



22 January 2025

**Paul G. Johnson**  
**Department of Arizona Oratorical Chairman**  
**Department of Arizona High School Oratorical Contest**

**PLEASE READ THIS IN ITS ENTIRETY**

All Post Level and District Level competitions will be held at their respective locations. These will be determined by the Chairmen of the Area. Each Area will notify the Post /District level locations and provide a list of competitors. Each Post/District will provide their staff available for Judges, Tabulators, escort, Ushers and a Moderator for each event. Awards given for the events are provided to the winners by Post/District Commanders (recommended). See suggested prizes on website for post level and District level awards. Area Awards and State Award are issued by Department and will be made available at time of event.

**Area A – March 15<sup>th</sup> – Benson HS**

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Doors close at 10:00 a.m.

**Area B – March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Post 145 Resort**

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Doors close at 9:30 a.m.

**Area C – March 15<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Verde Library**

@ 130 Black Bridge Loop Rd., Camp Verde, AZ –

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Doors Close at 10 a.m.

**The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest**

State Finals

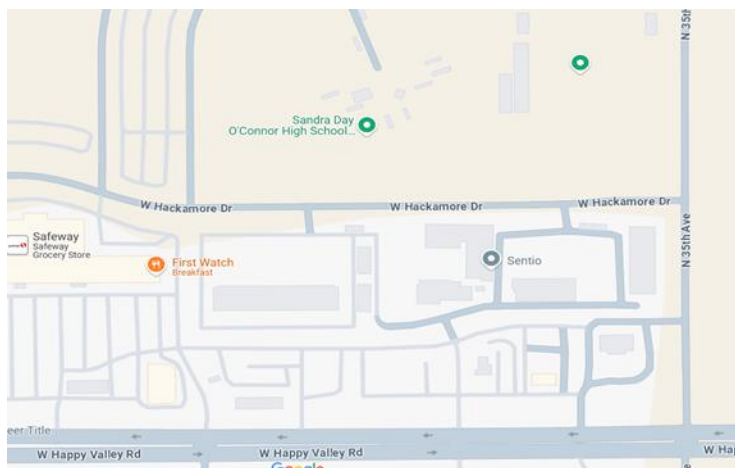
**Sandra Day O'Connor High School**

[25250 N. 35th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85083](https://www.google.com/maps/place/25250+N+35th+Avenue+Phoenix,+AZ+85083/@33.4588889,-112.0588889,15z) (GPS)

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Door opens at 8:00 a.m.

Doors close at 10:00 a.m.



State competition will be at Sandra Day O'Connor high school on Saturday, 29 March 2025, Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and the contest will begin at 10 AM sharp. Students will be required to be there by 9 o'clock for the briefing and ready to go. We may have an introductory speech by the Secretary of State, Adrian Fonte (possibly) but that is to be determined. Sandra Day O'Connor's JROTC will do our opening flag ceremony and we will begin our contest shortly after I will have a full program available for everyone and this event will be open to the public. There will be plenty of parking and the Auditorium is very large and accommodating.

We are partnered with the Arizona/America 250 Project and the Secretary of State's Office at the Capitol.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any one of the chairmen for the areas for more information on this event.

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Please thank all the wonderful contestants in this event and work with them to ensure they are properly prepared. They are the future and we owe it to them to do our best to make sure they get this done the right way.

Thank you all for your effort, dedication and hard work.

Paul G. Johnson