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We Need Everybody's Help!

Fellow Legionnaires, as of May 16th, we have four out of ten Districts at 99% membership. We have several Posts that are one member from reaching 100%! This is when we need everyone to reach out to that member that hasn't renewed or to that Veteran we haven't yet asked. We can make our 100% Department goal but we need everyone's help.

In March, our legislative team went to Washington, D.C. and presented our legislative priorities to our representatives. We met with Senator McCain (see picture in May Auxiliary Magazine) and several others on Capitol Hill. Our priorities included: fully fund a superior national defense and protect troops from cuts; oppose further increases in Tricare fees, including prescription drug fees; ensure stability of VA funding; protect Veterans' benefits and health care; end the VA claims

backlog; create opportunities for Veterans in the private sector; support Veteran entrepreneurs; end Veteran homelessness; provide quality education through Post 9/11 GI Bill; repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled Veterans and widows; and protect the American flag.

In April, we had a great northern run and I would like to thank Dewey Humboldt #78; Prescott #6; Grand Canyon #42; Flagstaff #3 and Williams #13 for the wonderful hospitality! The S.A.L. Campout had a great turnout at Deadhorse Ranch in Cottonwood and S.A.L. Detachment Commander "Scooter Bob" surpassed his \$25,000.00 goal for Fisher House!

Ken Dowse and I attended the Legionnaire Insurance Trust

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Commander's Message

Post 39 Helps Marching Band Make Trip To Hawaii

At an award ceremony on May 8th, 2014, the Desert Ridge High School presented the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Merrill Mitchell Post 39, a plaque to show their appreciation for the support and donations given to help raise funds to send the marching band to Hawaii to represent the State of Arizona in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade.



Skip Erickson, Post Commander was on hand to receive the award, which was given to him by Judy Clark, Band Board member and Legion Auxilliary member. Jason Clark, one of the two Drum Majors and a member of the Sons of the American Legion was presented with both the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award and the prestigious Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award.

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Arizona Legionnaires Around the State and Country



Northern Run – checking out a Ford Tri-motor at the Planes of Fame Museum near the Grand Canyon with Department Auxiliary President, Karen Smith and S.A.L. Detachment Commander, Bob Hath



Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff



Vietnam Veterans' Recognition Day in Camp Verde



American Legion Day at the Diamondbacks
LtoR: Carol Stensby, Department Chaplain; Beth Nehring, Department Membership Chairman; Jim Ashley, Department Judge Advocate; Commander Judi; and Angel Juarez, Department Adjutant



Attendees at the Town Hall Meeting held at Post 41 in Phoenix



S.A.L. Campout at Deadhorse Ranch in Cottonwood



Commander Judi being interviewed by Kelly O'Donnell, White House Correspondent from NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams



National Commander Dan Dellinger addressing the Town Hall Meeting. Post 41 Commander Richard Lucero and Commander Judi looking on.



"Sonny and Cher" singing Karaoke at Scooter Bob's Homecoming

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION

JUNE 26-29, 2014



Convention Headquarters

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CAREFREE, AZ 85377

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A Golf Tournament will be held. More information
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Reception that was held in Scottsdale this year. Don't forget to share this valuable free benefit with your members; call Department for information.

The Akimel Middle School put on another great patriotic day on April 17th and the kindergarteners sang patriotic songs that stole everyone's heart. I attended the District 7 Meeting in Lake Havasu and the grand opening of the new VA Clinic in Gilbert. It is a beautiful facility with lots of parking!

Thanks to everyone that helped celebrate my Homecoming on April 26th. It was a busy weekend as I was the guest speaker at a Coast Guard Luncheon in Sun Lakes that morning; back to Fountain Hills for our ALR Chapter's first Blessing of the Bikes Ceremony; and then a great dinner by my best friend, Birgit. The following day was our American Legion Day at the Diamondbacks where we were on the jumbotron for the pregame show. Thanks to all of our color guards who participated in presenting colors and to all of the ALR Chapters who participated in the escort - it was awesome!

On April 29th, Ken Dowse and I welcomed our newest Post, Post 142 in Tucson. Area A Vice Commander, Gene Chewning, was in attendance along with several Post Commanders to welcome the new Post and offer assistance.

On May 3rd, I was the guest speaker at the Unified Arizona Veterans Meeting. Following the UAV Meeting, I headed to Overgaard to attend their Annual Awards Banquet. Thanks Post 86 for your hospitality and great meal. The next day was back to town for Apache Junction Post 27 Annual Picnic and then two birthday bashes.

