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Volunteers Needed!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Congratulations on making our 80% membership goal before our deadline. Thanks for all your hard work!

On Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M., we will have a short introduction given by the National Staff. After that, we will make calls from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We will also be

Volunteers needed! We have confirmed the dates and hours for our Membership Revitalization. National Staff will be at Post 41 (715 S. 2nd Avenue, Phoenix) on February 6, 7, and 8th. National will have sent out letters ahead of that date to advise all known Veterans and Post 100 members that we will be calling them. We will be concentrating on all District 11 and 12 zip codes.



making phone calls on Friday at those times and on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. We need Service Officers available on Friday and Saturday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. Please bring your cell phones and chargers and be ready to earn the National Commander's Challenge Coin for 15 new members or Post 100 members

transferred to a local Post. This is a great opportunity for our membership numbers to soar!

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Oro Valley Receives National Award

American Legion Oro Valley Post 132 and Auxiliary Oro Valley Unit 132 have received the 2013 Family Program Award from the U. S. National Guard for their support of Guard members and families as well as their overall support of the military and their extensive veterans' assistance programs. The Post and Auxiliary Unit were selected from submittals throughout the

United States. It is the first time a Community Partner from Arizona has received this prestigious award.

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The award was presented by Arizona National Guard Chief of Staff, COL Len Dyer, to Post Commander, Ed Davis and Auxiliary Unit President Onita Davis on December 8 at a Freedom Salute Ceremony in Marana, Arizona for members of two Apache Helicopter companies recently returned from Afghanistan. The Post and Unit had provided monthly "care" packages to the deployed soldiers and care and assistance to the families left behind.

The award nomination was made by the Arizona Army National Guard 1st of the 285 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion headquartered at the Pinal Air Park in Marana, AZ. It recognized the outstanding support provided by the Post and Unit to the battalion's soldiers and families. "The Post and Unit members became part of our family", said LTC

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Pearl Harbor Day Dedication



Department Commander Judi; Area A Vice Commander, Gene Chewning; Area B Vice Commander, Domingo Bonilla; and Area C Vice Commander, Scott Miller

Post 132 Receives Award



LtoR: PDC Kenny Dowse; Ed and Onita Davis; Department Commander Judi Beischel; Department Auxiliary President, Karen Smith; and Oro Valley Mayor, Satish Hiremath.



LtoR: AZNG Chief of Staff, COL. Len Dyer; Oro Valley Post 132 Commander Ed Davis and Oro Valley Auxiliary Unit 132 President, Onita Davis

Open House



LtoR: Past Department Commanders, Larry Cox; Lencho Othon and Bruce Conklin



LtoR: Past Department Commanders- Kenny Dowse; George Cushing; Ted Martinson; Department Commander Judi Beischel; Dick Perry; Larry Cox and Paul Griffin

2014 Oratorical Schedule

Please Read Dates and Times Carefully

Practice session for District 11 and 12 students (optional)

Sat. Feb. 8, 2014
 Department Auxiliary Headquarters
 4701 N. 19th Ave. #100
 Phoenix, AZ 85015
 10 am to 4 pm
 (by appointment, students will be
 scheduled by Roger Munchbach)

District 3

Thurs. Feb. 13, 2014
 Post 20 meeting
 Willcox, AZ 85644
 6:30 pm
 Contact Don Ulses 623-680-9721 donmar@vtc.net

District 2

Sat. Feb. 15, 2014
 Post 102 (mobile home park clubhouse)
 5975 W. Western Way
 Tucson, AZ 85713
 1:00 pm (one o'clock)
 Contact Jim Barrett 520-822-1927
 jrbarrett_wolf@yahoo.com

District 11

Sat. Feb. 15, 2014
 Post 29
 6822 N. 57th Dr
 Glendale, AZ 85301
 2:00 pm (two o'clock)
 Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527
 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

District 12

Sat. Feb. 15, 2014
 Post 35
 2240 W. Chandler Blvd
 Chandler, AZ 85224
 10:00 am (ten o'clock)
 Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527
 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

