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# Blue Cap News

**Detachment Conference Call at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, Aug 11, 2026**

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## Keeping the Flame of Service Burning Bright

As the summer season begins to wind down, August reminds us that **service never takes a vacation**. Across the great State of Arizona, Sons of the American Legion members continue to demonstrate what it means to be part of an organization built on **Honor • Service • Patriotism • Family**.

This month marks a time to refocus our efforts as we prepare for a busy fall filled with membership drives, community service projects, youth programs, and opportunities to strengthen our Squadrons. Every meeting held, every volunteer hour given, and every new member welcomed helps ensure that our mission continues for generations to come.

August is also a reminder that our strength comes from **working together**. Whether you're planning an event, mentoring our youth, supporting your American Legion Family, or simply checking in on a fellow member, your actions make a difference. No contribution is too small when it comes to serving our veterans, our communities, and our nation.

As we celebrate the spirit of the Sons, let's also remember that **2026 marks America's 250th year**—a historic milestone that challenges each of us to honor the sacrifices of those who came before us while inspiring the next generation of patriotic leaders. Together, we are helping preserve the legacy of freedom that has defined our nation for two and a half centuries.

Inside this month's **Blue Cap News**, you'll find updates from around the Detachment, upcoming events, leadership information, stories of service, and ideas to help your Squadron grow and thrive. We encourage every member to share your successes—because when one Squadron succeeds, the entire Detachment grows stronger.

As we move forward, let's continue to wear the Blue Cap with pride, lead by example, and live our motto through action each and every day.

**Together We Serve. Together We Grow. Together We Honor.**

# SAL Membership Outreach Briefcase Program

**Take Membership Wherever You Go!**

Membership is the lifeblood of every Sons of the American Legion Squadron, and now there's a powerful new tool designed to make recruiting and renewing members easier than ever. The **SAL Membership Outreach Briefcase Program** allows Squadrons to process memberships electronically—whether you're at a community event, membership drive, county fair, convention, or right inside your Post.

## What's Included?

The Membership Outreach Briefcase Program comes equipped with everything needed for a mobile membership office:

**Chromebook**
- Access **myLegion.org** from anywhere.
- Manage membership records in real time.

**Bluetooth Barcode Scanner**
- Quickly scan membership cards and barcodes.
- Speeds up renewals and member lookups.

**Wireless Mouse**
- Easy navigation while working on the Chromebook.

**Membership Outreach Backpack**
- Durable carrying case to keep everything organized and ready for travel.

**Robert's Rules of Order in Brief**
- A handy reference for parliamentary procedures and meeting operations.

**Color-Coded Index Tabs**
- Quickly locate important sections during meetings.

**What Can Your Squadron Do?**

With this portable membership station, your Squadron can:

- Renew memberships immediately
- Update member information
- Conduct membership drives anywhere
- Support recruiting events
- Process new members on-site
- Scan membership cards
- Work anywhere Wi-Fi is available
- Assist members without delay

Whether you're setting up at a Veterans Day celebration, community festival, county fair, or local American Legion event, this kit helps turn every event into a membership opportunity.

## Affordable Investment for Long-Term Growth

The estimated startup investment is **approximately $400** (pricing may vary depending on equipment availability and options). For many Squadrons, that's a modest investment that can pay dividends through increased membership, improved efficiency, and a more professional recruiting presence.

Think of it as investing in the future of your Squadron.

## Growing Membership—One Conversation at a Time

The strongest Squadrons are those that meet prospective members where they are. Having the ability to process applications and renewals immediately removes barriers and helps convert interest into membership while enthusiasm is high.

As we continue working toward stronger Squadrons across the **Detachment of Arizona**, innovative tools like the Membership Outreach Briefcase Program can help every Squadron recruit more effectively and better serve our members. If your Squadron is interested in building its own Membership Outreach Kit or would like additional information, reach out to the National Membership & Squadron Activities Committee representatives listed on the program flyer.

## ⚾ Post 132 SS Crush Crowned 2026 Arizona American Legion Baseball State Champions 🏆

## 🇺🇸 Congratulations to Post 132 SS Crush! 🇺🇸

The Detachment of Arizona proudly celebrates **Post 132 SS Crush** for capturing the **2026 Arizona American Legion Baseball State Championship**, earning the opportunity to represent Arizona on the regional stage. Their championship run is a testament to months of dedication, teamwork, discipline, and the never-quit spirit that defines American Legion Baseball.

### ⚾ More Than a Game

American Legion Baseball has been developing young leaders for over a century by teaching sportsmanship, leadership, integrity, and respect for our nation's values. Every practice, every inning, and every game helps shape tomorrow's leaders both on and off the field.

### 🏅 Representing Arizona with Pride

Winning the Arizona State Championship is a tremendous accomplishment, but the journey doesn't stop there. Post 132 SS Crush will now carry the Arizona colors into regional competition, competing against some of the best American Legion teams in the western United States. The entire Arizona Legion Family stands behind these outstanding young athletes as they continue their championship journey.

