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## Remember Those Serving This Holiday Season

Can you believe it? Here it is December, our year is half over; what a wonderful time we have had visiting various Posts and enjoying meeting all the great members of The American Legion Family.

Jan and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and that your **NEW YEAR** is safe and healthy. Remember our fellow veterans who are serving our nation and are away from their families and friends during this special time of the year. Keep our veterans in hospitals, nursing homes and who are less fortunate, in your thoughts and prayers. We also want to reach out to our communities, our neighbors who may be struggling and offer a helping hand.

Our Fall Conference brought together approximately 700 members of our family. The classes provided were well attended and provided valuable information. Those in attendance were asked to take this information back to their respective Post and share with the membership. Sean Sparks, National Liaison, provided training from The American Legion Extension Course. This course is a great way to learn about our organization and is recommended that every member take advantage of it at Fall Conference or Department Convention. The course



can be offered as a class at the Post level and everyone can work on it together; the packet can be purchased from Emblem Sales at a cost of \$6.95.

**Red Shirt Friday** is a day to show support every week, to our men and women who are serving in our military. By wearing **Red** every Friday, we are announcing, somewhat silently, that we are grateful to our soldiers for their bravery and sacrifice.

Whether you actually support the war or not, that's not the important part, what is however, is supporting our fellow man. Without them, we would not have the liberty of living in a free country. It is because of them, that we

love and pray freely to whomever we choose. As the largest Veterans Service Organization in the country, we are encouraging Post, Units, Squadrons and chapters to wear **Red** on Friday to show support for our troops.

Our organization is approaching its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since our founding in 1919. The founders established the four pillars, which have served us well; **Americanism, Veterans and their families, National Security and Children and Youth.** When asking our veterans to join or renew their membership, educate yourself and talk about these four pillars; **that's who we are and that's what we do.** We are a Veterans Service Organization; not a social club. Learn about and discuss all the great programs we have to offer; there is something for everyone within our organization. Our National website ([www.Legion.org](http://www.Legion.org)) has valuable information on our programs so that you can be prepared to tell others **WHY THEY SHOULD JOIN!!!** Look for more information on the four pillars in our All Post mailings.

Membership is moving along steadily; our December 12th target is 75%, which is always a little harder during the holiday season. Remember, membership never takes a break!!! Let's contact our members who have not renewed and ask them **WHY NOT!!**

## Wong Testifies to Senate

By Neal S. Sundeen, Legislative Co-Chairman  
American Legion National Commander Wong gave testimony in the United States Senate before a Joint Session of the House and Senate Veteran's Affairs

Commission on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Senate Committee Members and House Members were in attendance at this Joint Meeting and supported The American Legion and its Legislative agenda for this next year.

Members of the Arizona Legislative team, John Aldecoa and Neal Sundeen, visited with Senator Jon Kyl and Senator John McCain in their offices prior to Commander Wong's testimony in the Senate. Senator Kyl and Senator McCain were generous

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For God and Country,  
*George Cushing*  
Commander

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with their time and were willing to listen to the legislative priorities of The American Legion including the Department of Defense Budget, the VA budget, Veterans jobs legislation, military widows' tax and protection of the United States Flag. Senator Kyl also serves on the Congressional "supercommittee" which is tasked with proposing at least \$1.2 trillion in additional deficit reduction. Because previous efforts by the Congress have looked to the military and veterans benefits programs and budgets to determine where there might be "savings" either real or imagined that can be used, we asked Senator Kyl to remember his oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. This would include maintaining a strong defense in support of the men and women in the military service who have given their time to defend this country.

Commander Wong, in presenting his testimony, reminded the members of the Joint Committee that there are over 1,000,000 veterans that are currently unemployed. Commander Wong thanked the members of the House and Senate for introducing legislation that would help put these veterans back to work and off the unemployment rolls. Commander Wong believes that finding a solution to veterans' joblessness should be a top priority of the House and Senate and urged the passage of the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act.

