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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

The summer is finally going downhill. We had a good July and August, but now is the time we start to work again. Reminder our General Meeting is 25 September at 6:00P please mark your calendar. I am sure you know Andy Jaime has been elected as Department Commander we wish him the best.

We did have a very good time at our picnic for our Adopted unit 91st CST. There were about 20 with their families. This is a fine unit and they know that we will be here for them if needed. The Mexican Fiesta DE Mexico was an overwhelming success. The Mariachi Band did a great job and the food was great. We may try this again in the fall.

The club is trying to mix up the music on Wednesday nights to add a different kind of music to attract more members. Please if you have some constructive suggestions please let either Bob Horkey or myself know. I must thank Our Jr Vice Commander Bob Horkey who is in early to touchup the floor and run various errands for the club.

September 11th will bring us the First Responders Lunch. I hope all the Members will attend this and say thanks' to Scottsdale's First Responders. This is important as the membership can show how much we appreciate their work. Please watch the bulletin boards for updates.

I am pleased to report Post 44 made 100% membership for 2013- 2014. This is the second year in a row. This is the first time in seven years that we were able to make it two years in a row. The renewals are coming in really nice for 2015. I thank you all for supporting your Post.

Teresa Estes has tackled a big job for our Post. She is entering all Military records on a hard drive so the paper can be returned or destroyed. These records will be much safer. So watch the bulletin boards as we will let you know what alphabet has been completed and you will have 30 days to retrieve your record and then they will be shredded.

I cannot thank our members enough for all the work and time spent by those who volunteer their efforts to make our programs work such as Bingo, Bar Bingo, electric signage, flyers and various other programs. This is what the American Legion is about. We do have a close family.

Please continue to Pray for all our Troops in harm's way and our troops around the World. The families of these fine Troops also need our support.

"I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve"--- Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto

It would be refreshing if we could find that resolve again. God Bless the USA. To all our Veterans "We'll leave the light on"

Post 44 9-11

Appreciation Day Luncheon

Scottsdale Police & Fire Department
and support staff

Thursday,

Sept. 11, 2014

11 am - 2 pm

Full BBQ buffet

salad bar- ice cream & cookies



Poppies

Tee shirts



Note cards

Display case
in lobby

Personalized Plaques \$26 & \$51
(one time cost)

Post 44 Ladies Auxiliary

Jr. Vice Commander – *Bob Horkey*

On Thursday, September 11th, come in for our Patriots' Day lunch in appreciation for our Scottsdale police and fire departments. It will be from 11 AM to 2 PM. Legion members donation for lunch will be a mere eight dollars.

We are doing well for our summer season, thanks to our dedicated legion family. Don't forget our Bingo on Mondays in the big room, Queen of Hearts on Tuesdays, Soft Jazz on Wednesdays, and of course Bar Bingo on Thursdays. They are a lot of fun and well supported by our members. The Queen of hearts amount is getting up there and there are less cards to draw from. Remember the tickets are only one dollar per chance. And don't forget the pull-tab machines we now have a two dollar card with the top payout of \$400.

We always have good food. But if anyone does have a issue with our food or service, please let us know so we can correct it right away. We want everyone to enjoy and have a good time while visiting our post.

The Mariachi band was a big success last month. So look for another one, maybe in December.

God bless The Best Damn Post in the West, post 44 and its legion family.

FALL CONFERENCE

Nov. 7-9

Doubletree Reid Park

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OCTOBER 17, 2014

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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 a current member of a V.S.O.

Chaplain's Corner - *John Parrish*

Welcome home! It's cool in the post, come on down!

This is a reminder to everyone, Riders, Sons, Auxiliary, Legion Members, new and old. The office maintains a "sick call" Board, and a Memorial board. We request that you drop the information to us in the office, and we will take it from there. Again, if you don't tell us, we won't know.

This is all about care. That is what we are about, so all we are asking is, a quick phone call, or drop off a note in the office, keep us in the loop so we can lighten your burden. Thank you.

