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## 2014 Ended On A Busy Note

Hello Legionnaires and Legion Family. I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Happy New Year and I hope that it will be a great year for all! Also, thank you for the holiday cards you sent, your thoughtfulness was very kind.

The month of December was a very busy month starting out with the Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony on the 7th at Wesley Bolin Plaza which was well attended. Our Department Adjutant, Angel; myself, ALR members, S.A.L. Detachment, Joe Miller, and Auxiliary members attended and volunteered at the National Guard Muster held at Sun Devil Stadium. There were over 7,500 Army and Airmen participating and over 200 community vendors. What an awesome sight! Also in attendance were guests from The American Legion National Headquarters "Dispatch" newspaper who came to report on the Muster. Arizona got front page coverage for our involvement in this

event. I attended quite a few Posts during the month of December for meetings and Christmas parties and dinners. Thank you to all for your hospitality, we always had a great time!



On January 19th, I was privileged to attend and bring greetings at a Remembrance Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. held at Post 65 in Phoenix. This is an annual event that the Post hosts and was attended by well over 200 people. I was impressed by all of the volunteers that make this event such a success and very special. The Post also hosted a dinner afterwards that was awesome! Thank you for the great

hospitality.

My next comments are from National Commander, Mike Helm in asking that each Post in our Department try and send a donation

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## Christmas Stocking Ride

I was very honored and proud to be a part of this ride. The District 8 ALR met at Post 6 in Prescott and stuffed over 150 stockings with razors, flashlights, other toiletry items, and of course, some nuts and candy! After notifying the VA Police, we rode our bikes to the VA Hospital in Prescott and handed out the



stockings in the Community Living Center, the Dementia Unit, and the Hospice area. The ALR...another shining example of Legionnaires at work volunteering.

The District 8 Riders want to thank the following for the donations they received to make this a great success: Camp Verde Ace Hardware; Albertson's; Walgreens; Harbor Freight; and Costco (all in Prescott); and the City of Prescott Firefighters Station #74. The community truly came together to make Christmas very special for our Veterans.

For God and Country...  
Doug Keller, Area C Vice Commander  
Department of Arizona

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## National Guard Muster at Sun Devil Stadium and Other Legion Gatherings Around the State



*Commander Andy and Alt. NEC Judi with some fellow Veterans at the National Guard Muster.*



*ASU National Guard Muster at Sun Devil Stadium*



*The American Legion Family Post 39 in Gilbert at the Gilbert Days Parade*



*Auxiliary - Great picture showing "just a few" of our Auxiliary members from around the state.*



*ALR - Quite a few Riders showed up before going on to their quarterly meeting.*



*Past Department Commanders at Open House  
LtoR: Back Row: George Cushing, Dick Perry, Judi Beischel, Joe Aguilar, Commander Andy, Ken Dowse Front Row: Bud Hansing, Bruce Conklin, Bobby Reyes, Larry Cox*

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to National for the National Emergency Fund (NEF) as this fund is dwindling fast due to the large number of national disasters in recent years. Arizona was a recipient during the tragic fire in Yarnell. Post #79 in Yarnell received funds as well as Legion members who needed help during this awful disaster. As Commander Helm says, "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when it occurs". The funding needs to be there so we can take care of our own. Please make checks payable to: National Emergency Fund and send them into Department Headquarters and then they will be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Lastly, National Commander Helm will be visiting Arizona in April and will be traveling to Tombstone, Tucson, Sierra Vista and Yuma. Unfortunately, time limitations will not allow for a Phoenix visit. Details of his visits with times and locations will

be sent out by Department Adjutant Angel once they are finalized. If you are interested in attending any of these visits, contact Angel at Department ([adjutant@azlegion.org](mailto:adjutant@azlegion.org)).

I am really hoping all our Department Post Commanders and officers start calling every member who hasn't paid for 2015 to get them to renew. If there is a hardship, think about paying the \$22.00 for the member, it's the right thing to do. I would like to remind all of you that our members are the reason we are the leaders and it is our duty to help them in any way we can.

Thank you to all of you who attended the Open House on January 10th; we had a great turnout with a lot of delicious food! Thank you for ALL that you have done and continue to do.

