

Support Equals Success

My year as your Commander is, sadly, coming to an end. I want to thank each and every one of you for the honor and privilege "TO SERVE" as your Commander. We have completed many jobs and assignments through the support and hard work of our "American Legion Family". Each family member has accomplished so much within their respective organization; this translates to the overall success of our organization and the State of Arizona.

I would like to take a little privilege to thank my wife Jan, she has been my companion, driver, secretary, my sounding board, and my confidant for 39 years. Without her love, support, and sacrifices during our campaign and throughout this year; I could not have

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had this great experience.

Our Adjutant, John Aldecoa, and the Department staff are the best; their support was always needed and very much appreciated. We had fun, which made this a very enjoyable experience.

All of the committee chairpersons, Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders, Post Commanders and fellow legionnaires who worked so diligently to make our great organization complete a very successful year. Our Membership Director Jackie Salter-Miller, along with all of you, did a great job working membership all year long. We had fifty five (55) Posts and three (3) Districts meet or exceed their 100% goal. This was accomplished by every person in every Post doing their share of hard work and attention to details. Thank you so much for all your effort and support; it is always appreciated and noted.

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CALL TO CONVENTION

Call to the 94th Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of Arizona.

By authority of the Department Executive Committee, the 94th Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of Arizona is hereby called to meet in Carefree, Arizona, June 21 - 24, 2012.

The Convention business sessions will be held in the Saguaro Ballroom of the Carefree Resort Hotel in Carefree, Arizona.

The Annual Department Convention is the legislative body of The American Legion, Department of Arizona.

The convention is called for the purpose of setting the programs of The American Legion for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution and Bylaws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

At twelve o'clock noon of the final day or at the conclusion of all other business of the Department Convention, whichever occurs first, on Sunday, June 24, 2012, officers for the ensuing year will be elected, these being the Department Commander, three Department Vice Commanders, National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman in that sequence.

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It's A Wrap!

As our membership year draws to a close, I can only say I hope all you Post Historians have been busy recording it...because the year is "almost a wrap"! Like you, I'm sorting pictures - deciding whether they are clear enough to use, do they reflect the meaning of the event - is there a good overall spread of the membership - not just the Post Commander. Remember, we need to name the folks in the pictures or as many as you can - you may have to research some names - check with the event project officer he or she may be able to help. Captions should be purposeful - tell your readers what's going on. Numbering the pages are essential, if you want a professional looking book- you also need a Table of



Contents and last but not least, don't forget that "pesky" Index – no book is complete without them.

If you get stumped about what goes where, go to your most recent Officer Guide (or call me) and follow the prescribed format provided by National (find it quickest in the Index under "H" - Histories **are Important**) – following their guidance will help you to produce a 1st Place winner – both at the National History Book Contest and at the Department Contest.

I will not be your Department Historian next year; I will miss it...but before I sign-off from the position, I hope that you will join me in my final training class at the Department Convention – the agenda is still being worked, so I can neither tell you the date/time, nor the place, just check the schedule of events when you receive your convention program book and plan to attend. Until then...

Jeri Strande, Department Historian

P.S. <u>All</u> Post Yearbooks and History Books for the contest should be given to Sheila when you arrive at the hotel...normally, she is in the lobby, so she's easy to find!

please contact me as soon as possible.

My Fellow Legionnaires,

This was a very productive year for Legion Scouting in Arizona. Two Legion Square Knots were awarded; one to Jim Larsen from Post 52 in Sierra Vista and one to Stoney Osterreich of Post 138 in Scottsdale. Stoney received his award on May 3rd at the Camelback District Roundtable. Richard Miller, .S.A.L Chairman, was also present. There are now nine Legion Scouters who have received this award in Arizona. Fellow recipients in order, include Ariel Rodriguez Post 2; Herb Pierpan Post 44; Dave Hart Post 1; Richard Miller Post 29; Wayne Chatfield Post 29; Carl Pabst, Jr. Post 27; and Dan Napoliello Post 29. The Legion Square Knot is meant to recoginize the dedication and work for furthering the Scouting Program in The American Legion.

