

BLUE CAP NEWS



Sons of The American Legion — Detachment of Arizona

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Time for CSR-SDR-SORF, again...

Simplified Website entry of forms for this year, making in-roads to the 20th century...

Sons — Membership....we are going strong! Keep up the great work!

Contact your fellow sons and make sure they renewed. This is a time to do a buddy check, BE THE ONE.

Make sure everyONE is on the same page and up to date on their membership. If someONE is falling struggling, see what your squadron can do to help them out. By working together, we can make sure everyONE is able to participate and

continue to better our community and help our veterans.

Lets keep ahead of the monthly benchmarks and top the Magic number of 8,762!.

Yes the number did go up....We had a Squadron come back into the fold and that added 11 more to our top number for the 2023 Membership Year! 8,751 moved to 8,762!

You all have been busy with events and we have been posting on social

media. A quick tip- consider making advertising flyers on free programs like Canva.com. To get even more people to your events, contact your local radio stations to broadcast your event. Many have a local event roundup for free that you can take part in with proper notice. Also, don't forget to add your events to online calendars like Nextdoor, Facebook Groups, and Google My Business Posts. This will help

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FFFH, Flying Flags for Heros still goes!

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event. Please to be sure to make plans for cemetery visits along with flag placements and get the info posted on the FFFH website, www.flyingflagsforheroes.com. If anyone is in need of gravesite flags, I might suggest to contact our Area B Vice Commander, Chris Balsley. Chris explained to me that he has an abundance and he may be able to help fill your needs.

Last year we were able to capture some of the Boy Scouts placements and report those numbers. The Boy Scouts are extremely active in flag placements at Memorial Day. It doesn't have to be a member of the American Legion Family to

be reported, we want to report all placements in Arizona. I am trying to get the BSA to report numbers on a council basis, but that's a daunting task. Make contact with your local council directly and ask them for the dates, locations and number of flags placed and then get that info posted on the FFFH website.

Any and all flag placements at veterans' gravesites should be counted and reported.

For God and Country

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Time for CSR-SDR-SORF, again... ..continued

ensure that people can find your events when they are searching for things to do. When promoting your events, please be sure to use the proper logos or your artwork will NOT be published.

Reminder that Squadron Officer Report Forms and Squadron Data Reports are going to be available in March for completion. We did great and want 100% of the squadrons to complete their forms online, it is so easy now! Our SORF and SDR may be combined into the same form for faster completion. We are working with National so you do not have to double entry, more to come.

Consolidated Squadron Report will remain its own form. Paper can be turned in but will be due May 19th, 2023. Paper forms must MANUALLY be input to the online form by Detachment staff, please submit ELECTRONIC! The SORF and SDR are important tools that help paint a picture of what the Sons of the American Legion does for Congress and The American Legion. It is imperative that 100% of squadrons complete these forms by the Electronic due date June 1st, 2023.

**For God and Country,
The Detachment Adjutant Corps
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Detachment Commander's report...

Greetings my fellow Sons,

Here we are approaching another Detachment Campout. This year's Campout is being held at Patagonia Lake State Park near Nogales, Arizona. SAL National Commander Chris Carlton & his wife will be attending. Other VIP's attending are Department of Arizona Commander Mike Simon & Department of Arizona President Barbara White.

At Campout we will have our Annual Meeting. At that Meeting we will be accepting Nominations for next year's Detachment Officers. If you would like to be nominated, you will need to fill out the Officers Data Sheet & obtain a Letter of Recommendation signed by your Post Commander & Post Adjutant (preferably before your nomination). The next round of nominations will be at the Detachment Convention in June.

Detachment Convention is being held at the El Conquistador Resort & Hotel in Oro Valley at the end of June. If you would like to attend convention please contact the Detachment Adjutant for the overflow hotel details. The El Conquistador is sold out. We will be electing Detachment Officers for the 2023-2024 year at convention.

We are currently 30th in the nation & 5th in the Western Region with 88.89% as of the SAL National Membership Report dated March 20th. As a Detachment when made the 80% Benchmark. As a reminder OUR Membership Goal is 8751, keep

up the great work!

At Fall Conference the Detachment was challenged by the Legion & the Auxiliary to a membership challenge. The challenge is as follows: Whatever family membership has the highest National position 30 days before Department Convention will receive \$150 from each of the other family members. The proceeds will go to the winning family leader's special project. Last year we one this challenge, the Auxiliary was very unhappy that they did not win last year so they will be trying extra hard this year. I believe we will win again this year.

The monthly Detachment Officers Conference Call is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. All members of the Detachment can call in if they choose. The phone number for the Conference call is (508)924-3315. No code is needed for attendance on the call.

If you have an event that you would like me or the Area Vice Commanders to attend you can submit a request through the Detachment's website azsal.org. The form is under the Detachment Forms heading. You can also send a letter invite on Squadron Letterhead to Department Headquarters or email the Detachment Adjutant at az_sal_adjutant@aol.com.

Thank you again for the Honor to be your 2022-2023 Detachment Commander.

**For God & Country,
Noah B. McMullen, Detachment Commander
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Detachment Vice Commander, Area C message...

Hello Area C Squadrons:

I hope this message finds everyone in good health and great spirits.

It has been an extremely busy year for your Area Vice Commander. I've truly been blessed for the opportunity to serve as your Detachment Vice Commander, Area C for the last three years.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Every Squadron in Area C has humbled me beyond my greatest expectations.

I will not be seeking re-election for Area C for the 2023-2024 year. I have chosen to run for the office of Detachment Commander for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. This does not mean that I won't be at your service, my allegiance will always be to the Squadrons and the individual Squadron members. I will always remain in your service, I'm just a phone call away.