Area C

Sat. Feb. 15, 2014
 Prescott VA Hospital - Bldg 15
 11:00 am (eleven o'clock)
 Contact Jim Strande 928-649-3374
 sicily84@cableone.net

Area A

Sat. Feb. 22, 2014
 Post 102 (mobile home park clubhouse)
 5975 W. Western Way
 Tucson, AZ 85713
 1:00 pm (one o'clock)
 Contact Jim Barrett 520-822-1927
 jrbarrett_wolf@yahoo.com
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Area B

Sat. Feb. 22, 2014
 Post 29
 6822 N. 57th Dr
 Glendale, AZ 85301
 10:00 am (ten o'clock)
 Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527
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Department

Sat. March 1, 2014
 Post 64 (Ahwatukee Rec Center)
 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr
 Phoenix, 85044
 10:00 am (ten o'clock)
 Contact Roger Munchbach 480-705-9527
 legionoratoricalcontest@msn.com

Prize Amounts

National

\$18,000/\$16,000/\$14,000/compete in semi-final \$1500/
 compete in quarter-final \$1500

Department

\$1500/\$800/\$500/(300)/(300)/(300)

Area

\$300/\$200/\$100/\$50 all others

District

(suggested amounts) \$100/\$75/\$50/\$25 all others

Post

(suggested amounts) \$50/\$25/\$10 all others

Websites

www.azlegion.org/programs
 (Arizona brochure, power point, Arizona application)
 www.legion.org/oratorical
 (Chairman's Guide, National brochures, videos of National
 Champions)

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We had a great turnout for our Open House at Department on January 4th. It was great to see Lencho and Kathy Othon and Ted and Jan Martinson (Past Department Commanders from 1988 and 1989). We had a few more of our PDCs who always show up. It's always great to see as many of them as possible!

Please keep PDC Al Tercero and his wife, Donna, in your prayers. Cards can be sent to 9735 E. Chestnut Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. It is good to have Rollin Kohrs and Joe Schneider's wife, Ruth, home from the hospital.

My apologies to Bill Parker; his contact information was wrong in the last issue. Bill is a member of Post 44 in Scottsdale. He is working on a Veterans History Project. He is looking for Veterans, especially WWII Vets who are willing to share their stories. Bill's correct phone number is 480 261-7252 and his email is wparker@aol.com. He will meet with the Vet at their home or a convenient location. The Veteran will receive a tape with a copy being sent to the Library of Congress so we can preserve our heroes' stories.

December 7th was a huge turnout for Pearl Harbor Day. We placed 84 wreaths and dedicated the guns from the USS Arizona and USS Missouri for our WWII Memorial. That

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Todd Rea, Commander of the 1st of the 285th ARB.

The Guard's national award follows an award from the state of Arizona National Guard last year as the 2012 "Outstanding Community Partner of the Year." That also was given to both the Oro Valley Post 132 and Auxiliary Unit 132 with Commander Ed Davis and President Onita Davis (a husband and wife team) accepting the award.

For the most recent award, "The Family Program Community Purple Award," the Post

evening, I attended a great Christmas Dinner at Post 64 in Ahwatukee. We had over a dozen WWII Veterans in attendance.

We have KOREA REBORN books at Department and many Posts now have a supply. These books are free of charge to Korean War Veterans or their families. They are a gift from South Korea and are a beautiful keepsake.

On December 8th, I attended a Yellow Ribbon Event in Marana to welcome home the 285th Attach Reconnaissance Battalion. Ed and Onita Davis, Post Commander and Auxiliary President from Oro Valley Post 132, were presented with the National Guard's Family Community Partner's National Award. Congratulations to all the members of Post 132 on a great job!

John Aldecoa had a great retirement party on December 14th. We were honored to have the National Commander and his aide in attendance.

Don't forget that National Commander Dellinger's goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to replenish our National Emergency Fund.

Thanks for ALL YOU DO!

For God and Country,
Judi Beischel, Department Commander

and Auxiliary were credited with contributing more than \$13,000 and over 1,600 volunteer hours in support of the Guard men and women and their families. The Family Program Community Purple Award is the highest community partner recognition of excellence award issued by the National Guard. The community group or organization selected for the annual award best exemplifies the true meaning of the Guard's national Family Program Initiative by working with and supporting Guard members and their families.

