THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

Annual Fall Conference

November 6-8, 2026 • Tucson, Arizona

Schedule may be subject to change

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All attendees must be registered to participate in conference events and activities.

General Information:

All sessions will be held at:
DoubleTree by Hilton Tucson—Reid Park
445 South Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711

In lieu of hospitality suites, we encourage attendees to visit and support the local American Legion Post during the conference.
Post 36
5845 East 22nd Street
Tucson, AZ 85711

Registration (Foyer):

Friday, November 6 | 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 7 | 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Program Reminders:

- **GNUTS Luncheon** – Saturday, 11:45 a.m., Post 36
  (Tickets are available through the Headquarters Table or during the event at Post 36)
- **Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Conference** – Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Boojum/Bonsai
- **American Legion Riders (A.L.R.) Session** – Saturday, 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m., Boojum/Bonsai
- **Reception in Honor of Ellen Nathan, NWDVP, sponsored by Wellcare**– Saturday, 4:30 p.m.—5:30p.m., Salon F&G

Friday, November 6, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00PM	**Finance Committee** Scott Miller, Chairman	**Boardroom**
6:00PM	**Opening Session**	**Grand Ballroom**

Call to Order: *Ross Bergstresser, Department Commander*
Advancement of Colors: *Brian Jacks, Assistant Department Sergeant-at-Arms*
Preformed by Post 132 Color Guard
Invocation: *Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain*
Pledge of Allegiance: *Brian Jacks, Assistant Department Sergeant-at-Arms*
Opening Remarks: *Ross Bergstresser, Department Commander*
Roll Call of DEC: *Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant*
Welcome: *Paul Foster, Post 36 Commander*

Sons of the American Legion: *Lance Bymers, Detachment Commander*

American Legion Auxiliary: *Marge Christianson, Department President*
Jasmine Lugo, Honorary Junior President
Dolores Chavez, NEC
Ellen Nathan, Western Division National Vice President

The American Legion Riders: *Larry Tank, ALR Chairman*

20 & 4: *Director VIP Jaclyn Kulfan*
40 et 8: *John Duenes, Grande Chef de Gare*
8 and 40: *Sherry Jones, Past Le Chapeau Départemental*

Rules of Conference: *Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant*

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Saturday, November 7, 2026

TIME	EVENT		LOCATION
7:00-8:00AM	**20 & 4**	**Jaclyn Kulfan**	**Palo Verde**
8:00-3:00PM	**Sons of the American Legion Conference**	**Lance Bymers**	**Boojum/Bonsai**
8:00-9:00AM	**Convention & Conference Committee**	**Steve Sperl**	**Boardroom**
9:30-11:30AM	**Constitution and Bylaws**	**Ron Arrigoni**	**Boardroom**
9:00-10:00AM	**Children & Youth Commission**	**Colleen Heck**	**Palo Verde**
9:30AM	Education & Scholarship	Lizette Eckman	
9:00-11:30AM	**Adjutant Training**	**Matthew Kritzer**	**Salon B**
9:00-11:30AM	**Service Officer Training**	**William "Bill" Clowers**	**Cottonwood**
9:00-11:30AM	**Internal Affairs Commission**	**David Isham**	**Salon A**
9:15AM	American Legion College	Dr. Roberta "Bobbie" Kimelton	
9:00-11:00AM	**Americanism Commission**	**Deborah "Debbie" Pfeil**	**Ironwood**
9:10AM	Boys State	Frank "Tank" Hirrill	
9:25AM	Junior Shooting Sports	Richard Morano	
9:40AM	Scouting	Bob Whitechurch/Gary Vaughan	
9:55AM	Citizen Flag Alliance	Henry Branch	
10:10AM	Oratorical	Paul Johnson	
10:30AM	Baseball	Gary Smith	
10:45AM	ALLECA	Matt Griffis	
9:30-10:15AM	**Chaplain Training**	**Ron DiBiasio**	**Redwood**
10:30-11:30AM	**Judge Advocate Training**	**Dr. Roberta "Bobbie" Kimelton**	**Redwood**
11:30-1:00PM	**Lunch**		
1:00-3:00PM	**Service Officer Training cont.**	**William "Bill" Clowers**	**Cottonwood**
1:00-3:00PM	**Membership & Post Activities**	**Gerald "VooDoo" Valle**	**Salon B**
1:00-3:00PM	**Constitution & Bylaws cont.**	**Ron Arrigoni**	**Boardroom**
1:00-3:30PM	**Internal Affairs Commission cont.**	**David Isham**	**Salon A**
1:00PM	Be The One	Bradley "Brad" Heck	
2:00PM	Harassment Training	Jennifer Kritzer	
3:00PM	Bingo Committee	Charlie Lang	
1:00-3:00PM	**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**	**Paul Johnson**	**Ironwood**
1:15PM	Cemetery Committee	Teresa "Terry" Rapp	
1:30PM	VA&R Committee	Andy Jaime	
1:45PM	Women Veterans Coordinator	Deborah "Debbie" Pfeil	
2:00PM	Homeless Veterans Committee	Andy Jaime	
2:15PM	Employment Committee	Dr. Roberta "Bobbie" Kimelton	
3:00-3:30PM	**Marketing Commission**	**Bradley "Brad" Heck**	**Ironwood**
3:15-3:45PM	**Convention & Conference Committee**	**Steve Sperl**	**Boardroom**
3:15-5:00PM	**Legislative Commission**	**Bradley Schafer**	**Salon B**
3:15-5:00PM	**American Legion Riders (A.L.R.)**	**Larry Tank**	**Boojum/Bonsai**
3:45-5:00PM	**National Security Commission**	**Roosevelt McKnight**	**Ironwood**
3:55PM	Emergency Response	Lynn Solace	
4:10PM	Law & Order	Richard Moreno	
4:25PM	POW/MIA	Brian Jacks	
4:40PM	ROTC	Dr. Shaun Hillis	
4:30-5:00PM	**40 et 8**	**John Duenes**	**Palo Verde**

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

TIME	EVENT		LOCATION
8:00-9:00AM	**Joint Memorial Service**	**Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain** Barbara Aubrey, Auxiliary Chaplain	**Grand Ballroom**
10:00AM	**Conference Reconvenes**	**Ross Bergstresser, Department Commander**	**Grand Ballroom**
	Americanism Commission	Deborah "Debbie" Pfeil	
	Children & Youth Commission	Colleen Heck	
	Internal Affairs Commission	David Isham	
	Legislative Commission	Bradley Schafer	
	Marketing Commission	Bradley "Brad" Heck	
	National Security Commission	Roosevelt McKnight	
	VA&R Commission	Paul Johnson	
	Adjutant Report	Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant	
	Final Conference Report	Steve Sperl	
	S.A.L. Liaison Report	Steve Sperl	
	Legion Riders Announcements	Larry Tank	
	Announcements	Matthew Kritzer, Department Adjutant	
	Benediction	Ron DiBiasio, Department Chaplain	
	Retirement of Colors	Brian Jacks, Assistant Department Sergeant-at-Arms	

Conference Concluded. Please be careful when driving home!

DEC Meeting will convene immediately following the adjournment of the Conference, after a 10-minute recess. **Grand Ballroom**

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