

**The American Legion  
Department of Arizona**

**2024  
Fall Conference  
Program**

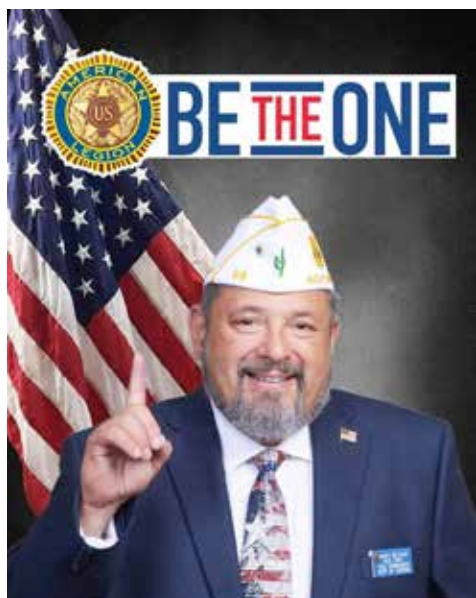


**Department Fall Conference 2024**

**November 1 – 3, 2024**

**El Conquistador Resort  
Oro Valley, Arizona**





# AMERICAN LEGION

The Department of Arizona — 4701 N 19 Avenue — Phoenix, AZ 85015

## *I bid you Welcome to the 2024 Fall Conference!*

Please take advantage of the many training opportunities and discussions designed to assist you and your post officers in fulfilling your positions more effectively.

This is also a terrific opportunity to see old friends and make new friends.

As the New Department Commander, I felt it worth while to inform everyone of my understanding of the Mission & Vision that I see for the Department this year.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. (American Legion Mission Statement)

*How can we do our part to accomplish this mission?*

By insuring that the Four Pillars, that represent the above mission, are supported and adhered to.

We need to support all of the nations military veterans to the limit of our abilities.

We need to help our communities, not just the veterans, to thrive. We need to insure that the youth understand the importance of patriotism and what it means to be an American. We also need to teach them that "Freedom is not free." And remind them of those that provided it for them.

All of this is pretty routine but along with supporting our Veterans we need to all come together and help to reduce the alarming suicide rate. The total suicide rate in general but the Veteran suicides in particular has to be reduced.

If we all do our part we can make a huge difference in our country.

Thank you and *CONTINUE TO MARCH FORWARD!*

*Manny Beltran*

Manny Beltran  
Department Commander  
Department of Arizona





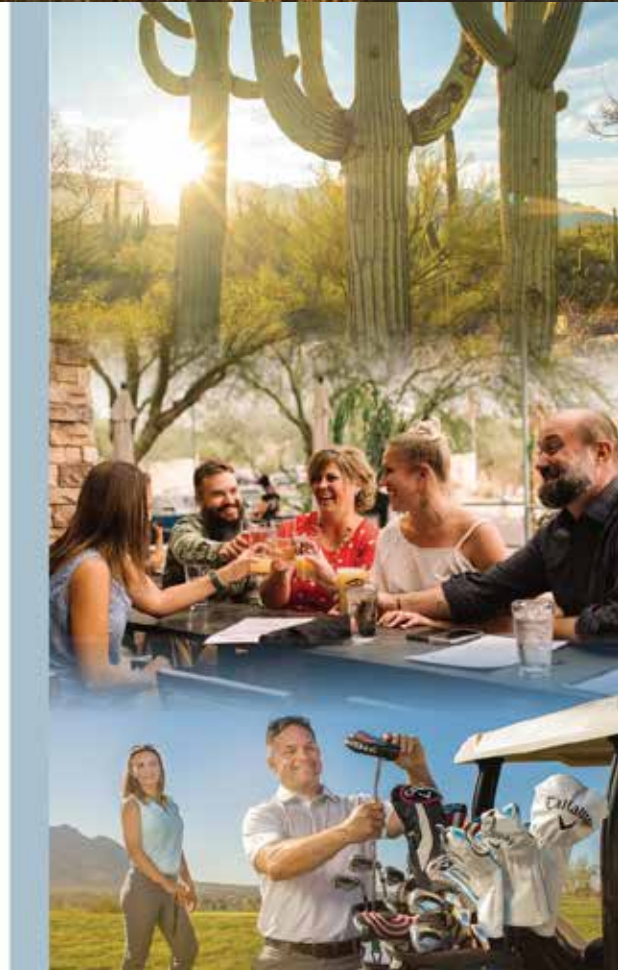
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# Welcome,

## **American Legion Department of Arizona Fall Conference attendees and guests, to beautiful Oro Valley**

We appreciate your service to our nation, and we are thrilled to have you with us this week. Enjoy your stay.  
Enjoy Greater Oro Valley!



