

Arizona Elks News

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“Taking Care of Business the Elks Way”

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A Big Thank You to Our retiring Lodge Officers of the Arizona Elks Association. You deserve the gratitude of all the Members for the successful way in which you have handled the preceding of your Lodge.

March is a busy and important time for our Association. Lodges are preparing for year-end transitions, officer elections, and the continued strengthening of programs that serve our veterans, youth, and neighbors in need. Strong finishes create strong beginnings. I encourage every Lodge to stay engaged, finish this fraternal year with purpose, and prepare your incoming leadership for success.

As we close another fraternal year, I want to take a moment to extend my sincere gratitude to our retiring Lodge Officers across Arizona. Your dedication, leadership, and countless hours of service have strengthened your Lodges and uplifted your communities. You answered the call to lead, and because of your commitment, our Association stands stronger today.

Leadership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is more than holding an office — it is living our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. You have carried those principles forward with integrity and pride.

On behalf of the Arizona Elks Association, Thank You for Taking Care of Business and for setting the standard for those who follow.



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AEA Newsletter
Submission deadline:
25 March 2026



**ARIZONA ELKS
ASSOCIATION 2025-2026
STATE OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT:

Larry Carver

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

East: Frank Buso

VICE PRESIDENTS

South: Susan Trecartin

West: Joan Cendejas

North: Larry Legge

SECRETARY:

David Dean

TREASURER:

Angela Buso

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

South -1 Year:

Richard Botkin, PSP

East – 2 Year:

Mike Weishan, PSP

North – 3 Year:

James R. Casacchia, PSP

West -4 Year:

Albert "Al" Kayal, PSP

South– 5 Year:

Susan Krausman, PSP

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Allen Swope

CHAPLAIN:

Randy Sterling

TILER:

Erin Moore

INNER GUARD:

Jim Theobald

ASST. SECRETARY:

Gary Parsons

ASST TREASURER:

Diane Bodwell

ORGANIST:

Ira Cohen

“Taking Care of Business the Elks Way”

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To our newly elected and appointed Officers: congratulations. You are stepping into roles of responsibility and opportunity. The coming year will bring challenges, but it will also bring tremendous rewards. Lead with humility. Listen with intention. Act with purpose. Support one another, trust your committees, and never lose sight of why we serve. Our Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has always stood firmly on the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Those are not just words — they are actions we demonstrate through scholarship programs, veteran services, community outreach, and the countless volunteer hours given by our members and their families.

Remember, you are not alone. You have the support of your Lodge members, your District leadership, and the Arizona Elks Association behind you. Together, we will continue to grow, improve, and expand our impact throughout this great state.

I challenge each of you to attend your Lodge meetings and support your officers. Mentor a new member and strengthen engagement. Promote our programs within your community. Continue building pride in your Lodge and in our great Arizona Elks Association.

Let us honor the past, embrace the future, and continue building strong Lodges rooted in service and fellowship. Let us move confidently into spring with unity, enthusiasm, and the determination to keep Taking Care of Business — *together*.

Fraternally yours,

Larry Carver

President, Arizona Elks Association

“Taking Care of Business the Elks Way”

Community • Friendship • Charity

ELKS Membership Drive

Leave No Candidate Behind.
Initiate Every Candidate before March 31st.



Initiate Now
join.elks.org

ELKS USA

ELKS USA
BE THE DIFFERENCE
TO A NEW LEVEL

“Tempe #2251 Holds Souper Sunday and Sock Drive”

The Ladies' Group of the Tempe Elks Lodge #2251 had their annual Souper Sunday and Sock Drive on January 25th, 2026. Eight members entered their homemade soups for judging. All the soups were delicious but when all the votes were counted, the first place winner was Taunya Turner (PFL), second place winner was Cheryl Heaton, and third place winner was Debbie Rawlins. In addition to the soup, over 80 pairs of socks were donated to the Ladies Group. They were delivered to Gracie's Thrift Store in Tempe, who distributes them to homeless members of the community.

Submitted By: Connie Schulteans

Pictured Left to Right: Taunya Turner (PFL) with the First Place Ladle; Cheryl Heaton – Second Place; and Debbie Rawlins with Third Place.



“Bullhead City #2408 Gives Gratitude Grant to Veterans”

On Friday February 13th with their Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation, The Bullhead City Elks Lodge #2408 was able to donate \$3500 to Veterans in Motion. The funds will be used to maintain and insure vehicles used to transport local veterans to their doctor appointments and out of town hospital visits.

Submitted By: Robin Ayers

Pictured Left to right: (front row) Elks National Foundation Co-Chairman Kathryn Cornelison, Elks National Foundation Chairman Mike Swain, President Harold Smith, Exalted Ruler Walt Honse, Founder Bob Horn and Administrator Nancy Horn. Back row Left to Right: Veteran Dean Martinez, Board member Mike Carson, Lodge Secretary Kathy Honse and Treasurer Ken Goetz.



