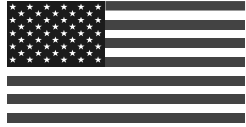




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

We are off to a great start, and our New Year's Eve celebration was one of the best attended by members in recent years. A total of 173 paid and the food (3 choices of entrées) was excellent, as attested by the empty plates and comments from our members. Thanks for supporting your Post and Club Room.

On January 16th, 2010, Post 44 along with Post 26, 35, 41, 58 and 65, donated time, food and goodies to put on a bar-b-que for the Valley Homeless Veterans at the Phoenix Madison Street Shelter. These Posts are 6 of the 22 Posts in your District 12 in the Department of Arizona.

February will be a busy month at your Post. Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on the 13th. The 16th will see our Annual Past Cmdr./Past Pres. Dinner and Awards Night. This is a notice to all members that would like to attend. Dinner cost is \$10.00 per person and will be a Buffet. Along with dinner, music will be provided by Kate Heyn on her keyboard. On Feb. 20th, Parada del Sol – Parade and Post 44 will be serving Breakfast Buffet, and Lunch all day, as well as music day and night. The Auxiliary will be selling coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts from 7 AM – 10 AM. So come and enjoy a "fun day". "Remember Super Bowl Sunday."

One more reminder to our members that have not renewed their 2010 membership dues. Did you know that you are entitled to \$1000 "Accidental Death Life Insurance" FREE, (if your dues are paid current). We have the cards for this free insurance at the Post. This would certainly help your loved ones should an accident occur that cost your life.

Thank you to all who stop by the office and say Hello. If you want to volunteer, call or let us know at the office. We need your name and a phone number.

Still Serving – for God and Country

Census workers needed. Will pay \$15/hr. Interviews and testing at the Legion on Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & Feb. 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Thanks to you who paid your 2010 Dues, and a REMINDER to you that haven't paid yet.

"February Events"

6th - District 12 Re-Hab Dinner for the VA Hospital at Mesa Post 26 - details at the Office.

7th - Super Bowl Sunday 2:30 PM - watch the game with your Legion friends

13th - Valentine's Celebration - Dinner & Dance

16th - Past Cmdr/Pres. Dinner - Volunteer Recognition and Awards - 6-7 PM Cocktails - 7 PM Dinner w/salad & dessert, music by Kate Heyn. (\$10.00)

20th - Parada del Sol - Breakfast Buffet 7-10 AM (\$6.00). Entertainment throughout the day - also the grand opening of our new patio. Snacks from 2-4PM.

S.A.L. Cmdr: *Scott Harris*

Howdy "Blue-Caps"

Parada del Sol time is upon us again! February 20th. Volunteers are needed for this function as usual. This has been a very busy time for the Post every year. The more help the better.

Other events that volunteers are needed for are, the Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner on Feb. 16th. This for the Legion, Auxiliary, A.L.R. and S.A.L. Also the Super Bowl Party. We have been kickin' around doing a Fund Raiser – more on this will be posted prior to the game.

We are still shy from getting 100% on our membership. Let's get this done. As many of you know, elections are coming and Department and Detachment Reps will probable be popping in and out of the Post. Bend their ear if you want, it is what their job is!

Take it easy, be kind, be seen!

Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo

The New Years Eve party was a great success. A good time was had by all. What a great way to welcome the New Year !

The Patio is complete and the occupancy permit has been issued by the City. The Servers will begin requesting that membership cards be displayed on the dining tables, or check individuals regarding their sponsor. For special event, John Hyde and Bud Brimhall will be checking memberships at the door.

A Valentine's Day party is planned for Saturday, February 13. There will be entertainment and a special menu for the event. Details will be posted throughout the Club.

There will be a special dinner on Tuesday, February 16 honoring Past Commanders and Past Presidents. This event is open to all officers and their guests. However, there will be a \$10. charge for guests for the event.

