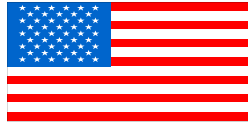




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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

This year is already moving very fast the combined Membership initiation was a great success we initiated 12 Legionaries, 4 Son's and 14 Auxiliary. I thank President Ellen Etzel and Commander Ed Wallace and their staff for the effort.

The ALR had their state Quarterly meeting at Post 44 and we had 76 motorcycles and about 120 Riders. I thank John Moffet and Brian Sheahan for their great effort. Century Link allowed us to use their parking across 2nd Street. This was a big help.

The membership is doing good, and we are at about 89%. Please invite your friends, and check your card to make sure it says 2015. The club will be checking for current cards so please remember that when you play the Queen of Hearts and win you will need a 2015 Card to claim your prize.

February will be very active with the Parada, Mexican Fiesta Night with a Mariachi band. The senior Vice Commander Mike Hatounian has worked hard on this event so please make your reservations early. We will also have the past Presidents/ Past Commanders dinner on the 24th of February. Please plan to attend and honor our past officers.

I will be starting a building/ Maintenance Fund account. This is to try to cover some of our major expenses related to our facility. We know that our AC units are twenty years old and we have a beer box also in that area. These items are very expensive and are very costly to operate. We also must address the painting of our building. I am asking that if you can spend Twenty bucks or more now and then or any donation please mark it for this fund. This will surely help us in the long run.

The Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce will induct our Post in the Historical Hall of Fame on April 15 at 5:00PM at the Chaparral Suites. The Post Honor Guard will be presenting the colors. I would like to have a table of members for this event. The cost is \$60.00 per person please let me know if you are able to attend. This is a great honor for our Post.

Teresa Estes is up to the letter H of placing the Military record on the hard drive. We will hold the hard copy till February 27 2015 then they will be shredded for security reasons. So if you have a record on file at the Post you can request them by coming by and picking them up.

"A Pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood" - General George S. Patton

Please say a prayer for all our Troops and first responders, To all our Veterans - "We'll leave the light on"

Plan Ahead

Parada Del Sol

Breakfast buffet 8 am -10am
Brats, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Brochettes
Parking lot Party 12 pm - 3 pm (live music)

Valentine's-Dinner Dance
\$30 per couple
Salad, entree & dessert
Reservations Req'd
Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 5-11 pm





MEXICAN FIESTA

Mariachi Band
Enchaladas
Chimi Changas
Baked Cod
Blackened Catfish
Served Buffet Style



Fish Tacos
Flautas
Tamales
Tostadas
Chips & Salsa

\$12.50 ea. reservations req'd
Friday Feb. 27 5 - 11 pm

Sr. Vice Commander – Mike Hatounian

Mark your calendars for Parada Del Sol on February 14th. This is a terrific event and it starts with breakfast from 8 am to 10 am. Starting at 12 pm we will get the party started in the parking lot with music by "The Sierra Outlaws". These guys bring the best in great country music, southern rock and blues.

We get to celebrate Valentine's Day also so bring your loved one for dinner and dancing in the evening to the music of the very popular artist Jared Howe.

Also on February 27th we will once again have "Fiesta Night" with a combination of great Mexican food and "YES" real live Mariachi's starting at 6 pm. If you missed this event last year you don't want to miss it again and don't be afraid to wear your Sombrero. "Olé!"

I would like to thank all of our volunteers and staff for the great job they do. You are all so important to the success of our Post. Please remember to keep our troops in your prayers.

Auxiliary Corner, President Ellen Etzel



Our Baby Shower, held at our January 12th meeting, was a huge success. Thank you so much to all of you for your donations. We collected enough to fill at least two laundry baskets. There will be a few very happy Veteran Moms, thanks to your time and efforts!

The Auxiliary had 67 members join our unit over the course of the year and of those new members, 17 were initiated at our combined initiation ceremony on January 13th. Not only are we the best "damned" post in the West, but we are the best "damned" unit, too!

Elections are coming up and will be held at our May meeting for June, 2015 to May, 2016. April Miyasato, Suzi Nicholson-Doerr and Myra Schroot are our nominating committee chairwomen. If you would like to serve as an officer or Executive Board member, or, if you would like to nominate someone to serve, please see one of them.

Several of us attended the Leadership Training Seminar on January 17th. It was very informative. If you have volunteer hours to report, don't forget to fill out and submit your report to Sue Faye.

Phoenix StandDown is scheduled for 2/12 to 2/14/15 at Veterans' Memorial Coliseum. If you would like to volunteer for this event go online to www.arizonastanddown.org for more information.

Phoenix Creative Arts is scheduled for 2/4 and 2/5/15. If you are interested in attending this event, please call me at 602-295-7775 or e-mail me at ellenbarn@aol.com. District did not have much information at the time of this writing, but we should have more information available by the time you receive this newsletter.

Parada del Sol is Saturday, February 14th this year. We are limited in the amount of cars/drivers/riders we can accommodate, but if you or a Junior member would like to walk in the parade, please contact me for more information. Also, don't forget the Valentine's Dinner to be held at the post later that same day!!

