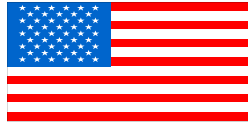




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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

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The Month of May is election Month for our Post 44. I have a lot to be thankful for. We as a Post have been successful in our recruiting efforts this year like no other year we have seen in recent years. We ended last year with about 974 members. This year we will top 1030 members. This is because of YOU. The members and a great Officer staff. The Legion, Auxiliary, SAL's and the ALR are all working like a machine for our Post.

The Auxiliary has replaced the entire floor in our Post in the last 20 Months. I hope ALL thank every lady that you see and say Thanks. President Ellen Etzel and the Auxiliary has been wonderful to work with. I thank you. The Son's... well what can you say but what a fantastic Squadron under the direction of Commander Ed Wallace and the support they have given Post 44. The ALR is a unit to be proud of. They are small and growing, and I know President Brian Sheahan has put together a great group to represent Post 44. I do think that when Brian appointed Ed Wallace as safety director, this may have been a little hasty. (ha,ha Just kidding).

I would also like to thank all the Officers, appointed officers and Volunteers who have spent many hours with me working on Post business. What a great staff !

April Post 44 was inducted into the Historical Hall of Fame by The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce. I, on behalf of Post 44, I thank the Chamber for this Honor. The work on this by our own Sully Truesdell, Joan Fadula and Leslie Nyquist of the Chamber was great. Thank you for your efforts.

This is election Month, in fact 28th of May. I do hope all members will attend and Vote their choice for the Officer that you think will work and do the best job for the Post.

I must thank all who voted for me as their Commander. It has been a great honor to represent you the members of Post 44 and I shall never forget the support you have given me. I know that not all the decisions made were in agreement with everyone but they were made in the best interest of the post. I do hope I have met your expectations. We do have the "best damn Post in the West"

I have been asked if I would run again if asked. My answer is yes. I would be humbled again if the members would support me for another term, so I am asking for your Vote and support on the 28th of May.

General Schwarzkopf was asked: if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists of 9/11. "I believe that forgiving them is God's function OUR job is to arrange the meeting"

To all our Veterans—God Bless the USA

"We'll leave the light on"

Mother's Day Brunch



Full brunch buffet
\$15 ea

a flower for Mom's

Sunday May 10, 2015
10 am - 1 pm

Memorial Day at Post 44

8 am Camelback Cemetary
69th St & McDonald

10 am Civic Center

Lunch Menu:

Hot Dogs, Burgers

Polish Dogs

First draft beer for vets .25c !!!

Monday May 25, 2015



Sr. Vice Commander – Mike Hatounian

The summer draws near and we wish our winter visitors a safe trip home. We look forward to seeing you all again next season and want to thank you for all your support.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge Randy Thomas for running our Karaoke twice a month after the Queen of Hearts. We would like to continue doing this as long as we have people willing to stick around, grab a microphone and take that deep desire to sing a song in public. Not only can you be entertained but you can be the entertainer. I have always tried to persuade people to give it a try and you would be surprised how many have become “hooked” and really enjoy singing in front of people. Sometimes it’s easier to break the ice if you try singing along with someone else which I know Randy or I would love to help. Mark your calendars for May 12th & 26th after the Queen of Hearts and “let’s sing”.

Randy has been entertaining for many years and we will feature him as a solo artist Friday night the 29th of May.

I would like to also wish all the mom’s a Happy Mother’s Day coming up on the 10th. Don’t forget “Cinco de Mayo” on the 5th, “Armed Forces Day” on the 16th and please enjoy a safe “Memorial Day” on the 25th. God Bless and please keep our men and women serving overseas in your prayers.

