

Leaving Arizona

By the time you read this, Sweetie Bev and I will be on the road back to Moorhead. We are leaving here on 17 April, going to check out the Grand Canyon and then through Utah. We'll make a stop in Boise to see my niece and then a stop in Spokane to see Bev's niece. Hopefully, by the time we head east, the snow will be gone and the roads will be clear and dry. The winter has been warm and interesting. Here are a few comments.

At one of the local American Legions (Green Valley has two) one of the members was reciting the Legion pledge which is very similar to the military pledge and includes the words "will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic". After finishing he stated that domestic enemies were in Washington D.C. I'm not sure what group in D.C. he considered domestic enemies. Another interesting thing about the Post is that they have a sign next to the door "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED". Apparently, schools are not the only place that ban guns and this is a place where nearly all the members have shot a weapon.

As a member of the local Genealogy society, I went to one of the monthly meetings and heard something interesting. The society recently purchased a laptop for use in their library. Several of the members complain that it was rather slow. The supposed tech expert said 'the laptop is new and needs to be broken in, it will then be much faster'. That is false. I'm not sure how he can be called a tech expert. Some of the organizations we've joined learned that I do some computer work and have spread the word. I've helped a few folks with problems ranging from removing unwanted apps and files to setting up e-mail. I've also designed a couple web pages. One is for the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV) and one for a forum club. The SAV provide a lot of services here working with the county sheriff, such as checking on homes of all of us 'snow birds', doing traffic control for parades, fingerprinting and doing daily checks on elderly residents. They are a wonderful group of people and perform a great service to the community. Most of the volunteers do not come with a law enforcement background. The second web site is for the forum, a volunteer group that sponsors a weekly speaker of interest. We've had lectures on bears, a local mission, a local art museum, sky cops in New York City and a cartoonist for the Arizona Daily Star newspaper leans to the far left politically and our moderator warned people the week before. We actually had people walk out of the presentation. He was really entertaining. Perhaps the most interesting presenter talked about 'Mexico: Neighbor, Partner, Friend'. The main point of his presentation was 'bridging the border and fostering community through education, collaboration and cultural exchange'. Border wall advocates should take note.