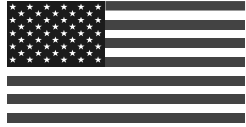




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### Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

Hello Post 44 Members. February was a busy month for the Post with plenty of Club Room activities and American Legion functions. The most recent was the Past Cmdrs – Past Pres. dinner and awards night. This is an important event in that it gives us the opportunity to honor Post 44 and Unit 44's past leadership and acknowledge the legacy they established by their dedication and support in insuring that the American Legion programs were supported in some form. Only by doing so are we allowed to maintain our Charter as an American Legion Post. Providing awards to "all our Post 44 volunteers" (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders) for their selfless hours of volunteering for American Legion functions, we can let our past leaders know that their effort was not in vain and that there are members among us that take pride in what we stand for and who we are as an organization.

Here is one of the newest benefits of being an American Legion Member: "Health Insurance" – known as: The Post Insurance Program – offering individual/family medical plans and also short-term plans. This is a great benefit at a reasonable cost. For more information, call 1-800-669-9944 or go to [www.postinsuranceprogram.com](http://www.postinsuranceprogram.com) – you must be a paid current member of an American Legion Post. There also is a vision benefit posted on the bulletin board, and discounts for members at Sear's for big ticket household items – must be a current paid member. The more members we have, the more benefits that will come our way, so invite a veteran to become a member. We have 700,000 "eligible" veterans in the state of Arizona, and only 43,000 are members of the American Legion.

March activities will include: 1) The third annual hosting of the State High School's Oratorical State Finals competition. This is for scholarships to the three finalists. Mar 6, at 9 AM. 2) Post 44 Donor Blood Drive at the Post all day Mar 17. Your Commander will be first in line. As you all know this is a very important service to our community and our veterans. Many of who are probably not members, but will be recipients in some form of the blood that is donated by the Post 44 membership. 3) Mar 21, (1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring) will see Post 44 hosting District 12's meeting of which Post 44 belongs at 1:30 PM. Please try and attend to meet other members from District 12's twenty-two Posts. Both Legionnaires and Auxiliary will be in attendance. Lets give these members a Post 44 welcome. 4) Mar 18 Post 44 General Meeting will see formation of nomination committee for 2010-2011 Post Officers, again please try to attend. Elections will be at the May 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. If you have not paid your 2010 Dues, this will be your last Newsletter. It is published and mailed to members only. Still Serving for God & Country

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

At the last Post General meeting it was voted that the building will become non smoking except for the new smoking Patio. The effective date is March 1. Some members are happy and others are unhappy about this change. This will come up for a vote again in the April 22nd General Meeting as Article X of the By-Laws says that 3 months must elapse before a motion can be reconsidered.

A reminder that if you haven't paid your 2010 dues, please do so soon.

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

"Boy, Howdy" Blue Caps!

Lets start off with some great news! Our Scout Troop #440 (the forty-four noughts) is being honored with "Troop of the Year". Congratulations boys, you make us proud. Keep up the good works!

This year has been a little rough for our renewals. We are looking at a 72% membership for this year. Come on brothers, light a "Fire" under your brothers, and have them Renew! We can blame the economy, but really what good does that do us. \$30 is two weeks without that morning cup from "Starbucks". I do know that a lot of renewals come in during "Spring Training". Lets pull this together.

March 6<sup>th</sup> is the Oratorical Finals being held at the Post for the third year in a row. Volunteers for this and "ANY" function are always welcome. You might be listening to your next Congress Rep. or President of the United States. Other events coming up – Auxiliary Rummage Sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> and break out your GREEN St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Be seen, be heard, be involved.

## St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17  
Irish Food and Music

John Kirkpatrick  
on the Keyboard in the afternoon

Band will play your favorite Irish songs.  
Music starts at 6:00 PM, and of course,  
Irish food to be served all day, starting at 11AM  
Bring your friends as guests and celebrate.

### **Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo**

The patio area is officially open and available to all members and guests to enjoy.

