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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

The post will be busy this month as our winter members are returning to the post. Welcome home. I hope you like the small changes that were made while you were gone. The Halloween party was great. Dee Hamilton and her crew Carol and Judy Bandolin did the decorating. What a great job. The food and service under the direction of Chef Paul was also fantastic. We have the "Best damn club in the west".

I would like to remind all that your membership cards expire at the end of December so please renew now. The club will be checking all membership cards so when you come in be proud to show your card. Thank you

We have three major events this month. Our adopted unit the 91st CST will have their Christmas party on the 11th starting at 1:00 PM come buy and say thank you for all they do. The club will be closed for Christmas. The New Year's Eve party will be great, please make your reservations. We will have a great dinner and music by Jared Howe. The early bird cutoff date is 15 December 2014. The 2015 membership cards, so when issued prior to this date are invited to our early bird dinner December 18th. The cost for non-early bird dinner is \$10.00. The E-Board has canceled our General meeting for December due to a full calendar.

Watch the bulletin boards for a very special Announcement about our Post. May 13th is our 80th anniversary. The Post will be getting some recognition. Give us some suggestions on what you would like to see on this special day. Please write them down and give them to the office.

The last part of The Cowboys Christmas prayer from Squire Oman Barker: I've seen ol' cows a- starving, and it ain't no happy sight: Please don't leave no one hungry. Lord, on thy good Christmas night-No man, no child no woman, and no critter on four feet- I'll aim to do my best to help you find'em chuck to eat. I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord—ain't got no business prayin'-but still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin: We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord—I recon you'll agree there ain't no Merry Christmas no one who ain't free So one thing I'll ask You, Lord: Just help us what you can to save some seeds of freedom for future sons of Man.

Maude and I wish all very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I hope all will keep our Troops around the world in your prayers.

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

Early Bird Dinner

Spring mix salad
Roast Sirloin Vera Cruz or
1/2 Baked Herb Chicken
Rosemary Red Potatoes
Fresh Vegetables
Bread Pudding w/ Caramel sauce



Non-earlyBird
\$10

Thursday Dec. 18 5 pm
Reservations required

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Filet Frommage or
Chicken Risotto w/
Butter Cream Sauce



Music by Jared Howe
\$40 per person
Champagne Toast

Wed. Dec. 31 5 pm - 12:30
Reservations required

Sr. Vice Commander – Mike Hatounian

It was a wonderful turnout for Veterans Day at the Civic Center and great to see friends I haven't seen in a while. Thanks to the American Legion Honor Guard for doing what they do so well and to everyone for coming by the Post after the ceremony to say hello and enjoy the Post 44 family.

On Saturday, December 6th Denny & Dan will be performing at our post for the first time. They are identical twins and have an impressive background including playing backup for such artist as Glen Campbell, The Drifters and Leslie Gore. They have opened shows for artist such as Lee Greenwood, Paul Anka, Dionne Warwick and Charlie Pride. They also made a cameo appearance in the 1995 CBS Movie "Love, Honor, and Obey. Denny & Dan are versatile musicians who play a variety of styles from 50's to 60's, Rock'N'Roll, Country, Blues, 1940's Big Band and Standards.

Just a reminder that we have some of the best entertainers in the area and hope you can join us to enjoy what POST 44 has to offer our members, friends and family.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Holiday Season. Please remember our men and woman serving our country and please take the time to say a prayer for them.

Jr. Vice Commander – Bob Horkey

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Going into December, if you haven't renewed your membership, don't forget to.

December 18th is our Early Bird dinner at 5:30pm.

Remember, December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day. Please take a moment in your day to remember the sacrifice our men and women made that fateful day.

December 11th, our 91st CST will be having their Christmas party at 1:00pm until 4 or 5 pm.

Enjoy the cooler temperatures, good food and music. Please thank our people in the kitchen, servers and bartenders for all their hard work trying to make everyone happy while here.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Years Eve.

