

# BLUE CAP NEWS



Sons of The American Legion — Detachment of Arizona

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## The New Cards are in...

Great work on 2022 membership — time to look forward to 2023...

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The 2023 membership year is upon us, and I'm *Super excited* as the Detachment of Arizona's Membership Director.

First, congratulations to the Detachment of Arizona for achieving 108% membership and yet another all time high! Excellent work! Also

congratulations Commander Noah McMullen and all of our elected and appointed officers for the coming year.

While I always urge you guys to keep your eyes forward, let's not forget we are still in the 2022 membership year for a few more months. By now, all squadrons in the state

should have received their 2023 membership cards. If you haven't, contact Dan Ashley or Department HQ to see why you haven't.

As you all should know, we now have requirements you must fulfill to be issued your cards. The Squadron Officer Report Form (or "SORF", for short) is a requirement. It provides

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## God Said No!!

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No, it is not for Me to take away, but for you to give it up.  
I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No, his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I ask God to grant me patience.

God said, No, patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No, I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I Asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No, I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said...Ahhh, finally you have the idea.

This day is yours – don't throw it away!

*May God Bless You*

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Bottom line:

***This day is yours – don't throw it away!***

# The New Cards are in...

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those of us at the Detachment offices with contact information, in the event we need to contact your or your squadron.

This year isn't over — National will continue to count this year's membership right up until December 31, 2022.

So, continue to process and submit the 2022 cards.

Do you know a great way to combine the two together?

Send out letters to everyone who was on your 2022 roster, paid or not. If they paid 2022, they will be more likely to pay 2023 quickly.

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Reminders are good thing – and if they forgot to pay their 2022 dues, or just haven't yet, this is a chance to get both years at once. Don't wait for National to send out the postcards. I assure you they will go away eventually.

Be proactive and do it yourself. Maybe offer some sort of incentive for paying early. My goal this year is to hit 100% membership by Camp Out in Patagonia.

I look forward on trying to beat our number from last year and remain in first place over the Legion and Auxiliary!

**For God and Country,**

**Dan Ashley, Arizona Membership Director**

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## Detachment Commander's report...

Greetings my fellow Sons,

Membership cards have arrived from National.

Thank you for your patience. The Area Vice Commanders have been distributing them to the Squadrons that have submitted their SORF's (*Squadron Officer Report Forms*) to Detachment. If your Squadron has sent in your forms & not received your cards, please contact you Area Vice Commander or Detachment. We are currently 33rd in the nation & 5th in the Western Region with 9.28% as of the SAL National Membership Report dated September 12th. We are 57 members short of the 10% goal.

We finished the 2022 membership year at 108% as of October. We hit last year's goals, now it is time to turn our attention to the 2023 membership cards with less than two months before the 2022 cards are no longer valid for use at the post.

Let's make our numbers and get new volunteers into the post like we did last year...*Keep up the great work!*

In August Detachment Officers, including myself & Detachment members attended the 50th SAL National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Detachment received 5 awards.

National Commander Michael Fox had the convention dedicated to **Past National Commander Roland Matteson** who was from Arizona & served as National Commander in 93-94. Roland passed away on January 1st, 2022.

I will be attending the Department of Arizona Legion College being held at Post 29 in Glendale, September

16th-18th. The next two Legion College classes will be held January 27th-29th at Post 36 in Tucson & in April at Post 25 in Cottonwood. If you would like to attend Arizona Legion College, you first have to complete the Basic Training course that is available through mylegion.org. Then submit an application that is found on the department's website azlegion.org.

Fall Conference for the Department & Detachment of Arizona will be at the El Conquistador Hotel in Oro Valley the weekend of November 4th-6th.

The SAL Meeting will be Saturday, November 5th. Please make your reservations soon if you would like to attend.

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 B message...

Hello Area B Members,

What an amazing start to the 2022-2023 year!!!! By now, you should have received your membership cards that were delayed a few weeks after convention. If you have not renewed your 2023 membership this is the time to do so. We should be already striving to hit the benchmarks for membership set by National if you haven't already. If you need any help, please reach out and let me know.

I want to thank everyone that helped with the efforts to turn in all three of the Squadron reports. Area B had an amazing turn out with all three reports. The SORF (Squadron Officer Report Form) for Area B had an amazing 95% completion prior to the membership cards

becoming available. The SDR (Squadron Data Report) had an 87% return rate, and the CSR (Consolidated Squadron Report) was at 70%. We have done a fantastic job this past year and we are looking to improve all these number in 2023 prior to the State Convention in June. A special thank you to Jeremy Davalos and Dennis Pittman the State Adjutants, who have worked tirelessly to have these reports put online and readily available to all Squadrons.

If you have any events coming up that you would like distributed throughout Area B, please make sure you email me a copy to distribute.

**Chris Balsley**

**Chris Balsley, Detachment Vice Commander, Area B**  
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## Detachment Vice Commander, Area C message...