“Willcox #2131 Donates Freedom Grant”

On January 31st, Willcox Elks Lodge Members and their families had the pleasure of presenting a \$1,420.00 donation check to the Fisher House at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson. The Fisher House is a facility that provides temporary housing for veteran families while their loved ones were receiving care at the VA Health Care Facilities in Tucson, free of charge. The Fisher House receives funds from the VA for maintenance, but the bulk of their resources are donation driven. Donations help cover the cost of food, toiletries, and comfort items for guests. The donation was made possible by the \$1,000 Freedom Grant proceeds as well as proceeds from the prior Willcox Elks Veterans Fun Run and T-Shirt sales.

Submitted By: Nicole Terry, Treasurer

Pictured Left to Right: Elks Member-Lucas Binger, Fisher House Representative Melissa, Exalted Ruler- Cameron Olsen, Treasurer-Nicole Terry



“Catalina Mountain #2815 Holds Food Drive”

Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 held a month-long food drive to benefit Impact of Southern AZ. We collected and delivered 247 pounds of pasta to the food bank to help stock their shelves.

Submitted By: Marlene Starjnski

Pictured left to right: Kathleen Foley, lodge member, Jan Trudeau, Community Activities Chairman, Paul Slater, Exalted Ruler, Cody Wilkinson, Impact Food Bank coordinator



“Phoenix #335 Brotherly Love Across Lodges”

While traveling through Phoenix, Larry Hudson of Yuma Elks Lodge #476 made a special appearance at Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 after noticing that members were celebrating birthdays. Without hesitation, Larry graciously stepped in and treated the lodge to a beautiful bugle rendition of Happy Birthday. The moment was unexpected, heartfelt, and a perfect example of what it means to be an Elk—showing brotherly love, respect, and unity across lodges. Thank you, Larry, for sharing your talent and your heart, and for reminding us that Elkdom is alive and well wherever we travel.

Submitted by: Jeff Beasley

Pictured Left to Right: Eleanor, Abraham, Jan, Sandy, Cookie, Larry, Nicole



“Phoenix #335 Hosts Super Bowl Party”

Phoenix Elks Lodge 335 proudly hosted a Super Bowl Party, bringing members and guests together for an afternoon of fellowship, celebration, and community spirit. The event provided a welcoming space to enjoy the big game while strengthening the bonds that make the Lodge such an important part of the community. The success of the gathering was made possible by dedicated volunteers who worked throughout the event to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Their service and commitment reflected the Elks’ mission of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Social Committee Chair Nicole Beach shared, “Events like this remind us why our Lodge is so special—people showing up for one another, serving with joy, and building community.” Phoenix Elks Lodge 335 extends sincere appreciation to all volunteers and attendees who helped make the Super Bowl Party a memorable and meaningful event

Submitted By: Jeff Beasley

Pictured Left to Right: Lorri Bowe,
Kathy Allasia, Nicole Beach, Eleanor
Ybarra, Sandy Bailey



“Phoenix #335 Receive \$10,000 ENF Grant”

We received a \$10,000 Homeless Youth Impact Grant through the Elks National Foundation. The Elks are a benevolent organization that also provides more college scholarships than any other organization second only to only the US government. This “Youth Empowerment Project,” focuses on serving homeless high school students identified under the McKinney-Vento Act. We are working with local organizations including churches, Paradise Valley school District, homeless youth connection, And other work decisions to identify how we will help serve vulnerable youth. According to the 2024 Maricopa County Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, 9,642 individuals are experiencing homelessness on a single night, including more than 2,400 youth and children . This grant is designed to meet tangible, practical needs that directly remove barriers to education and stability. The needs we are addressing include: Hygiene kits and personal care items, School supplies and backpacks, New clothing, shoes, and prom/job interview attire, Bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets), Transportation assistance (bus passes, rideshare cards), Seasonal support such as winter clothing and back-to-school drives. On a monthly basis, we will be hosting events in the community and at Phoenix Elks Lodge: Assembling and distributing care packages, Coordinating directly with school McKinney-Vento liaisons, Hosting themed donation drives (e.g., hygiene month, backpack month), Tracking outcomes and partner feedback to measure impact

If your church, organization, or someone you know is working with youth experiencing homelessness and these needs align, please contact me directly. Our goal is to complement not duplicate community efforts and ensure resources are reaching the students who need them most.

I look forward to collaborating and strengthening coordination across our community.

Submitted By: Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

“Yuma #476 Supports Special Olympics”

Special Olympics of Arizona held its River Area Basketball & Cheering Competition hosted by Yuma Special Olympics at the Cibola High School Gymnasium, and the Yuma Elks Lodge #476 Special Olympics Committee donated Chili and Hot Dogs, chips and water to over 220 athletes and volunteers.

Submitted By: Jim Thompson

Pictured: Left to Right PDDGER Pat Riley, Ann Ogram, Leading Knight Christine Higgins, AEA Vice President West Joan Cendejas, Trustee Mary Munoz, Member Antonio Cendejas and Inner Guard Bill Ogram



“Yuma #476 Initiates 30 Members”

On February 18, 2026 Yuma proudly initiated 30 new members.