REMEMBER!
You can get your newsletter on-line.
Our web address has changed to:
www.post44.com

Auxiliary Corner, President Ellen Etzel



The Holiday Season is once again upon us. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Please come to the Post and see what a wonderful job Dee Hamilton and her decorating committee have done transforming our Post into a festive atmosphere.

On December 7th, there will be a ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix. If you are interested in attending, please see Bob Pierce.

DECEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR DECEMBER ONLY: MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH. Same time; same place. The knitting group will also meet at 1:00 that day.

Mark your calendar. Early Bird Dinner will be held December 18th @ 5:30. Bar Bingo will begin at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:00.

If anyone has any spare canes or wheelchairs that they would like to donate, please bring them to the post. **LAST NOTICE - Veterans please bring in your picture for the Christmas tree.** If you have any questions, contact Dee Hamilton.

Anyone current paying their poppy plate dues is eligible through December 31st to purchase a poppy plaque for \$25. Beginning January 1st, 2015, the rate is \$50 for all. Contact Carole Gingrich, our Poppy Chairperson, for all poppy items.

Our annual Baby Shower will be held at our Monday, January 12th meeting. Donations are contributed to our Women Veterans. Any item you give toward this cause is greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays! For God and Country,

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

How the time does fly! December already, holy gurnsey's. I sincerely do hope you can find a minute during the buying and wrapping frenzy to say a little prayer for all of the men and women who will not "be home for Christmas." They are truly "over there" in harms way, and it only takes a minute or two at most to ask that a few guardian angels be dispatched into these places.

One last item, I wish each and every one of you, my brothers and sisters, a Very Merry Christmas!

Keep in Touch

Do we have your current mailing address? New phone number, or latest e-mail address? Please let us know when you make changes, so we can do a better job of staying in touch. Thank you!



Auxiliary Community Service - Sue Fay

As the Holidays draw near, we all have so much to do for our families and for our Community. Food from the Red Bucket has to be delivered to Project Hope at the Salvation Army. We shop for gifts that we take to the V.A. Hospital for the Christmas Gift Shop. These gifts are provided to the Veterans at the Hospital, free of charge, from the Gift Shop, the first week of December. We anticipate shopping for the children of 2 Military families again this year. The gifts will be wrapped at our December meeting and will be delivered just before Christmas.

The Music Program at the Veterans' Home meets on the 2nd Monday at 10 A.M. At the

Sing Along, we will provide refreshments and hand out gifts for each resident in attendance, as well as, sing Christmas songs.

As we anticipate the spirit of the Holidays in the coming weeks, we convey our best wishes to everyone, and hope you have a blessed new year.

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace



Happy Holidays everyone! Our sincere 'thanks and gratitude' to those enlisted, the veterans and the families of those who serve our country. We owe you our freedom!

We are off to a good start with 2015 SAL renewals. If you haven't done so already, renew today and be eligible for the 'Early Bird Dinner' December 11! You can give your dues to the Post bartender for me to process or call me at 480-586-6284.

God Bless!

News Letter Editor - John Parrish

Each of our units, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, has their own roster, and is responsible for updates and changes. If you have a complaint about "How come I didn't get mine in the mail?" or someone you know who didn't get theirs, please talk to your leader, whomever that person is, or see Commander John Hyde.

I am not responsible for roster updates, deletions, or changes. So, delivery issues should be taken up with your unit leader. Thank you

Service Officer - Bob Pierce

Please remember that on Sunday Dec. 12 from 7 – 11 am, Post 44 will be represented at the Pearl Harbor Anniversary. The USS Arizona and USS Missouri Gun Barrels at the Wesley Boling Plaza, at the State Capitol.

We are still waiting to hear from you WWII veterans to apply for the free all expenses trip (the "Honor Flight")

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from Phoenix to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII memorial, which was completed in May of 2004.

Finally a reminder to obtain your Veteran's ID Card from the VA facility nearest to where you live. Have a Great & Happy Holidays and a Great New Year.