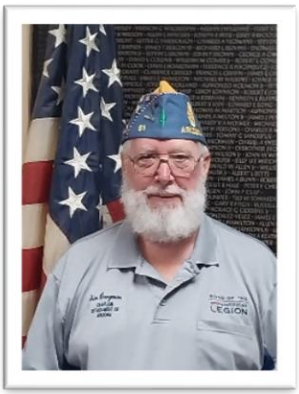
### 👏 Thank You

This achievement would not be possible without the commitment of the coaches, managers, parents, volunteers, American Legion Posts, and countless supporters who invest their time and energy into Arizona's youth. Your dedication helps provide opportunities that build character, confidence, and lifelong friendships.

**💙 From all of us in the Sons of the American Legion, congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters of Post 132 SS Crush on an outstanding season!**

**Best of luck as you represent Arizona—we'll all be cheering you on!** ⚾US

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



## Absent from the Body, Present with the Lord

*So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.*

—2 Corinthians 5:6–9

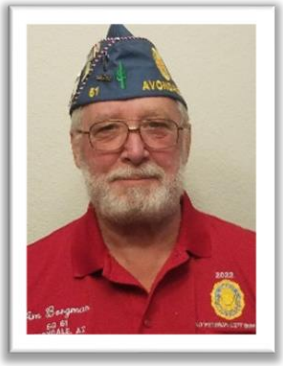
What happens to us as believers when we die? We go straight into the presence of God. The apostle Paul wrote that when we are "away from these earthly bodies . . . then we will be at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT). There's no waiting period or shipping delays. The moment our time on earth ends, our time in God's presence begins.

When we leave this world, we'll be carried by angels into the presence of the Lord, where we'll stay forever, filled with utter peace, fulfillment, joy, and awe. If we, too, could see how glorious Heaven is, I'm sure that it would change everything about how we view death.

Enjoy this life while you can but never lose sight of what lies beyond it.

From a daily devotional by Greg Laurie

BE THE ONE



# The 13 Original Colonies (Part 2)

Americanism

Let's see how you did, here are the correct original 13 colonies

Connecticut

Delaware

Georgia

Maryland

****Massachusetts Bay****

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New York

North Carolina

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

Virginia

Now, here's the rub. If you said Massachusetts, you were wrong. The correct answer is Massachusetts Bay. The political entity that succeeded the Massachusetts Bay Colony became the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** in **1780** after the American Revolution.

The 3 regions of the colonies were The Southern, The Middle, and The New England regions.

The Southern consisted of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia.

The Middle consisted of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

The New England consisted of Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Jim Borgman,

Americanism Chairman

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## 📣 From the Editor's Desk – Blue Cap News

"Answering the Call to Serve" us🌵

As we turn the calendar to August, we find ourselves entering one of the busiest and most exciting times of the Sons of the American Legion membership year. Across Arizona, Squadrons are welcoming returning members, greeting new faces, and beginning another year dedicated to service, patriotism, and strengthening our communities.

This month also marks the arrival of **2027 membership cards**, reminding us that our mission continues because of members like you. Every membership renewed is more than a card—it is a commitment to honoring the sacrifices of our veterans, supporting our American Legion Family, mentoring our youth, and preserving the values that have made our organization strong for generations.

🇺🇸**Membership is our lifeline.** Every renewal helps ensure we can continue our programs, provide assistance to veterans and their families, support American Legion Baseball, Boys State, youth activities, scholarships, and countless community service projects throughout Arizona. Together, we make a difference that extends far beyond the walls of our Legion Posts.

This summer has already showcased the incredible work being done across our Detachment. Congratulations to **Post 132 SS Crush**, winners of the **2026 Arizona American Legion Baseball State Championship**, who will proudly represent Arizona in regional competition. Their dedication and teamwork reflect the same principles we strive to instill in every young person we serve.

As we celebrate these achievements, let us also remember that success begins at the local level. Every volunteer hour, every flag raised, every community event, and every new member recruited strengthens the future of the Sons of the American Legion. Whether you're serving breakfast at your Post, mentoring a young person, organizing a fundraiser, or simply checking in on a fellow veteran, your service matters.

🍂 August also brings new opportunities to plan for the months ahead. National Veterans & Military Families Month, Veterans Day, holiday activities, and fall community events are just around the corner. Now is the perfect time for Squadrons to set membership goals, recruit new Sons, and continue building stronger programs that serve our veterans and communities.

As we move forward together, remember that every Son has a role to play. No act of service is too small, and no volunteer effort goes unnoticed. When we work together, we honor the legacy of those who served before us while ensuring the American Legion Family remains strong for generations to come.

**Together We Serve. Together We Lead. Together We Grow.**

us **For God and Country,**

Johnathan Meyer
*Editor, Blue Cap News*
*Detachment of Arizona – Sons of the American Legion*

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**Stay blue-capped and proud,**
**John "Radar" Meyer**
**— The Editor**