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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

I want to start this Month by thanking Paul England for the great job he is doing in the club. Paul and his staff have really given a fantastic effort to support the Post and its activities.

In the March 2013 newsletter I expressed that small business must evaluate every segment of its operation and in some cases changes must be made, but the main issue was and is accountability. We must all be accountable for our office or position. I believe that the club is doing just that. We cannot support our Veterans and Members without this.

I hope all members will bring their friends to the Club and show them how good our Post is. Easter is Sunday 20th of April. That would be a good time to bring your friends and have them enjoy a Great Buffet.

The trustees have been busy again; hope you noticed the lights on the Emblems on the front of the Building. Thanks to Mike and Steve. Thanks to Ron for setting up the Queen of Hearts information.

The Queen of Hearts raffle started the 18th of March; this will be a fun raffle. Please remember this donation goes to Post charities. Barney Etzel researched this extensively with the State Bingo License, the Attorney General's Office and with our Post Judge Advocate. The drawing will be every Tuesday at 6:30PM. Wayne Doerr will be the Commissioner. Mike Scholz and Steve Tivnan are Deputy Commissioners.

I must thank President Ellen Etzel and the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44 for the support they have given Post 44. I also thank Commander Ed Wallace for the great job the Sons are doing for Post 44. It is a pleasure to work with both units.

I am Proud to announce that Post 44 has adopted the 91st CST under Command of Maj Neal Rodak. We will assist this unit in any way we are ask to do especially around holidays. Look for further announcements.

The 4th of March was a black day for our Valley of the Sun. There were 2 Police involved shootings, one of which where we lost a twenty year officer, and the other officer is in critical condition. I just could not help wonder why? These are like our Troops in the Middle East. They are the first line of domestic defense for us and they all live under the microscope every minute of their life. We must as legionnaires stand side by side with them as they not only protect us from the bad elements but also protect our constitution. So when you see one of our finest Please say "THANK YOU" job well done.

The next General Membership Meeting is on the 24th of April at 6:30PM. Please attend and voice your suggestions.

Please keep all our Troops in your Prayers.

"When the patriot's cause succeeds, the timid join him: for then it costs nothing to be a patriot". (Mark Twain)

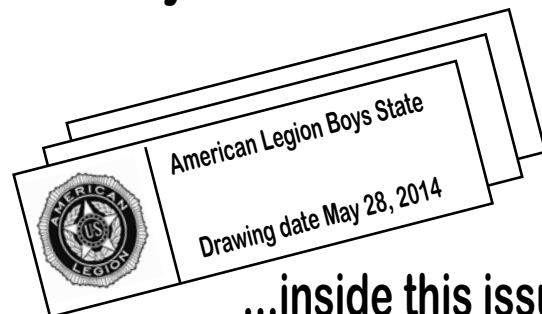
To all our Veterans "We'll leave the light on"

Easter Sunday Brunch!



\$16 ea. reservations req'd 10 am - 1 pm Sunday April 20

Your Boy's State Tickets...



...inside this issue!

Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rodger Wells

The payment of 2014 dues has slowed down from what we were seeing earlier in the year. We are at 916 paid members at this point against our 2014 goal of 971. A mailing was made to 142 members who we have not heard from. We are hopeful the at least half of those will finally make their accounts current. Meanwhile, every Legionnaire should continue to remain alert for new member candidates.

April will start our slowdown toward the summer season. Each one of us should try to support the Post whenever we can. Bring friends and neighbors to dinner, Bingo, Bar Bingo or just stop by for refreshments when you have a choice.

Jr. Vice Commander – Michael O’Neal

Another month has sped by. They say that life is like a box of candy, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes. We are having a golf tournament on April 11th at Continental Golf Course which will include lunch at the Post. Ron Ayers is running this event and it is open to guests and will also include co-ed teams and men’s and it will be a scramble format. Sign up in the Post. The tournament will start at 8:00 am on the 11th with an entry fee of \$45.

We will be having our annual Easter brunch on April 20th. Parking around the Post should improve this month as Spring Training baseball ends on March 29th.

Monday afternoon bingo and Thursday night bar bingo continue to be very successful and fun if you haven’t played you should come out and try it.

Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay

As our Auxiliary year winds down, we have “year-end reports” to complete! Volunteer hours, contributed by our members for Community Service and Veteran Service, performed during the year, are calculated and sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona. Service reports from other Auxiliaries from all over the State of Arizona are also included, and the final report will be forwarded to Washington D. C.

The AZ Veterans will be financially rewarded from all of the charitable hours worked & recorded in Arizona. “Community Service” record sheets are available at our April Meeting. We will have a “brain storming” session to make sure that all of the volunteer hours that have been worked will be recorded. There were 10 billion volunteer hours reported in 2011-2012 from Auxiliaries all over the Nation. Veteran Hospitals and Veteran Homes directly benefit from these volunteer hours!

Auxiliary Community Service – Continued

We continue to collect food in the RED BUCKET, found in the entrance hall. The food is distributed at the Salvation Army to many hungry folks, many who are Veterans. Your help to fill the BUCKET is greatly appreciated! So many in our community are going hungry. The pantry at the Salvation Army needs canned goods and non-perishables.

Our new Poppy Chairman, Carole Gingrich, and her committee will be distributing poppies for donations in May. All the money collected from poppies is directed to Veteran projects!

Chaplain’s Corner - John Parrish

The Christian holy day, known as Easter, coincides with the Jewish celebration known as “Passover”.

They, not by chance, share a common item within. At the time of Moses, under Pharoes reign, the Jewish people were told to take a year old lamb as a sacrifice, and put his blood on their door jambs. This would protect them from the next plague...death of the last born in each household. As the plague roared through, it “passed over” those houses with the blood of a lamb protecting it. Likewise, with the coming of Jesus, as John the Baptist noted, “Behold the lamb of God”

His blood shed on the cross, and the Resurrection that followed also protects believers from any defeat from death, as

“he who believes shall have life everlasting.” Whether you are Celebrating Easter or Passover, may yours be a blessed time of celebration!

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

Queen of Hearts Game	
	Tickets \$1 ea, no limit
	One drawing
	each Tuesday @6:30 pm
	Payout: Jokers \$100
	Face Cards/Aces \$50
	all others \$20
	winner must be present
	Starts March 18, 2014
	1st drawing March 25, 6:30 pm
	Winner must be a current member of a V.S.O.

Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

It was voted during our February General Meeting to change the Standing Rules for Unit 44 to read as follows: 1. General meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Please note this change will take place beginning with our April 14th meeting.

We also voted to change our address from P.O. Box 1226 to 7145 E. Second St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251. This will save post box fees and will streamline mail directly to the Post/Unit.

It is that time again for election of officers. Susie Nicholson-Doerr has volunteered to Chair the Nominating Committee. If any Auxiliary Members wish to run for an office or nominate someone for a position on the Board, please contact her at 831-212-4546.

Carole Gingrich will be our new Poppy Committee Chairperson. We will not be displaying the "poppy plates" as we have done in the past. Anyone who would like to take his/her poppy plate home is welcome to do so. It has been decided, in the future, to purchase a wooden frame and have names engraved and displayed permanently at a one-time donation. If anyone is interested in learning more about this change, please contact Danielle Haygood via e-mail at danibob@cox.net or if you prefer to telephone, please call Glenda Stevens at 480-947-5649.

I, as President of ALA Unit 44 for 2013-2014, feel very blessed to have such talented and willing members to help make our Unit such a success. I thank each and everyone of you for all you do to make life a little easier for our Veterans!

For God and Country

SAL Commander – *Ed Wallace*

I am happy to report that Squadron 44 is well on track to meet it's membership goals for 2014. We welcome our new members! There's a lot of pride and benefits to belonging to the Son's of the American Legion. For those who haven't renewed this year, don't jeopardize your continuous years of membership or support for our Veterans. Submit your renewal asap and I'll get your card to you. We're all in this together.

