



**SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWLETTER**

**Arizona Tumbleweed**  
**2023 Muster Schedule:**

**SMART NATIONAL MUSTER**  
**SEPT 18-23, 2023 AMANA, IOWA**

**It is SMART's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a camping organization for members of the military - both active duty and retired. The name SMART stands for Special Military Active Recreational Travelers. Just think of the camaraderie shared over the 40 years. Are you coming to Amana to share in this milestone celebration?**

Arizona Tumbleweeds Officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2023 term:

- President, Rich Caruso
- Vice President/Membership, Vacant
- Treasurer, Joe Edstrom
- Pat Sappa, Secretary
- Wagon Master, Vacant
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- Quartermaster, Vacant
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**Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Halloween Party**  
**Desert Cypress RV Park,**  
**Wickenburg**

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**Words from our President,**  
**Rich Caruso**

Dear S\*M\*A\*R\*T Arizona Tumbleweed Members:

Fall is fast approaching on us and I wanted to let you know that we won't be having a September muster because some of us will be traveling to the National Muster at the Amana Colonies in Iowa.

So, for October, we are having our first combined muster with the Roadrunners at Desert Cypress RV Park in Wickenburg. The dates are October 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and depart on Nov. 1. As of this publication, we have 12 sites that are available to us. Please call the RV Park as 602-626-0426 to make your reservation and then go to the S\*M\*A\*R\*T website to register on-line so we know who is coming to this muster. If you have trouble making reservations or going on website, please call me (714-222-8867) and I can assist you.

Safe Travels and Happy Trails,

Rich Caruso, Arizona Tumbleweed  
President

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**WELCOME to new ARIZONA  
TUMBLEWEED CHAPTER MEMBERS:**

In April, our Chapter welcomed 4 new members. Be sure to reach out to them, welcoming them to our Chapter.

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Upcoming Celebrations:

Birthdays:

- Richard Hill, 9/8
- Dennis Utt, 9/14
- Arceli Hasley, 9/28
- Pat Kavanaugh, 10/05
- Jerita Laforcarde, 10/06

Anniversaries:

- Joe Padberg and Diane Pepperell, 9/10
- Carl and Gwen Hopper, 10/12
- Jim and Sandi Anderson, 10/21

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*A note from your scribe:*

Julio Nieves sends his thanks to those who touched base with him following his late wife, Sharon's, passing. Sharon will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

