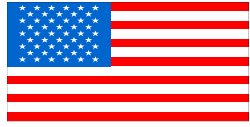




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Post Commander, *John Hyde*

Well we are getting back into the Post Calendar. We have had a decent summer as far as business goes, slow at times, but this is to be expected.

I want to remind all members that the mailing for September will be only for those who live beyond the 25 mile radius, as provided from the Post Office zip codes they furnished. You can get your newsletter on line at www.post44.org

This will save our post about \$1200 per month in mailing costs. Thank you for understanding.

We replaced one of air conditioners this summer and are keeping our fingers crossed that we can limp by until later in the year before another one goes out. We have started a Capitol Assets Replacement Fund. We hope to use this for major capitol equipment, and as a result, I have composed a letter that was sent to all of our vendors who supply products or services, hoping that they have a program that we can use to assist our needs. If any of our members know of a company that can assist us in these matters please let us know.

I am happy to report that we met Natasha, Assistant Manager of Home Depot, at 92nd street, along with Mark and Nance. Home Depot and their employees at this store will be doing a major project in our Ballroom starting on 22 September. This will be great for Post 44.

I cannot thank Tom Hughes enough for his work on our new Web site. Brian Sheahan created a great looking page and I want to thank him for his work. These guys have done and continue to do a great job. I have heard nothing but compliments. Please check out our new Web page it is fantastic.

We at Post 44 proudly declare that on 11 September, 2015, we will honor our Police and Firefighters and all First responders with our Eighth Annual Luncheon for them and their families . I ask that all members who can, to join us on Friday September 11 from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be a small charge for members.

Our Auxiliary, Son's and Riders and the Club Staff are a credit to the American Legion and Post 44. Our 100% membership is a good testament to this. I remind us all that when you are on top it does become harder to maintain this status, so keep up the good work. Thanks to you all.

September will begin our busy season and we do have a lot planned, so please be sure to greet all of our new and returning members with open arms.

ABILITY, is what you are capable of doing. MOTIVATION, is the determination of how hard you are willing to work to do it. ATTITUDE, results in how well you do it. From Voyager Briefs 01/15/2015

To all of our Veteran's..."We'll leave a light on."

Post 44 Presents

\$14 Per Person
5 PM - Only 100 Tickets

SAL Steak Dinner

Sunday
SEPTEMBER
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911 Memorial Luncheon

In honor of our first responders

Scottsdale Fire Department
Scottsdale Police Department

\$6 for Members

Fri. Sept. 11 11 am - 2 pm

Sr. Vice Commander – Mike Hatounian

Welcome back and hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We are proud to report our membership continues to grow and look forward for all our members to enjoy their Post.

I recently had the pleasure of talking to one of our Post 44 Legionnaire members Marcus Whetstone and he shared with me some very exciting news. His son Lt. Col. Michael Whetstone, USA (Ret.) recently published five-star hardback, "Madness in Mogadishu," which is acclaimed as both a powerful narrative of the U.S. Army's early clash with asymmetrical enemies in Somalia and an honest, absorbing study in command, according to Ralph Peters, Fox News Analyst. Peters also says that no outside historian could capture the immediacy, fear, courage, menace, and adrenaline rush of such fighting half so vividly and convincingly as Michael Whetstone, the commander who took the fight to a savage enemy during the Black Hawk Down incident. Madness in Mogadishu is available from Amazon and other distributors. Marcus added that his son Michael would be happy to sign any books mailed to him and was sorry he couldn't be here for a book signing session. Marcus also mentioned that copies of "Madness in Mogadishu" will be available for sale at or Post sometime in September and the intention isn't so much a capital venture as it is getting the word out about rescue of the Rangers and Delta Force. Marcus will be joining us for our September meeting and looks forward to meeting all of you.

If you didn't have the opportunity to come to our "American Bandstand Night" on July 11th you really missed a great evening. I just wanted to thank Randy Thomas for putting together a terrific musical show and of course everyone that dressed in their 50's and 60's attire. It was one of our most successful summer events.

On Patriot Day, Friday September 11th we will have a "Special Event" from 6 pm - 9 pm in the evening with a contest for the best dressed "Patriotic Male & Female" along with an entertaining show by Randy Thomas.

On Friday, October 2nd from 6 pm - 9 pm we will once again have our "Mexican Fiesta" complete with of course Mexican food and live "Mariachis". We packed both rooms the last time we had this event so we look forward to a successful evening again. Make your reservations early.

