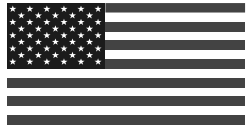




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### Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

Happy New Year to all of Post 44 members. 2009 was a productive year for our Post. We were able to support many of the American Legion Programs due largely to our members support. The Post Club Room has a rough year and was not able to provide the Post with money during this summer due to lack of sales and operating expenses. The economy, and vendor price increases, as well as employee payroll costs, plus 3-nights a week entertainment costs contributed to the loss of income from the Club Room.

Our Jr. Vice Cmdr., Club Committee and Club Manager are working to see if they can turn this around, but it is up to our members to come and enjoy your Club Room. The meals, beverages, and entertainment are provided at an affordable price and we hop that our members visit and support your Post by spending money in you Club Room. You may also bring guests.

Thank You to all Post 44 members that have renewed your dues for the 2010 membership year. If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please do so. Your continued membership helps even if you are not able to participate or volunteer with our charities and Legion Programs. A reminder to everyone, if you move, get a new phone number or know of a member that is deceased, please let the Post know so that we may take corrective action.

In closing, the American Legion Post 44 Officers and Membership welcome our newly initiated members (9) that participated in the November "New Member Initiation."

There will be a spring initiation with a date to be determined and listed in a future newsletter.

### Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

A reminder to you that have not paid your 2010 dues that your card expires December 31. A big thanks to you that have paid your dues. The young vets are not joining the Legion and a lot of our members are getting old (I'm not going to tell you what happens to some of the old members). Small Posts all over the country are closing their doors because of declining membership. Anyway, you are the best source of getting eligible vets to join our Post, so sign up your friends and neighbors. There is a \$300 prize for the person that signs up the most members. There is an ad in this newsletter about this. **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

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

Well now! What's up "Blue Caps." Happy New Year, ya all! We've been busy (even if you haven't). We shot a toast out to our new Legion Riders with a great blow out, they are worth it!

At the same time "OUR" Troop, the Forty-Four Knots, had their Christmas party, celebrating with a "lively gift exchange" and a great meal from the S.A.L. (under the guidance of Chef Mike Smith). The Troop and family wanted to make sure all are thanked. Theresa DeLacy, Casey Aikien, Larry Weddel – we all thank you!!

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday will be "Bike-Nite" with food, and Juke-Boxing – come on down and enjoy the family.

The Scouts are gearing up for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting USA. If you would like to help out "Our" Troop 440, contact Scott Harris 480.296.4424 or Bob Procknow in the office.

Remember, this is a "New Year" – a time of change and remembrance. It's up to you to make it right. God Bless.

### **Aux Community Service by Sue Fay**

The Auxiliary stepped in this year for Santa Claus to purchase gifts and food cards for 2 military families. There are 6 children with 2 Dads, deployed, who are receiving toys and food for Christmas from Unit 44! We thank you all for filling the RED BUCKET with canned goods and non-perishables to help feed folks at Project Hope! \$120.00 worth of food was delivered!! Your generous gifts of food for this program are appreciated throughout the year, and especially during the Christmas Season. The Music program at the Veterans' Home was met with much enthusiasm. The patients enjoyed singing with John Kirkpatrick at the piano. Each patient at the program received a pair of socks and a Hersey candy bar as a gift, donated by Unit 44. Happy New Year!

### **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

**December 31, 2009 -Free Party Favors**

**In the Ballroom - 5:00 Cash Bar Opens**

**6:00 Dinner – choice of 3 items**

**Roasted Tenderloin w/Bèarnaise, Chicken Oscar,**

**Salmon ala/Orange Sauce**

**7:00 Music, Rags Allen Quartet**

**Free Champagne**

**10:00 here, Midnight New York Time**

**(cause some people leave early)**

**12:00 Midnight here**

**\$25.00 each – ticket can be purchased in advance**

**at bar or at the door if not sold out.**

**Best deal in town – bring your friends and**

**neighbors as guests and join the fun.**

## Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo

The reservation policy has been readdressed, due to table configuration and other considerations. The policy has been reconsidered to specify that a reservation must be for 6 or more people per table.

