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## Post Commander, *John Hyde*

I do hope your holidays were safe and filled with joy. We hope all enjoyed the New Years Eve party and thank the Staff for a job well done. Also the Uniforms look Great and adds a special touch to the Club.

I want to thank the President Ellen Etzel and the Ladies Auxiliary for the new table cloths forthcoming in the club, this was a donation beyond expectations.

We have completed a lot of maintenance issues this year. We hope you all enjoy the upgrades we have completed and especially the new building Sign. We hope you like the new ballroom, the painters were Keith, Mike, Barney, Mike S. and John, John did the most supervision.

January 2013 will be a busy month. I hope all will attend our First combined Post Initiation of all new members and those who have transferred to Post 44 during 2012. This includes Auxiliary and Son's. We will have hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar starting at 5:00 Pm. The date is Thursday January 17, 2013.

I would like to give special thanks for all who donated money and supplies to send to Cpt. Corey Bird and his troops, they thank us all. We shipped 57 boxes to Afghanistan. We will not be shipping any more boxes as Corey will be home about the 20<sup>th</sup> so keep your eyes open for him.

Rodger Wells our Sr. Vice Commander has an Open House planned to recruit new Members in February, I hope all will support this effort.

February 2013 will be another busy month with the Parada del Sol Parade which is always a big event. The Super Bowl, February 3rd, the Past President's Past Commander's Dinner, and a Special Welcome Home for our own Corey Bird on Thursday February 21, 2013 with special dignitaries invited. More to follow. Please mark your calendar and let's make this a special night.

I know that with the support of the Legion Family we will have a Good Year. Please keep our troops in your prayers and thoughts as we still have a lot in harm's way.

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

## Post 44 Membership Initiation Thursday, January 17, 2013

*(Combined Legion, Auxiliary, SAL)*

*No host bar starting  
at 5 PM*



*Hors  
D'oeuvres  
6 - 7 PM*



**Presentations**

**Honoring "new members" and "those who transferred" into Post 44 during 2012**

## Super Bowl Sunday February 3, 2013 - 11 AM - ??

*Hot Dogs  
Burgers  
BBQ  
Build Your Own  
Nacho's Bar*



*Prize Drawings  
w/ each Touch  
Down*



**Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells**

I thank everyone who has made their 2013 dues payment. About 80% have paid to this point, however, that still means we have about 200 more to achieve our 2013 goal of 974. Those 200 will be the hardest to get, so if you know anyone who is not yet paid up, please ask them why they haven't made their payment. If there is some problem, let me or another officer know so we can try to help.

We have firmed up the date for our membership open house. It will be on February 2nd, from 11AM till 4PM. Congressman Schweikert will be here from 11-1 and is helping us reach the veteran members of his district. I am asking all officers and as many members as possible to come to the Post that day to help us recruit new members for the Legion, the Auxiliary and the SAL squadron.

**Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish**

Nothing is quite as over as Christmas. No one sings or listens to Carols the day after. The thought behind it all however, should reside within us on a daily basis from now on. Prayer should not be on an "as needed basis", but a continuous ongoing dialogue. For our service men and women in harms way every day, for the tragedies that confront us, also daily, and for His guidance and protection in our lives. A new beginning is upon us, it is time to "Turn the Page", to forget, if possible last years disappointments and move forward. There are some things we are not supposed to comprehend, some things we can, but all things are under His direction! God bless you and your families, your loved ones near and far and God Bless the USA!

**Post 44 Honor Guard**  
*"Looking for a few Good Men"*  
If interested, please contact our office with your name and phone number. **You will be contacted.**

**"Membership Open House"**  
**Saturday**  
**February 2, 2013**  
**11 AM - 4 PM**

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday**  
**Feb. 3**



**Jr. Vice Commander – Tom Paul**

Happy New Year to one and all. Last year was an outstanding year for the club and it all happened because of YOU!!! We look forward to building on our fun and hope to have new and exciting programs for you. When at the post, please stop and thank Commander John Hyde and the Trustees for all their pro active help and guidance to improve the look of the club and the post. We all know that sometimes things don't go according to plan, and with that in mind, we have implemented a form at the club that if some strange reason you are not satisfied with your meal and/or service. Just ask your server for the form, fill it out and return it to us so we can address your concerns.

Football is coming to a close which means a GREAT SUPER BOWL PARTY. Please see the info located in the newsletter. We are seeking volunteers to help out with the Parada Del Sol in February. Please see Tom to sign up. We have started to have music for your pleasure during Sunday Brunch. He volunteers his services so please tip him well. Thursday karaoke is still going strong and look forward to a LUAU in the near future.

