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The American Legion - Wm Bloys Post 2

COMMANDER'S GREETINGS

May 1, 2013

This year is coming to an end and my last events as Commander will be Memorial Day weekend and Department Convention in June.

Memorial Day weekend Sunday, May 26th the Post will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Memorial Day Monday, May 27th we will meet at the Post at 5 a.m. for coffee and donuts. We will leave at 6 a.m. for Resthaven and Double Butte cemeteries for the placement of flags and Memorial ceremonies, followed by a potluck at Post 2.

Department Convention is being held in Cave Creek at the Carefree Resort June 20-23, 2013.



I want to thank Post 2, Unit 2, Squadron 2 ALR 2, VFW 3632, VFW 3632 Auxiliary and Kilroy's for all your hard work and dedication to our Post and The American Legion Programs.

The new officers will be installed in July. Please support them, your Post and Kilroy's.

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what difference you want to make".

For God and Country,
Dan Galvez
Commander

Post 2 Officers

Thank you to the Officers of Post 2 ~ 2012-2013.

Your dedication and service to the Post, Community, State & Nation is greatly appreciated.

Commander:	Dan Galvez
Sr. Vice Commander:	Dave Grey
Jr. Vice Commander:	Roy Williams
Finance Officer:	Ariel Rodriguez
Chaplain:	Fred Handy
Sgt at Arms:	Sonny Carrasco
Adjutant:	Andrew Dunn

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>Post</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Garry Osborn	Judith Jacoby
Cranville Carroll	Desirea Campana
Carl Carlson	
Donald Rau	
Richard Garcia	

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thank you, God, for all of the wonderful things you have brought me and everyone during our lives!

Please help me to help others who need my help, particularly spiritually.

Help everyone on this planet to have everything that they need, want and desire. Help us all to help each other to have healthy, happy lives here on Earth.



Help us to live responsibly and to remember that our World is our temple and our home and to treat it well and keep it clean and healthy and wholesome for ourselves and future generations.

POST EVERLASTING

Stella Ramsey - February 2, 2013

Donald R. Anderson - March 4, 2013

Another leaf has fallen, another soul has gone.

But still we have God's promises, in every robin's song.

For he is in His heaven, and though He takes away,

He always leaves to mortals, the bright sun's kindly ray.

He leaves the fragrant blossoms, and lovely forest, green.

And gives us new found comfort, when we on Him will lean.

In Flanders Fields is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician and Lt. Col. John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died during the Second Battle of Ypres.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-Lt. Col. John McCrae



The American Auxiliary - Wm Bloys Unit 2

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

May 1, 2013

Another year is coming to an end; and what a great year it has been. It has been my honor to serve as President of Unit 2 this past year. I want to thank each and everyone for all their hard work and dedication.

Support your new officers, our post and Kilroy's.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is Success" ~ Henry Ford

For God and Country
Judy Galvez
President



UNIT OFFICERS

President:	Judy Galvez
1st Vice President:	Louisa Friesen
2nd Vice President:	Connie Patch
Secretary:	Michele Root
Treasurer:	Lula Vomhof
Chaplain:	Linda Topham
Historian:	Mary Ellen Kohut
Sgt at Arms:	Valerie Griffin

Members at Large

Helen Griffin
Norma Buckmaster
Rosa Rodriguez
Roxie McKay

MEETINGS

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

THE POPPY STORY

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

The poppy, as a memorial flower to the war dead, can be traced to a single individual, Moina Michael. She was so moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," that she wrote a response:

... the blood of heroes never dies
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders' Fields.

On impulse, she bought a bouquet of poppies – all that New York City's Wanamaker's Department Store had – and handed them to businessmen meeting at the New York YMCA where she worked. She asked them to wear the poppy as a tribute to the fallen. That was November 1918. World War I was over, but America's sons would rest forever "in Flanders' Fields." Later she would spearhead a campaign that would result in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.



COMMANDER'S GREETINGS

Elections for 2013-2014 have been held: Commander, Eric Marble; Sr. Vice Commander, Josh Patch; Jr. Vice Commander, Mike Bennett and Finance Officer / Adjutant, Ariel Rodriguez.

