Hello Legionnaires! It has been a fun and busy two and a half months; I am looking forward to more of the same.

The trip to Charlotte, NC for the National Convention was very informative as far as the number of businesses and corporations that have partnered with The American Legion in support of our returning Veterans. United Parcel Service (UPS); Home Depot and United Way are just a few. There were also 223 resolutions that were voted on and passed ranging from Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs, National Defense and Illegal Immigration.

The Legacy Scholarship Funds raised this year capped $1,000,000.00 as well as the National Emergency Fund. Thank you to all of the Arizona Legion Family that donated to these much used and needed funds.

It is now time to announce our new National Commander, Mike Helm, from Nebraska. He is an awesome Legionnaire and gentleman and his dedication is contagious. By the way, I received a call from him on Sunday – can you imagine when I answered the phone, my surprise and disbelief. He was at an airport in Missouri and decided to call Department Commanders; I was first on the list.

National Commander Helm’s agenda for this year is “4x4”; to raise $4,000,000.00, one for each of the Pillars and raise membership to 4,000,000 members. A very doable goal if each member recruits one new member or more. Please pass this on to all your members. We need the help and drinking is not a requirement to be a member; that’s not who we are.

Our partnership with the VA is continuing with the command centers at American Legion Posts. Most recently, we were at Post 26 in Mesa and Post 62 in Peoria with future ones at Post 3 in Flagstaff and Post 36 in Tucson this month. Please let the local media and members know to get the word out about these events. Local Veterans can go to the closest Post and get assistance in getting in the VA system as well as a possible upgrade of percentage on existing disability claims; it’s worth

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Meritorious Service Award to Bobby Reyes

On September 11, 2014 in Flagstaff, AZ at Mark A. Moore Post 3, Past Department Commander, Bob Reyes, was presented with The American Legion’s highest award, The Meritorious Service Award, by Department Commander Andy Jaime. PDC Reyes was also presented awards for his many years of service and dedication to the community by: The Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, VFW. Congressional Office of Ann Kirkpatrick, Mayor of Flagstaff, AZ, MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), Northern Arizona University, Lori Piestewa Post 80 and Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

For God and Country,
Doug Keller, Vice Commander, Area C, Department of Arizona
On the field is Daylene Shippelhoute and Robert Spinelli where Daylene thanked the young man. The letter below was read to everyone at the beginning of Game 15 and there wasn’t a dry eye in the place.

This is what The American Legion Children & Youth is all about.

“After searching my room and the motel lobby this morning, I realized I had probably tossed my car key (the only one) into the garbage. I was talking to myself as I tried to decide what to do, when a young stranger stepped up and insisted on helping. I went to get another garbage bag as he sorted through that mess piece by piece. He dug through for the next 10 minutes; most of the solid ware was out and only about two inches of liquid and food remained. His hand went back down into that gunk and out comes my car key. This young man is the epitome of what a young man should strive to be.”

Western Regional Winners from California

Western Regional Runner-up from Las Vegas Post 8 Rancho H.S. “Rams”
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FALL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 7-9, 2014

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DOUBLETREE RIED PARK
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ROOM RATE:
$99 per room per night single/double occupancy

For reservations call Tyler: 520-323-5219

Be sure to mention The American Legion to receive special rates

A Golf Tournament will be held.
Friday November 7
Fred Enke Golf Course
8251 E. Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ 85730
Contact Gary Reid (520) 370-3481
Entry Deadline November 1, 2014

For Hospitality Rooms, contact:
Angel Juarez (602) 264-7706

Please make reservations by
OCTOBER 17, 2014
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**Riders Are the Face of The American Legion**

AZALR’s Traveling Trophy is really picking up speed. As of this writing, ALR Chapters 87, 81, 39, 24, 109, 36 and 29 have “stolen” the trophy. And remember - ALR 5 (Phoenix) will donate $100 to the charity designated by the ALR Chapter which has won the traveling trophy the most number of times between now and the 2015 Annual AZALR meeting.

