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“Better Protection of Our Children” Child Welfare Foundation

The needs of disadvantaged children weighed heavily on the minds of The American Legion’s founders. As they assembled in Paris, St. Louis and Minneapolis that first year after World War I, the earliest Legionnaires fully understood that many of their comrades were not coming home at all. Their wives and children were now widows and orphans. Many newly discharged veterans were permanently changed shell shocked, gassed or physically disabled and unable to care for their loved ones as they once did. America was not equipped to handle the needs of so many disrupted families. It was up to the Legion to provide what our founders called “a square deal for every child.”

Over the years, the Legion has fulfilled that obligation

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Commander’s
Message

in uncountable ways. In 1952, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr. gave to The American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF), approved by the National Executive Committee on October 15, 1953.

Though created by the Legion, The CWF is a separate 501(c)3 corporation. They accept funding proposals from non-profit organizations for projects

that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children.

The grants are awarded for focused projects that help non-profit organizations better communicate to those who need assistance. A CWF grant allows an organization to concentrate on the mission at hand, helping kids, by reducing some of the marketing burden; they are not awarded for day-to-day operating expenses or special operating expenses. If you think about it, there is no better way to spread a charitable contribution dollar than by granting it to spread the word far and wide, it’s a real multiplier effort.

Since the early 50’s, one of the most far-reaching Legion programs to fulfill one of our core values has been the Child Welfare Foundation, which has provided more than \$9 million in grants to worthy causes over the years. Last fall alone, the foundation awarded \$506,683 to 18 non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of young people who have been dealt difficult circumstances.

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Rachel Moses Our 2012 Oratorical Winner



*back: Judges - Hank Johnson, Susan Bitter Smith, Anne Gill, Michelle Hirsch, Julie Vietri (judge not pictured Howard Conley)
front: Contestants - Rachel Moses (home schooled), Jessica He (Cesar Chavez HS), Eli Coakley (Tonopah Valley HS), Alex Kate Halvey (Pusch Ridge Christian Academy), Kaylan Fodor (Pusch Ridge Christian Academy), Andrew Ding (Hamilton HS)*

The Department Finals of the 2012 Oratorical Program were held in Ahwatukee on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Selected to represent Arizona at the National Finals in Indianapolis was Rachel Moses, a home schooled Junior, from Cave Creek. The title of her oration was “Remembering Their Sacrifice”.

This year’s program was incredibly successful, and Department Chairman Roger Munchbach would like to thank all of the following for “Serving Arizona” with such enthusiasm: Area A Chairman Lance Hurst; District 2 Chairman Jim Barrett; Post 109-Corona and Commander John Suhay; Post 132-Oro Valley and Commander Ed Davis; Area B Chairman Andy Jaime;

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Today's History Sustains the Future...

According to Wikipedia, the earliest existing Christian writings on the age of the world according to the Biblical chronology are by Theophilus (AD 115–181) – now as the Post Historian you may not be truly interested in this fact, but it and lots of other good “stuff” is available to you and everyone else, because someone recorded the information!

Old and new history is not only important, but also invaluable when you're looking back and trying to use it for a present project. For instance, recently I received a call from an Auxiliary member who was trying to gather information highlighting the Post's contributions to the community for an article celebrating Arizona's 100th Anniversary.

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At Department, we received a letter from Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), who was adopted by the National Executive Committee on May 6-7, 2009 via Resolution No. 33 to adopt and participate in programs of Children's Organ Transplant Association to ensure that the children receive the life-saving organ transplants they need. The purpose of the letter was to inform us of a patient campaign within Arizona. Currently, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of Noah Swanson, a 2-year old boy from Phoenix who is in need of a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Volunteers in his community are raising an estimated \$50,000 to assist with transplant-related expenses.