WHY I BELONG

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- To honor my forefather's service to our country.
- To perpetuate (encourage) the true spirit and positive view toward Americanism.
- To help our children of (and into) tomorrow.
- To assist teaching Americans of all ages what it took to make our country great.
- To keep freedom alive.
- To reinstate our loyalty and patriotism and beliefs in America.
- To help our country prepare for the future through the ideals established by our forefathers.
- To provide a vehicle for the Legion Family and the community to work together; to provide various services to the community, state and nation.
- To protect our nation's flag and educate youth on flag etiquette.
- To help care for all veterans who served our nation by assisting the VA&R and the VAVS programs.
- To impact my community in a positive way, by helping and assisting veterans, and supporting various American Legion programs.
- To provide assistance to all Veterans, especially those in need of care.
- To help assure that our veterans, POWs, and MIAs from ALL wars will never be forgotten.
- To show pride for those who served this country to keep us free.
- For God and country, and to support our veterans and their families.
- To show the pride we take knowing our contributions to The American Legion and their charitable programs are making a difference for the youth of America.
- To help those in need.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SQUADRON 2 OFFICERS (2012-2013)

Commander:	Eric Marble
Jr. Vice Commander:	Mike Bennett
Finance Officer:	Ariel Rodriguez
Adjutant:	Ariel Rodriguez
Sgt at Arms:	Barney Mullins

Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Special Thanks to Josh Patch for volunteering his time as DJ at most of our events. You may not realize, but Josh's only compensation is TIPS. When he works Friday evenings for our listening pleasure, he does not get paid like Rico, or other musician / DJ. Please keep this in mind next time you see his TIP Jar empty.

LEGION RIDERS

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Hello Riders:

On Sunday, May 12th in lieu of our regular meeting, elections of 2013-14 officers will be held. A photographer will be on hand to take a new ALR group photo, officer photos and individual photos of members on their bike for the ALR wall. Additionally, ALR will be supplying lunch after the elections. Please come and enjoy the fun! Below are rides/events that we plan on attending in May.

Please check your email and our website regularly for updates at <http://www.tempelegionriders.org/>.

May 3-5 - AZALR Campout in Globe, Post 4

May 11th - ALR Steak Dinner 5:00-7:30 at Post 2

May 12th - ALR Meeting (elections of 2013-14 officers)

May 18th - 4th Annual Arizona FreedomRide, KSU 8:30 a.m. at Post 2

May 26th - Flag Disposal Ceremony, Entertainment and Picnic at Post 2 - 3:00 p.m.

May 27th - Memorial Day (placing flags on graves), potluck lunch after (ALR to bring desserts). Help is needed to pick up the flags at Double Butte on Tuesday morning. Please see Scott Krantz if you can help.



May

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<p>SAL BREAKFAST</p> <p>GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION ~ POST 2 2:00 P.M.</p>		<p>5</p>		<p>6</p>		<p>7</p>		<p>8</p>		<p>9</p>		<p>10</p> <p>PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST - 10 AM</p> <p>VFW MEETING AT NOON</p> <p>ALR STEAK DINNER 5:00 - 7:30 P.M. NY STRIP - \$9.00</p>	
<p>ALR BREAKFAST</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>		<p>12</p>		<p>13</p>		<p>14</p> <p>SAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.</p>		<p>15</p> <p>GOOD OF THE POST MEETING - 6:30 P.M.</p>		<p>16</p>		<p>17</p>	
<p>VFW BREAKFAST</p> <p>VFW AUXILIARY MTG @ 12:30 PM</p> <p>DISTRICT 12 MTG POST 41 ELECTIONS & INSTALLATION</p>		<p>19</p>		<p>20</p>		<p>21</p>		<p>22</p>		<p>23</p>		<p>24</p>	
<p>FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT 3:00 P.M. ~ FOLLOWED BY THE SWING KIDS & PICNIC WITH HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS</p>		<p>26</p>		 <p>27</p> <p>POST OPENS AT 5 AM. LEAVE AT 6 AM FOR CEMETERIES. POTLUCK FOLLOWS CEREMONIES</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>		<p>28</p>		<p>29</p>		<p>30</p>		<p>31</p>	

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							KILROY'S DINNERS 5:00 - 7:30 PM CONVENTION AT CAREFREE RESORT IN CAVE CREEK/CAREFREE	
	23	24	25		26	27	28	29
							KILROY'S DINNERS 5:00 - 7:30 PM	
	30							

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

DUES RENEWAL CAN NOW BE AUTOMATIC

The time, effort and postage of American Legion membership dues renewal can all be saved through the new online Automatic Annual Renewal Program, now available nationwide.

Members can simply go to www.legion.org/renew and click "Renew Now" to safely and conveniently pay their post dues on an annual, automatic basis. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set the account for automatic annual renewal. Automatic renewal can also be set up by calling the toll-free American Legion customer service line at (800) 433-3318.

Following all industry standards to protect the personal financial safety of members, The American Legion will maintain a record of those participating in the program and, at the beginning of each new membership year, will automatically process the renewal, charging it to the credit or debit card of the member's choice. The transaction would occur about July 15 of each year.



