

## **Area B Vice Commander's Report April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Campout**

Gentlemen of Area B and my brother's from another Area

What an amazing job we are all doing with membership. As of 3/24/23 Area B is the number one Area in membership percentage with 82.7%. This has already made our April 15th goal of 80% but keep them all coming in.

We have 5 Squadrons already at 100% or more so a shout out to Squadrons 56, 134, 29, 91 and 65.

Big Props to Squadron 12 for 90% and

To all the 80% Squadrons, you are amazing!!!! Thank you to Squadrons 61, 62, 26, 117, 58, 35, 41 and 44.

It always amazes me how Squadron 27 in Apache Junction can hit 82% early with a membership goal of 873. Truly a full-time job of tracking down members for their renewals. Hat's off to all of their Squadron member's hard work.

And if those numbers do not impress you then wait for this. April 15<sup>th</sup> SDR reports are due to National and Area B is currently sitting at %!!!!!! Yes, that is correct we are at %. The Squadron's have been actively turning these reports in electronically which is giving Area Commanders and Detachment Officer's real time reporting. I want to thank the efforts of all Commanders and Adjutant or Officers that have made this possible. Jeremy and Dennis your vision was activated last year and just a single year the response has been fantastic!

I want to Thank everyone for letting me be your Area B Vice Commander and welcoming me into over 58 of your squadron meetings since July 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. We still have a few more months of work but it has been an outstanding year so far and I anticipate we will finish with the same results.

## 2023 Camp Out Patagonia Lake State Park - April 1, 2023

Good morning and welcome to the Detachment of Arizona 2023 Camp Out.

As Detachment Vice Commander for Area C over the past three years, it has been my pleasure to serve all twenty-two (22) Squadrons **and** all the individual Squadron members in Area C.

With the help of each other we have been able to grow our membership and develop Area C to a **high-point where it is today**. Your hard work has given 'Area C' the edge that justifies our increased pride — the numbers show it and you know it. **Great work! And Thank You!**

Let's take a moment to reflect on the successes of membership of our Squadrons in Area C:

**Area C membership ranking as of Monday, March 27, 2023, is as follows:**

- 1 Squadron 90, Black Canyon @ 141.18%
- 2 Squadron 86, Overgaard @ 105.67%
- 3 & 4 Squadron 13, Williams and Squadron 37, Holbrook **TIED @ 104.44%**
- 5 Squadron 81, Lake Havasu City @ 100.00%
- 6 Squadron 6, Prescott @ 92.75%
- 7 Squadron 14, Kingman @ 90.48%
- 8 Squadron 140, Prescott Valley @ 88.89%
- 9 Squadron 79, Yarnell @ 88.18%
- 10 Squadron 15, Winslow @ 87.50%
- 11 Squadron 78, Humboldt @ 86.96%
- 12 Squadron 25, Cottonwood @ 86.32%
- 13 Squadron 42, Grand Canyon @ 84.62%
- 14 Squadron 40, Chino Valley @ 81.33% *\*note below!*
- 15 & 16 Squadron 30, Springerville and Squadron 88, Dolan Springs **TIED @ 80.00%**
- 17 Squadron 57, Ash Fork @ 78.57%
- 18 Squadron 87, Bullhead City @ 75.81%

*Of note, Squadron 40 in Chino Valley has been closed for nearly two (2) months. Squadron 40 is at 81.33% despite this issue. The roof of the Post succumbed to snow and water during the snowstorms and caved in.*

*Fortunately, Squadron 40 uses MyLegion to process their membership and they haven't lost any documents due to the physical damage to their building! They are still running strong.*

The previous listed Squadrons that range from 88.89% to 75.81% have a great possibility of making the April 19<sup>th</sup> goal of 90%.

Combined — these eleven (11) Squadron's only need forty-one (41) renewals to meet the 90% goal.

The four (4) remaining Squadrons in 'Area C' are in positive numbers but need to put forth a concerted effort to keep from falling further behind.

