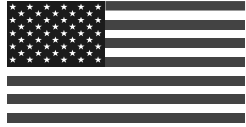




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

To all our members of American Legion Post 44, please notice the months heading at the top of the Newsletter. This Newsletter will be for May-June 2010. The next mailing will be July-August followed by the September-October Newsletter. This is an effort to save money during these historically lean months. It is estimated that the Post will save \$1800-\$2000 which can be used to sponsor our Legion Charities.

I want to thank everyone for electing me as your Post Commander the past two years. Your Sr. Vice Cmdr. two years previously and Post Adjutant for two years. It is said that you learn by doing and being involved. I am so proud to have served Post 44, the American Legion Organization, our Veterans and the Community.

Our accomplishments have been many. We have hosted two Scottsdale Police and Fireman's Appreciation Day Lunches; three Oratorical Scholarship State Finals; two American Legion District 12 Annual Meetings; one Christmas Party for our returning troops and their children. Participated in Military Honors for past members more than I care to mention and also provided a Bar-B-Q for the 855th M.P. Company being deployed to Afganastan feeding over 1,200 people at the AZ. National Guard Headquarters on 52nd Street in Phoenix.

We also did a Bar-B-Q for the homeless veterans at the Madison Street Homeless Shelter in Phoenix – feeding over 500 Vets from Maricopa County plus giving clothing, jackets and blankets. We have an on-going paper drive to help the Scottsdale Schools, to date 574 reams of paper have been delivered to the schools. Fortunately, we are still participating in the Parada del Sol Parade (58 years) continuously thanks to our Post 44 Honor Guard.

We also participated in many fund-raising efforts to help for the cost of the new Veterans Monument at the Scottsdale Civic Center on the east side of City Hall.

None of this could have been accomplished without the participation of the Post Officers, Committees, Members, our Unit 44 Auxiliary, our Sons of the American Legion and our Legion Riders. Saying thank you to everyone seems hardly enough, so I'll say if you think your membership doesn't make a difference – think again. Post 44 made a difference for a lot of people. That is who we are – it is what we do as all American Legion Posts.

May 27, 2010 – 7 PM General Meeting will see Post 44 election of new officers for the 2010-2011 year. Please come and vote. We need leaders who will continue to help in all the efforts in establishing Post 44 as one of the working Posts in the State.

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

We are short of our Goal of 1136 for 100% Membership. Sign up your eligible friends and neighbors and we can still make it. We are so close – as of today we have 1125.

Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo

The usage of the outdoor Patio has been very good, especially by the members wanting to smoke. We are also serving food and beverages on the patio. We are contemplating a means of contacting the servers inside the Club. We are also contemplating putting a TV screen in the patio and are checking the requirements and costs involved.

As a reminder, Monday through Thursday, the Club "Happy hour" discounted rates for food are 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and for drinks 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Also, remember that on Mondays, drinks will be at the "Happy hour" rate all day until closing.

The staff, and particularly the bar personnel, are scrutinizing the drinking by the members, and are authorized to refuse alcoholic drinks to those who are exhibiting symptoms of intoxication. A cab will be called for those who appear to be unable to drive.

Mike Smith, the Club Manager, has been experimenting with various entertainment for Thursday evenings in the bar area. Please let us know what your reactions and suggestions are regarding the specific entertainers.

We are considering acquiring a soft ice cream dispensing machine. The machine is not expensive and the production of the ice cream is very simple. This could be an easy and productive means of generating additional income for the Club and Post.

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.

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Name:

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Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – This will be the last Newsletter article I will be writing as your Unit President. I want to thank you all for your support and for your confidence in allowing me to hold this position for the last three years.

