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ISSUE 6

## Post Commander, *John Hyde*

Well here it is June already, this year is really going fast. As of The writing of this newsletter we have not yet voted for our Post Officers. We do have some fine Veterans running for Post offices. Please support them in their elected positions.

I want to thank all the Officers and those that were appointed to various offices how much I appreciated their work and for supporting me this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you, the members of the "Best damn Post in the West".

I do hope all the members will continue to support our post and the programs that we have been enjoying. I also hope that we will continue to evaluate our programs and our committees and make adjustments that are necessary. Let's not sit in the same place. Keep moving up the ladder. Please remember we are running a business and any business must continue to monitor their progress and adjust to the times, or there will be no business.

The one thing that bound us together the last three years was bringing the Legion family together. The support from President Ellen Etzel and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44, The Suns of the American Legion Squadron 44 under Commander Ed Wallace was fantastic. The addition of New American Legion Riders to Post 44 will make us even a better and larger family. The club under the direction of Manager Paul England has made our club a four star facility. We must also be a good community supporter. We cannot be an island.

We must not forget the City of Scottsdale's First responders. They also need our support as they support us, do have our back.

Please continue to Pray for all our Troops in harm's way and our troops around the World. The families of these fine Troops also need our support.

I tried to do my best. As General Patton once said what else is there.

God Bless and take care.

To all our Veterans "We'll leave the light on"

**Post 44 Flag Day Ceremonies**



**Saturday, June 14 11 am**

**Father's Day Steak Breakfast**  
order a breakfast meal, add  
a New York Strip for only  
**\$3.00!**



**Sunday, June 15 10am - 1 pm**

### **Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells**

We are so close to our 2014 membership goal that it could allow us to become complacent! As of the time I am writing this article, we have 965 members paid against our goal of 971. Now you see why we keep reminding you that EVERY member counts. Any potential new member or any former member who hasn't paid 2014 dues yet is really important to help the Post have another 100% year.

I thank everyone who has helped us get to where we are now, but I am asking you to get us over the top by finding at least six more people who can pay by the middle of June.

### **Jr. Vice Commander – Michael O'Neal**

We are moving into our slow season but we have a few events coming up in June. June 1st is our new rider's group inaugural Bike Night and Flag Day Ceremonies at the Legion will be on June 14th. This is my last newsletter article as I am not running for re-election. I would like to personally thank all of you that supported me during the past year as your Jr. Vice Commander I am proud to have served this past year and I sincerely wish the best of luck to the new Jr. Vice Commander and I will spend as much time as needed transitioning my duties.

### **Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay**

The Auxiliary is giving \$300.00 to the Hydration Program, sponsored by the Salvation Army. This program provides the poor and elderly with bottles of water during the summer. As the summer heat intensifies, the folks at Salvation Army drive through the city streets, looking for those who might be in trouble from lack of hydration. Many are at high risk! A donation for the urgent community need is made every summer by Unit 44.

The RED BUCKET provides an on-going need for food during the summer months. Although the Auxiliary does not have monthly summer meetings, Community Service continues to give food to the hungry. We need your support to provide canned goods and non-perishables all summer. Thank you for all that you give!

So many of the Veteran organizations to whom the Auxiliary gives financial support, benefit from the Monday Afternoon Bingo games and the Bar Bingo on Thursday evening. We were able to give to 10 Veteran organizations \$5,900.00 and 900 hours of time, this past year. Thank you very much for your continued support to Post 44 and the Auxiliary's Bingo games. Our members donated a total of 2,098 hours for Community Service during this past year.

As our members return to their homes in cooler climates and go to vacation destinations, we hope that all will be safe and return, in good health, to our Post in September. God Speed!

### **Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish**

June is a busy month. Some folks are graduating, others may be walking down the aisle. Here at Post 44 we invite you to a special ceremony in the parking lot at 11 am, on Saturday June 14, as we commemorate Flag Day. If you've never been and watched as we do a proper burning of a ceremonial flag, now would be a good time to put that on your calendar. On Sunday the 15th from 10 am - 1 pm, we are having a "Father's Day Steak Breakfast", if you order a regular breakfast meal, you can add a New York Strip for only only \$3.00! Can't beat that with a stick! On a personal note, a huge thank you to all who wished me well as I recuperated from some minor surgery. I got a good bingo number from the surgeon, the "mass" was B-9, and I will be around for a while longer after all. Lots of prayers went out, and the Good Lord answered them! Thank you all again!