Area C is currently @ 84.33% — Outstanding work everyone!

March 15, 2023, the Detachments goal was 80%.

April 19, 2023, the goal is 90%.

There are six (6) Squadrons that have achieved the April 90% goal — don't let up. Please continue to sign up members at every possible opportunity — great work gentleman.

The six (6) Squadrons that made the March 80% goal but have yet to reach the April goal of 90% — you will make that number and continue to 100%.

We have five (5) Squadrons in Area C that have reached the 70% mark — good work — gentlemen but please put forth a concerted effort to achieve the April goal of 90%.

The remaining four (4) Squadrons are in positive numbers which is good — but a stronger effort in membership is in order. Start with your renewals, they know you and you have their contact information. Ask for the renewal!

I will remain available if anyone needs help or ideas in membership renewals. You have my phone number and I always enjoy working with my fellow Sons to overcome obstacles!

For God and Country

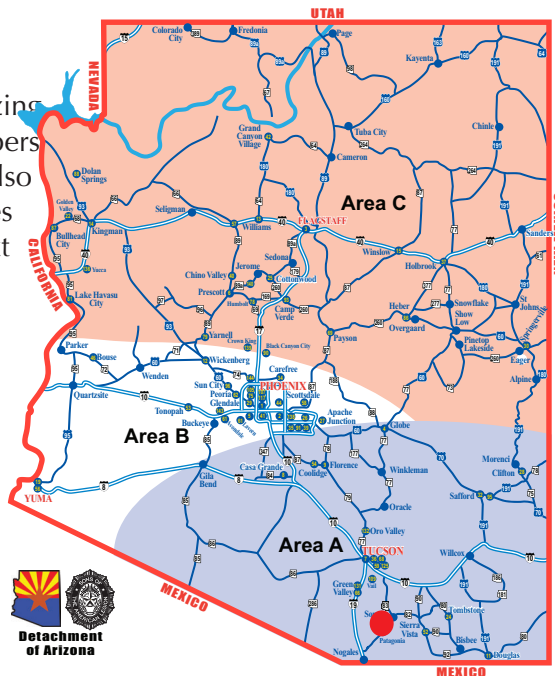
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Callin' all Campers....

Hello All Campers,

If you missed last year's campout at Roper Lake in Safford, Az you missed an amazing time socializing with fellow Legion family Members and National representatives. Also being part of the Flags for Heroes program was awesome. This next year 2023 we will be having the campout at Patagonia State Park in the Southern region of the beautiful state of Arizona. We will have sign-up sheets available at Fall Conference in Tucson the first weekend of November. The Committee will also try to make it available through the Sons Website, but you can also request an emailed copy from myself or any of your Detachment Executive Committee Members.



So, mark your calendars for March 31st-April 2nd, 2023. We will be having some exciting new events, and great opportunities to earn your Squadron some donation credits (Another Fire Pit is in the works). There will be Electrical/and Non-Electrical spots available on a first come first serve basis, so get your registrations forms in early this year. You will be receiving your Campout Registration forms and T-shirt order forms inside the next Blue Cap News. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or email me.

Hope to see you all there.

Chris Balsley, Detachment Camp Out Chairman

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Visit the Detachment website... www.AZsal.org...

Look to the website for copies of forms and information available in a downloadable & fillable PDF. We need your input: Events, calendars, and what you would like to see added in the future! Send to: AZ_sal_ADJUTANT@aol.com

Detachment Education & Awards...

Hello Brothers,
Once again it is time to recognize those Sons of the American Legion members and squadrons who have made significant contributions to our organization and the American Legion family. These awards are the Detachment of Arizona Son of the Year Award, The Richard Kepler Memorial Award and the James Ashley Memorial Award.

In order to submit for a squadron or individual award from the Detachment, a letter of recommendation will be needed on Squadron letterhead on or before Friday, May 27, 2023. The deadline is firm by the close of business on that Friday. All submittals are encouraged to be submitted by e-mail to both the Awards Chairman and the Detachment Adjutant's e-mail addresses.

Do you know who should win one of these awards?

- ✓ **Kepler Award** – Squadron with the highest per-capita in charitable contributions.
- ✓ **Wyman Award** – Squadron with the most progress on Five Star and Ten Ideals programs.
- ✓ **Son of the Year** - Detachment Member who best exemplifies what a Son of the American Legion should be.
- ✓ **Lorton Award** – Detachment Member with the best idea for the betterment of the Squadron, Post, or Community.
- ✓ **Ashley Award** - Detachment Member with outstanding achievements in fundraising resulting in the highest donations.

Your submittal letter should contain all pertinent information about the award being applied for, signed by the Squadron Advisor, Squadron Commander, and/or Squadron Adjutant. The email addresses are: chucktreat@aol.com AND az_sal_adjutant@aol.com or by us mail received by Friday May 31, 2023 at the Detachment Headquarter, % Detachment Awards,

4701 N 19 Ave, suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Hand delivered submittals will not be accepted, all entries are either postmarked or e-mail time stamped.

You will find the applications for all 5 awards included with this edition of the Blue Caps news and also available on the SAL website: www.azsal.org.

The Detachment has five major awards each year. They are as follows:

Individual Awards

Detachment Son of the Year

Form A

Awarded to the Member who best exemplifies what a Son of the American Legion should be. Outline should include all information about the member's involvement in volunteerism, fund raising, participation in patriotic observances, and any other participation pertinent to the award.