For additional information contact:
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ovpost132@gmail.com



Arizona American Legion Riders**Visit Posts, Win Prizes**

The "Get to Know Your Post Program", run by ALR 117, started January 1st. For every five (5) participating Posts you visit, you get a chance to win cash prizes (\$1,000, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100). Profits go to Justa Center, Veterans First Ltd., and MANA House. Run sheets can be purchased from your local ALR Chapter for \$15. If they don't have any, you can contact me, Vicky at vicky.mad4vets@gmail.com or W.L. at egbdfib@gmail.com. Run sheets were available starting in January, and you can continue to collect stamps until September 30, 2014. This is a great way to get to know other Posts, and to raise money for worthwhile causes. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ALR RIDER TO PARTICIPATE – ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



the USS Arizona, in which over 23 ALR Chapters participated and included 1,916 motorcycles; ALR 131 (Green Valley) continues to host its monthly breakfast and to bring in patients from the VA Blind Rehabilitation Center in Tucson for a free breakfast; ALR 105 (Phoenix) raised \$1,190

for the Legacy Foundation with its first annual Legacy Run to Tombstone; and ALR 81 (Lake Havasu City) is sponsoring three college scholarships to local high school seniors in financial need who have a military connection.

To see what is going on with ALR Chapters in Arizona, visit our website at www.azalr.yolasite.com. If your Post is interested in starting an ALR Chapter, feel free to contact me.

John Moffitt
Chairman, American Legion Riders,
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Batter Up - It's Baseball Time

It is the time of year when a young man's attention turns to the baseball diamond. The season will begin during the last week of May and will end with the State Tournament to be held at the Surprise Recreational Stadium. During this period, more than 500 young men will meet in friendly competition vying for the opportunity to represent Arizona in the Western Regional to be held in Surprise.

The increase in the number of teenagers interested in supervised recreation provided by American Legion Baseball is a continuing challenge to American Legionnaires everywhere to improve and expand their efforts to support the program. It continues to be a challenge in Arizona to find sponsors for the teams desiring to compete. If your Post is sponsoring a team, we extend our most sincere thanks to that Post and the members. Several Posts have given cash donations to the league to support some of the teams which aren't fortunate enough to have sponsors, and again, we extend our thanks.

If your Post isn't supporting the

program, please contact me or Tom to see where you can help. Only with the support of ALL the Legionnaires and Posts can the programs of The American Legion continue to prosper and provide the necessary guidance to the youth of our country to become responsible and contributing members of our society.

The 2014 Western Regional Baseball Tournament will be played at the Surprise Recreational Stadium commencing with the Banquet of Champions on August 6th and the tournament will start on August 7th with games starting at 9:00AM. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM that evening. Come out to a game and watch these talented young men play baseball at its best! Pairing and games times can be found at azball.org.

For additional information, please contact Rollin Kohrs:
rkohrs2133@msn.com or
Tom Kusek:
tkusek@hotmail.com.

In November and December, Arizona ALR Chapters continued to do great things for our Veterans and our community. ALR 86 (Overgaard) helped a homeless vet in Show Low; ALR 6 (Prescott), ALR 25 (Camp Verde), ALR 57 (Ash Fork) and ALR 108 (Prescott Valley) participated in Wreaths Across America at the Prescott National Cemetery; ALR 86 (Overgaard) hosted a community Christmas party for over 300 children; ALR 6 (Prescott) and ALR 93 (Camp Verde) hosted a Christmas Party and gave out over 250 Christmas stockings to our Veterans and patients at the Prescott VA; ALR 138 (Tempe) coordinated a massive ride "Run for the Guns" to dedicate one of the guns from

Americanism and Scouting Report

Time To Nominate Eagle Scout of the Year

My fellow Legionnaires,

Happy New Year to All. As Scouting Committee Chairman, part of my duty is to visit Posts in the state. I recently made a trip to Post 25 in Cottonwood for the District meeting. Commander Nancy Hay had invited me to visit when we were at the Fall Conference in Tucson. While there, I gave a presentation about Venturing and Junior Shooting Sports.