Again, as a reminder, the servers will be requesting members to show their current membership cards in the Club. Accordingly, make sure that you have renewed your membership and have your 2010 membership card available.

Although the New Years Eve party was a huge success, the Valentine's Day party held on Saturday, February 13 turned out to be even greater. The ballroom was totally full and unfortunately people without reservations had to be turned away at the door. Mike Smith and his staff and the other volunteers who helped make the event unforgettable, deserve many kudos. Even the entertainers, The Rags Allen Trio, were having such a good time, they played way beyond their scheduled time. John Hyde and Bud Brimhall also did a great job checking memberships at the door.

Since this issue of the Bulletin is going to publication prior to the Prada del Sol event on February 20 and I do not have any report regarding the event, in view of the amount of work and preparation by everyone, we anticipate a very successful and rewarding day. If you recall, the Club was open to the public and there was entertainment inside and outside the Post during the afternoon and evening and a BBQ on the outside as well as a buffet inside the ballroom area.

Again, the "Happy Hour" on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 5:00PM have been a huge success. Although the Happy Hour rate for food ends at 5:00 PM, Happy Hour rates for drinks are available until 7:00 PM.

Security cameras have been purchased and will be placed in and about the Club and Post in critical areas.

Although the prohibition of smoking in the Club, except for the new patio area, was passed at the last January General Meeting, enforcement will not become effective until March 1 so that the members will be apprised of this matter by this newsletter. In all probability, there will be a new vote on this issue in the upcoming April General Meeting.

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.

**NOTICE: The Post was voted to be non-smoking effective March 1, 2010. It will be voted on again at the April 22nd General Meeting.**

### **Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton**

Hello Ladies – It's Spring Cleaning Time and guess what? I have a perfect solution for "what can I do with all this stuff"? Bring it to the Post!! The Auxiliary is having a Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 AM. So please gather up all of your "cast-offs" – mark it with a price tag and donate it for our cause. This fundraiser will help greatly to meet our obligations to our many programs. We need your items by Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – your bake goods by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

St. Pat's Day – March 17<sup>th</sup> ! The Post is sponsoring a Blood Drive all day – so bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy corn beef and donate blood. This endeavor is working for Community Services – State and Nation.

Next meeting date – Monday, March 15. We will be presenting an Initiation Ceremony for new members and any member who has not gone through the initiation. Time is 7 PM and our District President Patsy Lugo will be making her official visit and presiding as Initiation Officer. Please let me know if you plan on being initiated so that I can be sure to have the needed materials on hand – 480-947-3993.

And PLEASE mark Saturday, March 6 at 9 AM on your calendar. Our Post will once again be hosting the State Finals for the Oratorical Contest. High School students will be competing for American Legion Scholarships. If you have never attended this event – you are really missing something special! Come and listen to "America's Future" – you will come away knowing that we do have a lot of young people who can "take the reins" in the future.

March 28 – Noon – Post 35 is hosting the District 12 picnic and our own Post 44 will host the District 12 meeting one week earlier on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

A very busy month and I hope to see a lot of you at these events. Till next time – For God and Country.

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

Many thanks for the canned goods and non-perishables that so many generous members are contributing every month to the RED BUCKET. John, the Project Hope Coordinator, is very generous with his praise to Post 44 for our contribution every month. This month, our donation of food tallied \$130.00. Because of the dependability of organizations like Post 44, contributing every month, Project Hope can provide food boxes to hundreds of homeless hungry folks! John says that the requests for food has doubled from last year at this time. It takes so little time to pick up an extra can or two of food or a carton of water for the RED BUCKET. Dixie Whittier is our gal who contributes time to Victory Place, by collecting men's clothing, single bed sheets, blankets, and towels. These items do not go into the RED BUCKET, but can be left for Dixie to take to Victory Place on her regular visits down there.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Mar.

