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The Surprise Post 96 Newsletter is the official publication of Joseph Q. Johnson Post 96

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

***NO Post 96 business meeting in December
Post Officer's meeting 1600 Thursday December 3 at the Commander's home***

NO Voiture 1154 Promenade in December

AS OF JANUARY 1, POST 96 DUES ARE \$50. \$40 PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31.

If you pay dues online, we do NOT mail you a new membership card because the National Website allows you to print your own. You can email a request for a new card to George or Mike.



COMMANDERS CORNER



One final newsletter for the year. I wish every one a very Happy/Merry Christmas and/or Hanukkah. It has been a great year and I am looking forward to another. I got a call from Andy La Cour the other day wishing every happy holidays. Andy is currently living in Maryland and was our Past Commander. On the same news from him, he is getting married December 22.

We are always looking for articles for our newsletter. No politics or badmouthing others, but articles of your military experience.

If you haven't noticed yet, the snowbirds are back. Please be careful and kind. And, let them know that there is a Legion Post here.

For God and Country,

Mike Elliott, Legion Rider, Post 96 Commander

FROM THE FIRST VICE-COMMANDER



Greetings fellow Legionnaires.

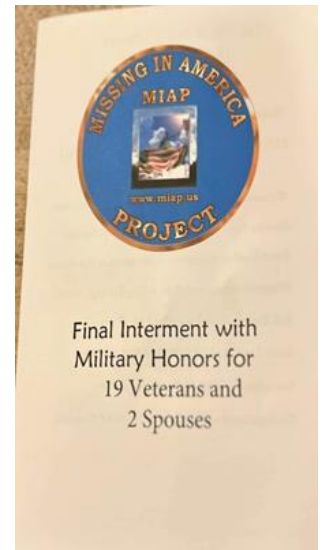
Each year Legionnaires in District 11 sign Christmas cards to be sent to deployed service men and women throughout the world, "Christmas Cards for Troops Project". This is the first year our Post has taken part in this, and I am pleased to say we turned in 500 signed cards at Post 62 in Peoria



who is the collecting post. Post 94 turned in approximately 3200 cards, so we have a long way to go to becoming a top contributor. In 2025, we need to start signing sooner rather than later and have more people signing them. Christmas cards usually go on sale after Christmas Day so it would be a good

time to pick up several boxes. If you wish to participate in 2025 Goggle "greetings for service men" that may be included in the card. The cards will be turned in on November 30, 2025, so give yourself the whole nine months and get to it. This year, Nancie Scalercio, Tom Frizzell, Nina Olsen and I participated by signing cards.

On November 20, some of us participated in the Missing in America Project military honors and internment ceremony at the Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery for 19 veterans and 2 spouses whose cremains had previously gone unclaimed. This is a great program to be involved. The next interment at the Phoenix National Cemetery will take place on January 15, 2025, at 1000 Hrs. at the main stage.



On Tuesday, November 19, I was privileged to attend a suicide prevention class held by Post 94. This was an In-Person Suicide Prevention Training session, and it was open to all Post 94 and Post 96 members. District 11 Service Officer Rodney Hage and Jeanette Devio from Veterans Affairs gave the 90-minute presentation. This was the first in the Northwest Valley. The session was very informative, with a questions-and-answer session afterward. There were 18 members from Post 94 and Post 96. This class fulfills a District 11 training goal.





As we approach the end of 2024 and soon enter 2025, it is a good time to consider being more involved in the American Legion and Post 96. In 2025 to attending monthly General (Business) Meetings, commit to spending a couple hours at our two-yearly fundraisers at Sam’s Club. Commit yourself to getting involved in our projects to help underserved veterans. Consider running for an officer’s post. Step up and be part of your organization.

Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all!

For God and Country,
Arnold “Arnie” Kohl, 1st Vice Commander

FROM THE SECOND VICE-COMMANDER



I don’t know about you, but I am wishing for a white Christmas! Christmas is so beautiful with all the twinkling lights and snowflakes coming down to cover the ground and I do miss the snow living here. Desert Christmas’s do have their own appeal though and it’s much nicer forgetting out and about and having fun with family and friends. What truly makes it special though is that people in general are kinder to those around them and tend to have that holiday cheer.

No matter how old we get, we NEVER outgrow Christmas! It’s a time of giving, goodwill, light and hope. So put up that tree, big or small, and decorate it however you like with whatever brings you joy. Sip some hot chocolate and bake some goodies and then get out and lift the spirit of others while working, shopping or looking for Christmas lights to view.

