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Moving Forward in 2013

My fellow Legionnaires, I hope that you had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. I wish everyone a more fruitful 2013 year in your lives. I know that during these holidays, there were many Posts helping our less fortunate. There were children's Christmas parties with Santa; assistance to homeless veterans; adoption of families, toy runs and food collections for the food bank and Salvation Army. Everyone should be proud of their efforts. I attended a Christmas party for the Tucson V.A. Blind Unit held at Post 36 in Tucson which was sponsored by the Sea Bees with their National Commander attending. At Post 68 in Tucson, a party was held for some homeless veterans with their children. I also attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the VA Christmas Shops in Prescott, Tucson and Phoenix. All these events were heartwarming and meaningful.

A couple of weeks ago, it was remarked to me, "your term is half over" and "it's all downhill on a slide". Well, looking at my schedule, I can tell you it's no downhill slide. Between now and our Department Convention, it will be twice as busy as the "uphill" and I hope to see many of you during that time. During December and the beginning of January, I attended official visits to Post 68 in Tucson, Post 41 in Phoenix, Post 30 in Springerville and the ALR quarterly meeting in Buckeye and was treated with the uppermost friendliness and courtesy. Thank you. I left Springerville at

minus 10 degrees in the morning. Mother Nature, this is no way to treat a warm blooded boy from the desert!

On Pearl Harbor Day, I attended the ceremony at the State Capitol and laid a wreath for The American Legion. It was a very impressive ceremony. The keynote speaker was Rear Admiral Gregory C. Horn, U.S.N. During his talk, he made an astonishing comment. Did you know that 10% of the Navy is from Arizona? As Gregory said, "I guess these folks just wanted to see some water". Groundbreaking also took place for the WWII Memorial and will be completed and dedicated on Pearl Harbor Day 2013. The muzzle of the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri will be laid side by side with five spires



Commander's Message

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Post 122 -Standing Tall

I was deployed to Afghanistan in June 2006. My assignment here was as an Embedded Training Team (ETT) instructor for the Afghan National Army (ANA). My duty was to teach my counter-part, an Afghan Command Sergeant Major, the operational procedures of the US Army. Working side by side with the ANA, our teams were located in various locations throughout Regional Command – South, the most dynamic fighting area in Afghanistan. We were in the Kandahar region, the heartland of the Taliban. Due to the dynamics of the region, our soldiers were unable to obtain personal supplies from the PX. This is why we are so grateful to The American Legion Post 122 in Cordes Lakes.

In 2003 – 2004, I was deployed to Kosovo as the Area Support Group Command Sergeant Major. While there, one of my duties involved soldier morale. I got to know the manager of the MWR facility, Renee Favors, who "introduced" me to groups of Patriotic Americans in the states wanting to help our soldiers. I remembered this when

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Korean War Vets Receive Special Certificates

Scott Miller, District 7 Commander, has been busy presenting a special certificate to our Korean War Veterans up the in the north country.

Below are pictures of some of these presentations. Franz Ritter Post 42-Grand Canyon, Karl A. Wetkowski and Arthur Deloof Post 88-Dolan Springs also received certificates. A very special "Thank You" to all of our Korean War Veterans.



*Lawrence J. Gudde
Post 88-Dolan Springs*



*Rulen B. Hancock
Post 136-Yucca*



*Richard Roel
Post 87-Bullhead City*



*PDC Richard "Pappy" Patton
Post 42-Grand Canyon*



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Post 13-Williams*



*Patricia Whitted
Post 57-Ash Fork*

Department Membership

15% More Achieves Quota

Greetings to everyone and thank you for a good year so far in renewing and acquiring new membership. But let us not relax; we still have 15% more to achieve our quota. There are 405,000+ eligible Veterans in Arizona; 365,000+ that we have not reached as yet. As has been said before, if you see someone (male and don't forget our female Veterans) that has anything that relates to being a Veteran on their person, vehicle or home (neighbor), ask them if they belong to The American Legion. Always carry membership applications with you, Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary, not just in your vehicle but on your person.