At the National Riders’ Meeting (which took place at the start of the National Convention in Charlotte, NC, at the end of the Legacy Run), it was announced that there were 540 motorcycles on the Legacy Run, with a total of 770 registered (riders & passengers). Our National Commander was on the Legacy Run (as a passenger), and told the Riders that the ALR has become the “Face of the American Legion”. During the Legacy Run, $435,000 was raised for the Legacy Foundation by the Riders; another $400,000+ was donated by Riders on the first day of the Convention, and by the end of the Convention over $1 million was raised for the Legacy Fund. During the convention, checks were presented on behalf of Arizona ALR 81, 12, 35, 6, 52, 109, 105, 24, 5, 37, 24, 36, 109, 44, 58, 42, 6, 40, 78, 91, 69, 86, 138, 2, 34, and 80 – thank you all for your hospitality and your hard work.

Remember this if you forget the rest of this article: “Veterans are America’s greatest National Treasure”.

Hopefully you will join me in seeking out more volunteers within our ranks. Please join me in Tucson as I am hoping to start new training and educational classes or sessions for our officers and members. Knowledge cultivates leadership, builds pride and gives purpose for belonging as well as inspiring those who support our organization as members. Do it for them and yourself!

Still Serving America,
Andy Jaime, Department Commander
Area “B” Vice Commander Report - Districts 1, 11 and 12

Danny Bugh Looks To Visit All His Posts During Tenure

First of all, I want to thank all those that supported me in the elections at Convention. Secondly, I promise to give an update of my activities during my term in office. I will attempt to visit all the Posts under my direction and some that aren’t.

During July (which was a slow and hot month), I attended our Department Organizational Meeting (very informative and met a lot of the new officers). From there, I attended the organizational meeting of District 1.

Of course, I attended the Gran Promenade in Tombstone on July 18 through 29; great time for all. Then back in town to volunteer at Bingo at the Veterans Home on Monday the 21st; and then onto the District 12 Organization Meeting at Post 35 on the 27th.

On August 1, I went to Indianapolis to attend the membership Training Workshop and the following week managed to attend the last day of the Southwest Regional Legion Baseball Games and was heartbroken that Tucson lost the finals to Nevada. It was an awesome game and all of the teams should be proud. Later that month, I attended my 55 year high school reunion…boy, we are getting smaller in quantity but not in size!

September was a little busier; Glenn White, District 12 Commander and I attended the Salt River Pima Annual Veterans Appreciation Function hosted by Post 114, they had a great turnout! The Veterans Helping Veterans made a presentation to the Shriners for their help to our organization. I attended the USO Performance that Post 2 in Tempe has each year where they had great performances that entertained everyone.

I traveled to Post 70 Parker for the District 1 Meeting and congratulated Post 70 for being the first Post to reach 100%; they are actually at 105% and it’s only September. This should be motivation for all Posts to keep working hard and reach that 100%. Then onto another Bingo session at the Veterans Home (thanks to Post 35 Chandler for being there).

Lastly, by the time this goes to print, I will have attended the general meeting of Post 96 Surprise on the 18th and the District 12 meeting on the 21st. That’s all folks until December!

Take care and God Bless America,

Danny Bugh
Area B Vice Commander

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2014 Conference Golf Tournament

Friday, November 7
Fred Enke Golf Course
8251 East Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ 85730
4 Player Scramble $60.00 Per Player
Make your own foursomes or sign up individually
Check in Time is 7:30am Shotgun start at 8:30am
Entry Fee Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch and cash bar.
Lunch will be served after golf at Post 36
Send Registration and Payment to GARY REID, 385 So Ridgefield Ave, Tucson, AZ 85738 - Phone 520-370-3481 All entries must be received by NOVEMBER 1, 2014

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Chaplain’s Corner

Mission... Not Impossible

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to locate and secure happiness. These encouragements will not self-destruct in 15 seconds but hopefully, remain with you for a lifetime.

Your search will begin with a practical exercise to determine that which will really make you happy. Could it be to lose twenty pounds, retire by age fifty-five, buy a new house or get promoted or elected to a more desirable position? Perhaps, but these fall more into the area of wishes as opposed to happiness enhancers. And we all know the old saying “if wishes were nickels, we’d all be rich”.