Dick Perry and I attended the American Legion's National Spring Meetings in Indianapolis. The National Executive Committee voted to approve Commander Dellinger's resolution asking for the removal of Eric Shinseki from his position as Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

On May 10th, I attended District 3's meeting and picnic in Tombstone and then went to Douglas for our Department President Karen Smith's Homecoming. Thanks for some great "southern" hospitality. On the 13th, Angel and I attended a grassroots meeting and luncheon with our Army recruiters, and then headed to Post 41 for our Town Hall Meeting with our "System worth Saving" Task Force Team from National along with National Commander Dan Dellinger. Over 200 people were at the meeting with over 60

Veterans speaking out. Eight news vans were there and taped the four hour long session. We have a meeting scheduled with the Interim Director, Steve Young, and will ask what we can do to expedite the resolution of their issues.

On May 17th, I was in Flagstaff's Armed Forces Day Parade; great job Post 3! I went from there to Camp Verde Post 93 to attend the District 8 Meeting. That evening, we welcomed S.A.L. Detachment Commander "Scooter Bob" home. If you hear rumors of Sonny & Cher making an appearance, oh well, they may be true! The next day we headed to Casa Grande for the District 4 Meeting and then back to Mesa Post 26 for District 12 Commander Michael Thelen's homecoming.

The first week of June, I will be visiting Boys State in Flagstaff and Girls State in Tucson, then up to Mormon Lake for the ALLECA graduation ceremony.

Please be sure your Post has submitted its Consolidated Post Report. We are striving for 100% Posts reported! Don't forget Department Convention in Carefree from June 26th - 29th. Hope to see you there!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone in our Legion Family for all the support you have given me this year. Thank you all for the hospitality you have shown my husband, Jim and I. We have had a wonderful, whirlwind year and I am honored to have served as your Department Commander.

For God & Country,
Judi Beischel, Department Commander

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Arizona American Legion Riders

Riders Support Veterans in Communities

Arizona ALR Chapters continue to do great things for our veterans and our community. Among other donations made by ALR Chapters, ALR 53 (Buckeye) gave substantial donations to two families of deceased ALR members, to Operation Comfort Warrior and to the Buckeye Police Department K-9 Unit.

ALR members from throughout the State participated in the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration in the Verde Valley (which was sponsored and organized by ALR 93, Camp Verde). ALR 131 (Green Valley) hosted our quarterly AZALR meeting which included LEAD training from National, and had about 180 Riders attend.

Riders from throughout the State converged on ALR 24 (Tombstone) in May for our annual AZALR Camp-out for a fun weekend. ALR 140 (Prescott Valley) now has a booth at all Sundogs Games in Prescott Valley to help make the public aware of ALR and get new members. And we had about 75 ALR Riders participate in the ride-in from ALR 41 to Chase Field for ALR/American Legion Day at the D-Backs.

WELCOME TO NEW ALR CHAPTER 97 (San TanValley). ANY POSTS INTERESTED IN FORMING A NEW ALR CHAPTER ARE URGED TO CONTACT ME FOR INFO ON HOW TO DO IT – YOU'RE MISSING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REINVIGORATE YOUR POST AND BRING IN NEW MEMBERS.

NEXT STATEWIDE AZALR QUARTERLY MEETING will be our

Annual Meeting during the Department Convention, June 28 at the Carefree Resort – 1PM. Finally, ALR Riders from throughout the Western Region are getting ready to ride to Livingston,

Montana for the 2nd ANNUAL WESTERN ALR ROMP June 5-8.

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

American Legion Responds to Obama

INDIANAPOLIS (May 21, 2014)– Responding to President Obama’s press conference on the VA Administrations accountability, American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger released the following statement:

“The American Legion applauds President Obama for committing himself to hold leadership at the Department of Veterans Affairs more accountable for their actions. If this system-wide failure is to be corrected, it is paramount for our commander-in-chief to be personally involved. The president needs to ensure that every veteran who relies on the VA can do so secure in the knowledge that he or she will receive the best and most timely care humanly possible.

“The question is this: if the administration has known about these issues for at least four years, why is it just now taking action?”



*Commander
Daniel M. Dellinger*

“Moreover, the president’s decision to keep Secretary Shinseki at his post is an unfortunate one. The VA has been aware for some time that inappropriate scheduling procedures are widespread among its medical facilities. Yet Secretary Shinseki has taken no initiative in correcting the problem. Veterans continue to die waiting for their health care, senior VA executives continue to get their bonuses, and only after all of this is the secretary now pledging to fix what’s wrong.