New Scout units in the process of starting up with unit numbers issued but not chartered, are: Venturing Crews for Post 29 and Post 138; new Cub Scout Packs for Post 15 in Winslow and Post 41 in Phoenix; and Boy Scout Troop for Post 62 in Peoria. We have chartered a Venturing Crew for Post 44 in Scottsdale and in Winslow at Post 15. We also have visited a number of Posts giving the Scouting story.

The Flags for Eagles program in "Area A" has been a success. Ed Davis has stated

that they have given out 41 flags to Eagle Scouts in Southern Arizona. Thanks to "Area A" for your efforts. As previously reported, Tim Wiley from Globe was chosen as the Eagle Scout of the Year for Arizona. He will receive his plaque and check at the Department Convention. If you are interested in having Scout units help out in placing flags for Memorial Day, Hope to see everyone at the Department Convention. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters still in harms way.

Wayne Chatfield Legion Scouting Chairman whiskeycharlie2503@yahoo.com cell #602 803-6048

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Our Legion Rider Chapters do a wonderful job in raising funds and items for our veterans as well as monies for the Legacy Scholarship Fund to help the children of our fallen comrades. They bring in new members to all three branches of The American Legion Family.

We are beginning to see more and more women veterans joining our organization and taking more active rolls within our Posts.

We need to continue to attract our younger veterans to join us in serving our fellow veterans and their families. We need to talk with them to see what their interests are; there is something in this organization for everyone. We need to match them with one of our programs and get their involvement.

"TO SERVE"

Treat everyone fairly, Obey the laws of the land, Solve problems, Explore possibilities, Respect differences, Value cost, Energize others to serve.

This was my theme; I believe we did it. Thank you for all your accomplishments this year.

Our future as The American Legion Family is in good hands. Thank you all for caring.

For God and Country, George Cushing Department Commander



The American Legion Department of Arizona Annual Convention - June 21-24, 2012 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 21th Noon until 5:30PM Friday, June 22th 7:00AM until 5:30PM Saturday, June 23th 7:00AM until 3:00PM Sunday, June 24th 7:00AM until 9:00AM

Special Events:

Law & Order

Golf Tournament, Thursday, Check In At 6:30AM, Shotgun Start 7:00AM *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 GNUTS Luncheon, Saturday, 11:30AM, Post 34 PDC Luncheon, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Post 107

VA&R + SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR - Friday...1:00PM to 3:00PM...

Thursday, June 21, 2011 EVENT SPEAKER CHAIRMAN TIME LOCATION 2:30pm **Finance Committee Meeting** Rollin Kohrs, Chairman Palo Verde 1 4:00pm **Rules** Committee Joe Aguilar, NEC Palo Verde 1 6:00pm Joint Opening Session Saguaro Ballroom Call to Order George Cushing, Department Commander Advancement of Colors Color Guard Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms Carol Stensby, Chaplain Invocation Pledge of Allegiance All Preamble to Constitution All Opening Remarks George Cushing, Commander Call to Convention John Aldecoa, Adjutant Report of Rules Committee Joe Aguilar, NEC Welcome, Host Post 117 Larry Cox, Commander Greetings: Mayor. City of Carefree David Schwan WL Foster, Detachment Commander Sons of The American Legion Steve Blank, National Vice Commander The American Legion Auxiliary Sharon Doran, Department President Doris Theiss, NEC Carmen Metzer, National Vice President Lexis Escudero, Jr. AuxilliaryPresident Disabled American Veterans Manuel Rodriguez, Commander Tim Borland, Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Norm Ross, Commander Korean War Veterans Ronald Capek, Commander MOPH 40 et 8 Dick Perry, Grand Chef de Gare 20 et 4 Beth Nehring, Director VIP Judi Beischel, National Director VIP 8 & 40 Rachel Crawford, Departmental Chapeau Arizona Dept of Veterans Services Joey Strickland, Director VA Regional Office Sandy Flint, Director Wayne Chatfield, Chairman Eagle Scout Award Candidate for National Commander Jim Koutz, Indiana Keynote Speaker Dan Wheeler, National Adjutant Membership Challenge **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW** Friday June 22, 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 Palo Verde I Jeri Strande Judge Advocates' Seminar Ole Bierk Ironwood **Constitution & By-Laws** Neal Sundeen Palo Verde II Resolutions Jim Burke Saguaro IV **Club Committee** Bud Hansing Membership Committee Jackie Salter-Miller Cholla I Children & Youth Commission Saguaro V Children & Youth Steve Senev Education Gary Nelson ALLECA Dan Palmer Jr Shooting Sports Mike Jurczak National Security Commission Saguaro III Shaun Shields National Security POW/MIA Phil Johnson

