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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

***NEXT Post business meeting 1800 March 28 at AZ Traditions
17225 N Citrus Rd., Surprise, AZ 85374***

***We meet in the Traditions Neighborhood Center 18265 Traditions Loop Rd E
PLEASE – ASK THE GATE GUARD FOR DIRECTIONS!***

Post Officer's meeting 1600 Thursday March 7 at the Commander's home

Voiture 1154 Promenade on 1000 Saturday March 2 at the Post 145 meeting room.

***Marty Schwab Memorial Breakfast 1000 Sunday March 17 NEW LOCATION
Richi's Diner - 15609 W Bell Rd #100, Surprise, AZ 85374***

ALR Chapter 96 will be meeting after the Post meeting on March 22 at AZ Traditions.

If you are receiving the newsletter by US Mail, we do not have an email address for you. If you have one, please send it to George gvan8888@aol.com. It will save the Post printing and mailing costs.

COMMANDERS CORNER



Do you still celebrate your birthday? I do, and do many others. This year The American Legion will be celebrating 105 years. I get it that is a long time. But there are other birthdays that are older. The VFW was formed in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American War. An older one is the American Jewish War Veterans, which was formed by Jewish veterans of the Civil War in 1896. The Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890, and the Sons of the American Revolution started 1889. Older organizations belong to our military forces; Marines (10 November 1775), Army (14 June 1775), Navy has 2 birthdays (13 October 1775 and 27 March 1794), and Coast Guard

(oops, I mean Revenue Marines). The Revenue Marines was formed 4 August 1790 by Alexander Hamilton and is currently in its present form (USCG) the oldest seagoing service.

We had a surprise for our meeting February 22, 2024. Our room that we use at Arizona Traditions was double booked for a 94th birthday of a resident's father. I gave my condolences to the son who informed me that who's Dad had passed away, but they did the B-Day celebration anyway with friends and family. I made that tough call of canceling our meeting. AZ Traditions did not inform me of the conflict two months ago when this was booked. Boy was I embarrassed. We had guest presentations (Kelly told me that she would write about them) and new hopeful members that did show up. Rod and I

stayed until about 1710. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience.

For God and Country,

Mike Elliott, Legion Rider, Post 96 Commander

FROM THE First VICE-COMMANDER



In Remembrance



From left to right: Lance Cpl. Donovan Davis, Capt. Benjamin Moulton, Capt. Miguel Nava, Capt. Jack Casey, and Sgt. Alec Langen were killed in a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crash February 6, 2024, in California.

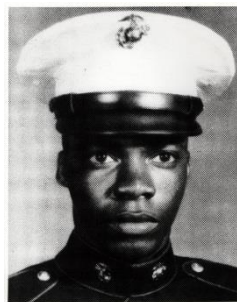


(L-R) Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, Spc. Kennedy Ladon Sanders and Spc. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett died January 28, 2024, in Jordan.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

The three U.S. Army Reserve soldiers were assigned to the 718th Engineer Company, 926th Engineer Battalion, 926th Engineer Brigade in Fort Moore, Georgia.

On Sunday, February 25, I was privileged to attend the 11th Annual Day of Remembrance for PFC Oscar



P. Austin at Greenwood Memory Lawn in Phoenix. PFC Austin is a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in action February 23, 1969, in Vietnam. He was a graduate of Phoenix Union High School in Phoenix and is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn.

We were honored by the presence of three sailors from the USS Oscar Austin, CMDCM Angie Quackenbush, Command Master Chief DCC Robert Mueller, And ENS Benjamin Norville who presented an American Flag, which was flown on the USS Oscar Austin on February 23, 2024.

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U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Randall Damm.