Starting January 1, 2013 the club will be checking ALL cards for the entire month. Please carry and show your current membership card proudly. Last but not least, I would like to thank the staff for all their help throughout 2012 and look forward to your continuous professionalism in 2013. As our famous leader always says, "See you at the post and we will keep the light on for you."

**S.A.L. Commander - Ed Wallace**

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. We are at 35% renewal for 2013. Don't forget to renew your membership as soon as possible. Beginning January 1st you will be asked for your 2013 card at the Post. So, please leave your name and \$30 dues with the bartender or call me at (480) 586-6284 to get your card.

If you became a SAL member of Post 44 in 2011 or 2012 you are invited to a 'New Member Initiation' on Thursday, January 17 beginning at 5:00p. Please RSVP with the bartender at the post so we know how many to expect.

Just a reminder that our monthly meeting 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.

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: **Free Wi-Fi** :  
: **at Post 44** :  
: **Come in, Sign on, Surf** :  
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**Auxiliary Corner**, *President Ellen Etzel*

Our "Baby Shower" at our December 17th meeting was a success. Our members donated many wonderful items that were delivered to the Women's Section of the V.A. before Christmas.

We also adopted and went shopping for a Wounded Warrior, his wife and five children, ages two through six, and wrapped the presents to give them during our December meeting. The family was very thankful and grateful for our generosity.

Post 44 is sponsoring a new member initiation, including the Auxiliary and Sons, on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. Any new members wishing to attend should call the post.

On Saturday, January 26th, Post 29 will hold a Mission Training/Leadership Class. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. Class will begin at 8:30 and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$8.00 and a pin is \$12.00. This will be a day of learning and fun. If you wish to attend, the deadline for signing up is January 18th.

Our new District President, MaryLou Donatella, had to cancel her visit to our post in November because of an illness in her family. We will reschedule her visit in 2013.

Happy New Year! Bless all our troops and bring them home safely.

**Service Officer** - *Bob Pierce*

Happy New Year, and how happy can it be when you can expect to pay higher taxes? You can offset your increased expenses by checking what benefits you are not receiving. Pick up your copy of "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors". The 2012 edition is available at the office, call (480) 941-0130, or call me Bob Pierce at (602) 264-2500.

I also have information regarding our "Arizona National Memorial Cemetery", which was available at our last general meeting. Drop by, say "hello", and let us help you out. Sorry we missed you.

**Auxiliary Community Service** - *Sue Fay*

The Auxiliary had a Baby Shower for babies of "Deployed Veterans" who need layettes and baby supplies. We were able to provide adorable baby clothes, handmade baby quilts, knitted sweaters & hats to the mothers of newborn babies. These baby supplies will be delivered to Veteran Affairs at the VA Hospital. Thank you, ladies!

Our "Wounded Warrior" family received clothes, shoes, and toys, as well as, a food gift card for Christmas dinner and extra food for the month. In the Phoenix area, there are approximately 70 "Wounded Warriors" under the supervision of the Advocate with whom I am working. This is a great program to support and an opportunity to pay-back for their sacrifice. The Auxiliary will make and has made sizable monetary donations to this organization.

The RED BUCKET needs food. Remember – this food is delivered to the Salvation Army's "Project Hope" on the second Monday of each month. "Project Hope" helps house many homeless Vets and feed folks from the pantry where our food is delivered. When the Salvation Army is involved in a community service project, the organization is run efficiently! We need checks, canned goods, and non-perishables. I am more than happy to shop for food with the checks I receive. Here's to a healthy and happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support!

**Boy Scouts** - *Doug Hunt*, Scout Liaison

Troop 440 welcomed another Eagle Scout this past month with the awards ceremony at Post 44. Thank you for your support of our program for the youth! We have our next Eagle Candidate leading a project to rebuild a house for Mountain Lions at a wildlife preserve before the holidays. Next month brings a hike along the Christiansen trail and another trip to Flagstaff to prepare for the Klondike Derby competition.

Happy holidays to all! Come join us on the next outdoor adventure! Scouting is open all year round. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 - bnorling@hotmail.com.

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

**Calling All Bridge Players**  
I would like to resume the Bridge group we started last winter. Please call me if you would like to join us. We plan on playing the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the card room. Come early and have some lunch.  
Jan vanWestrienen - 480-663-7655  
Thanks for your support!



