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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
FROM: Dr. Carl Forkner, Department Adjutant
SUBJ: DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATE: May 17, 2026

Chapter Commanders and Adjutants,

Department Convention will occur from June 10 through June 13, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix-Chandler Golf Resort in Chandler, AZ.

The first official meeting of the convention will be the Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee (Pre-DEC) meeting on June 10, 2026, at 1630, and is currently scheduled to be in the Palomino Room.

In accordance with Department of Arizona Constitution and Bylaws, Article VI, Section B-6.1, each chapter within the Department shall elect one Department Executive Committeeperson (DEC) and one Alternate Department Executive Committeeperson (Alt DEC).

- The current (2025-2026) DEC (or Alt DEC) will represent the chapter at the Pre-DEC meeting on June 10th.
- The DEC and Alt DEC elected for the 2026-2027 year will be installed on June 13th along with the elected Department officers.
 - *NOTE: Per Article VI, Section 6.2. Para. 6.2.1, installation of DEC or Alt DEC officers at Chapter Installations are purely ceremonial and do not define their term of office,*
- The newly installed (2026-2027) DEC (or Alt DEC) will represent the chapter at the Post-Convention DEC (Post-DEC) meeting on June 13th.
 - The elected Department Commander typically appoints his/her Adjutant, Chaplain, and Chief of Staff for approval at the Post-DEC meeting.
 - The elected Commander has 30 days from his/her installation to present the other appointments to the DEC for approval. This will be accomplished by e-mail ballots to each chapter's DEC (or Alt DEC if the DEC position is vacant).

On the following page, the currently elected and approved DEC and Alternate DEC from each chapter are listed, as well as the OER from which they are based.

CURRENTLY ELECTED AND APPROVED DEC AND ALT DEC MEMBERS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>Alt DEC</u>	<u>OER</u>
1	Tom Linton	Kim Vasquez	2026-2027
4	Karmen Switzer	Art Mesa	2025-2026
8	Debbie Roberts	Helen Krsul	2026-2027
11	<i>Vacant</i>	Dona Snyder	2025-2026
14	Rexana Torres	<i>Vacant</i>	2026-2027
16	Kenneth Reed	Charles Labuz	2025-2026
18	Gary Reph	<i>Vacant</i>	2026-2027
20	Lori Cooper	Kevin J Cooper	2025-2026
24	John Crockett	Violetmary Fountain	2025-2026
26	John Prentice	<i>Vacant</i>	2025-2026
27	John Ciofalo	Don Bittenbender	2025-2026
36	Juan Salas	<i>Vacant</i>	2026-2027
38	Ron Bryant	Jeffries McRoberts	2025-2026
39	William Jarvis	James Hill	2025-2026

NOTE: OER dates in **green** indicate that they have been properly submitted and approved by National Headquarters.

As the remaining OERs are properly submitted and approved, the list will be updated. ***The FINAL list will be taken from the approved OER listed on the National website on June 7, 2026.***

Sincerely,



Carl B. Forkner

cc: Department Commander
Department Senior Vice Commander
Department Junior Vice Commander
Department Judge Advocate
Chapter DEC's and Alt DEC's