Still serving America,  
Commander Andy

### Area B Report

## 100% Membership Goal

Well 2015 is here and I'm looking forward to the second half of my term. I know we will make 100% in our membership, we just need to get the Posts to turn in the membership on due dates: COME ON POSTS, WE CAN DO IT!

I attended the 3rd Annual Sunset Tribute held at the Heard Museum. It was fascinating to hear Mr. Aaron White (Navajo/Ute-flutist) play the National Anthem, very moving. Post 84 from Sacaton Honor Guard presented colors. It turned out to be a wonderful end to the day honoring all Veterans. Next stop was on November 15th at the Annual Christmas Dinner with Post 50-Phoenix, where they honored their WWII members.

Then it was up to Post 12-Wickenburg on November 16th for the District 11 Meeting which was well attended, followed by Bingo at the AZ Veterans Home hosted by Post 65-Phoenix the next day. On the 18th, Post 65 held a really great dinner for homeless Veterans and provided gifts.

Things slowed down until December 6th, where Christmas Dinner was held at Post 107-Phoenix, they always have good food! On Pearl Harbor Day, I went to Wesley Bolin Plaza for a tribute to our fallen Veterans, where we had three of the remaining survivors in attendance. By the way, we met our 75% Membership Goal on the 8th!

Next it was over to Post 114-Scottsdale for the annual Christmas Dinner held at Walking Stick Resort, which was well attended by officers, and Post members. On the 14th, it was a quick day trip to Post 46-Bouse with Commander Andy and Beth Nehring our Department Membership

Chairman. Another evening of Bingo at the AZ Veterans Home sponsored by District 12 ALR members.

December 20th was a really busy day for Children's Christmas Parties; started out at Post 41-Phoenix (my Post) for the first party, then over to Post 105-Phoenix, then onto to Post 29-Glendale to finish out the day. This was a blast for the kids; they got to ride with Santa on the 40& 8 train around Glendale streets. We finally ended up at Post 1-Phoenix, where their party was just winding down.

Had some down time with a bad, bad cold. Stay Healthy everybody and have a safe year! Until next time, keep those membership cards coming in and as the Adjutant says; every Post should try to bring in three new members or is it every member? That would really be GREAT!

STILL SERVING AMERICA,  
Danny Bugh, Area B Vice Commander

"Be who you are and say  
what you feel because  
those who mind don't  
matter and those who  
matter don't mind."

-Dr. Seuss



**Arizona American Legion Riders****Active Holiday for ALR**

American Legion Riders throughout Arizona have been keeping busy this past holiday season. In addition to ALR Riders attending dozens of funerals for our veterans and service members, and welcome homes and send-offs for our active duty troops at Patriot Guard Rider "missions", numerous holiday-oriented events were held by ALR Chapters throughout the State.

In November, Riders from throughout the State participated in various Veterans Day ceremonies in their local communities and at their Posts, including ALR 107 (Phoenix) which participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies at Odyssey Preparatory Academy and at Sunshine Residential Homes (Sunshine Kids). ALR 107 also presented substantial checks to the Arizona Fisher House, Justa Center, and to Soldier's Best Friend.

In December, as has become a tradition within the ALR, numerous ALR Chapters statewide raised money and participated in wreath-laying ceremonies at the National Cemeteries in Arizona as part of the national "Wreaths Across America" Program. Riders from District 12 ALR rode to the Veteran's Home in Phoenix in December to help out with bingo and spend some time with our veterans.

And, of course, the Christmas festivities. Riders in District 12 held a number of toy drives to support the Marines Toys for Tots Program. Over \$3,000 in toys was provided for the Marines' annual toy drive. ALR 87 (Bullhead City) plucked Santa from his sleigh and perched him on the back of a motorcycle to deliver Christmas to a local veteran and his family to make a real difference. He is a U.S. Navy Veteran raising four of his grandchildren (ages 5, 3, 1 and 4 months old).



ALR Riders from throughout District 8 escorted Santa on his bike to visit patients at the Prescott VA and residents of the Prescott US Vets Facility. The riders passed out about 175 stockings, containing candy, cookies, crackers and various stocking stuffers.