As a result of this effort and COTA's official program status with The American Legion, local Posts in Arizona may be approached about joining COTA for Noah Swanson's campaign. Additionally, coin collection boxes with Noah's photograph and The American Legion, Auxiliary and SAL logos may be placed in local convenience stores. If you or your Post, Unit or Squadron wishes to participate, please contact:

Children's Organ Transplant Association
2501 West COTA Drive
Bloomington, Indiana 47403
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cota@cota.org • www.cota.org

For God and Country,
George E. Cushing, Commander



The Post's original charter dated back many years, and at one point the charter had been turned in. Then after several years, the Post number had been reissued to another Post.

That was only problem one; others included the attrition of the original Post members so interviews with them was impossible; lack of written historical records (Post history books) for reference material; and lastly, absence of local newspaper publishers, so that she could research for related stories

concerning the Post.

After a lengthy discussion, we were able to develop a plan of action for her to “try” to gather the needed information to accomplish her mission. Unfortunately for her, nobody had taken the time to record the Post history and maintain it in a safe place for future use; had they, her job would have been “snap” - just a matter of gathering, selecting appropriate information and possibly photos and presenting the article for publication!

If you're the Post Historian, please remember your job is not just important today – but tomorrow! If you're undecided on how to the best to record your post history – call me at 928-649-3374 or email me at sicily84@cableone.net, so we can come up with a plan for you too!

Jeri Strande, Department Historian

Timothy Wiley 2012 Eagle Scout

The Scouting Committee is proud to announce that Timothy Wiley of Globe is the winner of the 2012 Eagle Scout of the Year for Arizona. The awarding of this honor was based on his academic record, his scouting record participation in events within the scouting program, and his Eagle Scout Project and how it helped the community. Tim received the Pope Pius XII Scouting Religious Award for service to his church. He will receive a check for \$500.00 and a plaque at the Department Convention this June. As our representative, his application will be forwarded to National where it will be judged for The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. First place is a \$10,000 scholarship and the next three recipients will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

In the past nine years, Arizona has produced three Eagle Scouts placing in the top positions at National. Last years' runner up was Bradley Garr from Scottsdale who is in the Venturing Crew chartered by Sipe-Peterson Post #44. In 2006, Nicholas Coury from Glendale was the National Eagle Scout of the Year. In 2003, his brother Jamil was a runner up. The State of Arizona should be very proud of these youth, they represent our future.

The committee would like to thank Eagle Scout Aidan Heigl from Gilbert and

Eagle Scout Kent Waters from St. John for submitting their applications. Next year we would like to see more applications from other Eagle Scouts. If your Post sponsors a Scout Troop, Team or Crew, please sponsor an Eagle Scout for this award.

We are still waiting to hear from Posts about our placement of flags for Memorial Day. Let us know, we can get the youth to help, we just need to know which cemeteries need flags.

For God and Country,
Wayne Chatfield, Scouting Chairman

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Area C Chairman Jim Strande; District 8 Chairman Joe Duggan; and Post 108-Prescott Valley and Commander Bob Davis. In addition, the following teachers and school administrators went far above and beyond helping their students: Dr. Mark Joraanstad of Saddle Mountain Unified School District; William Kibler of Cesar Chavez High School; and Shannon Houser of Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

There were requests for information

on the Oratorical Program from 151 students and teachers in Arizona. Thirty students filed papers indicating their intent to participate, and 18 students actually took the stage to deliver an oration. Posts hosted nine "local" opportunities for the students to practice and earn extra scholarship money. There were three District Contests, three Area Contests, and one Department Contest. Over 550 people were in the audiences of the 16 different contests. To date, \$7,435 in scholarship money has been

awarded by Posts, Districts, and the Department of Arizona.

The National Finals will be held in Indianapolis, April 13-15, 2012. The last round of competition will be streamed live on www.legion.org at 7:00 am, Arizona time, on Sunday morning, April 15th.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make this year another successful one!