On Saturday, February 20, special activities are planned for the Parada del Sol event. The Club will be open to the public and there will be entertainment inside and outside the Post during the afternoon and evening. The Women's Auxiliary will be serving coffee and doughnuts from the Patio and a BBQ is planned for the outside as well as a buffet inside the ballroom area. Lunch, dinner and entertainment hours will be posted throughout the Club.

The "Happy Hour" on Monday through Thursday from 2:00 PM to 5:00PM has been a huge success. Consideration has been given to extend the hours. However, to avoid overlap with the dinner hours, the times will remain intact for the time being.

Because of the flu situation and other hygienic matters, there will be anti-bacterial lotion bottles in areas for the staff to cleanse their hands especially after handling money and food. It is planned that an employee evaluation be conducted every 6 months to ensure implementation of this requirement.

Menus have been placed in holding racks near the dining room door so that they will be available to members and guests prior to entering the dining room.

Again, many thanks to the officers, members and staff for their continued support and hard work in making Post 44 an outstanding Club in the American Legion.

Aux Community Service by Sue Fay

Once again, Project Hope benefitted from the considerate folks who kept the *RED BUCKET* full during January. At Project Hope, the shelves were depleted when we made our delivery for January. Many families were served during the holidays from the Washington Street Location. Thank you everyone for the food in the *RED BUCKET*.

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – I used to believe that December was the shortest month of the year and January seemed to go on forever – not so!! It seems only two weeks ago we were preparing for the January Newsletter, and now we are working on February!! Hopefully you all had a joyous holiday time with our loved ones.

Now on to a busy month! The District 12 Re-Hab Dinner and Auction is planned for Feb. 3rd at Post 26. This is always a fun evening and the auction brings in lots of money for the VA Hospital. For more details, please call me. The Club will once again be planning a beautiful evening for Valentine's Day. See Jr. Vice letter for details. Then on the 16th of Feb. we will be holding the Past Cmdr/Past Pres Dinner. All Past Unit Presidents will be guests of the Auxiliary to thank them for their services to our Unit, the same for the Past Commanders who will be guests of the Legion. We will also be honoring our hard working volunteers at this time. The Dept. Commander will be making her official visit to the Post at this time, and as of this writing, I am awaiting an answer from our Dept. President who I hope will be able to attend. Please mark your calendar for this event and try to attend, Tuesday, Feb. 16th. No host cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Cost \$10.00.

Parada is coming up on Saturday, the 20th, and as always, we will need volunteers for this very busy day. The Auxiliary plans to sell coffee, hot chocolate and donuts to spectators and participants on the outside of the club again this year – early – before start of the parade. We need lots of volunteers for this long day – so PLEASE call Dixie or myself to let us know how you can help – coffee – breakfast or lunch time.

Our funds are a bit short right now and we need to plan some fundraisers to meet our obligations to our various programs. Please attend our Feb. meeting at 7 PM on the 15th. We need fresh ideas for these fundraisers and we need to get them planned NOW!

Membership is going well, but we need your renewal dues ASAP.

Marion Kirwin, "the Poppy Lady" is anxiously awaiting the renewal of Poppy Plates so see her or leave your donation and name with the bartender.

Initiation of new members will take place at the March meeting. Hopefully all our new members or anyone who has not participated in the ceremony will plan to attend.

Til next time – For God and Country

Adjutant - Ron Aubry

Comrades: Look at your card - if it still says 2009, you have lost \$1000 in accident and dismemberment insurance. Also I would like to remind you that we are all getting older and we have to make sure all our requests for the final day are in order and the proper people are advised where they are. At the post we have forms to help take care of quite a few details

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb.			
2	Tuesday	Census Interviews and Testing	5:00 - 8:00 PM
7	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
8	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
9	Tuesday	Census Interviews and Testing	5:00 - 8:00 PM
9	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
11	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
13	Saturday	Valentine's Dinner and Dance	
15	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
16	Tuesday	Past Cmdr/Presidents Dinner (See Office for Info.)	
20	Saturday	Parada del Sol - ALL DAY	(see info in newsletter articles)
25	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre (Fun - Fun) - 1:30 PM

Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524

Sundays - Trivia - 3:00 PM

EUCHRE

We play Euchre here Mon. Thurs. & Sat. starting at 1:30. It is fun and a great way to meet people.

