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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

I will start with the personal news, as you know I had vascular surgery and then the big one hit - Staph infection. Well I am back. I would like to thank Rodger Wells, Doug Hunt and Mike O'Neal for assisting me during my hospital stay and all who sent their Prayers, called and sent cards THANK YOU.

I must remind all that on 7 December we have a bus chartered to take us to the USS Arizona Memorial at the state capitol, I know it will be inspiring.

The early bird dinner will be Tuesday 17 December at 6:00PM. Please make your reservations so Paul will know how much food to prepare.

The meetings have been rescheduled, E- Board is 12 December and the general meeting will be 19 December both are at 6:00 pm, please plan to attend the general meeting.

Looking back over the year this has been a very good year for our Post thru the efforts of Paul England and his staff. We survived the summer the best I have seen in recent years. Thank you to Paul and his Staff.

The renewals are coming in at a good clip along with some transfers and new Members joining our Post, be sure and make them comfortable. Just make it a point to say welcome to Post44 to anybody you may not have seen in the Post.

December will be a busy month for all I hope that you will take time from your busy schedule to relax at your Post/Club.

We will have a New Year's event so watch for this on the bulletin board as this will be a great time I have a lot to be thankful for, the members of our Post and my wife Maude. I could not ask for more. Maude and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A blind person asked God: Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight? He replied:" Yes losing your vision" i.e your sense of direction.

To all our Veterans, and Troops around the world. God Bless and God bless the USA, 'We'll leave the light on"

Post 44 Annual New Year's Eve Dinner Dance



6 pm - 12 am
\$40 ea.

**Prime Rib or Chicken Cacciatore
Salad & Desert. Free Party favors,
and Champagne Toast!**

Early Bird Dinner

Dec 17th 6 pm



**FREE to Legion
members, SAL &
Aux. w/ stamp -
all others \$10 ea.**

**Pay your yearly dues prior to Dec 7,
get a FREE full Italian Buffet!**

Sr. Vice Cmdr. Rodger Wells

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2014 dues, we are at 72% of our goal of 961 members. That is slightly ahead of where we should be based on National guidelines. However, the last 300 or so are always the hardest to get back on the rolls! If you haven't paid yet, please remember that we will have a December 7th cutoff date for Early Birds, and everyone who has paid by then is invited to the dinner which is December 17 at 6 pm. If you have not paid dues because of some problem, please contact me or another officer to resolve whatever is holding you up. We need every renewal we can get to make up for our losses. Keeping old members is much easier than locating new members, although we will spend time and effort on both. I wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the Post often.

Jr. Vice Commander – Michael O'Neal

As we are approaching closing out 2013 I wanted to wish you all a happy and safe Holiday Season.

We are offering a great package for the December 7th tribute to WW2 Veterans at the State Capitol. We are pleased to offer for \$22.00 a continental breakfast at the Post followed by a bus ride to this event and a return to the Post for a buffet lunch. There are only 20 seats remaining, make your reservations today.

Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay

Our raffle of a ceramic lighted cactus has been initiated to raise money to buy cell phones for the 82 "Wounded Warriors" in the Phoenix area. The lighted cactus was a First Place Blue Ribbon winner at a local art show recently and was donated to the Auxiliary by the artist for this raffle. We are very appreciative for the opportunity to use this art work for such a worthy cause. The raffle drawing will be December 6. Posters of the cactus can be seen displayed in the Post. The raffle tickets are only \$1.00!

The Christmas shopping for 6 Veteran children and their families is complete and will be delivered before Christmas. Clothing, toys, and food for their family is a traditional Community service activity that the Auxiliary contributes every holiday.

Eight family dinners in the form of food cards were donated to Vista del Camino for Thanksgiving. A Baby Shower will be held at the December Auxiliary meeting for newborn babies of deployed Veterans. This is our way of giving back for the Veterans' service.

Auxiliary Community Service – Continued

One of our members donated, very generously, to the RED BUCKET in November for our monthly delivery to "Project Hope" at the Salvation Army. So many depend and are very grateful for the food that we are able to collect every month. December is the season for giving! Happy Holidays!!

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace

Hello everyone. Wow! It's hard to believe this year is almost over. If you haven't renewed for 2014, do it now. As I've mentioned before, last year we just missed our goal by 2%, so please don't wait. Also, if you renew before December 7th you will be invited to the "Early Bird Dinner" on December 17. It's a great time.

Bar Bingo is in full swing. Come check it out Thursday's at 7 pm. You can play and watch football at the same time!

The Fall Conference held in Tucson was a good time. I've got some great information to carry us through 2014. Hope to see you at our meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

Well it is already that "most wonderful time of the year".... amidst your hustle and bustle, shopping, decorating, whatever you are involved in, please take one small quiet little minute to realize that we have young men and women in harms way overseas and they won't be able to get stressed out with what to buy or what to wear. Their stress is survival, and get home in one piece. Please remember that.

Have a blessed and very Merry Christmas, and remember, "There is no such thing as too much prayer."



Bar Bingo
Every Thursday
6 pm - 8 pm
Kitchen Closes at 7 pm

Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

The winter season is once again upon us and Post 44 is going strong!