Thank You

To my American Legion Family and Friends, I wish to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness, kind words, prayers and condolences for my husband, Louie. My family and I were overwhelmed by the amount of people that attended his services; he would have been proud to know that he touched so many lives. He was loved by all and he loved everyone. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and for the gifts that I received in memory of Louie.

Sincerely, Gilda Pellon

To my fellow Legionnaires, Thank you all so very much for your concern about my health. I have gone through radiation and surgery and am looking forward to getting back in the "swing of things". We Past Department Commanders can handle anything. Again, thank you all so very much. Love you all and The American Legion Family.

PDC Jim Phillips

It is with much appreciation, that so many Legion brothers and sisters remembered me with your cards and good wishes. I'm getting better each day and hope I will again be able to attend the meetings and get-togethers of our Legion Family. Thanks so much-the prayers really helped.

Sincerely, PDC Ted Martinson

To the members of our American Legion Family, On behalf of Jeannie and myself, our sincerest thanks to all of you for the wonderful cards, your kind thoughts and prayers that all of you have sent to us. Thank you to the Legion Post who sent us a donation; it was applied to payments for my treatments; to those of you who put the paperwork together for the grant and a very special Thank you to the owners of the fifth wheeler that has become our main home in Tucson during these treatments. Not many would do what you have done; you will always be in our prayers. To each and every one of you, we ask God every day to bless you with all his graces and to always walk by your side.

Sincerely, PDC Joe & Jeannie Aguilar

2012 National Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana August 24 – August 30, 2012

The Arizona Delegation has been assigned to the Crown Plaza, Union Station, 123 W Louisiana St, 46225 (317) 631-2221
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\$ _____

*The registration fee and 1 night's lodging deposit, plus any other fees must be submitted with this reservation form.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 16, 2012

- Occupancy Tax in the amount **17%** per room/night is **already included** in the room rate.
- \$2.00 per room night is returned to the National Convention Corporation by the hotel.

CANCELLATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 24, 2012

LtoR: Commander George Cushing; National Vice Commander, Merv Gunderson; Post #36 Commander, Tony Rigney; Auxiliary Unit #36 President, Kathleen Medalen; S.A.L. Detachment Commander, W. L. Foster and S.A.L. Squadron #36 Commander, Dave McGee. John P. Burns Post #36 hosted the Department Commander's visit on February 21, 2012.



LtoR: Commander George; Membership Mom Jackie; National Vice Commander Western Division, Merv Gunderson; and AZ National Executive Committeeman, Joe Aguilar at McCulloch-Wagner Post #109's dinner honoring Department Commander George.



Military Monument in Prescott Valley at half staff for 9/11



Post#108 Doug Keller shields Department Commander George Cushing from rain at the Military Monument Dedication Ceremony in Prescott Valley.



*Above Photo: There were so many types of food that some people had to look it over before choosing.
Left Photo- Department Commander George and Jan*

Open House January 7, 2012

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Open House; it was great to see so many of our old friends and meet some new ones also!

Membership Going Strong

TEAM ARIZONA, we are doing pretty darn good and we only have a few months left before the end of our 2011-2012 Legion year. Our goal date for 100% is May 7th, but you know what, I'm thinking we are going to make it before then. The Friday membership reports we've been receiving lately from our Department Bulldog have 100% Posts each and every week. Is that exciting or what!! The report I can't wait to see is when TEAM ARIZONA is at 100%; now that will be a great day and one we will all celebrate together.



Congratulations to all the Posts who are already at 100%; hope you've gotten the letters I've been sending to you. It truly warms my heart when I see Posts hitting the magic 100% because there's a lot of hard work behind it. To the Posts that met 100% and are STILL growing and sending in their membership to Department, GREAT JOB!! Doing membership is no joke and there are members out there wanting that 2012 card. When we traveled to Bullhead City in January, the room was packed. The Sergeant at Arms checked everyone's Legion card to ensure their card was current; are you showing your 2012 card? I cannot believe it when I hear stories that people don't have their cards on them when they go into Posts or that they get upset when someone asks to see it. What is up with that? I'm pretty darn proud of my Legion card and you should be too. Remember, it isn't the price we pay to be a member; it's the price we paid to be eligible. We are all proud Veterans and take pride in our service to Mother America.