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*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families*

Greetings, Fellow American Legion Auxiliary Members:

I am honored to welcome you to your 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference! What a great opportunity to get together as we collectively work hard to serve our veterans, military, and their families.

This conference is always the right time to continue the forward momentum that began at the start of our 2024-2025 ALA administrative year.

As you continue working the mission at the grassroots level, we want to invest back in you — our units and departments — to help you be more successful in growing this organization. You are the fabric of America as an ALA member.

I'm excited to share with you the Department Excellence Initiative, which is divided into two parts. The first includes national president visits to departments to deliver content to help members have greater awareness, knowledge, and understanding on how we can impact our organization at the grassroots level.

The second part is the Department Merit Medallion. There are five established areas of focus:

- Achieve 85% membership benchmark goal by March 15, 2025.
- Submit department impact report.
- Governance excellence (Constitution & Bylaws annual review, board responsibilities, disciplinary process, meeting and voting authority).
- Financial policies and process (990 compliance, audit standards).
- Financial donation (American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Veteran Projects Fund, Auxiliary Emergency Fund).

If a department achieves all five, that department will be recognized. This content is all about our members and helping *you* in any way possible! I look forward to working with your department to invest back in our organization.

I hope you all have a wonderful Fall Conference!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Ward".

Trish Ward  
2024-2025 National President



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Oro Valley, Arizona  
Turquoise I Room

*This Schedule Is Subject to Change.*



## Friday, November 1, 2024

Time	Activity	Meeting Room
<b>10:00 am-5:30 pm</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>	<b>Presidio Foyer Lobby</b>
12:00 pm	Girls State Board of Directors	<b>Agave Room</b>
1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	<b>Agave Room</b>
2:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	<b>Agave Room</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Joint Opening</b>	<b>Turquoise II &amp; III</b>
7:00 pm	Sgt @ Arms, Pages, District & Department Colors Color Guard meet with Americanism Chairman	<b>Presidio III-V</b>

## Saturday, November 2, 2024

Time	Activity	Meeting Room
<b>7:00 am-12:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>	<b>Presidio Foyer Lobby</b>
7:15 am	Department Officers & Past Department Presidents line up for processional.	<b>Presidio III-V</b>
7:45 am	Opening Ceremony Processional Call to Order Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Preamble POW/MIA Chair  Welcome and Purpose Response Greetings	Maggie Montijo, Americanism Stacey Mayberry, Dept President Stephanie McMullen, Chaplain Maggie Montijo, Americanism Alma Mattingly, Music Danny Murphy, C & B Committee Stacey Mayberry, Dept President Delores Chavez & Marge Christianson Stacey Mayberry, Dept President Dolores Chavez, Dept Vice-Pres Johnna Norman, Honorary Junior Dept President Rose Ficklin, Dept Secretary Beverly Eads, Western Division, National Vice President
	<b>Roll Call of Units</b>	<b>Rose Ficklin, Dept Secretary</b>
8:20 am	Presentation of 2024 National Awards & Convention Report 2024 Service to Veterans 2024 Membership 2024 AZ Girls State/Nation	Rose Ficklin, NEC  Sara Decker, Chairman Stacey Mayberry, Dept. President Penny Maklary, Chairman Cameron Mirmelli, Girls Nation President

### BREAK

10:00 am	Membership Reports & Narratives Finance/Compliance Direct Donations	Dolores Chavez, Dept. Vice President Rose Ficklin, Dept Secretary Yolanda Bonilla, Finance Chairman
11:45 am	Presentation of NEC for the purpose of Special Guest Introduction: <b>Western Division National Vice President, Beverly Eads</b>	Stacey Mayberry, Dept. President

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**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