This concludes my report — thank you Commander McMullen.

**For God and Country**

**Mike Bryant**

**Detachment Vice Commander, Area C**



4-1-2023



### N.E.C. Report

First, I want to thank the Detachment of Arizona for allowing me to represent you at the 2023 Washington Conference. I was honored to be able to place our wreath, on your behalf, beneath the Arizona pillar at the World War II memorial. And I was humbled to attend meetings of The American Legion and to walk the halls of congress, meeting with our elected lawmakers to garner support for legislation benefitting our veterans. For those who don't know, that is all part of the responsibility of being chosen to place the wreath. A full day of wreath laying and honoring our fallen heroes, the meetings, the visit to Capitol Hill, all of that is expected. And I was proud to do it.

The first day was wreath day. This year, we had our largest turnout to date. We filled 3 busses with members of the Legion Family with wreaths to place. We first went to Arlington National Cemetery. Although I have been there many times since I was a small child, it never ceases to tug at my heartstrings. Point of personal privilege – my uncle is buried at Arlington. Along with Department Membership Director Steve Sperl, I took a few minutes to visit his grave. It's the first time I have been able to pay my respects since he passed. We certainly got in our steps that morning, it was quite a trek. But we made it back to hallowed grounds of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in plenty of time for the SAL wreath placement. National Commander Carlton and his wife Veronica, along with two young SAL members, placed a wreath at the Tomb. We then met up with other members of the Arizona delegation who had attended the ceremony. Before we went back to board the busses, we were afforded some insight into the "Old Guard", the detail you see guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a very interesting Q&A about the inner workings of serving in that capacity. We then departed to the Viet Nam wall. After a brief lunch, wreaths were placed at the wall. We then moved on to the World War II Memorial, where I placed the Arizona wreath. Then, along with the Arizona delegation, we visited the rest of the World War II Memorial and walked to the Lincoln Memorial.

Day 2 was meetings. I was fortunate to be able to attend meetings with Department Commander Simon and Department Membership Director Sperl. The first meeting we attended was the National Finance Commission meeting. It was enlightening and really fascinating to hear not only the current financial status of the National Organization of The American Legion, but to hear what steps are being taken to improve their status and the long-term process changes designed to keep the organization on track and move it into the future. We also attended the National Security Commission meeting, chaired by Arizona's own Matt Shuman. There were addresses by the Legion's National Commander and the Auxiliary National President. Then we were able to hear a presentation by the keynote speaker, R. Clarke Cooper. Mr. Cooper is the former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Political – Military Affairs. As he put it, he shared some personal perspectives, and America's posture in the world and the navigation of our global interests. His presentation included everything from our withdrawal from Afghanistan to our role in the Russian/Ukraine war. There was a comparison to events in World War II to what is happening now in the world. A running theme throughout, was an ancient Roman term, "Acta, non verba". Action, not words. It was a truly enlightening presentation. And a big thank you to

Mr. Shuman for obtaining the full transcript for me to use in this presentation. I didn't want to misrepresent what was said.

Finally, we were at day 3. The day began with the Commander's Call. This is a gathering involving everyone attending the conference. There were reports and presentations given that both summarized things that had already happened, and prepared us for the trip to the Hill. When we got to the Hill, we went as a group to various congressional offices. For me, it was especially fun because we had a large number of first time attendees. Their enthusiasm was infectious and I felt we all had a great attitude about our mission. Sometimes we were packed inside a small office, sometimes we were out in the hall. No matter what, the message was delivered. And the feedback was very positive. The only disappointment was with the number of Congress people we were not able to meet with. But I want all of you to know, we did our best to represent you, The American Legion Family, and the great state of Arizona with everything we did.

Report respectfully submitted,

Joe Roberts, N.E.C.