We are raffling a Christmas Ceramic Cactus which lights up. The drawing will be on December 6th. You need not be present to win, but the proceeds will go toward purchasing cell phones for soldiers in need. Sue Fay is selling tickets. Please buy a ticket to help the cause!!!

Bar Bingo is up and running efficiently. It is lots of fun as it does not require the kind of concentration that our Monday Bingo does. Come in any Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and play!

We discussed different charities to donate to by the end of the year. Department of Revenue, BINGO, requires that we spend the money earned at BINGO by 12/31.

If anyone has any further suggestions about where our contributions should go, please attend our Monday, December 16th meeting with your ideas.

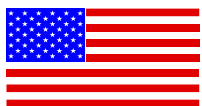
Casino Night has been postponed till early March. We will be needing prize donations for this event. Any vendor/restaurant/service businesses you can recruit for our cause would be awesome.

Our District 12 President, Barbara White, will be attending our December meeting.

If everyone can bring a baby gift to this meeting, we will be putting baskets together for this event. (See Sue Fay's Section).

Theresa Estes has volunteered to form a knitting class, date to be announced. I, for one, can use her expertise!!!

We are sorry to announce that Janet Achtzehn, our Unit 44 Auxiliary Member, recently passed away. She shall be greatly missed.



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 - *Bill Norling, Scoutmaster*

What a great survival campout with Mother Nature showing the power of the wind to blow away the first shelters that were set up. Second shelters were a whole lot more robust! We finished the weekend showing a neighboring Cub Scout pack how to make donuts in the morning after the survival training was over.

Nine scouts and four adults completed a 52 mile bike ride from Scottsdale North Hospital through downtown Scottsdale then to Sunnyslope and back for a lap around Tempe Town Lake before riding up the Greenbelt to where we started.

Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com.

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

Post 44 needs your commitment to be at the post Saturday December 7 between 8 and 9 am for a continental breakfast, followed by a bus trip to the State Capitol for the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Ceremony. The bus (round trip) and breakfast combo will cost you only \$22, you can't beat that. The ceremony will include the unveiling of the two gun barrels, one from the USS Arizona and one from the USS Missouri, as well as a B-17 "fly-over" at 10:55 am. If you still have your old uniform, and can still get into it, feel free to do so. Reservations are required, so please call us here at the post for your seat. There will be a continental lunch buffet here at the post on that day, plan on being here for this big event. See you here!

BINGO!
Mondays 3-5 pm
Open to the public

Lot's of Fun! Get a group

Proceeds to Auxiliary Charities

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 December

December

2	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
7	Saturday	Bus trip to Capitol for Pearl Harbor Ceremony at Post 44	8:00 AM
9	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
12	Thursday	Post E-BOARD Meeting	6:00 PM
16	Monday	Auxiliary E-BOARD	5:30 PM
16	Monday	Auxiliary General Meeting	6:00 PM
17	Tuesday	Early Bird Dinner	6:00 PM
17	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
19	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas Day, Dec 25 & New Years Day, Jan 1

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 12 DECEMBER 2013 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 19 DECEMBER 2013 - 6:00 PM

New Years Party, Uptown Big Band - 31 DECEMBER 2013

Welcome Trivia Players

Sundays Post 44 - 3 to 5 PM

1 Dec - Q&A / 8 Dec - Q&A / 15 Dec Q&A

22 Dec - Music / 29 Dec Q&A

Thank you Volunteer Bartender Tom Paul and Kevin T.,
Marion K., Maureen F, and Dorothy W.

SAL Fundraisers

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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


DECEMBER 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 - 8:00 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 Legion Bennie Cinn Apple French Toast Trivia	2 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad	3 Spaghetti & Meatballs	4 Filet Chicken Parmesan Fried Pork Loin "Swingtime"	5 Beef Stroganoff Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike Hatounian"	7 PRIME RIB Mahi Mahi DINNER MENU "Midnight Moon"
8 Quiche Lorraine S.O.S. Trivia	9 Beef Philly's Pita Club Sandwich Popcorn Shrimp Caesar "Bingo 3-5"	10 Chicken Mac & Cheese	11 New York Liver & Onions "Swingtime"	12 Lasagna Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	13 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	14 PRIME RIB Scampi DINNER MENU "Jared Howe"
15 Sweet Corn Fritata Berry French Toast Trivia	16 French Onion Soup Shrimp PO Boy Oriental Chicken Salad "Bingo 3-5"	17 Early Bird Supper	18 Ribeye Meat Loaf "Swingtime"	19 Salisbury Steak Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	20 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike Hatounian"	21 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish "J.R. & Diane"
22 LOX & BAGEL SALMON OMLETTE Trivia	23 BLT's Cajun Chicken Salad "Bingo 3-5"	24 Beef Tips over noodles	25 Christmas Closed	26 Ribs Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	27 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Midnight Moon"	28 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU "Jared Howe"
29 S.W. Bennie Corn Beef & Swiss Omelettes Trivia	30 Dijon Burger Eggroll Salad "Bingo 3-5"	31  New Years Eve Party! Uptown Big Band				

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