

# Legislative Bulletin

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Greetings,

Welcome to our new year. This is my second year as legislative chairman. I learned so much last year and am really excited to learn even more this year.

My name is Kathy Amery, Unit 62 President, District 11 Vice President. I would like to thank Madam President Stacy Mayberry, for this appointment.

The American Legion has a long history of influencing change on a national level. Many benefits that our Veterans have today, are due to the hard work of both the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. That is why this is so important to continue moving forward with benefits for our Veterans and their families. There is still much work to be done.

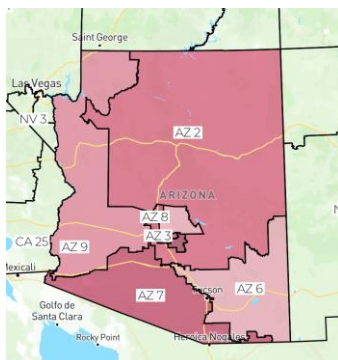
Last year I posted about knowing your Congressional district and have included it again this year. But let's not stop there. This is an election year and let's take advantage of educating our members on what is going on and making sure we promote **Get out and Vote**. No matter if you are R or D or I, it is important that we know who we are voting for.

How can we do that, you ask? Reach out and have candidates in your area come and speak at your meetings. Take the party affiliation out of it and ask yourself,

- does this candidate agree with my standards?
- Who is this person that wants to represent the people.
- Will he/she put my best interest in making decisions that affect me and my family?
- Ask them questions that are important to you. Did they answer the question?

You might find surprising you have more in common with one another than you thought especially if they are not of your affiliation." Well, I just don't like that person" Again ask yourself is it all about me or what is best for my town, county, district or country. Let's vote smart and informed!

Congressional district.<sup>1</sup>



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<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ#map>

We also have two Senators. Krysten Sinema, Independent, Mark Kelley, Democrat. Contact information can be found at: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ>

There is even a tab that is for LEGISLATOR MISCONDUCT! Yes from 1789 to present! Not only that you can also track some of these bills that we are supporting and see how our Arizona representatives voted. STAY INFORMED!

Did you know

- A bill must be passed by both the House and Senate in identical form and then be signed by the President to become law.
- Bills numbers restart every two years. That means there are other bills with the same number

Check out the video on How a Bill becomes a Law from schoolhouse rock 1976

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyeJ55o3EI0>

## **Arizona Government**

Information on Arizona Local government resources: <https://www.azleg.gov/memberroster/>

As the year progresses, I will update you on more information. In the meantime, if you have questions, feel free to reach out to me.

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