As you know, the Juke-Box has been installed in the left rear corner of the dining room dance floor. Not only has this afforded an alternate source of entertainment (especially during the “quite” nights at the Club), but an additional source of income. So play, play and keep playing the Juke-Box.

The Patio is almost complete. Sprinklers and electrical wiring will be installed soon. After the foregoing is completed, the fire department and city inspection will occur and the occupancy permit issued by the city.

The Servers will begin requesting that membership cards be displayed on the dining tables, or check individuals regarding their sponsor.

The defibrillator has been installed. Six Staff Members and seven Officers attended the CPR and defibrillator training session held at 8 AM on November 30 at the Post.

The Club has initiated a “Happy Hour” on Mondays, through Thursdays from 2 PM to 5 PM to avoid an overlap with the dinner hours. However, “Finger Food” such as chicken wings, burger sliders, etc. will be available at the reduced price, as well as beer, wine, and alcohol. The prices will be posted at the entrance to the dining room/bar on those days. No carry-out orders for the “Finger Food” will be allowed.

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 handing money and food.

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. Daily specials will be posted by the dining room entrance.

The glass case in the hallway near the dining room doorway has been moved to make more room and avoid congestion in the entry hallway.

The annual traditional Christmas Party was held for the Club employees on December 20. Bonuses were presented to the employees for their dedicated hard work during the previous year. For the event, extraordinary bar service was provided by Fred Lucas.

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.

Happy New Year

## Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – another year is coming to an end and it has been a great year for our Unit. Our “Christmas in July” was a great success helping to fund our many programs for the year. We had a great turn-out of members for the 9/11 “Appreciation Day” for the local police and firemen. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July “picnic” was a lot of fun for all and helped to raise funds for the Civic Center Mall War Memorial. October was another good month with our participation in the Bar-B-Que for deploying troops, and bracelets for the cancer fund, and copy paper for our local schools.

Veterans Day was another well attended event with a great showing of Auxiliary members for the dedication of the long awaited War Memorial.

Sunday after Thanksgiving your President, Sr. Vice President and Post Commander traveled to the VA Hospital to help set up the “Christmas Gift Shop” for the patients. Joanna Gilbert did an excellent job of shopping for us again this year and we were able to donate \$595 worth of Christmas Gifts. The members of the VFW Auxiliary contributed home made crafts for us this year for an additional value of approximately \$100. All this in addition to the \$100 cash that was given to the gift shop for any additional purchases they might need.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting the opening of our new patio and wish to thank the Legion members who have worked so hard to make this addition a reality.

With the ending of the year – your 2009 membership card will expire – please get your 2010 dues in to Rosa ASAP!!

Tickets for the New Year’s Eve Bash are still available, but they won’t last long!!

Thank you ladies for a great year. I hope your Christmas is the **Brightest and Merriest** ever and your New Year is full of **“health, wealth and happiness”**!! For God and Country.

## Attention: Poppy Plate Owners

Please don’t forget to renew for 2010 – And a Big Thank-You for those who already have renewed. The proceeds aid Veterans, hospitalized Veterans and their families in need. Marion Kirwan, Poppy Chairperson.

**All Legionnaires – Auxiliary – S.A.L.**  
**2009 Membership Cards Expire Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>,**  
**2009. Check Your Member Card**  
**2010 Dues Are Due Now**  
**Thank You To All Who Renewed**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Party - Music (Rags Allen)</b>	<b>7:00 - 12:00 Midnight</b>
Jan.			
1	Friday	New Year's Day - Closed	
3	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
11	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
12	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
14	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
28	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

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**by Signing Up the Most Members.**

**Plan An Evening Out.**

**Get A Few Of Your Friends Together**

**And Come To The Club.**

**A Good Way To Show Them**

**What A Great Organization Post 44 Is,**

**And Invite Them To Become A Member.**

**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.

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in the Memorial Wall  
\$100.00**

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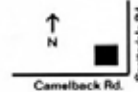
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MON-SAT