Let us not forget to welcome our new members into your Post and show them around, introduce them to the Officers. Explain to them what our programs are and ask if they are interested in any of them. Listen to their ideas and thoughts with an open mind; just because something didn't work out in the past, doesn't mean that with a dedicated person leading the proposal, it wouldn't work now. The better informed our members are, the better chance we have of retaining these members. We lose more members in the first three years of membership. The key is to make them feel welcome and an important part of The American Legion.

The National Department of The American Legion is drafting a five year plan for membership recruitment and retention. Their goal is to increase the membership for our 100th Anniversary in 2019 to 3,500,000 members or more. We have many Korean War, Vietnam War and later Veterans that are eligible to be members of The American Legion. We as recruiters, and yes every member is a recruiter, can find and sign these Veterans into The American Legion. We are the premier Veterans organization. The programs that we have in The American Legion to help Veterans and their families are by far the best in the nation. No other country has a better organization to ensure the care and benefits for our Veterans.

So in closing, keep up the excellent progress we have made. Congratulations to our newest post, Prescott Valley Post 140.

For God and Country,
Michael T. Thelen, Department Membership Director

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between them listing the names of those who lost their lives from Arizona during WWII. If you can attend that ceremony, I highly recommend that you do.

On a note of sadness, one of our Past Department Commanders, Dave Roun, passed away on December 30, 2012. Dave was laid to rest at East Lawn Cemetery in Tucson on January 7, 2013 with full military honors and was attended by many of our PDC's, Department staff, Department officers and membership. We wish Dave eternal peace.

In a few weeks, I will be attending our Washington Conference in Washington, D.C. along with our N.E.C., Alternate N.E.C. and committee members. This is when we meet with our Arizona congressional representatives, both House and Senate. We present and discuss our American Legion priority issues to which we strive to get them to agree, sign off on and pursue. This leads to membership. When we meet with our representatives and are 40,000 strong in Arizona and 2.5 million strong nationwide, it has an impact. We are the largest Veterans Service Organization in this country. It is our American Legion that takes the lead in protecting our Veterans' benefits and national

security and will continue to do so.

We are doing well with our membership this year. Thus far, we have met all our National goals but we need you to continue to recruit new members and speak with those who have not yet renewed in order to get our 100%. We have a great opportunity this year to achieve that goal but only with your help. Remember, all of our voices count.

During December, our Search Committee interviewed applicants for the position of Department Adjutant for when John Aldecoa retires in December 2013. After these interviews, it was recommended that Angel Juarez be John's replacement. I accepted that recommendation and the Executive Board approved. Angel is now on board and is being familiarized with that position of importance. Our Department runs only as good as its Adjutant. Welcome Angel!

Thank you to everyone who attended and brought food to the Department Open House January 5th. We had quite a variety of food at it was great to see so many Legion Family members and spending some relaxing time with them.

For God and Country,
Ken Dowse, Department Commander

Citizen's Flag Alliance

Flake Not On Board

The New Year 2013 marks the beginning of 24 years since the Supreme Court made flag desecration free speech.

Many concerned citizens, clubs, patriotic groups, etc., have been trying since 1989 to amend the Constitution to protect the U.S. Flag.

The House of Representatives has always approved such an amendment. The Senate, however, has not yet approved. In the past, Arizona has been proud of its Senators supporting such an amendment. Our newest Senator, Jeff Flake, is against such an amendment. As a Representative in the House,

he opposed it. Then he only represented a portion of Arizona; now he is a Senator for our whole state and he is not representing the desires of this state.

Since many of the Senators (one-third) are beginning a new term, we need to appeal to them to support flag protection.

As with any project, money is needed to campaign. If each person reading this would send in just \$1.00 to CFA at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, there would be funds to spend on media and other techniques.

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

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The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress. **The mission** of the Veterans History Project of the American Folk Life Center is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

How can I be part of this important project?

You can volunteer to conduct interviews and collect historical documents. You may also organize interview groups and teach others how to conduct interviews. Educational institutions, retirement communities, veteran's service organizations, churches, and other community groups are a few good places to start.

