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We Should Reach 95% This Month

We made our 90% membership goal on March 10th and we are working toward our 95% goal by April 7th. Thanks to all the members who volunteered to make calls for our membership revitalization. With your help we were able to transfer over 325 members from post 100 to our local posts! Districts one and two have already surpassed the 95% goal, Post 140 is over 258%, and we have over 25 Posts at over 100% with many more close behind. This year's membership awards turned out beautifully and I hope to have to deliver lots of them! Following the Membership Drive, we took Doug Wooddell, National Vice Commander to Unit 29's AEF Dinner.

The Southern Run went well with dinners at Post 109 in Vail and Post 36 in Tucson. We also attended the District 2 Meeting. Thank you all for your "southern hospitality"!



Commander's Message

Thanks to Post 84 in Sacaton for a great dinner the night before the Iwo Jima Parade. Domingo Bonilla filled in for me at the parade as I had an earlier invite to Post 81 in Lake Havasu. We had a beautiful weekend and a great visit with Peggy DeTori, Past National Western Division Vice Commander.

Henry Howard, reporter from the American Legion Magazine,

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Chetan Bafna Heading to Oratorical Finals

The Department Finals of the 2014 Oratorical Program were held in Ahwatukee on Sat., March 1, 2014. Selected to represent Arizona at the National Finals in Indianapolis was Chetan Bafna, a Junior at Kofa High School in Yuma. The title of his oration was "The Virus of Apathy".

This Program requires a huge group effort to be successful. Department Chairman Roger Munchbach would like to thank all of the following for their enthusiasm and help:

Department Commander Judi Beischel
Area A Chairman Gary Nelson



back row: (Judges) Michelle Hirsch, Julie Vietri, Hank Johnson, Don Kennedy, Sal DiCiccio; front row: Alex Anderson, Bradshaw Mountain High School, 4th Place; Patrick Webb, Kingman High School, 6th Place; Grace Johnson, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, 3rd Place; Ben Penazek, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, 5th Place; Nia Dean, AAEC Estrella Mountain, 2nd Place; and Chetan Bafna, Kofa High School, 1st Place

District 2 Chairman Jim Barrett and Mary Lou Barrett
Post 97 Chairman Tony Gunderson
Post 132 Chairman Larry McNamee and Past Chairman Jim Cox
Post 97, Post 132, Poston Butte High School, and Pusch Ridge

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It Has Been A Busy Time For Our Department Commander



American Legion Birthday Ball at Yuma Post #19 LtoR: S.A.L. Detachment Commander, Bob Hath; District 1 President, Margaret Greene; Department President, Karen Smith; District 1 Commander, Terry Greene; Unit #19 Auxiliary President, Ruth Patterson; Post #19 Commander, Wayne Howard; and Department Commander Judi



Membership Recruiting Team LtoR: District 11 Commander, Frank Myers; National Assistant Director Internal Affairs/Membership, Sean Sparks; Area B Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Glenn White; Past Area B Commander, Andy Jaime; Department Scouting Chairman, Wayne Chatfield; National Western Region Vice Commander, Doug Wooddell of Colorado; Department Membership Chairman, Beth Nehring; Past Department Adjutant, John Aldecoa; Post #41 Commander, Richard Lucero; and Department Adjutant, Angel Juarez.



LtoR: S.A.L. Area A Vice Commander, Joe Miller; S.A.L. Alternate NEC, Joe Roberts; Commander Judi; S.A.L. Past National Vice Commander, Carl Armbruster; and Department Adjutant, Angel Juarez presenting the charter for Yoem Squadron #125.



National President's Dinner at Green Valley Post #66 LtoR: National President, Nancy Brown-Park; Unit #66 President, Mary Jane Gooch; Department President, Karen Smith; and Department Commander Judi.



Auxiliary Unit #41 President, Erma Lopez and Commander Judi enjoying the pre-dinner entertainment at Post 41's Commander's Dinner



Commander Judi and Post #19 Commander Wayne Howard with a group of Korean War Veterans in attendance.



Commander Judi visited Sun City West Post 94's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Thank you Jim for the photos, fudge is on its way!