# Sons of The American Legion Detachment Operations Balance Sheet

As of March 1, 2023

	<u>1-Mar-23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BMO Money Market	122,175.54
SAL-PMP Holding <sup>‡</sup> 25,000 <sup>‡</sup>	
SAL Nat Cmdr Cand Holding 25,000 <sup>‡</sup>	
BMO Checking	67,758.12
Total BMO Harris	189,933.66
Total Chase PMP Account Restricted Use <sup>‡</sup>	9,963.50
Total Checking/Savings	<u>199,897.16</u>
 Total Current Assets	 199,897.16
 Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets Laptops, Office Equipment, etc*	1,560.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,560.00</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>201,457.16</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Retained Earnings (Restricted Reserves \$50,000.00)	183,011.57
Net Income	18,445.59
Total Equity	<u>201,457.16</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u>201,457.16</u>

<sup>‡</sup> Accounting function only. Funds remain in Savings account

Sons of The American Legion  
Profit & Loss YTD  
July 1, 2022 to March 1, 2023

Income		<u>82,435.40</u>
Membership Dues Received from Squadrons	79,827.00	
Camp Out registration	2,608.40	
Interest Income		
Income		<u>82,435.40</u>
Expenses		
Dues		<u>36,785.00</u>
Membership Dues paid to National	36,285.00	
Delegate Strength	500.00	
Officer Expenses		<u>10,978.38</u>
Commander	3,373.13	
Vice Commander, Area A	683.12	
Vice Commander, Area B	301.92	
Vice Commander, Area C	1,363.88	
Alternate NEC to Fall-Spr-Conv	736.96	
NEC to Convention (less National Compensation)	-	
Exec Committee & Chaplain	-	
Finance Officer	104.80	
Alt NEC		
Adjutant Corps	933.69	
Outgoing Commander	2,200.00	
Detachment Fall Hotel Room	1,280.88	
Detachment Conv Hotel Room	-	
PDC Rings (50/50 Matching up to \$500) •		
Camp Out Expenses		<u>6,341.80</u>
Site Reservation + Guests	6,341.80	
Other Expenses		<u>5,884.63</u>
Washington DC	2,200.00	
Washington Wreath	150.00	
Western Region Rendezvous Contribution +	400.00	
M.T.D.	-	
United Arizona Veterans Support •	25.00	
USPS Postage ‡ •	921.93	
Shipping ‡ •	439.45	
Office Supplies	790.38	
Publicity & Promotion, Communication ‡	400.00	
Department Convention Entertainment	-	
Awards		
Emblem Sales •	557.87	
National Candidate Support	-	
Miscellaneous Expense	-	
Bank Fees	-	
Expenses		<u>63,989.81</u>
Profit (Loss)		<u>18,445.59</u>

## Membership report.

What's up Son's and welcome to campout. Right now Arizona is 32 in nation at 89.23%, we sent in 7,124 memberships out of 8,004. That is based on Mr. Fishers March 23, 2023 report. We need to hit 90% by April 15, 2023. Well done everybody, keep up the great work that you all do. Thank you, Area Vice Commanders, Officers and all members, for making Arizona shine. Please keep them coming in and I know we can hit 100% by convention and even beat 103% from last year. Don't forget that Detachment of Arizona has PMP (Permanent Membership Plan). Admission forms that you can download from Detachment of Arizona website at [www.azsal.org](http://www.azsal.org). Again, let get the membership in and thanks again for all you do.

For God and Country,  
Dan Ashley, Arizona Membership Director  
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## **VAVS REPORT Campout Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Joe Miller VAVS Rep.**

**I want to start out my talk this time by Congratulating American Legion Post 109 and their S.A.L. Volunteers who regularly serve our local veterans who are invited to their Post for a meal and comradery once a month. This past meal I`m referencing was served on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 and acknowledged on March 3<sup>rd</sup> where-in 16 Veterans from Blind Rehab of our Southern Arizona Health Care Facility in Tucson enjoyed a couple hours outside the healthcare facility.**