What kinds of items are included in the Veterans History Project Collection?

Collections may take the form of war veterans' first-hand oral histories, memoirs, collections of photographs and letters, diaries, and other historical documents from World War I through current conflicts.

How can I share the story of a deceased veteran?

On behalf of a deceased war veteran, you may submit historical documents like the veteran's collection of photographs, letters, diaries and memoirs. You will need to complete the biographical data form and a release form for the deceased veteran.

How can I find answers to other questions? Visit our *Frequently Asked Questions* page online at www.loc.gov/vets.

Interview a Veteran. Preserve History.

By taking part in the Veterans History Project (VHP), you are contributing to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, one of the world's most respected research and cultural institutions. When you participate, you are making history.

It's as easy as following these simple steps:

Step 1: Visit www.loc.gov/vets and download a Field Kit, which gives you guidelines for conducting interviews and for what we do and don't accept. If you don't have Internet access, call the toll-free message line at 888-371-5848 to

request a Field Kit.

Step 2: Go online to the website to register the collection you wish to submit.

Step 3: Record a veteran's story using an audio or video recorder; assist in collecting photographs, letters, diaries, maps, etc. and/or help write a memoir.

Step 4: Complete the required and appropriate forms (including biographical data, audio and video log, and release forms) at www.loc.gov/vets or from a Field Kit. Assemble the forms and the items you are submitting.

Step 5: Only original materials are accepted.

You will need to make copies of all materials you wish to keep for yourself. You should provide the veteran with a copy of the interview. VHP does not have the resources to provide copies of any donated materials.

Everything you submit to VHP will become property of the Library of Congress and cannot be returned to you. Please refer to Web site (www.loc.gov/vets, click on *How to Participate*) for Library of Congress standards of participation. They reserve the right to return materials that do not adhere to those standards. **Do send** materials via FedEx, UPS, or DHL to: **Veterans History Project The Library of Congress 101 Independence Ave., SE Washington, DC 20540-4615 Email: vohp@loc.gov Web site: www.loc.gov/vets Toll-free message line: 888-371-5848.**

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Sun Valley Hospice & Home Care Veteran to Veteran Volunteers Needed

One in four Hospice patients today are Veterans. At Sun Valley Hospice, we believe in showing our gratitude to the men and women who served our Nation!

Our Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer Program aims to pair recruited Veteran Volunteers with our Hospice patients who are Veterans. For more information, please contact

Brenda Miller at 480 558-2002 or
email at brenda.miller@sunvalleyhc.com

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I arrived in Afghanistan and contacted Renee again to see if she knew of any organizations that might be interested in helping our soldiers in Kandahar. Within a few weeks boxes started to arrive – with American Legion 122 being among the first to respond. Since September of 2006, American Legion 122 has sent hundreds of boxes to our soldiers. These boxes have contained much needed items like toiletries, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. They also contained “necessities” such as candy bars, chips, hot chocolate packets, gum, canned food, and other goodies. Ron Johnson would send an advanced email letting me know how many boxes were on the way and I’d reply when we received them.

Ron would also ask what the soldiers would most like or use. If I gave him a list of items, I knew they would arrive in the next shipment. One time I mentioned that the PX had no toothbrushes and toothpaste. I received several boxes filled with them within a couple weeks. It was that way no matter what I requested. I just knew the Legion would respond for our troops.

Although these items were needed, more importantly was the huge boost to soldier morale when they arrived. These boxes made being away from home a little easier. They gave us a better life with the items we received. They made Afghanistan more tolerable. Each day soldiers would stop by my office on some type of made-up mission. What they were actually doing was checking to see if any boxes arrived which they could take to their teams. When I would send out the message that the Legion had sent more boxes it was like little kids on Christmas morning. Veteran soldiers, some on their second or third tour, acted like children checking out the boxes to see which they wanted to take to their teams. As a new month arrived, or a holiday was coming up, I had soldiers from all over my command contacting me to see when the best time would be for them to come and get a “Legion” box.