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION

JUNE 26-29, 2014



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was in town with his photographer, Lucas. They attended the Iwo Jima Parade and then visited Yarnell to interview some of the recipients of the National Emergency Fund. Don't forget that the National Emergency Fund is National Commander Dan's project this year and he is hoping to raise 1 million dollars! That's about 50 cents per member. If you can help out with a fundraiser, please send your check to Department with NEF in the memo and we will deliver them on stage at the National Convention in North Carolina. Henry will be featuring me in the May issue of the magazine on the "I Am Legion" page. That same week, I had an hour long live radio interview on the web, another first. I was able to plug our National website and several of our programs. The link is: www.voiceamerica.com/episode/76190/our-veterans

Angel and I met with the US Army recruiters and the US Army Grassroots Board in an effort to stay better connected with our deploying troops.

Please remind your members about our L.I.T. (Legion Insurance Trust) Program that offers our members a free \$1,000 policy just for signing up. This increases to \$5,000 if you are on Legion Business! Keep your Legion cover in your car, I know our volunteers are always working!

I attended the Creative Arts Show, what talent! March 1st was the Department Finals for the Oratorical Contest at Post 64. Congratulations to Yuma's contestant, Chetan Bafna from Kofa High School, for taking Arizona's first place! He is looking forward to competing in Indianapolis and hopes to attend Boys State this June. March 2nd was the District 12 Picnic which was hosted by Chandler Post 35 this year.

I hope everyone celebrated Valentine's Day with someone special and drank some green beer for St. Patrick's Day, (Sheila's Birthday).

I joined Post 94 in Sun City West for their Pancake Breakfast on March 4th. What a great group of volunteers, they even had the Commander mixing the batter!

On March 14th, Post 41 hosted a Commander's Dinner for me with a great group of talented youngsters performing. The next morning we headed to Yuma for The American Legion's 95th birthday and then attended the District 1 Meeting on Sunday.

Our Legislative members, Neal Sundeen and Larry Bahill, along with Angel and I, met recently with Senator Michele Reagan. We discussed

handicap Veteran license plates, Women Veteran plates and the possibility of funding for Boys and Girls State Programs.

Watch the all post mailing and check out the flyer in this issue, for information on my Homecoming Dinner on April 26th. There is still time to make reservations with Bruce and Sandy Conklin, and there are still rooms available. Also, don't forget the following day is "American Legion Day" at the Diamondbacks! Game time is 1:10PM but you will want to be there early for the pre-game and to see the presentation of colors and hear the National Anthem sung by our own Legionnaires.

Do you have a neighbor or friend who flies an American flag or displays a military emblem on their vehicle? Ask them if they belong to the largest and greatest Veteran's organization in the world. Help us to reach our all-time high membership goal! Thanks for all you do!

For God and Country,
Judi Beischel, Department Commander

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Christian Academy for hosting contests
Area B, District 1 Commander Terry Greene and Chairman Clarence Smythe
District 11 Chairman Ed Cox
Post 19, Post 29, Post 35, Post 64, Post 134, and Department of Arizona Auxiliary Headquarters for hosting contests and practice sessions
Area C Chairman Jim Strande and Department Historian Jeri Strande
District 7 Chairman Bob Reyes
District 8 Chairman Joe Duggan
Post 14 Commander Dennis Kuneff and Department Children & Youth Chairman Steve Seney (P-14)
Post 140 Chairman Tom Steele
Post 14 and Post 140 for hosting contests and practice sessions

There were six "local" opportunities for the students to practice and earn extra scholarship money. There were three District Contests, three Area Contests, and the Department Contest. To date, \$6,825.00 in scholarship money has been awarded by Posts, Districts, and the Department of Arizona.

The National Finals will be held in Indianapolis, April 4-6, 2014. The last round of competition will be streamed live on www.legion.org at 7:00 am, AZ time, on Sunday morning, April 6th.

