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Our Issues and Responsibilities

My fellow Legionnaires,

Our year is rapidly coming to a close and the Department Convention scheduled for June 20-23 in Carefree is just around the corner. If you have not already made arrangements, do so now before all of the rooms are gone. Some of our invited distinguished guests will be Jeanette Rae –Western Region National Vice Commander; Phil Onderdonk–National Judge Advocate; and Dan Dellinger from Virginia–leading candidate for National Commander for the 2013-2014 year. Let’s greet these guests with warm friendly Arizona hospitality and, of course, our “dry heat”.

was sponsored by Oro Valley Post 132. We wish her well at the National Competition.



Commander's Message

During my campaign last year, I stated our membership should know just what we do at the National meetings. The most important of these meetings was the 53rd Annual Washington D.C. Conference held February 25-27. At this conference, The American Legion’s Legislative Priorities for the 113th Congress were reviewed. Normally, we have seven to eight priorities but this year there were twelve. On Tuesday the 26th, we went to the hill to visit our House and Senate Representatives to gain their support on our issues. Those issues are:

Over the past two months, I have had the pleasure of visiting our western and northern portion of the state as well as Posts in the Phoenix area. Every one’s friendliness and hospitality has been exceptional. The Ira H. Hayes Parade and Ceremonies were impressive as well. Thank you all. I have also attended Rehab Fund Raisers, Children & Youth and National Security Workshops within the state and had a pleasant visit with National President Peggy Thomas from Virginia at the Phoenix VA Arts Festival and Banquet Dinner. One of my most pleasurable tasks was to moderate one of the District 2 Oratorical Competitions and then attend the Department finals at Post 64 in Ahwatukee. There were six outstanding contestants and the winner was Alex Kate Halvey from Pusch Ridge Christian Academy in Oro Valley. She is an extremely pleasant and gifted young lady and

1. Protecting veterans and DOD from the harmful cuts imposed through sequestration. The American Legion recognizes and supports the need for a fiscally responsible government, and looks forward to working with the new

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Halvey Oratorical Winner

The Department Finals of the 2013 Oratorical Program were held in Ahwatukee on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Selected to represent Arizona at the National Finals in Indianapolis was Alex Kate Halvey, a Senior at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy in Tucson. The title of her oration was “If We Can Keep It”.

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back: Michelle Hirsch, Neal Sundeen, Julie Vietri, Ann Schminke, John Phelps, Jim Burke. front: Delaney Halvey, Alex Kate Halvey, Jarred Kay, Nathan Kibler, Andrew Ding, Sarah Ireland

2013 Northern Run photos by Robert Hernandez



Dusty Salmans, Commander Post #78 and Kenny Dowse, Department Commander presenting the 100% Membership Award.



Commander Kenny presenting the 100% Membership Award to Post #57 Commander Frank.



LtoR: Sam "Butch" Credido, Commander Post #139; Joe Roberts, S.A.L. Detachment Commander and Kenny Dowse, Department Commander presenting the permanent charter for George D. Reiff Post #139-Crown King.



LtoR: Julie Ross, District 2 Auxiliary Historian; Commander Kenny Dowse; Shirley Smylie; Eugene Smylie, Commander Post #6; Cheryl Richardson, Auxiliary President Unit #6; and Department Auxiliary President Kathleen Medalen.



LtoR: S.A.L. Detachment Commander, Joe; Department Auxiliary President, Kathleen; Unit #57 Auxiliary President, Margaret McAlpine; Post #57 Commander, Frank Cedillo; Department Commander Kenny; and District 2 Auxiliary Historian, Julie.



LtoR: Kathleen Medalen, Department Auxiliary President; Mary McMillen, Unit #3 President; Kenny Dowse, Department Commander; Kenneth Grover, Commander Post #3; William Peckham, S.A.L. Commander Squadron #3; and Joe Roberts, S.A.L. Detachment Commander.