If your Squadron has selected a "Squadron Son of the Year" you have a candidate to place before the Detachment Awards Committee

The James Ashley Memorial Award

Form B

Ashley Award – Detachment Members who was instrumental in raising the most money in a single membership year.

This award is given to one Detachment Member that has raised the most money for the Legion Family efforts through asking for donations and seeing to it the programs are funded with donations. Who do you have in your Squadron that will "cross the moat" and "ask for the order" to the benefit of the Legion Charities? They are not "brazen" in the asking, but they are passionate for the goals we seek to achieve and relentlessly pursue those efforts.

For their tireless efforts to support the programs, don't let their hard work go unrecognized!

The C. G. Lorton Memorial Award

Form C

Lorton Award - Best Idea for the betterment of the Squadron, Post or Community

This award is given to the member who contributes the best idea for the betterment of the Post home, Squadron, or the Community. Any idea big or small should be submitted for this award. An idea that has a small effect locally, may blossom

into a statewide or even a national movement. Ask yourself, did the idea make a difference in how your Squadron or Posts operates from the moment the idea was proposed compared to previous years? If so, you have a candidate for this award.

Squadron Awards

The Ken Wyman Memorial Award

Form D

Wyman Award - Most progress on Five star and Ten Ideals programs.

For the Squadron who shows the most progress on the Ten Ideal and Five Star Programs. I would encourage all Squadrons who have done anything towards Ten Ideal or Five Star programs to put in for this Award. We have given this award out in the past with as little as two Ten Ideal awards. And the awards are given on a per-capita basis, to level the playing field for smaller Squadrons.

The Richard Kepler Memorial Award

Form E

Kepler Award - highest per-capita Charitable Contributions.

For the Squadron with the most per-capita charitable contributions in the fiscal year. Add up all your Squadrons charitable contributions and divide that number by your membership total from the previous year. This is where your Consolidated Squadron Report can help you with your submittal! Include a copy of your CPR in addition to your Kepler Award form.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

**For God and Country,
Chuck Treat, Trophy and Awards Committee
ChuckTreat@aol.com or 480-239-2844**

Time for a little Americanism update...

March 11th was a big day for five High Schoolers that competed in the Department Final Oratorical Contest held at Benson High School in Benson, AZ. Previously there were contests held at the Post-Level, District-Level and Area Semi-Final contests in February, but March 11th was the contest for all the marbles and an opportunity to compete in the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis April 21-23. This year's winner was very familiar with the Oratorical Contest as he took first place again this year, having placed first in the 2022 contest. Caleb Rasor did compete in the National Finals last year, but fell short of the scholarship level mark. I recall Caleb's performance last year, and I must say, he has vastly improved and I'm very hopeful he'll bring home a sizable scholarship this year. First place at National yields \$25,000, second place receives \$22,500 and

third place received \$20,000, plus \$2,000 to compete in the initial round and another \$2,000 to appear in the final contest. In spite of his having taken first place last year, the Department final was not a given for Caleb, he did have very talented competitors, but in the end his preparation, knowledge of his topics, poise, stage presence, and even a small bit of humor thrown in got him and a guardian a plane ticket to the National Finals and hotel stay paid by The American Legion. Congrats Caleb and best of luck in Indy!

I reached out to each of the other Americanism program contacts, but none other than Matt Griffis had a report to share, but Matt said he would be making his own report directly as he has in the past. I will see about diggin up some better intel for my report to be presented at the Camp Out.

One final thought of high importance would be to remind all that the FFFH program, Flying Flags For Heroes, is on again this year. Please to be sure to make plans for cemetery visits along with flag placements and get the info posted on the FFFH website, www.flyingflagsforheroes.com. If anyone is in need of gravesite flags, I might suggest to contact our Area B Vice Commander, Chris Balsley. Chris explained to me that he has an abundance and he may be able to help fill your needs.

Thanks so much for your continued interest in Americanism, one of our four pillars. Our programs are at the forefront of all aspects of our daily lives, please continue to support our programs.

For God and Country
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Detachment Americanism Chairman
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Sons gathers at Department & Detachment Open House 2023...



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2023 Membership Report by Squadron Number

