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● Honoring the Fallen: Sons of the American Legion & Memorial Day ●

As Memorial Day approaches, the Sons of the American Legion stand united with our American Legion Family in honoring the true meaning of this sacred day. ❤️💙💜

Memorial Day is more than a long weekend—it is a time of **remembrance, reflection, and reverence** for the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. 🕊️

🏆 Our Mission in Action

For the Sons of the American Legion, this day reflects who we are and what we stand for:

- 🇺🇸 **Placing flags** on the graves of our fallen heroes
- 🕯️ **Participating in memorial ceremonies**
- 🤝 **Supporting American Legion Posts & community events**
- 🎓 **Educating the next generation** on the meaning of sacrifice

Each act—no matter how small—helps ensure their legacy lives on. 🙏

A Legacy of Honor

We carry forward the mission of those who served by:

- ❤️ Remembering their sacrifice
- 🇺🇸 Honoring their courage
- 🔔 Keeping their stories alive

Through service and dedication, we ensure that **their sacrifice is never forgotten.**

📖 A Moment to Reflect

As you gather with family and friends this Memorial Day:

- 📺 Take a moment of silence
- 🕊️ Reflect on the cost of freedom
- 🇺🇸 Remember those who gave everything

Freedom is never free. 🙏

🇺🇸 We Remember. We Honor. We Serve.

From all of us in the Sons of the American Legion—
we honor the fallen, and we will never forget. 🙏🇺🇸🌟

 **Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona**
Annual Campout – April 10–12, 2026
 **Dead Horse Ranch State Park | Cottonwood, Arizona** 

From April 10–12, 2026, members of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Detachment of Arizona gathered in fellowship, service, and camaraderie for the annual Detachment Campout held at the scenic **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** in Cottonwood, Arizona. 🇺🇸 ✨

Set along the beautiful Verde River, this year’s campout once again reflected the SAL mission of **“Service to Veterans, Families, and Community”** while strengthening bonds across Squadrons from throughout the state. 🧡💙

 **A Weekend of Brotherhood & Purpose**

Throughout the weekend, SAL members, American Legion Family partners, and guests came together for a shared experience rooted in tradition and purpose:

- 🔥 Campfire fellowship and evening camaraderie under Arizona skies
- 🇺🇸 Detachment updates and leadership discussions
- 🧡 Collaboration between Squadrons from across the state
- 🏆 Recognition of ongoing service projects and community impact
- 💬 Sharing ideas to grow membership and strengthen local programs



The campout continues to serve as a cornerstone event for the Detachment—bringing together generations of Sons in a relaxed but mission-focused environment.

 **The Perfect Arizona Setting**

Nestled in the Verde Valley, **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** provided an ideal backdrop for the event. Known for its scenic trails, river access, and campground facilities, the park offered attendees both comfort and connection to nature. 🌿🦋

With its wide-open spaces, river corridors, and mountain views, the location reinforced what SAL members already know well: **service feels strongest when shared in the outdoors, shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow Sons.**

Strengthening the SAL Mission

Beyond recreation, the campout reinforced the Four Pillars of The American Legion Family:

- ❤️ Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- 🎓 Americanism
- 👨👩👧👦 Children & Youth
- 🏛️ National Security



Conversations throughout the weekend focused on expanding community service efforts, increasing Squadron engagement, and ensuring the next generation understands the importance of honoring those who served. 🙌

🔥 Looking Ahead

As the 2026 Campout concluded, members departed with renewed energy, stronger connections, and a continued commitment to service across Arizona.

Events like this remind us that the Sons of the American Legion are more than an organization—we are a family dedicated to preserving legacy, strengthening communities, and honoring sacrifice. us 🙌

We Are SAL

From campfire to community service, the Detachment Campout continues to embody what it means to be Sons of the American Legion:

Honor the past. Serve the present. Build the future. 🙌 us





 **Sons of the American Legion – Detachment of Arizona**



 **2026 Department Convention Announcement**

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Detachment of Arizona is preparing to stand united at the upcoming **American Legion Department of Arizona Convention**, taking place:

 **27 June 2026 8:00 am**

 **Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort**

 **One N. San Marcos Place, Chandler, AZ 85225 us** 

This annual gathering brings together Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and Sons from across Arizona to conduct the official business of The American Legion Family while celebrating service, leadership, and shared purpose.  



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From the Editor's Desk – Blue Cap News

From Your Squadron to the Spotlight!

As we continue through 2026, the energy across the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona remains strong and growing. 🇺🇸 From local Squadron service projects to statewide events, one thing is clear—our members continue to step up, stay engaged, and honor the mission of the American Legion Family in meaningful ways. 🤝 🏆

With the **2026 Department Convention set for June 25–28 in Chandler at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort**, this is an important time for Squadrons to stay active, involved, and ready to take part in shaping the direction of our organization. 🏛️ 🧢

Every event, every meeting, and every act of service helps tell the story of who we are as Sons—and that story is still being written every day across Arizona. 🇺🇸 🤝

Stay involved. Stay connected. Keep serving. ❤️

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Stay blue-capped and proud,

John "Radar" Meyer

— The Editor

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