Submitted By: Jim Thompson

Pictured Left to Right: Dunia Baker, Robert Barkley, Timothy Bodine, Andria Bovey, Alfred Bradshaw, Vicent Cenicerros, Valerie Chacon, James Cherry, George Dunn, Lisa Edwards, Randall Fleshman, Victor Garcia, Vianney Gomez, Roberto Gonzalez, Timothy Harris, Curtis Houston, Gordon James, Dianne Kelley, Jose Matus, Cathy McLeod, Mary Ann Moreno, Marsha Paulson, Ann Polson, Mary Raycraft, Leonila Reyes, Mike Risner, Thomas Rufo, Francisco Sabala, Gerald Stockstill, Carl Taylor, Peter Walker, and PER Jim Thompson.



“Sun City #2559 Elk Riders Preparing for Annual Poker Run”

The Sun City Lodge #2559 Elks Riders are preparing for their 4th Annual Poker Ride, scheduled for October 2026, an event that continues to grow in purpose, participation, and community impact. Each year, this charity ride is held between October and November as part of our Elktober Fest / Fall Ride Poker Run tradition, which has become a signature event for our lodge, the Riders, and the surrounding community.

The primary mission of this annual event is to raise funds in support of Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP), including the Steele Children’s Research Center and the Jack C. Warter Youth Camp. Last year, in November 2025, our Riders—along with the generous support of lodge members, local riders, and community partners—raised over \$10,000, all of which was proudly donated to support AEMP. This level of generosity exemplifies the values of service, compassion, and fellowship that define the Elks.

As we move forward with planning this year’s ride, we want to reaffirm our continued commitment to charitable giving and community involvement. The Sun City Elks Riders remain dedicated to organizing and hosting the event responsibly, transparently, and in alignment with lodge standards and Elks principles. We are proud of the positive impact this fundraiser has made over the past three years and look forward to expanding its reach and success in 2026.

We are excited for another successful year of fundraising and fellowship as we work together to strengthen the community impact of the Sun City Elks Riders.

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

“Sun City #2559 Holds Annual Charity Ball”

Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 held their premier fund raising event, the annual Charity Ball. This event was hosted by our Esteemed Leading Knight, Martin Galchutt PER. This event helps support our Elk Lodges selected charities. The event raised \$3600.00 with the help of our members and guests in support of our charities. The Silent Auction provided lots of great items to be bid on. A great meal of BBQ ribs, twice baked cheesy potatoes, and pear salad, followed by peach cobbler for desert. Tim Hope of TNT Entertainment kept everyone on the dance floor and wonderfully entertained. The Ball was well attended and considered a success.

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

Pictured: Left to Right Exalted Ruler Josh Morehart and his Lady Janah (standing) seated Brenda Kayal, Al Kayal PDDGER



“Sun City #2559 Elk Riders Participate in Missing in America Project”

Sun City Elk Riders #2559 had the privilege of participating in a deeply humbling motorcycle escort to the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Riding alongside fellow Rider groups from across the valley and State as we carried the cremains of nineteen veterans and two spouses as part of the Missing in America Project is something words can't fully capture. "To play even a small part in ensuring these heroes received the dignity, honor, and final respect they earned was both an emotional and unforgettable experience." Stated Elvis Enriques President of Sun City Elk Riders #2559

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

Pictured: Elk Rider Bill Bennett handing off the Cremains for transport to the National Memorial Cemetery



“Sun City #2559 Auxiliary Host Fashion Show”

The Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 Ladies Auxiliary held their annual spring fashion show with a Sunflower theme. The clothing was provided by Sher's and modeled by our Ladies Auxiliary members. The proceeds all go to support the different programs that the Auxiliary sponsor during the year. The ladies arrived all dressed up and excited to attend the luncheon and fashion show. They enjoyed a luncheon of Marcel chicken, Red roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, a roll and dessert, all served by the men representing the different pillars of the Elks Lodge.

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

Pictured Left to Right: Mary representing the clothing store Sher's which supplied the cloths, Roxie, Donna also from Sher's, Silvia, Alice, Tanya, Vicki, Janice, Bev



“Sun City #2559 PER Association Holds Wine Tasting Fundraiser”

Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 held a Wine Tasting and Auction in February sponsored by the Past Exalted Rulers Association. The event was well attended, and many different wines were offered in the bidding auction. The fundraiser raised \$2,500.00 which the PER'S will donate to their special charities

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

Picture: Vicki Way, PER, Lodge Secretary



“Sun City #2559 Holds Valentine’s Dinner and Dance”

A great Valentine's Day dinner and dance held at the Sun City Elks Lodge tonight. Kudos to the club manager, Karen Pitra for organizing the event. A special thanks to our chef, Danny and his kitchen staff for an incredible meal. Thanks to the Elker Helpers for delivery of all the meals. The music, by Kool Traxx did not disappoint and kept everyone on the dance floor and entertained. The event was well attended.

