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ISSUE 2

Post Commander, *John Hyde*

January was a busy month. The Best was January 15. This is when Capt. Corey Bird arrived at the Post. I hope all that attended our initiation night found it informative and we thank all who joined our Post in 2012. February will be even busier with: Membership open house 2/2/2013, Super Bowl Sunday 2/3/2013, Parada del Sol Saturday 2/09/2013 and Valentine's Day Thursday 02/14/2013. The Past Commanders/Past Presidents and the Best of all WELCOME HOME FOR our own Cpt. Corey Bird Thursday on February 21st. We have invited a number of Special guests to welcome Corey home: Mayor Lane, City Councilman Robert Littlefield, Congressman David Schweikert, the Brigade Commander and the Deputy Commander have been invited. This will be a fun night with great food prepared by Paul and his staff so PLEASE put this date on your must attend calendar. Please see the bulletin board for the final details and be sure to make your Reservations.

We have three bulletin boards with a lot of information placed on them. This is the only way to communicate some events that come up unexpectedly.

I cannot thank enough President Ellen Etzel and the Ladies Auxiliary for all they have done for the Post. (How do you like the new table cloths?) With the Sons and the Ladies we have the Legion Family. This Post belongs to all of the Family.

I must thank our News Editor John Parrish. John makes up flyers for upcoming events and puts our newsletter together for us to read. This takes a lot of time and effort.

I must also say thanks to Paul England, Shawn Smith and all the servers and bartenders for their professional attitude and dedication to Post 44. You all look Great.

We now have a NEW sign on the east side of our building. I hope that you all take a look. This will finally identify us to our veterans and the public. Thanks to Doug Hunt for overseeing this project. I hope all members will come to the general meetings. This is where you can advise us where you want us to direct our attention. The next meeting will be February 28th at 7:00PM.

I would like to thank Mike Sheridan for accepting the position of Post Adjutant. Please remember that we still have Troops in harm's way so please keep them in your prayers.

To all our Troops and Veterans ***"We'll leave The Light On"***

Post 44 Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner

Thursday, February 21, 2013

plus a Special "Welcome Home" to our own Cpt. Corey Bird

No Host Bar 5-6 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM - Chicken or Filet Mignon

\$20 each - Reservations Requested

Program 7:30 PM



Parada del Sol Saturday, February 9, 2013



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Breakfast Buffet @ 8 AM
Following the parade, Music, Dancin',
Good Eats, & Friends in our parking lot!

Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells

If you have not yet paid your 2013 dues, please do so as soon as possible. You will need a 2013 membership card to participate in meetings or use the club facilities. Our records show that about 810 have paid against our target of 974. I thank everyone who has paid their dues. The most troubling matter is that more than 250 who were 2012 members have not yet paid dues. The Post really depends on continuing membership, so we are asking everyone to get paid up. To attract new members, we are having our *Membership Open House* on **February 2nd** from 11-4, and we are using several mailing lists to invite prospective new members to come down to talk to us. I would like to see as many of our existing members as possible to help encourage these prospective candidates to join us as members. Congressman David Schweikert will join us from 11-1 to add the support of his office to our efforts. If you have suggestions as to how we might increase our membership, please contact me or Commander Hyde with your thoughts.

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

February is a month devoted to love and lovers. Folks buy flowers, cards and candy and present them to the object of their devotion. Exactly how long this practice has been going on, I have no idea. Too bad it only happens once a year, to quote the lyrics of an "oldie" if there is one thing we need..."What the world needs now, is love sweet love, it's the one thing that there's just too little of..." There are a lot of other songs, The Beatles added, "All You need is love...", and "Put a little love in your heart...". For what it's worth, just in case you have forgotten, it is stated in the Bible, on several occasions that, "God is love." So why not put His name in those lyrics? Sounds good to me. "God bless the USA"

S.A.L. Commander - Ed Wallace

Ed Wallace and the Squadron wishing everyone a prosperous and Happy New Year. A reminder to you if you have not renewed your membership for 2013, please do so ASAP. We'll look for you at the Open house on February 2.

**Super Bowl
Sunday
Feb. 3**



Jr. Vice Commander – Tom Paul

This will be a very busy month here at Post 44. Listed below are the red letter events you should plan on attending, so get out your calendar and circle these dates.

Saturday Feb. 2nd, our first Open House, with Congressman David Schweikert from 11 am - 1 pm. The event runs from 11-4.

Saturday, Feb. 9th, Parada del Sol Parade, we will have a breakfast buffet at 8 am, and after the parade will be our Dance in the Parking Lot, with BBQ, burgers and more, also live music starting at noon - 4 pm. Dinner is served at 5 pm with more live music inside, starting at 6 pm. Don't miss this!



Thursday Feb. 14th is Valentine's Day.



**Valentines Dinner
Dance Feb. 14
\$25 ea.
Reservations please**

Thursday Feb. 21st is our Annual Past Commanders/Past Presidents Awards Dinner, as well as a special welcome home for Corey Bird. The cost for this special dinner (Chicken or Filet) is **\$20 per person**.

Saturday Feb. 23rd is the Annual "8-Ball" Pool Tournament. Sign up at the club if you want in!
We hope you will support our club and plan to attend one or more of these special events!



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

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at Post 44
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Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

We had a guest speaker attend our January meeting. Tina Freeman explained to us the "AZ StandDown" cause. She is very knowledgeable and educated those of us who attended the meeting on what this cause is about.

Parada del Sol is February 9th. It would be wonderful for all us Auxiliary members who are able to attend to come on down and support our post. It is truly a fun day! If anyone would like to volunteer her time, please call the Post.