There are still Posts out there NOT reaching the goals set for us and TEAM, that breaks my heart. I want to challenge each and every one of you; right now; today. Take your Legion card out of your wallet or purse and look at the year. If it's a 2012 card, pat yourself on the back. If it's a 2011 card, you've got some actions to take. Get your \$\$\$ in to your home Post so they can get you that 2012 card to maintain your membership. If you've paid your dues and haven't gotten your 2012 card, get in touch with your Post and have them get on it. To the Post leadership, it is imperative membership cards are sent out right away, the monies are processed through your finance officer, and the reports and money are sent to Department – RIGHT AWAY. Each Post should be sending in membership every week to Department; this isn't an option...it's a necessity. It doesn't matter if it's ONE or TWENTY; each and every member matters. You matter, TEAM ARIZONA!

When we first started this Legion year, I stressed how important it is for every Post to send in their member's money. This is NOT all Post money; the Posts only retain a small portion. The members' money is not for paying bills or holding on to; it needs to be sent into Department immediately. Again, there are Posts in the past that have gotten into trouble with this and almost lost their charter. Don't let that happen in your Post.

We sometimes take membership for granted, but folks, we can't. Each and every member across our great nation is vital to our existence; I cannot stress that enough. Without our members, we will fail. And the last time I checked, Veterans are not failures. We are truly a force to be reckoned with! When you watch the news and see what is going on in the political world, there is a movement afoot to raise Tricare costs and co-pays for much needed medicine. I don't know about you but that really chaps my hide. I use Tricare and I'm sure there are lots of you out there in the same boat. This is one of the greatest benefits we have and it is under attack. Our political leaders look at the Veteran pool as this huge resource to cut funds. The American Legion is the largest Veteran organization in our country and ladies and gentlemen, numbers speak volumes! Our Legion leaders go to Washington, D.C. and meet with these folks that NEVER served in the military who are making decisions against us; well, I'm sure we could all gather around the campfire and talk about the injustice of that for many days. Let's give them the ammunition they need and that is by maintaining your membership, volunteering, writing the members in Congress and the Senate; give them a piece of your mind and get involved. If you don't vote or write our political leaders, shame on you.

Ok, I'm off that soap box but you know, WE MATTER! The Veterans, YOU, matter. There are many Veteran organizations and each one has so much to offer. When I've been out talking about membership, I talk about your Post being friendly. Step back for a minute and look at your Post from an outside view; is it friendly? When folks walk in, do you greet them? Ask them where they are from? What they did in the military? If you don't think this is important, you're fooling yourself. We've talked to folks that moved to Arizona and really searched for a friendly Post to join; no kidding. I mean, it was their mission to find a place to become a part of and when they found it, man, they just jumped in, joined up, and started volunteering. Is that awesome or what!!

In June we have our Department Convention and I'd like to personally invite you to the Membership Workshop. At Fall Conference, we had almost 50 folks in attendance. Some folks don't attend because they feel

they know everything about membership or they've heard it all. My thoughts, if we have people out there that know everything about membership, why in the heck aren't we at 100% already? TEAM ARIZONA, let's just do it. We voted strongly for Commander Cushing so let's support him and his Commander, Jan, and make Arizona NUMBER ONE!!

For God and Country,
Jackie Salter-Miller (Your Proud Membership "Mom")

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Chaplain's Corner

For The Love of God

You've heard the phrase many times; usually when someone is displeased with the outcome of a particular situation. "Oh for the love of God" they sigh. You might then guess that they have come to the conclusion that if only God had loved them a little more, the end result would have been more in their favor.