Four Generations of The American Legion Family-John Ivens Post #42 Grand Canyon. LtoR: Back Row: Cory Mead; Cory Mead, Jr.; PDC Pappy Patton; and Ron Murphy. Front Row: Donna Murphy; Maggie Patton and Shannon Mead

Scout Day at the Arizona State Capitol



Registration



Scouts and their families at the Flag Raising Ceremony

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This Program requires a huge group effort to be successful. Department Chairman Roger Munchbach would like to thank all of the following for their enthusiasm and help:

Area A Chairman Gary Nelson

Department Commander Ken Dowse
 District 2 Chairman Jim Barrett
 District 4 Chairman Alan Pease
 Post 97 Chairman Rick Wattier
 Post 7, Post 97, Post 102, Post 132, and Poston Butte High School for hosting contests

Area B Chairman Andy Jaime

District 1 Chairman Clarence Smythe
 District 11 Chairman Ed Cox
 District 12 Chairman Roland L'Heureux
 Dr. Mark Joraanstad of Saddle Mountain Unified School District
 Squadron 1, Post 19, Post 27, Post 29, Post 35, Post 64, and Post 137 for hosting contests and practice sessions

Area C Chairman Jim Strande

District 7 Chairman Bob Reyes
 District 8 Chairman Joe Duggan
 Post 3, Post 108, and Post 135 for hosting



LtoR: Alex Kate Halvey, Department Winner; Department Commander Ken Dowse; Department Auxiliary President Kathleen Medalen

contests and practice sessions.

There were eight "local" opportunities for the students to practice and earn extra scholarship money. There were five District Contests, three Area Contests, and one Department Contest. To date, \$7,530.00 in scholarship money has been awarded by Posts, Districts, and the Department of Arizona.

The National Finals will be held in Indianapolis, April 19-21, 2013. The last round of competition will be streamed live on www.legion.org at 7:00 am, Arizona time, on Sunday morning, April 21.

Scouting Activities Throughout the State

Duty to God and Country

A Scout is always reverent but one special day is set aside for remembrance. The Grand Canyon Council celebrated Scout Sunday on February 3rd. Scouts attended the church of their faith in uniform to profess their faith in God.

Scout Day at the Arizona State Capitol and Wesley Bolin Center was held on February 9th. Approximately 140 members of Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venturing Crews and Explorer Posts along with members of the Order of the Arrow held a service project. The units in attendance came from both the Grand Canyon Council and the Catalina Council from southern Arizona. Scouts spent a half day scrubbing, power washing, drying and waxing the 14 Veterans Memorials in the

Plaza. They also painted railings around the memorials and raked grass clippings. Afterwards, they learned the history of each memorial and got to tour the House and Senate Buildings along with the Capitol Museum. This was a unique project for all of the Scouts and they also earned community service hours. The Scouts and their families had a great day!

The Scouting Committee along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Grand Canyon Council have a new project on the horizon. This will involve Scouts doing service projects to aide elderly and disabled Veterans. We are in the planning stages so, if you are interested in helping on the committee, please feel free to contact me.

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APRIL 15, 2013**

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Congress to develop deficit reducing strategies that do not degrade the nation's ability to defend itself, or further assault the earned benefits currently being received by our nation's military veterans (HR55 pending).

2. Mental health care. The American Legion is deeply concerned about the access to quality mental health care for veterans. With unprecedented numbers of service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a full 44% of veterans are not even accessing the VA for health care. The American Legion is concerned about these veterans falling through the cracks, especially as VA reports indicated as many as 22 veterans died of suicide a day as of 2010. The American Legion urges congressional oversight to ensure full staffing and funding of mental health programs, and increased reliance on other resources to aid veterans, such as Veteran Treatment Courts.

3. Oppose any further increases in TRICARE fees, including prescription drug fees. The American Legion stands strong against those who would dilute the promises made in the contract with those who serve in our nation's defense. We strongly oppose any proposed degradation of the health care promised to retired service members when they enlisted through increases in fees for TRICARE for Life, increases in pharmacy co-pays or any further breaches of the contract of trust between this nation and those who have defended it.

4. Stolen Valor Act. In *United States v. Alvarez*, the Supreme Court ruled the 2005 Stolen Valor Act was unconstitutional, yet left the door open for a more carefully tailored law to criminalized profiting from lies about military service. The American Legion supports legislation to restore the criminality of lying about military service and received decorations (HR258/S210 pending).

5. VA claims backlog. America's veterans deserve better than a disability claims system mired in delays and backlogs where over 69% of claims are delayed over VA's target of 125 days to complete. The American Legion believes the VA can only change the bureaucratic culture causing these delays by implementing a work credit system that places as much incentive on getting a claim done right the first time as it does on the raw volume of claims processed.

6. Disabled veterans tax/widow's tax. VA disability compensation should not be offset from military retired pay regardless of the VA rating percentage, nor should VA survivor benefits (DIC) from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities. The American Legion supports legislation that would completely repeal these unjust offsets (HR333/HR303/HR32 pending).

