

County Updates

Apache County

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Cochise County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in December!

Coconino County

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Gila County

For upcoming GCLP events and opportunities visit gilaazlp.org.

Graham County

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Greenlee County

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Remembrance & Thanksgiving

By Alex Flores, LNC Region 1 Alternate & AZLP Secretary

Every year, elementary school children create paper turkeys and dress up as Pilgrims and Indians to recreate the original Thanksgiving feast. It is portrayed as a great celebration between settlers from the Mayflower, who established Plymouth Colony, and friendly Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe. The quaint retelling of the first Thanksgiving feast was perpetuated by Abraham Lincoln, whose proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863, made the last Thursday in November "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" for "blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies," and a peaceful end to the Civil War.

For many Native Americans, though, Thanksgiving is not synonymous with blessings and praise. Rather, the day is a reminder of a dark history that is rarely told in its entirety. "Is Thanksgiving an innocent celebration or are there some undertones that need to be addressed?" Ronald Trosper, professor of American Indian studies at the University of Arizona, asks.

"When Indians harvested, the thanks went to the land and the beings that provided themselves as food. That's a very fundamental indigenous belief, that we thank those beings that support our livelihood," Trosper said. "Then at dinner there was no prayer, they just started eating. They already thanked the land when they harvested. And they did not thank the Lord for providing the food, because the food came from the land."

"But Native Americans who have been raised in a family that's more aware probably have parents who have explained the real history behind Thanksgiving and said it's nice to celebrate the harvest in the fall. We have to realize that Thanksgiving has negative overtones, and that it denies there was so much taken away from Indians, because it's a very happy celebration. It looks like the Indians and the settlers were friends, but that's a denial of what the reality was."

This year, Consider taking another look at American history and the many varied Native American cultures all across the United States. Examine relationships, traditions, customs, and beliefs.

Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the US Thanksgiving Holiday. Many Native Americans don't celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. The organizers of this observance, United American Indians of New England (UAINEN) consider Thanksgiving Day as a continued reminder of the genocide and suffering of Native American People. To them, Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of their people, the theft of their lands, and the relentless assault on their culture. Participants in National Day of

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La Paz County

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Maricopa County By Brandon Slayton, MCLP Chair

For upcoming MCLP events and opportunities visit lpmaricopa.org.

Mohave County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in December!

Santa Cruz County

If you are interested in helping establish a Santa Cruz County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Pinal County

By Sean Stinson,
PCLP Secretary
We are still looking for volunteers to help grow the Pinal County LP. Please reach out to us at pinalcylp@gmail.com!

Navajo County

By Alex Flores, NCLP
Chair

Navajo County LP is now holding meetings every 3rd Thursday 6PM at The House located at 1191 Hall E, Show Low, AZ. Hope to see ya there!

Yuma County

By Howard Blitz,
YCLP Chair

YCLP hopes to have a presence at the Yuma County Fair March 29-April 3. We need volunteers to man the booth each day. Goal is to get more people registered as Libertarians in Yuma County and around the state.

AZLP 2022 CONVENTION



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Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native Peoples to survive today. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a protest of the racism and oppression which Native Americans continue to experience today.

The Libertarian Party Statement of Principles says "we hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose."

Whether you choose solemn remembrance or giving thanks, it is worth taking the time to

learn and understand the history. We can find better ways to honor our ancestors and our history, forego the mistakes of the past, and hold true to our principles as libertarians.

Quick Guide to Convention

By Andi De Bellis

In case you missed our announcement last week, the cat is finally out of the bag! The AZLP will be hosting its Annual State Committee Meeting & Convention January 15-17, 2022 at the Omni National Resort in Tucson, AZ!

Unlike years past, we have 3 days (3.5 days if you arrive a little early to get settled in) of festivities packed full of special

guests (yes, that special guest list does include Spike & Tasha Cohen, Jo Jorgensen, and Scott Horton), special excursions, training opportunities, the opportunity to help shape AZLP stances on hot button policy in AZ, great food, discounted holiday weekend room rates at the resort and more!

Booths are available for candidates running in upcoming elections, and sponsorship packages are still available for those of you wanting a little extra one-on-one time with our special guests!

The event website and registration can be found at tinyurl.com/azlp22con and we can't wait to see you there!

Want to be a Delegate at the 2022 National Convention?

If you are interested in becoming a delegate to represent the Arizona Libertarian Party at the 2022 National Convention in Sparks, NV, submit your statement of candidacy to Alex Flores at secretary@azlp.org no later than January 8, 2022.

Statements of candidacy for a National Convention delegate slot must meet the requirements set in the AZLP Bylaws (specifically bylaw 17) in order to be included on the ballot at the AZLP State Committee Meeting being held on Saturday, January 15th at our Convention.