In discussing veterans' benefits with our Senators, we also discussed Tricare and military retirement. We asked the senators and Commander Wong also asked the Joint Veterans Affairs Committee to leave the military retirement intact as represented in the current system. No real long-term savings can be derived from slashing benefits in this area or in the long term. The detrimental effect on retention and morale will cost this country far more than any savings promised by the so-called reductions in this area.

With regards to Tricare, Commander Wong acknowledged that the enrollment fees had not increased since 1996, however, if the choice is between an increase in enrollment fee or a reduction in services, The American Legion acknowledges the possibility that rate changes may be necessary to sustain the program at its present level. In discussing the increased Tricare rates with Senator McCain, he also acknowledged that there may be a need for increasing the rates in order to maintain the same services that retired members now receive through Tricare. He encouraged The American Legion to enter into a discussion regarding the increased rates and that is something that retired members of the military should consider along with the services that are now provided to retired members of the military and their families.

Members of the Arizona Legislative Committee also met with aides to Congressman Jeff Flake and Congressman David Schweikert and discussed The American Legion Legislative priorities with these aides.

The Legislative Committee Members would like to thank Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain for taking the time to meet with the Arizona Legislative Committee representatives. Senator Kyl who serves on the "supercommittee" and Senator McCain who is the ranking minority member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, both have huge responsibilities for the defense of this country and its citizens.

## Oratorical Contest Dates and Times

Post 27 (Local) Sat., February 11, 2012, 10 a.m.  
American Legion Post 27  
1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

District 11 (Western Phoenix Metro)  
Sat. February 18, 2012, 10 a.m.  
American Legion Post 29  
6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Dr., Glendale, AZ 85311

Northern & Eastern AZ (Area C) Sat. February 18, 2012, 11 a.m.  
Prescott VA Medical Center--Auditorium Bldg. 15  
500 N. Hwy 89, Prescott, AZ 86313

District 2 (Tucson) Sun., February 19, 2012, 1 p.m.  
American Legion Post 109  
15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

District 12 (Eastern Phoenix Metro)  
NOT YET SCHEDULED must be completed before Feb. 25, 2012  
American Legion Post 27  
1018 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Area B (winners from District 11 and 12 plus Yuma)  
Sat. February 25, 2012, at 10 a.m.  
American Legion Post 44  
7145 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Southern Arizona (Area A) Sun., February 26, 2012, at 1 p.m.  
American Legion Post 109  
15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

State Finals (winners from Areas A, B, and C) Sat. March 3, 2012, at 10 a.m.  
Ahwatukee Recreation Center (hosted by American Legion Post 64)  
5001 E. Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85044

## DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA Children & Youth and National Security Forum for ALL Legion Family Members

### Sunday, January 29, 2012

**John J. Morris Post #62,  
9846 W. Desert Cove Avenue Peoria, AZ 85345**

**Registration 7:45 A.M.  
8:00-8:30 A.M. Memorial Service  
9 A.M. Forum Starts  
2:00 P.M. Closing  
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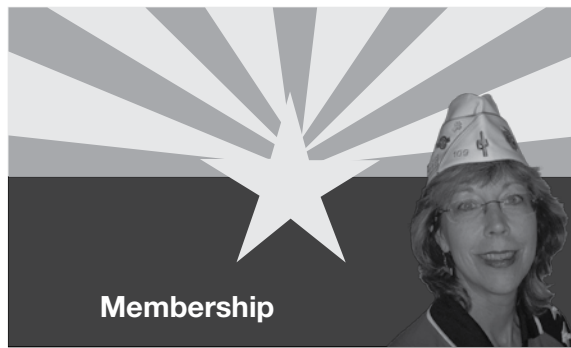
# Goal Dates Very Important

Here we are almost at the end of 2011 and TEAM ARIZONA continues to meet our goals. Do you remember all of our goal dates? Each one is so very important, TEAM. Commander Cushing made up a thermometer membership chart to put up in each Post; is yours posted? These packets go to the Post Commanders so open them up, read the correspondence, and make it happen. There is a lot of time put in for these mailings so use this information.

