



DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA

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Hello fellow Detachment members!!!

This week started off with a visit to William David Hood Post 54 in Coolidge for their monthly squadron meeting. Vice Commander Chas Bird and I both had a great time and there are some cool things working at the squadron level for this post and I look forward to seeing some new things for the American Legion out of Area A soon.

Saturday was a very busy day, Commander Steve Sperl, Alternate NEC Dan Ashley and I were invited to join Apache Post 27 Squadron bus ride to visit some friends around the valley. The first stop was American Legion Wayne V. McMartin Post 91 with 45 Post 27 members on board. At Post 91 we added 7 more members including Commander Sperl's lovely wife Shelly and my beautiful wife Lisa. Post 91 was hosting the first Ad hoc District development meeting as well so the house was full. Once we left Post 91, we were on our way to American Legion Travis L. Williams Post 65 for lunch and meeting some hospitable legion members. Once our bellies were full, we made our way to American Legion Pat Tillman Post 117 which is always a favorite of mine to visit. The membership was very welcoming, and fun was had by all! Our last stop on the bus was back to Post 27, I want to personally thank Squadron Executive Board Member Gary Manwell and Commander James Matlock for putting this event together and the invitation. It was a fantastic day celebrating our friends within the American Legion family.

The early sign up for the Western Wild Willy's Rendezvous is approaching soon. The Adjutant and Webmaster have made making payments to the event even easier. If you are interested in going and want to receive the early bird sign up discount, visit azsal.org and make your payment online as you register to attend. Don't forget to book a room as well, by contacting the hotel directly.

The first target date for Membership is September 13, 2023, we need to be at 10%.

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 \(Event or Meeting\) \(cognitofrms.com\)](http://cognitofrms.com)

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For God and Country,

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