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	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
11	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Wednesday	St. Pat's Day Party	(See Ad)
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**

**Happy Hour**

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

**EUCHRE**

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

**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.

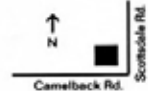
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SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED  
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY  
MON-SAT

**MARCH 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 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	2 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6 LIVER & ONIONS	3 FILET STUFFED PORK LOIN SHRIMP SCAMPI JAZZ NIGHT	4 SPAGHETTI W/MEATBALLS CHIX FRIED STEAK	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	6 PRIME RIB PORK PICATTA SHRIMP KABABS MIDNIGHT MOON
7 FARMERS OMLETTE LOX & BAGELS	8 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	9 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6 LIVER & ONIONS	10 FILET PASTA ALA VODKA CAJUN CATFISH JAZZ NIGHT	11 BEEF TIPS BROILED TILAPIA	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY RAGS ALLEN	13 PRIME RIB CHIX STIR FRY ASIAN CODFISH RAGS ALLEN
14 EGGS BINNIE SOS	15 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	16 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6 LIVER & ONIONS	17 FILET IRISH FOOD ALL DAY BAND IRISH MUSIC	18 PASTA ALA VODKA ROASTED PORK LOIN	19 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE HATOUNIAN	20 PRIME RIB BAKED CHIX GRILLED SALMON MIKE HATOUNIAN
21 POTATO PANCAKES HUEVO'S RANCHEROS	22 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	23 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6 LIVER/ ONIONS	24 FILETS PORK PICOTTA LAMB SHANKS JAZZ NIGHT	25 SEAFOOD PASTA CHIX FIESTA	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	27 PRIME RIB CHIX ALFRADO LAMB SHANKS MIDNIGHT MOON
28 PIZZA OMLETTE EGGS BENNIE	29 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	30 \$9 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6 LIVER/ ONIONS	31 FILETS SHRIMP ALA VODKA GRILLED SALMON JAZZ NIGHT			



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MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S

Appetizers:  
Wings, Pot. Skins,  
Shrimp Cocktail,

## **American Legion Riders - Joni Baginski, ALR Secretary**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Ride for Love" was an incredible success! If you didn't make it to the party, you definitely missed out! We had over 100 bikes, our favorite band, *Daydream Believer* and a lot of fun! It was a great way to spend Valentines Day. Our next event is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner on March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you want to have fun, the American Legion Riders of Post 44 know how to do it right. Come enjoy a Sunday dinner, raffles, 50/50 and of course, music and dancing. "Bike Night" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month has been pretty successful and proven to be beneficial for the Post come on down and join us. The kitchen has been putting out some great specials for us! All American Legion members are always welcome to join us for ALL of our events! Happy Birthday(s) to, Chuck "Wolfman" (2<sup>nd</sup>), Scot (4<sup>th</sup>), & Dawn (30<sup>th</sup>). Until next time and always, never ride faster than your angel can fly! .....

## **Bartenders Plea**

From time to time, I find a few who, for some reason of their own, tend to drink too much too long.

It's my job to take care of your beverages and see that you don't exceed your limit. This is for your safety. I want to serve you with a smile tomorrow, not spend my next shift time getting friends to sign a sympathy card for you and your family.

Excessive drinking is against the law, and your Club. I as well as you may be involved if you are in an accident or, heaven forbid, kill someone, whether or not you are at fault.

So if I serve you water, 7-Up, soda or coke when you order a drink, please understand that I am telling you, in a very subtle way, that you have had enough. This way your friends won't know that you have been cut off.

The rest is up to you. You can accept my decision that you have reached your limit, or you can raise a fuss and let everybody know, but I won't change my mind. **YOU WILL BE CUT OFF.** Please don't embarrass yourself or me by asking for another drink and forcing me to ask you to leave.

Thank you, Your Bartender

## **The Club Committee**



Raul Ochoa, Mike Smith (Manager), Cmdr. Andy Jaime, John Hyde, Raman Dimeo, Bud Brimhall