HUGE THANKS to Post 69 and District 6 for the great picnic and District meeting in Payson; what a beautiful area! We really enjoyed our visit and sharing time with our Legion Family. October took us to Post 32 in Safford for their Early Bird Dinner and District 5 meeting. Safford is a great place and Al and I always love our visits there. BIG THANKS to Commander Thiessen and Post 32 for your warm welcome and hospitality. Every Post Commander was in attendance and there was a friendly competition between them for membership. They work as a team; no Post is better and they even do events together! How cool is that. November took us to District 3 and Post 52 in Sierra Vista and then on to District 12 and Post 35 in Chandler. We look forward to each and every visit and getting the chance to meet up with old friends and making new ones. After the New Year, we plan on getting out to more Posts since I've been invited by a few to speak. I do work full time but I signed up to work for you as well, so I will do my very best to get out and visit you.

Now, how about Fall Conference. Was that spectacular or what? We had almost 700 Legion Family members in attendance for that event and special thanks to all for making the journey to Carefree. It takes your time and money to travel to these events and it's great to see so many folks coming out to enjoy time and learn more about our great organization. Special thanks to all who attended my Membership Workshop. We had Sean Sparks there from National and Post 138 and Post 132 in attendance. Post 138 was the first Post in Arizona to reach 100% and more have joined their ranks. The first three Posts to make 100% do not have a home Post so if you are using that excuse, it just went down the toilet. It is so important, TEAM, to make your goals and to get to 100% before the end of the year; thank you for your hard work and getting your membership in. Don't forget, if you make 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>, your Post will receive an Honor Ribbon from National Headquarters.

My dear friend Maggie was there and it's always a joy to see her. I use Maggie in my membership speeches when we travel because at the last Department Convention when she went to register, she was pointed toward the Auxiliary table. Not a good thing to do to a Veteran. Gentlemen, think if you were pointed to the



Sons table when you went to register. We all served our Great Nation proudly and each of us is very proud of our membership in the Legion.

The National Commander spoke at the Membership Workshop (for 45 minutes may I add; does that tell you how important membership is?) and there was a question about PUFLs.

There are other Veteran organizations that offer lifetime memberships at a discounted rate; The American Legion does not. The PUFL program is not meant to be a discount; it is a convenience... plain and simple. We also heard about what actions the National Commander has to address on Capital Hill; now that was an eye opener. When recruiting, impose on people that The American Legion is 2.4 million strong; we are the largest Veteran organization and numbers speak volumes when our National Legion representatives go to fight for our rights. We all know the Veteran "pool" is a huge target for cuts and we simply cannot allow that to happen.

Post Commanders and Post E-Board Members: You are the ones that will make us or break us. Your leadership sets the tone in each Post. If you need assistance, please do not be afraid to ask. That is what we are here for. Get in touch with the Post 100 members in your local area and send letters or make phone calls to the people who haven't renewed in a few years. If your Post is not using [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org), shame on you. It is free and offers reports to stay in touch with your members. The "Get to Know Your Posts" program started on November 1<sup>st</sup> and we have ours; do you have yours? This is another great tool to get folks out to the Posts in Arizona because each Post offers so much and all of you give back in many ways. We love going to your Posts to see your programs and hear the stories of what you are doing and whose lives you've touched.

Each article I try to keep it short, but I always fail at that task. Guess it's true what my hubby told me; I was vaccinated with a victrola needle. The day before we traveled to Fall Conference, I went to get my nails done; met a Veteran that had brought his daughter there and he's a single Dad. That morning at work, I met another

Veteran. When I asked them if they were members of The American Legion, they were not but stated they needed to be. My reply? "You're darn right you do" and then I bent their ear for awhile on all the great things we do. People, JUST ASK. Talk to folks when you travel, talk to folks locally, talk to folks! Don't assume every Veteran knows about The American Legion because they don't. Let's keep pressing to make our goals, make 100% and be #1 in our Great Nation... WE CAN DO IT!!!

Al and I wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and wonderful 2012. Please keep those away from their families and with many needs in your prayers. Keep your membership cars in high speed and keep making those goals; we need you, TEAM ARIZONA.

