

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION, June 22-25-2017  
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 22rd 11:30AM until 6:00PM

Friday, June 23th 7:00AM until 5:00PM

Saturday, June 24th 7:00AM until 4:00PM

Sunday, June 25th 7:00AM until 9:00AM

**SPECIAL EVENT REMINDERS TO WATCH FOR during the entire Convention:**

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  
(2 Continuing Education Credits for AZ Legion College Alumni)**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER / CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>2:30PM</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	Larry Bahill, Chairman	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>100th Anniversary Committee</b>	Sherie Mercier	<b>Ironwood</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Rules Committee</b>	Richard Perry, NEC	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Department Chair Meet and Greet</b>	TAL, ALA, SAL Chairs Pillar Commitments	<b>Saguaro Ball</b>

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER / CHAIRMAN	LOCATION
6:00PM	<b>Joint Opening Session</b>		<b>Saguaro Ballroom</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Department Commander	
	<b>Advancement of Colors</b>	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	ColorGuard
	<b>Invocation</b>	Gene Chewning, Chaplain	
	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	All	
	<b>Preamble to Constitution</b>	All	
	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Commander	
	<b>Call to Convention</b>	Angel Juarez, Adjutant	
	<b>Report of Rules Committee</b>	Richard Perry, NEC	
	<b>Welcome, Department Host</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Commander	
	<b>Greetings:</b> Mayor, Town of Carefree Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	Les Peterson, Mayor TBD	
	Sons of The American Legion	Mike Talty, Detachment Commander	
	The American Legion Auxiliary	Jan Cushing, Department President Josephine Herrera, NEC Jessica Vaupel, Jr Auxiliary President	
	The American Legion Riders	John Moffitt, Western Region Director	
	Disabled American Veterans	John Burden, Commander	
	Veterans of Foreign Wars Vietnam Veterans of America Korean War Veterans	Ken Marshall, Commander Gene Crego, President Gene Spruce, Commander	
	Military Order of the Purple Heart Marine Corps League	Jerry Crosby Sr., Commander Pat Connell, Commandant	
	Association of the US Navy	Jon Altman, National Vice President	
	40 et 8	Mike Stout, Grand Chef de Gare	
	20 et 4 8 & 40	Beth Nehring, Director VIP Pamela Way, Departmental Chapeau	
	Arizona Dept of Veterans Services Carl Hayden VA Medical Center Eagle Scout of the Year Legislator of The Year	Col. Wanda Wright, Director Reema Ann Nelson, Director Wayne Chatfield to announce Larry Bahill to announce	
	Honor and Remember	George Lutz	
	Keynote Speaker: Candidate for National Commander	Denise H Rohan, Wisconsin	

## MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW**

## Friday June 23, 2017

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>7:00AM</b>	<b>Membership Breakfast</b>	100% Post, District, Area Vice Commanders	<b>Post 34</b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Historians Seminar</b>	Robert Hernandez	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
	<b>Junior Shooting Sports</b>	Tom McClain	<b>Ironwood</b>
	<b>Membership Committee</b>	Steve Aguirre	<b>Saguaro I</b>
	<b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws Resolutions</b>	Neal Sundeen Rodger Ely	<b>Saguaro II</b>
	<b>Convention &amp; Conference Committee</b>	Larry Cox	<b>Saguaro IV</b>
	<b>Children &amp; Youth Commission</b> Children & Youth Education ALLECA	Robert Reyes Jack Van Matre Dan Palmer	<b>Saguaro V</b>
	<b>National Security Commission</b> National Security POW/MIA Law & Order	Al Dunaway Jim Sylvester Scott Miller	<b>Saguaro III</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Club Committee</b>	Ken Dowse	<b>Saguaro IV</b>
	<b>Judge Advocates Seminar</b>	Rodney Glassman	<b>Ironwood</b>
	<b>Americanism Commission</b> Americanism Baseball Scouting Boys State Citizens Flag Alliance	Charles Vawter Robert Krumwiede Wayne Chatfield Charles Vawter Joe Duggan III	<b>Saguaro I</b>
	<b>Trophies &amp; Awards</b>	Butch Wittman	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
	<b>Oratorical Chairman Meeting</b>	Roger Munchbach	<b>Palo Verde II</b>
	<b>Legislative Committee</b>	Larry Bahill	<b>Saguaro II</b>
	<b>Legislative Council - Immediately Following</b>	Neal Sundeen	<b>Saguaro II</b>
	<b>Bingo Committee</b>	Mike Stout	<b>Saguaro III</b>
	<b>Public Relations Commission</b> Public Relations Press Association	For Ben Carrillo, Dan Palmer Ron Murphy	<b>Saguaro V</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