Boy Scouts - Bill Norling

Our Fall Court of Honor awarded with over sixty merit badges and awards and nine advancements. Troop 440 was well represented at the Cave Creek Wild West Days at the beginning of November. We had an opportunity to manage two parking lots at Frontier Town as a fund raiser. The following weekend saw the Troop driving to Northwestern Arizona for a two day, twenty mile round trip hike into Havasupai. We also toured Grand Canyon Caverns on that trip.

We'll be doing a bike ride along the Scottsdale Greenbelt before the Thanksgiving holidays. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com.

BINGO!
Mondays 3-5 pm
Open to the public
LOTS of FUN! Get a group
Proceeds to Auxiliary Charities

Christmas Eve at Post 44
Live Music 4:30-7:30 pm
Dinner Service 4-7 pm
Post closes 8:00 pm
Merry Christmas!

Calendar of Events for December

Dec

1-----Monday-----Bingo (Every Monday) ----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 1-----Monday-----Club Committee----- 6:00 PM
 11-----Thursday-----E-Board Meeting----- 6:00 PM
 8-----Monday-----Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx. -----9:45 AM
 15-----Monday-----Auxiliary E-Board and General Meeting ----- 5:30 - 6:00 PM
 15-----Monday-----Knitting Club ----- 1:00 PM
 15-----Monday-----American Legion Riders Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
 16-----Tuesday-----SAL Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
 18-----Thursday-----Early Bird Dinner *----- 5:00 PM
 24-----Wednesday-----Post Christmas Party - Dinner----- 4:00 - 7:00 PM
 25-----Thursday-----Christmas Day----- Post Closed
 31-----Wednesday-----New Years Dinner Dance *----- 5:00 PM to 12:30 AM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6 PM - 8 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 8 DEC 2014 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 22 JAN 2015 - 6:00 PM * Reservations Required

Trivia Players


**See you Sundays, 3 pm- 5 pm
7 Dec., 14 Dec., 21 Dec., 28 Dec.**

Thank you Tonya & Marion K.

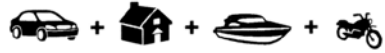


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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

DECEMBER 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 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad	2 Burgers Chile Dogs Sirlion <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	3 Filet Chicken Parmesan Fried Pork Cutlet <i>"Swingtime"</i>	4 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>	6 PRIME RIB Langestino Scampi DINNER MENU <i>"Denny & Darr"</i>
7 Legion Benedict Apple Pie French Toast <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	8 Dijon Burger Blackened Beef Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	9 Burgers Lavosh Sirlion <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	10 N.Y. Pork Roulade Chicken Fried Steak <i>"Swingtime"</i>	11 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Diane & JR"</i>	13 PRIME RIB Salmon w/Bearnaise DINNER MENU <i>"Jeff Stephens"</i>
14 Corn Beef & Swiss Omelete Quiche Florentine <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	15 French Onion Soup French Dip Oriental Chicken Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	16 Burgers Macho Nacho Sirloin Steak <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	17 Filet Pesto Chicken Liver & Onions <i>"Swingtime"</i>	18 Early Bird Dinner* 5 pm Bar Bingo 6 pm - 8 pm	19 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	20 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>
21 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelete <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	22 B.L.T. Sandwich Popcorn Caesar Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	23 Burgers Lavosh Sirloin Steak <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	24 Flat Iron Steak Chicken Cordon Bleu Meat Loaf Post Christmas Party <i>"Swingtime"</i>	25 Christmas Closed	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	27 PRIME RIB Seafood Paella DINNER MENU <i>"Jared Howe"</i>
28 Huevos Rancheros Bloody Mary Burrito <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	29 French Onion Soup Chicken Poor Boys Mowie Wowie Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	30 Burgers Beef Fajitas Sirloin Steak <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	31 2015 New Year's Party Dinner Dance* <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	Fresh Homemade Soups Served Daily Brunch Every Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.00 Complete NFL Package available Sunday, Monday, and Thursday.		

Reservations please

We appreciate your patronage, but we still need some idea of how much Prime Rib, Etc. to prepare. 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!

Have you purchased Your Queen of Heart Tickets?

*Reservations Required
Dec 18th Early Bird Dinner 5 pm
Dec 31st - New Year's Eve Dinner Dance