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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

We write our newsletter a few weeks in advance of the publication. The point is as of this writing the May 23 elections have not been held. I do know that those who are running will do the Post proud. I want to thank all the members for having the confidence in me to guide your Post for the 2012-1013 year. It was an honor to serve you and I hope I met your expectations.

I do want to thank all the Volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary, The Son's and the great group of Officers for their support this year. The one that seems to get left out in all the accolades is our fantastic news letter editor/ Chaplain John Parrish. John does a great job putting the newsletter together each month. Sully Truesdell and her staff of volunteers do a good job of getting it ready for the Pony Express. Thank You!

The Honor Guard is here to assist our Veterans and their families in time of need. I hope that some of our member's will step up and join them. They are a great group. See Cpt Eddy Blanco.

We will combine the July/August Newsletter to save on some cost. Please remember you can always get the newsletter on line at www.post44.org.

The Post has had a great year and I know that it will continue. The club, under Manager Paul England, has done a wonderful job with our menu and we receive compliments about the food every day. I had one Friday night from a member from Delaware. This is advertising we cannot buy.

The staff looks good in their uniforms and the service that Shawn and the staff provide to our guests and members is fantastic.

I would like to remind all, when you come to the Post, please say "hi" to the members around you. Let's continue to be the "The Best Damn Post In The West"

I know that the summer months are hard on our Post and Club, so I urge all to frequent the Post/Club as often as possible. The winter visitors are missed but I do hope they all will return safe and sound in the fall and enjoy "Their Post." To our Minnesota Members nice ICE WAVE you had and how was that 100 DEGREE DAY? Have a great summer and we will see you soon.

Remember Monday is BINGO time all summer 3-5 Pm. Please remember that our summer hours on Sunday start 1 June thru 31 August - Sunday 10:00AM to 3:00PM- Breakfast on Sunday is 10:00AM to 1:00PM

While on vacation this summer, please remember we still have Troops in harm's way, so lets be ever mind full as to what our mission is at Post 44. TROOPS / VETERANS.

God Bless The USA. To all our Veterans - ***"We'll Leave The Light On"***

Post 44

Red Shirt Baseball Night
D'Backs vs. San Francisco
Friday June 7 - 6:40 PM
Chase Field - \$18 each



Happy Father's Day



Father's Day Brunch
June 16, 2013

**Dad- add an 8oz NY steak to any
breakfast order for \$2.00**

**Dad's get 1st Bloody Mary or
Mimosa for .25cents**

Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells

Many thanks to everyone who has been working with me to reach our 2013-2014 membership goal. We are soooo close now! Although the numbers are creeping up slowly, we are now at 956 paid members against our goal of 974. I would really like us to be at 100% (or better) when Arizona holds the Department convention on June 21. If you have friends who have moved here from another region of the country, suggest that they transfer to Post 44 to be involved locally. If someone you know is not renewing for some reason, urge them to contact us so any open issue can be addressed. Naturally, encourage anyone who has simply delayed paying their dues to come in prior to our cut-off date. With your continuing attention, we can make it this year, and for that, I thank you!

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

June is the month dedicated to Graduates and Weddings. There is some common ground here. Think "Gates". When you finish your schooling, be it high school or college, the gates are swung wide and you walk through to the next stage of your life. A similar thing happens when you get married, as again, the gates to the next stage are opened wide. In both cases there are celebrations, lots of picture taking, and a lot of pre planning and post events scheduled with family and friends. Not everyone will get married, not everyone will go through a graduation ceremony, but everyone will go through the last set of gates, to enter the "next stage". This also requires a lot of pre planning, and post events with family and friends. To paraphrase the title of a recent movie, from my perspective, the best pre-planning would be Worship Pray Love.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds and graduates out there, the next stage is waiting for you.



 **Flag Day Ceremonies**
Where: Post 44
When: Friday June 14 @ 11 am

Please check the Bulletin Board for all upcoming events and announcements.
Thank you.