Report as of 27 March 2023

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District	Area	Sqd	Location	Membership Year				
				NOW	100% MIN	GOAL 105%	👍	% of GOAL
11	B	Sq 1	Phoenix	118	159	173		74.2%
12	B	Sq 2	Tempe	49	55	59		89.1%
7	C	Sq 3	Flagstaff	51	79	85		64.6%
5	A	Sq 4	Globe	35	38	40	👍	92.1%
11	B	Sq 5	Phoenix	48	71	77		67.6%
8	C	Sq 6	Prescott	128	138	145	👍	92.8%
2	A	Sq 7	Tucson	21	36	38		58.3%
4	A	Sq 9	Florence	91	95	100	👍	95.8%
3	A	Sq 11	Douglas	103	103	108	👍	100.0%
11	B	Sq 12	Wickenburg	114	110	115	👍	103.6%
7	C	Sq 13	Williams	47	45	47	👍	104.4%
7	C	Sq 14	Kingman	38	42	44	👍	90.5%
6	C	Sq 15	Winslow	34	40	42		85.0%
3	A	Sq 16	Bisbee	30	44	46		68.2%
1	B	Sq 19	Yuma	78	111	116		70.3%
7	C	Sq 22	Golden Valley	71	96	101		74.0%
3	A	Sq 24	Tombstone	177	204	214		86.8%
8	C	Sq 25	Cottonwood	101	117	123		86.3%
12	B	Sq 26	Mesa	70	81	85		86.4%
12	B	Sq 27	Apache Junction	768	831	873	👍	92.4%
5	A	Sq 28	Morenci	87	63	69	👍	138.1%
11	B	Sq 29	Glendale	126	114	120	👍	110.5%
6	C	Sq 30	Springerville	24	31	32		77.4%
5	A	Sq 32	Safford	51	82	86		62.2%
12	B	Sq 34	Cave Creek	199	260	273		76.5%
12	B	Sq 35	Chandler	158	170	185	👍	92.9%
2	A	Sq 36	Tucson	174	196	213		88.8%
6	C	Sq 37	Holbrook	47	45	47	👍	104.4%
12	B	Sq 39	Gilbert	323	446	477		72.4%
8	C	Sq 40	Chino Valley	61	75	79		81.3%
12	B	Sq 41	Phoenix	149	171	180		87.1%
7	C	Sq 42	Grand Canyon	33	39	41		84.6%
12	B	Sq 44	Scottsdale	126	136	143	👍	92.6%
2	A	Sq 52	Sierra Vista	74	86	90		86.0%
4	A	Sq 54	Coolidge	0	58	61	●	0.0%
1	B	Sq 56	Yuma	16	11	12	👍	145.5%
7	C	Sq 57	Ashfork*	11	14	15		78.6%
12	B	Sq 58	Fountain Hills	212	240	257		88.3%
2	A	Sq 59	Tucson	73	77	81	👍	94.8%
11	B	Sq 61	Avondale	136	141	149	👍	96.5%
11	B	Sq 62	Peoria	316	365	383		86.6%

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12	B	Sq 65	Phoenix	261	234	253	👍	111.5%
2	A	Sq 66	Green Valley	260	386	417		67.4%
2	A	Sq 68	Tucson	27	37	39		73.0%
6	C	Sq 69	Payson	36	92	97	●	39.1%
8	C	Sq 78	Humboldt	101	115	121		87.8%
8	C	Sq 79	Yarnell	97	110	115		88.2%
7	C	Sq 81	Lake Havasu City	269	269	282	👍	100.0%
6	C	Sq 86	Overgaard	205	194	203	👍	105.7%
7	C	Sq 87	Bullhead City	47	62	65		75.8%
7	C	Sq 88	Dolan Springs	24	30	31		80.0%
8	C	Sq 90	Black Canyon City	48	34	36	👍	141.2%
12	B	Sq 91	Chandler	181	148	155	👍	122.3%
8	C	Sq 93	Camp Verde	41	73	76		56.2%
5	A	Sq 95	Solomon	26	21	22	👍	123.8%
4	A	Sq 97	San Tan Valley	3	13	14	●	23.1%
11	B	Sq 105	Phoenix	144	169	178		85.2%
12	B	Sq 107	Phoenix	106	137	144		77.4%
2	A	Sq 109	Vail	250	285	299		87.7%
12	B	Sq 117	Phoenix	189	174	183	👍	108.6%
2	A	Sq 125	Tucson/Yoem Probation ##	8	10	11		80.0%
4	A	Sq 129	Queen Creek	10	13	14		76.9%
2	A	Sq 131	Green Valley	237	242	254	👍	97.9%
4	A	Sq 132	Oro Valley	33	33	24	👍	100.0%
4	A	Sq 133	Maricopa Probation ##	13	10	11	👍	130.0%
11	B	Sq 134	Laveen	18	17	18	👍	105.9%
12	B	Sq 138	Tempe	38	43	45		88.4%
8	C	Sq 140	Prescott Valley	16	18	19		88.9%
1	B	Sq 46	Bouse Suspended	0	—	—		
8	C	Sq 139	Crown King CLOSED	0	—	—		
11	B	Sq 144	Glendale Suspended	0	—	—		
0	H	Sq 100	Phoenix	1				

Detachment Totals as of today's report date

7,257	8,285	8,762	87.6%
7,257	8,004	Arizona Detachment National Goal	90.6%

Green + BOLD = ON Target of 75%+ Kudos on Membership!

Blue = Positive numbers and needs work (above 60% but not at target)

Red = Slipping Behind (at 60% or less)

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Detachment of Arizona

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Detachment of Arizona Camp Out 2023 Patagonia

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	<i>All Past Detachment Commanders</i>	<i>All Squadron Adjutants</i>
	<i>Detachment Appointed Officers</i>	

From:	<i>Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander</i>
	<i>Jeremy Davalos, Detachment Adjutant</i>

Issue

Date: *October 1, 2022 — December 1, 2022 — February 1, 2023*

April 1st

Official 2023 Detachment Camp Out Executive Committee Meeting Call

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, I, Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander, hereby call for the Annual Camp Out Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Patagonia Lake State Park on **Saturday, April 1, 2023 starting 9:00 a.m., at the Patagonia Lake State Park** for the purpose of Detachment of Arizona Executive Committee Business.

All Detachment Executive Committee Members are required to be present. Those not able to attend must notify the Detachment Adjutant in written format by US Mail or by e-mail for an excused absence.

Official 2023 Annual Detachment Camp Out General Meeting Call

On behalf of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, I, Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander, hereby call for the Annual Camp Out General Meeting to be held **Saturday, April 1, 2023 starting 9:30 a.m., at the Patagonia Lake State Park** the purpose of Detachment of Arizona Business consisting of 2024 Officer Candidate Nominations, and conducting the general business of the Detachment.

All Detachment Executive Committee Members are required to be present. Those not able to attend must notify the Detachment Adjutant in written format by US Mail or by e-mail for an excused absence.