Submitted By: Sandra McLemore

“Raceway #2852 Holds Annual Chili Cook Off”

On January 31st Raceway 2852 held its annual Chili Cook Off paired with Western Night and Raffle. The lodge was decorated to give us a feeling of being back in the Wild West. A raffle was held to raise money for Scholarships for local High School Seniors. The raffle donations were incredible. We had a new office chair, backpack and planners donated by Staples, along with an abundance of Gift Cards donated by BJ’s Restaurant, Popo’s Mexican Restaurant, Oreganos, PF Changs, and Longhorn’s Steak House. Home Depot and Lowe’s donated tools. APS also donated tickets to two shows. A Silver Necklace provided by Osborne Jewelers was also donated. The necklace will be raffled on March 14th so there is still time to purchase tickets.

Two high school seniors, Lauren Sherman and Kenzie Schooley, served the chili to those in attendance. The hat was passed to help with college. Each girl was given a \$100.00 bill.

Submitted By: Robin Cox, Exalted Ruler

Pictured Left to Right: Lauren Sherman and Kenzie Schooley



“Ajo #1576 Holds Rummage Sale and Golf Tournament Fundraiser”

Ajo Elks Weekend Rummage Sale brings in \$2,000 to donate to the Elks Major Project. Ajo Elks held their Fourth Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for AEMP. Team First Place Winners of the Ajo Elks Fourth Annual Golf Tournament are David Tavenner and Joe Willard, Ajo winter visitors. Not pictured is Bob Holden.

PER Michael Seeley was the organizer of the event with a luncheon served in the Lodge Social Quarters after the awards were given. \$2,200.00 was raised for AEMP

Submitted By: Marlene Hinman

Pictured Left to Right: (Photo on Right) Event Coordinator and Leading Knight, Debbie Allen with assistant Brenda Stout, (wife of member Chuck Stout)

Pictured Left to Right: (Photo on Left) David Tavenner, Joe Willard



“State Hoop Shoot”

On February 7th the four District winners met in Apache Junction to compete at the State Shoot for the chance to advance to Boulder City, NV on February 21st and compete in the Regional round of the Hoop Shoot. And what a Shoot we had. Every round was intense. Gregg Boyce the AEA State Hoop Shoot Director would like to thank all of the volunteers that stepped up and helped make this day a great success. Also thanks to all the champions that competed and all of the spectators that showed up to cheer them on. Hosted by AEA President Larry Carver and his wife Michelle they could not have asked for a better competition. Once again a huge thank you to Apache Junction Lodge for everything that you did. The results are as follows:

Top Left Picture: 8-9 year old boys L to R; 4th place Jordan Lopez Jr Ajo #1576 3rd place Jae Melendez Yuma #476 2nd place Taycen Bond Chandler #2429 and 1st place Colter Hamblin Show Low #2090 8-9 year old girls R to L; 4th place Ella Serano Kearny #2478 3rd place Khajani Smith Page #2598 2nd place Kenra Koozer Ajo #1576 and 1st place Malia Robinson Fountain Hills #2846

Top Middle Picture: 10-11 year old boys L to R; 4th place Bennie Hix Green Valley #2592 3rd place Mario Denogean Kearny #2478 2nd place Owen Lee Parker #1929 and 1st place Tucker Orton Holbrook #2450 10-11 year old girls R to L; 4th place Ana Lucia Carranza Green Valley #2592 3rd place Arianelly Robledo Parker #1929 2nd place Emmerlee Dominguez Coolidge-Florence #2350 and 1st place Miiya Fuson Winslow #536

Top Right Picture: 12-13 year old boys L to R; 4th place Jerron Jordan Winslow #536 3rd place Cooper Soboski Apache Junction #2349 2nd place Rene Cortez Tucson #385 and 1st place Jaxson Bosch Yuma #476 12-13 year old girls R to L; 4th place Gabriella Ashley Kearny #2478 3rd place Nevaeh Fuson Winslow #536 2nd place Aubrey Lopez Ajo #1576 and 1st place Bianca Smith Raceway #2852

The top girl Shooter was Bianca Smith making 23 out of 25 and the top boy Shooter was Tucker Orton making 22 out of 25. We want to wish each one of them the best of luck in Boulder City.

Bottom Left Picture: Left to Right AEA State President Larry Carver, Bianca Smith, Gregg Boyce AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER

Bottom Right Picture: Left to Right AEA State President Larry Carver, Tucker Orton, Gregg Boyce AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER

Submitted by: Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director



“Regional Hoop Shoot”

On February 21st the State Champions from the Arizona Elks Hoop Shoot and a great following of Elks and fans went to Boulder City, NV and competed in the Regional Hoop Shoot competition. We were represented by from R to L; Miiya Fuson 10-11 year old girls, Jazon Bosch 12-13 year old boys, Tucker Orton 10-11 year old boys, Malia Robinson 8-9 year old girls, Colter Hamblin 8-9 year old boys, and Bianca Smith 12-13 year old girls. We did come out with two Champions that are moving on to the National competition in Chicago, Ill on April 18th for a chance to become a National Champion. They are as pictured from L to R; Malia Robinson Fountain Hills Lodge and Tucker Orton from the Holbrook Lodge. All six represented our Elks Association with pride and great sportsmanship. We wish Malia and Tucker the best of luck in Chicago.

