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# Desert Aires launch fall season of song

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**T**he Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus, Sun Cities Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (formerly SPEBSQ-SA) opens its fall season with three smashing events of its four-part close-harmony a' cappella singing concerts.

First, this Championship chorus, twice winner of the Division Five A Plateau, will compete in the Far West District, nearly the largest in the international organization, Oct. 8, 9, and 10 in Bakersfield, Calif. with many of its fans cheering them on to victory again.

The second event will be entertaining a

large number of members of the Military Officers Association of America and their families at Luke Air Force Base Oct. 14. The chorus has many veterans from all branches of the armed forces with four retired fighter pilots from the Air Force and Navy. Bud Hesterman, retired F86, F100, and F105 pilot, and baritone in the chorus as well as its master of ceremonies, will give his rendition of "That Ragged Old Flag" as part of their presentation.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, The Desert Aires with its American genre music partner, The Sun Cities Stomperz Dixieland Jazz Band, will present a concert at the state-of-the-art

Theater Works in Peoria. This fundraiser for the community theater with a long history in the Northwest Valley starts at 7 p.m. with a wine and cheese, as well as a coffee and brownies, social hour following the production.

These barbershop harmony lovers of song are mostly retired, with a few still in the workforce. Some singers have as many as 30-60 years experience in this American genre music with its full membership having a total of some 1,200 years in this show business.

Interested residents who love to sing are welcome to audition 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Sun City Christian Church at 98th Avenue and Palmeras.

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