



# VFW POST 40

PAT TILLMAN MEMORIAL VFW POST 40

Service ★ Community ★ Leadership

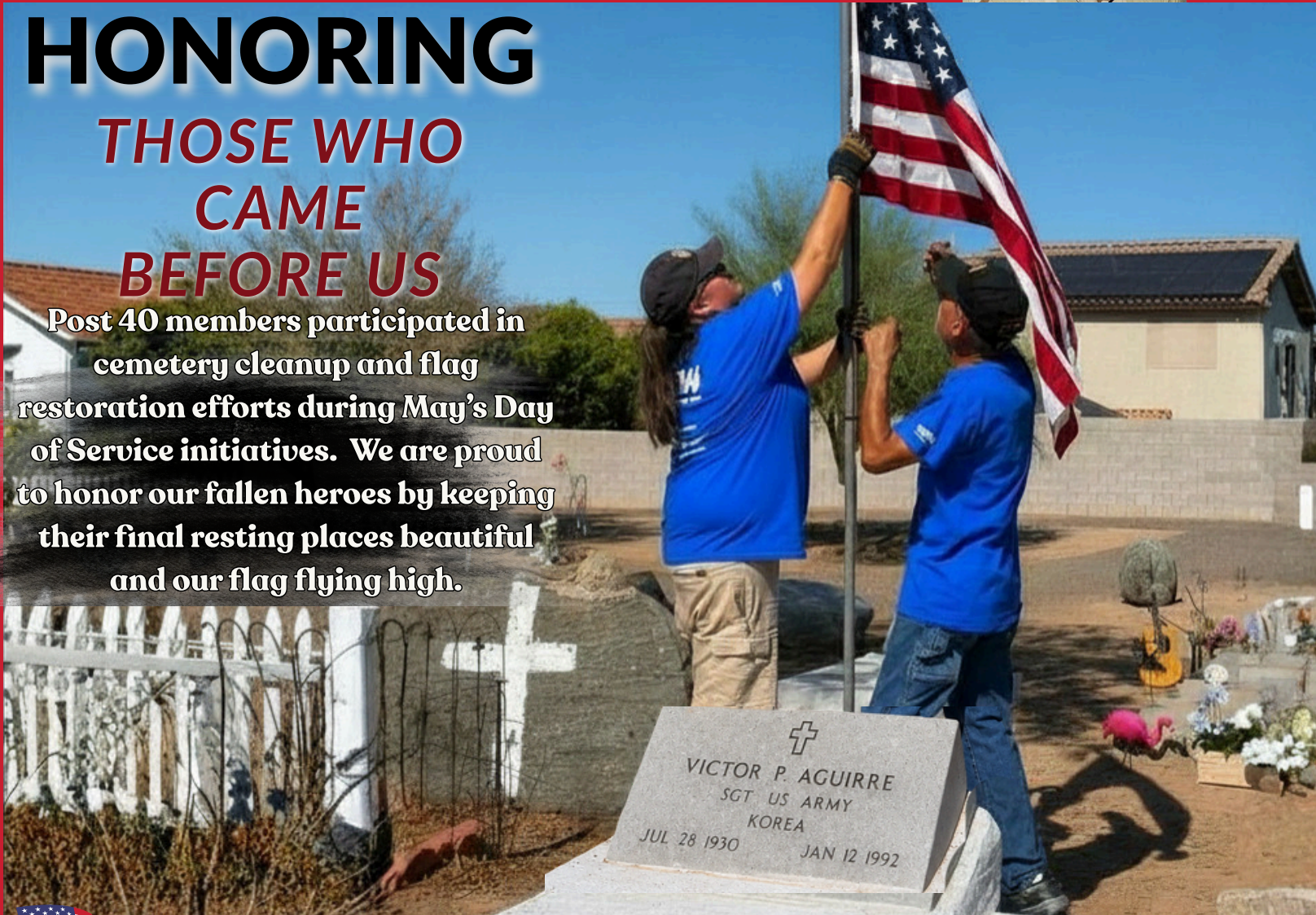


JUNE 2026  
NEWSLETTER

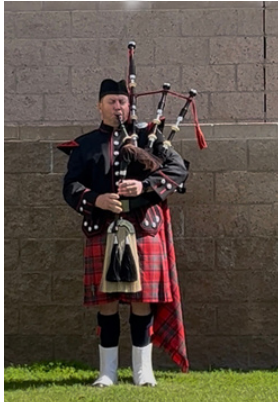
SERVICE  
BEFORE SELF

## HONORING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US

Post 40 members participated in cemetery cleanup and flag restoration efforts during May's Day of Service initiatives. We are proud to honor our fallen heroes by keeping their final resting places beautiful and our flag flying high.