I like to think that we have had a lot of fun and at the same time we have successfully worked our Auxiliary programs. We have continued our obligation to helping our veterans by participating in the VA Gift Shop each Christmas, a party for military families Christmas 2008, and this year two separate deployment of National Guard send-offs and two separate cook-outs for Homeless Veterans (one coming up on May 15) as well as raising money for a Veteran's Memorial, honoring our local police and firemen and supplying paper for our local schools and other aid to our children and youth. We continue to support Girls State and each year send 13-15 girls to U of A for a week of learning government and citizenship.

We have also helped to re-establish the Annual Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner to honor our past leaders and award our current volunteers. The Club Room has benefited from our organization also, as we now have more volunteers than ever before to help out at their many functions.

We are all working together in the true spirit of "Family" and I want to give a SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Legionnaires, SAL's and the ALR – the American Legion Family. What a Fabulous Group!!

Its been a tremendous ride and one I will always remember, and wouldn't have missed for the world!! Next up: May 15 – District 11 and District 12 Cook-Out for Homeless Veterans, Steel Park – details at the April 12th meeting. May 17th General Meeting – Elections and Installation of Officers for 2010-2011. June 17-20 – Dept. Convention in Glendale.

Til next time – have a great summer. For God and Country.

What's Going on at Post 44

Memorial Day - May 31

8:15 AM assemble at Kiva School at 69th & McDonald.

8:30 AM Ceremony at Camelback Cemetery across the street.

10:00 AM Service at Scottsdale Civic Center at the Veterans Memorial - East of City Hall

June 14 - Flag Day - Ceremony in Post 44 Parking Lot at 11:00 AM

Aux Community Service by Sue Fay

Once again, we were able to deliver to Project Hope canned goods and bags of grapefruit that was worth \$110.00. Thank you for your contributions to the RED BUCKET in the lobby! "Heat Season" begins in May, and our goal is to provide bottled water to the homeless community through Project Hope. In 2009, there were 71 confirmed deaths, exacerbated by heat and dehydration in Maricopa County. Through the efforts of Community Service, I hope to collect and donate bottled water to the 2010 "Heat-Relief Network Cause"!! During the summer, 2009, we collected 14 cases (35 bottles per case) for the Homeless. Collections of canned food in the RED BUCKET is on-going. Thanks so much!



It's That Time Again

Poppies are Enclosed in this Newsletter.

"Donations will be appreciated - 100% of money goes to the Veterans Hospital. This is the Auxiliary's Biggest Fund Raiser."

American Legion Riders - Joni Baginski, ALR Secretary

Greetings from ALL the American Legion Riders here at Post 44. At our April 13th meeting, we all had the pleasure of meeting the recipient of the funds we raised with our "Ride for Love" on Valentines Day. We were not able to locate the family that we had originally planned on giving the funds to. Four months ago, 11-year-old Mac ken zie Saunders injured her spinal cord when she was knocked down playing soccer. She was hospitalized for over a month at Barrows Neurological Institute. Mackenzie still has a long road ahead with daily physical therapy. Mac ken zie said; "I've learned not to be negative, if you feel sorry for yourself, you just hold yourself back". Her attitude and outlook on life should be an inspiration to us all! The American Legion Riders presented Mackenzie a check for \$2000.00 to help with her hospital bills. To follow Mackenzie's progress, you can visit her journal page on [CaringBridge website](http://CaringBridge.com). Follow up on this story and all the other things the ALR of post 44 has done at www.alr44.org. Until next time, and always, never ride faster than your angel. can fly!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY & JUNE

May June

5	Wednesday	Cinco de Mayo - Mexican Food	
2 6	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
9	Sunday	Mother's Day - Special Breakfast	
10 14	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
11 8	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
14	Tuesday	Flag Day - Parking Lot Ceremony	11:00 AM
13 10	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Sunday	Father's /Day - Special Breakfast	
17 21	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
27 24	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
31	Monday	Memorial Day - See Ad	

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

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

Sundays - Trivia - 3:00 PM (See Notice)

Happy Hour

Mon. through Thurs. Discounted drinks from 2 - 7 PM. and all day on Monday. Food specials from 2- 5 PM Monday through Thursday. Check Menu Board