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Detachment Camp Out 2023
Patagonia Lake State Park

Meeting Start: ____:____ am

Meeting Roll Call of Detachment Officers and PDC's

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Sons

Meeting Closed: ____:____ am

9:00 am

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SAL Preamble

*Proud possessors of a priceless heritage,
we male descendants of veterans of ALL
Wars, associate ourselves together as
"Sons of The American Legion" for the
following purposes:*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the
United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of
Americanism;

To preserve the memories of our former
members and the association of our members
and our forefathers in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to
the Community, State and Nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and
the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the
principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our
devotion to mutual helpfulness;

To adopt in letter and spirit all of the great
principles for which The American Legion
stands;

*And to assist in carrying on for God and
Country.*

Detachment General Meeting Agenda
Detachment Camp Out 2023
Patagonia Lake State Park

Meeting Start: ____:____ am

Opening Ceremony:

Colors

Opening Prayer POW/MIA Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble

Roll Call of Officers, Past Detachment Commanders &
Squadrons

Rules of the Detachment Meetings

Meeting Guests: National Guests, Department
Commander, Department Auxiliary President,

Reading of previous Executive Committee minutes
(from this morning)

Reading of Camp Out minutes (From November)

Financial Report, Year to Date, Finance Officer

Commander's opening comments (2 minutes)

Vice Commander reports

AREA A – Membership, Area achievements, etc

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AREA C – Membership, Area achievements, etc

Reports

- Chaplain
- N.E.C.
- VA&R
- Americanism Committee Report
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 - Alleca
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- Children & Youth Report, Chairman
 - Child Welfare Foundation, CWF Chairman
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- Membership Chairman
- Legislative Committee Report
- Any other committee reports
- Awards
- Adjutant
- Detachment Commander

Old Business

New Business

General Meeting suspended for 2024 Officer Nominations

Nominations of 2024 Officers

Nominations SUSPENDED until Convention

General Meeting resumes under New Business

For the Good of the Sons

Donations Line

Announcements

Closing Ceremony

Prayer

Salute

Meeting Closed: ____:____ am

9:30 am

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Nominated Officer Data Page

PLEASE Print ALL information in Blue Boxes

2024 Membership Year [2023-2024]

Your Name

Office You are Seeking:

☐ Yes ☐ No Letter of recommendation received prior to nomination?

Name on your CURRENT Membership Card

Membership Number

Your Mailing Address

Your Cell Phone Information

Your e-mail Address

Your Home Phone Number

Squadron Number

Squadron Phone Number

Current Squadron Commander

Squadron Commander Phone Contact

Current Squadron Adjutant

Current Squadron Adjutant Phone Contact

Current Post Commander

Current Post Commander Phone Contact

Name you Prefer to have used:

Your SAL Cover Size:

Sample Letter of Endorsement by Commander on Post letterhead:

Date: 1 April 2023

From: David A. Smith, Post 100 Commander
1234 Any St
Yourtown, AZ 85003
(345) 678-9012

To: Commander Treat, Detachment of Arizona Commander
Detachment of Arizona
4701 N 19 Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85015 Detachment

American Legion Post 100
1234 Any St
Yourtown, AZ 85003
(345) 678-9012



Sample Letter

Commander McMullen:

Benny Franklin is a member of Squadron 100 and is a member in good standing. Post 100 endorses Benny for any elected Detachment Position for which he may be nominated.

Sincerely,

David Amwell Smith

David A. Smith
Post 100 Commander
(345) 678-9012

A rush in the Rain Storm so GI Josh could join his unit for deployment...



G. I. Josh Deployed in February...on the road, again!





Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Arizona Convention 2023

Sons of The American Legion

To: *All Elected Detachment Officers* *All Squadron Commanders*
All Past Detachment Commanders *All Squadron Adjutants*
Detachment Appointed Officers

From: *Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander*
Jeremy Davalos, Detachment Adjutant

June 24th

Issue

Dates: *December 1, 2022 — February 1, 2023 — April 1, 2023*

Official 2023 Detachment Convention Executive Committee Meeting Call

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Official 2023 Detachment Post Convention Organizational Meeting

The Detachment Convention Executive Committee Post Convention Organizational Meeting will convene immediately after the Detachment General Meeting closes for approval of appointed Officers and Committee positions. All Detachment Officers, Past Detachment Commanders and Appointees to install are required to be present. This meeting will take no more than 15 minutes.

Department of Arizona Closing Session and Officer Installation Ceremony Installation of Detachment Officers

*All Elected Detachment Officers are required to attend the formal Officer Installation on the following Sunday (June 27) after the close of business of Detachment Convention. Installation will be performed during the Department of Arizona Closing Session in the General Session meeting Room. **Attire is BUSINESS FORMAL with SAL Cover. Photographs will be taken for the Blue Cap News.***

Should you have questions as to what to wear, please contact either the Department Adjutant or The Detachment Adjutant. You are representing SAL at an American Legion Function. Please dress appropriately.

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Detachment Convention 2023

The El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, AZ

Meeting Start: ____:____ am

Meeting Roll Call of Detachment Officers and PDC's

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New Business

Good of the Sons

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- To consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
- To adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;

And to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

The Detachment Training Sessions will commence at 1:30 pm in the Detachment's Convention Meeting room and runs until 4:00pm (approximate) or until completed.