I also attended a steak fry at Post 44 put on by their Scout Troop 440; it was delicious. Post Commander John Hyde, Chartered Organization Representative Doug Hunt, and Scoutmaster Bill Norling are to be commended for their support of the Scouting Program.

It's that time of year again for the Eagle Scout of the Year Award. Applications are available at legion.org and must be submitted prior to March 1, 2014. If your Post sponsors a scout unit, have one of your Eagle Scouts submit an application. All of the requirements are listed on the application. The American Legion Program offers the National recipient a \$10,000 scholarship with the next three runner-ups receiving \$2,500 scholarships.

The U.S. Vets Service Corps Project was presented to the

Wipala Wiki Lodge 432. This is a project where Order of the Arrow Youth do service projects for handicapped and disabled Veterans. The Lodge has 21 chapters throughout the Grand Canyon Council, BSA. Each chapter received a package containing The American Legion Posts in the area within their chapter. If you have any Veterans that need yard work or other help around their property, please contact me and I will direct a chapter to help with any projects. Each member of the Order of the Arrow who completes 50 hours of service will receive a Lodge flap for their efforts.

Scout-O-Rama is coming up February 22nd at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. If you would like to see what scouts are doing, plan on attending; the cost is \$5.00. This is an annual event where scout units showcase the Scouting Program. You will see every type of scout including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity and Exploring.

This is the busiest time of the year for the Americanism Pillar. We have preparations in place for events involving Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, ALLECA and Scouting. Please plan on supporting and attending these functions.

Wayne Chatfield
Vice Chairman, Americanism Committee, Chairman,
Scouting Committee
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Membership Report

14 Posts Reach 100% Club

Happy New Year to our American Legion Family! Here's wishing you a great 2014 in membership.

I would like to congratulate the 14 Posts that are members of the 100% Club and who will receive their 100% membership ribbon from National. The Posts are as follows: 15, 43, 80, 104, 108, 111, 123, 125, 126, 132, 134, 135, 140, and 141. Also congratulations to Area A for continuing to lead in membership with 85.47%. Congratulations to all the Posts for helping us reach our 80% goal. Our next goal will be February 13th at 85%. Many of you are close to it; let's see how many of you can pass it.

Area, District and Post Commanders have worked very hard these past months in renewing and signing up new

members, and now with the turning of the calendar to 2014 this is your opportunity to physically see membership cards and identify those who have not renewed. As of January 1st, many Posts started validating cards—it's very amazing how many of you look at membership cards every time someone enters your Post. Every member whether Post, Auxiliary or S.A.L. should be PROUD to show their card and not upon request, but just because it is a privilege and honor to belong to our fine organization!

The requirement for a current membership isn't just the money; it's also because the Legion membership is an annual requirement beginning on January 1 – December 31. If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended but nevertheless a member with no privileges. Please go into www.mylegion.org and verify who is delinquent in their membership within your Post and contact them to get

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Alternate N.E.C. Report**Budget Approved Time To Roll Up Our Sleeves**

Legionnaires, for the first time in five years, our government has approved a budget.

Now our work is really cut out for us. The reason is that our government continues to deeply cut the military budget. The Budget Act of 2013 includes a provision that cuts retired pay Cost of Living (COLA). Congress could consider repeal of the retirement cutting provision. But, will they? Not without you putting pressure on our congressional persons. They have no incentive to act unless you contact them.

The American Legion wants to extend the G.I. Bill for business owners. Every year, millions of dollars in G.I. Bill benefits go unused. Why not use this money to help Veterans who want to start their own business? Unfortunately, many Veteran-owned businesses don't make it a year. Most of the time failure isn't due to mismanagement, but a lack of access to cash capital to climb out of the start-up phase. What better way to give Veterans a hand than by granting them access to benefits that would otherwise go unclaimed. Last fall at the N.E.C. meeting, I voted for passage of this Resolution.