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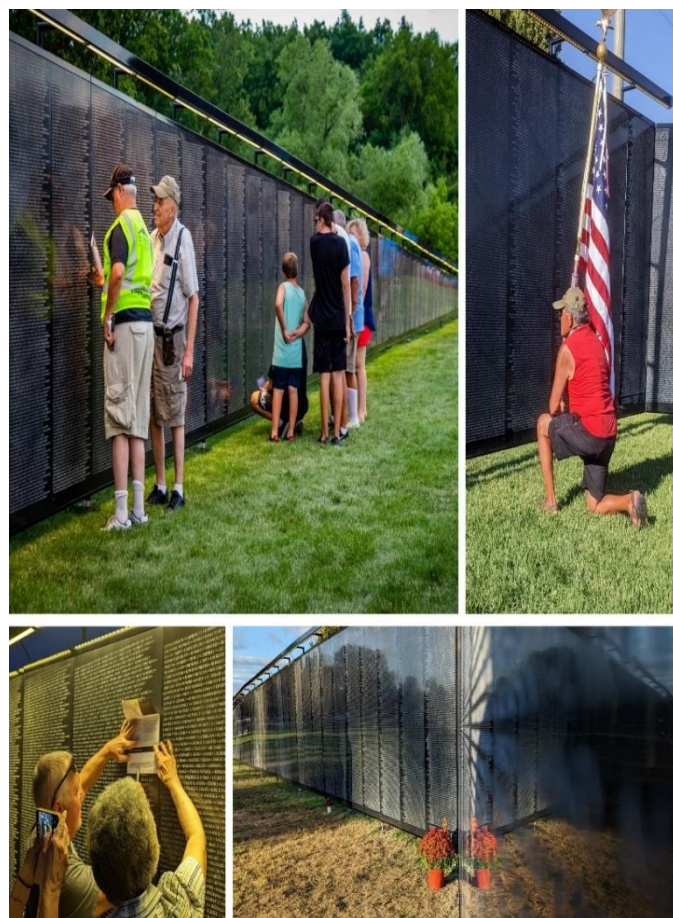
U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Randall Damm.

Also, in Remembrance

The traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is coming to Peoria, April 11-14. The wall will be on display at Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant. The event is free.

The Wall That Heals exhibit includes a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. This is the 29th season of The Wall That Heals. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in



length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. With the replica at this size, visitors are able to experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall. The names are listed in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to

the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.

The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and an aluminum frame supports its 144 individual panels. Modern LED lighting from the top of The Wall provides readability of The Wall at night. <https://www.vvmf.org>

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

FROM THE SECOND VICE-COMMANDER



Hello brothers and sisters, we didn't get to have our meeting in February due to a mix up in scheduling but the speaker we had coming showed up with a meat and cheese tray to share with us and a couple colleagues to present their information.

We didn't get to go over all the information they had for us but here is a summary.

Schodi Irvin, an Archwell Health Membership Consultant, specializes in providing primary care to adults that are 60+ years old. They focus on all aspects of health to include preventive, social and educational, mental health and have on-site testing and imaging which eliminates your need for extra travel.

Steve Pomerantz, a health insurance broker, can tell you about different insurance plans that work with your Tricare, CHAMPVA, and VA benefits.

Michael O'Dell, a client relations coordinator, will help you if you need home care. He'll give a free home assessment and create a customized care plan just for you. No matter where you call home, they will come to you, on your time and on your terms.

We hope to have them back again to get the whole scoop. In the meantime, if you are interested in contacting them, I will share their business cards and a flyer from Archwell about a Veteran and Community Resource Fair.

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

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER AND JUDGE ADVOCATE



Quite a surprise we were unable to hold our monthly meeting at AZ Traditions. First time this happened and I hope it is not a sign of things to come. They don't seem to want us there anymore. Marty Schwab was our Traditions representative and insured we did not have problems. Unfortunately, he is gone, and sorely missed. We are on the lookout for a new place to meet but there are not many available.

Sorry to say we have 28 members delinquent in dues. No chance of becoming a 100% Post unless they pay up quick. Some are only one-year members who never come to meetings. You get out of the Legion, and any other organization, what you put into it. If you do not attend meetings, how can you decide it is not for you? Come and at least see what you are missing.

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



...till the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest. The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

Amen.

Isaiah 32:15-17, NIV.

For God and Country,
Chaplain Joe Urshan

SICK CALL

Karen Van de Langeryt is slowly recovering from her neck surgery. It is a painful process and taking longer than expected.