Rejoice for Christmas is love!

Have a very Merry Christmas,

For God and Country,
Kelly Donlevy, 2nd Vice Commander

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER AND JUDGE ADVOCATE



The winner of the Membership Drawing at the October 24 meeting is Anthony W. Zanghi who, unfortunately, was not present to win. It pays to attend meetings.

Semper Fi!

George Van de Langeryt
Finance Officer & Judge Advocate
Past Commander & Legion Rider
AZ Veterans Hall of Fame – Class of 2018

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



For God and Country,
Chaplain Joe Urshan

SICK CALL

Please inform Chaplain Joe if you or your family are having medical problems. The Post will pray for you.

POST EVERLASTING

No Reports

FROM THE FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN



We had our Veterans Day Fundraiser at Sam’s Club last month and brought in a total of \$2567.56. Not as much as previous years without enough volunteers to cover all the hours but those who were able to give of their time did an amazing job as always and we all had a good time.

Thank you to the following:

- Michael Hood
- John Chlopek
- Bob Cornfield
- Phil Ellis
- Nancie Scalercio
- Tom Frizzell
- Nina Olsen
- Brett Donlevy (not a member but my son and a Navy Veteran)

I am beyond grateful to all of you for helping and being there for every fundraiser! You are the best!!

See some fundraiser photos on page 13.

Merry Christmas to all our brothers and sisters!

For God and Country,
Kelly Donlevy, Fundraising Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome aboard to New Members!

- Robert Brooks, a Navy veteran from Post 100.
- Jerald Napier, a Marine transfer from Post 100.
- RJ Pelletier, an Army veteran from Post 100.
- Donald Morgan, an Army veteran from Texas Post 300. I hope these new members will attend the January 23 meeting so I may introduce them.

As of 12/1/24, we have 38 members pay dues to the Post, 47 pay online and 35 PUFL’s: total 120. Our goal is 170 so we are at 70.59% of goal.

YOU HAVE UNTIL 12/31 TO PAY \$40 DUES! AS OF 1/1/25, DUES ARE \$50.

Mike & George

Voiture Locale 1154 Report



Our next Promenade is scheduled for 1000 December 5 and we will meet at Post 145. Yeah, it is a drive but the meeting room is very comfortable.

Interested in the 40&8? Please talk to any of our members in Post 96.

Nancie Scalercio, Past Commander
Voiture Locale 1154 Fundraising Coordinator

American Legion Riders Report



The American Legion Riders of Post 96 participated in the Surprise Veterans Day Parade. Our participation this year was not typical for riding in the parade due to Riders numbers, issues with bikes and so forth, but we were there with a table supporting, handing out pins and flags. It was a great

parade. In attendance at our table was Nina, David, and myself. Hoping for a big group to ride next year.



Eddie Jenness, ALR 96 Director
alr96.president@gmail.com

December Calendar

Wednesday December 4 – 0900-1000 - Veterans Coffee Hour at Surprise Funeral Care, 16063 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ. Every 1st Wednesday of each month, Veterans are invited to a free coffee hour, compliments of Dignity Memorial.

Wednesday December 4 – Senior Day at Fry’s, Bashas’ and Albertsons. 10% discount on your groceries.

Thursday December 5 – 1600 Post 96 Officers meeting at Mike Elliott's home.

Saturday December 5 – 1100 40&8 Voiture 1154 Promenade is canceled for December.

Saturday, December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Observed nationwide, this day honors the victims of the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces led the United States to enter World War II.

Tuesday December 10 – 0900-1000 Veteran's Coffee Hour at Sunland Memorial Park. All vets and friends are invited for coffee and nibbles. Second Tuesday every month. In the Chapel building at 15826 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Wednesday December 11 – 1730 White Tank Mountain Detachment #1246, Marine Corps League meets at Kimber's Restaurant, in Sun Village.

December 11, 1941 - Germany and Italy Declared War on the US following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Friday, December 13 - National Guard Birthday: This day celebrates the establishment of the National Guard, the oldest military force in the United States.

Saturday December 14 – 1100 Voiture 1154 Christmas Lunch at Arrowhead Apts. Cost is \$12/person.

Sunday December 15 - 1000 Marty Schwab Memorial Breakfast at Richi's Diner, Bell & Reems. All veterans and family are invited to this informal gathering.