7. DOL-VETS and TAP. The VETS (Veterans Employment and Training Service) program should be kept in its rightful place within DOL (Department of Labor). DVOP's (Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program) and LVER's (Local Veterans' Employment

Representatives) should be solely focused on getting veterans jobs. Congress has already passed legislation to improve the Transition Assistance Program, but DOD is improperly executing it. The American Legion looks forward to working with Congress to ensure that TAP offers the services and information necessary for transitioning service-members and veterans.

8. Small business verification. Businesses owned by veterans have earned the right to compete fairly through federal procurement. The American Legion calls on Congress to ensure that the federal government makes its 3% procurement goal for the first time in history, and demands that the VA address and repair the current small business verification program.

9. End Veterans' homelessness. The American Legion strongly supports the administration's goal of eliminating veterans' homelessness by 2015 and calls on Congress to pledge whatever resources are necessary to accomplish this goal, to include medical, rehabilitative and employment assistance to homeless veterans and their families.

10. Quality education through Post-9/11 GI Bill. As one of the authors of the original GI Bill, The American Legion wants to protect our veterans with oversight that include provisions to evaluate post-secondary education institutions on quality factors such as accreditation, transferability, cost, graduation rates and acceptance in the job market. State Approving Agencies should have their original power returned to protect the GI Bill along with adequate funding to execute their mandate. Student-veterans should be allowed in-state tuition rates regardless of residency status (HR357/S257 pending).

11. Military to civilian credentialing. DOD spends a lot of money training our military. The skills learned need to directly translate to their civilian equivalent, and seamless certification is long overdue. Cooperation among The American Legion, state governments, private sector employers, institutions of higher learning and the federal government is essential to effect the necessary changes in policies and practices to fully recognize military education, training and experience. We encourage congressional offices to engage their state and local officials to address credentialing issues within their respective states.

12. The American Flag. The American Legion remains committed to protecting Old Glory, and continues to support legislation that safeguards our nation's flag from physical desecration (HJRES 19 pending).

I would ask all of our membership, family and friends to contact your representatives and senators and ask their position on these issues. Let them know you are a veteran and are deeply concerned. If they cannot support our national defense, flag and our veterans there is always the ballot box.

For God and Country,
Ken Dowse, Department Commander

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA



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JUNE 20-23, 2013

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**American Legion
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 2013 Convention Golf Tournament
 Thursday June 20, 2013**

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CHECK IN AT 6:30am

SHOTGUN START 7:00am

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE \$60 PER PLAYER

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Chaplain's Corner

Appreciating Fine Art

Can you imagine owning a piece of original fine art; perhaps a Michaelangelo or a Picasso? The monetary value alone would be staggering as would the responsibility of safeguarding an item this precious. This would be difficult for most of us to comprehend as we likely orbit in a universe far distant from that reality.

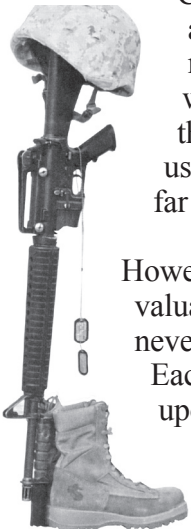
However, you do own a piece of fine art that is far more valuable; you own a God original - YOU. There will never again be nor has there ever been another you. Each of you occupies a special place on God's canvas upon which He creates His picture of mankind. Like all fine artists, God uses bold colors and broad brush strokes for some of us and pale pastels and fine strokes for others. More often

than not, He varies His colors and strokes in a way that creates His original concept - YOU.

While painting His masterpiece, God imbued each of us with free will thereby allowing each of us to choose how valuable our artwork would become in the future. Alone, we are the sole responsible party for the outcome. It would indeed be sad to pass up the opportunities given us daily to increase our value by doing that which is right. Don't let life pass you by and end up saying "woulda, shoulda, coulda". The time is now, seize it!

For God and Country,

Carol Stensby, Chaplain
Department of Arizona



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Membership Report

March 18, 2013

Table with 4 columns: Category, Name, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Includes Jerry Boales, Andy Jaime, Jeri Strande, Kenneth Dowse, and Grand Totals.

High: Area A - 93.36% • District 2 - 94.13% • Post 124 - 186.67%

Table for District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like H.H. Donkersley and Chic Chisom.

Table for District 2 - Commander: George Molina. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like Morgan McDermott and Ridge-Igo.

