



## DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA

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Hello fellow Detachment members!!!

Sorry about not having a briefing last week due to a scheduled vacation with my beautiful wife Lisa. We spent an extended weekend down in Cabo San Lucas, Mx. Formally part of the Department of Mexico and is now the Department of Latin America, which is part of the same region the Department of Arizona belongs to. I was able to be in attendance at the National Headquarters in Indiana to witness this resolution being passed on the floor of the Legions NEC meetings at the beginning of the week.

This weekend, October 20-21 took me up north to Cottonwood for the ALR Bikefest hosted by American Legion Post 25. It was great seeing all of the Sons that are able to participate in the American Legion Riders and enjoy some cooler weather. Friday night was a night of Karaoke and fellowship. Saturday was spent hanging out with Chairman Ja Hari and Commander Sperl watching all the bike games.

Saturday evening, I headed down the hill to visit American Legion Post 62 to enjoy a great meal during their Oktober Fest that the Squadron puts on every year. The squadron was able to serve over 300 members and their families while enjoying live music and a rocking dance floor.

Next weekend October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will take me down to Tucson for the Fisher House Open house. This is open to all American Legion members and their families. It starts at 11:00 am and runs until 2:00 so I hope to see you there.

If we don't run into each other next weekend please make sure you attend the Sons of the American Legion Fall Conference to be held November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Oro Valley, Arizona at the El Conquistador Resort. There are some cool things that will be happening during the meeting and the weekend you won't want to miss. This will not be like every other fall conference from the past.

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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](https://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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