District 2 ALR adopted AVIVA Children's Services by supporting their 2014 fundraising activities and the Kruzin 4 Kidz Holiday Parade on December 13, 2014. Although the rain put a damper on things at registration and during the parade route, 70 brave riders endured the inclement weather and were joined by over 100 more riders at the event. With the support of the ALR, Tucson-area businesses and other Veteran and patriotic organizations, AVIVA was able to raise over \$19,000 and provide gifts for children in foster care. This year over 3,000 toys were distributed to underprivileged children in Southern Arizona. Among other ALR Chapters, ALR 66 (Green Valley) rode in the pouring rain and donated \$500.00 to AVIVA and a basket full of underwear and socks that were collected at Post 66 by their riders. As was aptly put by a Rider from ALR 87, "Christmas isn't about you, me or the gifts we get.

It's about what we can do together."

If you are ever interested in seeing what is going on with all of the ALR Chapters in Arizona, feel free to visit our website at [www.azalr.yolasite.com](http://www.azalr.yolasite.com). If you want to start an ALR Chapter in your Post, please contact me at the e-mail address below for information on how to get started.

For God and Country,  
John Moffitt, [prescottbikers@hotmail.com](mailto:prescottbikers@hotmail.com)

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**Area A Report****First Six Months Very Eventful**

During the first six months of my tenure as Area A Vice Commander, I have had the privilege of participating in the installation of District 3 Officers at Post 11, Douglas; and attending Commander Andy's organizational meeting at Post 44, Scottsdale in the month of July, 2014.

In August, I attended the Membership Training Work Shop in Indianapolis which was very informative.

I attended the District 3 Meeting at Post 16, Bisbee in September.

In the month of November, I attended the Fall Conference in Tucson, which was very helpful and insightful. I attended District 5 meeting at Post 32, Safford along with Department Commander Andy and Department Adjutant Angel, as well as other past Department Officers.

On Veteran's Day, I was honored by participating in the Veteran's Parade in Tucson as a guest of Post 7. I also attended the Pascua Indian Parade as a guest of Post 125-Yoem and a special

memorial at Post 68-Tucson. Also in November, I attended the District 2 meeting at Post 109-Vail.

On 8 January 2015, I attended the General Meeting at Post 45, Benson. I also attended the District 3 meeting hosted by Post 24, Tombstone on 11 January 2015; the District 4 meeting at Post 54 in Coolidge; the District 2 meeting and Department Commander Andy's Official Visit to Post 36 in Tucson on 25 January.

During my visits at Post and District levels, I have been impressed with the hard work that they have done. I also want to thank our ALR, S.A.L., and Auxiliary Units for their part in making it possible as a family to achieve the success of the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

A special congratulations to Posts 111-Patagonia and 132-Oro Valley, for obtaining 100% of their membership and District 2 for their lead in District percentage in Department.

I thank all concerned in Area A for a job well done and continue your work in membership so that we may move up in the standings.

Respectfully,  
Al Reyes,  
Area A Vice Commander

# Membership Director Challenge 2014-2015

**MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE ENDS: 05/29/15**

**I want to see each Post compete for these Awards; EACH category listed below will be awarded First Place, Second Place and Third Place for highest membership total reached by May 29, 2015 (that is a total of 15 awards):**

<b>X-Small</b>	<b>Small</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Large</b>	<b>X-Large</b>
<b>15-75</b>	<b>76-200</b>	<b>201-500</b>	<b>501-1,000</b>	<b>1,001 plus</b>

**In order to determine which category you belong to, use your 2015 Goal.**

**The awards are:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100.00 National Emblem Sales Gift Certificate**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50.00 National Emblem Sales Gift Certificate**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – The American Legion Certificate Maker CD**

**It may be possible for one Area to win all of the awards! Your Membership Committee and I will be keeping track as to how everyone is doing. This is a great challenge and I tried to make this year's awards as fair as possible to all post sizes as well as awarding something that a Post could use.**

**Good Luck to everyone!**

**Beth Nehring  
Department Membership Director**

# 13 Arizona Posts In 100% Club

Happy New Year to our American Legion Family! Here's wishing to a great 2015 in membership.

I would like to congratulate the 13 Posts that are members of the 100% Club and who will receive their 100% membership ribbon from National. The Posts are as follows: 43, 57, 64, 70, 72, 80, 111, 132, 134, 135, 136, 139 and 143. Also, congratulations to Area A for continuing to lead in membership with 83.43%. Congratulations to all the Posts for helping us reach our 80% goal. Our next goal will be February 9 at 85%. Many of you are close to it. Let us see how many of you can pass it.