Scouting Committee

Post 29 Charters Venturing Crew

This past year was very productive. The Scouting word was spread to many Posts. In December, the Scouting Committee visited Posts 105 and 107. They signed applications to charter scout units. This coming month, we will continue with Post 1, 5 and Post 90 in Black Canyon City.

Post 29 in Glendale recently chartered a Venturing Crew. Officers have been elected and installed. Lara Kritz, President and Michael Ertz, Vice President, recently attended the first Co-ed National Youth Leadership Training Course held in Arizona. Lara is a sixteen year old young lady who has recently been accepted to attend Northern Arizona

University. Michael recently passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and will receive his Award in February. He was featured in “Raising Arizona Kids Magazine” for his Eagle Project. The project benefited Autistic children at Kachina Elementary School.

In August 2008, my deployment was over and I left Afghanistan. I came back to Afghanistan as a contractor in October 2008 working with the US Military. Within a month, I was receiving boxes from American Legion 122 again. As many of the soldiers still knew me, they continually visited my office, anxiously waiting for boxes to arrive. I felt like Santa Claus giving out goodies.

Unfortunately, words cannot begin to describe the looks on the faces of the soldiers as they picked up a box of goodies. Words cannot depict the feeling of gratitude from each soldier when they received this token of appreciation for their service. Words cannot portray the amazement many soldiers expressed when they learned there were people in the states who thought of them enough to sacrifice time and money to send a box, and had been doing so for almost seven years.

These are memories I, and each soldier I served with, will keep forever.

From the soldiers in Afghanistan:

THANK YOU AMERICAN LEGION 122 – YOU ARE OUR HEROES!

Allan Jellum, CSM (RET) USA

Editor’s Note: Cordes Lakes Memorial Post #122 has truly shown what a small Post in a small community can accomplish by working together. Thank you for your continuing support for our Troops!

Again, let us not forget our brothers and sisters in harm’s way.

For God and Country,
Wayne Chatfield,
Department Scouting Committee Chairman

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CONVENTION



JUNE 20-23, 2013

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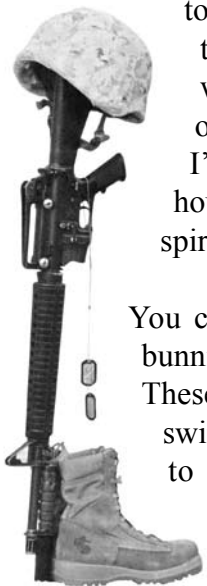
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Chaplain's Corner

Spring Is Right Around the Corner...

While realizing that most of us are having trouble conjuring up thoughts of spring considering the freezing temperatures Arizona has recently experienced, spring is nigh and you know what that means; **SPRING CLEANING**. It's time to dust, discard and donate; a generation's old tradition that signifies the rebirth of life. This would seem to indicate that it's time to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and get busy. I'm not referring to the garage or attic of the house in which you actually live, but to your spiritual house.



You can start by sweeping all of those "dust-bunnies" out from beneath your spiritual bed. These are all of those useless thoughts that are swirling through your mind; the ones that relate to somebody done somebody wrong and I didn't like it. Put these into the nearest trash bin because they are negative and unnecessary. While you're sorting through all of these thoughts, be sure to set aside the ones that are positive and tuck those into the treasure chest of keepsake memories. Hopefully, you will need to invest in a larger chest.

Now do something about those nagging little problems. Sort them out, ascertain which you can actually fix then do so. As for the rest of them, donate them to the one person who can do something - **GOD**. You will feel as if a huge weight has been lifted from your shoulders. Should there be any left-over animosities hanging around, be sure to sweep those up and into the trash bin as well. Vow to awaken every morning with a "Good Morning God" on your lips and a smile on your face and your spiritual spring cleaning is finished. Give it a shot!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mahlon "Dave" Roun, Past Department Commander, who has gone to Post Everlasting and for his family left behind. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Schneider, Past District 11 Auxiliary President, who recently passed. She was the wife of Bill Schneider, one of our Past Department Chaplains.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Chaplain