December 15, 2011 - Official End of War in Iraq.

December 16, 1944 – The Battle of the Bulge began as the German army launched a counteroffensive in the Ardennes Forest to split the Allied armies.

December 17, 1903 - The Wright Brothers made the first successful powered flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, a landmark moment in aviation history. This event is celebrated as Wright Brothers Day.

Saturday December 21 - 0900 NWVVA meeting Sunland Memorial Park.

Saturday, December 21 - December Solstice: Also known as the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and the summer solstice in the Southern

Hemisphere, this day marks the shortest day of the year in the North and the longest day in the South.

Tuesday December 24 – 1000 Disabled American Veterans Star Chapter 24 will not meet in December.

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve: A time of anticipation for Christmas, observed as a state holiday in many states and celebrated by Christians worldwide.

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day: A federal holiday in the United States, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and is observed with family gatherings, gift exchanges, and festive meals.

Thursday, December 26 - Hanukkah: The first day of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, begins on December 26. It celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

Thursday, December 26 - Kwanzaa: This African-American holiday celebrates family, community, and culture, running from December 26 to January 1.

December 25, 1776 – George Washington led his troops across a 300-yard stretch of the Delaware River in the dead of night between December 25 and 26.

The surprise move would put Washington's men a 19-mile march away from a garrison of Hessians — German mercenaries hired by the British to help them retain a hold on the rebelling colonies — that the Continental Army took completely by surprise.

Thursday, December 26 - Day After Christmas: Observed as a state holiday in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas, this day allows for extended family celebrations after Christmas.

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve: The last day of the year is a global celebration, where people gather to reflect on the past year and ring in the new year with parties, fireworks, and countdowns.

December 31, 1946 - Official End of WWII.

SAVE THE DATE

January 5 – 1200 Dept. Open House

January 18 – 0930 Wickenburg Standown

January 23 – 1800 Next Post 96 Meeting

February 11 – 1115 Massing of the Colors

Up Coming, District 11 Meetings

All Meetings on Sunday

Gary Vaughn, District 11 Commander

Note: Post Commanders are required to attend District Meetings. They may be accompanied by members of their leadership teams. If a Post Commander cannot attend, a “proxy” may be assigned in writing and delivered to the Adjutant before the meeting. “In person” attendance is preferred, however participation via ZOOM link is permissible (link to be posted on the Facebook page and sent by message to District and Post leadership).

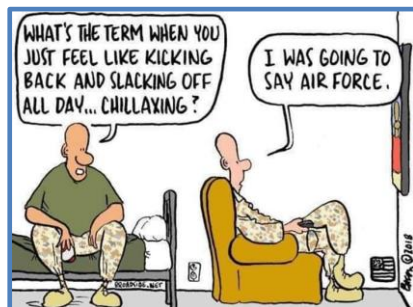
Jan.12, 2025: Eugene C. Yount Post 145
20025 N. 81st Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382
Times: Training 1300-1345, GMM: 1400-1515

Mar. 9, 2025: Hazelton – Butler Post 53
402 E. Narramore Ave., Buckeye, AZ 85326
Times: Training 1300-1345, GMM 1400-1600
Remarks: Officer nominations

May 18, 2025: Crandall-Palmer Post 61
35 N Dysart Rd, Avondale, AZ 85323
(3rd Sunday change due to Mother’s Day)
Times: Training 1300-1345, GMM 1400-1600
Remarks: Officer elections

Coordinating Instructions:

- District Officer and Committee Chair reports are due to the District Adjutant one week prior to the published meeting date so they may be distributed for review before the meeting.
- Training will include Service Officer and other administrative training deemed necessary by the District Commander or as requested by Post Commanders.



FROM THE EDITOR

I have edited and published this newsletter since August 2009. I am having problems sitting and doing this work ever month. To make things worse I have gout in my hands and wrist. Typing has become a chore.

I hope someone would step up and take it over from me. I will be glad to help you get started. Larry Wilder, our printer will be glad to assist a new editor as well.

No one has offered, yet, so this is the last monthly issue for me. I will try and continue a bi-monthly issue through next year.

The next issue will be February. On the months with no newsletter, I will issue an email blast with notifications.

MEDICARE UPDATE

I have a VA 100% disability rating. I use the VA for all my medical needs and prescriptions. I have always had Medicare because I was told not to drop it. In 2025, the Medicare premium from your social security check will be \$185/month. Goes up \$10.13.

