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## Post Commander, John Hyde

Maude and I wish all a very happy new year we hope it brings good health for everyone. We do hope that it smiles on 'The Best Damn Post in the West' post 44.

We will start the New Year with our combined new member initiation which is always a reminder why we are Legionnaires. This will be on January 20th starting at 6:00 PM. There will be dinner at a reasonable price. I do hope that all members who joined in 2015 or who never have been initiated will attend. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. This includes Auxiliary and Son's.

The exterior of our Post will be painted 5 January by Home Depot. They really tried to have it done for us by New Year's but the weather would not permit this to happen. We are grateful for all the work Store Manager Nicole Jensen her Assistant Manager Natasha DeLong along with Mark and the employees of The Home Depot at Indian Bend did for our Post.

I cannot thank Ellen Etzel and her Auxiliary unit 44 for all the support they have given to our Post to upgrade our equipment and repairs to the building. And congratulations on your 100% membership ribbon. You all are the best.

I remind everyone that our Capitol Assets Fund needs your support. This is for replacement of equipment that is slowly needing replacement, such as our air conditioners. We have four units on the roof that cost approximately \$7,500.00 each. Please support this fund as much as you can. This may be a tax deductible donation. We are a 501-( C ) (19) organization.

We still need your e-mail address and phone number. This is the only way we can contact you regarding Post activities. I also want to remind everyone that we have a great web page ([www.post44.com](http://www.post44.com)) this will have more current information than the newsletter.

I would like to remind all that the Parada Del Sol rodeo Parade will be Saturday February 13th and your Post will be having our normal hoedown. Please put this date on your calendar.

I thank you all for giving me the honor of being your Commander this year. I do hope I met your expectations. Not everything came out correctly but I did give it my best. The annual Commanders report is available in the office.

"The question is do we fight them over there - or do we fight them here"--General Tommy Franks  
God Bless the USA To all our Veterans-----"We'll leave the light on"

**Post 44 Presents**

6:00 PM  
No Host Bar  
Hot Prime Rib Sandwich  
Mashed Potatoes, Demi-Glace  
with Chef's Vegetables

**\$12**

**Wed  
JANUARY  
20TH**

**INITIATION  
CEREMONY**

**Post 44 Presents**

**COSTUME CONTEST  
WITH PRIZES!**

**DISCO**

HOSTED BY  
RANDY THOMAS

**DISCO RECORD HOP**

**Friday  
JANUARY  
22nd  
6-9 PM**

**Sr. Vice Commander – Mike Hatounian**

As always I like to introduce new entertainers performing this month. Jimmy Snowden has a long history of entertaining in the Scottsdale area. He was born and raised in Toronto Canada and after many years playing with a Toronto band Jimmy left home and entertained aboard a cruise ship out of Florida. I'm sure you will enjoy listening and dancing to his wide repertoire including country, Motown, standards and rock and roll. Jimmy will be here on Saturday, January 23rd from 6 to 9.

On Friday, January 22nd we are going to have our first "Disco Night" complete with great music from that era by our very own music master Randy Thomas. There will be prizes so we encourage dressing up in disco style and let's get down and boogie.

Last October 10th we had an incredible entertainer by the name of Harry Mathews perform for us. Those of us that had the opportunity to see and hear him will never forget that evening. Harry has a full schedule and very difficult to book but we were able to get him for Saturday, March 5th. This will be a special evening and I am reserving the banquet room to accommodate a larger crowd to enjoy this show and dancing event. I will have more information in the next Newsletter and on our post Web site.

Once again SwingTime will be performing on January 13th from 6PM to 9PM.

Thank you all and please remember to keep our soldiers that protect us every day in your prayers.

**Jr. Vice Commander – Don Shannon**

The renovations to the kitchen and post banquet room are completed just in time for the busy time of the year. There are so many to thank for their tireless commitment to achieve this. From the commander and his staff, to the club manager Dave, Charles, Nettie and their staff, to the SAL and AUXILIARY, to the volunteers and to all of our members who have kept faith in the changes and frequented the post to show their support. If you have not been in the banquet room lately then make it a point to take a peek inside. It has been totally transformed. The kitchen has been upgraded and can handle large banquets while still maintaining service to our members in the bar area. That was our ultimate goal. When you are looking for a venue for your event please consider us.

**SAL Commander – Ed Wallace**



Happy 2016! We hope you and your family had a great holiday season. We are at 68% renewal for 2016. Don't forget to renew your membership as soon as possible. Beginning January 1st you will be asked for your 2016 card at the Post. So, please leave your name and \$30 dues with the bartender or office. Your card will be processed asap. If you became a new SAL Squadron 44 member in 2015 you are invited to a 'New Member Initiation' on Wednesday, January 20 beginning at 5:00p. Please RSVP with the Post bartender so we know how many to expect. Just a reminder that our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00p. Come check it out and see how we're helping support our active troops, veterans and their families. God bless.