Jr. Vice Commander – Tom Paul

As the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun. It has been a pleasure and fun being your Jr. Vice Commander this last year. The club received another 100% on their recent inspection from the county health department and that makes it 5 in a row. Congrats to Paul and his great staff!! We have accomplished a lot in this last year and it could not have been done without all of you. I would like to thank the officers and especially Paul England and his outstanding staff for all that they do. **Don't forget about the Red Shirt Friday baseball game on June 7th at Chase field.** Last but not least, please give your support to your new Jr. Vice Commander that you have shown me this past year. Please be safe this summer and I hope to see you all at the "Best Damn Post in the West".

Red Shirt Friday



Letter from the Editor:

I am the editor of your newsletter. I do not make final decisions as to what goes in or not. This is your newsletter, please feel free to 1)make suggestions as to articles you'd like to see, subjects you'd like us to cover etc. 2) Our commander has asked us to make suggestions in regards to the physical pieces of the club, how to make us look better. Are there any aspiring graphic artists out there? If you have any ideas with regards to the layout and/or format of the newsletter, please let us know. We have added our e-mail, in two places, (Back page and front header), so no excuses, "I didn't know". I will be looking for your e-mails, or just let me know verbally, the next time you see me at the club. My goal is to make this look better, and give you "stuff" you want. Thank you.
John Parrish - Post 44 Newsletter Editor.

Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

We installed our Unit 44 officers for the 2013-2014 year at our May 20th meeting. Our next Unit meeting will be on Monday, September 16, 2013, as we do not meet during the summer.

Our post hosted the Memorial Day "Open House" event after the Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Camelback Cemetery and Scottsdale Civic center on Monday, May 27th. Members of American Legion Post 115, VFW Post 3515, DAV Chapter 22, Elks Lodge 2148, and the Knights of Columbus joined Post 44 for this event.

Just a reminder that Department Convention will be held at the Carefree Resort from June 21st through June 23rd, for anyone who may be interested in attending.

We shall once again try and keep BINGO going through the summer. Since the winter visitors have returned to their "summer" homes, it would be greatly appreciated for those of us who live here year round, to try and support our Auxiliary and Post. Please join us. Get out of the house and come have some fun and win some money!!!

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

Boy Scouts - *Doug Hunt*, Scout Liaison

Look for your friendly Troop 440 scouts on the Scottsdale Greenbelt as we ride from Saguaro to ASU and back. You might see us fishing at one of the lakes along the way! Next month has a backpacking trip and the annual week long summer camp. This year's summer camp is at Camp Raymond in late June where we have two older scouts working on staff. We also want to thank the Post for the wonderful stove that you provided! Come join us on the next outdoor adventure! Scouting is open all year round. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 - bnorling@hotmail.com.

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

Still available in our Post 44 office are:
Federal Benefits for Veteran's, Dependents and Survivors 2012 edition;
Provident Planning-what to keep and where to keep it when the unexpected happens;
Veterans Service Division Benefits Counselors.

A few dates to keep in mind this month:

Thursday June 6 - DDay-1944;
June 14 - Flag Day;
June 21 - Father's Day.

Make it happen at Post 44, see you there!

Auxiliary Community Service - *Sue Fay*

The good news to report is that the Auxiliary has recorded 2,336 volunteer hours for Community Service during our 2012-2013 year, and 898 volunteer hours for Veteran Affairs and Field Service. We are very proud of all the hours that our members continue to contribute each year. Their efforts to raise money for all of the worthy causes we support is most appreciated!

Each month the food from the RED BUCKET is taken to "Project Hope" to stock the pantry for Homeless folks, many who are Veterans. In May we donated \$125.00 worth of food & toiletries. It is organizations like ours that keep "Project Hope" afloat, so we must keep the BUCKET full during the summer months! Our donation to "Project Hope" this past year amounted to \$1313.00 worth of food & toiletries. We recently gave a check for \$300.00 to "Project Hope" for the Hydration Program to give the homeless and elderly bottled water throughout the hot summer months.

You have a good summer and keep hydrated!!