“So now America’s veterans are told, in effect, wait a while longer and things will get better. Meanwhile, care is delayed or denied and veterans and their families suffer. Words are nice, and even somewhat comforting, but when will the VA’s house be cleansed of those who are soiling it and dishonoring the system?”



CALL TO CONVENTION

Call to the 96th Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of Arizona.



By authority of the Department Executive Committee, the 96th Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Arizona is hereby called to meet in Carefree, Arizona, June 26 - 29, 2014.

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 29, 2014, officers for the ensuing year will be elected. These being the Department Commander, three Department Vice Commanders, The National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Committeeman, and Endorsement of National Vice Commander, in that sequence.

Alternate N.E.C. Report**It's Time To Get Mad**

Legionnaires,

It's time to get mad! My trip to Washington D.C., talking to our Congressional leaders was almost a complete bust. Only one Senator, John McCain and three Congressmen, Ron Barber, Paul Gosar and David Schweikert were willing to make appointments to see us. Ron Barber is on board for Veterans' Rights. He listened to what we had to say and was very cooperative. Both Schweikert and Gosar are "bean counters". They didn't listen to us, all they could see was cutting the budget on the backs of the active service members and retired veterans. They didn't care one bit about Veterans' Rights. I asked Mr. Schweikert if HIS budget was cut. He didn't answer that question. I didn't go over to the Senate as we split up to hunt down the other Congressmen.

The House Armed Services Committee completed its line-by-line consideration on the National Defense Authorization. This Bill HR4435 now goes to the full House for consideration. This Bill blocks most of the President's proposed cuts which include Tricare, Housing

Allowances and Commissary benefits. HR4435 also shot down the Pentagon's request for another Base reduction and closure. Congressman Ron Barber amended the Bill to keep the A-10 in the Force. We're not out of the woods yet. Next year sequestration kicks back in and the brunt is directed on the Department of Defense. So we can't sit back and relax but charge ahead and keep up the pressure on our Congressional Members. No other government programs are taking this kind of hit.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower said in 1945 at the end of the war in Europe "The mission of this Allied Force was fulfilled".

You know what needs to be done. The American Legion's Mission is not completed.

I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Alternate N.E.C. these past two years. It's been an educational trip!

Thank you,
Dick Perry,
Alternate Executive Committeeman

Historian Report**Another Year In the History Books**

All good things must come to an end!

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 "all but done"! Like you, I'm sorting through pictures – picking out the ones that are clear enough to use, asking myself - 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. If you want a professional looking book, numbering the pages is essential and you'll need a Table of Content and last but not least, don't forget that "pesky" index!

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 the Department Contest.

At this point in time, I'm not sure who the Department Historian will be next year (since it's an appointed position)...but I hope that you will join me in my training class at the Department Convention – according to a "little bird", the class should be on Friday, June 27 at 8:30 am in the Palo Verde, but please check the convention program book just to be sure. Until then...

Jeri Strande
Department Historian

P.S.

All Post Yearbooks or histories for the contest should be given to Sheila when you arrive at the hotel...normally, she is located in the lobby so she's easy to find!



..... Jessica Vaupel Jr Auxiliary, President
Disabled American Veterans: Ron Cox, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars: Tony Mangine, Commander
Vietnam Veterans of America: Gene Crego, President
Korean War Veterans: Harold Stern, Vice Commander
MOPH: Ronald Capek, Commander
Marine Corps League Mike Flynn, Commandant
40 et 8: Tom Will, Grand Chef de Gare
20 et 4: Beth Nehring, Director VIP
8 & 40: Caroline Sibley, Departmental Chapean
Arizona Dept of Veterans Services: Robert Barnes, Director
Phoenix VA Regional Office: Sandy Flint, Director
Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, Attorney General
Legislator of The Year Jonathan Larkin, Representative
Candidate for National Commander: Mike Helm, Nebraska
Keynote Speaker: Jake Comer, Past National Commander