Past Presidents' Dinner will be February 24th. Please call the post at 480-941-9053 if you wish to attend. The Auxiliary now has an e-mail address as follows: auxiliary@post44.com. For God & Country,



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Post 44's annual golf outing is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2015 at Continental golf club with an 8:00 am shotgun start. Please arrive at the course at least 1/2 hour before we start play. Cost per player is \$65.00 that includes 18 holes of golf, two drink tickets per player at the course (Drink tickets must be used on the course only and will not be valid at the Post) lunch with the awards banquet back at the Post immediately following your round. Do not turn your score cards in at the course but instead bring them back to the post and someone will collect them in the bar.

Tournament registration is available at the Post with instructions for single players or a group. Regardless, all registration must include green fee payments and be made at the Post (check, cash or credit card). And yes, non member guests are welcome and men and women can play on the same teams.

We'll have longest drive and putts contests for the men and women, a Calloway handicapped team scoring contest and like last year. Dixon golf will have a Closest To The Pin contest on the 13th hole.

We need to give the course an accurate head count of paid players 10 days before the event and ask that you register to play no later than March 3, 2015. We have several on course and Post activities to coordinate and they all depend on an accurate player count. Your support and assistance is most appreciated.

In the meantime, please give it some thought and if you have any suggestions to help make this event even better or volunteer to assist... on course assistance with cart assignments, last minute team assignments/cancellations, what ever or back at the Post with scoring and team rankings. Please pass your thoughts along to John or myself. Thanks, Ron Ayers

Past Commander's Dinner



We Salute Those Who Have Led

\$25 ea
Reservations Req'd.



Endive Salad
w/Honey Mustard Vinaigrette
Baked Filet
with Blackened, butter,
caramelized Brussel Sprouts
and apple cured bacon
or
Rasperry/chioptle Briased
1/2 baked Chicken
Red Potatoes & Fresh Vegetables
Layered Chocolate mousse & Red Velvet Cake Cups

Tuesday, Feb 24 5 pm

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace



Happy New Year! The Squadron is currently at 78% membership renewal for 2015. As of Jan. 1st, 2014 cards are invalid. Renew today and keep your years of continuous membership. Dues can be dropped off at Post 44 with the bartender or in the office. Your new card will be mailed to you. Post 44 is exceeding membership goals right now. Let's show state and national we are #1. Your membership supports our Post, the members of our Armed Services and their families. Let's get it done!

We had a great Initiation Ceremony on Jan. 13th. It was awesome and very encouraging to see young Son's coming aboard. Remember your son's, nephews and grandchildren could be eligible too. Sign them up and let's leave a continuing legacy to the next generation.

As a reminder, our meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there. ~ God Bless

Auxiliary Community Service - Sue Fay

The Auxiliary's annual "Baby Shower" for the wives of "Deployed Veterans" was a huge success, held at the January 12, Unit Meeting. The beautiful baby clothes and baby supplies that were donated by members of the Unit are valued at \$955.50. The baby items will be taken to the VA Hospital and held for new mothers who need diapers, blankets, clothes and baby supplies. This is a very worthy cause, and much appreciated by young mothers in need of supplies for their newborn babes.

Please help keep the RED BUCKET full of food (canned goods & non-perishables) for our monthly trip to "Project Hope." We deliver the food on the 2nd Monday of the month! The donation for January was \$150.00.

We'll see you on Valentine's Day for the Parada Del Sol - A Fun Day!!



Boy Scouts - Bill Norling

Troop 440 started off the year with the release of the youth planned outing schedule through August which includes a two high adventure outings, several recruiting events for Webelos and a trip to go skiing and snowboarding at the Arizona Snow Bowl over the MLK holiday. We are going to be staying at Camp Navajo on that trip. Last month's Cave Creek Regional Park camp out also included another family cookout. The scouts built a ladder using Ropes and poles then kindly tested it several times as part of the outdoor skill practice. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com



Bar Bingo every Thursday 6:30 pm
Mondays 3-5 pm open to the public

American Legion Riders, Post 44

Brian Sheahan, President



One month down, eleven to go! Will 2015 pass us by as quickly as 2014 did? Thirty-one days into the New Year and the ALR is already making waves. For those who braved a Sunday Brunch on the 3rd of January, you'll have experienced our passing on of the AZALR Traveling Trophy to Post 62! Just 8 days prior, ALR 44 won the trophy for a week when we mustered a minimum of five ALR 44 Legion Riders and rode down to Post 26 to steal it. Then a week later, 81 motorcycles plus cages from around the state filled over 125 seats in our hall for 2015's first Quarterly AZALR State Meeting. Please be sure to visit the Facebook page and view the pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/Post44Scottsdale>

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On the IT side of the house, there is some red-tape to get through, but once that task is accomplished, the Post should be seeing a project to upgrade the technical infrastructure to provide more secure and reliable resources for servicing the Post. HSF Affiliates have agreed to donate a number of computers and equipment to the Post as they close an office in California. More to follow on that.