Recently, Bill Pellegrini came to see me about the changes in Medicare. He does this every year and advises me as to what plan is best for me. Last year I had Banner Health because they gave me an OTC benefit of \$145/quarter. That came in handy to buy medical stuff from Walmart. In 2025, Banner is changing the benefit from \$145 to \$25. Time to look elsewhere.

Bill told me about a new Cigna plan; it is called Cigna Preferred Full Savings Medicare (HMO). The monthly premium is \$0.

This plan has higher co-pays and higher deductibles. Primary care visits are \$0. The BIG BENEFIT is Cigna does not charge Social Security the \$185 that is deducted from my Social Security check. I will get that back. Because I have VA care, I do not use Medicare for anything hardly at all. The VA now covers Urgent Care visits so I have no reason to see my Medicare doctor at all.

If this sounds interesting to you, please call Bill. You will find his business card in the newsletter. He has been an advertiser for a long time.

George Van de Langeryt
Past Commander & Newsletter Editor

Post 96 Meeting Minutes October 24, 2024

Submitted by Arnold Kohl, Acting Adjutant

Commander Mike Elliott called the meeting to order at 1902 Hrs.

Member Count: 14 - Guests: 4

Flag Salute.

Rod Hage offered opening prayer

Sgt@Arms Rod Hage placed POW/MIA cover on the Empty Chair.

1st Vice-Commander Arnold Kohl read the POW/MIA statement.

Moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Mike Elliott.

Preamble to American Legion Constitution recited in unison.

1st Vice-Commander Arnold Kohl conducted roll call of officers:

Commander Mike Elliott:	Present
First Vice-Commander Arnold Kohl:	Present
Second Vice-Commander Kelly Donlevy:	Present
Finance Officer George Van de Langeryt:	Present
Acting Adjutant Arnold Kohl:	Present
Past Commander Nancie Scalercio:	Present
Sgt@Arms Rod Hage:	Present
Riders President Eddie Jenness:	Excused
Chaplain Joe Urshan:	Missing
VA Hospital Coordinator/ Service Officer Rod Hage:	Present
Fundraising Chair Kelly Donlevy:	Present
Photographer Paul Satkowski:	Present

We have a quorum.

Committee & Officer Reports:

Commander Report:

Mike Elliott reported that there would be no November meeting because it falls on Thanksgiving. No December meeting because it falls on the day after Christmas, which is Boxing Day. We have found that moving meeting days does not work. Too many people do not get the word and come to find out there is no meeting. Best to avoid angry members and just cancel. Next meeting is January 23. We will send an email blast out in November and December with Post updates.

The Post needs two new officers. Rod Hage has agreed to be our new Sgt@Arms.

We need a new Adjutant; we have not had an Adjutant for a long time. It is an important position, please consider stepping up. The duties are minimal and will not take

much of your personal time. You take notes at the meeting, write them up, and submit them to the Commander and newsletter editor for publishing. Talk to me if you have any questions. You will become part of the decision-making process as an officer helping to make the Post a better place.

We need a new Newsletter Editor as George wants to retire. He has been doing this for 15 years and it is time for new blood and new ideas to brighten the newsletter up. George will help for several months to get you started. We have a printer who prints and mails the newsletter to those who do not have email, about 32 members.

Commander Elliott also reported that we had received copies of a new magazine, "American Veterans." Free copies were provided at the meeting.

Commander Elliott also reported that the City of Phoenix is building a museum monument in Steele Indian School Park commemorating Cold War veterans, civil service and defense workers as well as the role of the USS Phoenix (SSN-702) in helping end the Cold War against the Warsaw Pact nations. Using the salvaged parts of the USS Phoenix as the centerpiece, create an inspirational, educational, functional museum monument, which highlights the relationship between the U.S. Navy's attack submarine force and the ending of the Cold War. For more information and/or to make a donation in support of this project go to

<https://www.ussphoenixmonument.org/mission/>.

He reported that the Air Force Sergeants Association at Luke AFB will be having their annual funding raiser casino night on Friday October 25. One hundred dollars per couple, Sixty-five dollars for individuals.

Mike also mentioned that AL Post 145 conducted a revitalization project and contacted several Legionnaires who live in the Surprise area. The membership for those members was completed and forwarded to our Post.