Happy Hour

Mon. through Thurs. from 2 - 5 PM. Discounted drinks and inexpensive finger food. Check Menu Board

Trivia Notes – Roger Wells will continue his Music Trivia on the second Sunday of each month. Trivia Q & A meets each Sunday at 3 PM at the Post Lounge with four 15-minute rounds. No Trivia on Feb. 7 - Super Bowl Sunday!!

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FEBRUARY 2010



LEGION POST #44
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU

DINNER SERVED MON 5:00 PM
TUES, WED, THURS, SAT
5:00 - 8:30 PM

FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 8:00 PM
SUN BRUNCH 10 AM - 1 PM

CLUB HOURS MON-SAT
10 AM - 10 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	2 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	3 FILET GRILLED SALMON PORT PICATTA JAZZ NIGHT	4 SPAGHETTI W/MEAT SAUCE CHIX FIESTA	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	6 PRIME RIB POULET ROUGE LAMB SHANKS MIDNIGHT MOON
7 FARMERS OMLETTE HUEVO'S RANCHEROS	8 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	9 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	10 FILET STUFFED PORK CHOPS CAJUN CATFISH JAZZ NIGHT	11 BEEF TIPS LINGUINI/W CLAM SAUCE	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	13 VALENTINE PARTY PRIME RIB BROILED TILAPIA FETTUCINI ALREDO RAGS ALLEN
14 EGGS BINNIE LOX & BAGELS	15 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	16 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	17 FILET SHRIMP STIR FRY BROILED TILAPIA JAZZ NIGHT	18 BAKED MALTI RIBEYE STEAK	19 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	20 PARADA del SOL PRIME RIB LASAGNA GRILLED SALMON MIDNIGHT MOON 11-4 MIKE - EVENING
21 SOS POTATO PANCAKES	22 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	23 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ONIONS	24 FILETS CHICKEN STIR FRY LAMB SHANKS JAZZ NIGHT	25 SHRIMP KABOBS NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	27 PRIME RIB SPAGHETTI ala VODKA PORK PICATTA MIDNIGHT MOON
28 STUFFED FRENCH TOAST EGGS BENNIE						



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Appetizers:
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Shrimp Cocktail,



Happy New Year !!!!

Pictures Taken At Post 44's
New Year's Party

American Legion Riders News

A big shout out that Post 44's ALR has achieved **100% paid** membership dues! Most of those qualified as early birds for both Post and ALR dues! AZALR quarterly meeting was held Saturday the 9th at Post 19 in Yuma . Ten of our members made the chilly trip which started at 7:00am. Post 19 had a wonderful homemade fried chicken lunch ready for us when we got there. They were very gracious hosts and we all had a great wee ken d! Come on down to the Post for Second Monday of the Month "Bike Nite" starts at 5:00.

Next one is February 8th. At our January ALR meeting Jim & I were surprised with a beautiful appreciation plaque that was accompanied by a certificate for a 2 night stay at the Fire Sky Resort and Spa. Needless to say, we were overwhelmed and again reminded what a wonderful family of friends our ALR members have become to us! Without **them** there would be **no** Riders at Post 44. **Thank you, all of you!**

Don't forget the 2nd Annual Ride for Love on Valentines Day, February 14th. This is a fundraiser for a child with severe, multiple disabilities, permanently wheelchair bound in need of a wheelchair lift for their van. The band, "Daydream Believer" will be playing from 2:00 to 6:00. **All** American Legion Members are invited!! There will be raffles, 50/50 and of course, fun. Show the Love this Valentines Day and help a child! As always, never ride faster than your angel can fly!

Joni Baginski, Secretary ALR 44