

URGENT to ALL Department Annual Convention Attendees;

A challenging time has been upon Department Headquarters as the Phoenix Marriott Mesa location developed construction schedule issues during our planned time with them.

Because of this, Commander Charles Bugh will be calling the 2017 Department of Arizona Convention to meet instead at **Carefree Resort and Conference Center**. Many of you will remember this location from recent years where we convened.

The change is the result of Commander Bugh's Conference & Convention Committee meetings specially called to deal with this challenge. The two main problems placed upon us at the late date of 23 January 2017, were contract matters and making sure that a different location would be able to serve our room and meeting space needs.

On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, the Committee's decision was made to lock in Carefree Resort. We needed to wait until today to send this message so that the Resort staff would be ready to start receiving your room reservation requests.

You may start calling now, (please see Cory Pettijohn's email contained below) at the same number as last year, [520-579-9293](tel:520-579-9293).

You should leave a message if needed as she manages her calls first come first served.

Some of you may have already begun to receive email notifications as I send her information for dignitaries and other Called Officers. You must still contact Cory to provide information regarding your rooming needs.

We have worked as quickly as possible through this period, once we got final official word from the hotels concerned. Our typical reservations process begins on January 1 and we will be discussing what this problem will mean for future Conventions so please watch for more information.

Thank you in advance for your patience during this change. For my part, I would like to thank Chairman Larry Cox and the Conference & Convention Committee for their quick response and turning this problem into a challenge that we overcame.

Finally, remember even if you're not going to stay over during Convention, all members of the American Legion Family are welcome to register for the activities in the main lobby and attend as much of the work as your schedule will allow.

Respectfully,
Angel Juarez
State Adjutant

Dear Angel Juarez;

At this time, allow me to introduce myself as the **Group Rooms Coordinator**. I will be your primary contact as it relates to the sleeping rooms for your upcoming event. Please remember to mention the **American Legion** when calling in reservations and ask for Mrs. Cory Pettijohn. The direct telephone number for reservations is [520-579-9293](tel:520-579-9293). As a reminder, your room block cut-off date is **05/31/17**. Rooms not picked up by this date will be released for general sale. Reservations after this date are subject to current rates and availability.

Please contact me at [520-579-9293](tel:520-579-9293) any questions or concerns.

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