Jr. Vice Commander – Don Shannon

Things are really looking up for the post!!! Maintaining the great entertainment in the slow months is a challenge, but with the lineup that the Commander and Sr Vice have consistently brought to the club we have been able to sustain good sales numbers. The Friday night Country Western Band was a HUGE success!! The volunteers had the post decked out as they do for

Jr. Vice Commander – Continued

all of the events. August and September will bring many changes to the club. There will be a turnover in a couple of employees, as you might have already heard about by the time the newsletter is published. Paul Shawn and Matt Smith who have given so many years of dedicated service are no longer with the post. They will be missed. So, you will be seeing a few new employees and a new chef/manager. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them. There will be many other new changes coming so please stay tuned. You will be able to come to the club Monday thru Saturday from 11AM to 7:30 PM and the kitchen will be open; whether it is for lunch, happy hour or dinner. We will be introducing a happy hour food menu in the first week of September, so check it out! Sunday Brunch will be from 9 PM - 2 PM.

Auxiliary Corner, President Ellen Etzel



It has been a VERY HOT SUMMER here in Scottsdale and those of us who hung in here are looking forward to some cooler weather!

Our pre-meeting to "kick-off" our Unit 2015-'16 year went well. There were 15 attendees and it really helped to brainstorm and get some ideas and plans in place for the year. Our unit now has an Auxiliary Website setup, thanks to the post. Marlene Wallace and June Moyer have volunteered to input information and update it as needed.

It was decided that our main fundraiser this year will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, (Pearl Harbor Day) and will be a Surf & Turf Dinner. Along with the dinner, we will have a Silent Auction and Mike Hatounian, Sr. Vice Cmdr., has so kindly offered to provide entertainment for the event. We will discuss this further at our September meeting.

Other topics discussed were Poppy Drive (held in May), Community Service

Chairperson needed, Education Committee needed and perhaps implementing a Scholarship Fund, also to be discussed at our next meeting.

REMINDER: September Only! Meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. We will then return to the second Monday of the month thereafter. A suggestion was made to bring one canned/dry food item to our monthly meetings for the Red Box.

For God & Country

SAL Commander – Ed Wallace



Hope you all had a cool summer. Welcome back, and please remember to get in your reservations for our annual Steak Fry on Sept 6 from 5 pm - 7 pm . See you there!

Finance Officer - Tom Hughes

Post 44 Communications Campaign

Times change. And so do communications methods. In July of 1635 King Charles of England made postal service available to the general public for the first time in history. In the intervening 380 years messages, parcels, and newspapers were delivered in physical form by postmen. Email was first created in 1972 but it was only in 1988 that email as we know it today rose in popularity. 308 years versus 27 years! Times change.

Aside from almost immediate delivery, the main difference in postal mail versus email is that email is essentially "free". Once you pay your monthly Internet fee, you can send one or thousands of emails for the same cost.

In the last 12 months, your Post has spent over \$11,500 in printing and mailing newsletters. We were one of the last Posts in the USA to stop mailing when we discontinued mailing newsletters outside the Phoenix metro area last June.

While we want to stay closely in touch with you – our fellow Legionnaires – we simply cannot afford to do it by regular mail. Aside from wanting you to stay in touch with your Post by Newsletters, we also want to be able to send you updates on musical and other events in the Club, special menu nights, meeting reminders, and so forth. While we can't afford to do it by US mail, we can and will be doing it by email. You may already have received one or more of these kinds of emails from us.

This new program means we are relying on you to make sure you have your current/preferred email address on file at the Post. If you are unsure if we have your email address, please send us a note with your full name and member ID number (from your membership card) to info@post44.com. We will then check our system and let you know if it's up to date.

We understand that some members may not have access to email, so the Newsletters and event reminders will be available at the Post in printed form. REMINDER: If your zip code begins with "850" to "853" you will no longer receive a printed Newsletter. Please be sure to visit the Post's website at www.post44.com to view the most recent (and historical!) newsletters or pick up a printed copy at the Post.

Wellness Committee - Eric Kask

Are you a veteran suffering from stress or do you know a fellow veteran who is? Whether service related or the result of experiences after your discharge, Post 44 is here to help! Join us in the meeting hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month for Wellness Wednesdays with the Post 44 Stress Management Support Group! ALL veterans and a support person of their choosing are welcome! DD214, American Legion card, VFW card, DAV card, Fleet Reserve card, VA card and of course military ID cards will all be accepted as proof of service. Please remember, stress kills! Don't become another statistic. If things just "don't seem right" help is available!

The following members of Post 44 have contributed to the building fund;

Marlene Scott, Maire & John Hyde, Francine McClung, John & Karle Golde (Florence, AZ.), Frank & Diane Franco, Mike O'Neal, R. C. Hazen, Eula Gooby, Gregory Meagher, Bob Kinghorn, Ed Schroot, Laura Lettieri, David Carlson, Mary & Vaughn Turner, David Taylor, Thomas Maher, Mary Zolper, Richard Mannes, Kevin Haegele, David & Rita Williams, Dean & Dee Hamilton, Peter Kronjevich, Dyvonne Brown, Larry & Carol & Tom Gingrich, Thomas Maher, Mary Zolper, Richard Mannes, Kevin Haegele, David & Rita Williams, Dean & Dee Hamilton, Peter Kronjevich, Dyvonne Brown, Larry & Carole Gingrich, Jack & Paula Shemer, Ron Ayers, Greg & Jerry McBride, John /Frederick Manter, A.J. Miyasato-Timothy Derk, L.I. Chamblis, John & Karen Riley, Ben & Judy Clark, Hubert & Barbara McGovern, Robert Wachowicz - In Memory. Helen Lindsay - Memorial David Lindsay.