Scott Miller

Friday continued 10:00am Convention & Conference Committee John Aldecoa Saguaro IV Americanism Commission Saguaro II Americanism Charles Vawter Baseball Rollin Kohrs / Tom Kusek Wavne Chatfield Scouting 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 Larry Bahill Palo Verde III Palo Verde III Legislative Council -Immediately Following Neal Sundeen Bingo Committee Andy Jaime Ironwood Public Relations Commission Saguaro V Public Relations Bill Pakinkis Press Association Ron Murphy 11:30 Lunch 1:00-3:00 Service Officers Seminar Art Brest, Department Service Officer Saguaro IV-V VA&R Commission Saguaro II Rehabilitation Mike Espinosa Employment Tony Valenzuela Cemeterv Mel Zacko 1:30 pm **Convention Reconvenes** George Cushing, Commander Saguaro Ballroom **Credentials Report** Marge Ahrens United States Military Educators Association Mike Ramlogan **Constitution & By-Laws Report** Neal Sundeen **Resolutions Report** Jim Burke Legislative Report Larry Bahill **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 Palo Verde I Mel Zacko Saturday, June 23, 2011 8:30am **SAL Convention** WL Foster, Commander Cholla I **Convention Reconvenes** George Cushing, Commander 8:00am Saguaro Ballroom **Credentials Report** Marge Ahrens Membership Report & Awards Jackie Miller Trophies & Awards Report Bob Nixon **Convention & Conference Report** John Aldecoa **Club Committee Report** Bud Hansing Americanism Report Charles Vawter VA&R Committee Report Mike Espinoza Saguaro IV 10:00am Area A Caucus Gary Nelson, Vice Commander Area B Caucus Judi Beischel, Vice Commander Saguaro I Area C Caucus Bill Dawson, Vice Commander Saguaro V Immediately Following Area B Ann Seney / Gabe Forsberg, ADVS **Women Legionnaire Meeting** Saguaro I 11:30am Lunch GNUTS Luncheon Post 34 1:30-3:30 Commander & Adjutant Training George Cushing / John Aldecoa Cholla I 4:00 pm Dick Perry, Grand Chef Palo Verde II 40 et 8 5:00 pm 20 et 4 Beth Nehring, Director VIP Palo Verde I Sunday June 24, 2011 Carol Stensby, Chaplain 8:30am Joint Memorial Service Saguaro Ballroom Josie Herrara, Auxiliary Chaplain 9:30am **Convention Reconvenes** George Cushing, Commander Saguaro Ballroom **Credentials Report** Marge Ahrens SAL Liaison, Steve Allen SAL Report **Final Convention Report** John Aldecoa **Election of Department Officers:** Commander 3 Vice Commanders George Cushing Dan Wheeler, National Adjutant **Farewell Speech** Installation of Officers Acceptance Speech Newly Elected Commander Announcements John Aldecoa, Adjutant Benediction Carol Stensby, Chaplain **Retirement of Colors** Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms **Executive Committee Meeting** Newly Elected Commander 1:00pm PDC Luncheon George Cushing, Host Post 107

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

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Above: Senator Jack Harper with Jerry Schultz Post 122 Honor Guard holding the plaque to be

placed on top of the monument.

June 2012



Photos by Pat Williamson

Standard Bearers for AZ Legionnaires

The Color and Honor Guards from the following Posts have worked together on several events. Recently, they were at the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Remembrance Parade hosted by Post 84 in Sacaton, AZ.

