. So, what's the next step? Investing, of course! Those of you who have spent time investing know that no investment carries a guarantee for success, but if you pay close attention, the rewards will far outpace the losses. Share your love with family and friends - immeasurable rewards! Volunteer your time and some of your riches helping those in need; you'll need more deposit slips. The list could go on endlessly. Use your imagination!

Most importantly, is that you should never forget to thank God for all of the riches you have. It's so easy to take even the smallest gift for granted - just ask someone who has broken a toe. An intact foot seems unimportant until it's broken. And remember to thank the Lord for your many friends and comrades.

On this note, please keep PDCs Pellon, Aguilar, Martinson, Griffin and Phillips at the top of your prayer list. They are all currently dealing with serious health issues.

For God and Country, Carol Stensby, Department Chaplain

### **Upcoming Events**

Hazel Morton

Thomas Tang

Hazelton-Butler

Crandall-Palmer

Dwight Eisenhower

John J. Morris

Sun City West

John H. Harries

105 Christopher J. Lapka128 Daisy Mountain

William Bloys

Frank W. Wright

Mathew B. Juan

Merrill-Mitchell

James O. Shroeder

Lena Vaughn Whitney

Wayne V. McMartin

Irving B. Selmer

124 Guadalupe Veterans

Tony F. Soza

Sipe-Peterson

Fountain Hills

Ahwatukee Travis L. Williams

Sunnyslope

Ira H. Haves

East Mesa

114 Bushmasters

117 Pat Tillman

District Totals

115 North Scottsdale

District 12 - Commander: Jim Ashley

Surprise

134 Laveen

137 Tonopah

District Totals

Post Name

Apache

43

50

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62 72

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27

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39 41

44 55

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Phoenix

Phoenix

Buckeye

Avondale

Peoria

Phoenix

Surprise

Sun City

Phoenix

Anthem

Laveen

Tonopah

City

Mesa

Tempe

Apache Jct

Cave Creek

Chandler

Gilbert

Phoenix

Scottsdale

Sun Lakes

Mesa

Fountain Hills

Ahwatukee

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February 18, 2012 - 12th Annual West-Mitchell Invitation Drill Meet sponsored by Sons of the American legion Squadron #1 Phoenix at the Air Refueling Wing, 3200 East Old Tower Road, Phoenix. Students competing in the Drill Meet are from High School JROTC Units in Arizona and surrounding states as well. Drill Meet starts at 0800. Contact Pete Palandri (602) 820-3237 or Steve Blank (602) 708-3275.

March 24, 2012 - District 11 Veterans Rehab Dinner/ Auction at Earl E. Mitchell Post #29, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale. Beef Stroganoff Dinner Donation \$10.00. No host cocktails 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM Auction 7 PM. For information or to donate items for the Auction, contact Gayle Reed (602) 264-7706.

April 20 & 21, 2012 - Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona 2012 Campout at Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Cottonwood, AZ Tent and RV sites available. For registration and information, contact Dana Dobson, Campout Chairman (480) 603-7099 or Jeff Frain (602) 418-0508.

May 12, 2012 - Department Commander Cushing's Homecoming at Post #29 Glendale starting at 5:30 PM No Host Cocktails; 6:30 PM Dinner. All information will be in the April Legionnaire.

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