Arizona American Legion Riders

Still Time To Buy Run Sheets

Get To Know Your Posts: There is still time to buy run sheets to get a chance to win cash prizes (\$1,000, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100). Run sheets can be purchased from your local ALR Chapter for \$15. If they don't have any, you can contact myself, Vicky at vicky.mad4vets@gmail.com or W.L. at egbdfib@gmail.com. You have until September 30, 2014 to turn in your sheets. REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ALR RIDER TO PARTICIPATE; ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

Arizona ALR Chapters continue to do great things for our Veterans and our communities. ALR 81 (Lake Havasu City) gave \$278 to help a military family out with Christmas presents; made a \$2,500 donation to Sally's Place (affordable housing for female Veterans with children); gave a \$500 donation to ALLECA, and gave \$900 to sponsor a WWII Veteran for the Honor Flight to Washington DC; ALR 39 (Gilbert), 58 (Fountain Hills), and 91 (Chandler) donated a total of \$2,750 to ALLECA; ALR 59 (Tucson) checked into the welfare of a WWII Veteran who was in a nursing home in Tucson at the request of the Department of Minnesota, fearing that he was alone and "forgotten". ALR 59 not only has been making visits to this Veteran, but has been bringing him "care packages" of needed items also. Many of the ALR Chapters from around the state attended and participated in the annual Iwo Jima Memorial Parade in Sacaton in February; ALR 131 (Green Valley) continues to make and serve a free breakfast once a month to the blind Veterans from the Tucson VA Hospital; many Riders attended the Sgt. Jordan Maynard Key Ceremony in Cottonwood for Sgt. Maynard's new home built by Homes For Heroes, and ALR 25 (Cottonwood) presented a check for \$ 250 to Homes for our Troops to help with building Our Next Heroes Home; and ALR 6 (Prescott) cleaned all of the filters and smoke eaters at their Post.

Welcome To New ALR Chapters: ALR 140 (Prescott Valley), ALR 133 (Maricopa) and the reinstatement of

ALR 40 (Chino Valley).

Any Posts that are interested in forming an ALR Chapter are urged to contact me for information on how to do it- you're missing a great opportunity to reinvigorate your Post and bringing in new members.

Next Statewide AZALR Quarterly Meeting: ALR 131 (Green Valley) on April 12th. Lunch at noon; meeting at 1300 hours.

To see what is going on with ALR Chapters in Arizona, visit our website at www.azalr.yolasite.com

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American Legion Department of Arizona

2014 Convention Golf Tournament

Thursday June 26, 2014

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
Phoenix, AZ 85032**

Player Name Phone Number

MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2014

Americanism and Scouting Report**Programs Need Volunteers**

My fellow Legionnaires,

As summer approaches, we are heading into the busiest time of the year. The Americanism programs started off with Eagle Scout of the Year applications and the Oratorical Contests (results listed in this issue). Baseball, Boys State, Girls State, ALLECA and Jr. Shooting Sports are in full swing with applications coming in. All of these programs have two very important requirements; money and volunteers to help out. Volunteering is a great way to meet our youth who participate in these programs; they are awesome.

This summer, Arizona will once again sponsor the Regional Legion Baseball Tournament that will be held in Surprise. Volunteers will be needed to pick up and deliver teams to the ball field. There are many other opportunities to help out

at this tournament. If you are a Legion Scouter, volunteer to spend a week at a Council Scout Camp. We need more coaches and range safety officers for Jr. Shooting Sports. All of these programs need help, if you are interested, contact your Post chairman.

The Convention is coming up in June at the Carefree Inn. Please plan on attending. This is an excellent time to find out what's going on in the State. Attend the sessions and learn about the programs the Legion has to offer. There is a great deal of information available to you as a Legionnaire. It is also a great place to seek out old friends, make some new ones and enjoy the hospitality suites.

As always, let us not forget our brothers and sisters in harms way.

Wayne Chatfield
Vice Chairman Americanism

Membership Report**Membership In Home Stretch**

With March comes Baseball Spring Training, and with Membership, we begin the home stretch for us to reach our 100% membership within the Department, Posts and Districts. I must say, you are doing an excellent job of getting us into home as a 100% Department. With your great work, we reached our 90% goal for March. Congratulations to District 1 for taking over the lead from District 2 in early March! The race is on between Districts as we aim for the home stretch. I can say that 73 or 59% of our Posts reached our 90% goal for March; of that total, 37 or 30% have already reached the next goal for April 7 of 95% and a total of 20 or 16% of our Posts have reached or gone over 100%. We even have one Post over 250%. Give Commander Judi and I great May birthday presents by having Department of Arizona at 100% by May 30.