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Announcements

12:15 pm	Luncheon to Honor Beverly Eads, Western Division National Vice President	<b>TBD</b>
1:15 pm	Reconvene	<b>Presidio III-V</b>
1:30 pm	President's Special Project	Chris Rodriguez, PSP Chairman

**P.A.W.S.S.**

2:30 pm	VA&R	Marge Christianson, Dept 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
3:05 pm	Q & A	Stacey Mayberry, Dept President
3:15 pm	Announcements	Rose Ficklin, Dept Secretary
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Recessed</b>	<b>Stacey Mayberry, Dept President</b>
3:45 pm	Girls State Workshop	<b>Presidio III-V</b>
	Penny Maklary, Director	

*At least 1 representative from each Unit please. All District Presidents and Department officers to attend.*

4:15 pm	Choir Practice	<b>Presidio III-V</b>
	Alma Mattingly, Music Chairman	

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

Time	Activity	Meeting Room
8:00 am	Joint Memorial Service	<b>Turquoise II &amp; III</b>
9:15 am	Reconvene	<b>Presidio III-V</b>
	Call To Order	Stacey Mayberry, Dept President
	<b>2025-2026 Candidate Announcements — Open Floor</b>	
	Courtesy Resolution	
	Announcements	Rose Ficklin, Dept. Secretary
	Benediction	Stephanie McMullen, Chaplain
	Retirement of District & Unit Colors	Maggie Montijo, Americanism Chairman
	Retirement of District Presidents and Dept Officers	
	Retirement of Department Colors	
11:00 am	Adjournment	<b>Stacey Mayberry, Dept President</b>

Safe Travels until we meet again!

*“If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.”*

*Margaret Thatcher*

*Safe travels home!!!!*





WELCOME TO THE 2024  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA FALL CONFERENCE  
ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA

*HANDS TO HELP, PAWS TO SAVE*

The Department Officers and Staff  
Wish All Members Successful  
Department Fall Conference

Stacey Mayberry, President  
Vice President, Dolores Chavez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Marge Christianson  
Historian, Lynda Griffin  
Chaplain, Stephanie McMullen  
Rose Ficklin, National Executive Committeeman

**District Presidents**

Kimberley Woodward, District 1  
Jennifer Turner-Jones, District 2  
Dee Quimby, District 3  
Lois Thomas-Homewytewa, District 4  
Leslie Cunning, District 5  
Connie Zawacki, District 6  
Ellen Hampton, District 7  
Debra (DeDe) Dexter, District 8  
Donna Aronoff, District 11  
Barbara Aubrey, District 12

Rose Ficklin, Dept Secretary/Treasurer  
Rae Hopf, Dept Membership Processor



# 2024 Fall Conference Boosters

Bill Tinnin - Post 25  
DeDe Dexter - Post & Unit 25  
Lisa Young - Unit 25  
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Pam Diffin - Unit 25  
Jody Gregory - Unit 25  
Kat Hampton - Unit 25  
Laurie Turner - Unit 25  
Patty Eames - Unit 25  
Bruce Callaghan - Post 52  
Jaime Callaghan - Unit 52  
Patrick Callaghan - Post 52  
Christopher Callaghan - Post 52  
Matthew Callaghan - Sq 52  
Caleb Overbay - Post 126

Dennis Chandler - Post 126  
Scott Guffey - Post 126  
James Click - Post 126  
James Cahill - Post 126  
Richard McClellan - Post 126  
Barry Flake - Post 126  
Montel Martin - Post 126  
Max Spaulding - Post 126  
Daniel Rollins - Post 126  
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Ken Queen - Post 27 Family

Bill Johnson - Post 27 Family  
Scott Jackson - Post 27 Family  
Ray Williams - Post 27 Family  
Nelson Miller - Post 27 Family  
Karl Wilson - Post 27 Family  
James Matlock - Post 27 Family  
Gary Manwell - Post 27 Family  
Cindy Queen - Post 27 Family  
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**Department of Arizona  
Annual Open House  
SUNDAY - January 5th, 2025  
12:00 noon to 4:00pm**

**Of Special Note:** Open house for this year has been moved to Sunday to accommodate National Commander James 'Jim' LaCoursiere Jr's Arizona visitation. Please join us!