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1:30 pm

Detachment General Meeting Agenda

Detachment Convention 2023

The El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, AZ

Meeting Start: ____:____ am

Opening Ceremony:

Colors

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Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble

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- Adjutant
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Nominations of 2024 Officers resumes

Nominations Closed for VOTE

General Meeting resumes under New Business

For the Good of the Sons

Donations Line

Announcements

Closing Ceremony

Prayer

Salute

Meeting Closed: ____:____ am

8:30 am

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Detachment Executive Organizational Meeting Agenda

Detachment Convention 2023

Meeting Start: ____:____ am/pm

Roll Call (NEW Officers and PDCs)

Old Business - NONE

New Business

Motion to Accept Appointments

Good of the Sons

Review Sunday's Dress Code, Time, Location and who needs to attend

Contact information page and cover sizes

Meeting Closed: ____:____ am/pm

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**Detachment of Arizona
Detachment Fall Conference 2022
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 5, 2022
The El Conquistador Resort**

The Executive Committee Meeting commenced at 8:11 am

Roll Call

Detachment Officers Present

Commander Noah McMullen (SQ62), Detachment Vice Commander - Area A - Ryan Harris (SQ52), Detachment Vice Commander - Area B - Chris Balsley (SQ91), Detachment Vice Commander - Area C - Mike Bryant (SQ86), NEC Joe Roberts (SQ36), Alternate NEC Dan Ashley (SQ91), Detachment Chaplain Jim Beischel (SQ58), Detachment Adjutant

Jeremy Davalos (SQ140), Detachment Judge Advocate Ed Cleary (SQ2), Detachment Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Ludvigsen (SQ52), Detachment Assistant Sgt-at-Arms Michael Vasquez (3), Executive Committee Members at large: AJ McMullen (SQ62) — Chas Bird (SQ109) — Tommy Morrow (SQ68).

Past Detachment Commanders Present

Ed Cleary (SQ2) Joe Roberts (SQ36), Joe Miller (SQ66), Matt Griffis (SQ109), Chuck Treat (SQ29), Dan Ashley (SQ91), Honorary Detachment Commander GI Josh (100).

Officers and PDC's excused

The following notified either the Detachment Adjutant or the Detachment Commander directly in advance of their absence: Steve Blank (SQ1), Jeff Frain (SQ27), Robert D. Hath (91), Greg Mekula (SQ39), Mike Talty

(SQ27), Tom Lucas (SQ29), Detachment Asst. Adjutant Dennis Pittman (SQ140), Mike Ammick (SQ39), Tracy Halberg (SQ24).

Quorum achieved.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Detachment Convention Organizational Meeting Minutes were presented in print. The motion was made to accept the minutes in to the record as distributed by Chuck Treat (SQ29), 2nd Dan Ashley (SQ91)). Motion approved.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

For the Good of the Sons:

General Announcement by Joe Roberts and Dan Ashley: Two resolutions will be proposed under New Business during the General Membership Meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

**Detachment of Arizona
Detachment Fall Conference 2022
Detachment General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 5, 2022
The El Conquistador Resort**

The General Membership Meeting commenced at 8:40 am

Roll Call

Detachment Officers Present

Commander Noah McMullen (SQ62), Detachment Vice Commander - Area A - Ryan Harris (SQ52), Detachment Vice Commander - Area B - Chris Balsley (SQ91), Detachment Vice Commander - Area C - Mike Bryant (SQ86), NEC Joe Roberts (SQ36), Alternate NEC Dan Ashley (SQ91), Detachment Chaplain Jim Beischel (SQ58), Detachment Adjutant

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Squadrons Present

2, 3, 5, 12, 24, 25, 27, 29, 36, 52, 58, 62, 66, 68, 86, 91, 100, 107, 109, 117, 125

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(SQ27), Tom Lucas (SQ29), Detachment Asst. Adjutant Dennis Pittman (SQ140), Mike Ammick (SQ39), Tracy Halberg (SQ24).

Quorum achieved.

Reading of minutes from prior Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Minutes accepted into the official record by unanimous consent.

General meeting minutes from Convention.

Motion to accept minutes into record (Chuck Treat SQ29). Minutes accepted by voice vote into the official record.

Special guest speakers

- Past Department Commander Ben Headen and Department Commander Mike Simon.
- Boulder Crest (Eric Fowler).
- Joe Roberts (SQ36) introduces guest Steve Sperl, candidate for Department Commander - Steve Sperl speaks to membership.

Reports

Detachment Judge Advocate

Ed Cleary (SQ2): Rules for the Convention. Follow Roberts Rules of Order, our By-Laws and Constitution, address issues as they pop up.

Detachment Area A

Vice-Commander Ryan Harris (SQ52): No written report turned in.

Spoke on membership, spoke on communication, spoke on lateness of membership cards, spoke on area not inviting the Commander or Vice-Commanders into area A without his knowledge, thanks area A.

Detachment Area B

Vice-Commander Chris Balsley (SQ91) No written report turned in.

Spoke on membership, spoke on area B SORFs being turned in (all but Squadron 134), spoke to what he has done as Vice-Commander.

Detachment Area C

Vice-Commander Mike Bryant (SQ86) Per written report:

Thank you Commander and good morning everyone. I have a couple of house cleaning issues for you:

Squadron Officers Report Form (SORF), as per Detachment Constitution and Bylaws – this form must be completed accurately and submitted by June 1st each year prior to Detachment issuing Squadrons their membership cards for the new membership year.

Detachment uses the SORF for certification of your officers each year — it helps us contact the correct individuals of your Squadron to solve issues quickly. Please update your officers' contact information when changes occur.

2023 SAL membership cards were received in August this year. While the Legionnaires and Auxiliary received their cards in June, we did not.

On the second week of August, the Detachment received their cards — National literally ran out of paper!