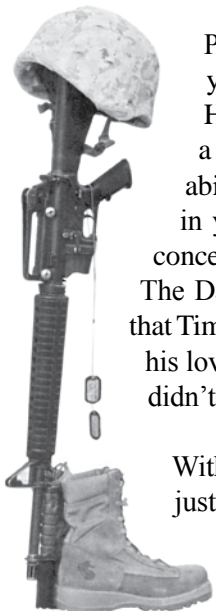
the phrase "imitation is the highest form of flattery"? Let flattery begin!

Show God how much you wish to emulate him by an expression of your own boundless love for your family, friends, neighbors, the less fortunate and of course, your fellow veterans. Are you "sideways" with someone in your life? If so, reach out that olive branch; put in the effort it takes to make things right.

Whenever you find yourself in a discomfiting situation, ask yourself "what would God do?" and then act accordingly. Things will likely turn out well more oft than not. Thus, you'll not hear yourself muttering "Oh for the Love of God!"

Please keep PDC Dave Roun, PDC Paul Griffin, PDC Jim Phillips and PDC Joe Aguilar, PDC Mac Maklary in your prayers. They are dealing with some health issues. Also, please pray for the eternal rest of our comrade PDC Louis M. Pellon who transferred to Post Everlasting on Feb. 12, 2012.

For God and Country,
Carol Stensby, Department Chaplain



Please put your fears to rest. God loves you; He has boundless love for all of His children. He has favored you with a free will thereby granting you the ability to control many of the outcomes in your life. God, most likely, does not concern Himself with things like who wins The Daytona 500 or the Super Bowl. Note that Tim Tebow's public acknowledgement of his love for God in front of millions of fans didn't get him a Super Bowl bid.

Within that enduring love He has for us, just like our love for our own children, is the wish for us to follow in his footsteps. God wishes for us to show how much we love Him by being more God-like. You'll recall

Upcoming Events

April 20-22 - 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 28 - Fourth Annual Veterans Helping Veterans Picnic, Encanto Park in Phoenix 11:00am to 4:00pm. There will be music, entertainment, hamburgers, hot dogs and salads. Donations from all area Legion Family members are welcome. For further information or to donate, contact Domingo Bonilla (480) 628-1191 or Keith Bartz (623) 972-9505.

May 12 - Department Commander Cushing's Homecoming hosted by Earl E. Mitchell Post #29 in Glendale, AZ. Cocktails 5:30PM Dinner 6:30PM Prime Rib or Baked Chicken Breast. Donation \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, May 7, 2012 to Post #29 at (623) 937-3411 or email amerleg29@yahoo.com - no walk-ins. Music provided by R & B Project. Hotels: Motel 6 (623) 939-9431; Hampton Inn 1-800-992-2694; Holiday Inn Express 1-877-786-9480.

American Legion Department of Arizona Membership Report

March 18, 2012

Area	Goal	2012	% Goal
A Gary Nelson	9,416	8,967	95.23
B Judi Beischel	18,575	17,076	91.93
C Bill Dawson	8,114	7,333	90.37
HQ George Cushing	6,895	3,689	53.50
Grand Totals	43,000	37,065	86.20

High: Area A - 95.23% • District 5 - 98.63% • Post 138 - 257.78%

District 1 - Commander: Andy Noriega

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	1,053	897	85.19
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	96	88	91.67
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	5	33.33
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	173	133	76.88
67 Frank Mick	Roll	32	23	71.88
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	37	34	91.89
District Totals		1,406	1,180	83.93

District 2 - Commander: Gene Chewning

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	404	380	94.06
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	75	67	89.33
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,366	1,288	94.29
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	327	298	91.13
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,365	1,322	96.85
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	342	286	83.63
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	171	146	85.38
102 Tucson Mountains	Tucson	114	99	86.84
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	743	714	96.10
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	17	17	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	26	24	92.31
125 Yoem	Tucson	32	34	106.25
131 Madera	Green Valley	598	651	108.86
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	127	173	136.22
District Totals		5,707	5,499	96.36