*We invite you join us for a relaxing afternoon sharing excellent food and some "after holidays" fun in the company of our National Commander Jim LaCoursiere.*

**Pot Luck** — Bring your favorite dish and join us at:

**Department Headquarters  
4701 N 19th Avenue – Phoenix  
See you then!!**

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## Your Host Post

### American Legion Oro Valley Post 132

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**Drawing December 15, 2024 (need not be present to win)**

The Jim Click sponsored 2024 “Millions for Tucson” raffle



TICKET PRICE

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# AMERICAN LEGION THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA



Matthew Kritzer



Jazmin Bonilla



Sheila Galloway



Stephanie McLane

***Have an Awesome Fall Conference!!!  
Your Department Staff***

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**Friday, November 1, 2024**

Time	Activity	Meeting Room
11:00am - 5:30pm	Registration Open	Satellite Desk
2:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Board Room
6:00 pm	<b>JOINT OPENING SESSION</b> Call to Order: Manny Beltran, Department Commander Advancement of Colors: Glenn White Sgt-at-Arms Oro Valley Post 132 Color Guard National Anthem: Invocation: Steve Larence, Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance: All Opening Remarks: Manny Beltran, Department Commander <b>Greetings:</b> Post 132 Commander Welcome Oro Valley Town Manager Jeff Wilkins Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander, Mike Bryant The American Legion Auxiliary Stacey Maberry, Department President The American Legion Auxiliary Rose Ficklin, National Executive Committee Beverly Eads, Western Division National Vice President The American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, Johanna Norman, Honorary Junior President The American Legion Riders, Tracy Lindsey, Department ALR Chairman Steve "Chico" Aguirre, Grand Chef de Gare 40&8 Colleen Heck, Director VIP 20&4 Daphne Coleman, Le Chapeau Departemental National 8&40 <b>The American Legion Auxiliary</b> Madam President Stacey Mayberry Introduces, Cameron Mirmelli, 2024 Girls Nation President <b>Membership Challenge</b> <b>Announcements</b>	Turquoise

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**All Sessions Are Held at The El Conquistador**

Time	Activity	Speaker	Meeting Room
7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Open		Satellite Desk
8:30 am	SAL Conference	Mike Bryant, Commander	Turquoise III
9:30 am	Service Officer Training	John Anderson	Coronado I
	Club Committee	Al Quintana	Agave I
	<b>Post Operations &amp; Programs</b>		Agave III
	Media and Technology tools	Frank Hurrill	
	Membership Processing		
	Awards Submission		
	Emergency Response	Gary Vaughan	

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**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

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Time	Activity	Speaker	Meeting Room
9:30 am	Legislative Committee:	Jon Altmann	Agave II
	Judge Advocates Training:	Jaclyn Kulfan	Joshua Tree I
10:00 am	Cemetery Committee	Bill Johnson	Palo Verde
	Uniform Contests and Groups	Francisco Barraza	Palo Verde
10:30 am	Public Relations	Brad Heck	Coronado II
	Convention & Conference Committee	Steve Sperl	Turquoise II
	Education & Scholarship Workshop	Woodie Woodward	Agave II
11:30 am	Gnuts Lunch		Catilina I
1:00 pm	Service Officer Training	John Anderson	Coronado I
	Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	VA&R: Domingo Bonilla	Coronado II
	Americanism Commission & Committee	Gary Vaughan	Agave I
	<i>— Baseball committee immediately following —</i>		
	<i>— Junior Shooting Sports immediately following —</i>		
	<i>— Junior ROTC immediately following —</i>		
	Oratorical Chairman's Meeting	Paul Johnson	Agave I
	Children & Youth	Colleen Heck	Palo Verde
3:00 pm	ALR Committee	Tracy Lindsey	Turquoise III
2:30 pm	Arizona Legion College Committee	Bobbie Kimeltion	Joshua Tree I
3:00 pm	Member Retention & Acquisition	Bobbie Kimeltion	Joshua Tree II
	Protocols & Ethics	Scott Miller	Agave I
	Chaplain's Training	Steve Larance	Palo Verde
3:30 pm	SAL Training	Mike Bryant, Commander	Coronado II
4:00 pm	Arizona Boys State Board of Directors		Agave II
5:00 pm	40 & 8 Meeting		Joshua Tree I
5:30 pm	20 & 4 Meeting		Agave I