**I happen to know about this because each time they serve a meal or provide any other service to our veterans they fill out a form called "Acknowledgement of material Donations" which is turned into the VA's Volunteer Dept (who then sends a copy to me.) I`m using Post #109 because of their consistency in not only serving our Veteran Friends but also in filling out and turning in the necessary paperwork. If it isn`t acknowledged on the paperwork it didn`t happen. Of course, our volunteers know it happened, after all they were there, and they put in the effort.**

I know other Posts throughout southern Arizona are volunteering their time and efforts for our Veterans but I'm just not seeing the evidence. I know for a fact that post #36 and #66 and #131 here in Southern AZ. Are offering the same great dinners and other services for our Veterans. I'm just asking that you all take credit where credit is due. It's a good way to keep a record to be transferred to your annual C.S.R. Data forms too.

Thank you for lending me your attention today and feel free to spread the word to our other Squadrons who continue to do good works around the State of Arizona.

For God & Country

Joe Miller

VAVS Rep. Southern Arizona



**Americanism Report  
Campout DEC 4/1/23**

Gracious greetings to all. I reached out to each program contact as listed in the Detachment Directory, but there was no updated information offered other than Matt Griffis' advising that he would, as per norm, offer a complete report to the detachment. In order to keep our detachment members updated, I have prepared the following brief report.

**Baseball** – Steve Sperl is reorganizing the program, with Greg Attaway of Squadron 19 assisting. Additional information will be made available soon. For updates, please refer to the Arizona Legion Baseball website: [azball.us](http://azball.us) or call Greg using the contact information in the Department Directory.

**Boys State** – Boys State is scheduled for June 5-11, 2023 at NAU in Flagstaff. Participants should be high school juniors. Refer to the Arizona Boys State website [azboysstate.org](http://azboysstate.org). Notifications to high schools in the state have been made and Posts may be contacted by the schools when it is time to name and pay for candidates. The cost per candidate is \$450 with the youth paying \$150 and the post covering the \$300. Application deadline for candidates is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**JSSP** – Junior Shooting Sports Program. The competition involves shooting a Crossman Sporter Air Rifle from the prone, kneeling and standing positions. Bob Krumweide, has advised me that starting a JSSP team has minimal costs with the department having temporary resources to lessen the financial burden. Please contact Bob for his assistance in starting your own team, Bob's contact info as listed in the Department Directory is [rkrumwiede@gmail.com](mailto:rkrumwiede@gmail.com) or 480 229 8336.

**Oratorical Contest** – I had the privilege to serve once again as the Area B Coordinator for the Department's Oratorical Contest. There were 5 contestants at the Department Final Contest held in Benson, AZ on March 11<sup>th</sup> where Caleb Razor of Oro Valley took first place in a very close contest. Caleb was no stranger to the contest as he also took first place in last year's final round. Caleb went on to the national contest last year, but finished just short of serious scholarship funding, we are hopeful that he will finish in the top 3 nationally this year. In February the contestants participated in Post-Level, District-Level, and Area Semi-Final contest leading to the Department Final Contest

**Scouting** – There are currently 38 scouting units sponsored state-wide, and there are more units requesting to be sponsored as well. If your post or squadron wishes to sponsor a troop, please contact Gary Vaughan as listed in the Department Directory at [garyavaughan@gmail.com](mailto:garyavaughan@gmail.com) or 623-696-1013

As a reminder, of high importance, please know that the FFFH program, Flying Flags For Heroes, is on again this year, as it is now an annual event. Please be sure to make plans for cemetery visits along with flag placements and get the info posted on the FFFH website, [www.flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://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.  
Respectfully submitted,

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## ALLECA REPORT

Dir. Matt Griffis

04-01-2023

SAL SQ 109

ALLECA 2023 starts June 10 thru June 17, 2023 at Emmanuel Pines Youth Camp in Prescott AZ.

Staff will be reporting on Friday June 9 at 12 noon for camp preparations and briefing.

Students will be reporting Saturday June 10 at 8 AM.

Graduation is Saturday June 17 at 10 AM.