Now is the time for Post Commanders to put their 1st Vice Commanders to work...after all MEMBERSHIP is their primary job! Gather up his/her membership team which should include some of your long time members. The team needs to review the membership roster and assign names of non-paid members to be contacted. Make a plan and stick to it! Work together and you can make that 100% in no time.

I would like to thank all the Legion Family members who came to Post 41 on February 6-8 to assist with the District 11

and 12 Post Revitalization. With the assistance of National Headquarters Staff Membership Sean Sparks and Western Regional Vice Commander Doug Woodell we did very well. We reached out to over 400 Post 100 members and got them to transfer to a local post. A Great Job to our volunteers who spent three days with us in fulfilling this task.

During the past month, I represented the Department Commander at two events. On February 22, I attended a National Guard Retiree Day at Papago Park and on March 1, participated in a Yellow Ribbon Welcome Home event for Veterans that have been home 60 days since their deployment. At these events, I provided information on The American Legion Family, our programs, and Why they Should Join. Information to local Posts was provided to about ten individuals from these two events.

Thank you to Districts 4 and 8 for the warm welcome and questions received at my visits to their District Meetings. I also have done several follow-up calls regarding how to access www.mylegion.org and how to use it as a tool to locate Veterans in their area. I also had the opportunity to attend the 95th American Legion Birthday Celebration at Post 19 in Yuma and meet on Sunday morning with District 1 Officers on some membership issues.

Remember, that if anyone has any questions regarding membership or needs any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 363-8546 or 70wave@gmail.com .

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Beth Nehring, Membership Director

Alternate N.E.C. Report

Huge Cuts To Military Benefits Proposed

Legionnaires,

I hope you all have been following the news. Our current administration and Department of Defense Secretary have thrown down the gauntlet. They are proposing a huge cut in the military active duty and military benefits. Not only are they cutting personnel, they are cutting out weapons systems that have proven to be effective.

Let's take a closer look: Pay cuts and benefits; cuts to Tricare options for retirees and active duty family members. They will increase deductibles and co-pay and establish new enrollment fees; they will also cap the active duty pay raise below private sector wage growth for the second consecutive year; the commissary is also targeted which will increase service member out of pocket housing costs.

An informal survey was carried out through military.com which reveals that a majority of service members feel undercompensated. Many also feel that the cuts will result in a lack of training and equipment.

It is believed that the administration will attempt to consolidate Tricare programs for retirees under 65 and active duty families. They intend to eliminate Tricare Prime, the managed care option, leaving only a fee for service option (similar to existing Tricare Standard and Extra) for retirees and families.

For the second consecutive year, the administration seeks a pay cap at 1%. This is 0.8 percent below private sector wage growth. Past experience shows once Congress begins to cap pay below private sector pay growth, it continued until retention and readiness are undermined.

The troops' last three raises averaged less than 1.4%. The Fiscal Year 2014 pay raise was the smallest in 50 years. Congress worked over the past decade to fix a 13.5 % pay gap with the civilian sector.

When the budget is revealed to the public, take a close look at the military side. The Pentagon insists that the proposed cuts are necessary to trim spending on pay and benefits. The Department of Defense argues personnel costs have risen 40% more than growth in the private sector since 2001. But this fails to acknowledge that much of the increased personnel spending since 2001 was requested by the Service Chiefs to restore compensation that had been slashed throughout the 1990's and resulted in severe retention problems.

So you can see that we really need to be active and talk to our Congress members as well as our Senators. Don't let them B.S. you, have your facts and figures together and let them know how unhappy we are and that we need a strong military force.

Thank you,
Dick Perry, Alternate Executive Committeeman

VA Removes Annual Income Reporting Requirement

Eliminates Burden on Veterans, Improves Customer Service

WASHINGTON—The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is eliminating the annual requirement for most Veterans enrolled in VA's health care system to report income info beginning in March 2014. Instead, VA will automatically match income information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration.

