

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
RESOLUTION**

Title: Establishment of the *Roland D. Matteson* Award to the Squadron with the Highest Annual Monetary Contribution to Arizona Boys State

Origin: Squadron 105, Detachment of Arizona

Conference: 2025 Fall Conference

**WHEREAS,**

Roland D. Matteson was a devoted member of The American Legion Family who exemplified the spirit of service and a deep commitment to youth programs, especially Arizona Boys State; and

**WHEREAS,**

Arizona Boys State provides a unique opportunity for high school juniors to learn about government, leadership, and civic responsibility, in alignment with the Four Pillars of The American Legion; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, have continuously supported Arizona Boys State through generous donations and volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,**

Roland D. Matteson consistently encouraged greater involvement and financial support from squadrons across Arizona to ensure the continued success and growth of the Boys State program; and

**WHEREAS,**

It is fitting to honor his legacy by recognizing outstanding financial contributions from local squadrons to Arizona Boys State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,**

By the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, Department of Arizona, in regular meeting assembled in Tucson, Arizona, on November 8, 2025, that the Roland D. Matteson Award is hereby established; and be it further

**RESOLVED,**

That this award shall be presented annually to the Squadron within the Detachment of Arizona that donates the highest total dollar amount to Arizona Boys State during the previous administrative year; and be it further

**RESOLVED,**

That the name of the winning Squadron shall be inscribed on a perpetual plaque maintained by the Detachment, and the Squadron shall receive a certificate of recognition during the annual Detachment Convention or other appropriate ceremony; and be it finally

**RESOLVED,**

That this award shall serve as a lasting tribute to Roland D. Matteson's tireless advocacy, leadership, and enduring support for the youth of Arizona and the mission of The American Legion Boys State program.

Submitted by: Charles Sullivan, Squadron 105 Adjutant, Member of Squadron 105

Dated: October 19, 2025.

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Membership vote on Resolution \_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_ Fail

Detachment approval date\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Detachment Commander Gary Manwell

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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Department authorized signer \_\_\_\_\_