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ISSUE 1

Post Commander, *John Hyde*

Well here it is January the start of another great year for Post 44. I hope all will have a great New Year.

We have a lot going on this month and I hope all the visitors will enjoy the newly decorated club. The trustees worked very hard on this. I along with two master painters was a big help. The Master painters were Bob Horkey and Keith Thomas. I thank them and also Mike Scholz who coordinated this with the help of a decorator. The new fixtures were installed by Ron Ishen. Steve added a timer to the heater on the patio. This will save us some money.

The Trustees have done a great job for our Post. When you see Mike Scholz, Steve Tivnan and Ron Ishen tell them thanks.

The month of January will have the New member Initiation combined with the Auxiliary and the Son's. This will be the second year that we have done this and I believe that it adds to the legion family to see just what a great family we have. This will include a buffet; so mark this date 14 January 6:00PM. I encourage all members to come and visit our new members. This is what makes our Post grow.

We must also congratulate our Boy Scout Troop 440, Scout Master Bill Norling and his crew have done a fantastic job with our Scouts. Doug Hunt is the Post advisor and has helped the troops a great deal

I do not want to think too far ahead but February will be a very busy month We will have the Super bowl, Parada Del Sol Rodeo and the Past Presidents Past Commanders dinner. Please watch the bulletin boards for information.

I must touch on The Club. Paul England and his staff have done a bang up job in the club. I cannot say enough about the professional way the staff has turned. When they come to serve you just say thanks.

Last but not least the Officers of your Post are The BEST. (Not Me) just kidding The Officers have done a wonderful job. Thank you.

The decorating in the club is completed. However, we still could use a donation or two to offset the cost of the redecorating, and anything will help your Post. Thank you

The next January E-board meeting is 9 January at 6:00PM and the next general meeting is 23 January at 6:00PM please attend and voice your recommendations.

Let us NEVER forget our Veteran's and those who are still in harm's Way. They are the reason we do what we do.

A quote from Elmer Davis-"This Nation will remain Free, only so long as it is the home of the Brave." God Bless the United States of America.

To all our Veterans. We'll leave the light on.

NEW MEMBER Initiation Dinner



Tues. Jan. 14- 6 pm
New Members- free; guests \$10

SUPER BOWL !

Appetizers

Personal
Pizza



Sliders

Wings

SUNDAY FEB 2, 3 PM - ?

Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells

Now that we are through the holidays and settled in for the long "winter" of Scottsdale, we need to work at getting the last 200 members to renew their 2014 dues so we can meet our goal of 971! Naturally, we need to remain alert for new members, especially younger veterans who know nothing about the American Legion and the wide range of great activities we support. Keeping our existing members is critical, but finding new members is key to our future. So, keep that in mind whenever you are in a setting that includes young veterans. Be a good ambassador for the Legion.

Jr. Vice Commander – Michael O’Neal

Well it is the beginning of a New Year, wow 2013 went fast. I certainly hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

Our first event in January will be the New Member initiation dinner on January 14th. Monday afternoon Bingo and Bar Bingo on Thursday’s at 6:00 pm continue to be very popular. Although this is a February event and because of the logistics of when we publish our newsletter we will be having a Super Bowl party on February 2nd with further information being posted in the Club.

Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay

Unfortunately, Sue Fay is out of town as her son experienced a severe medical condition. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

For her, the Auxiliary reports, the ceramic lighted cactus raffle was very successful and won by a new Legion member. The Christmas shopping and delivery of items to the VA Gift Shop has been completed and will meet the needs of many Veterans. The Baby Shower was held at the Auxiliary meeting on December 16th and we provided 6 baskets of baby items for our Veterans’ families.

We look forward to 2014 as we continue our Community Service projects to honor and assist our Veterans. Happy New Year to all!!

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Thank you.
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SAL Commander – Ed Wallace

SAL Squadron 44 hopes you and your families had a very blessed holiday season and enjoy a healthy, prosperous New Year.

I want to thank the Officers and volunteers that made 2013 a success. I’m looking forward to working with this great team in 2014.

Just a reminder that your 2013 cards are not valid at the Post as of January 1st. Renew your membership as soon as possible. Leave your name and \$30 dues with the bartender or call me at (480) 586-6284 and I’ll get your card to you. New applicants must also include an application form along with a copy of parents or grandparents DD 214 form, as proof of eligibility. New cards will not be issued without documentation.

Consider joining us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00p for our monthly meeting. It’s a great group of guys making a difference. ~ God Bless

Chaplain’s Corner - John Parrish

A new year dawns upon us. The following is attributed to Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

“Yesterday is history, gone and done
Tomorrow is a mystery, unknown, un-opened,
Today is a new gift from God,
That is why we call it the Present.”

Another anonymous person wrote, There will only be ONE January 1 2014, no other chance to get it right.