From your Golf Chairman - *Ron Ayers*

2015 Spring Golf Outing

Since everyone had a really good time at our last golf outing, the post has decided to repeat the event in early 2015.

The plan is to schedule the next golf outing on a Saturday morning in March, 2015 at the Continental Golf Club and we will work with them to set up an 8 am shotgun start. By going in March, we'd like to include some of our winter guests that had already returned home before our last outing.

We'll keep the same four person scramble format that does not require teams to use a select number of drives per player. No need to make changes for something that worked for us last time.

We'll come up with team and individual prizes and hopefully have a longer lead time for the outing. Give us a chance to line up some additional door prizes.

Details for the actual date, tee times and fees, plus included course beverages, and lunch at the post, will follow in the next few months.

When these details are worked out, we will have sign up sheets at the post and begin to collect fees. If you don't sign up as a team, you will be assigned to one. That information will be provided to you when you check in at the course.

We will have a table set up in the bag drop off area, and will work with the course to have our carts parked there with your names posted on them, and the hole that your team is starting on.

In the meantime please give this some thought. We want your suggestions so we can make this annual event even better. We are also looking for a few folks to volunteer, your help is needed. Please pass your ideas to either commander John Hyde, or myself. Thanks again to all. Ron Ayers

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at Post 44
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Auxiliary Corner, *President Ellen Etzel*

Welcome back to a fantastic Unit 44 2014 -2015 ALA year. Our first general meeting for the new year will be held on Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. In order to keep our meetings at approximately one hour, some officers and E-Board members met on August 2nd for a planning meeting. The following items of importance were discussed:

1. A handbook describing duties and responsibilities of Officers, E-Board and Committee members needs to be developed to explain what each position entails to minimize confusion about each position.

2. All Committees are of importance to ensure Unit 44 is running as smoothly as possible. Realizing that we cannot form all these committees at once, we have chosen a few to re-initiate as follows: a. Public Relations; b. Education/Children & Youth; c. Legislature/Americanism; d. VA&R. Anyone willing to help on any of these committees would be greatly appreciated.

3. June Moyer, 2nd Vice-President in charge of fundraisers, is planning a rummage sale. She will need volunteers to help with this.

Some serious knitters/crocheters are forming a Knitting Club. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18 @ 11:00 at the Legion. Anything goes from lap blankets for Veterans to baby items to contribute to our baby shower. No experience necessary. Doe Crain and Carol Patterson have graciously volunteered to oversee this project. Please join us (yes, even I will try and make something(?)) for some laughs and camaraderie.

Our new Department of AZ President, Jane Shoemaker, has chosen Women Veterans as her "Special Project" for this year. If we see a need in our community, we are to let them know. We have donated to this cause in the past and should this year, too.

Fall Conference will be held in Tucson November 7 - 9th. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservations asap as rooms are filling up fast. For more information, see any of the Officers.

Poppy Fund is doing well. Please see ad in this bulletin for more information. Dee Hamilton is chairing the decorating committee this year. She would like a 2"x2" picture of all our veteran members to make tree ornaments for our Christmas tree.

Don't forget to utilize your membership by taking advantage of ALA Benefits offered. There are a multitude of discounts you can find on line at www.AZAforVeterans.org (go to Resources) Member Benefits. For God & Country,

SAL Commander – *Ed Wallace*

Hope everyone had a great summer. Our SAL Steak Fry was a success thanks to all who contributed and came to support our charities.

Remember Bar Bingo is every Thursday at 6:00p. Come join us for the fun and win some money.

2015 Membership cards are in. Please renew early and be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner in December. We're looking forward to another great year. See ya' at the Post!