Expected class size is 50 cadets and 25 staff

Approx. camp cost is \$35,397.00, Fees per person: \$437

"You will see an increase in the per person rate as your group has missed it for the last 2 years but we have had to increase our rates as there have been increases in everything else like food, materials, utilities, gas etc. So we have had to do it as well" from Emmanuel Pines Youth Camp Cindy Higgins.

The above camp cost is just the camp cost, not including camp insurance, additional necessities, equipment and uniform adjustments..

Account balance presently, \$29, 520.00 checking, \$34,576.00 savings (for emergency use only)

We will need to raise at least \$10,000.00 more in order to not dip into the savings account.

Since the start of ALLECA 40 years ago, last year, under Department Commander Ben Haden, ALLECA received it's first Department Budget check for \$10,000.00. A budget request to Department of Arizona Finance Officer for \$15,000.00 will be submitted for consideration.

\* LAST YEAR TOTAL COST \$ 42,510.07

Next years class, some changes will be made to the program to reserve a 2nd cabin for our female staff and female cadets, which is an additional cost to the program of approx. \$15,000.00. Our current lodging has all staff and cadets, including classroom in one large lodge, making a 9 day stay cramped. This additional lodge will help with keeping everyone safe as we are liable for the safety and welfare of those who participate in our great program.

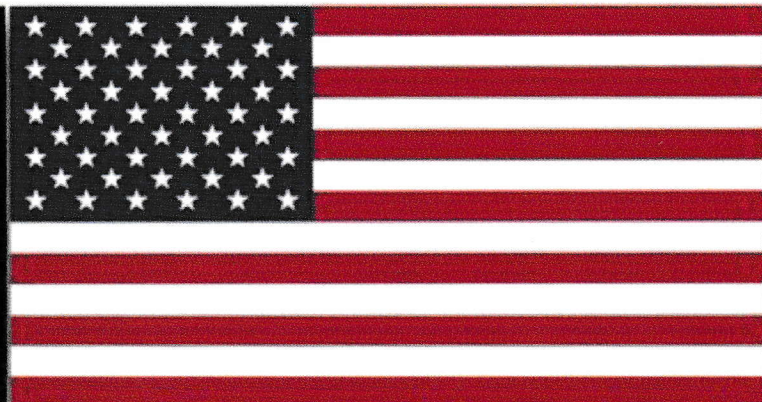
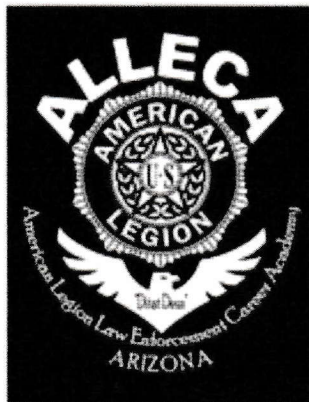
Camp Insurance is approx. \$500.00 which covers our liability for any unforeseen incidents.

Camp visits are welcomed, however, please contact me at 520-289-5113, text or voice message.

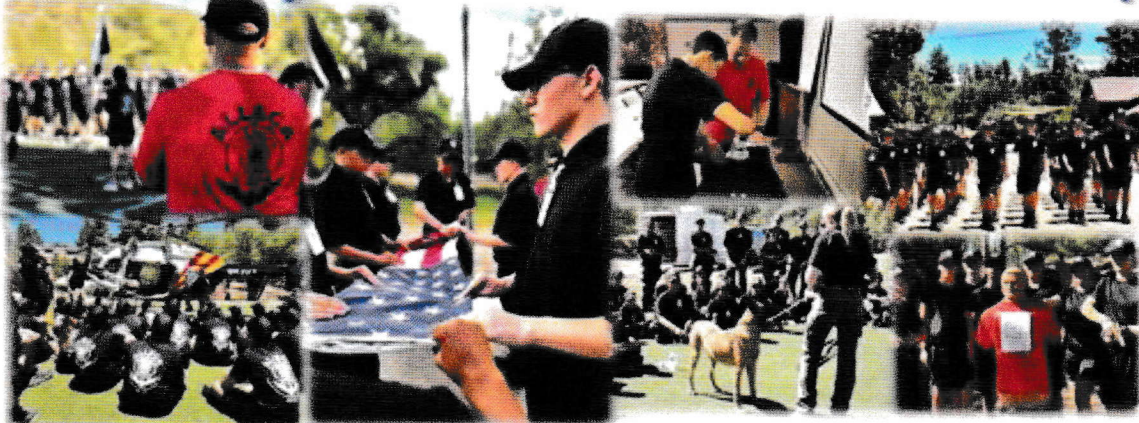
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\* ALLECA CADETS PRESENT - BRANDON BRITTON SQ 140  
\* CHARLIE TYSZKIEWICZ SQ 109