Hello Area C, I hope this finds everyone in good health. I remind all of Area C Squadrons, if you have not received your 2023 membership cards please contact me immediately, I will work with you to resolve all of the issues or reasons why you have not received your membership packet.

The main reason for Squadrons not receiving their membership packet is, you have not turned in your Squadron Officers Report Form (SORF). This can be very easily accomplished by logging onto azsal.org click on DETACHMENT FORMS, click on file SORF — now, please take the time to fill out the form completely and accurately.

After you have completed the form and proof read it, please don't forget to click on the submit button!

As I previously stated, if you are having a problem completing the form, please do not hesitate to call. I will do everything I can to assist you.

September 14, 2022 was our 10% membership goal.

Detachment of Arizona is currently in 33rd place nationwide at 9.28%. with a minimal amount of effort – so –we can move up in the national rankings easily!

The October goal was goal is 25%.

Please everyone push your membership renewals.

After that, our next target date will be November 9, 2022 and that goal will be 35%.

Again, those of you that don't have your 2023 membership packets are falling further and further behind, so please contact me. I have been trying to reach you, but without your contact information, it becomes difficult to nearly impossible.

It was a great honor to attend the 50th National Sons of The American Legion Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year.

The Detachment of Arizona was represented by 17 Delegates. On a personal note, I am humbled to inform you, I received two National Blue Brigade Recruitment Awards. The first award was for the membership year 2021, I was able to recruit 32 new S.A.L. members into my home Squadron, Squadron 86. The second award was for the membership year 2022, I was truly blessed being able to recruit 54 new S.A.L. members into my home Squadron. The second award qualified me to be in the running for National Recruiter of the Year. Unfortunately, I was the first loser 2nd place. The winner recruited 57 members. Close but no Cigar.

Although both awards are for individual achievement, I could never have accomplished either without the help of all my fellow Blue Cap Brothers. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

**For God and Country**

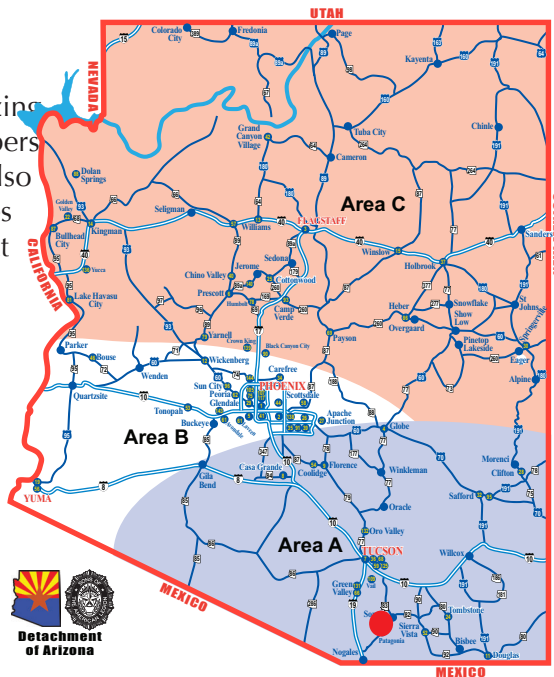
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# Callin' all Campers....

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.



**8,751!**  
by Camp Out 2023!

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 contact me @602-524-5939 or email me at [balslech@yahoo.com](mailto:balslech@yahoo.com). Hope to see you all there.

**Chris Balsley, Detachment Camp Out Chairman**  
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## Detachment Education & Awards...

Hello Sons,  
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. The Detachment of Arizona Son of the Year is to recognize a Son member who has given outstanding service to his home post and squadron or Detachment.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant is a member in good standing and as least 2 consecutive years with the same post and squadron. The accomplishments of this applicant should have been completed during the most recent calendar year (January 1 – December 31) or service in consecutive years.

The Richard Kepler Memorial Award is to recognize a squadron for the highest charitable donations per capita in a fiscal year (July 1 –June 30). This award is given in the name of Richard Kepler who served as SAL National Commander in 1979.

### 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.

The James Ashley Memorial Award is 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 – June 30). You will find the applications for all 3 awards included with this edition of the Blue Caps news and also available on the SAL website: [www.azsal.org](http://www.azsal.org). If you have any questions

please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

**For God and Country,**  
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## Americanism updates....

Gracious greetings to all,

With our Department/Detachment Conventions over, our new officers settling in, there's a lot to concern ourselves with at this time of year

Let's take a look at programs currently running and recap the past year in Americanism:

- American Legion Baseball is progressing nicely since the year's start over Memorial Day weekend and will culminate with the ALWS in Shelby, NC in the second week in August, for more info visit [www.azball.us](http://www.azball.us)
- This year's Boys State was a resounding success, 132 delegates attended and successfully completed the session which demonstrated a good recovery from 2021 challenges; we'll strive to be back to a full pre-pandemic level of 360 delegates; for further info, visit [azboysstate.org](http://azboysstate.org) or contact Jeremy at [jdaalos@azboysstate.org](mailto:jdaalos@azboysstate.org)
- Our AZ Oratorical was a great success with each Area advancing their top 2 candidate to the finals held at Post 27 in Tucson; our top orator was Caleb Rasor of Oro Valley who advanced to the national contest and made Arizona proud; second place went to Alina Bozhko of Buckeye Union High School, and third place went to Grace Shin; for further info, visit [azlegion.org/hot-oratorical-program-information](http://azlegion.org/hot-oratorical-program-information) or contact Jim [jaborgman9@gmail.com](mailto:jaborgman9@gmail.com)
- ALLECA completed another successful session 11-18 June 2022 in Emmanuel Pines, Prescott, AZ. 51 cadets and advisors from across the state successfully participated. Arizona's program has been recognized as the "model program" in TAL and is used to organize initiatives in other states. We hope to increase participation to 80 cadets for the 2023 session, for more info, please visit [alleca-az.org](http://alleca-az.org) or contact Matt at [allecadirector@gmail.com](mailto:allecadirector@gmail.com)

- Junior Shooting Sports Program will conclude with the national finals held at the US Olympic facilities in Colorado Springs, CO in late July. We hope to revitalize the program in 2022-23. Squadrons or Posts desiring to start or sponsor a team can acquire loaner equipment until able to fund their own for more information please contact Bob at [rkrumwiede@gmail.com](mailto:rkrumwiede@gmail.com)
- The Boy Scouts have been busy, Jeffrey Filer, sponsored by Post 72, was selected as Eagle Scout of the Year, and awarded a Department of Arizona scholarship of \$1500 and a commemorative plaque. Please note that the winner of the National Eagle Scout of the Year will be awarded a scholarship of \$10,000. In 2021, Arizona Posts had increased support to sponsor some 20 Scout units with 3 more so far in 2022, and several more being organized. There are many opportunities for your Squadron or Post to sponsor a Troop, I can tell you that my Post is in the process of transferring a charter to our Post for more info, please contact Gary at [garyavaughan@gmail.com](mailto:garyavaughan@gmail.com)

Does your Squadron or Post have a structured program for Patriot Day? If so, I would hope we'll all get involved and participate in that remembrance ceremony. If not, why not take the time and investigate setting up your own program; September 11th will be on a Sunday this year, a perfect time. Work with your Post, Unit and Chapter, all the suggested guidelines can be found at [azlegion.org](http://azlegion.org). 9-11 Patriot Day - "We will never forget."

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**8,751 by Camp Out 2023 – t'aint no April fools either!**

# From your Adjutant Corps...

## Sons...you did yourselves proud this last year...

The Detachment of Arizona won some prestigious awards including the 2022 membership 100% ribbon, 2022 National Legacy Scholarship Fund Regional Donation Award for the highest Detachment donation in the Western Region, 2022 National Child Welfare Foundation Award for highest Detachment donation in the Western region, 2022 National Child Welfare Foundation Certificate for exceeding the \$1 per capita donation amount in 2021-22 and also a certificate of appreciation for helping National Commander Fox break his goal in Flying Flags For Heroes and the Detachment of Arizona knocking it out of the park surpassing its goals in the program this year .

The National Convention was the perfect ending to a great run for outgoing Detachment Commander Dan Ashley and highlights the accomplishments of the year you, the Detachment of Arizona achieved under his guidance.

Incoming Commander Noah McMullen was certified in training for his year as Detachment Commander at National and is looking forward to the Detachment breaking new goals under his direction.

## 8,751 by Camp Out 2023



A highlight of the Convention was when National Commander Fox dedicated the 50th Anniversary Convention to be held in memory of PNC Roland Matteson, it was a solemn moment in the hearts of all Arizona Delegation attendees.

Your Detachment Officers did good by the Detachment — with special shouts out to Area C Vice-Commander Mike Bryant for his recruiting efforts making him a Blue Brigade recipient and loud shouts out to PDC Chuck Treat for working so diligently at the National and Detachment level on helping pull off a great 50th Anniversary!

Ending the National Convention brought us a new National Commander in the election of Indiana's Chris Carlton and new goals for the year to focus on.

Once again, we hear the call and answer, need it done? Ask a son!

To close and bring it to total perspective, we officers know that we are attending as representatives on your behalf, the everyday hardworking

Arizona SAL member. Nothing could be accomplished without each and your day-to-day efforts!

This is your celebration — look in the mirror and pat yourselves on the back for another great year!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and your awesome achievements!