Boy Scouts - *Bill Norling*

Summer weather in the Arizona High Country is always exciting! In July, Troop 440 spent a weekend building working with the National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Biologist to build several wildlife fences around springs along Boneyard Creek in near Big Lake where a US Fish and Wildlife Service designated endangered species lives. After the service project was complete, the scouts collected crawdads for a classic Southern low country boil dinner that night. We finished the weekend trout fishing in the Black River. Next month: we're doing a Wilderness Survival campout up north! Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 - bnorling@hotmail.com

American Legion Riders, Post 44 -

Brian Sheahan, President



As summer fades into the past, fall brings new events and bike nights that's sure to get everyone's engines revving. On Saturday, 6 September, Post 44 will be the first stop on Post 117's "Walk this Way" ride to benefit one of their Legionnaires, Deb French. Then on 20 Sept, Post 44 will be participating in the monthly Bike Night at Post 58. Check the bulletin board for more information and times.

The ALR wants to thank the Post for the generous space to pour concrete for our motorcycle parking! We now have designated parking for motorcycles that won't interfere with vehicle parking.

THANK YOU!

The staff at American Legion Post 44 would like to thank all of our summer patrons for keeping us all going through these slow times. We don't say it enough but WE ALL appreciate your business and support!

Paul England and staff

Calendar of Events for September

Sept

1 ----- Monday ----- Labor Day -----
 1 ----- Monday ----- Bingo (Every Monday) ----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 1 ----- Monday ----- Club Meeting ----- 6:00 PM
 8 ----- Monday ----- Auxiliary E-Board and General Meeting ----- 5:30 - 6:00 PM
 11 ----- Thursday ----- E-Board Meeting ----- 6:00 PM
 15 ----- Monday ----- Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx. ----- 9:45 AM
 15 ----- Monday ----- American Legion Riders Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
 16 ----- Tuesday ----- Auxiliary Board Meeting ----- 6:00 PM
 25 ----- Monday ----- Post General Meeting ----- 6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 11 SEPT 2014 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 25 SEPT 2014 - 6:00 PM

Trivia Players

**See you fine Trivia Players
 Sunday, 7 Sept, 3:00 PM**

Thanks to all attendees & volunteers over the years.
 Sully T.

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SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

SEPTEMBER 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 - 7:30 PM

HANGOVER MENU
SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 2 PM

CLUB HOURS
SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM
MONDAY 11 AM - 7 PM
TUES Thru Sat 11 AM - 10 PM

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| |  1 Labor Day Pic Nic "N" Specials | 2 Burgers Lavosh Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM | 3 Filet Chicken Parmesan Pot Roast "Swingtime" | 4 Burgers & Appetizers Pizzas Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm | 5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Pam & Dave" | 6 PRIME RIB Orange Roughy DINNER MENU "Jared Howe" |
| 7 S.W. Benedict Apple Pie French Toast | 8 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad "Bingo 3-5" | 9 Burgers Macho Nachos Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM | 10 N.Y. Lenny's Stuffed Pork Loin Liver & Onions "Swingtime" | 11 Post 911 First Responders Lunch Burgers & Appetizers Pizzas Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm | 12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe" | 13 PRIME RIB Baked Cod DINNER MENU "J R & Diane" |
| 14 C. Beef & Swiss Omelett Quiche Loraine | 15 Chicken & Avocado Sandwich 1/2 Cobb Salad Cajun Chicken Caeser "Bingo 3-5" | 16 Burgers Chiie Dogs Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM | 17 Filet Chicken Fresco Chicken Fried Steak "Swingtime" | 18 Burgers & Appetizers Pizzas Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm | 19 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Palmer Howard" | 20 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU "Jared Howe" |
| 21 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelete | 22 French Onion Soup B.L.T. 1/2 Cobb Salad "Bingo 3-5" | 23 Burgers Lavosh Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM | 24 Flat Iron Steak Lasagna Schnitzel "Swingtime" | 25 Burgers & Appetizers Pizzas Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm | 26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "J.R. & Diane" | 27 PRIME RIB Shrimp Skewers DINNER MENU "Midnight Moon" |
| 28 Broccoli & Cheddar Omelet S'more's Pancakes | 29 Curry Chicken Sandwich Spring Rolls "Bingo 3-5" | 30 Burgers Chicken Fajitas Sirloin Steak "Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM | | | Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily | |

Reservations please

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