**Calendar of Events for January**

**Jan.**

1	Tuesday	Post Closed New Year's Day	
	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday) Resumes January 7	3:00 - 5:00 PM
10	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	6:00 PM
14	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx	9 :45 AM
15	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Thursday	Post, Auxiliary & SAL's New Member Initiation	5:00 PM
21	Monday	Auxiliary Bd. Meeting 5:30 - Auxiliary Meeting	6:00 PM
24	Thursday	Post General Meeting -	7:00 PM

**Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre - 1:30 PM - Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524**

**Sundays - Trivia at 3:00 PM. - Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM**

**Trivia News - Sundays - 3 PM - 5 PM**

**Q & A - 6th, 13th, 27th January**  
**"Name That Tune" - 20th January**  
**Thank You Tom Paul, Chef Paul & Kevin Tso**



**Sons Sundae Sunday**

SAL's will be serving Ice Cream on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Lounge 1PM to 4 PM.

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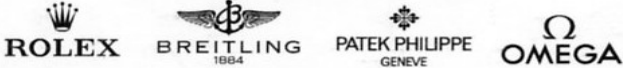


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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 TO 2:00  
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY  
TUES-SAT  
HAPPY HOUR  
M-F 2-5PM

# JANUARY 2013



LEGION POST #44  
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU

LUNCH SERVED MON - SAT 11-2 PM

DINNER SERVED  
WED, THURS, SAT  
5:00 - 8:30 PM

TUES - 5:00 - 7:30 PM

FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 7:30 PM

CLUB HOURS TUES-SAT

11 AM - 10 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

MONDAY 11 AM - 9 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily		<b>1</b> CHIX CORDON BLEU  MEAT LOAF  SIRLOIN STEAK	<b>2</b> FILET  LAMB SHANKS  LIVER & ONIONS  "Swingtime"	<b>3</b> Appetizers Menu  Burgers  Spaghetti & Meat Balls  "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>4</b> "Clam Chowder"  ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  "John's Band"	<b>5</b> PRIME RIB  DINNER MENU  Mahi-Mahi  "J.R. & Diane"	
	<b>6</b> EGGS BENNIE  CINN/ROLL FRENCH TOAST	<b>7</b> PARADISE CHIX SAND  1/2 COBB SALAD  "Bingo 3-5"	<b>8</b> BBQ BRISKET  CHIX FRIED STEAK  SIRLOIN STEAK	<b>9</b> NEW YORK  STUFFED PORK LOIN  MEAT LOAF  "Swingtime"	<b>10</b> Appetizers Menu  Burgers  Sweet & Sour Chix  "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>11</b> "Clam Chowder"  ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  "Mike H."	<b>12</b> PRIME RIB  DINNER MENU  SCAMPI  "Midnight Moon"
	<b>13</b> PIZZA FRITTATA  Bacon/Onion/ Mushroom QUICHE	<b>14</b> FRENCH DIP  SPRING ROLLS  "Bingo 3-5"	<b>15</b> SCHNITZEL  LIVER & ONIONS  SIRLOIN STEAK	<b>16</b> FILET  OSSO BUCO  FRIED PORK LOIN  "Swingtime"	<b>17</b> Appetizers Menu  Burgers  Beef Stroganoff  "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>18</b> "Clam Chowder"  ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  "Jeff Stephans"	<b>19</b> PRIME RIB  DINNER MENU  SOUTHERN FRIED CATFISH  "Mike H."
	<b>20</b> LOX & BAGEL  SALMON OMLETTE	<b>21</b> CAJUN CAESAR SAND  1/2 CHEF SALAD  "Bingo 3-5"	<b>22</b> Sirloin Steak  Meat Loaf  Beef Tips	<b>23</b> New York  Chix Cordon Bleu  Chix Fried Steak  "Swingtime"	<b>24</b> Appetizers Menu  Burgers  BBQ Ribs  "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>25</b> "Clam Chowder"  ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  "J.R. & Diane"	<b>26</b> PRIME RIB  DINNER MENU  BROILED SALMON  "J.R. & Diane"
	<b>27</b> PORK CHOPS  Berry French Toast	<b>28</b> SHRIMP PO BOYS  MOWIE WOWIE SALAD	<b>29</b> CHIX STIR FRY  HAM & SCALLOPS  SIRLOIN STEAK	<b>30</b> Rib Eye Steak  Chix Parmesan  Liver & Onions  "Swingtime"	<b>31</b> Appetizers Menu  Burgers  Lasagna Florentine  "Karaoke" 7 PM		

The NCAA football season is over.  
We are returning to our regular  
Saturday menu & hours  
11 am - 2 pm

Brunch Every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM  
Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.00

Questions? Call 480-941-9053