Once dues are successfully renewed automatically online, members will receive confirmation by email. It is, therefore, important that The American Legion has updated email addresses for participating members. To report a change of email address, phone number or other contact information, members can call toll-free (800) 433-3318, send an email to cs@legion.org, or go online at www.legion.org/membership and use the "Change Address" option.

American Legion post dues rates can change one year to the next. Post dues rates in effect at the time of the automatic renewal will be applied.

Members can cancel participation in the Automatic Annual Renewal Program at any time. The cancellation will be applied to any future charges, and will not affect the benefits of any dues paid for the current year. All cancellation requests must be received by June 30 each year in order to ensure cancellation prior to the mid-July automatic renewal time.

BUDGET PLAN BOOSTS FUNDING FOR HOMELESS VETS

President Barack Obama's budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 would make the largest investment to date in homeless veteran assistance programs. If passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law, this budget proposal would include:

\$75 million in new vouchers for the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, bringing the total number of vouchers to more than 67,000. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) would provide \$278 million in case management support for the program, a \$33.581 million increase over fiscal year 2013. The newest round of 10,000 vouchers from the full-year FY 2013 funding bill – signed into law March 26 – has not yet been awarded.

\$250 million for the VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, representing a \$15 million increase over FY 2013. Additionally, VA has requested that the program be permanently authorized at \$250 million.

\$300 million for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program, the level at which the program is currently funded. VA has requested that the program be permanently authorized as well.

\$38.185 million for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), the same funding level the Department of Labor (DoL) requested in FY 2013. HVRP is still subject to sequestration in FY 2013. These potential cuts, however, are eliminated in the department's FY 2014 budget proposal.

In related news, the national rate of homelessness was 20 homeless people per 10,000 population, while the rate for veterans who are homeless was 29 per 10,000 population, according to the *National Alliance to End Homelessness*.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTIONS Wednesday, May 1st

May 4th - **Kentucky Derby Party** hosted by VFW Auxiliary. 12:00 - 8:00 pm - More than a day at the Races... Fun events all day! See flyer for more details.

May 5th - **Girls State Orientation** at 2:00 pm

May 11th - **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** 10:00 am until Noon

ALR Steak Dinner - 5:00 - 7:30 pm



May 18th - **Armed Forces Day and 4th Annual FreedomRide.** See ALR section if you want to participate in the ride. Post 2 is a stop on the route.

May 19th - **District 12 meeting** at Post 41 with elections and installation of Officers.

May 26th - **Flag Retirement Ceremony** at 3:00 p.m., followed with entertainment by the **SWING KIDS**. Picnic-style foods served (hamburgers, hot dogs & side salad). Benefits the **Wounded Warrior Project**.

May 27th - **Memorial Day:** Post 2 opens at 5:00 a.m., serving coffee & donuts. At 6:00 a.m., we head out to Double Buttes and Resthaven cemeteries for placement of approximately 2,200 flags. Ceremonies at both cemeteries followed by potluck at Post 2.

June 5th - **Installation of Unit 2 Officers**

June 8th - **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** 10:00 am until Noon

ALR Steak Dinner - 5:00 -7:30 pm

June 14th - **Flag Day**

June 21st - **Department of Arizona CONVENTION** at Carefree Resort through Sunday, June 23rd.

Do you recognize these pictures? Do you know where they were taken?

DOUBLE BUTTE CEMETERY

William Bloys is buried here. Be sure to pay your respects on Memorial Day - Section F, Lot 3, Space 5.

The Memorial pictured was dedicated by William Bloys Post No. 2 The American Legion on May 30, 1949 to "the Personnel of the United States Armed Forces of all wars".



Deadline for pre-registration to attend Convention is June 3rd. Sign up at your next Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SONs meeting.

Cost is \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door.

If you plan on attending the AZALR meeting on Saturday, you must register with your entity.

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submissions for the next Newsletter is
June 15, 2013

Send all submissions to:
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Check us out at:

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KILROY'S MENU

Lunch (Mon - Thurs) 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Regular Menu (Burgers, Shrimp, Fish) along with
Daily Specials listed below.

Monday - Hotdogs

Tuesday - Sandwiches

Wednesday - Hamburgers

Thursday - \$1.00 Tacos and More

Friday - Food ALL DAY from 12:00 - 7:30 p.m.

\$2.00 domestic beer on Friday's 4:00 p.m. to close!
Drawing for a free dinner (ticket given with purchase of a
dinner).

2nd Saturday of month - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
from 10:00 am to Noon with **\$1.00 Bloody Mary's**

Sunday - Breakfast 9:00 am to 11:30 am

**Come receive your FREE dinner on any Friday
during the month of your Birthday!**

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