Pictures and articles submitted by Gregg Boyce, PDDGER, PSVP, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

Pictured Left to Right: (Photo on Left) Back Row Gregg Boyce AEA Hoop Shoot Director, AEA State President Larry Carver 12-13 year girls Bianca Smith, 8-9 year old boys, Colter Hamblin, 8-9 year old girls Malia Robinson, 10-11 year old boys Tucker Orton, 12-13 year old boys Jazon Bosch, 10-11 year old girls Miiya Fuson

Pictured Left to Right: (Photo on Right) Back Row AEA Hoop Shoot Director Gregg Boyce PDDGER, AEA State President Larry Carver, Front Row, Malia Robinson, Tucker Orton

Pictured Bottom Photo: Arizona Elks Cheering Crowd



“Veterans News”



March 2026

Information and Veterans News

Mary I Shaffer - Elks National Veterans Service

ED Chair - Tracy Cabell.....714 587-1070

ND Chair - John Roush.....719 313-0565

SD Chair - Linda Seggie.....520 401-3990

WD Chair - Jim Thompson.....929 782-3519

Arizona Military and Veterans Parks and Recreation Benefits

Free or Reduced Price Arizona Hunting and Fishing Combination License for Disabled Veterans & Purple Heart Recipients: Arizona offers free or reduced price hunting & fishing combination licenses to eligible Veterans.

Who is eligible for Free or Reduced Price Arizona Hunting and Fishing Combination Licenses? To be eligible Veterans must have been an Arizona resident for at least one year prior to application and meet one of the following requirements:

- **Free License** –Has a 100% total and permanent service-connected disability rating from the VA
- **Reduced Fee License (\$42)** –Has less than 100% service-connected disability rating from the VA
- **Purple Heart Recipient (\$28)** – Purple Heart recipient

Applications, applicable fee (check or money order) and required documentation (listed on the application) may be submitted at any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or by mail to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Attn: Front Counter
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

An optional plastic card license may be purchased for \$4.

Arizona Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Nonresident Service Members and their Spouse at Resident Rates: Nonresident active duty service members who are stationed in Arizona on either permanent or temporary duty assignment are eligible to purchase Arizona Game and Fish Department licenses for resident prices.

Arizona State Parks Veterans Discount Program: Arizona State Parks offer several discounts to resident service members & Veterans. Discounts apply to the individual eligible and up to three accompanying adults.

- **Active Duty, National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces Reserve Service Members** – 50% off day-use entrance fee for active and reserve component service members, must show military ID at park entrance (no pass required)
- **Arizona Retired Veterans** - 50% off day-use entrance fee for retired Veterans, must provide a copy of their DD214, or retired military ID card (no pass required)
- **Partially Disabled Veteran** - 50% off day-use pass for all service-connected disabled Veterans with a disability rating from the VA that is less than 100% must provide a copy of their [VA Benefit Summary Letter](#)
- **100% Disabled Veterans** - Free day-use pass for Veterans who have a 100% service-connected disabled rating from the VA, must provide a copy of their VA Benefit Summary Letter

Discounts do not apply for the following:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Kartchner Caverns State Park Cave tour tickets | Special event admission fees |
| Riordan Mansion State Historic Park tour tickets | Reservation fees |
| Historic Park tours | Camping fees |
| Special use fees | Overnight parking fees |
| Special program fees | |

State Passes are not transferable and photo ID is required for entrance. Those eligible can request a Veterans Discount Program Pass at any Arizona State Park.



“Elks National Convention Registration Information”



Elks National Convention Chicago, Illinois
July 5-July 8, 2026

To: Arizona State Delegates (Pre-Registered)

Get Ready—Chicago is calling: The 2026 Elks National Convention is set to be an unforgettable event, made even more special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building and National Headquarters. This historic milestone, paired with the energy and excitement of Chicago, will make for a convention unlike any other!

Enclosed you'll find the State Housing Reservation Form. Please complete and return it by March 1, 2026. The Arizona delegation will be staying at the Hilton Hotel Chicago. All rooms have been reserved. If a room should become available, we will contact those on the waiting list. At the present time, rooms for the Exalted Rulers, DDGERS and Ritual Team are all we have available.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Elks National Memorial Building will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 9:30 a.m. with limited seats available. Tickets will be required for this event.

Registration and Exhibits will be set up at the McCormick Place West Building.

A shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions.

(Watch the website for a shuttle schedule by the end of May).

Memorial Building Shuttle Service will be available from all hotels. An additional \$20.00 is being added to the Conference registration to cover the cost.

Convention Pre-Registration will open at the beginning of April. This is in addition to the hotel registration and must be done on Elks.org.

Event reservations will open May 1. Reservations are not required currently but are recommended to help ensure adequate space allocations.

Opening Ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 5, 2026 at the McCormick Center West Building and you must be registered to attend.

Daily Business Sessions schedule:

Monday and Tuesday 8:00 a.m.. -12:00 p.m. (estimated end time)

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-11 a.m.

Plan your travel arrangements accordingly. Travel time from O'Hare is approximately 30 minutes to an hour to the hotel and should cost approximately \$60.00.

The Elks are making a special effort to improve accessibility for members with disabilities. Please share your needs on the hotel registration form.

DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER. ANY/ALL CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS MUST GO THROUGH THE HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mike & Vickie Burnet
Hospitality Chairmen
yumaduo@gmail.com
208-794-5446

“Arizona Elks Red Vest Order Form”

Arizona Elks 2026 Red Vest Order Form



Flashover Graphics

523 E Andy Devine Ave

928-718-6892

info@flashovergraphicsaz.com

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

ONE VEST PER ORDER FORM

Red Vest Bottom Pockets	S	M	L	XL	2XL	\$ 43.98	
Red Vest Bottom Pockets	3XL	4XL	5XL			\$ 45.98	
Name on Left Chest:						included	
Title/Lodge# on Right Chest:						included	

Please Mark Delivery

Ship to Customer - USPS Priority Mail	\$ 14.00
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Payment

Cash	\$ _____	Make Checks Payable to: Flashover Graphics	
Check	\$ _____ /CK# _____		
Credit Card#	_____	Exp Date	_____ CVV Code _____
CC Total	\$ _____	Signature	_____

**** Deadline for orders is 30 days PRIOR to convention. Any orders placed after 30 days prior will NOT be guaranteed****

"112th Annual Mid-Year Convention"

Please
No Staples

May 07 - 10, 2026

ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION - 112th ANNUAL MEETING

Double Tree by Hilton Hotels Phoenix/Mesa, 1011 West Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AEA
AND MAIL WITH FORMS BY **April 15th** TO:

Ed Leuer PSP, Chairman
PO Box 2383
Camp Verde, AZ 86322
(928) 301-2369
email: leuer.123@centurylink.net

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Lodge _____

ATTENTION: LODGE SECRETARY
AEA HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE \$ _____
(\$60.00 per lodge)

ELK MEMBER Choose One
Name _____

REGISTRATION FEE* \$ _____
(Number of Elks x \$25.00)

SOCIAL EVENTS (From Page 2) \$ \$ 0.00

TOTAL CHECK ATTACHED \$ \$ 0.00

NON ELK MEMBER Choose One
Name _____

* Fee is \$25.00 for each Elk member. If husband and wife are both Elks fee is \$50.00. No fee for Non-Elk spouse, widow, or guest. Fee must be paid to attend all Meetings, Seminars, Social Events and Hospitality Room.

WIDOW / WIDOWER
NAME _____
Elk Non Elk

STATE OFFICER _____

LODGE OFFICER _____

STATE COMMITTEE _____
 PSP PDDGER DDGER PSVP

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Double Tree REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT information for Room Reservations:

Please note: Hotel Check In Time is 4:00 PM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Early Arrival Wednesday, May 06

Arrival Date (Please check one) Thursday, May 07 Friday, May 08 Saturday, May 09

Departure Date (Please check one) Friday, May 08 Saturday, May 09 Sunday, May 10

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LODGE NAME/NUMBER _____

Type of Room Desired Two Queen Beds One King Bed

Room Rates: Single \$111.00 Double \$111.00 Plus 14.27% Sales Tax

Please list any special needs (i.e., Handicapped Room, Roll-in Shower, etc.) _____

DO NOT send Room Deposit with Registration Form!

ALL RESERVATIONS and CANCELLATIONS MUST BE HANDLED BY THE MEETINGS COMMITTEE

Your Lodge will be charged for all "No Shows"

The Doubletree is a Non-Smoking Hotel

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM TO Ed Leuer, PSP BY April 15, 2026

"112th Annual Mid-Year Convention"

ANNUAL MEETINGS REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Elk/Non-Elk Spouse or Guest _____

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Registration required to attend Meetings, Seminars, Social Events and Hospitality Room.

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 27th, 2026 NO TO GO BOXES AT MEALS

Please indicate events you will attend by inserting the NUMBER OF TICKETS (#) and TOTAL DOLLARS.
Cut-off date for these requests is April 15, 2026. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.
NOTE: The Hotel does not allow plate/meal sharing and to go boxes.

DATE/DAY	SOCIAL EVENT	CHOICES	#	Price * (Ea.)	Total
May 07 Thursday	WELCOME DINNER No Host Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM All Elks and Guests Dress - Casual	BUFFET Pork Tenderloin Chicken Mushroom Marsala Coffee or Tea		\$45.00	\$ 0.00
May 08 Friday	Fun Night - Taking Care of Business No Host Cocktail 6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM All Elks and Guests Dress - Casual, Elvis or 50s	BUFFET Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce Fried Chicken Coffee or Tea		\$45.00	\$ 0.00
May 09 Saturday	SPOUSES LUNCHEON - 1:00 PM No Host Cocktails 12:00 to 1:00 PM Theme: "If the shoe fits" Dress - Casual, wearing shoe that "FITS YOU"	BUFFET Sandwiches and Salad Coffee or Tea		\$25.00	\$ 0.00
May 09 Saturday	A.E.A. BANQUET - FIESTA BALLROOM No Host Cocktail, 6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner 7:00 pm - Assigned Tables Dress: AEA Officers - Summer Formal Suit & Tie	Salmon Lemon Caper Cream Sauce		\$50.00	\$ 0.00
		Chicken Breast with Tropical Fruit Salsa		\$50.00	\$ 0.00
May 15 & 16 Friday & Saturday	SPOUSES COFFEE Hospitality Room, 9:00 - 10:30 AM				
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR SOCIAL EVENTS (Automatically Transfers to Page 1) (*Tax and Gratuity Included in Price)					0.00