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 will be fundraising at Sam's Club, on Bell Road by the 303, Friday through Sunday May 24-26 and November 8-10. So, please mark your calendars to set aside a couple hours those two weekends as we can sure use the help. I will send out more information about those weekends as we get closer to the fundraiser.

For God and Country,
Kelly Donlevy, Fundraising Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of February 28, we have 56 pay the post, 57 pay online and 35 PUFL's. Total is 148. Our goal is 183 so we have 80.87% paid! We have 28 members who have not paid yet! Does not look like we will hit 100% this year.

Thanks to all who paid their dues on time. A list of delinquent members is in this newsletter. If you know any of them, please give them a call and remind them to pay their dues.

It is easy to pay online. If you use a credit card, we do not mail your membership card because you can print your own online. However, if you want one, let George know and he will mail it to you.

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? If so, please contact Mike or George. Give us the new information and we will update the records so you will continue to get your Legion Magazine and the Post Newsletter mailed or emailed to the proper address.

Mike & George

From the VA Hospital Coordinator

I have been working directly with the American Legion State of AZ Service Officer trainer to bring more experience to the post and area. Suicide prevention and the Be the One program are the current items being heavily promoted right now. I

hope to bring updated information to our March meeting.

I am doing about 10-20 VA claims per week between Legion 96, 94, and 101, DAV 24 and 20, and Veterans Affinity. I am also working with the City of Surprise to assist veterans needing help, both VA and other kinds of direct assistance. Our Post and DAV Chapter 24 are both well known at the City level for helping local veterans.

If anyone needs help with VA claims or other assistance, PLEASE reach out to me at MSgtRod@hotmail.com for an appointment. I am working all claims in partnership with DAV Chapter 24 to expedite the overall process. Please feel free to give my email address to others who might need my help, membership with and VSO has no impact on what kind of help I give them.

I have not heard from the VA Hospital regarding additional needs since I made the large delivery of donated items in November, and I did not get up there in February. I tend to be there the 3rd Friday each month but missed this month's visit.

Thank you all for your continued support, I could not do what I do without you!

Rod Hage
The American Legion Post 96 Service Officer
DAV Chapter 24 Service Officer
Commander, DAV 24
Commander, NWVVA
478-501-6625 (cell)
MSgtRod@hotmail
Post 96 VA Hospital Coordinator
DAV Star Chapter 24 Commander & Service Officer

Voiture Locale 1154 Report



Our next Promenade is scheduled for 1000 March 3 and we will meet again at Post 145. Yeah, it is a drive but the meeting room is very comfortable.

We have a fundraiser at Sam's Club at the 303 on March 15-16 – 0900-1500. If you can, give us a couple hours. Please call Nancie at 623-826-3488. The proceeds support our Nursing Scholarship project.

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



Karina Burch, Riders Treasure, is with Surprise Mayor Skip Hall. Mayor Hall is an Honorary Life Member of Legion Post 96.



Surprise Mayor Skip Hall and Rider Tom Roark at Vet Fest.

Our ALR96 Riders in action. They had a table at the Surprise Vet Fest held on February 10 at Mark Coronado Park. Lots of activity there supporting veterans. This will be a yearly event.



A Riders photo from some event. All photos should be accompanied with who, what, where and when.

Karina Burch, ALR Treasurer
karinaburch2413@gmail.com

March Calendar

Saturday March 2 – 1100 40&8 Voiture 1154
Promenade at

Arrowhead Valley Apartments
20025 N 81st Ave
Peoria, AZ 85382

This is a Zoom Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89838520005>

Meeting ID: 898 3852 0005

One tap mobile: +16694449171,,89838520005# US

Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89838520005>

March 3 - Navy Reserve Birthday. Founded in 1915, the Navy Reserve provides strategic depth and delivers operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps team and joint forces in times of peace and war.

Tuesday March 5 – 0700-1100 Post 94 Pancake Breakfast. See Flyer

Wednesday March 6 – 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 March 6 – Senior Day at Fry's, Bashas' and Albertsons. 10% discount on your groceries.

Sunday March 10 – (Second Sunday) - Daylight saving time (DST), also referred to as daylight savings time, daylight time (United States, Canada, and Australia), or summer time (United Kingdom, European Union, and others), is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer, so that darkness falls at a later clock time. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in spring or late winter, and to set clocks back by one hour to standard time in the autumn, (or fall North American English). Hence the mnemonic: "spring forward and fall back".

