

## **DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA**

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Hello fellow Detachment members!!!

We had a busy week!! First on Tuesday we were able to present the Sons of the Year Award that was announced at Convention to Dennis Stover, Squadron 35 Commander. I want to thank everyone that kept this a secret for two weeks. Big thanks to Squadron's 26, 27, 35, 39, 62, 91 and 140 for being able to support this awesome event. Wednesday I was back at Post 35 for the revile of the Squadron 91 Mathew's crossing participation of the food drive event between Post 35 and Post 91. Post 91 took the trophy for the most raised but collectively both posts raised 13,916 LBS of non-perishable food. Friday, I headed south with Commander Steve Sperl to spend a couple of days in the Sierra Vista area for 40et8 event at Post 52. We started at Post 36 in Tucson then headed down to Tombstone Post 24 and ended up at Post 52 for the rest of the weekend. It was a very fun event, and I was able to visit with a lot of Veterans and Sons from throughout Arizona. squadron 52 did an amazing job cooking Friday night Meat Loaf dinner and then Saturday Morning Breakfast.

The 51st National Convention information has been posted on the Website and sent out via email and Facebook. If you are interested in attending the Convention in Charlotte, NC at the end of August please make sure you have all your information turned into the Adjutant's prior to July 21<sup>st</sup>. (Please Note Date Change)

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the start of the 2024 Membership process. The first target date is September 13, 2023, we need to be at 10%. Please let's not wait for the last minute to turn in our 2024 memberships. Online transmittals are the easiest and quickest way to make sure your membership information is being processed in a timely fashion. New Membership cards have been distributed to all Squadron's that have turned in their SDR (Squadron Data Report), CSR (Consolidated Squadron report) and the SORF (Squadron Officer Report Form). If you do not have your squadron membership cards, please contact your Vice Commander in your area to find out what information is missing.

Please contact the Adjutant for scheduling to any function that you would like the Detachment of Arizona to support. Here is a link to make things as easy as possible. It is a first come, first serve and availability of your Officers to attend. We would like to make all events successful and that only works if we are aware. With this form you can make it a custom invitation to each event.

## Request A Commander (Event or Meeting) (cognitoforms.com)

There is a "NEW" Detachment Adjutant email, please use **saladjutant@azlegion.org** for ALL communication with the Detachment Adjutants. Please update your email contacts with this email address. The old email will be monitored but please remember to send everything to the new email.

For God and Country,

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