A graphic for a raffle. It features two raffle tickets (one pink, one blue) on the left, a central green-bordered box with the word "RAFFLE" in white, and a brown baseball glove on the right. Below the graphic is text for a baseball raffle in August.

RAFFLE

Baseball Raffle in August
Two box seats for Aug. 26 vs. San Diego
\$1 ea or 6 for \$5 - available at the bar
These seats are normally priced at \$100!
Drawing on Wed. Aug 21, need not be present.

Honor Guard Volunteers

***We are looking for a few good men,
who are willing to do more than just
march!***

There are numerous opportunities to serve in this group, including just being there to represent Post 44 in a variety of ways: including special event ceremonies, door or entry posts, and/or to accompany the Post Commander.

**Please notify the office with a call
at 480-941-0130.**

Calendar of Events for June

June

2 & 16	Sunday	SAL Sundae Sunday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
13	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	6:00 PM
14	Friday	Flag Day Ceremonies @ Post	11:00 AM
16	Sunday	Father's Day Brunch	
17	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
18	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
27	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM

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

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Trivia News

Trivia is on vacation - See you on Sunday, September 8th. Happy - Safe Summer

Sons Sundae Sunday

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



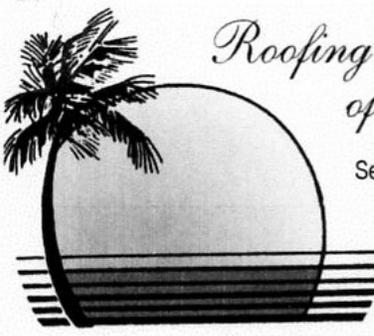
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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

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

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

JUNE 2013



LEGION POST #44
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU

LUNCH SERVED MON - SAT 11-2 PM

DINNER SERVED

WED, SAT

5:00 - 8:30 PM

TUES, THURS - 5:00 - 7:30 PM

FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 7:30 PM

CLUB HOURS WED-SAT

11 AM - 10 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY 11 AM - 7 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily						1 PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Mahi Mahi "Cactus Duo"
2 Legion Bennie Berry French Toast	3 French Onion Soup Shrimp Po Boys Mowie Wowie "Bingo 3-5"	4 Sirloin Steak Cajun Chicken Fettuccini Chix Fried Steak	5 Filet Lamb Shanks Fried Pork Loin "Swingtime"	6 Appetizers Menu Burgers Beef Stroganoff "Karaoke" 7 PM	7 "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jeff S."	8 PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Poached Salmon w/ Hal "Rick & Lindy"
9 Father's Day Brunch 10 am - 1 pm	10 Chicken Philly Salmon Salad "Bingo 3-5"	11 Sirloin Steak Liver & Onions Beef Tips	12 New York Steak Stuffed Pork Loin Meat Loaf "Swingtime"	13 Appetizers Menu Burgers Spaghetti & Meatballs "Karaoke" 7 PM	14 "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Carla"	15 PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Baked Cod "J.R. & Diane"
16 Southwest Bennie Huevos Rancheros	17 French Onion Soup Dijon Burger Spring Roll "Bingo 3-5"	18 Sirloin Schnitzel Beef Stir Fry	19 Filet Liver and Onions Stuffed Peppers "Swingtime"	20 Appetizers Menu Burgers Ribs "Karaoke" 7 PM	21 "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jeff S."	22 PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Southern Fried Catfish "Rich & Lindy"
23 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelette	24 BLT's Cajun Chix Caesar "Bingo 3-5"	25 Meat Loaf Beef Fajita Sirloin Steak	26 New York Steak Chix Parmesan Schnitzel "Swingtime"	27 Appetizers Menu Burgers Salisbury Steak "Karaoke" 7 PM	28 "Clam Chowder" ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	29 PRIME RIB DINNER MENU Scampi "Pam & Dave"
30 Sweet Corn Frittata Stuffed French Toast	<p style="text-align: center;">Please Note Summer Hours Top of Page</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brunch Every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.00 Questions? Call 480-941-9053</p>					