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Friday, June 27

7:00AM Membership Breakfast - 100% Post, District, Area Vice Commanders. Post 34
 8:30AM Historians Seminar - Jeri Strande Palo Verde I
 Membership Committee - Beth Nehring Saguario I
 Constitution & By-Laws Resolutions - Neal Sunden/Jim Roscoe Saguario II
 Club Committee - Ken Dowse Saguario IV
 Children & Youth Commission Saguario V
 Children & Youth - Steve Seney
 Education - Jon Altmann
 ALLECA - Dan Palmer
 Jr Shooting Sports - Mike Jurczak
 National Security Commission Saguario III
 National Security - Al Dunaway
 POW/MIA - Phil Johnson
 Law & Order - Scott Miller
 Convention & Conference Committee- John Aldecoa, Chairman.....Saguario IV
 10:00 am Americanism Commission Saguario I
 10:00 am Americanism - Charles Vawter
 Baseball - Rollin Kohrs / Tom Kusek
 Scouting - Wayne Chatfield
 Boys State - Charles Vawter
 Citizens Flag Alliance - Joe Duggan III
 10:00 am Trophies & Awards - TBD Palo Verde I
 10:00 am Oratorical Chairman Meeting - Roger Munchbach Palo Verde II

Legionaire Insurance Trust - Judi Beischel
 3:30 pm Honor Guard Captains Meeting - Mel Zacko Palo Verde I
 4:00 pm 40 et 8 - Tom Will, Grand Chef Palo Verde II

Saturday, June 28

8:30 am SAL Convention - Bob Hath, Commander Cholla I-II
 8:00 am Convention Reconvenes - Judi Beischel, Commander Saguario Ballroom
 Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
 Membership Report & Awards - Beth Nehring
 Trophies & Awards Report - TBD
 Convention & Conference Report - John Aldecoa
 Club Committee Report -Ken Dowse
 Americanism Report - Charles Vawter
 VA&R Committee Report - Mike Espinoza
 10:00 am Area A Caucus - Gene Chewing, Vice Commander Saguario IV
 Area B Caucus - Domingo Bonilla, Vice Commander Saguario I
 Area C Caucus - Scott Miller, Vice Commander Saguario V
 Lunch GNUMTS Luncheon..... Post 34
 11:30 am Membership & Post Activities - Sean Sparks Cholla I-II
 1 to 4:30 pm Legion Riders - John Moffitt Saguario IV-V
 1:30 to 4 pm 20 et 4 - Beth Nehring, Director VIP Palo Verde I
 4:00 pm Color Guard Competition - Bob Hammerl, Chairman Saguario Ballroom I-V
 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 29

8:00 am Joint Memorial Service Saguario Ballroom
 Carol Stensby, Chaplain,
 Jan Cushing, Auxiliary Chaplain
 Convention Reconvenes - Judi Beischel, Commander Saguario Ballroom
 9:00 am Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
 Eagle Scout Award - Aidan Schneider, Wayne Chatfield
 SAL Report - SAL Liaison, Steve Allen
 Legion Riders - John Moffitt
 Final Convention Report - John Aldecoa
 Election of Department Officers:
 Commander, 3 Vice Commanders,
 NEC, Alt. NEC, NVC Endorsement
 Farewell Speech - Judi Beischel
 Installation of Officers
 Acceptance Speech - Newly Elected Commander
 Announcements - Angel Juarez, Adjutant
 Benediction - Carol Stensby, Chaplain
 Retirement of Colors - Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms
 Executive Committee Meeting - Newly Elected Commander
 PDC Luncheon - Judi Beischel, Host Post 107

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



2014 Department of Arizona Annual Convention June 26-29

All Meetings held at the Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Road, Care Free Arizona 85377

**ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS
(ADJUSTMENTS POSSIBLE)**

Hospitality Suites (check at registration desk)

Registration hours: **Hotel Registration Lobby**

Thursday, June 26th 11:30AM until 6:00PM

Friday, June 27th 7:00AM until 5:00PM

Saturday, June 28th 7:00AM until 4:00PM

Sunday, June 29th 7:00AM until 9:00AM

**VA&R + SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR – Friday...1:00PM to 3:00PM...
ALR SESSION – Saturday... 1:30PM to 4:00PM...**

Thursday, June 26

2:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting..... Palo Verde I
 Rollin Kohrs, Chairman
 4:00 pm Rules Committee..... Palo Verde I
 Paul Griffin, NEC
 Joint Opening Session..... Saguro Ball Room
 Call to Order:..... Judi Beischel, Department Commander
 Advancement of Colors:..... Carl Arnbruster, Sgt-at-Arms
 Invocation:..... Carol Stensby, Chaplain
 Pledge of Allegiance:..... All
 Preamble to Constitution:..... All
 Opening Remarks:..... Judi Beischel, Commander
 Call to Convention:..... Angel Juarez, Adjutant
 Report of Rules Committee:..... Paul Griffin, NEC
 Welcome, Department Host:..... Judi Beischel, Commander