BREAKFAST AND LUNCHEAS are available in The Resident

A.E.A. MEETINGS begin at 8:00 AM, Red Mountain Room 1 and 2 - May 08, 09, and 10
STATE RITUAL FINALS Friday & Saturday (Rooms & Times TBA)

A.E.A. REGISTRATION DESK HOURS		
May 07 - NOON-5:00 PM	May 08 & 09 - 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM	May 10 - 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
LOBBY		

A.E.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM HOURS		
Thursday, May 07 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM After Dinner – 11:00 PM Host: Larry Legge Vice President North	Friday, May 08 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM After Dinner – 11:00 PM Host: Joan Cendejas Vice President West	Saturday, May 09 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM After Banquet – 11:00 PM Host: Susan Trecartin Vice President South

“Save The Date”

JEEP/SIDE X SIDE POKER RUN



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

COOLEGE/FLORENCE ELKS
2241 N ATTAWAY RD
FLORENCE, AZ 35121

**8 AM REGISTRATION
BACK BY 3 P.M.**

**\$20 PER PERSON FOR RIDE
\$35 PERSON FOR RIDE & DINNER**

**CAMPING AVAILABLE - \$10 PER
NIGHT. BOOK IN ADVANCE.**

**LIVE MUSIC
JD DANCE BAND**

**ALL
PROCEEDS
BENEFIT:**

**ARIZONA
ELKS
MAJOR
PROJECTS**

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CHAD: 507-458-0499
RANDY: 480-329-4839**

“Save The Date”



Arizona Elks
Major Projects



YUMA ELK’S AEMP FUNDRAISER



TICKETS ON SALE

\$10 PER TICKET

ONLY 1500 TICKETS SOLD

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2026

AT CLAIR CULVER DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

3 Prizes - 3 Winners

1st Prize: Big Boy Rifle .357 Magnum/.38 SPL

2nd Prize: \$800 Sprague’s Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$500 Cash Prize

Our Mission: Is to raise funds for research and education for Arizona Children.



TICKETS ARE ALSO IN THE OFFICE
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY NOON TO 5 PM
OR FROM STEVEN LACKEY 928-210-2118

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

“Save The Date”



Yuma Elk's/Major Projects Fundraiser

Clair Culver Dinner & Auction

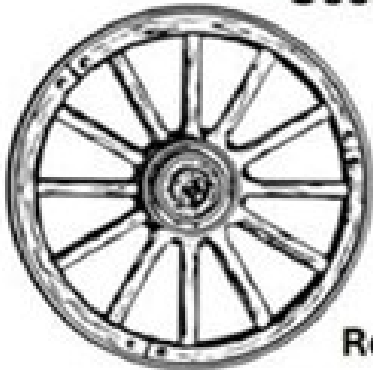
Saturday, April 11, 2026



Cocktails & Silent Auction at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Live Auction at 7:30 pm



Dinner: \$30 per ticket

Rocky Mountain Oysters

Steak & Chicken

Loaded Baked Potato,

Salad, Bread



Cobbler & Texas Sheet Cakes



Limited Sponsorship Tables &

Reserve Tables are Available.

Contact Steven Lackey to get your table.

928-210-2118

“Save The Date”



AZ South DDGER Golf Tournament Saturday, April 18, 2026 1:00 Shotgun



Alane Asp, DDGER, hosts the Scramble Tournament benefitting **Arizona Elks Major Projects, Inc** at *The Views Golf Club at Oro Valley*. Dinner will follow at *Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815*.

Pricing

- \$100 per player / \$400 per Foursome
- \$450 - Foursome with one hole sign
- \$75-1 hole sign
- \$125-2 hole signs
- \$15.00-dinner for non-golfers



Player Name

Player email

Player Phone

Hole Sign Info: _____

Play is limited to the first 60 golfers to register and submit payment
 Checks payable to **Catalina Mountain Elks** mail to PO Box 8742, Tucson AZ 85738-0742

Direct Questions to the lodge secretary (825)-0893 or bpoe2815@arizonaelks.org

“AEMP 2026 Mid-Year Raffle”



Arizona Elks
Major Projects



2026 Mid-Year Raffle

Win this 2026 Chevy Trailblazer



ONLY 15000 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges, from the
Arizona Elks Major Projects Office
Or Scan the QR code below



Ticket are: \$20 each, 3 tickets for \$50.

Drawing will be held on October 17, 2026 at the
AEA Mid-Year Meeting in Tempe AZ.

Must be 21 years of age or older to win. Tickets are not tax deductible. Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes and vehicle registration fee's.

“Grand Lodge News”

Grand Lodge Newsletter Not Available at time of publication



At the 2026 Elks National Convention, a special ceremony will be held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial building <https://www.elks.org/memorial>. Join us on the morning of Saturday, July 4 to celebrate this landmark and everything it means to the Order.