Tuesday March 12 – 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.

March 15, 1919 - The American Legion birthday. On this day when the first American Legion caucus was convened in Paris, coordinated by members of the American Expeditionary Force. Weary from war and its effects, they were concerned about their lives after discharge, the welfare of their comrades and the general condition of our nation. Such concerns gave rise to a value system, and The American Legion swiftly became

the nation's largest veterans service organization. Today, with 2.4 million members, the Legion is as strong and relevant as ever.

Friday & Saturday March 15-16 – 0900-1500 Voiture 1154 Fundraiser at Sam's Club at the 303.

Saturday March 16 – 0900 NWVVA meeting Sunland Memorial Park.

Sunday March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a religious and cultural holiday held on March 17, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Sunday March 17 - 1000 Marty Schwab Memorial Breakfast at Richi's Diner, Bell & Reems. All veterans and family are invited to this informal gathering.

Saturday March 23 – 1500-1800 Veterans Ceremony & Concert. See flyer.

Saturday & Sunday - March 23-24 - Luke Days Airshow

Wednesday March 27 – 1400-1530 Archwell Veteran and Community Resource Fair. See Flyer.

Thursday March 28 – 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Business Meeting. American Legion Post 96 meeting is at the AZ Traditions Neighborhood Center. Come for the raffle prizes! Bring a guest.

Thursday March 28 – About 2000 American Legion Riders Chapter 96 meeting is now held after the Post 96 business meeting at AZ Traditions. This is a temporary change.

SAVE THE DATE

May 24-26 - Friday-Sunday Post 96 Fundraiser at Sam's Club

November 8-10 - Friday-Sunday Post 96 Fundraiser at Sam's Club

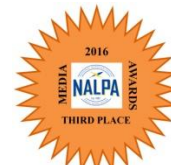
Up Coming, District 11 Meetings

All Meetings on Sunday with Training at 1300 and General Meeting at 1400

Gary Vaughn, District 11 Commander

May 19, 2024: Earl E. Mitchell Post 29 6822 N. 57th Dr., Glendale, AZ 85301

Remarks: Officer Elections and installations



FROM THE EDITOR

Please help us find new businesses or individuals to advertise in our newsletter. It is only \$5/month (\$60/year) and we give Legion Members a 20% discount.

George Van de Langeryt
Past Commander & Newsletter Editor

25 January 2024 General Meeting Minutes

1830 Hrs. Premeeting talk by Doug Gitchel and VA, DD214 issues and his service experiences.

1900 Hrs. Meeting Opened

Member count: 16

Guest count: 4

Normal opening ceremony completed; Commander Mike Elliott declared the meeting convened.

Vice Commander Arnold Kohl- Roll call of Officers:

Commander: Mike Elliott	Present
Vice Commander: Arnold Kohl	Present
Second Vice Commander: Kelly DonLevy	Excused
Finance Officer: George Van de Langeryt	Present
Adjutant: Vacant	
Past Commander: Nancy Scalercio	Absent
Sergeant-At-Arms: Kristen Dube	Excused
Riders Director: Eddie Jenness	Present
Chaplin: Joe Urshan	Excused
Service Office: Rod Hage	Present
Fund Raising Chair: Kelly DonLevy	Excused
Photographer: Paul Satkowski	Present

Adjutant: Minutes for December 2023 meeting- None

Commander Elliott introduced our guest Bob Gilmore (Bubbles) who is a candidate for Department Commander who spoke briefly.

Commander Report: Commander Elliott mentioned candidates who are running for several other positions both State and National.

Finance Officer Report: George Van de Langeryt gave Finance report.

Total of \$10,243 including General and Restricted Funds.

No changes were requested for the financial report, and it was approved.

Membership Report: George Van de Langeryt reported that we currently have a total of 149 members paid for 2024.

Vice Commander Report: Arnold Kohl reported that Post 96 is currently working to have the Memorial Day weekend memorial service at Luke Auxiliary Field #3 restarted. This will occur on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Judge Advocate Report/ Newsletter Editor: George Van de Langeryt reported on Post 96 By-Law changes and that the changes were in the hands of Department of Arizona who if approved will forward them to National for approval.