A big victory for women Veterans. At the N.E.C. Fall Meeting, a Resolution was passed to remove from the Commanding Officers' the prerogative of suspending a sentence of a Junior Officer convicted of sexual assault. This Resolution was made a law and the Secretary of Defense put this law into effect immediately.

Membership article..... continued

them to renew. Let them know that you welcome them back to your Post. Explain to them the benefits of belonging to The American Legion. Anyone who would like more information on www.mylegion.org, please let me know and I can assist you.

Finally, I would ask all Posts to send in all membership renewals to Department at least weekly so that your members remain in good standing at Department and National levels. The American Legion is a national organization and you cannot hold on to dues paid to the organization. Dues paid by members must be turned into Department in the month that they are paid.

Remember, the Department of Arizona is sending a delegation to Washington D.C. in March to talk to our Congressional Representatives and Senators. If you have something to say to them, please contact Larry Bahill, he is the Department of Arizona Legislative Committee Chairman.

For God and Country,
Dick Perry, Alt. N.E.C.

www.azlegion.org/about-us/committee-reports/nec-report/

D.M. "Joe" Aguilar Withdraws Candidacy for N.E.C.

Thank you my fellow Legionnaires for considering me for the position of National Executive Committeeman for Department of Arizona.

It would truly be an honor to hold that esteemed position. Unfortunately, I must attend to important family obligations. Therefore, I withdraw my candidacy for consideration. I made this decision because my dear wife Jeannie suffered a fall and needs my constant care and attention during her recuperation and I don't want to venture too far from our home.

The prospect of continuing my American Legion Service in the NEC was very appealing, but during these times for my family, I need to focus on our wellness. Once again, thank you for the consideration and best wishes for the NEC candidate of your choice!

Respectfully yours,
D.M."Joe" Aguilar

Members of District 11 and District 12, I hope that you will consider joining us at Post 41 on February 6, 7, and 8 as we do a membership recruitment of our Post 100 members. We will be working on getting these members to transfer to our local posts. We will have National Staff here to assist us.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all of the Districts that I have been able to visit. Your hospitality and friendship is in keeping of the camaraderie of what The American Legion is.

Beth Nehring
Membership Director



Post Everlasting

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Darryl W Bulluck
Robert Fierro
Thomas Judge
Ernest G Morales
Bobby L Oudin
Fred Prewett
Robert M Wagner
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John J Charmack
Duane T Rodabaugh
- 3
William E Quegan
Charles B Vaughn
- 4
Carlos Alvarez
Terrence J Collins
Ivan L Warren
- 6
Alvin G Fox
- 7
Dana S Chavez
Garold G Engelhard
Sam H Sharp
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Weymouth Fogelberg
John M Halseth
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Mario Quinonez
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Wayne Troxel
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Clyde E Kincaid

Get Set, Get Ready, Let's Go... time's a wasting...

With Christmas and New Year's in our rearview mirrors, it's time for our procrastinating historians to "get going" and for those who have already started working on your Post History/Yearbooks—"good on ya"—but don't stop now, we're only half way there!

For the procrastinators, it's time for you to "think and remember"...that is think about what has happened since July 1st (that's the official start of your record, whether you're producing a history or yearbook;) then, think about what's happened up to this date. All Posts have had significant events that YOU need to record.

1. Elections—photos of the officers
2. Possible Post Home improvements
3. Halloween parties (kids and adults)
4. Fall Conference—photos from any awards/winners
5. Veterans, Day—photos from that event
6. Thanksgiving Dinners/presentations
7. Christmas Dinner/presentations
8. Early Bird Dinners/presentations



Starting to sound a little redundant—well, sad as it may be, having the responsibility of recording your history can sometimes be repetitive...but there are also events like, Post Initiations, memorial services, welcome homes, special guests, the list goes on and on...it's your job to remember and record them!

Don't despair, you still have time to get to work on your history/yearbook—seek out those who sponsor events; your Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. Everyone has a history that overlaps with the Post; everyone should be proud to have you record it along with the growth of the Post! Folks, this is a family organization—please include all your family members in your history. And, please submit your history/yearbook for competition at Department Convention; there are no big prizes—just pride in your Post!