**VETERAN'S RECORDS**

if you are a Veteran or a deceased Veteran's next of kin, contact the following for Veterans' records.  
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

### **Post 44 Hours: June 1 thru August 31st**

**Mon 11 am - 7 pm**

**Tues 11 am - 8 pm**

**Wed thru Sat 11 am - 10 pm**

**Sun 10 am - 3 pm**

### **Election Results Post 44 Officers 2014-15**

**Commander**  
John Hyde

**Sr. Vice Cmdr**  
Steve Tivnan

**Jr. Vice Cmdr**  
Bob Horkey

**Finance Officer**  
Dean Hamilton

**Chaplain**  
John Parrish

**Historian**  
Sully Truesdell

**Sgt. at Arms**  
Bob Procknow

**Trustees**  
Ron Ishen  
Mike Scholz  
Mike O'Neal

**Exec. Committee**  
Corey Bird  
Billy Estes  
Jack Shemer  
Ed Schroot  
Dave Lindsey



### Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

At our May 12th General Meeting, the following officers were elected and installed: President, Ellen Etzel; 1st VP, Myra Shroot; 2nd VP, June Moyer; Secretary, Barbara Lesko; Treasurer, Maude Hyde; Historian, Theresa Estes; Sgt. @ Arms, Carol Patterson; Chaplain, Marlene Wallace; Executive Board: Pat DiDomenico, Susie Nicholson-Doerr, Carole Gingrich, Danielle Haygood, Lylia Thomas, and E-Board member-at-large, MaryLynn Martin.

Please note correction from May's Newsletter: Dept. Convention @ Carefree Resort is June 27 to June 29.

Bingo on Mondays from 3 - 5 will once again continue through the summer months. Also, Bar Bingo on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will also run through the summer months. Come support our Auxiliary, have some fun and win some moola!!!! Queen of Hearts is played each Tuesday at 6:30 and the pot is progressing to approximately \$1,000. Another chance to have some fun and win some \$\$\$.

The new tile flooring is scheduled to be installed beginning June 8th. The front entryway, mens' and ladies' room are included in this renovation.

We Draped our Charter for Maureen Forster who passed away in April at our May meeting. She shall be missed immensely. I wish to thank all of the officers, E-Board members, Committee Chairpersons, and all our volunteers who spent so much time, effort and energy to make Unit 44 such a huge success this past year.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm. This is an important meeting because this is where most of our decisions are made regarding which charities we will donate to and what fundraisers we should schedule to make our financial goals a reality. Please remember that many hands make light work.

Have a happy, safe summer. For God and Country.

### SAL Commander – *Ed Wallace*

Here comes Summer! When you need to cool off, come on down to the Post and join us. There are great things going on every night!

Watch the next newsletter for details about the Son's Streak Fry to be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.

Reminder to all members of Squadron 44 that our meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. It is a privilege and honor to be able to support our veterans and troops. Come be part of the future of American Legion SAL Squadron 44.

God Bless and enjoy your summer!

### Boy Scouts - *Bill Norling*, Scoutmaster

Mother Nature surprised us on the way to Flagstaff last month so we went south to the Pima Air and Space Museum and the Titan Missile Museum. We had a great camp at Catalina State Park!

Troop 440 recently held a Court of Honor where ten merit badges and six ranks were awarded. Six members of the Troop earned promotions in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Camping Society. Seven Scouts completed the NRA Basic Shotgun course. We head to Camp Raymond to paint the Crafts lodge and then on to Flagstaff Extreme.

Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915

bnorling@hotmail.com

### Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

Now that Memorial Day is past, it's time to remember all of the men who landed in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. We must keep this event alive in our hearts by attending the Post 44 Flag Day celebration on Saturday June 14, 11 am in our parking lot.

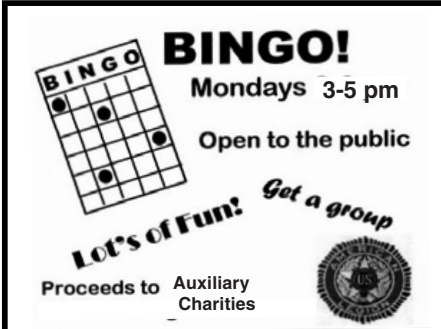
On Father's Day there is a special NY prime steak breakfast; if you order a regular breakfast meal, you can add a New York Strip steak for only \$3.00. (You can't beat that.) Summer officially begins on Saturday, June 21, so cool off at the post!