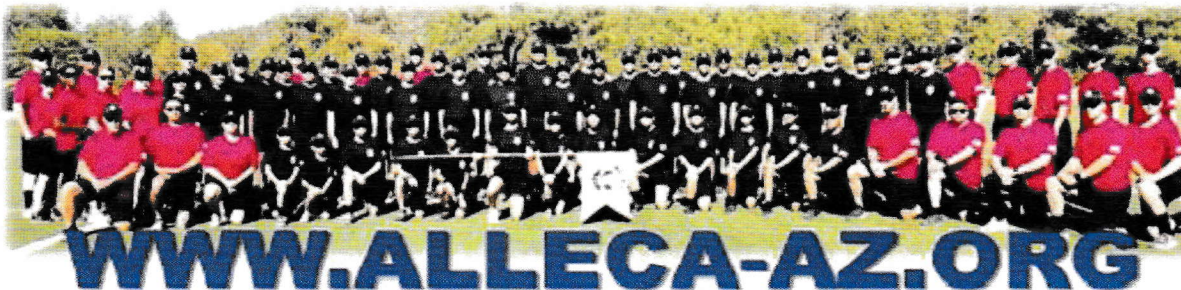
Attached financial report as of this report.



## American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy

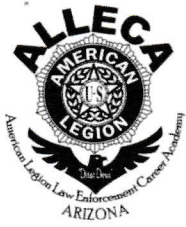


- American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy June 10 thru 17, 2023
- Emmanuel Pines Youth Camp, 3000 Spence Springs Rd, Prescott, AZ 86305
- Sponsored by The American Legion Department of Arizona & AZ Dept of Public Safety
- No requirement to be a member, ALL youths between 11 to 19 years of age
- Online Applications at [WWW.ALLECA-AZ.org](http://WWW.ALLECA-AZ.org) - Deadline for Applications May 1, 2023
- Contact Info: Matt Griffis, Director, [ALLECADirector@gmail.com](mailto:ALLECADirector@gmail.com) / 520-289-5113



**[WWW.ALLECA-AZ.org](http://WWW.ALLECA-AZ.org)**





## ALLECA Class 2022 Summary

The American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (ALLECA) is sponsored by the American Legion and the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS). ALLECA was established in 1981 and has now reached its 41<sup>st</sup> year. The program provides our youth a firsthand look at the role of a police officer in promoting and safeguarding America's freedom and rights. This week-long academy is described as a "mini police academy" for 11–19-year-old kids interested in a law enforcement and/or military career.

ALLECA Class 2022 was hosted at Emmanuel Pines Camp located at 3000 Spence Spring Road, Prescott, Arizona. The academy had 52 ALLECA cadets, 14 sworn peace officers from five different agencies, and two retired sworn staff members (Director Matt "Gator" Griffis and Administrator Lori Wait). Discipline is strict with vigorous physical training, running, and calisthenics included. Accountability is strictly enforced for the duration of the camp. In Class 2022, a cadet advisor was demoted back to the rank of cadet for holding a cadet back after the class was released for a break. Staff immediately reported the incident, and the Class Commanders provided a counseling session to the cadet and explained the consequences of his actions. The cadet successfully completed the academy without any further incidents.