“Eliminating the requirement for annual income reporting makes our health care benefits easier for Veterans to obtain,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This change will reduce the burden on Veterans, improve customer service and make it much easier for Veterans to keep their health care eligibility up-to-date.”

Some Veterans applying for enrollment for the first time

are still required to submit income information. There is no change in VA's long-standing policy to provide no-cost care to indigent Veterans, Veterans with catastrophic medical conditions, Veterans with a disability rating of 50 percent or higher, or for conditions that are officially rated as “service-connected.”

VA encourages Veterans to continue to use the health benefits renewal form to report changes in their personal information, such as address, phone numbers, dependents, next of kin, income and health insurance.

For more information, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/cost or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).



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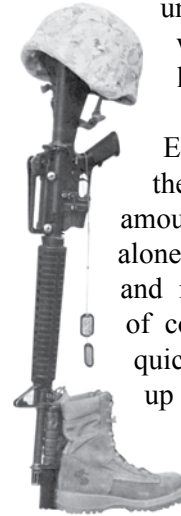
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Chaplain's Corner

The Waiting Room

Consider that our lives basically consist of one waiting room after another. As children, we waited for our birthday or Christmas or Easter. As we grew older, it was for that long awaited 16th birthday and the freedom that driving would permit; even if your folks wouldn't. Then came the inevitable age of 21 and the doors it opened. As adults we face more and more waiting rooms. Will my job interview yield success? Will my favorite team win? Will my marriage work? Will this baby be healthy? It goes on and on seemingly forever until we must confront that final waiting room. How long have I got left to live?



Each of these waiting rooms, be they small or large, creates a certain amount of worry, stress and anxiety. Left alone, these symptoms can intensify and multiply eventually spiraling out of control. Time always passes more quickly in a waiting room if you strike up a conversation with someone. This would seem like a good time to have a chat with your Lord and Savior. God will free you from your stress so that you may fulfill the plans he intended for you. God intends for us to live meaningful and fruitful lives. This can be attained by not focusing on ourselves but on others. Practice kindness, forgiveness and love. Cease worrying about yourself and turn your troubles to God. Have faith that He will take care of things. That faith will free you from the waiting room and allow you to go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

For God and Country,

Carol Stensby, Chaplain
The American Legion Department of Arizona

2014 National Convention

Charlotte, NC August 22 – August 28, 2014

The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown 508 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, (704) 347-5972
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	\$ 142.91*	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double, 2 beds, 1 or 2 persons	\$ 142.91 *	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roll Away rate (additional occupant \$10.00)	\$ Comp. per day	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona Party – Dinner and entertainment	\$ TBD per person	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration (<i>mandatory for Legion, Auxiliary and guests</i>)	\$ 25.00 per person	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Past President’s Luncheon *** (payable to Auxiliary) ***	Call Auxiliary	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	States Dinner *** (payable to Auxiliary) ***	Call Auxiliary	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Commander's Banquet (<i>limited to first 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 18, 2014

- Occupancy Tax in the amount 15.25% 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 26, 2014



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APRIL 26, 2014



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\$10.00 PER PERSON

NO HOST COCKTAILS **5:30 p.m.**
(Wine Specials)

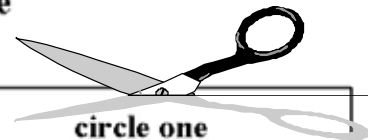
DINNER **6:30PM**

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Name _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11-13, 2014

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.

April 20, 2014

Happy Easter!



April 26, 2014

Department Commander Judi Beischel's Homecoming
Hosted by Fountain Hills Post #58 in Fountain Hills
Flyer in this issue

April 27, 2014

American Legion Day at Chase Field 1:10 P.M.

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Want to learn about the legal relationship between an ALR Chapter and Post?

On April 12th at Post 131 (Green Valley) at the AZALR Quarterly Meeting, there will be a two hour L.E.A.D. Training about the relationship between ALR Chapters and their Posts (as a program of the Post, this also applies to S.A.L. relationships with their home Post). All District and Post Officers (current and future) are invited to attend. Lunch starts at noon and the meeting starts at 1:00pm.

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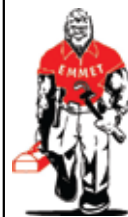
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