For those historians who have started recording, please offer to help others—it's our responsibility to mentor our brothers and sisters...lead the way—aid those in need and remember our organization is built on Veterans in Service, regardless of what job we're doing!

Until next edition...

Jeri Strande
Department Historian 2013-2014

Chaplain's Corner

The Necessity of Fuel

I recently came across a posting on Facebook that caught my attention by author Greg Braden that I would like to share.

"A member of the church who previously had been attending services regularly stopped going. After a few weeks the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then sat back in his chair still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flicked and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. It immediately began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for your fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

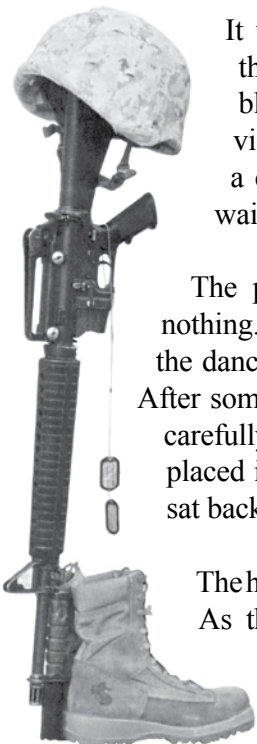
We live in a world today which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken."

The moral of the story is that without fuel we die. We must have food to eat, mental stimulus to keep our minds healthy, exercise to keep us physically healthy and spiritual stimulus to keep our soul healthy. Don't go without the fuels that are needed to sustain life.

In keeping with the times, please download the God App. He's the greatest wireless connection going and He's FREE!

For God and Country,

Carol Stensby,
Department Chaplain



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A	Gene Chewning	9,471	8,215	86.74
B	Domingo Bonilla	17,826	14,923	83.71
C	Scott Miller	7,807	6,392	81.88
HQ	Judi Beischel	5,911	4,575	77.40
Grand Totals		41,015	34,105	83.15

High: Area A – 86.74% • District 2 – 89.06% • Post 140 – 225.00%

District 1 - Commander: Terry Greene

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
19 H.H. Donkersley	Yuma	905	797	88.07
46 Chic Chisom	Bouse	106	73	68.87
47 Somerton	Somerton	15	5	33.33
56 Floyd G. Jefferson	Yuma	157	143	91.08
67 Frank Mick	Roll	17	14	82.35
70 Freman Sharp	Parker	35	7	20.00
District Totals		1,235	1,039	84.13

District 2 - Commander: George Molina

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
7 Morgan McDermott	Tucson	339	305	89.97
10 Organ Pipe Cactus	Ajo	66	46	69.70
23 Ridge-Igo	Nogales	63	57	90.48
36 John P. Burns	Tucson	1,286	1,134	88.18
59 Cocio-Estrada	Tucson	339	267	78.76
66 Green Valley	Sahuarita	1,383	1,239	89.59
68 Sahuaro	Tucson	341	274	80.35
73 Casas Adobes	Tucson	146	132	90.41
102 Tucson Mountians	Tucson	102	86	84.31
109 McCulloch-Wagner	Vail	807	709	87.86
111 Patagonia	Patagonia	16	16	100.00
113 Burton E. Buck	Sonoita	21	3	14.29
125 Yoem	Tucson	48	54	112.50
131 Madera	Green Valley	729	691	94.79
132 Oro Valley	Oro Valley	218	245	112.39
District Totals		5,904	5,258	89.06

District 3 - Commander: Mike Stout

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
11 Fred A. Hilburn	Douglas	298	222	74.50
16 L. A. Engle Jr.	Bisbee	84	59	70.24
20 Tenely - Lopez	Willcox	43	33	76.74
24 Roy Fourr	Tombstone	643	550	85.54
45 Vicente Manzo	Benson	98	90	91.84
52 Bill Carmichael	Sierra Vista	739	638	86.33
141 Pearce	Pearce	15	15	100.00
District Totals		1,905	1,607	83.70