We know we got off to a slow start but let's put this behind us and do what the Son's always do and get the job done.

Detachment Area C has twelve (12) Squadrons at or above 31.58%, six (6) of those Squadrons at or above 13.79% and unfortunately four (4) Squadrons still remain at zero.

Please congratulate the following Squadrons for their progress on 2023 membership with special recognition on Membership for Area C to the following Squadrons:

Sq.13 - Williams – 81.82%
Sq. 6 - Prescott – 76.30%
Sq.14 - Kingman – 57.14%
Sq.140 - Prescott Valley – 55.56%
Sq.42 - Grand Canyon – 50.00%
Sq.86 - Heber-Overgaard – 41.27%
Sq.79 - Yarnell – 41.12%
Sq.15 - Winslow – 38.46%
Sq.25 - Cottonwood – 35.96%
Sq.78 - Humbolt-Dewey – 35.71%
Sq.90 - Black Canyon City – 33.33%
Sq.3 - Flagstaff – 31.58%

Area C is currently at 30.46% for the 2023 membership year to date.

Thanks to area C for all their work.

Mike Bryant.

Detachment Chaplain Jim Beischel (SQ58): No formal report

NEC

Joe Roberts (SQ36): Formal to be submitted with minutes (NEC minutes and Addendum). Attended October fall NEC along with Alt NEC Dan Ashley (SQ91), gave verbal report on activities.

Detachment Membership

Dan Ashley (SQ91): Thanks Detachment for last years numbers that surpassed Department Legion and Auxiliary membership (ending at 104.75%).

Looks to beat last year's numbers being at 100% by Camp Out and 105% by Convention. Shout out to Squadron 63 being at 100% already. We finished 1st place in Western Region last year. 2023 Membership is currently 18.12% (1450 current with 100% 2023 goal of 8004). Dan recapped this year's membership challenge with Department Auxiliary and Department Legion.

Podium assigned to Detachment Vice-Commander Ryan Harris by Detachment Commander McMullen

Detachment Vice Commander suspended the General Membership Meeting for 30 minutes at 9:29 am.

The General Membership Meeting was suspended to allow the Detachment Membership to follow Detachment Commander McMullen to the Department Auxiliary General Membership Meeting to present to Department Executive Secretary, Barbra Matteson, a gift from the Detachment. The gift is in recognition of the National SAL Organization's dedication of the 50th SAL National Convention in honor of her Husband, Rolland Matteson, PNC. A shadowbox of memorabilia from the 50th SAL National Convention, and the banquet was presented to Barbara as a memento of the Dedication and as announcement to the Auxiliary of her husband's honorable recognition by the National Organization.

The General Membership Meeting was called back to order at 9:57 am.

Detachment Finance Report — Submitted in written form, the Detachment Finance Report was added to minutes, subject to audit.

Detachment VA&R Report — Joe Miller (SQ66): Written report attached. Spoke to membership on VA claim issues.

Detachment Americanism — Fisher house/CHAMP Matt Griffis (SQ109): Gave verbal report to membership.

Americanism/ALLECA — Matt Griffis (SQ109): Gave verbal report to membership.

CWF — Dan Ashley (SQ91): CWF donations over \$9 million last year, with Arizona being 6th in the nation at \$19,604.00. Kudos was given to the 40&8 for being #1 in donations to CWF. For the current membership year, the Detachment is (as of 4 November) we are 6th in nation at \$8,960.00.

Detachment Camp Out

Chris Balsley: Verbal report: 128 members signed up at \$10 per person.

Detachment Camp Out Fundraising Report to date:

Donations from 2020 Camp Out (SQ2, SQ29 and SQ66) = 908.16

remaining, fire pit raffle raised \$4150 SQ 91 donated \$2500, the cost of shirts/lanyards/pins was \$2658.56, VIP expenditures \$205.49, VIP cups \$80.00 (Post 62), breakfast and VIP fill-up \$626.00,

Camp Out Director reports stolen tickets for new fire pit raffle and that cost \$150.00

This years Camp Out will be in March 31st - April 2nd 2023 at Patagonia Lake.

Squadron 109 will be cooking Detachment dinner Friday night. Looking for a Squadron in area A for Saturday.

Sign up sheets are in Blue Cap News.

We have 42 spots are reserved with 31 sign-ups already with 11 spots remaining.

Post 105 donated to purchase 10 additional spots.

The SAL National Commander will be attending this years Camp Out.

It is recommended we choose Dead Horse Ranch in Cottonwood for our 2024 Detachment Camp Out.

Detachment Awards — Chuck Treat (SQ29): Squadron 91 is the official winner of the 2022 Kepler Award, which will be presented at Detachment Convention 2023 prior to the other awards announcements for the 2023 membership year. Please congratulate Squadron 91 for their efforts in support of the Four Pillars.

Detachment Commanders Report

Noah McMullen (SQ62): Commander speaks about the year so far and what has happened. Mentions his special projects (CHAMP/ALLECA). Talks of membership goal of 8751. Talks about Western Region Rendezvous. Invite to open house and Camp Out meeting. Thanks membership.

Detachment Adjutant

Jeremy Davalos (SQ140): Spoke to issues of electronic S.O.R.F., CSR's, and SDR reports with 77% of SORFs received electronically the electronic reporting works very well. Announced the Commanders request form on-line.

All reports were entered into the record by unanimous consent

Unfinished business: none.

