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ISSUE 3

## Post Commander, *John Hyde*

I must start this with a Great Big thank you for all the volunteers who helped with all the events in February. I also want to thank Paul England, Shawn and the great staff for their effort.

I hope everybody has observed some changes in our Post. Every small business must evaluate every segment of the operation and in some cases changes must be made. However, accountability is the first thing that must be done. The primary reason why small businesses do not move forward is that owners and management do not hold themselves accountable. We in the Post/Club must be accountable for every office or position we hold. We must not walk down the road with blinders on. Look around and say something when you see that a change can benefit our Post. I know that some changes we make are not initially supported, but talk to me as nothing proposed is set in concrete.

Elections are coming up in May. Please attend the general meetings (Fourth Thursday each month at 6:00pm) and make your suggestions. I try to contain our meetings to one hour.

Steve Tivnan, Mike Scholz, and Ron Ishen have been very busy in the building. Steve has engineered the TV's at the bar. A great idea. How do you like them?

Take a look at the new chairs. This was a combined effort of the Ladies Auxiliary and your Post. Thanks to Barney and Ellen Etzel, June Moyer, Doug Hunt, and Keith and Lylia Thomas for all their work on looking at chairs and different vendors and coming with the best deal for us. Thank you all.

I also thank ALL the Members (including our snow birds) for your support. Without you there would be no Post. Please watch the bulletin board for all upcoming events and special notices.

Please do not forget our Troops in harm's way and those who serve in our Reserves and National Guard Units. They are also on the front lines of our Country. To all our Veterans "We'll leave the light on" and God bless the USA



### St. Patrick's Day Party & Dance Saturday March 16, ( 11AM - 8 PM ) Special Irish Style Menu

Including:

Corned Beef  
& Cabbage

Split Pea &  
Ham Soup



Sheppard's Pie  
Irish Stew



"Drink Specials"  
Tullamore Dew Shots  
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### Easter Sunday Brunch Sunday, March 31 10 AM - 2 PM

Full Buffet w/ Carving Station  
Omelet Station  
Lox & Bagels  
Eggs Bennie  
Fresh Fruit - Pastries



Drink Specials - \$2.00  
Mimosa and Bloody Marys

\$16.50 Each



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**Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells**

Our Membership Open House gave us mixed results. While the turnout was below what we had hoped, we did get several new members and a few transfers from Post 100. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event. Our current membership for the Post is 875, and payments are coming in at a steady pace. We still have about 200 members from 2012 who we would really like to see back in the Post rolls, so we will be having a special mailing to those folks soon. After that, we may try a callout program and I could use a few volunteers for that effort. If you can spare a little time, let me know.

**Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish**

Because of the way the Calendar breaks this year Easter pops up in March. Obviously that is one of the highlights of the Christian year, and Passover begins the Monday after Palm Sunday for the Jewish faith. The two are connected by the fact of saving life, each using the blood of a lamb. So let us be reminded that we are ALL God's children, regardless of where we worship. He loves us all. I only pray that more of us learn to love him and each other as well. Happy Easter, and Passover to everyone, "God Bless the USA"

**Don't Miss Our Special Events in March  
Plan Ahead for these dates**

**St. Patrick's Day Party  
March 16**



**Easter Sunday Brunch  
March 31**



**Don't forget:  
Daylight Savings Time  
March 10**



**Jr. Vice Commander – Tom Paul**

Hello one and all. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Parada Del Sol and Super Bowl parties a huge success. March will be busy with Spring Training visitors, March Madness for the basketball fans, the famous St. Patrick's Day party and of course the world famous Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet. Paul has a great menu planned and as always we are extending the brunch hours to 2:00 p.m. that day. Reservations are highly encouraged for this event!! I would also like to thank everyone for their thoughts & prayers during my recent bout of illness. We have a few new faces around the club and post and please say hello and make them welcome. I also want to thank everyone for making this "The Best Damn Post in The West"!! I look forward to seeing you around the Post!!!

**Trustees Report**

You probably have noticed a lot of improvements within the club recently. New TV's were added behind the bar for your pleasure. Thank you Steve for spearheading that project and installing them.

We also have new chairs with the help of our outstanding Auxiliary. The exhaust fan has been replaced in the Men's Restroom, also replaced was a burned out light in parking lot, plus a lot of interior painting has been done.

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

Hello everyone! 2013 renewals are coming in slowly. We're presently at 65%, so if you have not paid your 2013 dues, do so as soon as possible. You need your 2013 card to use the Post facilities. Mail dues in or bring it to the Club and give it to the bartender on duty so I can get your card to you.

We've had success signing up new members this year through the Open House and Thursday's Karaoke. Come to the meetings and welcome our new members. The SAL meeting is at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

If you haven't been to the Post lately, you have to check it out! Four new flat screens and a new look. It's great! Thanks for being a part of "The Best in the West" Scottsdale Post 44. See you there!

**Auxiliary Corner**, *President Ellen Etzel*

Our "Open House" to recruit new members on February 2nd went well. All three entities enrolled some new members! Our membership now at 86% paid for the 2013 dues. Thanks to all for your renewals.

Parada del Sol was a fun day. Myra Schroot, June Moyer, Sue Fay and myself rode in the parade in a 1949 Jeepster, owned by Joe Hudlicky, a Post 44 member. Our post has been in the parade since its inception in 1935. Wow!!!