## Memorial Day Ceremony City of Avondale



Post 40 was honored to participate in the City of Avondale's Memorial Day Ceremony. We remember the brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedom and the families that carry their legacy.



1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of every month | 6:30 PM  
American Legion Post 61  
35 N Dysart Rd, Avondale AZ, 85323



WE SERVE.  
WE LEAD.  
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

### MAY BY THE NUMBERS

75+ VOLUNTEERS

200+ HOURS SERVED

COUNTLESS LIVES IMPACTED



# DAY OF SERVICE

*Veterans Helping Veterans • Serving Our Community*

## ONE MONTH. MANY PROJECTS. LASTING IMPACT.



Throughout the month of May, Post 40 members stepped up to serve our heroes, help our neighbors and strengthen the community we call home.

**THANK YOU TO EVERY  
VOLUNTEER WHO MADE  
IT POSSIBLE!!!**



From honoring our fallen heroes to supporting our unhoused veterans and restoring places of worship, our members gave their time, talents, and hearts to **make a difference** where it matters most

### Restoring Our Community



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

We partnered with Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church to replace exterior lettering and restore pride in their place of worship.

### Supporting Our Veterans



We supplied water, snacks, blankets & toiletries to the unhoused while providing compassion, conversation & Support

### Building a Better Community



From neighborhood cleanups to landscaping projects, we're committed to keeping our community beautiful and strong.





## What's Next

*Stay Involved. Stay Connected*

### ★ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ★



### *Congratulations to* **JESSE TORRES**

**MASTER OF  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
Ottawa University

Post 40 proudly congratulates  
Jesse Torres on earning his  
Master's Degree in Business  
Administration.

His dedication to education,  
leadership, and continued service  
reflects the values of  
Pat Tillman Memorial  
VFW Post 40.

*Education is another  
form of service and leadership.*

## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS



**SARA HAMIDI**

2025/2026 PATRIOT'S  
PEN WINNER

**JAYDEN KONKI**

2025/2026 VOICE OF  
DEMOCRACY WINNER

Our winners go on to compete against other winners  
from the district, state, and eventually they compete  
nationally for the top prize of \$1000.00

Scholarship is open to students in grades 6–12.  
Details and entry information coming soon!

**THIS YEAR'S TOPIC:**  
*What Has a Veteran Taught You?*

*"Somewhere inside we hear a voice. It leads  
us in the direction of the person we wish to  
become."  
-Pat Tillman*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**DEPT. OF AZ  
VFW CONVENTION**

June 11–14, 2026

Loews Ventana Canyon  
Resort  
in Tucson



**FLAG RETIREMENT  
OPS**

Saturday, June 20, 2026  
@ 6:30AM

Sunland Park Cemetery  
Honoring our flag  
with dignity



**250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Information table at  
Floyd's & Karsten's  
ACE Hardware  
Stores



**VFW NATIONAL  
CONVENTION**

July 24–30, 2026

• Reno, NV  
Let's show  
Arizona strong!



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

We're always looking  
for members and  
community volunteers  
to help at events,  
ceremonies and  
outreach programs.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*We are grateful to the organizations and businesses  
that help us serve and strengthen our community.*

- Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church
- Sunland Park Cemetery
- City of Avondale
- Floyd's ACE Hardware
- Karsten's ACE Hardware
- Glendale Chamber of Commerce
- PebbleCreek Community Volunteers
- Local Businesses & Supporters
- Community Volunteers

*Thank you for making a difference!*

## STAY CONNECTED



**FACEBOOK**  
facebook.com/VFWPost40



**INSTAGRAM**  
@vfwpost40



**WEBSITE**  
vfw40.org



**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
First Wednesday  
of every month  
6:30 PM



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