Area, District and Post Commanders have worked very hard these past months in renewing and signing up new members, and now with the turning of the calendar to 2015 this is your opportunity to physically see membership cards and identify those who have not renewed. As of January 1st, Posts should be validating cards – it's very amazing how many of you look at membership cards every time someone enters your Post. ALR members must remember to also renew their respective organizations card, because in order to be a card carrying ALR member you must be a current paid Legion Family Member. 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!

The requirement for a current membership isn't just the money; it's also because the Legion membership is an annual requirement beginning on January 1 – December 31. If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended but nevertheless a member with no privileges. Please go into [www.mylegion.org](http://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. Anyone who would like more information on [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) please let me know and I can assist you.

In closing, I want to say thank you to District 1, District 2, District 5 and 12 for their hospitality at your District meetings recently. Remember to contact three members each week that have not renewed or are expired and get them to rejoin our great organization. Keep up the great work!

Beth Nehring  
Department Membership Chairman

*"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." –Theodore Roosevelt*

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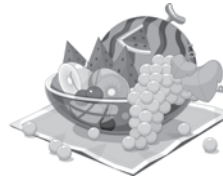


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W G Johnson  
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### Chaplain's Corner

## The Seven Deadly Sins

Most everyone has heard this term at some point and it's likely many can name some, if not all, of these transgressions. They are GREED, WRATH, SLOTH, PRIDE, LUST, ENVY, and GLUTTONY.

By terming the sins "deadly", it is not intended to mean that committing any of these once or twice will damn your soul to eternity. Rather, it suggests that allowing any one of these tendencies to become ingrained in your lifestyle may very well lead to that undesirable outcome.

The next several articles will deal with these sins. Upon examination, it's easy to see that the base motivator is an inordinately over sized ego. Love of self is part of all of us yet can be carried to the nth degree.

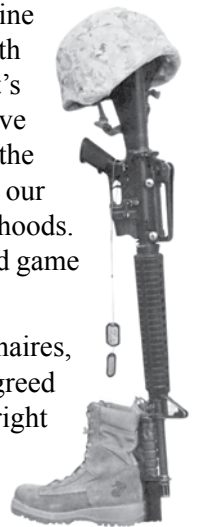
We'll begin with GREED. By looking at all seven sins, it is not difficult to see how one leads directly to another. The dictionary defines greed as an excessive desire to acquire or possess more than what one needs or deserves especially with respect to material things. Were this article to continue ad infinitum, one would never run out of examples. Pick most any world government, any corporation or any politician. The desire to dine at the trough of others is the result of greed. With some, it is the desire for wealth, for others it's power and for many, the need for notoriety. We've all seen greed at work and not necessarily on the world stage but right in our own workplace or in our volunteer organizations or even in our neighborhoods. The underlying theme is the need to win the greed game with little regard to how it affects others.

In order to maintain our status as dedicated Legionnaires, it's of the utmost importance that we not allow greed to overshadow our desire to do that which is right for all as opposed to feathering our own nest. A close relationship with your God will do much in keeping this villain out of your life.

Service to others not self for the greater good should be your mantra.

Please keep our ill, infirm brothers and sisters in your prayers, as well as all the men and women serving on active duty.

For God and Country,  
Carol Stensby, Department Chaplain





# Arizona Legion 2015 Oratorical Contest Schedule

## REGIONALS

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

### District 2

10:00 am - Post 102 (mobile home park clubhouse)  
5975 W. Western Way, Tucson, AZ 85713

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### District 11

2:00 pm - Post 29, 6822 N. 57th Dr., Glendale, AZ 85301

Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

### District 12

10:00 am - Post 352240 W. Chandler Blvd,  
Chandler, AZ 85224

Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

### Area C - Semi Final

11:00 am - Prescott VA Hospital - Bldg 15

Contact Jim Strande 928-649-3374 sicily84@cableone.net

## SEMI FINALS

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**

### Area A

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

Contact Jim Barrett 520-822-1927 jrbarrett\_wolf@yahoo.com

### Area B

10:00 am - Post 27

1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

## FINALS

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

Department

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

## American Legion • Department of Arizona

### Membership Report, January 23, 2015

A	Al Reyes	9,487	7,915	83.43
B	Danny Bugh	17,746	14,792	83.35
C	Doug Keller	7,581	6,149	81.11
HQ	Andy Jaime	7,705	3,187	41.36
Grand Totals		42,519	32,043	75.36