George reminded everyone that any member is welcome to submit an article for publication in our monthly newsletter.

Past Commander Report: Absent

ALR Report: ALR Director Eddie Jenness reminded everyone about the upcoming Wickenburg Stand-Down.

Chaplain Report: Chaplain Joe Urshan was excused but had mentioned that many are failing to notify him about those who are sick/injured/having surgeries. Etc. Please let Joe know if you know of any member or member's spouse who is suffering. Joe Urshan's phone number is 623-584-4653. This is a land line so please don't leave text messages as he won't get them.

Sgt@Arms Report: Kristen Dube is active duty and is currently deployed.

Service Officer and VA Support: Service Officer Rod Hage reported that he and other Service Officers have been working on a high volume of benefit claims including a large number from Luke AFB retirees and those about to retire. Rod reported that he finally was contacted by a nurse from VA Hospital who provided him with a list of supplies they are needing to provide to Veteran patients in their care. Rod was able to deliver the

requested items with supplies we had on hand. (For a couple years Post 96 has been gathering, through donations from our members, toiletry items, sanitary products, socks, etc. to provide them to patients at the VA Hospital. The hospital does not provide these items for those in their care)

Rod also reminded everyone about the monthly coffee at the VA Home located next to VA Hospital. The coffee is served on the third Friday each month at 10 A.M. Those participating service coffee and provide social contact for those living in the home. The coffee is coordinated by "Veterans Affinity" a non-profit Veterans support organization. Some of our members, members of Post 94 and other service organizations participate.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Pat Boyd spoke about a funding raising car show at Legacy Traditional School on February 3rd from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Pat made a motion that Post 96 make a \$500 dollar donation to the school.

Motion was seconded by Rod Hage.

Vote taken and passed unanimously. (General funds will be used)

No other new business.

Business for the Good of the Legion:

February 3rd 10 A.M "Four Chaplains Day Ceremony" Post 94 Sun City West Foundation Stardust/ R.H. Johnson (Doors open at 0900)

February 10th 5 P.M. to 8 P.M "Vet Fest". in Surprise at Mark Coronado Park

February 17 0800-1300 White Tank Mountain "Hike-A-Thon To Stop Veteran Suicide" 20304 W White Tank Mountain Rd, Waddell, Area 7, Ramadas A,B,C. Check in starts at 0700. \$25 entry fee. Sponsored by My 22 Veterans.

February 20 1115 Hrs. "Massing of Colors and Service of Remembrance" Palm Ridge Recreation Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Dr. SCW

February 25 1500. PFC Oscar P. Austin USMC, Annual Day of Remembrance, Greenwood Lawn Memorial Park 719 N. 27 Ave, Phoenix (Vietnam Veterans Section)

March 5 0700-1100 Post 94 Pancake Breakfast at Sun City West Foundation, Stardust/ R. H. Johnson, SCW

Next Post 96 Meeting February 22 at 1800 Hrs.

Closing Ceremony

Meeting Closed at 2005 Hrs.

(Meeting minutes submitted by Vice Commander Arnold Kohl (AGK))

ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Arizona State Veteran Home-Phoenix Fundraising To Buy New Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

PHOENIX - Arizona State Veteran Home-Phoenix (ASVH-Phoenix) is seeking community support to raise \$150,000 for two new wheelchair-accessible vehicles for its residents, the Arizona Department of



Veterans' Services announced. The two vehicles will replace the home's current vehicles.

"It will allow the residents to have a more dependable and reliable means of transportation as our two current vehicles have aged past their useful life expectancy," ASVH-Phoenix Administrator Jeffery Cook said. "We're excited for the residents' and families' satisfaction with the services we can offer our Veterans."

ASVH-Phoenix is looking to purchase a new passenger bus, similar to an airport shuttle van, which is capable of accommodating up to five Veterans in wheelchairs and an additional six Veterans to safely transport residents to community events. The home would also like to purchase a smaller van that can accommodate up to two wheelchairs that will be utilized to transport residents to medical appointments.

