



Commander The American Legion

Department of Arizona

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Greetings Fellow Legionnaires of Arizona,

I want to thank you for your overwhelming support at our recent convention, which led to my election as your Department Commander for 2025-26. It was quite a humbling moment in my life.

I want to acknowledge Brian Jacks, who ran an honorable opposing campaign. Brian and I are friends, and we have pledged to work together to help bring about the needed changes, as evidenced by the vote.

Now, let's get down to work. I am currently finalizing a few remaining committee chair positions. Yes, there will be several changes in committee leadership. The new chairs and I will collaborate to select the best of the best for committees to take care of our business regarding the Pillars of The American Legion.

During my campaign travels around the state, I found many individuals with extraordinary talents who have been seriously underutilized. I will strive to make the changes you have powerfully requested through your vote and provide new opportunities for those who wish to engage.

It has been said that "Many hands make light work." I do not expect a few to monopolize the many positions. I ask that the "many" step up to take on a little that collectively will accomplish a lot – nobody overstressed with too much, so they can focus on their primary appointed or elected position. Now is the time to let your talents become known.

If you want to participate in any way, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me. The Department is creating an official email account for me at commander@azlegion.org. I also have a private email address at commander.gavaughan.talaz@gmail.com. My phone/text numbers can be found in the current directory under the Americanism, Scouting, and Emergency Response Committees. If you text or call, please be sure to include your name and post.

Again, I thank you for the formidable support. I am now engaging to maintain your trust and show my appreciation as we move forward with the best interests of Arizona Legionnaires in mind.

Respectfully yours,



Gary A Vaughan