Greetings

Mayor, City of Carefree: David Schwan, Mayor
 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office: Lieutenant Todd Hoggart
 Sons of The American Legion: Bob Hah, Detachment Commander
 The American Legion Auxiliary: Karen Smith, Department President
 Kathleen Medalen, NEC

Friday, June 27 (continued)

10:00 am Legislative Committee - Larry Bahill..... Saguro II
 Legislative Council (Immediately Following) - Neal Sundeen
 10:00 am Bingo Committee - Andy Iainne..... Saguro III
 Public Relations Commission..... Saguro V
 Public Relations - Woody Woodward
 Press Association - Ron Murphy
 11:30 am Lunch
 Service Officers Seminar - Art Brest. Dept. Service Officer..... Cholla I-II
 VA&R Commission
 Rehabilitation - Mike Espinoza
 Employment - Mike Espinoza
 Cemetery - Mel Zako
 1:30 pm Convention Reconvenes - Judi Beischel, Commander..... Saguro Ballroom
 Credentials Report - Marge Ahrens
 Constitution & By-Laws Report - Neal Sundeen
 Resolutions Report - Jim Roscoe
 Legislative Report - Larry Bahill
 Children & Youth Report - Steve Seney
 National Security Report - Al Dunaway
 POW/MIA Report - Phil Johnson
 Law and Order - Scott Miller

Special Events:

Golf Tournament, Thursday, Check In At 6:30AM, Shotgun
 Start 7:00AM
 Rancho Mañana Golf Club, 5734 E. Rancho Mañana 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, 1:00PM, Post 107



POST EVERLASTING

1	Porfirio F Vega	Joseph Capen	Henry H Wronka	William A Jones, III
Richard L Anderson	12	Gerald W Chase	Paul Zeilinger	Robert L Karcz
David Bakewell	William B Mansker	Edward J Dukart	30	James A Kaufman
Joseph C Bass	Ray H Noble	Richard H Griffin	Harlan Bolton	Robert J Maroney
R F Baumann	Richard J Utter	Fred L Hoke	Manuel Lerma	Andrew R Murray
William E Benson	14	Harvey P McNutt	32	Paul W Obermeyer
Guy P Duhome	Robert J Decordova	Norman N Sandager	Leslie W Davis	Frank E Schaffer
John J McInnis	Richard Frank	Michael T Stevens	34	Anton R Springer
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2	Richard E Cooksley	Ray T Stull	35	Kenneth J Vetter
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Earl L Willson	Ruby A Cottrell	Dale F Brodd	David C Beveridge	52
3	Albert W Goddard	Warren L Clabuesch	John H Cardellina	John M Chepinski
Lance C Davison	Louis Gonzales	Roland Collecchi	Thomas C Hanes	Bennett T Dingwall, III
Neil E Swenson	Jimmie L Grimes	Leroy C Cordes	James J Hillis	Albert D Germain
4	Raymond E Haggard	Harvey G Engelby	Frank Jakubowski	Kenneth L Hayden
John B Caceletto	Louie E Kehl	Allen L Golat	Joseph F Lynch	L Bruce Miller
5	Joseph A Lutter	Thomas K Gorse	Dean C Manning	David Norris
John Niemela Sr	Eugene K Pape	Donald T Gorski	Frank G Noriega	David M Osborne
6	Larry Toland	William A Harvey	James S Styron	Eugene A Schieffer
John W Brink	22	L Paul Hebert	Edward W Timberlake	John Semon
Gordon Farrell	Earl W Hancock	Kenneth R Johnson	Donald S Weber	Bailey Smith
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Daniel D Frank	Donald Zahorcik	Peter F Lamantia Sr	Guy W Burch	53
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7	John A Manda	Kenneth Loitz	Joseph E Schultis	George A McVay
Howard Brown	Joe Scranton	Harold A MacMullen	James D Stumpf	Lucian N Pezzotti
Jay C Dotson	Roy V Zeagler	Gary E Martin	James E Takas	56
Abram Jacinto	25	Maurice K Miller	40	Jessie Tinson
John Kellner	William O Barnett	Paul E Ponzettz Jr	James A Bartusiak	58
Paul K Tweekrem	Jerome A Cygan	Theodore L Radetzki	Thomas C Bernhagen	Richard C Brunswick
8	John W Dettman	Fred T Rothenbuhler	Dario J Gatti	Kurt A Buehler
Roy W Cashman	James A Gundelach	Edward Salokar	Jim Saburn	William J Gibbons
Thomas E Franklin	Ralph L Johnson	Daniel J Smith	41	Robert G Good
George W Holden	Gerald F Kaiser	Frank Snyder	Richard M Baerg	Harrison H Hobart
Jim Modlin	Daniel S Maxson	Francis J Spichal	Raymond J Flores	Nick F Majersky
Ralph S Ogden	Robert W Ochoa	Brian A Thomson	Joe P Larriva	Herbert W Robinson
Ronald D Wheeler	Gunther H Stoffers	Joe P Watters	Manuel A Lucero	59
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Lloyd D Harper	26	29	Reynaldo N Ruiz	Ray Ochoa
10	G W Bingaman	Pete Cordova	42	Manny Q Rosas
Perry C Alley	Kenneth Camp	Robert J Day	John Hale	61
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		Richard A Miller	Dnoald Hosner	Richard C Beckett
		Wilfred H Small		