LtoR: Ricardo Leonard, Commander Bushmasters Post 114; Jim Kerr; Tom Jackson; Steve Sprehe; Fred Meyer; & Dave Gray Bushmasters Post 114-SRPMIC; Joe Heller, Commander-Gilbert Post 39; & Lew Payne, Post 39 Color Guard Commander.





Birthdays and Awards

Above: Maria Currie & Department Commander George at the Birthday & Awards Banquet at H.H. Donkersley Post 19, Yuma

Below LtoR: Bob Carey, Director-ALR Chapter 19; Commander George; Terry Greene-Commander, Post 19; Brion Caley-Commander, Squadron 19; Sharon Doran, Auxiliary Department President; W. L. Foster-S.A.L. Detachment Commander; & Margaret Greene, Auxilliary President-Unit 19.



AZ HEARTS for HEROES Bears for Fallen Warriors Comfort Survivors



AZ HEARTS for HEROES was formed to provide a form of closure for the survivors of fallen warriors including military, firefighters and law enforcement.

The bears are handcrafted by Stuffington Bear Factory from the personal clothing of the fallen warrior and donated to the children or surviving family member as a life-long memento.

There is a strong emotional attachment and that's what it is intended for. The idea came about through a discussion with the Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator for the AZ Army National Guard, on how to establish a process that would assist closure for survivors after having experienced the loss of a loved one.

It is our hope that we can provide this program on a national basis which can only be accomplished through the generosity of donors and sales of our Challenge Coins and patches.

Please visit our website <u>azheartsforheroes.org</u>. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 and your donation is tax deductible. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 1066, Mayer, AZ 86333 or online at our website. For further information contact Charles R. Leon, MSGT (Ret) 928 632-9320.

It's Been An Awesome Ride

Here we are, TEAM ARIZONA, at the near end of our Legion year together and what an awesome ride it has been as your Membership Mom. Many have asked me in our travels why I'm called "Mom." Well, it all started when we traveled to Indy in July and I was taking care of our TEAM and they just started calling me Mom (even though I'm younger but don't tell them that) and it just stuck. We had some really great times and each Post and District we have visited, you have treated us very well with a warm welcome and great conversations and for that, we are truly grateful. The support from the Department office has been 4-star; thanks to everyone at Department for entertaining my lengthy calls. We truly have the best here in Arizona and in those four walls is our true Membership Mom; Ms. Sheila. My "hitch" in membership is just for one year; she's been there leading the membership charge for quite a few years and the Friday reports are consistent along with the encouraging messages; Sheila, thank you.

Being this is my last article, I'd like it to be short but talking with my Mother, I've never been one to be short on words my entire life so why should I change after 48 years. I look back and think; what have I learned? There are many I've met throughout our travels that taught me a lot and the Posts we were able to get to were nothing short of impressive. You all have such a passion for doing what is right, supporting the Four Pillars, and giving back. My goodness; our hearts have been touched too many times to count.

I purchased the DVD about The American Legion while in Indy at the National Membership Workshop and all I can say is WOW! If you haven't watched it, you need to. I didn't know that The American Legion was THE driving force for getting the GI Bill signed. And then, another bit of knowledge; the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Washington DC was erected due to donations from Legionnaires totaling 1.2 million dollars and that was not in lump sums; \$5, \$10, \$15 and other donations from the members made up that amount. You may be saying, why didn't she know that? Please remember that I've been a member for 7 years and joined when I was active duty (that would be in the Air Force) and honestly, I didn't know a lot of history about the Legion but I'm changing that. If you have knowledge and know the history, you better be sharing it.

After WWI, we had 4.5 million GIs without benefits; they were given \$60, their uniform, and a train ticket home for their service; that was it. The American Legion stepped in and we haven't been the same since; thank God above. We have the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Riders; all vital entities in our American Legion Family. When you sit and think about what it means to be a member of The American Legion, it should really touch your heart. We share a common bond, a brotherhood



that no one can touch. There isn't a civilian corporation that has what we do. There was a study done on the top reasons folks are members of The American Legion and you know what the #1 reason was? Camaraderie; that's what we have; a kinship where we are brothers and sisters in service. You can't buy that at Wal-Mart, folks, and you can travel anywhere in our Great Nation, go to a Post and shazam – there are other Veterans. Is that cool or what?