Jr. Vice Commander – Don Shannon

WOW was that fast Spring! The calendar for May is full. On Saturday, the 2nd of May is the Kentucky Derby. Mother’s Day is the following Sunday, the 10th. Then we close out the month with Memorial Day on Monday the 25th. Being the host Post this year, you can be sure that the post will be decked out. So bring a neighbor or a friend and show them how we honor our fallen comrades. School is out so bring the kids and grand kids

Auxiliary Corner, President Ellen Etzel



At our April meeting, the following persons were nominated for the 2015-2016 Unit Year:

President - Ellen Etzel; Vice President - June Moyer; Treasurer - Maude Hyde; Historian - Myra Schroot; Chaplain - Marlene Wallace; Sgt. at Arms - Carol Patterson; E-Board - Suzi Doerr, April Miyasoto,

Lylia Thomas & Carole Gingrich
Nominations will remain open until our May 11th meeting at which time any further nominations will be taken from the floor. For God & Country

Auxiliary Community Service - Sue Fay

Once again, the Auxiliary is giving \$300.00 to Project Hope at Salvation Army for their summer Hydration program. Members of Project Hope drive through neighborhoods all summer, looking for elderly and homeless folks who might be in danger of dehydration, and give out bottles of water. The money that we give for this project buys cases of water.

Food for the RED BUCKET is needed! The contributions for April amounted to \$150.00, and we thank those generous individuals who donate each month. We need canned goods, and non-perishables, as well as, hygiene items. The donations are taken to the new Salvation Army building on Van Buren Street. Many of those in need are Veterans, who benefit from the food pantry at Project Hope. By providing basic needs for many folks, the strain and trauma for those experiencing homelessness is reduced.

We are proud of the contributions that have been made this year by Community Service, at Unit 44, which will be reflected in the year-end reports that are being processed.



Subject: Proposed amendment of By-Laws for American Legion Post 44

It is hereby proposed that the By-Laws of The American Legion Sipe-Peterson Post 44 be changed by the addition of a new Section 5 to Article II - Management, Elections and Vacancies as follows:

Section 5. To assure continuing vitality in the management of the Post, no elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same elected office unless there are no other nominations for that office.

As specified in our current By-Laws, this proposed change is being presented, in writing, to be voted upon at the next General Meeting (May 28, 2015) after appropriate notification is provided to the membership.

Proposed amendment submitted by Rodger Wells

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace



Thank you to all the SAL's that have renewed their membership! Your support enabled us to contribute to the Child Welfare Foundation, Josh Dog Program, Fischer House and other charities this year. You are greatly appreciated! The Annual SAL Campout in Cottonwood was a great success. Nominations for new State Officers were announced and voting will take place at the Dept. of Arizona Convention in Carefree June 25-28. Contact me if you'd like to register for the event. Come out to support Queen of Hearts on Tuesday's, Bar Bingo on Thursday's and the other great events Post 44 provides. It's your Post! Bring your friends and share the fun!



Boy Scouts - Bill Norling

Seven Scouts from Troop 440 closed out March by presenting the American, State, Post and Troop flags at the five time national champion Arizona Rattlers Arena Football Team Season Opener at the Talking Stick Center. We also had our high adventure team do a 16 mile training hike on the Mogollon Rim along the Arizona Trail. We're doing a new scout skills campout near Payson then we'll see you at the carwash April 25th! We have the Spring Court of Honor on April 27 at the Post. Contact: Scoutmaster Bill Norling. 480-626-4915 -bnorling@hotmail.com

2015-2016 Post 44 Officer Nominees

- Commander..... *John Hyde
- Sr.Vice Cmdr *Mike Hatounian
- Jr. Vice Cmdr *Don Shannon
- Finance Officer *Tom Hughes
- Chaplain *John Parrish
- Historian Patricia Fite
- Sgt at Arms..... *Tom Redd
- Trustees...Billy Estes, *Ron Ihsen, *Mike Scholz,
Keith Thomas **(Only vote for three)**
- Exec Committee...*Corey Bird, *Jack Shemer,
*Ed Schroot, *Larry Gingrich, Billy Martin, Eric
Kask, Sully Truesdell **(Only vote for five)**

* Incumbents

The above list are the members who have voiced their intention to run for office for the 2015-2016 year.

Nominations can be made from the floor on election night 28 May 2015.

Post 44 Wellness Committee

Post 44 has recently established a Wellness Committee. What is wellness, you might ask? Wellness is the condition of good physical, mental and emotional health, especially when maintained by an appropriate diet, exercise, and other lifestyle modifications. As many of you are aware there is a current epidemic of suicide amongst our servicemen, woman and veteran populations. You may have seen some of the recent ads from National requesting funding for the American Legion to be more active in combating this insidious killer. Keeping this in mind Post 44 will begin hosting peer support meetings for all members of our military family in the near future. (The military family is composed of active, reserve, veterans and their immediate families.) We will also be hosting training and speakers. Once again we would like to screen the documentary film "The Hidden Enemy", which explores the dangerous overuse of prescription drugs in treating PTSD. **The screening will be after the Queen of Hearts drawing on May 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the meeting hall.** We invite all members and their guests to attend.