District 3 - Commander: Al Reyes

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	370	325	87.84
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	94	81	86.17
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	48	39	81.25
24 Roy Fourn	Tombstone	627	610	97.29
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	87	88	101.15
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	854	752	88.06
District Totals		2,080	1,895	91.11

District 4 - Commander: Larry Moore

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	228	213	93.42
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	147	154	104.76
17 William P. Kern	Superior	26	22	84.62
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	33	34	103.03
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	61	29	47.54
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	26	32	123.08
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	137	119	86.86
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	45	45	100.00
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	66	74	112.12
133 Maricopa	Maricopa	57	59	103.51
District Totals		826	781	94.55

District 5 - Commander: Ray Thiessen

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	205	203	99.02
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	104	121	116.35
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	385	354	91.95
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	26	37	142.31
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	83	77	92.77
District Totals		803	792	98.63

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	86	80	93.02
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	148	116	78.38
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	26	22	84.62
37 Navajo	Holbrook	64	59	92.19
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	59	50	84.75
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	468	319	68.16
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	200	179	89.50
80 Hopi	Kykotsmovi	36	35	97.22
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	3	20.00
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	431	392	90.95
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	15	4	26.67
130 Joseph McCarthy	Concho	23	24	104.35
District Totals		1,571	1,283	81.67

District 7 - Commander: Scott Miller

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	574	519	90.42
13 Cordova	Williams	127	107	84.25
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	309	277	89.64
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	221	194	87.78
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	15	7	46.67
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	199	180	90.45
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	98	78	79.59
81 Robert A. Eckert	Havasu City	1,334	1,257	94.23
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	470	430	91.49
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	110	101	91.82
103 Meadview	Meadview	41	46	112.20
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	28	22	78.57
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	24	37	154.17
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	39	30	76.92
136 Yucca	Yucca	23	29	126.09
District Totals		3,612	3,314	91.75

District 8 - Commander: Wilbur Quick

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	796	733	92.09
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	713	620	86.96
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	365	365	100.00
78 Fred "Yam" Cavalliere	Humboldt	233	248	106.44
79 Taylor-Keekner	Yarnell	273	274	100.37
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	47	43	91.49
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	294	269	91.50
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	24	23	95.83
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	80	74	92.50
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	61	40	65.57
135 Cornville	Cornville	45	47	104.44
District Totals		2,931	2,736	93.35

District 11 - Commander: Jim McCrady

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	949	803	84.62
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	66	47	71.21
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	74	60	81.08
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	352	329	93.47
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,425	1,291	90.60

43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	11	11	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	53	54	101.89
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	87	85	97.70
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	608	563	92.60
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	2,108	1,869	88.66
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	18	14	77.78
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	340	317	93.24
96 Surprise	Surprise	155	186	120.00
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	130	126	96.92
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	599	537	89.65
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	65	85	130.77
134 Laveen	Laveen	49	44	89.80
137 Tonopah	Tonopah	61	51	83.61
District Totals		7,150	6,472	90.52

District 12 - Commander: Jim Ashley

Post Name	City	Goal	2012	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	429	401	93.47
26 Mesa	Mesa	922	816	88.50
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	2,435	96.40
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	334	350	104.79
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	616	595	96.59
39 Gilbert	Gilbert	517	481	93.04
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	823	741	90.04
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	1,071	892	83.29
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	216	220	101.85
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	480	474	98.75
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	39	37	94.87
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	146	135	92.47
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	343	334	97.38
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	328	254	77.44
83 East Mesa	Mesa	111	119	107.21
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	42	38	90.48
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	205	233	113.66
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	483	434	89.86
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	65	54	83.08
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	58	49	84.48
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	191	205	107.33
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	29	11	37.93
138 Scottsdale	Scottsdale	45	116	257.78
District Totals		10,019	9,424	94.06



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