



# NEC NEWS TO SHARE

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**Greetings to ALL!**

Just returned from our 48<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Indianapolis, what a great convention!

One of the many responsibilities as your NEC is to share with you the information that was discussed and voted on at ALL National Conventions and Conferences. Instead of waiting for our traditional meetings, I am a firm believer that communication is the key to organization, it is best served hot! I will be sending out monthly updates as the information highway from National sends them out. Please share with your Squadrons members.

First, thank you to Joe Miller for the NEC position, I have some big shoes to fill.

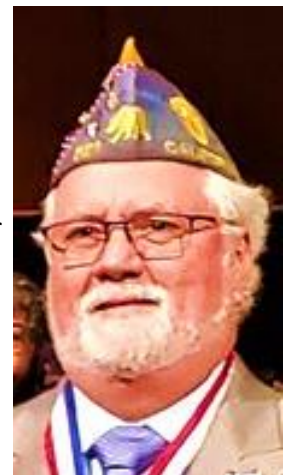
I am attaching to this report 3 separate files for your review and sharing.

National Convention started on Friday Aug 23, 2019 thru Sunday August 25, 2019 held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Detachment of Arizona had 12 delegates in attendance this year:

1. Chuck Treat – Detachment CMDR
2. Roland Matteson – Past National CMDR
3. Tom Lucas – Outgoing Detachment CMDR
4. Ed Cleary – Outgoing National Vice CMDR / incoming ALT NEC
5. Joe Roberts – VA&R National Vice Chairman
6. Keith Birkemeyer – Detachment Adjutant
7. Fred Kvasnicka – Past Detachment CMDR
8. W.L. Foster – Past National Vice CMDR
9. Mike Matteson – AZ Boys State Committee
10. Matt Griffis – Outgoing ALT NEC / incoming NEC
11. Jim Beischel – Outgoing Detachment Chaplin
12. Mark Lamberton – Detachment Area A Vice CMDR
13. Louis George Anselman – Detachment Member
14. Louis M. Anselman – Detachment Member



Newly Elected SAL National Commander  
Clint Bolt, National CMDR 2019-2020



Newly Elected SAL National Vice Commander  
Ned Fox, National Vice CMDR 2019-2020



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Detachment of Arizona won several awards:

- SAL Child Welfare Foundation Certificate of Recognition 2019 for achieving and exceeding the \$2.00 per-capita which supports CWF
- SAL Child Welfare Foundation Certificate of Achievement 2019 for the highest donation for the Western Region for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation for 2018-2019
- SAL National Legacy Scholarship Certificate of Achievement 2019 for achieving the highest donation for the Western Region
- Arthur D. Houghton Award, SAL 2018 Winner—Category IV Detachment of Arizona

Discussions at NEC pre-convention meeting:

- ON-LINE Membership Renewal coming online January 2020, National is working hard to get this up and ready by the start of 2020
- New Legon Act passed by Congress opens the door for 6 million new SAL Members, membership can focus on current legion members as dual members if they qualify
- Resolution to increase National dues goes before the convention for a vote. A video of the actual reading of the resolution is on our website [www.azsal.org](http://www.azsal.org) and Detachment of Arizona Face Book page.
- Western Rendezvous is scheduled for Jan 25-26, 2019 in Las Vegas. Contact William Williams at email: [duliedriver1@aol.com](mailto:duliedriver1@aol.com)

National Commissions and Committees appointments from Arizona: (see attached listings)

- Joe Roberts to continue Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation as Vice Chairman
- Chuck Treat appointed to National Convention Committee

NEC Fall Conference – Oct 11 thru 13, 2019 in Indianapolis (see attached letter)

- Letter sent out to all Detachments from National Adjutant Anthony Wright
- On-line registration required at [www.legion.org/salconference](http://www.legion.org/salconference) from Aug 19 thru Sept 20
- Contact Joyce Hamilton at [jhamilton@legion.org](mailto:jhamilton@legion.org) or phone 317-630-1232

THANK YOU to CMDR. Ed Cleary for a great year as our National Vice Commander of the Western Region, you had a great year representing our great organization.

Thank you for your continued support.. remember to please share!  
Matt Griffis / AZ NEC