



## DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA

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Hello fellow Detachment members!!!

We are slipping a little on the national level for membership. As of September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Arizona is 45<sup>th</sup> out of 55 Detachments. We currently sit at 15.90% and we have a goal of 25% on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any membership to turn in, please try not to hold onto them but to help push Arizona up the list. If you need any assistance, please make sure you are reaching out to get help as that is what we do! There are a few of the Squadron's that are really making membership a priority and your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Back on the road again! This week we were invited to attend the district 8 picnic being sponsored by American Legion Post 90 and they share a building in Black Canyon City with The VFW Post 1796. The Legion Van was full of the likes of Commander Steve Sperl, PDC Ben Headen, Membership Chairman Gary Smith, NEC Joe Roberts, and the State Adjutant at the wheel Dennis Pittman.

We started the trip meeting at Luke/Greenway Post 1 so we could carpool together for a great trip. Post 90 was a lot of fun, with live music, great food and the membership was there to support the American Legion. They had 50/50 and raffle prizes to help raise monies for our great cause. I want to thank the Sons Commander Jed Carter for their wonderful hospitality. Once we left the picnic, we headed to American Legion Post 107 to support the "Get to Know your Post" Map. Here we were able to run into a rider's group that was out and about that day enjoying the cooler weather we are now experiencing. Next stop was to American Legion Christopher J. Lapka Post 105 to get some more stamps. Although I have finished my map already, I enjoy helping the others in the crew to get theirs.

Then the group headed over to The American Legion Earl E. Mitchell Post 29 to enjoy and evening dinner with the Squadron to raise money for the Children and Youth programs the detachment supports. The turnout was fantastic, and the dinner was very good. The membership got tother also for a photo to show the support of being the ONE!

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The 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 interested, visit [azsal.org](http://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.

For God and Country,

Commander Chris Balsley

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