Acting Adjutant Report: Arnold Kohl supplied copies of the minutes from the September 26 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Report: George Van de Langeryt reported that the Post has \$7, 930 in funds. The finance report was approved as read.

Membership Report: George Van de Langeryt/ Mike Elliott

As of today, we have 25 pay the post, 41 pay online and 35 PUFL for a total of 101 paid.

That is 59.41% of our goal of 170.

Post 96 dues will be \$50/year as of January 1, 2025. Pay your dues now and save \$10.

Remember if you pay online, we DO NOT mail you a new membership card because you can print your own card online. Those members who have paid multiple years can print their own 2025 membership card online. If you want a card mailed, contact Mike or George.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Arnold Kohl reported that Post 35- Chandler is having a golf Tournament fundraiser on November 11. Contact Post 35 for more information. (2240 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85224, (480) 821-0002)

Second Vice-Commander Report: Kelly Donlevy- Nothing to report.

Judge Advocate Report / Newsletter Editor Report: George Van de Langeryt reported there will not be a November Newsletter. I am cutting back on my efforts and will not be publishing a monthly newsletter anymore. I will send an email blast on those months there is no newsletter.

I am not going to continue as Newsletter Editor. . An editor is needed to take over. Any volunteers? I will continue for a short time but there will not be a newsletter every month until someone steps up.

I am the Event Coordinator for the NWVVA. Our Annual Veterans Day Ceremony is on November 11 at 0830. All are invited. Rick Kreiberg, founder of Veterans Affinity, is our guest speaker. This is a great one-hour tribute to Veterans. Plenty of parking and golf carts to carry you around. The event is followed by a buffet BBQ lunch courtesy of Dignity Memorial.

Past Commander Report: Nancie Scalercio reported "My 22 Veterans" will be holding a fundraiser Hikeathon at White Tanks Regional Park 15411 W. Waddell Rd. Area 7- A, B, & C on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Hike or Sponsor. Check-in starts at 0700 and the hike runs from 0800 to 1300 Hrs. Call 602-813-1222 for more information: <https://my22veterans.org/>

Chaplain Report: Joe Urshan was missing.

Sgt@Arms report: No report

Fundraising Chair Report: Post 96 will be having a fundraiser at Sam's Club, 303 and Bell, 11/08-11/10. 0900-1700 Friday and Saturday. 1000-1600 Sunday. Contact Kelly Donlevy to sign up and donate a couple hours of your time.

VA Support/ Service Officer Report: Rod Hage reported Post 96 helped a homeless veteran living in Surprise with

food and gas gift cards. He is also working with U.S. Vets to obtain housing for this veteran.

He reported that Service Officer training would soon be starting once a month. The training will take place at Post 62. More information to follow.

Rod reported that Post 96 is currently working with Post 94 on a suicide prevention class on 11/19/24 from 1530-1930 Hrs. at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W R H Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Rod asked for a show of hands of those who would like to participate so the room size could be determined.

Unfinished Business:

Installation of new officers:

Rod Hage made a motion that the business meeting be paused for the installation of new officers. Russ Harlen seconded the motion.

Commander Mike Elliott swore in Rod Hage as Sgt@Arms and Kelly Donlevy as Second Vice-Commander.

After the officer installation, Russ Harlen made a motion that the business meeting be resumed. Rod Hage seconded the motion.

Any unfinished meeting from the floor? None.

New Business:

Nancy Scalercio made a motion that a one-hundred-dollar donation be made to "My 22 Veterans." Rod Hage seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Tom Frizzell played a video he had created to advertise our upcoming fundraiser at Sam's Club.

The video has now been posted on Facebook.

Business for the good of the Legion: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

All events are in the Newsletter calendar.

No December Voiture 1154, 40&8 meeting but we will have a luncheon at 1000 on December 14 at the meeting place. Cost is #12 per person.

NEXT POST OFFICER MEETING 1600 Thursday December 5 at Mike Elliott's home.

No further business.

Closing ceremony and meeting closed at 2010 Hrs.

Membership drawing winner: #165- Anthony Zanghi- Not present.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Arizona Department of the American Legion Commander Warns of House Scam Emails

To the public and our valued Legion Family:

Manny Beltran, Commander of the Arizona Department of the American Legion, is issuing an urgent warning about fraudulent emails circulating that falsely appear to be from him. These scam emails often try to trick you into sending gift cards, money, or performing other favors.