# JANUARY 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
				NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY  RAGS ALLEN 7:00 - 12:00	<sup>1</sup> NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED	<sup>2</sup> PRIME RIB GRILLED SALMON LAMB SHANKS <b>MIDNIGHT MOON</b>
<sup>3</sup> EGGS BENNIE  POTATO PANCAKES STRAWBERRY PANCAKES	<sup>4</sup> 35 CENT WINGS  CHILI DOGS	<sup>5</sup> \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS LINGUINI/CLAM SAUCE	<sup>6</sup> FILET  CHIX STIR FRY BROILED ASIAN COD  <b>JAZZ NIGHT</b>	<sup>7</sup> RIBEYE STEAK  STUFFED CHIX BREAST	<sup>8</sup> ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  <b>MIDNIGHT MOON</b>	<sup>9</sup> PRIME RIB SHRIMP KABOBS PORK MEDALLIONS <b>MIDNIGHT MOON</b>
<sup>10</sup> FARMERS OMLETTE  LOX & BAGELS  LOX OMLETTE	<sup>11</sup> ALR RIDE NIGHT - EXTENDED HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS  35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	<sup>12</sup> \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK  LIVER & ONIONS SPAGHETTI/ MEAT BALLS	<sup>13</sup> FILET  LAMB SHANKS  CAJUN CATFISH  <b>JAZZ NIGHT</b>	<sup>14</sup> BEEF KABOBS  LASAGNA	<sup>15</sup> ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  <b>MIKE</b>	<sup>16</sup> PRIME RIB LEMON CHIX DEEP FRIED CAJUN CATFISH  <b>RAGS ALLEN</b>
<sup>17</sup> EGGS BENNIE  SOS  DOLLAR PANCAKES	<sup>18</sup> 35 CENT WINGS  CHILI DOGS	<sup>19</sup> \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ONIONS  PASTA CARBARANARA	<sup>20</sup> FILETS CHICKEN PARM STUFFED PORK LOIN  <b>JAZZ NIGHT</b>	<sup>21</sup> SHRIMP KABOBS  STEAK DIANE	<sup>22</sup> ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  <b>TBD</b>	<sup>23</sup> PRIME RIB STUFF SHRIMP PORK PICATTA <b>RAGS ALLEN</b>
<sup>24</sup> STUFFED FRENCH TOAST QUICHE LORRAINE HUEVOS RANCHEROS	<sup>25</sup> 35 CENT WINGS  CHILI DOGS	<sup>26</sup> \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK  LIVER & ONIONS	<sup>27</sup> FILETS PORK PICATTA BROILED TILAPIA  <b>JAZZ NIGHT</b>	<sup>28</sup> PORK MEDALLIONS FRIED CHIX	<sup>29</sup> ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY  <b>CHERYL THURSTON</b>	<sup>30</sup> PRIME RIB CHIX TOSCA BATTER DIPPED SHRIMP <b>MIKE</b>

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**Top Row: Dan McKenzie, Dixie Whittier, Bob & Sara Horkey  
Below: Charly Dubray, Maude Hyde, Harriet Walker  
Thank you for many hours of helping Post 44**

### **American Legion Riders**

Happy New Year Everyone!!! We sincerely hope that all of Post 44's family had a safe and blessed Christmas! We would like to take this opportunity to shout out a huge Thank-you to all that donated to our State Veterans Home Donation jar that was passed around the Post last month! As I told you in the November newsletter the #1 asked for item was a steak dinner. Because of your generosity, our Veterans will have more than one steak dinner; they might even be able to have them once a month for the next year!

Needless to say, they were so very grateful! A big Thank you to French's Meats for their generosity as well. French's is making it possible for the State Veterans Home to get quality steaks at an incredible discount. The ladies of ALR Post 26 spent a lot of time making 32 beautiful lap blankets for the residents of the home, which we raffled. Every recipient was so surprised and appreciative! If you have not seen Johnnyred's beautiful motorcycle, you should! He had our grand daughter Layah's name added to the front fender of his bike. (Wicked paint job!). We will be hosting the 2nd annual "Ride for Love" on Valentines Day. Please keep checking the new and updated events board at the Post. Until next time and always, never ride faster than your angel can fly! Joni Baginski - ALR Secretary (for another year)