District 4 - Commander: Roy White

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
8 Fred A. Humphreys	Casa Grande	236	227	96.19
9 McClellan-Parsons	Florence	168	117	69.64
17 William P. Kern	Superior	22	20	90.91
18 P.A.L.	Kearny	38	30	78.95
48 Francis M. Bunch	San Manuel	42	21	50.00
51 Haskel Osife Antone	Blackwater	37	10	27.03
54 William David Hood	Coolidge	126	102	80.95
97 San Tan	San Tan Foothills	55	35	63.64
129 Duane Ellsworth	Queen Creek	54	45	83.33
133 Bernie G Crouse	Maricopa	77	72	93.51
District Totals		855	679	79.42

District 5 - Commander: George Sticklin

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
4 Henry Berry	Globe	195	169	86.67
28 Lloyd C. Hill	Clifton	136	102	75.00
32 Swift-Murphy	Safford	333	290	87.09
49 McCulloch-McNair	Duncan	46	33	71.74
95 Lopez-Hernandez	Solomon	82	77	93.90
District Totals		792	671	84.72

District 6 - Commander: Don Coffman

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
15 Frank Perkins	Winslow	80	82	102.50
30 John H. Slaughter	Springerville	154	148	96.10
31 Greer-Dewitt	Saint Johns	23	18	78.26
37 Navajo	Holbrook	55	49	89.09
60 Whiteriver	Whiteriver	43	40	93.02
69 Tonto Rim	Payson	439	353	80.41
76 WilliamHouse	Show Low	171	148	86.55
80 Lori Piestewa	Kykotsmovi	38	49	128.95
82 Warren L. Dempsey	Ganado	15	1	6.67
86 John D. Wibby	Overgaard	433	292	67.44
126 Snowflake - Taylor	Snowflake	18	19	105.56
130 Joseph McCarthy	Concho	35	21	60.00
District Totals		1,504	1,220	81.12

District 7 - Commander: James Roscoe

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
3 Mark A. Moore	Flagstaff	537	458	85.29
13 Cordova	Williams	101	92	91.09
14 Swaskegame	Kingman	282	250	88.65
22 Golden Valley	Golden Valley	208	169	81.25
33 Jerry & Daw	Tonalea	11	10	90.91
42 John Ivens	Grand Canyon	190	139	73.16
57 Robert Fulton	Ash Fork	85	75	88.24
81 Robert A. Eckert	L. Havasu City	1,319	1,036	78.54
87 Mohave Valley	Bullhead City	438	368	84.02
88 Dolan Springs	Dolan Springs	116	93	80.17
103 Meadview	Meadview	47	36	76.60
112 Curtis Huskon	Leupp	24	18	75.00
123 Forrest C. Longwell	Seligman	20	27	135.00
127 Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley	38	27	71.05
136 Yucca	Yucca	26	17	65.38
District Totals		3,442	2,815	81.78

District 8 - Commander: Sherie Mercier

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
6 Ernest A. Love	Prescott	755	605	80.13
25 Verde Valley	Cottonwood	611	472	77.25
40 Bobby Bisjak	Chino Valley	367	289	78.75
78 Humboldt	Humboldt	269	243	90.33
79 Taylor-Keehner	Yarnell	269	220	81.78
90 Black Canyon City	Black Cyn Cty	44	37	84.09
93 David C. Johnson	Camp Verde	297	225	75.76
104 Dennis S. Pike	Bagdad	22	22	100.00
108 Gary Streeter	Prescott Vly	77	77	100.00
122 Cordes Lakes Mem.	Cordes Lakes	45	35	77.78
135 Cornville	Cornville	60	63	105.00
139 George D. Reiff	Crown King	21	15	71.43
140 Prescott Valley	Prescott Vly	24	54	225.00
District Totals		2,861	2,357	82.38