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

Time	Activity	Meeting Room
8:00 am	<b>Joint Memorial Service</b> Steve Larance, Chaplain Stephanie McMullen, Auxiliary Chaplain	<b>Turquoise II &amp; III</b>
9:00 am	<b>Department Fall Conference Reconvenes</b> Trophies and Awards Woodie Woodward, Chairman Committee Reports Retirement of Colors for Conference Close - Post 132	<b>Turquoise I &amp; III</b>

**Department Executive Committee to follow closing of Fall Conference closing session Turquoise I & III**

*Safe travels home!!!!*



Commander:  
Bill Johnson



President:  
Viki Jackson

## THE AMERICAN LEGION APACHE POST 27

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# Serving Veterans and America's Families

The Officers and Members of Apache Post 27  
wish you a safe and enjoyable conference!



Commander:  
James Matlock

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Come Visit Us Soon**



Legion Riders  
Director:  
Scott Jackson



## Your Host Post

# American Legion Oro Valley Post 132

## Sponsored Raffles:

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**Drawing Saturday night 11/2 (need not be present to win)**



Two-night stay, compliments of the El Conquistador General Manager Hospitality in Sonoran Desert Style. \$400 value **Tickets \$10.00**

**Drawing Saturday night 11/2**

**Ezra Brooks American Legion Decanter (empty)**

**Each decanter raffled separately.**

**Tickets \$5.00**



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# CANDIDATE FOR COMMANDER

Department of Arizona, 2025-2026



**Gary A Vaughan**



Department of Arizona Legionnaire of the Year 2024, National Americanism Council, Department of Arizona Americanism Commission Chair, Scouting Chair, National Security Commission - Emergency Response Committee Chair, Commander District 11, Past Commander Post 145, Top District for Membership 2024, Historian Voiture 1154 (40 et 8), American Legion Amateur Radio Club – KF7SSD, Department Commander's ad hoc committee for special issues, Graduate National American Legion College 2022, Graduate / Facilitator AZ American Legion College, Post 145 Legionnaire of the Year 2023, 2024, PUFL, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 145, Detachment of AZ S.A.L. Scouting Chair

## EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

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- Director of Safety and Standardization VMFA-314,134
- USA Military Liaison and EF-18 Instructor to Spanish Air Force for NATO integration
- Chief Pilot, SLC, Delta Air Lines
- Delta Air Lines Chairman's Club - Top 100 of 80,000 employees
- Chairman and Citizen of the Year, Draper City Emergency Response Committee
- Restaurant Manager
- Head Commissioner BSA Summer Camp w/3000 Scouts
- BSA District Chairman x 2
- Wood Badge Course Director, BSA
- Executive Board and VP Grand Canyon Council, BSA
- Multiple Post, District, and Department Leadership Positions within The American Legion, Arizona

## Military Awards/Service

- Legion of Merit
- Bronze Star
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Forces/USN/USMC Commendation Medals...

## Vision, Platform, Focus

- "Be the ONE" inseverable from foundational Pillars of TAL
- Character and Leadership Development for our youth
- Membership Growth: Over 400k Veterans in AZ need TAL
- Train to proficiency in all key positions, specifically VSOs
- Provide **SELFLESS SERVICE** in all we do according to individual/post capabilities



USMC Fighter Pilot, F/A-18

**Who Needs  
"Maverick"  
when you have  
"SLAMMER"**



## Principal Scouting Awards/Service

Silver Beaver x 2, Vigil Honor – Order of the Arrow, Order of the Arrow Axe Award, District Award of Merit, Charter Member of the Vanguard International Scouting Assn., Meritorious Service Star, Lake Pleasant District Hall of Fame, William D. Boyce Unit Organizer Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner Arrowheads x 2, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Wood Badge Course Director (4 beads), James E. West Society Fellowship Award, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venture Adviser, District Chairman x 2, Charter Organization Representative for American Legion Pack and Troop 1776, Eagle Scout Mentor



Married 45+ years  
Father of 6  
Grandfather of 20

*"It is time to fully realize our true value to each other, to community, state, and nation."*



# Sons of The American Legion



## Oro Valley Squadron 132

For Veterans, the Community and  
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Wishing you a successful  
2024 Department Fall Conference

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