Any Class A Arizona Libertarian Party Member or Arizona resident that is a National LP member is eligible to be a Delegate Candidate and must submit a statement of candidacy including their name, age, and written pledge attesting that they do not do not support the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals no later than 7 days in advance of the State Committee Meeting.

Have an idea or want to contribute to the next issue?

Reach out to us at newsletter@azlp.org!



AZLP Spotlight

Homefront Battle Buddies

By Lauren Snyder

Homefront Battle Buddies is a newly formed registered nonprofit organization located here in Arizona. Homefront Battle Buddies (HBB) was started by Adam Kokesh, US Marine Corps combat veteran and anti-war activist.

Like many, Adam was still in high school when he enlisted in the USMC at the age of 17. In 2004, he was sent to fight in the Iraq War which eventually inspired him to join the anti-war advocacy group, Iraq Veterans Against the War. He quickly became a national figure and used this status to continue to protest with the goal of drawing attention to the atrocities of war as well as highlighting government overreach and infringements on Constitutional rights. Adam has since gone on to host a radio show, podcast, wrote and self-published his book *FREEDOM!*; he has also run for Congress with an endorsement from Ron Paul, and ran for Presidential candidate at the 2020 Libertarian National Convention.

Adam's newest venture has been establishing Homefront Battle Buddies - "A community of veterans helping veterans in all the ways government failed us". The HBB Board of Directors is comprised of 6 Veterans who are all working hard to support homeless Veterans, provide alternative therapies, to help with consultations regarding benefits and other various services.

The Intern/Residency Program, spearheaded by HBB Vice Chair, Ed Vallejo, is a program that's geared towards providing a safe place for newly separated veterans who are looking for an alternative to just "going home" after serving. All

veterans are welcome to apply, despite whatever circumstances may have lead them to HBB.

Located in the Ash Fork area of Arizona, the HBB Residency Program offers the freedom of safely living off-grid while offering help to those that may be struggling with any of the numerous issues veterans face. Whether it's someone trying to re-adjust to civilian life after serving, to work on their mental or physical health, or simply looking for camaraderie - the folks at Homefront Battle Buddies want to do as much as they can.

The facility itself is still in the development phase and training will be provided for anyone applicants that are able to help with construction.

If you'd like to apply for a residency, donate, volunteer to help or simply learn more about Homefront Battle Buddies, visit <https://homefrontbattlebuddies.com> for more information!



Calling All LP Candidates!

By Andi De Bellis

If you are a LP candidate running for political office within the state, we'd love to showcase you! To be featured next month's newsletter, please send an email to Andi De Bellis at newsletter@azlp.org.

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Pima County

By Dru Heaton

PCLP Chair

In October, we were privileged to hear a presentation delivered by Libertarian Diane McBride on the psychology of totalitarianism. Her thoughtful delivery included an admonishment for us as Libertarians to model non-violent communication to those with whom we disagree. We are pleased to learn that she will be part of our upcoming state convention workshop opportunities. The local Libertarian Headquarters continues to serve as a resource for those resisting statist medical fascism as the city and county elected officials have enacted policies to discriminate against the individual rights of their residents.

Yavapai County

By Timothy Benjamin,

YCLP Chair

Yavapai county will have 2 monthly meetings. The first will be held on Nov. 21st at Filiberto's Mexican restaurant in Camp Verde at 1:00pm. The second will be at the Roadkill Cafe' in Seligman on Nov. 28th at 2:30pm.

Upcoming Events

- **Yavapai County Meeting**
Sunday, November 21th, 1PM
1650 AZ-260, Camp Verde, AZ
- **Maricopa Precinct Happy Hour**
Friday, November 26th, 7PM
49237 W Papago Rd, Ste 7, Maricopa, AZ
- **Navajo County Monthly Meeting**
Saturday, November 27th, 6PM
1191 Hall E., Show Low, AZ
- **Yavapai County Meeting**
Sunday, November 28th, 2:30PM
1650 AZ-260, Camp Verde, AZ
- **Pinal County Happy Hour**
Saturday, December 13th, 3PM
6185 W. Hunt Hwy, Queen Creek, AZ
- **Pima County Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, December 21st, 7PM
5546 E 4th St, Tucson, AZ
- **Gila County Monthly Meeting**
Wednesday, December 17th, 6PM
312 S. Beeline Hwy, Payson, AZ
- **AZLP Annual State Committee Meeting & Convention**
Saturday, January 15th – Monday, January 17th
Omni National Resort, Tucson, AZ

To see more events and
upcoming volunteer opportunities
please visit:

Events Calendar-

azlp.org/get-involved/events

Volunteer Portal-

tinyurl.com/azlpvolunteer

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