High: Area A- 83.43% • District 2- 86.89% • Post 143 - 235.29%

#### District 1 - Commander: Terry Greene

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	942	764	81.10
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	107	102	95.33
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	0	00.00
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	163	132	80.98
67 Frank Mick	Roll	20	3	15.00
70 Fremman Sharp	Parker	35	36	102.86
District Totals		1,282	1,037	80.89

#### District 2 - Commander: Steve Aguirre

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	348	279	80.17
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	62	52	83.87
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	65	55	84.62
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,256	1,121	89.25
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	345	257	74.49
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,378	1,206	87.52
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	320	276	86.25
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	136	122	89.71
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	96	79	82.29
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	832	660	79.33
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	17	18	105.88
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	19	12	63.16
125 Yoem	Tucson	55	35	63.64
131 Madera	Green Valley	756	710	93.92
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	270	305	112.96
142	Tucson	19	4	21.05
District Totals		5,974	5,191	86.89

#### District 3 - Commander: Mike Stout

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	283	164	57.95
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	74	14	18.92
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	42	33	78.57
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	635	521	82.05
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	99	80	80.81
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	745	576	77.32
141 Pearce	Pearce	16	12	75.00
District Totals		1,894	1,400	73.92

#### District 4 - Commander: Roy White

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	251	230	91.63
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	146	125	85.62
17 William P. Kern	Superior	21	18	85.71
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	40	33	82.50
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	23	13	56.52
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	37	13	35.14
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	123	82	66.67
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	60	44	73.33
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	56	50	89.29
133 Bernie G Crouse	Maricopa	81	74	91.36
District Totals		838	682	81.38

#### District 5 - Commander: Richard Rodriguez

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	185	165	89.19
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	137	98	71.53
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	328	275	83.84
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	46	35	76.09
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	85	69	81.18
District Totals		781	642	82.20

#### District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	87	67	77.01
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	160	107	66.88
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	30	20	66.67
37 Navajo	Holbrook	54	30	55.56
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	44	35	79.55
69 Tonto Rim	Paylor	440	239	54.32
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	161	144	89.44
80 Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	48	53	110.42
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	1	6.67
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	441	377	85.49
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	24	21	87.50
130 Joseph McCarthy	Concho	34	22	64.71
District Totals		1,538	1,116	72.56

#### District 7 - Commander: James Roscoe

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	533	409	76.74
13 Cordova	Williams	105	84	80.00
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	285	234	82.11
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	215	178	82.79
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	0	0.00
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	144	123	85.42
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	87	87	100.00
81 Robert A. Eckert	L. Havasu City	1,186	1,060	89.38
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	448	356	79.46
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	111	79	71.17
103 Meadview	Meadview	48	43	89.58
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	26	20	76.92
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	30	14	46.67
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	35	34	97.14
136 Yucca	Yucca	22	22	100.00
District Totals		3,290	2,743	83.37

#### District 8 - Commander: Tom Shackelford

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	687	584	85.01
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	543	441	81.22
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	351	273	77.78
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	284	248	87.32
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	272	208	76.47
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	46	45	97.83
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	266	223	83.83
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	18	75.00
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	84	75	89.29
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	37	33	89.19
135 Cornville	Cornville	66	70	106.06
139 George D. Reiff	Crown King	17	24	141.18
140 Prescott Valley	Prescott Vly	76	48	63.16
District Totals		2,753	2,290	83.18

#### District 11 - Commander: Wayne Chatfield

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	751	588	78.30
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	61	40	65.57
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	362	304	83.98
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,271	1,102	86.70
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	7	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	46	41	89.13
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	98	76	77.55
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	582	576	98.97
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	1,879	1,629	86.70
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	15	17	113.33
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	327	300	91.74
96 Surprise	Surprise	196	164	83.67
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	100	75	75.00
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	572	458	80.07
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	84	63	75.00
134 Laveen	Laveen	65	71	109.23
137 Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	47	34	72.34
143 Goodyear	Goodyear	17	40	235.29
District Totals		6,480	5,585	86.19