Club Committee - Eric Kask

With the football season upon us, please join your fellow fans on Sunday's and Mondays to view all the games in their entirety! The bar will be open as long as we have enough customers to justify it! So invite your friends and watch football Sunday and Monday at Post 44! Kickoff is Sunday September 13th!

Auxiliary Community Service – Sue Fay

The collection of canned goods and non-perishables has been on-going this summer, 2015! We donate food to the Salvation Army where many homeless Veterans get food. Auxiliary members, please bring a can of food to the September Auxiliary meeting for the RED BUCKET.

We will be collecting used prescription eye glasses for the Veteran's Hospital during the month of October. The prescriptions for the glasses can be determined in the lab. The recycled eye glasses are very much appreciated by the men at the Hospital and the Veteran's Home.

In anticipation of the Christmas season, we are collecting 12inch dolls and 12 inch stuffed animals. There will be a box in which the toys will be collected.

We look forward to a useful and worthwhile year "making a difference."

Chaplain's Corner - John Parrish

Yes it was more than warm here, but still a lot cooler than that place below! Thank you to all of you who said a prayer for me, or came to visit me, and the wonderful card from all the ladies! I am on the mend and start cardio rehab this week. So it's an old Gene Autry song, "Back in the Saddle again." I fell like about 90% back now, and more better next month! Thanks again, be looking for you at the Post over the next few weeks, see you there!

Calendar of Events for September

NEXT - E-BOARD MEETING - 10 SEPT 2015 - 6:00 PM
NEXT - GENERAL MEETING - 24 SEPT 2015 - 6:00 PM

September

1 ----- Tuesday Queen or Hearts (Every Tuesday) ----- 6:30 PM
 3 ----- Thursday Bar Bingo (Every Thursday) ----- 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 7 ----- Monday Bingo (Every Monday) ----- 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 7 ----- Monday Club Committee ----- 6:00 PM
 11 ----- Friday Patriots Night ----- 6:00 PM
 15 ----- Tuesday SAL Meeting ----- 7:00 PM
 16 ----- Wednesday Music @ Vets Home 4141 N. 3rd St. Phx. ----- 11:00 AM
 21 ----- Monday American Legion Riders Meeting ----- 7:00 PM

Mondays - Bingo at 3:00 PM

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


Trivia - Sundays 3 pm- 5 pm
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SEPTEMBER 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 11 AM - 10 PM
WED - SAT 11 AM - 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Burgers Chicago Dogs Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	2 Filet Roast Pork Lasagna <i>"Swingtime"</i>	3 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	5 PRIME RIB Baked Cod DINNER MENU "Jared Howe"
6 Legion Bennie Apple Pie French Toast	7 French Onion Soup French Dip 1/2 Chef Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	8 Burgers Macho Nachos Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM <i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i>	9 NY Pesto Chicken Chicken Fried Steak <i>"Swingtime"</i>	10 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY Patriot Night "Randy Thomas"	12 PRIME RIB Salmon ww/Dill Sauce DINNER MENU <i>"Denny & Dan"</i>
13 Huevos Rancheros Quiche Lorraine	14 Spring Rolls Taco Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	15 Burgers Beef Pot Pie Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	16 Filet Scalopini Meat Loaf <i>"Swingtime"</i>	17 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY <i>"Denny & Dan"</i>	19 PRIME RIB Southern Fried Catfish DINNER MENU <i>"Jared Howe"</i>
20 Lox & Bagel Salmon Omelette	21 Dijon Burger Pop Shrimp Caesar Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	22 Burgers Chicken Fajitas Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM <i>Karaoke - After the Queen of Hearts</i>	23 N.Y. Chicken Cordon Bleu Liver & Onions <i>"Swingtime"</i>	24 Burgers Pizzas Appetizers Bar Bingo 6:30 pm - 8 pm	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY "Jared Howe"	26 PRIME RIB Scampi DINNER MENU <i>"Midnight Moon"</i>
27 Sweet Corn Frittata Chorizo & Egg	28 Cheese Steaks Green Goddess Salad <i>"Bingo 3-5"</i>	29 Burgers Beef Stir Fry Sirloin <i>"Queen of Hearts"</i> 6:30 PM	30 Flat Iron Chicken Pot Pie Snitzel <i>"Swingtime"</i>	Brunch: Every Sunday 9 AM - 2 PM Bloody Mary/Mimosa \$2.50		

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!

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