**Auxiliary Community Service - Sue Fay**

Service to the Military continues to be the Auxiliary's theme. Thanks to the loyal members of Unit 44, we are able to make our monthly visit to "Mary Ellen's Place" where we take food, collected in the RED BUCKET for children of Women Veterans. Their pantry supplies emergency rations for families in need, working through "Veterans' First Ltd."

The Auxiliary has a group of women who go to the VA Home once a month for a Music Program that was organized by Unit 44, several years ago. Song books with old familiar songs are provided for the residents of the VA Home. The print in the song books is large enough to easily be read by all. John, our piano player, livens up the hour from time to time when he goes off on a jazz tangent. The guys get in the "groove" with the music which definitely lifts their spirits.

In January, the Auxiliary will sponsor a "Baby Shower" to collect newborn supplies for the shop at the VA Hospital. The wives of "Deployed Veterans" who are having babies can get baby supplies at the VA. In 2015, we were able to give to "Baby Shower" at the VA about \$900 worth of supplies.



**Boy Scouts - Bill Norling**



The Troop returned to the Cave Creek Regional campground for a skills training campout. Setting up camp under a full moon was absolutely beautiful. The next morning brought a chance to create our meals with a combinations of "Iron Chef" and "Chopped." Out of a box of quasi-labeled ingredients came a set of meals including Bird's nests and Banana Pancakes. We've been working on supporting another Eagle Project for our SPL. He is leading the troop to make a shelter and a capture box for the Mexican Gray Wolves at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com.

**Service Officer - Bob Pierce**

It's time for giving-and if you are a WWII veteran, you are receiving a FREE "Honor Flight" from Phoenix to Washington, DC. This is a memorial honoring all veteran's and now applications are being taken from Korean Veteran's. And if that's not enough, Jack Mitchell, our very own member, as brought in a list of events to be held at the "Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts", where a veteran can get free tickets for some of the upcoming events, so what are you waiting for? Tempus Fideles. Call me, Bob, at 602-264-2500. Thank God you live in the United States. Have a great and healthy New Year!



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**American Legion Riders, Post 44**

Brian Sheahan, President

No article this month.



**Auxiliary Corner. President Ellen Etzel**

Happy 2016 to All!! May we all continue to work together in helping our Veterans, our American Legion Family and each other to make our world a better place.

Our Surf & Turf Fundraiser Dinner was a HUGE success. We want to thank the club for providing a meal that went way beyond our expectations, the kitchen, bar and waiter/waitresses for a job well done, the decorating committee for transforming a Bingo room into a "black tie" event in less than one hour, the Chinese Auction committee for collecting awesome prizes, Mike Hatounian for volunteering his musical talents, Randy Thomas for Emceeding the event, and Cmdr. John Hyde and the post for contributing the ballroom. There were countless others involved, and we could go on and on. THANK YOU ALL!

We performed another Draping Ceremony during our December meeting for Ellen Hunt. Those who knew her will miss her very much.

During our January 11th meeting, we will conduct our annual Baby Shower. This year we are also going to include the Moms!! Items they can use are razors/shaving gels, lip gloss, flip flops(med/lge) toiletries, candles, disposable cameras, picture frames, and feminine products. Items for both babies and Moms should be unwrapped and a \$ amount listed for the items will help Sue Faye do her report. Barb White, our District 12 President, will also attend our January meeting.

District 12 will be holding their meeting at our Post on Sunday, January 17th. The General Meeting for the District Auxiliary is at 2:00. I ask that you mark your calendars and attend this meeting so that we can show the other Units in District 12 that we really are the Best Damned Post in the West!! For God and Country

**Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish**

Yes it is starting over. Another year stretches out before us, an unopened package. I quote, sorta, Eleanor Roosevelt:

Yesterday is history, gone and hopefully forgotten, tomorrow is a mystery, with unknown things out of our control. Today is the here and now, a gift, and that is why we call it the present.

I have never been one for "Resolutions" but I do hope to pass one on, if you can't get to church on Sunday, at least pray on Sunday. You don't need to wear special clothes, be in a special place or bodily position, or use lofty King James language, just talk Him as if He were your best friend...He is you know!

## Calendar of Events for January

**NEXT - E-BOARD - THURSDAY 14 JAN 2016 - 6:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY 28 JAN 2016 - 6:00 PM**

**January**

- 4 ----- Monday Bingo (Every Monday) ----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
- 4 ----- Monday Club Committee ----- 6:00 PM
- 5 ----- Tuesday Queen of Hearts (Every Tuesday) ----- 6:30 PM
- 6 ----- Wednesday Music @ Vets Home 4141 N. 3rd St. Phx. ----- 10:30 AM
- 7 ----- Thursday Bar Bingo (Every Thursday) ----- 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- 11 ----- Monday Auxiliary E. Board Meeting ----- 5:30 PM
- 11 ----- Monday Auxiliary General Meeting ----- 6:00 PM
- 19 ----- Tuesday SAL Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
- 19 ----- Tuesday American Legion Riders Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
- 20 ----- Wednesday - New Member Installation ----- 6:00 PM

**Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM      Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6:30 PM - 8 PM**

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**GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY 28 JAN 2016 - 6:00 PM**

**Trivia - Sundays 3 pm- 5 pm**

**January 03 - 10 - 17 - 24 - 31**

Four 15 minute rounds & Chat Time + TV

Thank you Nettie and Tonya




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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

BRUNCH SERVED  
SATURDAY FROM 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM  
SUNDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY  
MONDAY - SATURDAY

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Food Available

# JANUARY 2016



LEGION POST #44  
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU  
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DINNER SERVED  
MON 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
TUE 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
WED 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
THURS - FRI 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
SAT 5:00 8:30 PM

CLUB HOURS  
SUNDAY 9 AM - 7 PM  
MONDAY 11 AM - 8 PM  
TUES - FRI 11 AM - 10 PM  
SAT 9 AM - 10 PM

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
|   |  |   |  |  | 1<br><br>New Years Day<br><br>Post Closed   | 2<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>PRIME RIB<br>Soup: ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH<br>"Jared Howe"      |
| 3<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br><br>QUICHE DU JOUR  | 4<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>SOUTHWESTERN MEATLOAF<br>Soup: SPLIT PEA<br>"Bingo 3-5"  | 5<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>GRILLED HAM STEAK<br>Soup: POTATO & BACON<br>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM<br>Karaoke<br>After the Queen of Hearts  | 6<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FRIED CHICKEN BREAST w/gravy<br>Soup: NAVY BEAN with Ham                                 | 7<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>CHICKEN QUESADILLA<br>Soup: HEARTY VEGETABLE<br>Bar Bingo<br>6:30 pm - 8 pm  | 8<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FULL MENU<br>Soup: CLAM CHOWDER<br>"Midnight Moon"                      | 9<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>PRIME RIB<br>Soup: ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH<br>"Midnight Moon"   |
| 10<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br><br>QUICHE DU JOUR | 11<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>SOUTHWESTERN MEATLOAF<br>Soup: SPLIT PEA<br>"Bingo 3-5" | 12<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>GRILLED HAM STEAK<br>Soup: POTATO & BACON<br>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM<br>Karaoke<br>After the Queen of Hearts | 13<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FRIED CHICKEN BREAST w/gravy<br>Soup: NAVY BEAN with Ham<br>"Swingtime"                 | 14<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>CHICKEN QUESADILLA<br>Soup: HEARTY VEGETABLE<br>Bar Bingo<br>6:30 pm - 8 pm | 15<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FULL MENU<br>Soup: CLAM CHOWDER<br>"Mike Hatounian"                    | 16<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>PRIME RIB<br>Soup: ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH<br>"Jared Howe"     |
| 17<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br><br>QUICHE DU JOUR | 18<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>SOUTHWESTERN MEATLOAF<br>Soup: SPLIT PEA<br>"Bingo 3-5" | 19<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>GRILLED HAM STEAK<br>Soup: POTATO & BACON<br>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM<br>Karaoke<br>After the Queen of Hearts | 20<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FRIED CHICKEN BREAST w/gravy<br>Soup: NAVY BEAN with Ham<br>New Member Installaton 6 PM | 21<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>CHICKEN QUESADILLA<br>Soup: HEARTY VEGETABLE<br>Bar Bingo<br>6:30 pm - 8 pm | 22<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FULL MENU<br>Soup: CLAM CHOWDER<br>Disco Theme Night<br>"Randy Thomas" | 23<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>PRIME RIB<br>Soup: ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH<br>"Jimmy Snowden"  |
| 24<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br><br>QUICHE DU JOUR | 25<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>SOUTHWESTERN MEATLOAF<br>Soup: SPLIT PEA<br>"Bingo 3-5" | 26<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>GRILLED HAM STEAK<br>Soup: POTATO & BACON<br>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM<br>Karaoke<br>After the Queen of Hearts | 27<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FRIED CHICKEN BREAST w/gravy<br>Soup: NAVY BEAN with Ham                                | 28<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>CHICKEN QUESADILLA<br>Soup: HEARTY VEGETABLE<br>Bar Bingo<br>6:30 pm - 8 pm | 29<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>FULL MENU<br>Soup: CLAM CHOWDER<br>"Midnight Moon"                     | 30<br>DRINK SPECIALS EVERY DAY!!!<br>Lunch<br>NEW LUNCH MENU ITEMS!<br>Try one today.<br>Dinner<br>PRIME RIB<br>Soup: ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH<br>"Mike Hatounian" |

## Reservations please

We appreciate your patronage, but we still need some idea of how much Prime Rib, Etc. to prepare. So, if you plan to have dinner here on Wed., Fri. or Sat., please call in a reservation. This will alert our kitchen, so we can be of better service to you. Thank you!

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