Wallace H Booth	Ted Denomme	93	Amil Hays	Thomas F Troller
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Robin Hurt	R T Unger	Jack L Gimbel	Arthur Stovall	132
Charles W Smith	91	William A Goddard	Edmund L Swanson	John P Collins
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A	Gene Chewning	9,471	9,308	98.09
B	Domingo Bonilla	17,826	17,402	97.62
C	Scott Miller	7,807	7,403	94.73
HQ	Judi Beischel	5,888	4,792	81.39
Grand Totals		41,000	39,039	95.22

High: Area A – 98.09% • District 1 – 99.84% • Post 140 – 300%

District 1 - Commander: Terry Greene

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
19	H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	905	907	100.22
46	Chic Chisom	Bouse	106	106	100.00
47	Somerton	Somerton	15	6	40.00
56	Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	157	161	102.55
67	Frank Mick	Roll	17	18	105.88
70	Freman Sharp	Parker	35	35	100.00
District Totals			1,235	1,233	99.84

District 2 - Commander: George Molina

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
7	Morgan McDermott	Tucson	339	340	100.29
10	Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	66	61	92.42
23	Ridge-Igo	Nogales	63	64	101.59
36	John P. Burns	Tucson	1,286	1,242	96.58
59	Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	339	338	99.71
66	Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,383	1,344	97.18
68	Sahuaro	Tucson	341	315	92.38
73	Casas Adobes	Tucson	146	135	92.47
102	Tucson Mountains	Tucson	102	94	92.16
109	McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	807	814	100.87
111	Patagonia	Patagonia	16	16	100.00
113	Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	21	18	85.71
125	Yoem	Tucson	48	54	112.50
131	Madera	Green Valley	729	749	102.74
132	Oro Valley	Oro Valley	218	267	122.48
142			18	18	100.00
District Totals			5,904	5,869	99.11

District 3 - Commander: Mike Stout

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
11	Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	298	279	93.62
16	L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	73	86.90
20	Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	43	41	95.35
24	Roy Fourr	Tombstone	643	626	97.36
45	Vicente Manzo	Benson	98	98	100.00
52	Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	739	722	97.70
141	Pearce	Pearce	15	15	100.00
District Totals			1,905	1,854	96.56

District 4 - Commander: Roy White

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
8	Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	236	247	104.66
9	McClellan-Parsons	Florence	168	144	85.71
17	William P. Kern	Superior	22	20	90.91
18	P.A.L.	Kearny	38	38	100.00
48	Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	42	22	52.38
51	Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	37	36	97.30
54	William David Hood	Coolidge	126	118	93.65
97	San Tan	San Tan Foothills	55	59	107.27
129	Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	54	55	101.85
133	Bernie G Crouse	Maricopa	77	76	98.70
District Totals			855	815	95.32

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
4	Henry Berry	Globe	195	180	92.31
28	Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	136	136	100.00
32	Swift-Murphy	Safford	333	325	97.60
49	McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	46	45	97.83
95	Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	82	84	102.44
District Totals			792	770	97.22