One applicant did not attend the academy due having flu-like symptoms the day prior to reporting to the academy. The cadets and staffs' safety, health and well-being are the utmost importance during that academy. If cadets or staff are not healthy, they are dismissed from academy to heal and recover at home.

ALLECA Class 2022, had 52 individuals check in. During the week, these individuals faced challenges, they were tired, they were tested, they were disciplined, they worked as a team, and they were mentored by the finest officers in the state. Fast-forward to Saturday, June 18, 2022, ALLECA Class 2022 graduated as a team of mature, strong, dependable cadets. Thank you for your support in providing our youth a glimpse of a career in law enforcement and/or the military. Without your continued support, this academy would not exist.





## ALLECA Program Class Descriptions

**Americanism-Citizenship**, a class about history evolving around military, wars and leaders discussing Citizenship, freedom, respect, and the American Flag. A class about proper flag etiquette, displaying and folding is a hands-on class allowing the student to participate in practice. This is one part of the American Legion Four Pillars. The American Legion believes that our young people have a strong sense of patriotism and a high regard for law and order. The objective of the American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (ALLECA) is to provide a firsthand look at the role of a police officer in promoting and safeguarding America's freedom and rights.

**Career Building**, a class about how to apply for college (the pros & cons to include cost), what to expect and where it can lead to, choosing how you want to live your life in today's society. Military and Law Enforcement expectations and requirements. What choices you make now, will prohibit you from a career in law enforcement (drugs, criminal activity, arrests).

**Distracted Driving**, a class about the hazards of distracted driving that young drivers are faced with while operating a motor vehicle, State law and recommendations to attend local driver training for teens are discussed. This is not an actual driving class, discussion only.

**What Not To Do When Driving**, a class about the consequences and aftermath of distracted driving, road rage, racing and other hazardous traffic violations. As new drivers, teenagers are often distracted by cellphones, social media videos, and passengers. This class provides a realistic picture of the consequences of distracted driving. Class discussion only.

**DUI-Underage**, a class about the hazards of drinking and driving, along with underage alcoholic beverage consumption risks, state laws and penalties, video, and photos of graphic scenes to reinforce the lecture. A hands-on impaired driver simulation with distorted vision and balance are applied for demonstration purposes.

**Gangs**, a class about gang criminal activity, affiliations, and investigations, with video and photos. A hands-on scenario role play with class participation.

**Narcotics (UC)**, a class about illegal narcotics investigation and arrest techniques with video and photos, hands-on interaction of role-playing and problem solving, state and federal laws and penalties. Demonstration with a narcotic drug police dog when available.

**Firearms Safety**, a pre-class lecture about the safe handling of a firearm, consequences and police training involving handgun and patrol rifle. All firearms used in this class are "SAFE TRAINING" simulation weapons called Air-Soft Simulation Training Firearms, which are air powered that project a soft sponge like pellet for realistic effects of target placement. Safety eyeglasses and protective face masks are utilized for this hands-on training. This class is closely monitored by assigned staff. This class will coincide with other role play and simulation training involving the use of firearms that are frequent in Law Enforcement.

**Active Shooter**, a hands-on class discussion about police responses and responsibilities involving an active shooter situation, followed with role-play as violator, victim and officer are implied in this type of scenario-based training. Obligation to protect and render first aid is a priority in this training.



**High Risk Stops**, involving police response to potentially life threatening situations involving dangerous suspects on foot or in a vehicle, hands-on role play scenario-based training exercise involving police tactics, arrest, and firearms handling.

**Team Building**, a huge part of our program that teaches the class to work together both physically and mentally while encouraging motivation and willingness to succeed, physical activities such as team challenges, squad and class unity while maintain discipline amongst the class ranks and self-respect and confidence.

**SWAT-EOD**, a class discussion about the response and job of being a SWAT or Bomb officer, demonstrations, and hands on display of specialized equipment used by tactical units in Law Enforcement and Military.