2013 ORATORICAL CONTEST SCHEDULE

AS OF 11/16/2012

Saturday, February 9, 2013

Area C, Prescott VA, 11:00 am

Thursday, February 14, 2013

District 3, Post 20 Meeting, Willcox, 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 16, 2013

District 2, Post 102, 5975 W. Western Way, Tucson, 85713, (mobile home park clubhouse), 1:00 pm

District 11, Post 29, 6822 N. 57th Dr, Glendale, 85301, tentatively 10:00 am

District 12, Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, 85220, 10:00 am

February 23, 2013

Area A, Post 102, 5975 W. Western Way, Tucson, 85713, (mobile home park clubhouse), 1:00 pm

Area B, Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, 85220, 10:00 am

March 2, 2013

Department, Post 64, 5001 E. Cheyenne, Phoenix, 85044, (Ahwatukee Rec. Center), 10:00 am

PRIZES

National - \$18,000/\$16,000/\$14,000

 compete in semi-final \$1,500

 compete in quarter-final \$1,500

Department - \$1,500/\$800/\$500/\$300/\$300/\$300

Area - \$300/\$200/\$100/\$50 all others

District - (suggested amounts) \$100/\$75/\$50/\$25 all others

Post - (suggested amounts) \$50/\$25/\$10 all others

WEBSITES

www.azlegion.org/programs

(Arizona brochure, power point, Arizona application)

www.legion.org/oratorical

(Chairman's Guide, National brochures, videos of National Champions)

Scenes From the Department Open House



This is good food!!



Our Baseball Committee "catching up" on news



Our S.A.L. Officers hard at "work"



Past Department Commanders: George Cushing, Bud Hansing, Joe Aguilar, Paul Griffin, Al Tercero; Commander Ken and PDC Dick Perry



S.A.L. Detachment Commander Joe Roberts; Department Auxiliary President Kathleen Medalen; and Department Commander, Ken Dowse

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2013 WWII TOURS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE & AUGUST



"EVERYONE IS WELCOME on our 2013 WWII tours," states tour hostess Vi Ranney from Yankton, SD, who just escorted her 19th WWII tour this past August. Vi would love to take you along to Paris, the Beaches of Normandy, Patton's grave in Luxembourg, through the Battle of the Bulge area in Belgium, into Germany for a stop at the Remagen Bridge, and enjoy a Rhine River cruise before visiting Dachau and Hitler's Eagle's Nest. June and August departures are slated for 2013.

Call Vi at 605-665-3596 for more info. Discount for WWII veterans. The ten WWII Veterans pictured above at General Patton's grave were part of the forty participants on the August 2012 tour. www.rupipertravel.com



**Vi Ranney,
Tour Escort**



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Upcoming Events

February 16, 2013

13th Annual West-Mitchell Invitation Drill Meet sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Squadron #1 Phoenix at the Air Refueling Wing, 3200 E. 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.

February 23, 2013

68th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising. Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM. Ceremonies to follow at the Mathew B Juan-Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton, AZ. For further information, call (520) 562-8484; email: ihpost84@gilanet.net or www.irahayespost84.org.

March 6 and 7, 2013

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring Our Heroes Initiative Job Fair for Veteran job seekers, active duty military, reserve members and military spouses. For more information, call (202) 463-5807 or email: hiringourheroes@uschamber.com

March 6

9:00AM -12:00PM - The American Legion Post 3, 204 W. Birch Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

March 7

9:00AM – 12:00PM - The American Legion Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

March 8-10, 2013

Arizona StandDown for Homeless Veterans - This will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum located at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Donations and volunteers are needed; please visit their website at www.arizonastanddown.org.

April 19-21, 2013

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

May 18, 2013

Department Commander Ken Dowse's Homecoming hosted by John P. Burns Post #36 in Tucson, AZ – further details will be in the April Legionnaire.

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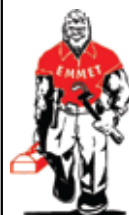
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