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
15	Frank Perkins	Winslow	80	87	108.75
30	John H. Slaughter	Springerville	154	158	102.60
31	Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	23	28	121.74
37	Navajo	Holbrook	55	52	94.55
60	Whiteriver	Whiteriver	43	43	100.00
69	Tonto Rim	Payson	439	435	99.09
76	WilliamHouse	Show Low	171	159	92.98
80	Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	38	47	123.68
82	Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	1	6.67
86	John D. Wibby	Overgaard	433	434	100.23
126	Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	18	23	88.46
130	Joseph McCarthy	Concho	35	32	91.43
District Totals			1,504	1,499	99.14

District 7 - Commander: James Roscoe

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
3	Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	537	515	95.90
13	Cordova	Williams	101	103	101.98
14	Swaskegame	Kingman	282	276	97.87
22	Golden Valley	Golden Valley	208	207	99.52
33	Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	11	10	90.91
42	John Ivens	Grand Canyon	190	143	75.26
57	Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	85	86	101.18
81	Robert A. Eckert	L. Havasu City	1,319	1,170	88.70
87	Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	438	439	100.23
88	Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	116	110	94.83
103	Meadview	Meadview	47	46	97.87
112	Curtis Huskon	Leupp	24	24	100.00
123	Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	20	29	145.00
127	Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	38	34	89.47
136	Yucca	Yucca	26	20	76.92
District Totals			3,442	3,212	93.32

District 8 - Commander: Sherie Mercier

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
6	Ernest A. Love	Prescott	755	677	89.67
25	Verde Valley	Cottonwood	611	534	87.40
40	Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	367	339	92.37
78	Humboldt	Humboldt	269	275	102.23
79	Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	269	269	100.00
90	Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	44	45	102.27
93	David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	297	258	86.87
104	Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	22	23	104.55
108	Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	77	83	107.79
122	Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	45	36	80.00
135	Cornville	Cornville	60	65	108.33
139	George D. Reiff	Crown King	21	16	76.19
140	Prescott Valley	Prescott Vly	24	72	300.00
District Totals			2,861	2,692	94.09

District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
1	Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	786	734	93.38
5	Southern Meadows	Phoenix	99	60	60.61
12	Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	373	358	95.98
29	Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,304	1,249	95.78
43	Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	10	100.00
50	Thomas Tang	Phoenix	51	45	88.24
53	Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	102	94	92.16
61	Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	572	573	100.17
62	John J. Morris	Peoria	1,978	1,856	93.83
72	Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	16	13	81.25
94	Sun City West	Sun City West	323	323	100.00
96	Surprise	Surprise	201	188	93.53
101	John H. Harries	Sun City	116	98	84.48
105	Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	553	560	101.27
128	Daisy Mountain	Anthem	96	83	86.46
134	Laveen	Laveen	55	64	116.36
137	Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	51	46	90.20
District Totals			6,686	6,354	95.03

District 12 - Commander: Michael Thelen

Post	Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
2	William Bloys	Tempe	403	348	86.35
26	Mesa	Mesa	806	745	92.43
27	Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	2,570	101.74
34	Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	356	348	97.75
35	Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	634	608	95.90
39	Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	553	633	114.47
41	Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	794	795	100.13
44	Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	971	960	98.87
55	James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	217	192	88.48
58	Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	471	464	98.51
63	Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	34	32	94.12
64	Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	140	139	99.29
65	Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	324	325	100.31
75	Sunnyslope	Phoenix	237	191	80.59
83	East Mesa	Mesa	109	104	95.41
84	Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	50	55	110.00
91	Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	254	255	100.39
107	Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	463	467	100.86
114	Bushmasters	Scottsdale	63	60	95.24
115	North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	62	58	93.55
117	Pat Tillman	Phoenix	224	231	103.13
124	Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	30	27	90.00
138	James Witkowski	Tempe	184	208	113.04
District Totals			9,905	9,815	99.09

We Earned the Golden Eagle Award

Here we are near the end of our Legion Membership year. Congratulations to our Arizona Membership Team! We have made Commander Judi proud by being the winner of Commander Dellinger's Golden Eagle Award. We will all be happy to see her go on stage at National Convention in Charlotte to receive this award. We could not have achieved this without all of your hard work in membership recruiting and retention.

I am happy to report that since my last article we have added 39 Posts for a total of 53 to our 100% Club. The Posts are as follows: 7, 8, 13, 15, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 39, 41, 43, 45, 46, 56, 57, 60, 61, 65, 67, 70, 78, 79, 80, 84, 86, 87, 90, 91, 94, 95, 97, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 117, 123, 125, 126, 129, 131, 132, 134, 135, 138, 140, 141, and 142. If you see your Post is missing from this listing, contact your Sr. Vice Commander and see if there is something you can do to help them in contacting some of the members that have not renewed to bring you to that 100% total. Also congratulations to Area A for continuing to lead in membership with 98.09%. Congratulations to all the Posts for helping us reach our 80% goal. We have four Districts so close to making that 100% mark. Work with your Posts to see what can be done to assist in reaching that goal. Which one of you will be the first to reach it!