I want to personally thank the Post Commanders for all of your hard work this year; you are THE ONES. We cannot survive without strong Post leadership and you're the ones that drive the train. Without you, we would fail, and being a Post Commander is not for the weak at heart. Your time is not yours and my goodness, the challenges you face – thank you! For the Area and District Commanders – thank you for your time, travel, money spent, and support. Serving in a leadership position has its ups and downs and I know there have been some really fun times because your team spirit and caring have shown through often. And in saving the best for last, thank you Commander Cushing for your faith in me and the endless support you and Jan have provided throughout the year – it's been an interesting and great journey.

As we close this Legion year, I ask that you continue working membership. We will fail without our members. If you are not bringing and grooming younger members into your Post, you will fade away; that is just a cold hard fact. We're not going to live forever and we need those who will step up into our places with fresh ideas to take the lead. We were all younger at one time and have stumbled and fallen more than once; none of us were born perfect. Take care of our future leaders because we need them.

Please keep asking folks if they are Veterans; remember JUST ASK! I recently went to the dentist and found out he is a Veteran but no, he doesn't belong to The American Legion. By the end of my appointment, he had asked me what he needed to do to join! We had a good discussion about why the heck isn't he a member before the drilling started on my tooth; pretty brave on my part, huh?

In my last article, I mentioned what is on the scope

concerning our Veteran benefits; this is no joke. Our political leaders are looking at raising TriCare premiums, instituting premiums on TriCare for Life members, cutting services at our VA hospitals, and even our active duty troops are under the microscope for massive cuts in warfare and personnel. So if there is anyone out there in our great state that doesn't think being a member of The American Legion isn't important so we continue to ensure our voice is heard, I'd personally like to hear from you. Membership matters!

I'd like to share one more story before I close. When I was stationed in South Carolina, there were two gentlemen at the base commissary one day from the VFW that signed me up in their organization. One day, I took my son down to the local Post for a cook-out and when we walked up, one of the guys there said "Hey, we've got another woman here; the kitchen is that way." Needless to say, that was the first and last time I went there and I let my membership lapse. Why? Because I was treated much differently than the other members there; they didn't say that to the other 20 or so Veterans standing around so why did they say that to me? I guess the message is to treat all of our members equally, for each and every person has something to offer. Every member is important; each of you.

Please support the next Membership Director strongly, keep TEAM ARIZONA growing and at the top of the charts, take care of you and yours because we need you, God Bless each and every one of you, and thank you for this great opportunity. It has been my honor to have served you.

For God and Country, Jackie Salter-Miller



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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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Chaplain's Corner On the Seventh Day God Rested...

The good Lord Himself realized that after six days of creating, even He needed to rest. And so it should be with us since we are all striving to follow in His footsteps.

> Legionnaires have had their noses to the grindstone creating since last September; creating a better home post; a better life for veterans and their families and making their communities a better place to live. It's almost time for a rest. We are in the process of wrapping up another Legion year which will culminate with the last fall of the gavel at Covention in Carefree. Most posts will go dark for July and August. This is your time to rest and refuel for the upcoming year.

Please take a vacation - even if you go no farther than your recliner. Putting both your body and your mind at rest is rejuvenating not only your physical body but the spirit as well. This would be a good time to re-connect with family and friends who've

somehow faded into the background as you pursued your Legion goals. While you're resting peacefully, it is a good time for a quiet talk with God. He's always waiting to hear from you. His Complaint Department is open 24/7 just waiting for your call. Rumor has it, however, that mail delivery of "thank-you" notes has fallen drastically in recent years. Please keep the heavenly postal workers busy delivering your thanks for all the worldly blessings you've received.

It's been a rough spring for the Department of Arizona, health-wise. Please don't take a break from praying for our ill and injured Legionnaires world-wide especially remembering PDC's Dave Roun, Bruce Conklin, Paul Griffin, Jim Phillips, Joe Aguilar and Julius Maklary as well as Department Finance Officer, Henry Daley, who fell recently.

I hope to see all of you at Convention in June. If not, have a great summer and don't forget to rest because you'll be right back on duty before you can execute an "about-face".