**Please remember that the 2011 Membership Card expires on December 31, 2011. A member won't be allowed into a meeting or the lounge unless they pay their 2012 dues.**

For God and Country,  
Jackie (Your Membership "Mom")

## NMCB 128 Reunion

Navy NMCB 128 will hold its 45th Reunion April 17-19, 2012, in Mobile, Alabama at the Ashbury Hotel & Suites. Phone: 1-800-752-0398. For more information, contact George McDanel (618) 259-4694 or email [mcdanelgk@aol.com](mailto:mcdanelgk@aol.com). This event is open to all MCB 128 Seabees.

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### Arizona Summit During Senate Testimony

Left - Neal Sundeen, Senator Jon Kyl and John Aldecoa

Right - Neal Sundeen, Senator John McCain and John Aldecoa.



### Fall Conference Photos

Clockwise from top left:  
PDC Dick Perry receiving his History Book from Department Historian, Jeri Strande

Department Commander George Cushing; Department Auxiliary President, Sharon Doran and National Commander, Fang Wong

Junior Auxiliary Department President, Lexis Escudero and S.A.L. Detachment Commander, W.L. Foster presenting the Memorial Wreath

Commander Cushing and Auxiliary President Sharon Doran presenting the Memorial Wreath

Area C Vice Commander, Bill Dawson; Department Commander Cushing; National Commander Wong; Area B Vice Commander, Judi Beischel and Area A Vice Commander, Gary Nelson



## James Larson Receives Square Knot Award

I would first like to congratulate James Larson from Post 52 in Sierra Vista on receiving The American Legion Square Knot Award. The award recognizes members of The American Legion Family who are dedicated to and actively involved in furthering the Boy Scouts of America Program. The recipient receives a certificate and a gold and purple square knot that may be worn on a Scout uniform. The national commander also presents a congratulatory letter. Members of Post 52 should be very proud of Mr. Larson for his dedication to the Legion and Scouting programs. He is the eighth Legionnaire in the State of Arizona to have received this award.

This award is one of the items we are promoting this year. We would like to have all Legionnaires who are involved in the scouting program receive the knot. If you are interested in working for the knot, go to the National website. The application is available at that site and can be downloaded. If you have all of your scout cards and certificates available, it is a simple process of copying the items and writing the letter with accomplishments.

I spoke with several Post Commanders at the Fall Conference about Scouting. We had a table with Legion Scouting material available. As Commander Cushing

stated in his speech Friday evening at the Conference, "We are a service organization". I cannot think of any better program for a Post to start up than a Scout unit. The program starts out with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring. It requires that you have a committee of at least three to five adults, at least two adult leaders and a safe location to hold the meetings. Training to get started is available online. You would also be required to take the Youth Protection Course also online. Registration for a charter is less than \$25.00 for the year. It takes just five boys in the pack, troop or team to start a unit. Venturing and Exploring are co-ed programs for youth 14-20 years of age. All youth and adult registration is only \$15.00 per year. Boy's Life magazine is an additional \$12.00 per year.

If you are a member of a Legion Post that is already chartered and you want to submit an Eagle Scout in your troop, it is time to start the process for Eagle Scout of the Year Award. This application is also available at the National website. Once again, if you are interested in starting a Scout Unit, please contact me at [whiskeycharlie2503@yahoo.com](mailto:whiskeycharlie2503@yahoo.com). You will be put in touch with a district executive in your area.

For God and Country,  
Wayne Chatfield, Scouting Committee Chairman

## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in my bid for Department Commander. It was something I was really looking forward to if I had won. I realize that in every race there has to be a winner and a loser and unfortunately, I lost.



I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Department Commander George Cushing. He ran a very clean race and I know he will do a great job.

For God and Country,  
Louie Romero

## IRS INFORMATION & TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The American Legion has just been informed of a special Toll Free number posts can use to contact the IRS in Cincinnati. This group in Cincinnati is reported to be especially trained in tax exempt issues and may help solve a lot of the problems posts are having. The usual IRS telephone numbers reach people who may not have been trained and may not give the proper information.