**Dennis Pittman, Detachment Assistant Adjutant**  
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**Visit the Detachment website... [www.AZsal.org](http://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](mailto:AZ_sal_ADJUTANT@aol.com)



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Report as of October 25, 2022

District	Area	Sq'd	Location	Membership Year 2023			
				Today	100% MIN	GOAL 105%	% of GOAL
11	B	Sq 1	Phoenix	13	159	173	8.2%
12	B	Sq 2	Tempe	11	55	59	19.9%
7	C	Sq 3	Flagstaff	17	79	85	21.5%
5	A	Sq 4	Globe	1	38	40	2.6%
11	B	Sq 5	Phoenix	8	71	77	11.3%
8	C	Sq 6	Prescott	101	138	145	73.0%
2	A	Sq 7	Tucson		36	38	0.0%
4	A	Sq 9	Florence		95	100	0.0%
3	A	Sq 11	Douglas		103	108	0.0%
11	B	Sq 12	Wickenburg		110	115	0.0%
7	C	Sq 13	Williams	25	45	47	55.4%
7	C	Sq 14	Kingman		42	44	0.0%
6	C	Sq 15	Winslow	7	40	42	17.5%
3	A	Sq 16	Bisbee	20	44	46	45.4%
1	B	Sq 19	Yuma	23	111	116	20.8%
7	C	Sq 22	Golden Valley		96	101	0.0%
3	A	Sq 24	Tombstone	52	204	214	25.5%
8	C	Sq 25	Cottonwood	25	117	123	21.4%
12	B	Sq 26	Mesa		81	85	0.0%
12	B	Sq 27	Apache Junction	119	831	873	14.3%
5	A	Sq 28	Morenci	63	63	69	100.0%
11	B	Sq 29	Glendale	20	114	120	17.5%
6	C	Sq 30	Springerville		31	32	0.0%
5	A	Sq 32	Safford		82	86	0.0%
12	B	Sq 34	Cave Creek		260	273	0.0%
12	B	Sq 35	Chandler	60	170	185	35.3%
2	A	Sq 36	Tucson	58	196	213	29.6%
6	C	Sq 37	Holbrook		45	47	0.0%
12	B	Sq 39	Gilbert	87	446	477	19.5%
8	C	Sq 40	Chino Valley	15	75	79	20.0%
12	B	Sq 41	Phoenix	14	171	180	8.2%
7	C	Sq 42	Grand Canyon	0	39	41	0.0%
12	B	Sq 44	Scottsdale	12	136	143	8.8%
2	A	Sq 52	Sierra Vista	8	86	90	9.3%
4	A	Sq 54	Coolidge		58	61	0.0%
1	B	Sq 56	Yuma	4	11	12	36.4%
7	C	Sq 57	Ashfork		14	15	0.0%
12	B	Sq 58	Fountain Hills	23	240	257	9.6%
2	A	Sq 59	Tucson	2	77	81	2.6%
11	B	Sq 61	Avondale	29	141	149	20.5%
11	B	Sq 62	Peoria	73	365	383	20.0%
12	B	Sq 65	Phoenix	61	234	253	26.1%
2	A	Sq 66	Green Valley	1	386	417	0.3%
2	A	Sq 68	Tucson	6	37	39	16.3%
6	C	Sq 69	Payson		92	97	0.0%
8	C	Sq 78	Humboldt	15	115	121	13.1%
8	C	Sq 79	Yarnell	31	110	115	28.3%
7	C	Sq 81	Lake Havasu City	0	269	282	0.0%
6	C	Sq 86	Overgaard	60	194	203	31.0%
7	C	Sq 87	Bullhead City	9	62	65	14.6%
7	C	Sq 88	Dolan Springs	0	30	31	0.0%
8	C	Sq 90	Black Canyon City	11	34	36	32.5%
12	B	Sq 91	Chandler	53	148	155	35.9%
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12	B	Sq 107	Phoenix	34	137	144	24.8%
2	A	Sq 109	Vail	49	285	299	17.2%
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4	A	Sq 129	Queen Creek	2	13	14	15.0%
2	A	Sq 131	Green Valley	84	242	254	34.7%
4	A	Sq 132	Oro Valley		33	34	0.0%
11	B	Sq 134	Laveen		17	18	0.0%
12	B	Sq 138	Tempe		43	45	0.0%
8	C	Sq 140	Prescott Valley	7	18	19	37.9%

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**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Arizona  
Detachment Convention Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, Arizona  
Saturday, 25 June 2022**

**The meeting started at 8:30 a.m.**

**Roll Call of Detachment Executive Committee:**

**Officers Present:** Detachment Commander Dan Ashley-Sq 91,  
Detachment Vice Commander Area-A Tommy Morrow-Sq 68,  
Detachment Vice Commander-Area B Noah McMullen-Sq 62,  
Detachment Vice Commander-Area C Mike Bryant-Sq 86,  
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**Past Detachment Commanders:** Glen Currie-Sq19, Rob Pederson-Sq 14, Ed Cleary-Sq 2, Steve Blank-Sq 1, Joe Roberts-Sq 36, Greg Mekula-Sq 39, Mike Talty-Sq 27, Matthew Griffis-Sq109, Tom Lucas-Sq 29, Chuck Treat-Sq 29, Honorary Detachment Commander GI Josh-Sq 100.