Boy Scout Car Wash - Saturday, May 15, 10-2 PM

Trivia Notice - See you Sundays in May. Final Trivia game will be Sunday, May 23. Trivia goes on Summer Vacation. (We will return Sunday September 12, right after Labor Day)



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SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

MAY 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 PRIME RIB VEGIE LASAGNA TILAPIA MIDNIGHT MOON	
2 QUICHE PIZZA OMLETTE	3 CONEY DOGS STUFFED CABBAGE Happy Hour Drinks All Day	4 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	5 CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION MEXICAN FOOD ALL DAY MARGERITAS DRINK SPECIALS	6 SHEPARDS PIE PORK PICATTA	7 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	8 PRIME RIB COD FLORENTINE CHEESE RAVIOLI CARLOTTA & BOBBY WHEELER	
9 MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET 9 AM EGGS BENNY OMLETTE STATION CHEF CARVING STATION	12 SAL All you can eat Fish & Chips \$7.50 5-8 PM Happy Hour Drinks All Day	11 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	12 FILETS LEMON CHIX LASAGNA JAZZ NIGHT	13 BONELESS PORK CHOP BROILED TILAPIA	14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE HATOUNIAN	15 PRIME RIB FISH & CHIPS VEGGIE LASAGNA MIKE	
16 FARMERS OMLETTE LOX & BAGELS	17 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	18 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	19 FILETS PORK CHOPS GRILLED SALMON JAZZ NIGHT	20 FRIED CHICKEN SHRIMP STIR FRY	21 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY RAGS ALLEN	22 PRIME RIB CHICKEN CORDON BLEU CARLOTTA	
23 SOS EGGS BENNY	24 CONEY DOGS SWISS STEAK Happy Hour Drinks All Day	25 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	26 FILETS PASTA POMODORO JAZZ NIGHT	27 CHICKEN FIESTA BAKED COD FISH	28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	29 PRIME RIB CAJUN CATFISH STUFFED PORK LOIN MIDNIGHT MOON	
30 STAWBERRY PANCAKES SEAFOOD OMLETTE	31 CONEY DOGS BBQ CHICKEN Happy Hour Drinks All Day	<p>Join Us At The Legion For Good Meals and Great Friends MUSIC MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S</p>					<p>Appetizers: Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,</p>

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6 EGGS BENNY SOS BREAKFAST BUFFET	7 CONEY DOGS MEAT LOAF Happy Hour Drinks All Day	8 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	9 FILET CHICKEN FIESTA SHRIMP KABOBS JAZZ NIGHT	10 FISH PICATTA CHICKEN CEASAR	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE HATOUNIAN	12 PRIME RIB PORK PICATTA ASIAN CODFISH MIKE HATOUNIAN
13 PIZZA OMLETTE STUFFED FRENCH TOAST	14 CONEY DOGS STUFFED PEPPERS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	15 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	16 FILET PORK PICATTA FRIED SHRIMP JAZZ NIGHT	17 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK BROILED TILAPIA	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MICHAEL MORRIS	19 PRIME RIB CHICKEN ALFREDO SALMON CARLOTTA & BOBBY WHEELER
20 FATHER'S DAY \$9.00 BUFFET OMLETTE & CARVING STATION EGGS BENNY	21 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS Happy Hour Drinks All Day	22 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	23 FILETS CAJUN CATFISH JAZZ NIGHT	24 TURKEY DINNER CHEESE RAVIOLI	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY TBD	26 PRIME RIB CHIX MARSALA BBQ RIBS MIKE HATOUNIAN
27 LOX & BAGELS CREATE YOUR OWN OMLETTE	28 CONEY DOGS SWISS STEAK Happy Hour Drinks All Day	29 \$9.00 SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.00 LIVER & ONIONS	30 FILETS CHICKEN PICATTA SHRIMP SCAMPI JAZZ NIGHT			

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