The number to call in Cincinnati is: (877) 829-5500



## Congratulations!

### Fall Conference 2012 Sweepstakes Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$3,000	Next winners each received \$500	
Robert Malone-Post 36	Joseph Benedetto-Post 29	Frank Murdock – Post 93
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,000	Karl Berenbrock – Post 100	Irwin Pallack – Post 19
Walter Scorobogaty-Post 62	Earl Le Baron – Post 34	Mike Riebe – Post 100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000	Jack D. Moore – Post 40	James R. White – Post 25
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Thank You to each of you who participated in the Sweepstakes drawing! We do appreciate your continued support of The American Legion programs.

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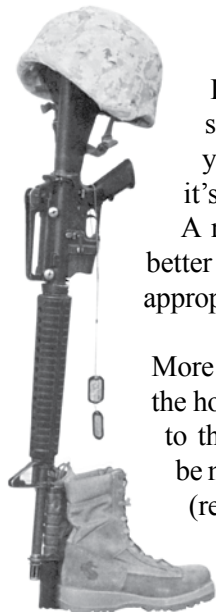
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Phillip D Stohlman
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Herbert E Erickson
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William H Clarkson
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David M Moreland  
Richard A Baker  
Robert C Baker  
Alfonso G Barrio  
Theo O Beach  
Ervin Bronk  
Charles H Brown  
Leroy E Brown  
John W Burr  
William C Burton  
George W Butson  
James Davidson  
Otis W Dehart  
Alfred F Gasca  
William Guthrie  
Ralph E Harris  
William McIlroy  
Paul Murphy  
George W North  
Roy Powers  
Howard Rall  
W T Saylor  
Paul W Smith  
Walter A Van Orden  
George Ward  
Robert Welborn
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Harold F Hoprich
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Gale W Aumock  
John W Dacey  
David Downey  
Raymond F Leroy
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John J Brown  
Hillard G McMullen  
Robert J Nemchek
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Murphy Tsosie
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Frank Scherf  
Phillip D Stohlman  
Richard J Wood
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Gene O'Hara
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Harris E Waren

## Chaplain's Corner

# Holiday Happiness



It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us once again. The year 2011 has just flown by and it's almost time to slip into 2012. A reminder of the old adage "Tis' better to give than to receive" seems appropriate.

More than any other time of the year, the holiday season draws our attention to the underprivileged. We seem to be more aware of our own prosperity (regardless of the amount) and are gladdened by the opportunity to share. I'm confident that most Posts in our Department

are actively involved in programs to provide assistance to homeless veterans and their families, deployed veterans and their families, the needy children and households in our communities as well as bringing cheer to our hospitalized veterans. Get involved! The rewards of giving of yourself will far outweigh the worth of that tray of cookies that didn't get baked or that last minute gift that didn't get wrapped to perfection. The appreciation mirrored on the faces of those receiving your "gift of self" will always shine brightly in your memory.

We may no longer be serving on active duty but Legionnaires continue to serve their country, communities and comrades at every turn along with all members of our American Legion Family. Please offer

up your prayers for those less fortunate than yourself and especially remember PDCs Louis Pellon and Paul Griffin who are dealing with some health issues.

May the joys and blessings of this holy season surround you and yours and may 2012 be a happy and prosperous year.

## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON!

For God and Country,  
Carol Stensby, Chaplain

# American Legion - Department of Arizona

## Membership Report

### November 18, 2011

Area	Goal	2012	% Goal
A Gary Nelson	9,416	7,024	74.60
B Judi Beischel	18,575	12,706	68.40
C Bill Dawson	8,114	5,497	67.75
HQ George Cushing	6,745	3,197	46.37
Grand Totals	43,000	28,424	66.10

High Area - A - 74.60%  
 High District - 5 - 78.70%  
 High Post - 138 - 153.33%

#### District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,053	727	69.04
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	96	55	57.29
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	5	33.33
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	173	97	56.07
67 Frank Mick	Roll	32	10	31.25
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	37	14	37.84
District Totals		1,406	908	64.58