Your wishes may or may not come true. The sources from which true happiness can be derived hopefully surround you on a daily basis. Do you have someone to love and someone to be loved by? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply and someone to love you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply someone to love you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply someone to love you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply someone to love you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply someone to love you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply you? This can be a mate, children, grandchildren or simply

on the table. It might not be the Taj Mahal or haute cuisine but you’re way ahead of most of the world. The happiness temps continue to rise. Now how about the fact that you’re a citizen of the greatest country in the world and that you share a unique relationship with the very people who were willing to give their lives for that very country. Considering all of this, you should be about to burst with happiness.

There is one final thing that should put you over the top and that would be the love of your Lord and Savior. This is the one place where all of your worries can be dispensed. Put your faith in God and all of the aforementioned will take care of itself. There you have it; the treasure map to locate happiness. You will need the strength of the Almighty to secure it.

Please remember, HAPPINESS IS A STATE OF MIND, NOT BEING.

Please remember our ill and infirm Family members in your prayers.

For God and Country.

Carol Stensby, Chaplain, Department of Arizona

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The Arizona Legionnaire
October 2014
Membership Director’s Report

**Five Year Plan In Full Swing**

I want to start by thanking last year’s Membership Team for working so hard that PDC Judi Beischel was able to go on stage at National Convention and receive our Golden Eagle Award. It is on display at Department. Also, thank you to Department Commander Andy Jamie for appointing me as the Department Membership Director for the second year.

I am excited about being able to present to you the second year of our Five Year Membership Plan that Commander Andy and I presented in Indianapolis in August. Our plan was well received and with your help we can complete it. Arizona will continue to present the Yellow Ribbon to show all Veterans that we welcome them within our Post. Make sure that your Post is displaying a Yellow Ribbon to let your Veterans know that we welcome them to join us.

Our first challenge of the year came on September 8th with the National Membership target at 50%. All Areas reached the 50%. Arizona was in at 45.88%, so as a state we were short. Our next target date is set for October 6th at 55%. Congratulations to Parker Post 70 for being our first Post to reach 100%. They are at 105.71% as of this report. Remember to get all memberships into our “Bulldog Sheila” before that date. Let us see if we can surpass the 55% by that date.

National Commander Helm told attendees at National Convention that he wants Legionnaires to focus on the four R’s: Recruiting, Revitalization, Renewals and Reconnecting. Recruit every eligible veteran that you come in contact with. Reconnect with service members. Reach out to the local Guard and Reserve unit in your area. Renewals should not only include those from last year but prior years. The online service at MyLegion.org is an excellent tool to use to locate these members. If you need assistance, please contact me. I will show you how to walk through it. I am also available to do a separate on hands MyLegion.org as I did for District 8. I believe those Posts now know what is available to them through MyLegion. By working on the four R’s we will reach 100% for our Post, District, Area and Department.

Commander Helm will award his National Commander “Stay On Course” pin to any American Legion Family member who obtains three new members into the Legion. The S.A.L. and Auxiliary members are also eligible for this pin. For more information, please go to www.legion.org/commander/pin.

The National Commander Honor Ribbon will be awarded to any American Legion Family achieving 100% membership by June 30, 2015. The Legion Family is defined as a Post and any combination of an Auxiliary Unit, S.A.L. Squadron or Legion Riders Chapter. Each entity must achieve 100% to qualify for this award. For more information, please go to www.legion.org/commander/ribbon.

Let’s not forget Department Commander Andy’s theme “VOLUNTEERISM…Let’s Get Inspired”. We want you to participate in the Membership Director’s Challenge Awards which will be awarded based on “Post Size.” Posts will be divided into groups based on the 2015 Membership Goal. These awards will be awarded for the highest membership over 100%. Awards will be gift certificates for Emblem Sales.

Again, I look forward to working with this year’s great Membership Team, our Commander Andy, the Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders and each of our Posts. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming District meetings, but if you would like me to come to your Post and speak on membership or help you with a revitalization for your Post, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 602-363-8546 cell, or via email at 70wave@gmail.com.

Your Membership Team is here to provide you with the tools that you need to help each and every Post obtain that 100%. We want to continue where our Membership Team left off and make 100%+ membership this year. Remember that all it takes is to…JUST ASK!