#### District 12 - Commander: Glenn White

Post Name	City	Goal	2015	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	354	308	87.01
26 Mesa	Mesa	757	605	79.92
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,601	2,287	87.93
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	362	300	82.87
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	626	501	80.03
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	640	561	87.66
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	808	638	78.96
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	980	910	92.86
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	194	167	86.08
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	478	389	81.38
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	33	27	81.82
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	141	146	103.55
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	330	56	16.97
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	193	151	78.24
83 East Mesa	Mesa	105	82	78.10
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	56	32	57.14
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	264	221	83.71
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	473	367	77.59
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	60	43	71.67
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	59	15	25.42
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	233	178	76.39
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	28	26	92.86
138 James Witkowski	Tempe	209	160	76.56
District Totals		9,984	8,170	81.83

District 4 Activity Report**We can accomplish anything, if we don't Care who gets the credit ...**

It's been a wild and crazy past few months in District 4. In addition to several post visits I have participated in meetings with other organizations we are partnering with in order to better serve the veterans and communities in Pinal County. In October we partnered with the Maricopa Music Fest and held District 4 Annual Picnic at the Copper Sky Recreational Center in Maricopa. We are currently working with HOHP and Pinal County to get a mobile VA Clinic to bring services to Veterans in areas of Pinal County.

While this has been taking place, a number of the Posts in the District have not been bashful about getting out helping local Veterans and their communities.

Post 8 Commander James Sylvester, in Casa Grande has attended Flag Raising events put on by local businesses and schools in recognition of the sacrifice of our Veterans in keeping our country safe and preserving our freedoms. Their Legion Riders have attended several events such as MIAP (Missing in America Project) in Sierra Vista and Cave Creek. In addition, Commander Sylvester in his role as District 4 Public Relations Officer has attended several Veterans recognition events put on by the Native American Communities across our state. He has spoken to students at local High Schools and JROTC about our youth programs such as Boys State, ALLECA and American Legion Baseball. What they are, what they do, requirements in applying and when they occur.

Post 17 Commander Manuel Sanchez, Jr, in Superior has made himself visible by making numerous hospital visits, home visits, and sending get well cards to members and other Veterans. Participation in three military funerals including playing taps at two of the funerals. They have also hosted Flag Raising events.

Post 97 Commander John Dunton, in San Tan Valley has manned a booth at a community event. They had four attendees at the AZ Department of The American Legion Fall Conference where they attended the Membership and Post Activities meeting, the Americanism, Baseball and the Oratorical meetings. They are in the planning stage of sponsoring six baseball teams. They are also getting ready for an oratorical contest and a car show.

Post 129 Commander Rick Wojtkun, in Queen Creek fed First Responders at the firehouse on 9/11. This event, staffed by the Auxiliary, Post Officers, and the Legion Riders, fed 31 adults and three children. In October a group of nine motorcycles; two pick-up trucks; one of which pulling the Operation Wounded Warrior (OWW) trailer left for California with stops in Gila Bend, Yuma, and El Centro, CA. They ultimately reached their destination, the hospital in San Diego. There they delivered \$6,500.00 in health and comfort items to

our wounded troops at the hospital. On November 11, the Post built 20 "graveside" flags and placed them at the Veteran grave sites at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Queen Creek. Again, this was a joint effort by the Post, Riders, and Auxiliary. The Post and the Auxiliary Unit delivered 20 handmade quilts to the Maricopa County Sheriff's office in Queen Creek on November 19, 2014. The quilts will be used to help the community in case of a fire, car accident, etc.