#### District 2 - Commander: Gene Chewning

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	404	345	85.40
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	75	49	65.33
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,366	1,041	76.21
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	327	234	71.56
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,365	1,027	75.24
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	342	201	58.77
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	171	129	75.44
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	114	89	78.07
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	743	525	70.66
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	17	17	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	26	3	11.54
125 Yoem	Tucson	32	20	62.50
131 Madera	Green Valley	598	535	89.46
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	127	139	109.45
District Totals		5,707	4,354	76.29

#### District 3 - Commander: Al Reyes

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	370	237	64.05
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	94	60	63.83
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	48	32	66.67
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	627	486	77.51
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	87	69	79.31
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	854	594	69.56
District Totals		2,080	1,478	71.06

#### District 4 - Commander: Larry Moore

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	228	170	74.56
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	147	105	71.43
17 William P. Kern	Superior	26	22	84.62
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	33	20	60.61
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	61	31	50.82
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	26	7	26.92
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	137	84	61.31
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	45	26	57.78
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	66	52	78.79
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	57	43	75.44
District Totals		826	560	67.80

#### District 5 - Commander: Ray Thiessen

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	205	157	76.59
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	104	96	92.31
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	385	292	75.84
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	26	27	103.85
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	83	60	72.29
District Totals		803	632	78.70

#### District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	86	58	67.44
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	148	96	64.86
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	26	13	50.00
37 Navajo	Holbrook	64	39	60.94
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	59	34	57.63
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	468	230	49.15
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	200	135	67.50
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	36	2	5.56
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	3	20.00
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	431	324	75.17
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	15	3	20.00
130 Joseph McCarthy	Saint Johns	23	19	82.61
District Totals		1,571	956	60.85

#### District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	574	393	68.47
13 Cordova	Williams	127	91	71.65
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	309	227	73.46
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	221	132	59.73
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	7	46.67
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	199	115	57.79
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	98	63	64.29
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasut City	1,334	851	63.79
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	470	324	68.94
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	110	74	67.27
103 Meadview	Meadview	41	28	68.29
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	28	13	46.43
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	24	2	8.33
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	39	21	53.85
136 Yucca	Yucca	23	24	104.35
District Totals		3,612	2,365	65.48

#### District 8 - Commander: Wilbur Quick

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	796	606	76.13
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	713	504	70.69
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	365	292	80.00
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	233	185	79.40
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	273	199	72.89
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	32	68.09
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	294	208	70.75
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	19	79.17
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	80	64	80.00
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	61	33	54.10
135 Cornville	Cornville	45	34	75.56
District Totals		2,931	2,176	74.24

#### District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	639	67.33
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	66	24	36.36
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	74	49	66.22
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	352	239	67.90
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,425	1,005	70.53

43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	11	11	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	53	49	92.45
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	87	52	59.77
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	608	383	62.99
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,108	1,429	67.79
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	18	13	72.22
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	340	289	85.00
96 Surprise	Surprise	155	158	101.94
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	130	112	86.15
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	599	394	65.78
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	65	58	89.23
134 Laveen	Laveen	49	27	55.10
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	61	45	73.77
District Totals		7,150	4,976	69.59

#### District 12 - Commander: Jim Ashley

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	429	309	72.03
26 Mesa	Mesa	922	661	71.69
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	1,715	67.69
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	334	232	69.46
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	616	426	69.16
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	517	386	74.66
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	823	566	68.77
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,071	653	60.97
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	216	193	89.35
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	480	381	79.38
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	39	32	82.05
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	146	112	76.71
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	343	191	55.69
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	328	152	46.34
83 East Mesa	Mesa	111	97	87.39
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	42	35	83.33
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	205	154	75.12
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	483	260	53.83
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	65	5	7.69
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	42	72.41
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	191	146	76.44
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	29	5	17.24
138 Scottsdale	Scottsdale	45	69	153.33
District Totals		10,019	6,822	68.09

The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary  
and Sons of The American Legion

Annual Open House  
JANUARY 7, 2012  
12:00 noon - 5:00 PM

We would like to see ALL of you for relaxing company, excellent  
food and some "after holidays" fun.  
Bring your favorite dish and join us at

Department Headquarters  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix  
See you then!!