New Business:

- **Joe Roberts (SQ36) presents resolution #1 Title; Removal of Detachment Executive Committee, Replaced with enhanced Detachment Committees and Commissions, by Squadron John T. Burns #36. See attached. Motion by Joe Miller (SQ66) to pass resolution as presented, 2nd by John Epstein (SQ140). Discussion – None. the motion passed by voice vote.**
- **Chris Balsley (SQ91) presents resolution #2 Title; Endorsement of PDC Dan W. Ashley for National Vice-Commander, by Squadron #91. Motion by Joe Roberts (SQ36) to pass resolution as presented, 2nd by Robert Velasquez Jr. (SQ41). Discussion – None. Passed by voice vote.**
- **Brought to Commander from floor to create an ad-hoc committee for Camp Out standing rules creation. Commander will select a committee chairman to fulfill the request.**
- **Chris Balsley (SQ91) presents Dead Horse Ranch State Park for 2024 Camp Out site. Motion to schedule Camp Out 2024 at Dead Horse Ranch State Park was presented by Chuck Treat (SQ29). seconded by Joe Miller. There being no objections the motion was moved into the record as approved by unanimous consent..**

For the Good of The Suns

Joe Roberts (SQ36) announces A.J. McMullen intent for run area B Vice-Commander. Dan Ashley (SQ91) asks for support of Matt Shuman for National Commander of The American Legion and introduces Matthew Shuman (SQ62). Robert Velasquez Jr. (SQ41) asks for support of AZALR Pony Express. Commander McMullen speaks of the "Be the One" campaign.

Donations were received.

The Meeting Closed at 11:35am

Submitted by Detachment Assistant Adjutant Dennis Pittman,

Running time: 147 minutes

DETACHMENT OF AZ
SAL CAMPOUT

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
CUSTOM MADE MILITARY BRANDED FIRE PIT

DRAWING APRIL 1 2023
PATAGONIA STATE PARK

TICKETS \$10



PURPOSE: To recognize a Son of the American Legion member who has given outstanding service to his home post and squadron or detachment. (July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023).

The accomplishments of this applicant should have been completed during the current membership year or service in consecutive years.

The application MUST be signed by the Squadron Commander, Squadron Adjutant and Post Commander.

By e-mail: **chucktreat@aol.com** AND **az_sal_adjutant@aol.com**

Name of Member the Squadron is submitting: _____

Member ID Number: _____ **Continuous Years of Service:** _____ **Cover Size:** _____

Member's Current Position: _____ **Squadron #** _____

Year

Year

Title

History of Arizona Member's accomplishments described below: *(may include Five Star and Ten Ideals information)*

[illegible]

Attested:

Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Post Commander

Please use additional pages as needed



The James Ashley Memorial Award

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual active member of our organization who has given the highest total charitable contributions to American Legion Charities in a fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023).

Past recipients cannot be nominated.

The application deadline is Friday May 27, 2023. All Applications must be either e-mailed OR Mailed to arrive by the deadline. Hand delivered copies will not be accepted! All entries are postmarked or email time-stamped.

By e-mail: **chucktreat@aol.com** AND **az_sal_adjutant@aol.com**

or by US Postal Service: **Detachment of Arizona, % Detachment Awards, 4701 N 19 Ave, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015**

Name: _____ **Squadron #** _____ **Cover Size:** _____

Total Amount of Contributions: _____ **Member ID Number:** _____

Contributions made to: _____

Please state why this Arizona Member should be nominated:

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Please use additional pages as needed

Attested:

Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Post Commander



PURPOSE: To recognize an Arizona Son of the American Legion member who has implemented and sustained an idea or program that has benefited their Squadron, Post or their Community during the current membership Year (July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023).

The accomplishments of this applicant should have been completed during the current membership year or service in consecutive years.

The application MUST be signed by the Squadron Commander, Squadron Adjutant and Post Commander.

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Year

Title

Year

Title

Description of Member's accomplishments that qualify him for this award described below:

Who does the idea benefit and what results have been acheived so far?

Please use additional pages as needed

Attested:



Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Post Commander

The Ken Wyman Memorial Award

PURPOSE: To recognize an Arizona Squadron that made the most progress on the Five Star and Ten Ideals Programs during the current membership Year (July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023).

QUALIFICATIONS: The applicant is a member in good standing and has least 2 consecutive years with the same squadron.

The accomplishments of this applicant should have been completed during the current membership year or service in consecutive years.

The Applicant has NOT recieved this Award from the Detachment in any prior years.

The application **MUST** be signed by the Squadron Commander, Squadron Adjutant and Post Commander.

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or by US Postal Service: Detachment of Arizona, % Detachment Awards, 4701 N 19 Ave, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Squadron's full name: _____ Squadron # _____

Total Membership by May 31, 2023: _____ Percentage of this years Membership Goal: _____

Total Pins ordered through the Detachment Adjutant this year: _____

Progress on both programs

# of Pins Earned	Program information	Name	Progress Remaining to Completion	Five Star Completed	Ten Ideals
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Notes on Prograss and Program Activity:

Please use additional pages as needed

Attested: _____



Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Post Commander

PURPOSE: To recognize a squadron for the highest charitable donations per capita in a fiscal year (July 1, 2022 –May 31, 2023). This award is given in the name of Richard Kepler who served as SAL National Commander in 1979.

The application deadline is Friday May 27, 2023. All Applications must be either e-mailed OR Mailed to arrive by the deadline. Hand delivered copies will not be accepted! All entries are postmarked or email time-stamped.

or by US Postal Service: **Detachment of Arizona, % Detachment Awards, 4701 N 19 Ave, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015**

Paid Squadron Membership Total as of May 27, 2023: _____ Current year Consolidated Squadron Report is attached

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