**Excused absences:** National Executive Committeeman & PDC Bob Hath-Sq 91.

**Quorum achieved.**

**Reading of Camp Out 2022 meeting minutes.** Minutes were approved without objection and moved into the record

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**For the Good of the Sons:** None

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 a.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Dennis Pittman, Detachment Assistant Adjutant*

**Running time: 16 minutes**

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Arizona  
Detachment Convention General Membership Meeting Minutes  
El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, Arizona  
Saturday, 25 June 2022**

**The meeting started at 9:15 a.m.**

**Roll Call:**

**Officers Present:** Detachment Commander Dan Ashley-Sq 91,  
Detachment Vice Commander Area-A Tommy Morrow-Sq 68,  
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**Excused absences:** National Executive Committeeman & PDC Bob Hath-Sq 91.

**Squadrons Present:** 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 14, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44, 52, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 66, 68, 78, 81, 86, 90, 91, 97, 105, 107, 109, 117, 125, 129, 138, 140. (40 of 64 total Squadrons)

**Quorum achieved.**

Reading of minutes from morning Ex meeting. Minutes accepted by voice vote into the official record.

General meeting minutes from Campout distributed by packet. Motion to accept minutes into record. Minutes accepted by voice vote into the official record.

**Reading of 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee meeting minutes.** Minutes were approved without objection and moved into the record.

**Reading of Camp Out 2022 General Membership Meeting minutes.** Minutes were approved without objection and moved into the record

**Guests:**

Candidate for Department Commander Mr. Michael Simon.

Gerard Brinkman AZALR Chairman. Thanks SAL members for support and those who are members of ALR. Speake to why he is a SAL member. Gives check on behalf of Chapter 24 ALR to CHAMP in amount of \$4066.91.

Department Leading Candidate for Department Commander Mr. Dean Lawrence.

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## Detachment Reports:

Judge Advocate: Rules for the Convention. Meetings are conducted in accordance with the Detachment Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. Portions of the Detachment meetings not covered by those documents will be guided by Roberts Rules of Order.

Area A Vice-Commander-Tom Morrow: See attached.

Area B Vice-Commander-Noah McMullen: See attached.

Area C Vice-Commander-Mike Bryant: See attached.

American Legion National Historian Gilmore. Speaks of history being made at Convention and thanks SAL.

Arizona Department American Legion Commander Ben Headen. Thanks SAL members for the support during the year. Thanks, Commander Ashley, for working One Team One Goal, One Heart One Soul. Gift presented to Commander Ashley from Commander Headen.

Chaplain-Jim Beischel: No formal report.

Detachment Finance Report-Tom Lucas: Speaks to finance report-distributed, and turning in final expense reports on year.

Detachment Finance Committee report-Brad Heck: Report on budget proposal-distributed. Budget set for time to review during break.

NEC-Joe Roberts: Formal to be submitted with minutes-NEC minutes and Addendum. April 29 and 30 attended NEC, gave report on activities.

Membership-Chuck Treat: Detachment surpassed goal of membership. Squadrons came on strong with membership at end. Gave kudos to Squadrons by rank in membership #'s. Membership cards are delayed coming from National.

Americanism-Jim Borgman: Speaks on oratorical. Speaks on FFFH-National Commander Fox's program, and the success it has had and Arizona's role in that.

CWF-Dan Ashley: Detachment is 6th in the nation with donation total of \$21,772.00 for CWF. \$1.38 per capita.

Detachment Convention and Fall Conference-Chuck Treat: 3-year commitment to meet at Hilton El Conquistador Tucson. Addresses questions on facility.

Camp Out-Chris Balsley: Next Campout will be in April 2023 at Patagonia Lake. Spoke to reservation issue. Spoke on 2022 Campout at Roper Lake. Firepit raffle from 2022 won by Rose-Post 29), bringing in \$4200.00. now with camp out sales from previous night just over \$4000.00. \$2072.81 for next Campout in funds.

Detachment Awards-Chuck Treat: Award for Detachment Son of the Year, awarded to Charles "Tommy" Morrow-SQ 68. Award picture attached. Tommy spoke to winning award and thanks to Detachment of Arizona.

Adjutant-Jeremy Davalos: Spoke to issues of S.O.R.F., CSR's, and SDR reports issues. Gave information on upcoming online electronic reporting being instituted by Adjutant's office.

ALLECA Report-Matt Griffis: See attached. Video from this year shown also.