Invite a veteran, service member, your friends and family to lunch or dinner at Post 44. Let them meet YOUR American Legion family and see what we're all about. They may even like to check out Thursday's Bar Bingo or one of the Posts many events. We have a lot of fun supporting a great cause. God Bless

Boy Scouts - *Bill Norling, Scoutmaster*

The training and hard work for the Klondike Derby resulted in the Troop 440 Narnian Patrol taking third place in the sled race and third place overall! The

Boy Scouts - *Continued*

Batman patrol was not far behind in this Star Wars themed scouting competition.

All of the preparation and training hikes for our Grand Canyon trip paid off with two successful Grand Canyon trips in mid-March. One group hiked the Bright Angel Trail, another group hiked the Hermit Trail spending the night at Hermit Creek. Look for some pictures at the Post in the near future! Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com

Service Officer - *Bob Pierce*

The month of April is chock full of memorable events, and here are a few: Sunday April 6 is Army Day, Wed. April 9 is National Former POW recognition Day, and Fri. April 11 is the Official Persian Gulf Cease Fire.

In the world of Sports, both the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants moved from New York to California in April 1958.

A reminder: new Veteran's Administration (Medical Center) ID cards should arrive by mail next month. The new card is more secure without your SSN. Thanks to all of you who have stopped by the post and for telling your friends and family about our new and improved kitchen. Remember this is YOUR Post, so tell everyone, "see you at the Post"

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

**American legion Post 44
Golf Tournament**
Fri. April 11
8:00 am -Shotgun
Continental Golf Course
Hayden & Osborn
\$45 ea. Includes:
cart, 2 drinks & lunch at Post 44
reservations by Apr. 2



Calendar of Events for April

April

7	Mondays	Bingo (Every Monday)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
10	Thursday	Post E-BOARD Meeting	6:00 PM
11	Friday	Golf Tournament	8:00 AM Lunch at Post 44
14	Monday	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	9:45 AM
14	Monday	Auxiliary E-BOARD	5:30 PM
14	Monday	Auxiliary General Meeting	6:00 PM
20	Sunday	Easter Sunday Brunch	10 AM - 2 PM
22	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Thursday	Post General Meeting	6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 17 APRIL 2014 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 24 APRIL 2014 - 6:00 PM

Welcome Trivia Players

Sundays Post 44 - 3 to 5 PM

6 April - Q&A / 13 April - Q&A

20 April Music / 27 April Q&A

Thank you Tom Paul, Betty R & Laura L.

SAL Fundraisers

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in future newsletters for new & fun
ways to help fund your SAL Squadron.

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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

APRIL 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 Tuna Casserole Burgers & Appetizers	2 Filet Lamb Shanks Fried Pork Loin "Swingtime"	3 Lasagna Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	5 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise DINNER MENU "Jeff Stephens"
6 Legion Bennie Apple Pie French Toast Trivia	7 French Onion Soup French Dips 1/2 Cobb Salad "Bingo 3-5"	8 Beef Tips Burgers & Appetizers	9 N.Y. Pork Roulade Liver & Onions "Swingtime"	10 Beef Stroganoff Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "JR & Diane"	12 PRIME RIB Shrimp ala Vodka DINNER MENU "Palmer Howard"
13 Southwest Quiche Huevos Rancheros Trivia	14 Dijon Burger Popcorn Caesar "Bingo 3-5"	15 Spaghetti & Meat Balls Burgers & Appetizers	16 Filet Chicken Alfredo Chicken Fried Steak "Swingtime"	17 Chicken Pot Pie Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Mike Hatounian"	19 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Cat Fish DINNER MENU "Jared Howe"
Easter 20 10 am - 1 pm  BRUNCH Trivia	21 French Onion Soup Shrimp PO Boys "Bingo 3-5"	22 Hot Beef Sandwich Burgers & Appetizers	N.Y. 23 Pesto Chicken Meat Loaf "Swingtime"	24 Ribs Burgers & Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "JR & Diane"	26 PRIME RIB Blackened Swordfish DINNER MENU "Mike Hatounian"
27 Corn Beef & Swiss Omelet Triple Berry French Toast Trivia	28 BLT Curry Chicken Salad "Bingo 3-5"	29 Beef Stir Fry Burgers & Appetizers	30 Ribeye Lenny's Apple Stuffed Pork Snitzel Swingtime"	Have you purchased Your Queen of Heart Tickets?		

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!

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