“I want to assure everyone that I will never solicit donations or favors through email,” said Commander Beltran. “These requests are not how we conduct business at the American Legion. If you receive an email that appears to be from me asking for something, please do not respond and report it immediately.”

Commander Beltran advises the public to be vigilant and pay close attention to the sender’s email address. All legitimate emails from the Arizona Department of the American Legion will originate from the @azlegion.org domain.

How to spot a scam:

Check the sender’s email address: Does it end in @azlegion.org? If not, it’s likely a scam.

Be wary of requests for gift cards or money: The American Legion will never solicit donations in this manner.

Look for grammatical errors and typos: Scam emails often contain these.

Don’t click on any links or attachments: These could infect your computer with malware.

Do not reply or forward the message to others: These emails could contain harmful links, or

Do NOT forward or respond to the email. Here’s why:

Forwarding spreads the scam: You could inadvertently send it to people you know, putting them at risk.

Responding confirms your email is active: Scammers sell lists of active email addresses to other criminals.

Links and attachments can be dangerous: Even if you don’t reply, opening the email could expose your computer to malware.

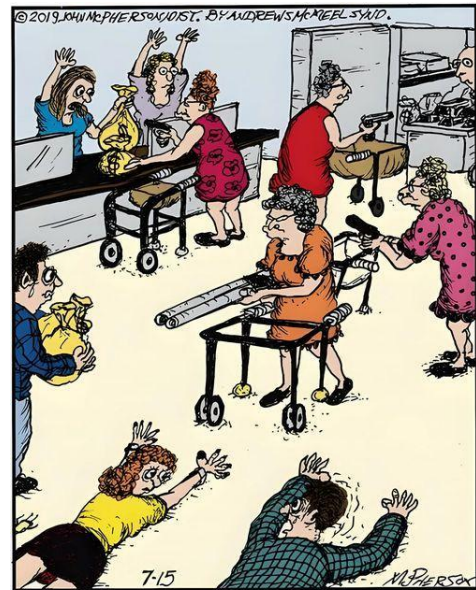
Instead, forward it to support@azlegion.org

We need your help to protect our community from these scams. Please share this information with your family and friends to raise awareness.

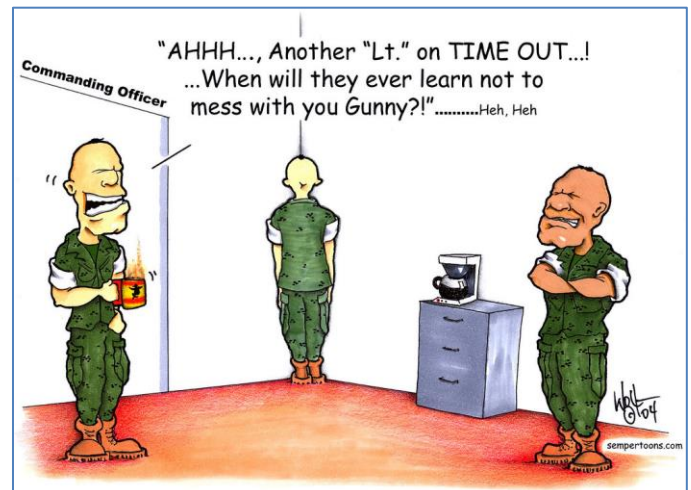
About the American Legion:

The American Legion is a veterans’ organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Contact: Matthew Kritzer, Adjutant, The American Legion Department of Arizona:
adjutant@azlegion.org for questions or concerns.



“THEY are the notorious ‘Walker Gang’?
I thought Walker was like, you know,
a last name!”



Merry Christmas

SATURDAY
12/7/2024
10A-4PM

HOLIDAY
Pop-Up Event

WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING YOU A UNIQUE, AND
FUN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE, FOR ALL
YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!!

50/50, Raffle, Food, Shop,
LIMITED VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE \$10
CONTACT: YVONNE CORTEZ 602-509-5707 OR JILL WALKER 623-204-1183
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ALA 29 VETERANS & CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

American Legion Post 29
6822 N 57th Drive
Glendale AZ



Annual Open House
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025
12:00 noon - 4:00 PM

Special Note: Open House for this year has been moved to SUNDAY for

*National Commander,
James "Jim" LaCoursiere, Jr.'s
Arizona Visitation. Please join us!*

We would like to see ALL of you for relaxing company, excellent food and some "after holidays" fun. Bring your favorite dish and join us at

Department Headquarters
4701 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix
See you then!!



THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS



Chapter 131, West Valley, AZ

PRESENTS

**Massing of the Colors
and
Service of Remembrance**



With the Desert Brass Band

**A Patriotic Ceremony in Memory of Our POWs, MIAs and Our Deceased
Military Men and Women Who Have Served Our Country**

Featured Speaker

Dr. Connie Mariano, MD, FACP

Rear Admiral, USN Retired

“Life Lessons from Military Service”

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:15 a.m.

**Palm Ridge Recreation Center,
13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, AZ**

2025 Wickenburg Veterans Stand Down

"Bringing VA Services to YOU"

January 18th, 2025

9:30am-2:30pm

176 N Frontier St, Wickenburg AZ 85390



Hosted by American Legion Kellis-Draper Post 12 Arizona

**Services available to Active Military, Reserve, Retired,
Disabled, and Homeless Veterans**

Veterans Affairs Resources & Benefits

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A few photos of the Veterans Day Fundraiser Thanks to Kelly Donlevy and her crew!



Nancie Scalerio, Bob Cornfield and Nina Olsen



Tom Frizzell, Nancie Scalerio and John Chlopek



Michael Hood



Tom Frizzell



Brett Donlevy with donors



Bob Cornfield

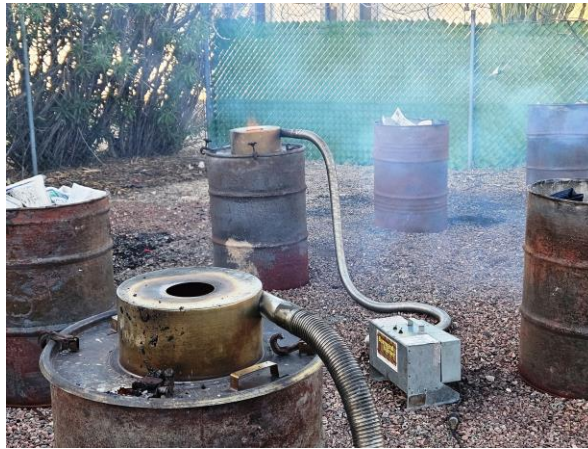


Brett Donlevy



John Chlopek

Here are a few photos of Arnie Kohl retiring flags for the North West Valley Veterans Association. Sunland Memorial gives us a space to set up. We use BarnYard Burners to destroy the flags. The units have blowers, which inject air into the barrels to incinerate the flags. Nothing left but ash and grommets. Takes about 45 minutes to burn a barrel full of flags.



Here are a few photos from the Post 96 meeting on October 24, 2024. Our last meeting for the year. Thanks to our Post Photographer Paul Satkowski.



Member, Rod Hage and Bobbie Schwab



Russ Harlan



Past Commander Nancie Scalercio



Kelly Donlevy, Rod Hage, Karina Burch, Tom Frizzell and Commander Mike



Karina Birch and husband Thomas Heil



Past Commander Don Jankowski



Rod Hage and 2nd Vice Commander Kelly Donlevy

Here are a few photos of the North West Valley Veterans Association Veterans Day Ceremony at Sunland Memorial Park. Thanks to Photographer Paul Satkowski. Post 06 is a charter member of the Association and Post members have been very involved for many years. Currently Rod Hage is Commander, George Van de Langeryt is a Past Commander, Treasurer and Event Coordinator, Arnold Kohl is Sgt@Arms, Mike Elliott and Nancie Scalercio are Past Commanders.



Cadets from Greenway High School Naval ROTC present the colors



Rick Kreiberg, guest speaker & Nancie Scalercio sings God Bless America.



Connie Vlachos sings the National Anthem



NWVVA Chaplain Roy Van Rooy gives the invocation.



Chris Hopkins, General Manager of Sunland Memorial Park, controls the music for the Ceremony.



Greenway High School Naval JROTC presents the colors.



Rick Kreiberg gives his address



Photographer Paul Satkowski in action.



Post 94 Rile Squad fires a volley after taps.



Commander Rod awards Speaker Rick with the NWVVA Eagle



Uncle Sam (Joe Delgado), Mike Elliott and his Commander Gail



Luke AFB 56th Fighter Wing flight of F35s fly over



Arnie Kohl, Voiture 1154 Representative to the NWVVA and the 40&8 flag. Arnie is the flag procession commander.



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