

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
ANNUAL CONVENTION, June 23-26, 2016
CAREFREE, ARIZONA**

ADJUSTMENTS POSSIBLE

General Information:

******NOTICE******

ALL Attendees must be REGISTERED to attend EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377
Hospitality Suites (check at registration desk)

Registration hours: **Hotel Registration Lobby**

Thursday, June 23rd 11:30AM until 6:00PM

Friday, June 24th 7:00AM until 5:00PM

Saturday, June 25th 7:00AM until 4:00PM

Sunday, June 26th 7:00AM until 9:00AM

Special Events:

Golf Tournament, Thursday, Check In At 6:30AM, Shotgun Start 7:00AM

Rancho Mañana Golf Club, 5734 E. Rancho Mañana Blvd, Cave Creek, AZ. 85331

Membership Breakfast, 100% Post, District & Area Vice Commanders, Friday, 7:00AM, Post 34;

Breakfast available starting at 6:AM

GNUTS Luncheon, Saturday, 11:30AM, Post 34

PDC Luncheon, Sunday, 1:00PM, Post 107

VA&R + SERVICE OFFICERS SEMINAR – Friday...1:00PM to 3:00PM...

ALR SESSION – Saturday... 1:30PM to 4:00PM...

Saturday 1:00P - 4:30P Membership and Post Activities is for Commanders & Adjutants Training

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER / CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
2:30PM	Finance Committee Meeting	TBD, Chairman	Palo Verde I
3:00PM	100th Anniversary Committee	Sherie Mercier	Ironwood
4:00PM	Rules Committee	Richard Perry, NEC	Palo Verde I

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER / CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
6:00PM	Joint Opening Session		Saguaro
	Call to Order	Billy D. Ellis, Department Commander	
	Advancement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	Color Guard
	Invocation	Carol Stensby, Chaplain	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
	Preamble to Constitution	All	
	Opening Remarks	Billy D. Ellis, Commander	
	Call to Convention	Angel Juarez, Adjutant	
	Report of Rules Committee	Richard Perry, NEC	
	Welcome, Department Host	Billy D. Ellis, Commander	
	Greetings: Mayor, Town of Carefree Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	Les Peterson, Mayor Captain Kip Rustenburg	
	Sons of The American Legion	Greg Mekula, Detachment Commander	
	The American Legion Auxiliary	Josephine Herrera, Department President Jane Shoemaker, NEC Felicia Cruz, Jr Auxiliary President	
	American Legion Riders	John Moffitt, National Advisor, Western Region	
	Disabled American Veterans Veterans of Foreign Wars Vietnam Veterans of America Korean War Veterans	Ron Cox, Commander Roger Cowan, Commander Gene Crego, President Gene Spruce, Commander	
	MOPH Marine Corps League	Henry "Woody" Galudel, Commander Bill Ebright, Commandant	
	40 et 8	Robert Gilmore, Grand Chef de Gare	
	20 et 4 8 & 40	Beth Nehring, Director VIP Pamela Way, Departmental Chapeau	
	Arizona Dept of Veterans Services Eagle Scout Award Legislator of The Year	Col. Wanda Wright, Director Dakota Hankins & Wayne Chatfield Kyrsten Sinema, Representative	
	Candidate for National Commander	Charles E. Schmidt, Oregon	
	LAFB Mission Brief	Lt Col. Joel England, 56th FW/JA	
	Keynote Speaker	George Cushing, National Vice Commander	