I want to personally thank the Post, Area, and District Commanders for their hard work this year in attaining our goals. Without you, we would not be where we are today. As I close out this Legion year, continue to work on membership. There are many Veterans out there still that do not know we are here. Please keep asking folks if they are Veterans; remember to JUST ASK! Every member whether

Post, Auxiliary or SAL should be PROUD to show their card and not upon request, but just because it is a privilege and honor to belong to our fine organization!



Beth Nehring

Please go into www.mylegion.org and verify who is delinquent in their membership within your post and contact them to get them to renew. Let them know that you welcome them back to your Post. Explain to them the benefits of belonging to The American Legion. Also look for those members within your area. Anyone who would like more

information on www.mylegion.org please let me know and I will be more than happy to assist you.

I would ask all Posts to continue sending in all membership renewals to Department at least weekly so that your members remain in good standing at Department and National levels. The American Legion is a national organization and you cannot hold on to dues paid to the organization. Dues paid by members must be turned into Department in the month that they are paid.

During April, I had the opportunity to attend the District 7 meeting and picnic in Bullhead City. I also attended the homecomings for Commander Judi, Auxiliary President Karen Smith and SAL Detachment Commander Bob Hath. It has been a privilege to be able to visit Posts during my travels: Kingman, Golden Valley, Lake Havasu, Bouse, Wickenburg, Tombstone, Douglas, Bisbee, Corona de Tucson, Chandler and Fountain Hills. It has been an honor to be serving as your Membership Director this year and being able to visit with members at your Posts.

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Chaplain's Corner

Spring Has Sprung...

Spring is surely the most wonderful season of the year. God shows His infinite love to mankind with the renewal of life all around us. The desert flora is in full bloom, the trees are sprouting new growth and the Santa Ana winds are upon us. With all this new growth manifesting itself all around us comes the realization that rebirth is in our air. Notice that the folks around you seem to a little more "spring" in their step and their eyes are a bit brighter.

In the middle of all this sunshine in our lives, it just might be a good time to consider a little rebirth of our own. It's an annual reminder that it's time for a little personal "spring" cleaning. Surely, we all have some sort of unfinished business

that's been hanging around for too long. It matters not if it's in a personal relationship, a financial matter or an ethical problem of some sort. Now is the time to get to work on it. It will truly be fodder for the soul.

With all that "stuff" cleared out of the way, we'll be able to look forward to the coming of summer break, perhaps a holiday with family or friends or just some well-deserved relaxation.

Department Convention is right around the corner and I encourage all who will be attending to come to the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

It is with sadness that I report the recent passing of PDC Ted Martinson. Please keep Jan and his family in your prayers.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Department Chaplain





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I am a soldier, sailor, airman, marine; I am your ancestry and your legacy. I am your grandparents who served in the World Wars and Korea; your father who fought in Vietnam; your brother that served in Beirut, Grenada or Panama; your sons, daughters and grandchildren who are deployed in the Middle East today.

I am your neighbor, your friend, the stranger in the coffee shop. I am one who offered life and service for God and country. I am active duty, I am a veteran, I am still serving our country today. I am dedicated to upholding and defending the principles of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.



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I am Memorial Day, honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I am Veterans Day, remembering those who served and are still serving. I am one who wants every American POW/MIA accounted for. I am a history lesson in the classroom. I am one who remembers the good times, and the bad times.

Who am I?

I am the largest wartime veteran's organization in the United States. I am devoted in service to the community, state and nation. I am the Four Pillars upon which the American Legion was founded: Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

Who am I?

I AM the American Legion.

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In closing, I want to say that I was able to visit all the Districts and some of them more than once. Thank you for allowing me to attend your meetings. Your hospitality and friendship is in keeping of the camaraderie of what The American Legion is. I hope to see you at State Convention in June.

Please support the next Membership Director, and keep Arizona's membership growing and at the top. Thank you for this great opportunity to serve as your Membership Director. It has been my honor to have served you.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

Beth Nehring, Membership Director

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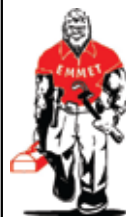
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