Saturday, February 2nd, is "Open House" for recruiting new auxiliary members. The post will be open from 11 to 4 and serving hamburgers and hotdogs. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to visit.

Bingo is going well. We sure would love to see more of our members attend. Bingo has taken the place of many of the other fundraisers we used to do and we sure could use more support with our members playing!

On January 26th, a few of us attended a Leadership Class. It was very informative. For God and Country.

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

If you have not picked up your free copy of the latest booklet "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors", they are available at the office. Stop in to pick one up or call me, Bob Pierce at 602-264-2500. Thank you!

Auxiliary Community Service - *Sue Fay*

The Auxiliary's RED BUCKET has been filled with food in January!! The food was delivered to "Project Hope" the second Monday in January. Many thanks to all who continue to contribute to our RED BUCKET. Throughout the year, "Project Hope" at the Salvation Army, feeds and secures shelter for the homeless, many who are Veterans. At this time, when the temperatures are bitter cold, their effort to feed and house the homeless is magnanimous. Please continue to keep the RED BUCKET full.

Clothing was delivered to the Department of Veterans Affairs, located behind the VA Health Care Hospital. If you have clean clothing that you want to donate for Veterans, please contact me, and I will give you directions on where to take your donation.

The music group who entertains the Veterans at the Veterans Home, once a month, met for a lively hour in January. John, Bob and Lois are ever faithful every second Monday of every month providing upbeat music for the residents. It is a very worthwhile hour for volunteers to talk and sing with the Veterans. It gives every one a lift! Judy Chacon is the chairperson of this group. If you want to volunteer, leave a message at the Legion office for Judy.

Boy Scouts - *Doug Hunt*, Scout Liaison

Happy New Year! Troop 440 is proud to announce our third Eagle Scout, Nia Nikkhah, for 2012. Nia led the rebuilding of a mountain lion enclosure at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center in December and passed his Board of Review in early January. T440 also helped a scout from T818 on his Eagle Project this past weekend. Lots of future leaders coming and several new scouts have joined! We are heading to Camp Navajo for cross country skiing on the long weekend. Come join us for the outdoor adventure! Scouting is open all year round. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com

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.

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 February

Feb.			
2	Saturday	Open House w/Congressman David Schweikert -	11 AM - 4 PM
3	Sunday	Super Bowl	3:00 PM - Close
3 & 17	Sunday	SAL Sundae Sunday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
7	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	6:00 PM
9	Saturday	Parada del Sol - Breakfast Buffet @ 8 AM	
11	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
14	Thursday	Valentine's Day - Dinner & Dance	6:00 PM
18	Monday	Auxiliary Bd. Meeting 5:30 - Auxiliary Meeting	6:00 PM
19	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	5:00 PM
21	Thursday	Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner (See Ad)	6:00 PM
28	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

**Feb. 3, Triva Cancelled - Super Bowl Fest
Q & A - 10th, 24th, February
"Name That Tune" - 17th February
Thank You Tom Paul, Volunteer & ALL the
Trivia Bunch Regulars**



Sons Sundae Sunday

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and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Lounge
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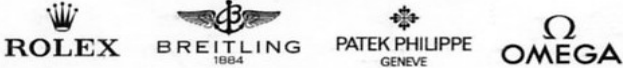


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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 TO 2:00
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

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

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

FEBRUARY 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					¹ "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike H."	² PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Mahi-Mahi "Rick & Lindy"
³ Eggs Bennie Triple Berry French Toast Extended Super Bowl Hours 4-9-ish	⁴ French Onion Soup BLACKENED SIRLOIN 1/2 COBB SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	⁵ SIRLOIN CHIX PARMESAN BBQ BRISKET	⁶ FILET STUFFED SHELLS MEAT LOAF "Swingtime"	⁷ Appetizers Menu Burgers Chicken Kiev "Karaoke" 7 PM	⁸ "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Pam & Dave"	⁹ PRIME RIB DINNER MENU SHRIMP SCAMPI "Midnight Moon" "J.R. & Diane"
¹⁰ MONTE CRISTO'S QUICHE FLORENTINE	¹¹ FRENCH DIP 1/2 CHEF SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	¹² Jambalaya Southern Catfish Cajun Shrimp Cocktail Mardi Pardi	¹³ NEW YORK CHIX PARMESAN LIVER/ONIONS "Swingtime"	¹⁴ Valentine's Dinner Dance Feb. 14 \$25 ea. Reservations please  "Rick & Lindy"	¹⁵ "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jeff Stephans"	¹⁶ PRIME RIB DINNER MENU SALMON "Rick & Lindy"
¹⁷ LOX & BAGEL SALMON OMLETTE	¹⁸ French Onion Soup Paradise Chix Sand Salmon Salad "Bingo 3-5"	¹⁹ Sirloin Steak Beef Stir Fry Schnitzel	²⁰ Filet Pork Rolades Chix Fried Steak "Swingtime"	²¹ Past Commander/President Dinner 	²² "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	²³ PRIME RIB DINNER MENU SOUTHERN FRIED CATFISH "Mike H."
²⁴ Sweet Corn Fritas Southwest Benedict	²⁵ SHRIMP PO BOYS MOWIE WOWIE SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	²⁶ CHIX FAJITA BEEF STROGANOFF SIRLOIN STEAK	²⁷ New York Steak Chix Cordon Bleu Fried Pork Loin "Swingtime"	²⁸ Appetizers Menu Burgers BBQ Ribs "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