There were no objections to placing the reports into the record

*Break in meeting — 10:22am to return at 10:45am*

## New Business

Motion to accept budget with changes entered-Motion by Brad heck), 2nded-Glenn Currie SQ 19. Discussion-Brad heck, Tom Lucas, Chuck Treat forward to answer questions. Discussion ensues. Discussion on line item 21, Alt NEC increase in budget.

Discussion on Motion resumes: Matt Griffis-SQ 109, rises to make amendment to motion adding line-item financing ALLECA for \$10,000.00-discussion on amendment ensues. Chuck Treat motions for tabling ALLECA line-item pending ADHOC committee investigation of impact. Commander Ashley tables amendment pending ADHOC committee findings due at Fall Conference and ADHOC committee per Commander appointment will be formed. SQ 14 rises to question and object to Motion #7-addition of line-item for WRRRC(WWW), questioning its appropriateness and validity as an official function. Discussion ensues on issue and ends finding Motion #7 appropriate and valid-objection rescinded. Discussion ends.

Vote on Budget-as presented with items: The motion was approved.

## Old Business: None

Meeting suspends for nominations and elections

### Nominated previously at Campout

Detachment Executive Committee-A.J. McMullen.

Detachment Executive Committee-Chaz Bird.

Alternate National Committee member-Dan Ashley.

National Executive Committee member-Joe Roberts.

Detachment Chaplain-Jim Beischel.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area C-Mike Bryant.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area B-Chris Balsley.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area A-Ryan Harris.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area A-Tommy Morrow.

AZ SAL Detachment Commander-Noah McMullen.

### Nominations were reopened

Nomination of candidate for Detachment Executive Committee-Mike Ammick SQ 39, by Brad heck SQ 91, accepted. Paperwork on file.

Detachment Executive Committee nominations closed.

National Executive Committee member closed with no new.

Alternate National Committee member closed with no new.

Detachment Chaplain closed with no new.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area C closed with no new.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area B closed with no new.

Detachment Vice-Commander Area A closed with no new.

AZ SAL Detachment Commander closed with no new.

## Elections:

### Nominations were closed for elections

One contested election for Area A Vice-Commander between Ryan Harris-SQ 52, and Tommy Morrow-SQ 68. Judge Advocate asks Ryan and Tommy to step out of room for election process.

Area A roll call election: Ryan Harris declared elected by Judge Advocate by count.

Motion made by Brad Heck to cast one vote unanimous for election of uncontested elected offices, motion 2nded. Motion carries by voice vote. Judge Advocate cast vote.

The results of the election were moved into the official record without objections.

**Elections were closed, regular business resumes**

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**Elected officers 2022-2023 of record:**

Detachment Executive Committee-A.J. McMullen.  
 Detachment Executive Committee-Chaz Bird.  
 Detachment Executive Committee-Mike Ammick.  
 Alternate National Committee member-Dan Ashley.  
 National Executive Committee member-Joe Roberts.

Detachment Chaplain-Jim Beischel.  
 Detachment Vice-Commander Area C-Mike Bryant.  
 Detachment Vice-Commander Area B-Chris Balsley.  
 Detachment Vice-Commander Area A-Ryan Harris.  
 AZ SAL Detachment Commander-Noah McMullen.

**For the Good of The Suns:**

Brad heck speaks on Legion college. Mr. Heck speaks on Legion program "Just One", suicide prevention.  
 Dan Ashley reads letter from National Commander Fox thanking AZSAL.  
 PNVC Glenn Currie presents PNVC a gift thanking him for his service.  
 PNC Greg Mekula-SQ 39, questions Campout Chairman Chris Balsley-SQ 91, on if he has a financial report or record of 2022 Campout expenses and finances for the membership-Mr. Balsley replies he has not but can start one and prepare it for report.  
 Donations received for Legion Programs:  
 Total raised at Convention \$34,982.81: Desert Storm - \$1,222; CHAMP - \$19,959.81; Camp Hometown Heroes - \$1,117; ALLECA - \$3117; Boys State - \$3317; National Endowment Fund - \$750; Child Welfare Foundation - \$5,500.  
 Chuck Treat thanked Commander Ashley for his service this year as Commander.  
 Commander Elect McMullen called to podium by Commander Ashley, gift of gavel to Commander Elect. Ceremonial cover exchange and pinning.  
 Commander Ashley delegated the remainder of the meeting to the Commander Elect and addressed the members, thanking everyone for support, thanking Commander Ashley for his service, announces new Commander's projects/charities-CHAMP/Fisher House and ALLECA.  
 Commander Elect announced Detachment Executive Committee Meeting to be held 15 minutes after close.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:57am**

*Respectfully submitted by Dennis Pittman, Detachment Assistant Adjutant*

***Running time: 162 minutes***

**Sons of The American Legion  
 Detachment of Arizona  
 Detachment Executive Committee Organizational Meeting Minutes  
 El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, Arizona  
 Saturday, 25 June 2022**

