



DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA

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Hello fellow Detachment members!!!

This week started off with helping my home Squadron 91 donate a Pull Tab machine to Post 14 in Kingman. Squadron 91 had just upgraded their machine to a 12-slot machine and Post 14 Lottery (looking for a 6-slot Machine) was in the process of setting up an account with the Arizona to have pull tabs so the donation will go along way to make sure they are successful and profitable right out of the gates. I was able to make the delivery and stop in both Post 22 Golden Valley and Post 14 for some good old socialization.

Tuesday I was able to attend, along with Vice Commander Area B David Alfaro and Vice Commander Area C Jeremy Davalos, in the renaming of Post 140 in Prescott Valley. They are now officially Jerome S. Cranke Post 140, congratulations and keep up the good work. Earlier that afternoon Vice Commander Davalos and Squadron 140 1st Vice Commander Brandon Britton took me to the grave sites of two of our Past National Commander's, Richard Kepler, and Roland Matteson, that are buried in the Prescott National Cemetery.

Saturday afternoon, we attended the Church Mass for PJ Sopala and his celebration of life being held at Post 58 in Fountain Hills. State Commander Steve Sperl, SAL Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dan Ashley and Vice Commander Area A Chas Bird were able to help represent the Arizona Legion Family during this somber time. It was a great event and attended by so many Sons and Legion Family members from around the state. I sent information out earlier this week if anyone wants to donate in PJ's name, if you need information regarding this let me know. Thank you to Post 26 in Mesa for taking good care of us as a meeting spot before and after the event.

Saturday evening, Commander Sperl, and I ended up visiting Post 35 for their Chapter 35 ALR Bike night. It was a great event and a lot of riders participated in even with the Heat Wave the Valley has been having. The dinner was fantastic as always and the vendors had a lot of cool items to purchase and look through.

Sunday July 23rd Commander Sperl, TAL NEC Steve Aguirre and I were invited to attend the U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus round table at Post 124 in Guadalupe, Az. Here we were able to meet with U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Denis McDonough, Rep. Greg Stanton (AZ-04), Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragan (CA-44) and Rep. Delia Ramirez (IL-03). The meeting was attended by many members from the Hispanic community and became a standing room only situation. Information was given out regarding the Pact Act and helping with the understanding of the benefits.

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.

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For God and Country,

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