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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

The month of February was a great month for our Post. The parada, Past Commanders/ Past Presidents dinner and Valentines were great. The Club really turned out great food very nicely and the service was fantastic. I hope all enjoyed it.

The Honor Guard under CPT Blanco did a great job in the parade. They even had a decent position in the parade this year, and President Ellen and her staff had a ride in Joe's Jeep in the parade. Everybody looked great. Thank you for representing Post 44. I must thank all of the volunteers that helped in these events.

I also want to thank the master painter Bob Horkey for all the time he has spent painting the club and restrooms.

The membership is doing great I hope we will be at 100% by the end of this month.

The legion family will grow in June. We are happy to announce that Brian Sheahan will form our own American legion Rider's (ALR) effective 1 June 2014. The membership meeting of 23 January voted to form this ALR unit. The bylaws are in their final stages. This will be a good addition to our Legion Family. We are looking forward to the grand opening around the first of June 2014.

The Club, under the direction of Paul England, is doing great. We have been looking for a line cook so Paul is currently working all of the shifts. We owe Paul a huge thank you for his effort in keeping our members happy and healthy. I hope we will be able to find a cook very soon.

The Departments spring conference will be June 26- 29. This is held in Carefree. Good luck to Andy Jaime; we hope he will be elected Department Commander.

We are fast approaching our election time. I hope all members will exercise their vote in May; it is important that we all view each officers job and make sure that the person running will be able to fulfill their job. The officers of the Post are caretakers for the membership. We are growing as a Post, so this is very important. We in the Club/Post must be accountable for every office or position we hold.

"Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write" Let's all remember why we are here: VETERANS! To all our Veterans serving around the world.

'Well leave the light on"

March Madness at Post 44



**Cheer on
your team!**

**Bring your
family & Friends**

**Games on our 9 screens!
11 am -closing**

St Patrick's Day Mon. March 17!

Split Pea
& Ham Soup



Corned Beef
& Cabbage

Tullamore Dew Shots
Slippery St. Pat's

Irish Stew
Sheppard's pie

From 11 am- 8:30 pm

Sr. Vice Cmdr. *Rodger Wells*

We continue to move slowly toward our 2014 goal. The number paid to date is 876. We participated in an effort coordinated by National to transfer existing Post 100 members over to our Post rolls. We have about 40 new members who have agreed to switch from Post 100. Keep alert for “strangers” in the Post and make an effort to introduce yourself to them. Don’t allow them to stay a stranger at Post 44! And, if you or anyone you know STILL haven’t paid your dues, please get them paid ASAP. We will have a mailout to the remaining unpaid members in the near future.

Jr. Vice Commander – *Michael O’Neal*

February ended as a very busy month and a successful one as well. We should have March Spring Training visitors this month. We will have a special St Patrick’s Day dinner on Monday, March 17th with Irish fare consisting of Corned Beef and Cabbage and other Irish dishes, as well as drink specials, please join us. Monday bingo and bar bingo are doing very well we keep adding more players each Monday, we had 94 on March 10th.

Auxiliary Community Service – *Sue Fay*

We need food in the RED BUCKET to deliver to “Project Hope.” Canned goods, and non-perishables are acceptable for the homeless folks that this branch of Salvation Army supports with our donations every month!! Please remember, many of the homeless folks are our Veterans who seek our assistance at Salvation Army’s “Project Hope.” Your donation of food is gratefully accepted. Thank You for your support!

Reservations please

We appreciate your patronage, however this is our busy season. So, if you plan to have dinner here on Wed., Fri. or Sat., please call in a reservation. This will alert our kitchen, so we can be of better service to you. Thank you!

SAL Commander – *Ed Wallace*

Hope you’re enjoying this gorgeous weather! If you have not paid your 2014 dues, do so as soon as possible. You need your 2014 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 a lot of fun on Thursdays with Bar Bingo. Come check it out, get a bite and bring a friend!

The SAL meeting is at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It’d be great to see you there. Thanks for being a part of ‘The best Post in the West’

Chaplain’s Corner - *John Parrish*

First a call for special prayers for our fellow Legionnaire, and E Board Member, Dave Lindsey who is currently in the hospital recovering from some surgery. We all have loved ones in our lives who need special covering and uplifting, so please keep us informed when and if the need arises. We are only a phone call away.

There are no “special national holidays” in March, (“Green Beer Day” is not a close the banks Holiday). However we will watch as everyone else re-sets their timepieces on the 9th. Also call all of your relatives in the “snow zone” and remind them that Spring officially begins on the 20th. As Lee Greenwood sang, “God Bless the USA!”

Boys State Tickets in April Issue



The National American Legion fundraiser for Boys State is in April.

Look for your tickets in our next issue.

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

Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

Parada del Sol, as always, was a huge success for the Post and our Unit!!! The Auxiliary once again participated in the parade. Some of us walked and some rode in the same awesome Jeepster that Joe Hudlicky donated and chauffeured.