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Table for District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like Frank Perkins and John H. Slaughter.

Table for District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like Mark A. Moore and Cordova.

Table for District 8 - Commander: Karen Litt. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like Ernest A. Love and Verde Valley.

Table for District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like Luke-Greenway and Southern Meadows.

Table for District 12 - Commander: Danny Bugh. Columns: Post Name, City, Goal, 2013, % Goal. Lists members like William Bloys and Mesa.



The American Legion John P. Burns Post 36
 Invites You To Welcome Home
 Department Commander Ken Dowse
 Department President Kathleen Medalen
 Detachment Commander Joe Roberts

Where:

American Legion Post 36
 5845 E. 22nd St.
 Tucson, AZ

When:

May 18, 2013
 Cocktail Hour: 5:00—6:00
 Dinner at 6:00

Cost: \$15.00

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Please RSVP

By May 1, 2013

Please return this portion with your check to PO Box 19110, Tucson, AZ 85731
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JUNE 20-23, 2013

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The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Four Seasons, 1300 Lamar St, 77010 (713) 650-1300

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<input type="checkbox"/>	National Commander's Banquet (<i>limited to first 20</i>)	\$ 45.00 per person	\$ _____

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ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 19, 2013

- Occupancy Tax in the amount **17%** per room/night is **already included** in the room rate.
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Post 91 Adopts A Military Family For Christmas

This year, the Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and ALR members of Wayne V. McMartin Post 91 came together to adopt a Military Family in need. Our family was Ira, Amber and their boys Austin, Braedon and Tavian.

We put Angels, with the family's needs, on the new Post Christmas tree and every single Angel was selected. There were even members who bought gifts without taking an Angel! Thanks to the generosity of everyone at Post 91, we gave this family a Christmas they will long remember.

We delivered the gifts (half of which were given from Post 91 and half were given from Santa) on December 16th.

One of our members who is a photographer, gave the gift of family pictures and also took pictures of the family opening their presents. Ira was deployed to Afghanistan on December



16th for 12 months. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to make this project a huge success.

Thank you,
Sharon Chapman, 1st Vice President
ALA Unit 91-Chandler

Squadron 91 Spreads Christmas Cheer

Since the inception of American Legion Post 91 ten years ago, no stone was ever left unturned to lend assistance to our fellow veterans, their families, and the neighborhood and beyond.

This past Christmas, S.A.L. Squadron 91 elected to help two families from a list provided by the Salvation Army and granted a wonderful Christmas for five children and four parents. Our local Wal Mart donated a generous gift card to be used along with monies from the S.A.L. Members were able to purchase an extreme amount of clothes, toys and gift cards for groceries to assist the families for a joyful season.

A big thanks to the S.A.L. and Post members who assisted with the shopping and planning and also to Wal Mart Store Manager, Mike Gutierrez for his assistance with this project.

For God and Country,
Kris Kryskowiak
Past Commander Post 91





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Upcoming Events

April 12-14, 2013

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Campout - Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, AZ Tent and RV sites available. For registration and information, contact Dana Dobson (480) 603-7099 or Jeff Frain (602) 418-0508.

April 21, 2013

**Christopher J. Lapka Post #105 S.A.L. & A.L.R.
3rd Annual Classic and Custom Car & Bike Show**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM NW Corner of 35th Avenue and Thunderbird

Prizes, Food, Live Music

For more information,

please contact Rick at 602 301-9333

April 27, 2013

**Sons of The American Legion Past Squadron
Commanders Golf Tournament Scramble Format**

Viewpoint Golf Resort, Mesa 8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Registration at 7:00 AM Everyone welcome

For more information, contact Jeff Frain at 480-620-3216 or salspecialevents@cox.net

May 18, 2013

Department Commander Ken Dowse's Homecoming

hosted by John P. Burns Post #36 in Tucson, AZ

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Christopher J. Lapka Post 105 has chartered Cub Scout Pack 221 in the Thunderbird District. Earl E. Mitchell Post 29 received its charter for Venturing Crew 2229 and Tony F. Soza-Ray Martinez Post 41 will have a Boy Scout Troop to go along with their Pack 119. We are still trying to find units for Post 90, 117, 5 and 107. All of these Posts have stated they will charter a Scouting Unit.

The Eagle Scout of the Year packets are in and the results will be posted in the next Legionnaire. As always, pray for the safe return of our brothers and sisters.

For God and Country,

Wayne Chatfield

Scouting Committee Chairman

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