Post 133 Commander Christopher Flores, in Maricopa recently sponsored a Veterans Town Hall at the Maricopa City Hall. The VA was present with seven people to help Veterans register and get help with various health issues. Many Veterans were helped at this event. Just prior to the Town Hall, the Auxiliary presented Certificates of Appreciation for showing patriotism to four young people who just joined the U.S. Army. At a recent City Council meeting, The American Legion Post and VFW Post Commanders presented Certificates of Appreciation to the city and the people who were responsible for procuring and erecting the new flag pole in front of the Veterans Center. Commander Flores and District 4 Americanism Chairman Wil Large presented checks to the scouting groups the Post chartered, \$500 for the Venture Crew, \$1000 to the Scout Troop, and \$500 to the Cub Scout Pack which came from a grant from the County Attorney's RICO Funds. The Auxiliary Unit 133 conducted a flag retirement ceremony with Girl Scout Troops 719 and 1513. President Norma Wyatt led the program to teach the Girl Scouts the proper and respectful way to retire a flag.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roy White, District 4 Commander  
& G. Jay Roberson, District 4 Adjutant

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# Upcoming Legion Events

**February 12 & 13, 2015**

**Arizona StandDown for Homeless Veterans** – This will be held at the Veterans' memorial Coliseum located at the Arizona State Fairgrounds 8am – 5pm. For more information: 602 340-9393 or [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org)

Volunteers: [www.arizonastanddown.org/volunteer](http://www.arizonastanddown.org/volunteer)

**February 20, 2015**

**ASU Welcome Home Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans** - Veterans will be greeted at the La Sala Ballrooms, ASU West Campus at 7:00 PM. RSVP is required at <http://goo.gl/forms/KKaxgTGT8L>. Questions, please contact: Shaun Valentine, President-Student Veterans Org. of ASU, USMC Veteran 602 828-6167 <https://www.facebook.com/AsuWestVets>

**4th Marine Division Ceremony Grand Canyon Chapter 33 FFWII** held at the Memorial and Wesley Bolin Plaza (north side-Adams Street westbound) 11:00 AM lunch to follow at Macayo's Restaurant, 4001 N. Central Avenue. RSVP 602 369-1404 or [GlennFT@fightingfourtharizona.com](mailto:GlennFT@fightingfourtharizona.com)

**February 21, 2015**

**70th Anniversary of Iwo Jima Flag Raising** hosted by Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 on the Gila Indian Reservation at 0845. There will be a parade with military flyover and ceremonies will follow at Mathew B. Juan/Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park. Contact: [ihpost84@gilanet.net](mailto:ihpost84@gilanet.net) or [ihunit84@gilanet.net](mailto:ihunit84@gilanet.net) or 520 562-3297

**16th Annual West-Mitchell Invitation Drill Meet** sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Squadron #1 Phoenix held at the Air Refueling Wing, 3200 E. Old Tower Road, Phoenix. Students competing in the Drill Meet are from High School JROTC Units in AZ and neighboring states. Drill Meet starts at 0800. Contact Pete Palandri 602 820-3237 or Steve Blank 602 708-3275

**March 7, 2015**

**1st Annual Pork Chop "Ride for the Kids"** at Post 27, Apache Junction. Registration is 8:00 am to 10:00 am. This ride is open to motorcycles, cars, trucks or even a bus...it's up to you!! Contact Mike Talty 480 202-3806. This event is sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Squadron 27. All proceeds to the Child Welfare Foundation.

**March 20 & 21, 2015**

**Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration** at Tempe American Legion Post 2, 2125 S. Industrial Park Avenue hosted by VFW Post 3632 and The American Legion Post 2 Dinner on March 20th, for reservations call 480 941-5258. Military Displays, Vendors, entertainment and more on March 21st. For Vendor, Displays and general information, call 480 390-5638. Also, Spaghetti Welcome Home Dinner, Music & Dance @ 6:00 pm

**April 10-12, 2015**

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Campout** at Deadhorse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, AZ. Tent & RV sites available. For registration/info, contact Detachment at 480 239-2844.

**April 19 – 22, 2015**

**Gunny Burns Memorial Mini Reunion** 1stBn9th Marines Association South/West Region Held at AVI Resort & Casino, Laughlin, Nevada. There will be many activities available and on the evening of the 22nd, we will honor our Hero, Gunny Sgt. Leon Burns, a Marine whom we all loved. For more information: Tom "Doc" Stubbs, 16040 N. 52nd Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 or email at [2stubbs1@cox.net](mailto:2stubbs1@cox.net)

**April 23, 2015**

**Department Commander Andy Jaime's Homecoming.** Hosted by Sipe-Peterson Post #44 in Scottsdale – More details will be in the April Legionnaire. Please contact Post #44 at 480 941-9053.



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