**The meeting started at 12:14pm****Roll Call Detachment Executive Committee:**

**Officers present:** Commander Noah McMullen (SQ62) present, Area A Vice-Commander Ryan Harris (SQ52) present, Area B Vice-Commander Chris Balsley (SQ91) present, Area C Vice-Commander Mike Bryant (SQ86) present, NEC Joe Roberts (SQ36) present, Alt NEC Dan Ashley (SQ91) present, Chaplain Jim Beischel (SQ58) present, Adjutant Jeremy Davalos (SQ140) present, Asst. Adjutant Dennis Pittman (SQ140) present, Asst. Adjutant Ed Cleary (SQ2) present, Finance Officer Tom Lucas (SQ29) present, Asst. Sgt-at- Arms Michael Vasquez (3) present, E-Board AJ McMullen (SQ62) present, E-Board Chaz Bird (SQ109 ) present, E-Board Mike Ammick (SQ39) present.  
**Past Detachment Commanders:** Glenn Currie (SQ19) present, Rob Pederson (SQ14) present, Ed Cleary (SQ2) present, Joe Roberts (SQ36) present, Matt Grifffis (SQ109) present, Tom Lucas (SQ29) present, Chuck Treat (SQ29) present, Outgoing Commander Dan Ashley (SQ91) present

**Old Business**

Commander seeks permission to appoint un-filled Detachment Executive Committee members positions (two open. There were no objections to the appointment of Tommy Morrow (SQ68) as a Detachment Executive Committee member.

**New Business**

The Detachment Commander asks for a vote of approval for the appointments of Detachment Officers and Chairmen (per list distributed) There were no objections to the Officers and Chairmen appointed and the appointments were moved into the record as approved.

**For the Good of the Sons**

Newly elected officers informed of requirement to attend installation of officers on 6/26/2022 after Legion Elections, starting approximately 9am.

**Adjourned at 12:25pm**

*Respectfully submitted by Dennis Pittman, Detachment Assistant Adjutant*

***Running time: 16 minutes***

**END of Convention Minutes**



# 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



# Sons of The American Legion

## Detachment of Arizona Fall Conference 2022

### 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*

**Issue**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Dates:** *August 20, 2022 & October 1, 2022*

### **Official 2022 Detachment Fall Conference Executive Committee Meeting Call to Order**

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 Detachment Fall Conference Executive Committee Meeting to be held at **The El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley on Saturday, November 5, 2022 starting 8:00 a.m.** 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 Detachment Fall Conference General Meeting Call to Order**

On behalf of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, I, Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander, hereby call for the Annual Detachment Convention General Meeting to be held at **The El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley on November 5, 2022 starting 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of 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 of Arizona**

### **Detachment Training Sessions at Fall Conference 2022**

The Detachment of Arizona will conduct Membership Training and Squadron Officer Training in the same location as the Detachment Fall Conference General Session. The training sessions will start after lunch at 1:30pm and run until all training topics are addressed. Please plan on taking training materials home to your Squadron. If you have your laptop computer at Fall Conference, we encourage you to bring it AND your battery chargers as the Detachment will demonstrate on-line membership access through MyLegion.org. Those Squadrons that are currently active in processing membership on-line are encouraged to attend and share your experience and knowledge with your fellow SAL Squadrons.

Specific topics may be requested prior to the Fall Conference Meetings if forwarded to the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant in a timely manner.

Please remember to arrive early and be prepared to have materials to take home with you.

## Detachment Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Detachment Fall Conference 2022

The El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, AZ

Meeting Start: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

Meeting Roll Call of Detachment Officers and PDC's

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Sons

Meeting Closed: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

8:00 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 Fall Conference 2022

The El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, AZ

Meeting Start: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

Opening Ceremony:

Colors

Opening Prayer POW/MIA Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble

8:30 am

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**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

AREA B – Membership, Area achievements, etc

AREA C – Membership, Area achievements, etc

**Reports**

- Chaplain

- N.E.C.

- VA&R

- Americanism Reports

  - Legion Baseball, Scouting, ALLECA, Boys State

- Children & Youth Reports

  - Child Welfare Foundation, CWF Chairman

  - G.I. Josh, GI Josh Chairman

- Finance Committee Report, Finance Chairman

- Membership Chairman

- Legislative Committee Report

- Any other committee reports

- Awards

- Adjutant

- Detachment Commander

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**For the Good of the Sons**

- Donations Line

- Announcements

Closing Ceremony

- Prayer

- Salute

Meeting Closed: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

***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





# Sons of The American Legion

## Detachment of Arizona Camp Out 2023 Patagonia

<b>To:</b>	<i>All Elected Detachment Officers</i>	<i>All Squadron Commanders</i>
	<i>All Past Detachment Commanders</i>	<i>All Squadron Adjutants</i>
	<i>Detachment Appointed Officers</i>	

<b>From:</b>	<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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## Detachment General Meeting Agenda