## Friday June 23 (continued)

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>1:00 - 3:00</b>	<b>Service Officers Seminar VA&amp;R Commission Rehabilitation Employment Cemetery</b>	Art Brest, Dept. Service Officer  Mike Espinoza Mike Espinoza George Cushing	<b>Cholla I-II</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Convention Reconvenes</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Commander	<b>Saguaro Ballroom</b>
	<b>Credentials Report</b>	Nancy Scalercio	
	<b>Centennial Planning Information</b>	Guest Speaker	
	<b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws Report</b>	Neal Sundeen	
	<b>Resolutions Report</b>	Roger Ely	
	<b>Legislative Report</b>	Larry Bahill	
	<b>Children &amp; Youth Report National Security Report POW/MIA Report  Law and Order</b>	Robert Reyes Al Dunaway Jim Sylvester  Scott Miller	
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Honor Guard Captains Meeting</b>	Francisco Barraza	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>40 et 8</b>	Mike Stout, Grand Chef	<b>Palo Verde II</b>

## Saturday June 24, 2017

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER/ CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>SAL Convention</b>	Mike Talty, Commander	<b>Cholla I-II</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Convention Reconvenes</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Commander	<b>Saguaro Ballroom</b>
	<b>Credentials Report</b>	Nancy Scalercio	
	<b>Membership Report &amp; Awards</b>	Steve Aguirre	
	<b>Trophies &amp; Awards Report</b>	Butch Wittman	
	<b>Convention &amp; Conference Report</b>	Larry Cox	
	<b>Club Committee Report</b>	Ken Dowse	
	<b>Americanism Report</b>	Charles Vawter	
	<b>VA&amp;R Committee Report</b>	Mike Espinoza	
<b>9:30am-4:00pm TBD</b>	<b>Service Officer Training</b>	Ernie Lane/Michael Thelen	<b>Ironwood</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Area A Caucus</b>	Manny Beltran, Vice Commander	<b>Saguaro IV</b>
	<b>Area B Caucus</b>	Dan Palmer, Vice Commander	<b>Saguaro I</b>
	<b>Area C Caucus</b>	Al Dunaway, Vice Commander	<b>Saguaro V</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	GNUTS Luncheon	<b>Post 34</b>
<b>1:00 – 4:30</b>	<b>Membership &amp; Post Activities</b>	Steve Aguirre/Angel Juarez	<b>Cholla I-II</b>
<b>1:30 – 4:00</b>	<b>Legion Riders</b>	John Moffitt	<b>Saguaro IV-V</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>20 et 4</b>	Beth Nehring, Director VIP	<b>Palo Verde I</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Color Guard Competition</b>	Francisco Barraza, Chairman	<b>Saguaro Ballroom I-V</b>

## Sunday June 25, 2017

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Joint Memorial Service</b>	Gene Chewning, Chaplain Jennie Molina, Auxiliary Chaplain	<b>Saguaro Ballroom</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Convention Reconvenes</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Commander	<b>Saguaro Ballroom</b>
	<b>Credentials Report</b>	Marge Ahrens	
	<b>SAL Report</b>	SAL Liaison, Dan Ashley	
	<b>Legion Riders</b>	John Moffitt	
	<b>Final Convention Report</b>	Larry Cox	
	<b>Election of Department Officers: Commander, 3 Vice Commanders</b>		
	<b>Farewell Speech</b>	Charles D. Bugh	
	<b>Installation of Officers</b>		
	<b>Acceptance Speech</b>	Newly Elected Commander	
	<b>Announcements</b>	Angel Juarez, Adjutant	
	<b>Benediction</b>	Gene Chewning, Chaplain	
	<b>Retirement of Colors</b>	Carl Armbruster, Sgt-At-Arms	
	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Newly Elected Commander	
<b>1:00PM</b>	<b>PDC Luncheon</b>	Charles D. Bugh, Host	<b>Post 107</b>

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