District 11 - Commander: Frank Myers

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
1 Luke-Greenway	Phoenix	786	658	83.72
5 Southern Meadows	Phoenix	99	39	39.39
12 Kellis-Draper	Wickenburg	373	298	79.89
29 Earl E. Mitchell	Glendale	1,304	1,117	85.66
43 Hazel Morton	Phoenix	10	10	100.00
50 Thomas Tang	Phoenix	51	43	84.31
53 Hazelton-Butler	Buckeye	102	75	73.53
61 Crandall-Palmer	Avondale	572	438	76.57
62 John J. Morris	Peoria	1,978	1,689	85.39
72 Dwight Eisenhower	Phoenix	16	10	62.50
94 Sun City West	Sun City West	323	300	92.88
96 Surprise	Surprise	201	168	83.58
101 John H. Harries	Sun City	116	86	74.14
105 Christopher J. Lapka	Phoenix	553	447	80.83
128 Daisy Mountain	Anthem	96	76	79.17
134 Laveen	Laveen	55	58	105.45
137 Isaiah Mays-Bill Mauldin	Tonopah	51	42	82.35
District Totals		6,686	5,554	83.07

District 12 - Commander: Michael Thelen

Post Name	City	Goal	2014	% Goal
2 William Bloys	Tempe	403	323	80.15
26 Mesa	Mesa	806	660	81.89
27 Apache	Apache Jct	2,526	2,295	90.86
34 Frank W. Wright	Cave Creek	356	282	79.21
35 Mathew B. Juan	Chandler	634	517	81.55
39 Merrill-Mitchell	Gilbert	553	542	98.01
41 Tony F. Soza	Phoenix	794	654	82.37
44 Sipe-Peterson	Scottsdale	971	838	86.30
55 James O. Shroeder	Sun Lakes	217	180	82.95
58 Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	471	408	86.62
63 Lena Vaughn Whitney	Mesa	34	31	91.18
64 Ahwatukee	Ahwatukee	140	119	85.00
65 Travis L. Williams	Phoenix	324	217	66.98
75 Sunnyslope	Phoenix	237	151	63.71
83 East Mesa	Mesa	109	94	86.24
84 Ira H. Hayes	Sacaton	50	36	72.00
91 Wayne V. McMartin	Chandler	254	194	76.38
107 Irving B. Selmer	Phoenix	463	376	81.21
114 Bushmasters	Scottsdale	63	6	9.52
115 North Scottsdale	Scottsdale	62	44	70.97
117 Pat Tillman	Phoenix	224	191	85.27
124 Guadalupe Veterans	Guadalupe	30	19	63.33
138 James Witkowski	Tempe	184	153	83.15
District Totals		9,905	8,330	84.10

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15, 2014

14th Annual West-Mitchell Invitation Drill Meet sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Squadron #1 Phoenix - Held at the Air Refueling Wing, 3200 E. Old Tower Road, Phoenix. Students competing in the Drill Meet are from High School JROTC Units in Arizona and surround states as well. Drill Meet starts at 0800. Contact Pete Palandri (602) 820-3237 or Steve Blank (602) 708-3275

February 14-16, 2014

Arizona StandDown for Homeless Veterans – This will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum located at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Donations and volunteers are needed; please visit their website at www.arizonastanddown.org.

February 22, 2014

69th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising-Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM. Ceremonies to follow at the Mathew B. Juan-Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton. For further information, call (520) 562-8484; Email: ihpost84@gilanet.net or www.irahayespost84.org.

April 5, 2014

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

April 11-13, 2014

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 12, 2014

Post #131 Green Valley is hosting the AZALR Quarterly Meeting - There will be a two hour L.E.A.D Training Program on the relationship between ALR Chapters and their Posts. This also applies to the S.A.L. as a program of The American Legion. All District, Post and S.A.L. Officers (current & future) are invited to attend. This is a great training program. Lunch starts at 12:00 NOON; meeting starts at 1:00 PM.

April 26, 2014

Department Commander Judi Beischel's Homecoming Hosted by Fountain Hills Post #58 in Fountain Hills – More details will be in the April Legionnaire and you may contact Post #58 at (480) 837-5958.

Legion Open House

THANK YOU to everyone that attended the Open House at Department. As always, we had tons of delicious food and got to meet some new American Legion Family members and greet some "old" ones too! It was a great day for ALL of us!



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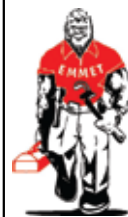
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