For God and Country, Carol Stensby, Chaplain

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REUNION 329th FIS (ADC) USAF George AFB, CA

The 329^{th} is having a Squadron Reunion September 24^{th} through the 27^{th} this year.

A festive and informative reunion is planned and will be held at The South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Please contact Jim (Mouse) Geddes at 702-458-8549 or 702-545-8949 email: <u>cpines64@cox.net</u> for further details. See you there!

American Legion Department of Arizona Membership Report

May 18, 2012				
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District 4 - Commander: La Post Name 8 Fred A. Humphreys 9 McClellan-Parsons 17 William P. Kern 18 P.A.L. 48 Francis M. Bunch 51 Haskel Osife Antone 54 William David Hood 97 San Tan 129 Duane Ellsworth 133 Maricopa District Totals	arry Moore City Casa Grande Florence Superior Kearny San Manuel Blackwater Coolidge San Tan Footi Queen Creek Maricopa	Goal 228 147 26 33 61 26 137 hills 45 66 57 826	2012 228 154 22 34 52 32 132 47 73 66 840	% Goal 100.00 104.76 84.62 103.03 85.25 123.08 96.35 104.44 110.61 115.79 101.69
District 5 - Commander: R Post Name 4 Henry Berry 28 Lloyd C. Hill 32 Swift-Murphy 49 McCulloch-McNair 95 Lopez-Hernandez District Totals	ay Thiessen City Globe Clifton Safford Duncan Solomon	Goal 205 104 385 26 83 803	2012 209 130 366 37 84 826	% Goal 101.95 125.00 95.06 142.31 101.20 102.86
District 6 - Commander: D Post Name 15 Frank Perkins 30 John H. Slaughter 31 Greer-Dewitt 37 Navajo 60 Whiteriver 69 Tonto Rim 76 WilliamHouse 80 Hopi 82 Warren L. Dempsey 86 John D. Wibby 126 Snowflake - Taylor 130 Joseph McCarthy District Totals	on Coffman City Winslow Springerville Saint Johns Holbrook Whiteriver Payson Show Low Kykotsmovi Ganado Overgaard Snowflake Saint Johns	Goal 86 148 26 64 59 468 200 36 15 431 15 23 1,571	2012 85 126 24 61 50 411 183 35 3 426 25 24 1,453	% Goal 98.84 85.14 92.31 95.31 84.75 87.82 91.50 97.22 20.00 98.84 166.67 104.35 92.49

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District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller 4						
	Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal	5
3	Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	574	539	93.90	5
13	Cordova	Williams	127	107	84.25	6
14	Swaskegame	Kingman	309	285	92.23	6
22	Golden Valley	Golden Valley	221	207	93.67	7
33	Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	7	46.67	- 9
42	John Ivens	Grand Canyon	199	199	100.00	- 9
57	Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	98	78	79.59	1
81	Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,334	1,334	100.00	1
87	Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	470	440	93.62	1
88	Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	110	105	95.45	1
	Meadview	Meadview	41	45	109.76	1
	Curtis Huskon	Leupp	28	22	78.57	Γ
123	Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	24	37	154.17	
127	Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	39	35	89.74	Γ
	Yucca	Yucca	23	28	121.74	P
Dist	rict Totals		3,612	3,468	96.01	2
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	rict 8 - Commander: Wi		~ .			2 2 3 3
	Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal	3
6	Ernest A. Love	Prescott	796	760	95.48	3
25	Verde Valley	Cottonwood	713	635	89.06	3
40	Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	365	378	103.56	4
	Fred "Yam" Cavalliere		233	246	105.58	4
79	Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	273	293	107.33	5
90	Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	43	91.49	5
93	David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	294	281	95.58	6
	Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	23	95.83	6
	Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	80	77	96.25	6
	Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	61	41	67.21	7
	Cornville	Cornville	45	48	106.67	8
	Crown King	Crown King	17	17	100.00	8
Dist	rict Totals		2,931	2,842	96.40	9
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	rict 11 – Commander: J		C 1	0010		1
	Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal	1
1	Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	840	88.51	1
5	Southern Meadows	Phoenix	66	59	89.39	1
10	Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	74	60	81.08	1
12	Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	352	358	101.70	Γ
29	Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,425	1,327	93.12	