Submitted by Eric Kask

Club Committee - William R. Martin

Post 44 has been completely revitalized thru the efforts of our legion family. With everyone's hard work and donations we are even better than ever. Now it is time to stand and deliver! We need every member to help defray the cost of repair or replacement of our air conditioning system.

If half of our members, who are able, could donate just \$20 each, to the Post 44 Building Maintenance fund, we could raise nearly \$10,000 for this purpose. Even a \$10 donation would go a long way to offsetting the cost. It is time to take a stand and show why we are still the "Best Damn Post in the West."

Your support is crucial and any donation you can forward to the post immediately, will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be made payable to: Post 44 Building Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

On April 1st we previewed a documentary film entitled, "The Enemy Within". It is an eye opening account about the drugging of veteran's by the VA. We will show it again, and again. I urge all my legion brothers to see this movie. Come down for a drink or dinner, then kick back for about 90 minutes and be educated. I promise you will be enlightened. Check our calendars for times, it will be shown in the large room on the drop down screen. Hope to see you there.

Calendar of Events for May

May

- 4 -----Monday-----Bingo (Every Monday) ----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
- 4 -----Monday-----Club Committee----- 6:00 PM
- 6 -----Sunday-----Music @ Vets Hospital 4141 N. 3rd St. Phx. ----- 11:00 AM
- 7 -----Thursday-----E-Board Meeting----- 6:00 PM
- 11-----Monday-----Aux E-Board Meeting----- 5:30 PM
- 11-----Monday-----Aux General Meeting ----- 6:00 PM
- 18-----Monday-----American Legion Riders Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
- 19-----Tuesday-----SAL Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
- 25-----Monday-----Memorial Day Observance (Details on Page 1) ----- 8:00 AM
- 28-----Thursday-----Post General Meeting/Election ----- 6:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

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

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 7 MAY 2015 - 6:00 PM

NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 21 MAY 2015 - 6:00 PM

Trivia - Sundays

3 pm- 5 pm

3 May, 10 May, Final Game 17 May


On vacation until September

Thank you Chef Paul, Shawn, Dorothy, Roger and Tanya.

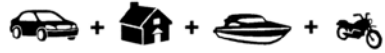


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HAPPY HOUR
M-F 2-5PM

MAY 2015



LEGION POST #44
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU
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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 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Jared Howe"</i>	2 PRIME RIB Baked Cod DINNER MENU <i>"Jared Howe"</i>
3 Legion Benedict Apple Pie French Toast <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	4 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	5 Cinco De Mayo <i>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM</i>	6 Filet Chicken Cordon Bleu Pork Cutlet <i>"Swingtime"</i>	7 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	8 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Denny & Dan"</i>	9 PRIME RIB Scallop Stuffed Sole DINNER MENU <i>"Denny & Dan"</i>
10 Mother's Day Brunch <i>"Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	11 Pita Club Popcorn Shrimp Caesar <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	12 Chicago Dog Burgers Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM</i> <i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i>	13 N.Y. Roast Pork Chicken Fried Steak <i>"Swingtime"</i>	14 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	15 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>	16 PRIME RIB Shrimp Scampi DINNER MENU <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>
17 Huevos Rancheros C.B. & Swiss Omelett <i>"Last Trivia 3pm -5pm"</i>	18 Dijon Burger Oriental Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	19 Cheese Steaks Burgers Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM</i>	20 Filet Chicken Alfredo Meat Loaf <i>"Swingtime"</i>	21 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	22 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Diane & JR"</i>	23 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU <i>"Mike Hatounian"</i>
24 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelet	25 Memorial Day <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	26 Beef Fajitas Burgers Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts" 6:30 PM</i> <i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i>	27 N.Y. Scallopini Liver & Onions <i>"Swingtime"</i>	28 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	29 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Randy Thomas"</i>	30 PRIME RIB Salmon w/ Bearnaise Sauce DINNER MENU <i>"Jared Howe"</i>

Reservations please

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