Past President's dinner and welcome home for Corey Bird held on February 21st was also a success. The ball room looked lovely. A big thanks to Lylia Thomas and June Moyer for providing the centerpieces for the occasion.

I am sorry to announce that two of our members have recently deceased—Judy Kiem and Jenny Burns. We Draped the Charter for Judy at our January meeting and for Jenny during our February meeting. They both shall be missed immensely.

Marion Kirwan is doing a superb job collecting the yearly dues for the poppy plates and reorganizing them as needed. Our Unit 44 Auxiliary is truly blessed to have such talented and willing members. A HUGE THANKS to you all!!!! For God and Country.

**Auxiliary Community Service - Sue Fay**

Thank you very much for the generous response for providing food this past month in the RED BUCKET for "Project Hope". Besides the canned goods and non-perishables, we were given a large bag of toiletries from Commander Hyde, which was very well received. Homeless folks on the streets appreciate soaps and toiletries. A Veteran friend gave the Auxiliary a check for \$25.00, which was used to buy large quantities of food at Costco.

We do shopping, as well as, delivering food from the RED BUCKET. The Auxiliary is well-received at "Project Hope" for our faithful donation every month. Many thanks to all of you who make our donations possible. The total donation from Post 44 for February was \$213.00!! Job Well Done!

The music program at the Veterans' Home provided 20 patients a pleasurable hour of music and songs with John on the piano and Lois & Bob accompanying him. We had Patt, Larry, Judy and Sue singing with the Veterans. Valentines and chocolate were in abundance after the program, followed by big smiles!

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

Troop 440 spent part of January helping an Eagle Scout Candidate from another troop in Scottsdale complete and deliver his Eagle Project to the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center. We also made a trip up to Army National Guard Camp Navajo last month and Mormon Lake for a great weekend of Cross Country Skiing (well, falling with style). We head to Flagstaff later this month for the Klondike Derby competition. We are welcoming several new scouts to the Troop this month. Come join us on the next outdoor adventure! Scouting is open all year round. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -[bnorling@hotmail.com](mailto:bnorling@hotmail.com).

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 **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 March

**Mar.**

3 & 17	Sunday	SAL Sundae Sunday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
11	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
14	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	6:00 PM
16	Saturday	St. Patraick's Day Party (See Ad)	11:00 AM - Closing
18	Monday	Auxiliary Bd. Meeting 5:30 - Auxiliary Meeting	6:00 PM
19	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
28	Thursday	Post General Meeting -	6:00 PM
31	Sunday	Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet	(10:00 AM - 2:00 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 - 3rd, 10th, 17th March**

**"Music" - 24th March**

**31st March - Cancelled - Happy Easter**

**Thank You Club Staff and Players**

### 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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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM


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

MARCH 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> "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Pam & Dave"	<b>2</b> PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Salmon "Midnight Moon"
<b>3</b> Eggs Bennie Cheese & Fruit Platter	<b>4</b> French Onion Soup FRENCH DIP SALMON SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	<b>5</b> SIRLOIN CHIX FRIED STEAK BBQ BRISKET	<b>6</b> FILET LIVER & ONIONS Fried Pork Tenderloin "Swingtime"	<b>7</b> Appetizers Menu Burgers Spaghetti & Meat Balls "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>8</b> "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Pam & Dave"	<b>9</b> PRIME RIB DINNER MENU SCAMPI "J.R. & Diane"
<b>10</b> MONTE CRISTO'S Chix/Broccoli QUICHE	<b>11</b> PARADISE CHIX 1/2 COBB SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	<b>12</b> Sirloin Steak Cajun Chicken Fetuccini Beef Tips	<b>13</b> NEW YORK BEEF STROGANOFF MEAT LOAF "Swingtime"	<b>14</b> Appetizers Menu Burgers Sausage Stuffed Shells "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>15</b> "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	<b>16</b> ST. PAT'S IRISH MENU "Out of Town" (AM)  "Mike H." PM
<b>17</b> LOX & BAGEL Corned Beef & Swiss OMLETTE	<b>18</b> French Onion Soup Waldorf Chix Sand Spring Rolls "Bingo 3-5"	<b>19</b> Sirloin Steak Chix Fajita Schnitzel	<b>20</b> Filet Liver and Onions Chix Fried Steak "Swingtime"	<b>21</b> Appetizers Menu Burgers Lasagna Florentine "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>22</b> "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike H."	<b>23</b> PRIME RIB DINNER MENU MAHI-MAHI "J.R. & Diane"
<b>24</b> Chorizo con Huevos Southwest Benedict	<b>25</b> SHRIMP PO BOYS MOWIE WOWIE SALAD "Bingo 3-5"	<b>26</b> HAM & SCALLOPS Beef Stir Fry SIRLOIN STEAK	<b>27</b> New York Steak Chix Cordon Bleu Stuffed Pork Loin "Swingtime"	<b>28</b> Appetizers Menu Burgers BBQ Ribs "Karaoke" 7 PM	<b>29</b> "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	<b>30</b> PRIME RIB DINNER MENU SOUTHERN FRIED CATFISH "Midnight Moon"



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