It is always oodles of fun and if you have never been to the parade, you must put it on your "bucket list" for next year!

Our Past Presidents'/Past Commanders' Dinner was held on February 11th. Myra Shroot and Judy McKenzie were both honored for their hard work as Auxiliary 44 Presidents! Thank you, ladies, for your leadership, dedication and service.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, falls on a Monday this year. The Post is planning a dinner with entertainment for that evening, so after Bingo we will need to vacate the ballroom for this event. Please note: **Our meeting shall be held on Monday, March 10th**, to enable the Post to set up for this occasion.

We need more support from the Auxiliary for our Monday afternoon and Thursday evening Bingos. This is our major source of income that we depend on to contribute to the many needed Veteran charities in our community. With your help we can make a difference. For God and Country.

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

Boy Scouts - *Bill Norling, Scoutmaster*

What a great trip to Camp Navajo and Lowell Observatory! We practiced for the Klondike Derby and rode mountain bikes in the snow and mud. We are hiking Piestewa Peak every Wednesday night and climbing both Shaw Butte and North Mountain on Saturdays to prepare for the upcoming Grand Canyon trip.


The Troop is also wrapping up two small service projects for Camp Raymond and Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center mid-month. We'll be taking the sleds to Camp Navajo for the Derby near month end to compete with Scout troops in Northern Arizona. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

Here is another reason to stop by your Post 44; to pick up a 7 page self -guided tour of the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. It is located in the downtown area of Phoenix. If you know a few other members and/or guests who would like to plan a trip, we may be able to arrange a private tour. For more information please call me at 602-264-2500.

Here are a few historical events from past March calendars: France recognizes independence of Vietnam in 1949, prayer was banned in public schools by the Supreme Court in 1948,

Batista loses power in Cuba, ousted by Fidel Castro in 1952, Jack Ruby was sentenced to death for killing Lee Harvey Oswald in 1964, President Ronald Reagan is shot while leaving a hotel in Washington in 1981, and the final episode of MASH aired in 1983, watched by an estimated 125 million people. I hope this brings back some memories, till next time...

 **BINGO!**
Mondays 3-5 pm
Open to the public
Lot's of Fun! Get a group
Proceeds to Auxiliary Charities 

Calendar of Events for March

March

3	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
10	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
13	Thursday	Post E-BOARD Meeting	6:00 PM
17	Monday	St Pats Day (Irish menu items & drinks)	11:00 AM - 8:30 PM
10	Monday	Auxiliary E-BOARD	5:30 PM
10	Monday	Auxiliary General Meeting	6:00 PM
18	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
27	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 13 MARCH 2014 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 27 MARCH 2014 - 6:00 PM

Welcome Trivia Players

Sundays Post 44 - 3 to 5 PM

2 Mar - Q&A / 9 Mar - Q&A

16 Mar Music / 23 Feb Q&A / 30 Mar Q&A

Thank you Volunteer Bartender Tom Paul,
Chef Paul England and Marion Kirwin

SAL Fundraisers

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ways to help fund your SAL Squadron.**

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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

MARCH 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

HANGOVER MENU
SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 2 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 PRIME RIB Scampi DINNER MENU <i>"Mike Hatounian"</i>	
2 Legion Bennie Triple Berry French Toast Trivia	3 French Onion Soup French Dips 1/2 Chef Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	4 Burgers & Appetizers Pizza	5 Filet Lamb Shanks Fried Pork Loin <i>"Swingtime"</i>	6 Beef Tips Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	8 PRIME RIB Baked Cod DINNER MENU <i>"Jeff Stephins"</i>	
9 Bloody Mary Burros Huevos Rancheros Trivia	10 BLT Spring Roll <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	11 Burgers & Appetizers Pizza	12 N.Y. Pesto Chicken Meat Loaf <i>"Swingtime"</i>	13 Chicken Pot Pie Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Palmer Howard"</i>	15 PRIME RIB Mahi Mahi w/pineapple salsa DINNER MENU <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	
16 Florentine Quiche Broccoli & Cheddar Omelet Trivia	 17 St Patrick's Day Irish Specials Lunch and Dinner Music by <i>"Jim Mathew"</i> 5-8 <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	18 Burgers & Appetizers Pizza	19 Filet Chicken Roulade Chicken Fried Steak <i>"Swingtime"</i>	20 Ribs Burgers & Appetizers	21 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	22 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU <i>"JR & Diane"</i>	
23 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelet Trivia	24 French Onion Soup Shrimp PO Boys Salmon Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	25 Burgers & Appetizers Pizza	26 N.Y. Chicken Alfredo Liver & Onions <i>"Swingtime"</i>	27 Lasagna Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"J.R. & Diane"</i>	29 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>	
30 S.W. Bennie Blintz Trivia	31 Chicken Caesar Wrap Chicken Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily				Brunch Every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.00 Questions? Call 480-941-9053	