Beth Nehring, Membership Director

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 25, 2014

Free Legal Advice for U.S. Veterans and their Spouses
9:00AM to 4:00PM DAV Chapter 20, 8447 N. 61st Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302

To schedule an appointment and receive forms needed for clinic contact (appointments will have priority over walk-in clients): Norman Fulton, III Legal Clinic Director 480 363-6880 or nsfultoniii@gmail.com. Sponsored by AZ Disabled American Veterans and AZ Disabled Veteran Foundation – You need not be disabled to obtain legal advice.

November 2, 2014

THE 22 for THE 22
22 Veterans and family members hike 22 miles raising awareness of the 22 military suicides per day. Hikers will finish at Tempe Town Lake at the Candlelight Walk for Military Veterans & their Families. Proceeds will support the La Frontera EMPACT Rally Point Military Navigator Program. To learn more about Rally Point Arizona and to donate, go to: WWW.RALLYPOINTAZ.ORG

Candlelight Walk to Honor Military Veterans and their Families @ Tempe Beach Park Gates open at 4:30PM, event ends at 7:00PM. Event emceed by Mike Broomhead. Rally Point vigil candles will be available at the event for a suggested minimum donation of $10.00.

Veterans Day Parades
Check with your local community for parade dates. The parades are as early as Saturday, November 8th and run through to Tuesday, November 11th.

November 7 – 9, 2014

Fall Conference at Doubletree Reid Park
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Membership Report, September 15, 2014

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Post 108 Helps Raise $11,000 for Hungry Kids Project

Doug Keller, Commander of American Legion Post 108 in Prescott Valley, and Natalie Krol present a check for $11,000 to Ron Barnes of the Prescott Education Foundation for the “Hungry Kids Project”.

Ms. Krol organized a 2-hour, 65-entertainer show at the Yavapai College Theatre for the Performing Arts on May 3, 2014 with American Legion Post 108 sponsoring the “It Takes a Village” event. The show raised money and awareness for children in Northern Arizona who do not have enough food to eat on the weekends.

While the children do receive food while attending public schools in the area, many children’s families have gone into poverty and cannot provide enough food for their children through the weekends. The “Hungry Kids Project” is ongoing so you can still donate to this most worthy cause by sending a check to: Prescott Education Foundation, 1716 Alpine Meadows #905, Prescott, AZ 86303. Any donation is greatly appreciated and be sure to write in the check memo, “Hungry Kids Project”.

More Volunteers Needed To Enacted Americanism Projects

My fellow Legionnaires,

The Americanism Pillar is made up of a number of elements; those being Boys and Girls State, Legion Baseball, Citizenship, Flag Advocacy, Flag Etiquette, Get Out the Vote, Jr. Shooting Sports, Oratorical, Scholarship, Jr. Law Cadet and Youth Program Alumni. Dr. Vawter and I, as Vice Chairmen of Americanism, thank all of those who have supported the programs.

In order to carry on the programs of the Americanism Pillar, we need to have more support in all of the elements of Americanism. The Baseball, Boys State, Scouting, Jr. Law Cadet (ALLECA) and Oratorical all can use both new bodies and financial support. Citizenship, Flag Advocacy, Flag Etiquette, Get Out the Vote, Scholarship and Youth Program Alumni all need membership support as well.

I had an inquiry from Chino Valley; they would like to start a Jr. Shooting Sports team. The gentleman I am conversing with has an extensive list of items. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact me and I will send the list of items they need.

Let us pray for the safe return of all of our men and women in harms way.

Wayne Chatfield, Vice-Chairman, Americanism

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Retired JAG - Legion Member
1050 E. Southern Avenue, Suite G3
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel: (480) 838-6566; Fax: (480) 838-8810
E-Mail: tjarvi@jarvilaw.com

*Federal law permits the payment of attorney fees by the veteran for assistance with any VA claim if Notice of Disagreement is filed after June 20, 2007.
Department Commander Andy Jaime presents the Prescott VA Medical Center Volunteer of the Year Award to Karen Litt, Past District 8 Commander and current Post 108 Adjutant, at the District 8 Picnic at Watson Lake in Prescott, AZ on Saturday September 13, 2014.

This is exactly what Commander Jaime’s program is all about this year, “Volunteerism”! Well done Karen!

Also in attendance were PDCs Judi Beischel, George Cushing, Past Area C Vice Commanders Joe Duggan, Jim Strande, Jeri Strande, and current Area C Vice Commander, Doug Keller.

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