"We are excited about getting these new vehicles so we can continue to go on outings and ensure that our Veterans are safe and enjoy the experience," said ASVH-Phoenix Recreational Therapist Brittany Tashner.

"Our Veterans have done so much for us, and this is a small way for our community to show them our appreciation," she added.

Community members can donate to the ASVH-Phoenix vehicle fund by clicking here: <https://dvspay.az.gov/content/charitable-donations> and selecting either ASVH Phoenix – Van or ASVH Phoenix – Bus.

(Original article is from October 2023 but donations are still needed.)

Business Cards from Kelly's Second Vice Article



POST 96 DELINQUENT MEMBERS

The following Post 96 members are delinquent and their membership cards have expired. They have not paid 2024 dues and until they do, they may not attend any Legion function, including Post and Rider meetings. If you know any of these members, please give them a call and remind them to pay their dues. We hate to lose 28 members this year.

Maria E Baltran
Patrick J Becker
Leisa Boyd
Steve L Cockling
Randy Coffman
Barry E Crow
Michael E DeLay
Jeffrey W Dick
Christopher A Dorr
John H Draper

Joseph A Fletcher
David Hernandez
Frank C Hofmann
Janos S Hottya
Ronald D Howell
Charles Manuel
Raymond A McLaren
Ennis B Miller
Chester (Rusty) Morgan
Christine Patterson

Robert R Pickrel
Albert Polito
Gerald R Pontius
Norbert L Reischl
Gerald L Schwartz
Donald L Swanson
Robert L Tovey
William C Turner

If you have an issue that is causing you to not pay your dues, PLEASE call Commander Mike Elliott and discuss it with him. We don't want to lose you as a member of Post 96.



Primary Care for Adults 60+

Veteran and Community Resource Fair

ArchWell Health Surprise

17674 N. Litchfield Road Surprise, AZ 85374

March 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a helpful afternoon to learn from our broker partners about resources available to our veteran community. Meet our care team, have some snacks and refreshments, and visit our center!

Schodi Irvin

(480) 430-9470

Schodi.irvin@archwellhealth.com





**THE AMERICAN LEGION
MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI POST 94**



FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 07:00 – 11:00

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!!

**ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS \$6
\$7 AT THE DOOR**



Sugar-Free Syrup Available

SUN CITY WEST FOUNDATION BUILDING
14465 R. H. JOHNSON BOULEVARD
(CORNER OF R. H. JOHNSON BLVD and STARDUST BLVD)

For information and advance tickets:
Adjutant Jim Heller at 623-975-4300
Commander Jack Coyle at 219-746-0360
or any Post 94 Legionnaire.

Proceeds from ticket sales support the Needy Veterans, Veterans First, St. Vincent DePaul (Veterans Ozanam Manor) and other Veteran Organizations that Post 94 supports.

STAND BESIDE THEM



Our service members have stood by us, unconditionally with incredible courage, commitment to duty, honor, and integrity, at great sacrifice. Now it's our turn to stand beside them.

- Stephanie Richmond, CEO and Founder

OUR STORY

Stand Beside Them, Inc. (SBT) was launched in 2013 by a certified coach who understood the positive impact that coaching could have on veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

We match veterans, spouses, and caregivers with **free** coaching services to help them navigate professional and personal challenges as they transition to post-service life.

Today we have more than 215 coaches in 30 states. All of our coaches hold credentials from International Coaching Federation (ICF)-accredited programs.

THE NEED

200,000 veterans transition out of the military into civilian life each year.

66% of post 9/11 veterans said readjustment to civilian life was difficult.

22 Veterans commit suicide each day, or one every 69 minutes.

"Some things are priceless, and my experience with SBT is one of them."

- Brian Alegia, Marine Veteran

OUR IMPACT

2K+	92%	94%	100%
veterans, spouses and caregivers received SBT coaching since 2013.	felt empowered to follow the action plan they developed in coaching.	reported coaches helped them identify and remove barriers to their success.	would recommend coaching to another transitioning service member, veteran, military spouse, or caregiver.

AREAS WE COACH



Career Development




Executive / Leadership



Life / Relationships



Health & Wellness



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