Elks wishing to attend the anniversary ceremony must enter the online-only ticket lottery <https://elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm>, available through March 15, 2026.

Important ceremony details to know before you enter the lottery:

One entry per Elk.

Phone entries cannot be accepted.

Selected Elks will be notified via email on March 31, 2026. Notification will be sent to the same email address used to enter the lottery.

Lottery winners will receive two ceremony tickets and bus transportation from Convention hotels to the event.

To purchase, each member must complete the Elks National Convention online pre-registration (\$70/member).

This one-hour ceremony will take place outdoors, rain or shine, attendees should expect to be seated in the sun for the duration of the event.

Seating areas will be accessed by stairs, ramps or uneven grass.

Attendees will need their Elks National Convention credentials for entry. Credentials and tickets must be picked up at the McCormick Place - West Building on Friday, July 3.

This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is expected to draw interest from across the country—don't delay your entry. Full details and the lottery link are available at: elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm.

Don't miss your chance to witness history!

Sincerely,
Malcolm J. McPherson, Chair
Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

“On the Road with AEA State President Larry Carver”

- 1) Jordan Lopez Jr, Jae Melendez, Taycen Bond Colter Hamblin, Ella Serano, Khajani Smith, Kenra Koozer Malia Robinson Back Row Gregg Boyce, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 2) Bennie Hix, Mario Denogean, Owen Lee, Tucker Orton, Ana Lucia Carranza, Arianelly Robledo, Emmerlee Dominguez, Miiya Fuson Bscck Row Gregg Boyce, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 3) Jerron Jordan, Cooper Soboski, Rene Cortez, Jaxson Bosch, Gabriella Ashley, Nevaeh Fuson, Aubrey Lopez, Bianca Smith Back Row Gregg Boyce, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 4) AEA State President Larry Carver, 1st Lady Michelle Carver at Willcox Lodge #2131 Charity Ball

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



“On the Road with AEA State President Larry Carver”

- 1) Tempe Lodge Not So Newlywed Game
- 2) 1st Lady Michelle Carver, AEA State President Larry Carver at Tempe #2251 contestants for the Not So Newlywed Game.
- 3) Cake for the AZ shooters presented at Kingman #468 during the Junk food express stop over.
- 4) Participants signing basketball's during the bowling and pizza party at Sunset Station

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



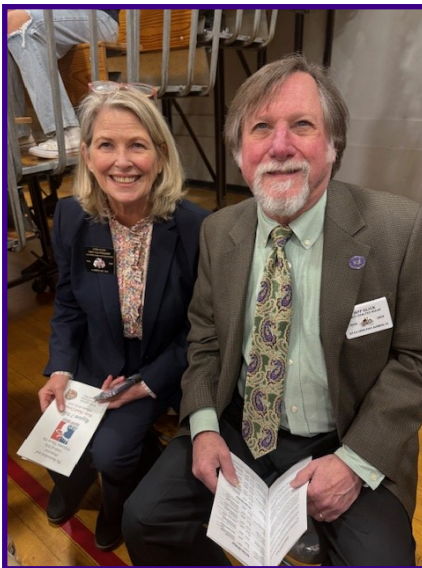
“On the Road with AEA State President Larry Carver”

- 1) Utah Elks Association President Glen Smith and his Lady Jeri at the Region 7 contest site.
- 2) CHEA First Vice President Lynn Glick and 1st Gent Jeff at the Region 7 contest site.
- 3) 1st Lady Michelle Carver at Region 7 contest site.
- 4) President Larry with his participants signed basketball .
- 5) First son Brandon surprises AEA State President Larry Carver and First lady Michelle at host hotel.

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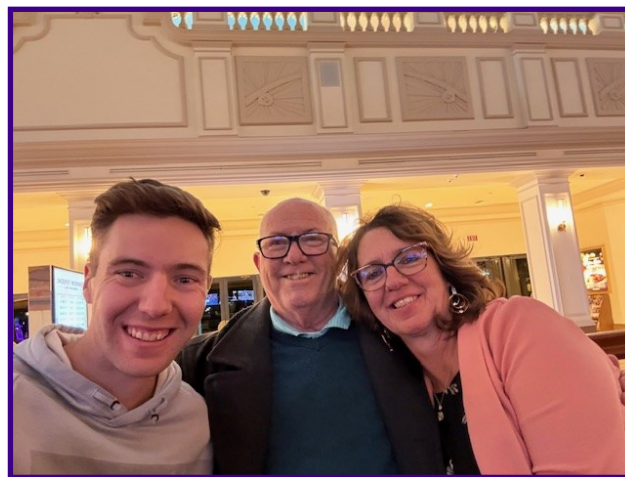
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“On the Road with AEA State President Larry Carver”

- 1) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Colter Hamblin, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 2) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Mailia Robinson, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 3) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Tucker Orton, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 4) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Miiya Fuson, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 5) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Jazon Bosch, AEA State President Larry Carver
- 6) Gregg Boyce, AEA Hoop Shoot Director, PDDGER, Bianca Smith, AEA State President Larry Carver

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