	43	Hazel Morton	Phoenix	11	11	100.00
oal	50	Thomas Tang	Phoenix	53	55	103.77
90	53	Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	87	93	106.90
25	61	Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	608	586	96.38
23	62	John J. Morris	Peoria	2,108	1,918	90.99
67	72	Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	18	15	83.33
67	94	Sun City West	Sun City West	340	326	95.88
00	96	Surprise	Surprise	155	193	124.52
59		John H. Harries	Sun City	130	130	100.00
00		Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	599	567	94.66
62	128	Daisy Mountain	Anthem	65	89	136.92
45	134	Laveen	Laveen	49	47	95.92
76		Mays-Mauldin	Tonopah	61	56	91.80
57		rict Totals	ronopun	7,150	6,730	94.13
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74	Dist	rict 12 - Commander: J	im Ashlev			
74		tName	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
01	2	William Bloys	Tempe	429	413	96.27
	26	Mesa	Mesa	922	831	90.13
	27	Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	2,542	100.63
oal	34	Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	334	357	106.89
48	35	Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	616	617	100.16
06	39	Gilbert	Gilbert	517	481	93.04
56	41	Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	823	758	92.10
58	44	Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,071	958	89.45
33	55	James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	216	229	106.02
49	58	Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	480	488	101.67
58	63	Lena Vaughn Whitney		39	40	102.56
83	64	Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	146	143	97.95
25	65	Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	343	343	100.00
21	75	Sunnyslope	Phoenix	328	278	84.76
67	83	East Mesa	Mesa	111	122	109.91
00	84	Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	42	40	95.24
40	91	Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	205	244	119.02
	107	Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	483	454	94.00
	114	Bushmasters	Scottsdale	65	54	83.08
oal	115	North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	58	100.00
51	117	Pat Tillman	Phoenix	191	215	112.57
39	124	Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	29	11	37.93
08	138	Scottsdale	Scottsdale	45	120	266.67
70	Dist	rict Totals		10,019	9,796	97.77
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American Legion Department of Arizona 2012 Convention Golf Tournament

Thursday June 21, 2012

RANCHO MANANA GOLF CLUB 5734 E. RANCHO MANANA BLVD, CAVE CREEK, AZ. 85331

CHECK IN AT 6:30am, SHOTGUN START 7:00am **4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE \$60 PER PLAYER**

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: Green Fees, Cart Fees, Range Balls, Bag Handling, Scoring, Tournament Services, Pavilion Use, Catered Buffet Lunch, Cash Bar Setup

Lunch Will Be Served at POST 34

Send Registration and Payment to:

POST 117 • Attn: Steve Allen • 16428 N 32nd St, Suite 101 • Phx, AZ, 85032

Player Name

Phone Number

MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 10, 2011

Immediately Following the Convention Golf Tournament: All Paid Golf Tournament Members may participate in the \$10,000 Hole In One Contest and the \$10,000 Putting Tournament for an additional \$10.00 each (Total \$20.00 for Both)



2012 National Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana August 24 – August 30, 2012



The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Crown Plaza, Union Station, 123 W Louisiana St, 46225 (317) 631-2221 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:	T	ELEPHONE:
Additional occupants shall include	Leg/Aux/SAL	**Arrive/Depart**
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Check appropriate boxes:		
King, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 139.23*	\$
Double, 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 139.23 *	\$
Roll Away rate (additional occupant \$10.00)	\$ 22.00 per	day \$
Arizona Party – Dinner and entertainment (Eddie	e Cash) \$ 35.00 per	person \$
Registration (mandatory for Legion, Auxiliary of	and guests) \$ 25.00 per	person \$
Past President=s Luncheon ***(payable to Aux	iliary)*** Call Auxilia	ary \$
States Dinner ***(payable to Auxiliary)***	\$ 45.00 per	person \$
National Commander's Banquet <i>(limited to first</i>)	<i>20)</i> \$ 45.00 per	person \$
TOTAL DEPOSIT		\$

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

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 16, 2012

- Occupancy Tax in the amount **17%** 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 24, 2012