Semper fidelis,
Brian Sheahan
President, ALR Post 44
president@alr44.com
Post Technology Officer
it@post44.com

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

The following members of American Legion Post 44 deceased in 2014. If your loved one is not listed herein, we apologize, but we were not informed.

Richard Ackerman
Robert Barker
David Dannenberg
Pete Feist
Hubert Kelly
Dueane "Doc" Knutson
Lawrence L. Kurth
Charles Leibich
David Lindsey

Norman Meter
Edward Nesdill
Paul OBeameyer
Raul Ochoa
Robert J. Pheatt
Richard Potts
Bob Procknow
Ernest Valenzuela

Their final salute has been made, and they have answered "present" to the roll call with their eternal unit. They are gone from our midst, but not forgotten. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Calendar of Events for February

Feb

2	-----Monday-----	Bingo (Every Monday)	----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
2	-----Monday-----	Club Committee	----- 6:00 PM
9	-----Monday-----	Auxiliary E-Board and General Meeting	----- 5:30 - 6:00 PM
9	-----Monday-----	Knitting Club	----- 1:00 PM
12	-----Thursday-----	E-Board Meeting	----- 6:00 PM
14	-----Saturday-----	Parada Parade	----- 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
14	-----Saturday-----	Valentines Dinner Dance	----- 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
16	-----Monday-----	Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N 3rd St. Phx.	----- 9:45 AM
16	-----Monday-----	American Legion Riders Meeting	----- 7:00 PM
24	-----Tuesday-----	SAL Meeting	----- 7:00 PM
24	-----Tuesday-----	Past Commanders' Dinner	----- 5:00 PM
26	-----Thursday-----	Post General Meeting	----- 6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

Thursdays - Bar Bingo - 6:30 PM - 8 PM

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 12 FEB 2015 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 26 FEB 2015 - 6:00 PM

Trivia Players - Sundays

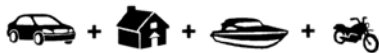
3 pm- 5 pm

**1 Feb., Super Bowl Game - Trivia Cancelled
We Play: 8 Feb., 15 Feb., 22 Feb.**

Thank you Chef Paul, Shawn, Tonya, Marion & Sandy



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

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MONDAY - SATURDAY

HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

FEBRUARY 2015




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
<p>1</p> <p>Super Bowl Sunday</p> <p>Legion Benedict</p> <p>Apple Pie French Toast</p>	<p>2</p> <p>French Onion Soup</p> <p>French Dip</p> <p>1/2 Chef Salad</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Chicago Dogs</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Sirloin Steak</p> <p><i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lamb Shanks</p> <p>Pesto Chicken</p> <p>Fried Pork Cutlet</p> <p><i>"Swingtime"</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Pizzas</p> <p>Appetizers</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY</p> <p><i>"Mike Hatounian"</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>PRIME RIB</p> <p>Baked Cod</p> <p>DINNER MENU</p> <p><i>"Mike Hatounian"</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Quiche Florentine</p> <p>Corn Beef & Swiss Omelete</p> <p><i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pita Clubs</p> <p>Cajun Chicken Caesar</p> <p><i>"Bingo 3-5"</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Lavosh</p> <p>Sirloin</p> <p><i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM</p> <p><i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>N.Y.</p> <p>Pork Roulade</p> <p>Liver & Onions</p> <p><i>"Swingtime"</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Pizzas</p> <p>Appetizers</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY</p> <p><i>"Jared Howe"</i></p>	<p> 14</p> <p><i>"Parada Del Sol"</i> <i>"Valentines Day"</i></p> <p>PRIME RIB</p> <p>Salmon w/Bearnaise</p> <p>DINNER MENU</p> <p><i>"Sierra Outlaws"</i> <i>"Jared Howe"</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Lox & Bagel</p> <p>Salmon Omelete</p> <p><i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>French Onion Soup</p> <p>French Dip</p> <p>Spring Rolls</p> <p><i>"Bingo 3-5"</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Beef Fajitas</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Sirloin Steak</p> <p><i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Filet</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan</p> <p>Meat Loaf</p> <p><i>"Swingtime"</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Pizzas</p> <p>Appetizers</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY</p> <p><i>"Jared Howe"</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>PRIME RIB</p> <p>Southern Fried Catfish</p> <p>DINNER MENU</p> <p><i>"Diane & JR"</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Huevos Rancheros</p> <p>Chorizo & Egg</p> <p><i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Shrimp PO Boys</p> <p>Green Goddess Salad</p> <p><i>"Bingo 3-5"</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>"Past Commanders Dinner" - 5 PM</i></p> <p>Baked Filet or 1/2 Chicken (See Pg 2 for details!)</p> <p><i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM</p> <p><i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>New York Steak</p> <p>Apple Stuffed Pork Loin</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak</p> <p><i>"Swingtime"</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Pizzas</p> <p>Appetizers</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p> 27</p> <p><i>"Mexican Fiesta"</i></p> <p><i>Mariachis</i> 5 PM - 11PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PRIME RIB</p> <p>Langastino Scampi</p> <p>DINNER MENU</p> <p><i>"Midnight Moon"</i></p>

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