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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

The year is flying; October will be a very active month so please watch the bulletin board for announcements.

I am happy to report to the members that I am on light duty. I did have vascular surgery which gave me two bypasses on my legs. The operation was about eight hours but I did survive so don't buy the insurance. I must thank Mike O'Neal and Doug Hunt for picking up the slack during my brief absence.

The September events were well attended, The 911 luncheon was well attended by our police and Fire departments.

The renewals are at about 53% which is great. The good news is we are having some transfers and also younger members are joining our Post. Let's make 100% again this year.

The Trustees and Corey are hard at work finishing up the plan for our club and card rooms. I am sure you will notice that the changes are taking place. They have had a lot of input for the redecoration. We are a little behind schedule but when it is completed I am sure you will like the changes.

I encourage anyone who can to please donate so we can help offset the money spent on the club. We also have NFL package, College package and a golf package these cost about \$125.00 each. We could use some help on these also.

The point of sale system has been installed. This will make a big difference for our servers and the kitchen and will provide a much better accounting for our club.

I also thank June Moyer and President Ellen Etzel for all the help they give to our Post. We are blessed with fantastic members.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize Billy Estes for his attendance at the door on Friday nights. Billy not only greets our members but does a fantastic job on our 50/50. I would like to see if some of our officers could assist on another night. This is a very good way to make our members feel welcome.

"Courage is being scared to death- and saddling up anyway"- John Wayne

Please keep our deployed troops in your thoughts and prayers. We still have troops in harm's way. Please do not forget them!

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

Saturday, Oct 19



bratwurst
strudel
brewskies
sauerkraut

Authentic German Buffet
5 pm - 8 pm \$12.50 each

Happy Halloween Thursday
Oct 31st

costume contest



Lots of Fun!
prizes...games!



Buffet 5 pm - 8 pm \$13.00 each

Sr. Vice Cmdr. Rodger Wells

I just returned to the valley and the Post a few days ago and I am pleased to see that all is well. Its still a bit warm, but I'm not complaining.

Initial dues signups seem to be going very well and the Post appreciates that. Why not get your 2014 dues in early so I won't have to keep nagging at you? Remember that early dues-payers help the Post through these slow summer months and that by being an "Early-bird" you are helping us get through.

Don't forget the Early-bird fine dinner in December that you will also qualify for! It is great to see everyone after being away for awhile.

Jr. Vice Commander – Michael O'Neal

Well we got through our "slow" season very well and I think it was pretty successful. We had a very successful First Responder lunch on September 11th with 3 Firefighters, 31 Police Officers, 2 City officials, Mayor Jim Lane and Councilman Bob Littlefield and we had 38 paid Legion members that were served.

The hardware and software was installed on our new POS system and we are planning on going live later on in September. We have an Oktoberfest event planned for the evening of October 19 with appropriate music and a German menu. There will be a Halloween contest on the evening of October 31. June Moyer is the chairpersons for the Oktoberfest and Dean & Dee Hamilton will be chairing the Halloween event. Please join us for these two fun activities.

Hopefully we will be welcoming our Winter out of state members this month. We very much appreciate all of the support our members provide as we continue to be the "Best damn Post in the West".

Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay

During October, the Auxiliary is focusing on "Breast Cancer Awareness." We will make available vital information for "Three Steps to Finding Breast Cancer Early." These fliers can be found on the display case in the lobby. In order to raise money for American Cancer Society, we will have a few items for sale during the month. (pens, pins, buttons)!

Our Thanksgiving goal is to provide food cards for 8 families through the organization, "Vista Del Camino."

It is our custom each year to provide a Veteran and his family with a Christmas dinner and to fulfill his children's wish list from Santa Claus. We plan to assist a "Wounded Warrior" and his family this year. In our area, there are 75 "Wounded Warriors", so there are many families who need special assistance at that time of the year. We will be providing cell phones to some of the "Wounded Warriors" this year again.

Please contribute to the RED BUCKET during the month. It is found just inside the front door. Canned goods and non-perishable items are best for Salvation Army's pantry for the homeless. Your contributions are very welcome and most appreciated.

Thanks very much for your support.

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace

Our Labor Day Steak Fry to support the Son's Charities was a success again this year. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and to the Post, Auxiliary, Club staff and volunteers for their invaluable contributions. We are proud to be part of the American Legion Post 44 Family.

You can be part of this family too by renewing your membership or joining Post 44 as a Son of the American Legion. 2014 cards are in so sign up early and be eligible for the "Early Bird" dinner in December. Leave your \$30 renewal with the Post bartender and I'll be sure to get your card to you. Want to join? You can find an application form in the information rack in the entry hall. Be sure to submit a copy of an eligible DD214 with your new application so there won't be any delays. We'd love to have you! Our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00p. Stop in and check it out.

Watch the Post information boards for dates and times for Bar Bingo. It's starting soon and sure to be a great time!

Please note new Post e-mail
commander@post44.com
Thank you.

**Bar Bingo
Is
Coming**
Look for details!

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**

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Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

Summer is over and we are getting back into full swing here at Unit 44!! The Auxiliary voted to move forward with Bar Bingo at our September 16th meeting. This will be a shared event on Thursday evenings with all three entities participating.

We also discussed Poppy Plates versus Plaques. The Poppy plates were temporarily removed to do some redecorating in the "dance" room. The Auxiliary voted to move to plaques. This would be a one-time fee of \$50 and would be a permanent thing, rather than annual.

Please make a note that our meeting in October will be the second Monday, rather than the third Monday, which is October 14.