**Being Bullied**, a class discussion about the state laws against Bulling, consequences and results, prevention and education, hands-on role-play, and interaction with students. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

**Crime Scene Management**, a class discussion about police investigations involving the securing of a crime scene, practices and procedures used, collection of evidence and witnesses, crime lab procedures and types of tools and technology used to solve crimes, prosecution, and conviction.

**Defensive Tactics (DT)**, a physical class about use of force, control and arrest tactics, self-defense and survival, teaching approach, stance, verbal and physical escalation and de-escalation techniques with basic punching, kicking, arm-locks and handcuffing.

## Children & Youth

### Child Welfare Report.

Hello to everyone at campout. I am very proud to say Arizona is still setting the example for Child Welfare Foundation program. Currently we are fifth in the nation as a Detachment with \$12,554.00 donated so far. Rumor has it that our National Commander Chris Carlton challenged all states to donate 1.00 per member to CWF. I am super stoked to announce at the moment Arizona is \$1.55 per member or 155.4%. If you squadron, post or auxiliary has donate a dollar per member please don't forget to fill out 100% Per capita Banner. Also Shout out to Arizona's 40 & 8 who is Number 1 in the Nation with \$1,445.00 to CWF. Five years ago I called them out and for the past five years they been number one in the nation. As of 3/24/23 we have raised a total of \$346,051.26 with \$179,158.56 from the SON's. Remember CWF donation cut off and to send in 100% form is 5/31/23 for this year. The new CWF merchandise this year is charcoal grey shirts, phone charger, same challenge coins from last year and they are bringing back the aprons, but they are going to be red this time. Thanks again and you all rock!!!

For God and County,

Dan Ashley



## Campout Report April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Over 19 Squadrons are in attendance.

151 People Signed up for Campout in 2023

Top 3 Squadrons/Post Representation in no particular order 62, 109 and 91

Over 15 Squadrons participated in the Campout Fire Pit Raffle Sales

Top 3 Squadrons in Sales in no order 39, 1 and 91

As of 3/27/23 we have raised \$2110.00, and more squadron have turn in ticket and they are still for sale until the raffle tonight at dinner, should have final numbers at dinner or shortly after.

A huge shout out Squadron's 109 for Friday Night Dinner, Squadron 52 for Saturday's Breakfast and Squadron 62 for Saturday nights dinner's

Thank you to Squadron's 140, 29, 109 and 91 for the early set up of the camp sites for all of our guests this weekend.

I big Thank you to Chas Bird Squadron 109 who was the Co-chairman this year for Campout and has done so much to make this successful.

# SAVAHCS Fisher House and CHAMP

## C.H.A.M.P



### **How your donations to CHAMP have assisted the Fisher House:**

#### **Projects:**

The removal of the rugs from the Fisher House guest suites replacing them with laminate flooring.

The removal of the area rugs in the main areas of the house replacing them with new ones.

Rental of a POD

These two projects were large. After 7 years of use our carpets and rugs were well worn out.

With laminate floors in the rooms are easier for the guests to clean, provide a more sanitary environment and have brightened up the rooms. The guests love them.

#### **Guest Toiletries:**

Bath and Body Works soap and sprays

This has had a huge impact; guests share a room and a bathroom. The nice smelling room deodorizers and the aromatic calming hand soap really makes their stay just a little extra nicer.

Guests have commented on how nice it is to have the Bath and Body Works items in the rooms.

#### **Outreach:**

COVID impacted all of us, but for the Fisher House we were unable to do outreach and open houses which impacted the occupancy of the house. We need to work extra hard to spread the word to the new staff at SAVAHCS, the Veterans and their loved ones. CHAMP has been working hard and providing outreach materials to assist with getting the word out.

#### **Groceries:**

As we all know the cost of living has increased and it has become more expensive to purchase food. COVID also impacted the number of regular volunteers available to grocery shop.

CHAMP has provided us the opportunity to order groceries online and have them delivered. The

have shopped for the Fisher House and provided gift cards.

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