Open your gift from God, a new one each day, and use it so that you will please Him and bless our Country!

“It’s a whole new ballgame folks!” Be safe, and Gold Bless the USA!”

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**Bar Bingo
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6 pm - 8 pm
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Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

Our "Baby Shower" held at our December 16th meeting was once again a success. Many wonderful baby gifts were delivered to the Women's Section of the V.A. before Christmas. We also adopted and shopped for two Wounded Warrior families. We are confident that the four children in these families had a Very Merry Christmas!

On December 6th, we raffled a donated Ceramic Christmas Cactus. The proceeds went to buy disposable cell phones for Wounded Warriors. We also bought and brought items to the V.A. Gift Shop for their annual "free" shopping spree.

Post 44 is sponsoring a new member initiation on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Any Auxiliary members who have not previously been initiated are encouraged to attend.

If you will attend, please call the Post so they know how many people to plan on for dinner. Also, memberships for 2013 expire on December 31st. If you have not all ready done so, please renew your dues as soon as possible.

Our District President, Barbara White, attended our meeting and communicated lots of information regarding the ALA. We also had a speaker with his dog from Soldier's Best Friend come and explain the process of adopting dogs from animal shelters, training them and giving these dogs to eligible Veterans. A very worthy cause!

May we all have a Happy, Healthy New Year. God Bless all our troops and bring them home safely. Amen!



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*

Thank you to all that joined us for the Car Wash and Steak Dinner events at the Post! Some of the funds raised are sending three scouts to a Council Leadership training program over the holidays. Four of our scouts are on staff and teaching the classes.


We are spending the holidays working on modifying the patrol boxes, building a second sled for the Klondike Derby in February and spending time with family and friends.

Thank you for your support of Scouting through the year. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas! Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com.

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

We came, we saw, we were impressed at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dedication on December 7, 2013 at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, at the State Capitol. Some of our members recall that day in 1941 more vividly than most of the rest of us. The speakers could have spent more time giving more details of that day, but were struck speechless when the B-17 flew overhead, and then made another pass, so that everyone could see what our enemies saw all those years ago. We have a few of the programs you can look at the next time you are at the post.

Remember, this is YOUR post, which is being "discovered" by more visitors who come back to enjoy all of the events here at Post 44. We work as a team... are you part of the team? May you have the best and healthiest 2014 possible.




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 January

January

6	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
13	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
9	Thursday	Post E-BOARD Meeting	6:00 PM
14	Tuesday	New Members Initiation Legion, SAL & Auxiliary	6:00 PM
20	Monday	Auxiliary E-BOARD	5:30 PM
20	Monday	Auxiliary General Meeting	6:00 PM
21	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
23	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

Closed New Years Day, Jan 1

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 9 JANUARY 2014 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 23 JANUARY 2014 - 6:00 PM

Welcome Trivia Players

Sundays Post 44 - 3 to 5 PM

5 Jan - Q&A / 12 Jan - Q&A / 26 Jan Q&A

19 Jan - "Name that Tune" - Rodger Wells

Thank you Volunteer Bartender Tom Paul, Chef Paul England, Kevin Tso, Marion K., and Maureen F.

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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

JANUARY 2014



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 - SAT 11 AM - 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Closed New Years Day	2 Smoked Beef Brisket Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Midnight Moon"	4 PRIME RIB Langostino Scampi DINNER MENU "Busting Loose"
5 Legion Bennie Corn Beef & Swiss Omelette Trivia	6 French Onion Soup French Dips 1/2 Chef Salad "Bingo 3-5"	7 Sliders Menu Burgers & Appetizers	8 New York Lamb Shanks Liver & Onions "Swingtime"	9 Spaghetti & Meat Balls Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	10 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	11 PRIME RIB Baked COD DINNER MENU "Mike Hatounian"
12 Florentine Quiche Pizza Frittata Trivia	13 Western BBQ Burger Popcorn Shrimp Caesar "Bingo 3-5"	14 New Members Initiation Dinner 6 pm	15 Filet Chicken Scallopini "Swingtime"	16 Pot Pies Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	17 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jeff Stephens"	18 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU "Mike Hatounian"
19 LOX & BAGEL SALMON OMLETTE Trivia	20 French Onion Soup Chicken Philly's 1/2 Cobb Salad "Bingo 3-5"	21 Personal Pizza Menu Burgers & Appetizers	22 N.Y. Pork Roulade Meat Loaf "Swingtime"	23 Ribs Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	24 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	25 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU "Midnight Moon"
26 Bloody Mary Burritos Huevos Rancheros Trivia	27 BLT's Spring Rolls "Bingo 3-5"	28 10 Wing Types Menu Burgers & Appetizers Uptown Big Band	29 Ribeye Osso Buco Stuffed Peppers "Swingtime"	30 Chicken & Noodles over Masa Burgers & Appetizers	31 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane"	

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