During our meeting, we also discussed different charities to donate to and fundraisers to raise money for these charities. In the past we have donated to Breast Cancer Fund, Salvation Army, Etc.

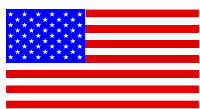
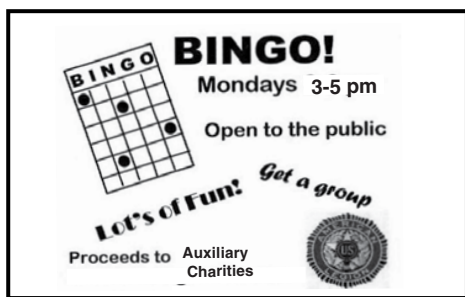
BINGO survived another summer. Some weeks were better than others. BINGO raises money that can only be used for Veteran related charities such as Sallie's Place, Troops Direct, Etc., so our fundraisers are very important and need your support.

A warm welcome back to our winter friends. For God and Country.

Chaplain's Corner - *John Parrish*

The military surely loves acronyms...there has never been an alphabetic series that they have intentionally missed. That being said, this is forwarded to all of you on an FYI basis: Did you know that the BIBLE is an acronym? It is- the letters spell out; Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Pass it on!

Post Chaplain, John Parrish



FLAGS

Post 44 will continue to accept flags that need to be formally retired. Due to Fire Department Rules all flags must be presented with a "Military Style Folding". We will show you how if necessary.

Thank you.

Boy Scouts - *Doug Hunt*, Scout Liaison

Troop 440 helped build a mountain bike trail near Rogers Lake southwest of Flagstaff then biked around Fort Tuthill. Great campout with lots of rain to test the new patrol boxes.

One more scout joined us from Indiana and attended the Orienteering course at Papago Park last weekend.

We are heading back to Flagstaff for more mountain biking and going into the Lava River Tube.

We are starting our high adventure program training plan for trips to the Grand Canyon, Mount Whitney and Mount Elbert next year! We are active all year round. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915. email: bnorling@hotmail.com.

 **Support our Boy Scouts!** 
Troop 440 and Post 44's Car Wash
Saturday October 26th 8:00 - 2:00
At the Post
Fund Raiser to send Scouts to Leadership Training
Donations (large?) Accepted!


Service Officer - Bob Pierce

The Veterans department store is still in business, but you must call to check on what's available by calling the Veterans benefits administration @ 800-827-1000 and /or pick up the federal benefits for Veterans and survivors book at Post 44.

The post would like all World War II Veterans to please let the office know your name and telephone number if you would like to attend the Pearl Harbor Day event at the State Capitol on December 7th. 2013.

There will be a dedication of the two Gun barrels one from the USS Missouri and the other from the USS Arizona. This represents the beginning and the end of World War II.

The Post is trying to put a package together which will include; a snack at Post 44, bus to the event and return to the Post for lunch.

Please call me at 602-264-2500.

Calendar of Events for October

October

7	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
14	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
10	Thursday	Post E-BOARD Meeting	6:00 PM
14	Monday	Auxiliary E-BOARD	5:00 PM
14	Monday	Auxiliary General Meeting	6:00 PM
15	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM
19	Saturday	Octoberfest	All Day
31	Thursday	Halloween Party	6:00 PM

Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 10 OCTOBER 2013 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 24 OCTOBER 2013 - 6:00 PM

Welcome Trivia Players

Sundays Post 44 - 3 to 5PM

6 Oct - Q&A / 13 Oct - Q&A

20 Oct - Music / 27 Oct Q&A

Thank you Volunteers:

Tom Paul, JulieA, Kevin T, Maureen F, Chef Paul

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HANGOVER MENU
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM


OCTOBER 2013



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

CLUB HOURS
SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM
MONDAY 11 AM - 7 PM
TUES -FRIDAY 11 AM - 10 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BBQ Brisket	2 FILET Chx Parmesean "Swingtime"	3 Chicken Mac & Cheese	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Rick & Lindy"	5 PRIME RIB Mahi Mahi w Mango Salsa DINNER MENU "Busting Loose"
6 S.W. Bennie Cinn Apple French Toast Trivia	7 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad "Bingo 3-5"	8 Spaghetti & Meatballs	9 NEW YORK Chicken Roulade "Swingtime"	10 Beef Stroganoff	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	12 PRIME RIB Capeisan DINNER MENU "Midnight Moon"
13 Broc & Cheddar Omelette Huevos Rancheros Trivia	14 Chicken Philly Western Burger "Bingo 3-5"	15 Beef Tips	16 Ribeye Stuffed Pork Loin Schnitzel "Swingtime"	17 Salisbury & Mash	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "JR & Diane"	19  OCTOBERFEST Authentic German Buffet 5 pm - 8 pm "Rick & Lindy"
20 LOX & BAGEL SALMON OMLETTE Trivia	21 French Onion Shrimp PO Boy Spring Rolls "Bingo 3-5"	22 Chicken Pot Pie	23 Filet Paradise Pasta Meat Loaf "Swingtime"	24 Ribs Burger & Appetizers	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike Hatounian"	26 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU JR & Diane
27 Pizza Frittata Blueberry Pancakes Trivia	28 BLT'S 1/2 COBB Salad "Bingo 3-5"	29 Chicken & Noodles over Mashed	NY 30 Chx Alfredo Chx Fried Steak "Swingtime"	31  Halloween Party Buffet 5 pm - 8 pm		Every Saturday we are open at 10 AM for College Football!

Fresh
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Soups Served
Daily

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

Questions? Call 480-941-9053