# Holiday Greetings

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all  
PDC Paul & Helen Griffin

Season's Greetings from the smallest & friendliest Post in the North!  
Cornville Post #135

God Bless you & yours this Christmas & New Year. Prayers to those in need.  
Al & Jackie Miller

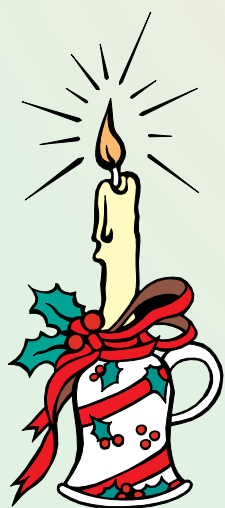
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
Wilbur Quick,  
District 5 Commander

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
Donald E. Coffman,  
District 6 Commander

Remember that real "Heroes" don't wear capes, they wear dog tags!  
Gene Chewing,  
District 2 Commander

Season's Greetings from District 12  
Jim Ashley,  
District 12 Commander

Happy Holidays!  
Ole & Ann Bjerk



Merry Christmas to All & a Happy New Year.  
PDC Bob Reyes

May the Lord grant you & yours, blessings during this season. Honor those you care for so it is returned to you & yours. Happy Holidays!  
Mike Jones

May everyone have a safe & Merry Christmas. Pray for our troops & their families.  
Shaun M. Shield

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all the Women Veterans of 20 & 4 Echelon 35

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Have a safe & enjoyable holiday.  
Robert J. Hicks & Diane Heckman

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & may God bless everyone. In God We Trust.  
Jim & Robbie Massey

Wishing a wonderful holiday season to all of our American Legion Family.  
Kenneth Dowse

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
PDC Dick & Elaine Perry

Best wishes to our American Legion Family at this holiday season.  
PDC H.F. "Bud" Hansing & Sandra Adams

Happy Holidays!  
Mike & Marty Stout

May God bless the troops returning home to be reunited with their families.

Ernie & Rebecca Faris

Thank you to our Legion Family for your prayers, monetary donations, gifts & concerns during Emma Lynn's cancer treatments. May your holidays be happy ones.  
Wayne & Crystal & Emma & Jill Faris

All have a very Merry Christmas & a wonderful Happy New Year.  
PDC Bill Bingham

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
Stephen Kvitkovich,  
Post #31

Have a safe & happy holiday season.  
James & Beth Burke

Merry Christmas.  
Gary & Ardith Nelson

Season's Greetings from your Baseball Committee!  
Rollin, Tom, Bud & Bob

Feliz Navidad "Y" Prospero Ano Nuevo  
John & Sylvia Aldzeoa

Best wishes from our family to yours!  
Matteson Family

Peace be with you!  
PDC Maria & John Currie

Merry Christmas & a very Happy & prosperous New Year to our Legion Family.

NEC Joe & Jeannie Aguilar

Holiday wishes to all from the Officers & Members of Christopher J. Lapka Post #105

Beth Nehring, Adjutant

Jan & I want to wish everyone in the Legion Family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year.  
Commander George & Jan Cushing ©

Great job & Merry Christmas!

Al Reyes,  
District 3 Commander

Happy Holidays & best wishes to everyone in the Department of Arizona.  
PDC Henry & Ann Branch

May the Good Lord Bless & keep you through the holidays & the New Year.  
Sharon L. Doran, Auxiliary Department President

Wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
Gagle Reed & Marge Ahrens

May the peace & joy of this Holy Season surround you & your family & remain throughout the coming New Year. Happy Holidays!  
Carol Stensby,  
Department Chaplain

Season's Greetings!  
American Legion Auxiliary



Department Office  
Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year & many more!  
Anne Cline

To all of our Legion Family, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We love you!  
PDC Louie & Gilda Pellon ©

May all your halls be decked in the merriest of ways!  
Steve & Ann Seney ©

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.  
Scott Miller & Rebecca Rocha

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
Scott Miller,  
District 7 Commander

God bless our Veterans, our Troops, & their families. Give them faith, hope & strength throughout all of the holidays & the New Year.  
Sheila Galloway

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our American Legion Family.  
PDC Bruce & Sandy Conklin

## & A Prosperous New Year