Detachment Camp Out 2023

Patagonia Lake State Park

Meeting Start: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

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Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble

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  - Scouting

  - Alleca

  - Boys State

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- Finance Committee Report, Finance Chairman

- Membership Chairman

- Legislative Committee Report

- Any other committee reports

- Awards

- Adjutant

- Detachment Commander

**Old Business**

**New Business**

*General Meeting suspended for 2024 Officer Nominations*

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**Nominations of 2024 Officers**

**Nominations SUSPENDED until Convention**

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*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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# 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Issue**

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

### **Official 2023 Detachment Convention 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 Detachment Convention Executive Committee Meeting to be held at The El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley on **Saturday, June 24, 2023 starting 8:00 a.m.** 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 Detachment Convention 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 Detachment Convention Executive Committee Meeting to be held at The El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley on **Saturday, June 24, 2023 starting 8:30 a.m.** for the purpose of Detachment of Arizona Business consisting of 2024 Officer Candidate Nominations, and conducting the general business of the Detachment.

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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

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Sons

Meeting Closed: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am

8:00 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.***

***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

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

AREA B – Membership, Area achievements, etc

AREA C – Membership, Area achievements, etc

**Reports**

• Chaplain

• N.E.C.

• VA&R

• Americanism Reports

Legion Baseball, Scouting, ALLECA, Boys State

• Children & Youth Reports

Child Welfare Foundation, CWF Chairman

G.I. Josh, GI Josh Chairman

• Finance Committee Report, Finance Chairman

• 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 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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# Camp Out 2023

Patagonia Lake State Park, Patagonia, Arizona

35th Annual Detachment of Arizona Camp Out

**Detachment Camp Site Registration Form to be completed and returned to Detachment**

**Headquarters with payment by March 11th, 2023.**

**Camp Out 2023 dates are Friday through Sunday, March 31st to April 2nd, 2023.**

- ◆ **All members of the American Legion Family are invited to attend. You must register in advance.**
- ◆ Reservations are "First come basis WITH payment". Verbal reservations will be honored until someone else is asking and has payment to lock the reservation down. Please note: Sooner is better than later.
- ◆ Name listed for each reservation (Responsible Person): *Is directly responsible for any and all changes to the reservation; Must make sure payment is Paid in Full at Detachment by March 11th; Is responsible for all actions and activities at that assigned camp site.*
- ◆ Sites are available on Thursday. The normal camp fee (varies) is payable at the park upon arrival. You must call the park for reservations at (520) 287-6965, All early arrivals (Thursday arrival) campers must coordinate with Camp Out 2023 Chairman prior to making reservation. Camp Out Chairman's Assigned Campsites over-ride all other considerations. Please coordinate before you reserve and set camp on Thursday.
- ◆ Pets are allowed; however, pets must be registered with the park and require a refundable deposit. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- ◆ Please limit the number of vehicles. Additional charges are collected for additional trailers, and motorized vehicles at park entry. Saturday Arrivals for meeting alone: Detachment will be charged per vehicle. Please car pool if possible. **To receive a parking pass, this form MUST be turned in by all DAY GUESTS.**
- ◆ No fireworks; No glass bottles and all fires are to be contained in fire rings provided. Park rules are enforceable by Park Rangers and or Local Police. Responsible Person listed for the reservation should read, understand and self-enforce the rules for their respective Camp site attendees.

★★★ Patagonia Lake State Park, 400 Patagonia Lake Rd, Patagonia, AZ 85624, Phone: (520) 287-6965 ★★★

Responsible Party _____	Contact Phone Number _____	E-Mail Contact _____	Sqd ## _____												
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Check Deposited: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2023

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_

Campsite Notification

Sent: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Assigned By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send registration form with check**

**Payable to: "Detachment of Arizona Camp Out"**  
**by March 11th to:**

**Sons Of The American Legion**

**Detachment Camp Out 2022**

**4701 N. 19th Avenue, Suite 200,**

**Phoenix, AZ 85015-3799**

☐ **PAID**

# 35th Annual Camp Out 2023

**Order your shirts today! Available with Pre-Order Only!**  
**Deadline for Shirt Orders WITH your Camp Out Reservation is**  
**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Dont forget your Camp Out Shirt**

## **Mens T-Shirt Sizes ONLY**

Write **EACH PAID** registration Member's name (Please Print Neatly) and **CIRCLE ONE SIZE** per member PAID.

ONLY paid members names are accepted, names must be listed on the registration forms

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Questions? Better Call Camp Out Chairman!!!

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Camp Out Committee is not responsible for poor printing of names or incomplete forms. Shirts are ordered from forms only. No Form, No

Shirt Shirts available for pick-up at Patagonia Lake State Park on Friday Afternoon

**Questions?**

602•524•5939, Chris Balsley - Camp Out Chairman

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***This area for use by Camp Out Committee Only***