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Friday June 24, 2016

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
7:00AM	Membership Breakfast	100% Post, District, Area Vice Commanders	Post 34
8:30AM	Historians Seminar	Roy White	Palo Verde I
	Judge Advocates Seminar	Rodney Glassman	Ironwood
	Membership Committee	Ken Queen	Saguaro I
	Constitution & By-Laws Resolutions	Neal Sundeen Jim Roscoe	Saguaro II
	Convention & Conference Committee	Larry Cox	Saguaro IV
	Children & Youth Commission Children & Youth Education ALLECA Jr Shooting Sports	Robert Reyes Don DeMarte Dan Palmer TBD	Saguaro V
	National Security Commission National Security POW/MIA Law & Order	Al Dunaway Jim Sylvester Scott Miller	Saguaro III
10:00AM	Club Committee	Ken Dowse	Saguaro IV
	Junior Shooting Sports	TBD	Ironwood
	Americanism Commission Americanism Baseball Scouting Boys State Citizens Flag Alliance	Charles Vawter Robert Krumwiede Wayne Chatfield Charles Vawter Joe Duggan III	Saguaro I
	Trophies & Awards	Butch Wittman	Palo Verde I
	Oratorical Chairman Meeting	Roger Munchbach	Palo Verde II
	Legislative Committee	Larry Bahill	Saguaro II
	Legislative Council - Immediately Following	Neal Sundeen	Saguaro II
	Bingo Committee	Danny Bugh	Saguaro III
	Public Relations Commission Public Relations Press Association	Andy Jaime Ron Murphy	Saguaro V
11:30	Lunch		

Friday June 24 (continued)

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
1:00 - 3:00	Service Officers Seminar VA&R Commission Rehabilitation Employment Cemetery	Art Brest, Dept. Service Officer Mike Espinoza Mike Espinoza Mel Zacko	Cholla I-II
1:30 PM	Convention Reconvenes	Billy D. Ellis, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	LAFB Mission Brief		
	Constitution & By-Laws Report	Neal Sundeen	
	Resolutions Report	Jim Roscoe	
	Legislative Report	Larry Bahill	
	Children & Youth Report National Security Report POW/MIA Report Law and Order	Robert Reyes Al Dunaway Jim Sylvester Scott Miller	
3:30 PM	Honor Guard Captains Meeting	Bob Hammerel	Palo Verde I
4:00 PM	40 et 8	Robert Gilmore, Grand Chef	Palo Verde II

Saturday June 25, 2016

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/ CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
8:30AM	SAL Convention	Greg Mekula, Commander	Cholla I-II
8:00AM	Convention Reconvenes	Billy D. Ellis, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	Membership Report & Awards	Ken Queen	
	Trophies & Awards Report	Butch Wittman	
	Convention & Conference Report	Larry Cox	
	Club Committee Report	Ken Dowse	
	Americanism Report	Charles Vawter	
	VA&R Committee Report	Mike Espinoza	
10:00 AM	Area A Caucus	Steve Aguirre, Vice Commander	Saguaro IV
	Area B Caucus	Michael Thelen, Vice Commander	Saguaro I
	Area C Caucus	Sherie Mercier, Vice Commander	Saguaro V
11:30 AM	Lunch	GNUTS Luncheon	Post 34
1:00 – 4:30	Membership & Post Activities	Ken Queen/Angel Juarez	Cholla I-II
1:30 – 4:00	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	Saguaro IV-V
4:30 PM	20 et 4	Beth Nehring, Director VIP	Palo Verde I
5:00 PM	Color Guard Competition (Cancelled)	Bob Hammerel, Chairman	Saguaro Ballroom I-V

Sunday June 26, 2016

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
8:00AM	Joint Memorial Service	Carol Stensby, Chaplain Cindy Queen, Auxiliary Chaplain	Saguaro Ballroom
9:00AM	Convention Reconvenes	Billy D. Ellis, Commander	Saguaro Ballroom
	Credentials Report	Marge Ahrens	
	SAL Report	SAL Liaison, Julio Beatrice	
	Legion Riders	John Moffitt	
	Final Convention Report	Larry Cox	
	Election of Department Officers: Commander, 3 Vice Commanders		
	Farewell Speech	Billy D. Ellis	
	Installation of Officers		
	Acceptance Speech	Newly Elected Commander	
	Announcements	Angel Juarez, Adjutant	
	Benediction	Carol Stensby, Chaplain	
	Retirement of Colors	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
	Executive Committee Meeting	Newly Elected Commander	
1:00PM	PDC Luncheon	Billy D. Ellis, Host	Post 107

******Have a SAFE Trip Home******