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board acknowledges that political rhetoric has become more intense in the last couple of years and so, has chosen to reaffirm two positions;

1. The National, State, and Post 44 bylaws state in part: "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles . . ." In that regard, we ask you to be sure that you know your audience if discussing politics in the Club. Be especially aware that your audience includes those people who are within ear shot, as they may not want to hear or engage in your opinions.

2. Our Post has a rule against foul or vulgar language in the Club. The Board considers racial slurs or epithets to be vulgar language.



**BINGO!**  
Mondays 3-5 pm  
Open to the public  
Lots of Fun! Get a group  
Proceeds to Auxiliary Charities

The graphic features a 5x5 bingo grid with several numbers filled in. To the right of the grid is the word "BINGO!" in large, bold letters. Below that, it says "Mondays 3-5 pm" and "Open to the public". At the bottom, it says "Lots of Fun! Get a group" and "Proceeds to Auxiliary Charities". There is also a small circular logo for the American Legion.

### Queen of Hearts Game



Tickets \$1 ea, no limit  
One drawing  
each Tuesday @6:30 pm  
Payout: Jokers \$100  
Face Cards/Aces \$50  
all others \$20

Winner must be a current member of a V.S.O.

### Bar Bingo

Every Thursday 6 pm - 8 pm  
Kitchen Closes at 7 pm

## Calendar of Events for June

### June

9-----Mondays-----Bingo (Every Monday)-----3:00 - 5:00 PM  
12-----Thursday-----Post E-BOARD Meeting-----6:00 PM  
14-----Saturday-----Flag Day-----11:00 AM  
15-----Sunday-----Father's Day-----10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
16-----Monday-----Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.-----9:45 AM  
17-----Tuesday-----SAL Meeting-----7:00 PM  
26-----Thursday-----Post General Meeting-----6:00 PM

**Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM**

**Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM**

**NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 12 JUNE 2014 - 6:00 PM**

**NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 26 JUNE 2014 - 6:00 PM**

**The next Auxiliary board meeting is Monday Sept 8 @ 6 pm**

### Trivia Players

**There will be no trivia until September**  
Have a cool summer!

*Players Resume 7 Sept 2014 - Enjoy the Summer.*

## **SAL Fundraisers**

**Please keep an eye on this box  
in future newsletters for new & fun  
ways to help fund your SAL Squadron.**

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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

SUNDAY BREAKFAST SERVED  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY  
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR  
M-F 2-5PM

JUNE 2014




LEGION POST #44  
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU

DINNER SERVED  
WED, SAT 5:00 - 8:30 PM  
TUES - THURS 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 7:30 PM

HANGOVER MENU  
SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 2 PM

CLUB HOURS  
SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM  
MONDAY 11 AM - 7 PM  
TUES 11 AM - 8 PM  
WED - SAT 11 AM - 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Strawberry Blintz	2 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad "Bingo 3-5"	3 Burgers Open Face Hot Beef Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM	4 Filet Chicken Cordon Bleu Fried Pork Loin "Swingtime"	5 Chicken & Mac & Cheese Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	7 PRIME RIB Baked Cod DINNER MENU "Jeff Stephens"
8 Huevos Rancheros Bloody Mary Burro	9 Dijon Burger Popcorn Shrimp Caesar "Bingo 3-5"	10 Burgers Beef Stroganoff Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM	11 N.Y. Pork Roulade Corn Beef/Cabbage "Swingtime"	12 Chicken Pot Pie Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	13 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Pam & Dave"	14  PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU "J.R. & Diane"
15 Special Father's Day 10 am - 1 pm	16 French Onion Soup Pita Club Sandwich Spring Rolls "Bingo 3-5"	17 Burgers Spaghetti Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM	18 Filet Chicken Parmesan Liver & Onions "Swingtime"	19 Lasagna Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	20 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	21 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU "Jeff Stephens"
22 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelete	23 BLT 1/2 Cobb Salad "Bingo 3-5"	24 Chicken Fajitas Burgers Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM	25 N.Y. Scallopini Chicken Fried Steak "Swingtime"	26 Ribs Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	27 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	28 PRIME RIB Dill / Lemon Swordfish DINNER MENU "Midnight Moon"
29 S.W. Bennie Blueberry Pancakes	30 French Onion Soup Chicken & Avocado Sandwich Blackened Beef Salad "Bingo 3-5"	<p>Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily</p> <p>Brunch Every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.00</p>				

**Reservations please**

We appreciate your patronage, however this is our busy season. 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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