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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

National volunteer week is this month so I want to thank all the volunteers that help us at the Post. There are too many of you to name, so a big thanks to all.

Talking about volunteers, reminds me that the "VIETNAM WALL EXPERIENCE", will be held at Green Acres on April 19, 20 and 21. We need all kinds of volunteers to: distribute pamphlets, direct traffic for parking, computer help to find names on the wall, hospitality, security, etc. There will be a meeting for volunteers on April 3, 6:00pm at Green Acres Mortuary Chapel, 401 N Hayden Rd. Graham Higton is our representative. If you can't help, perhaps you will want to attend. It opens at 7:00 am on April 19 and Rick Romley is the key speaker at 11:00 am for the opening.



EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer

Joyce and Ken played together at the March Tourney due to the unavailability of their regular partners - and they won with a score of 84. They just beat out a new team - June M and Sybil (new player) who had an 82. Third place went to another "new" team Bernie and Joe C with a 79. Good scores and new teams - what a great time the Euchre Tourney produces! Many thanks to the VFW! The next Tourney is at the Legion on April 13, 2002, 1:00 PM start time. See you there!!!

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Bob Smith - Oratorical Chairman

Our Annual High School Oratorical Contest, State Finals were held March 2nd. Five finalists from across the state competed with the subject, "On some Phase of the Constitution of the United States." **The first place winner was Tom Joraanstad, from Glendale.** Our District 12 representative came in second. First Prize was \$2500 and Second Prize was \$750. Tom will represent our State at the National Finals on Sunday, April 14. First Place is \$18,000, 2nd place \$16,000, 3rd place \$14,000. All participants will receive \$1,500. Funds awarded are provided by your American Legion Insurance Fund. Let's all pull for our boy Tom!

BOY'S STATE - John Russell, Chairman

Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members: This year our post will send twenty-four high school students from the Scottsdale area to Boy's State at Northern Arizona University. The sponsoring of the Boy's State program is your Post's largest charitable event, and needs your financial help. Each of us is asked to either purchase or sell twelve raffle tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 27, 2002.

We have **twelve great prizes** to give away. Panasonic 20" TV/VCR Combo, Michelin Emergency Kit, GE Answering Machine, Dremel Rotary Tool, Oster Juice Extractor, Pierre Cardin Pen Set, Lighted Light House, SW Bell Caller ID, Pasta Cooker, Bird House, Don & Charlie's Dinner Certificate, and a Brunch Certificate from El Chorro Lodge.

Please help send the boys to Boy's State by sending your check, and the stubs from the tickets enclosed in this month's newsletter, back as soon as you can. A self-addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Additional raffle tickets are available at the Post.

Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

I would like to thank all of you that supported our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale. We raised over \$400, and will use this money for several of our programs.

Our Juniors have taken on a project for The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. This project is titled the "Veteran's History Project", and is purposed with preserving stories of service for future generations. It includes veterans of World War 1, World War 11, the Korean, the Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf wars. In order to participate in this project we need a video camera, tripod, photographer's light, external microphone, and a supply of videotapes. We will be requesting donations from local companies; however, if you have any of this equipment you no longer have a need for we would gladly accept (or borrow) it.

The Folklife Center has instructed us to interview veterans and civilians who supported the war effort. Because we do not have too many World War 1 Veterans, we will begin by focusing on them. If you are (or know of) a Veteran that would like to share their story, please call me 480-481-7661 to arrange an interview. Hopefully we will be able to find the needed equipment.

Here is a message from James H. Billington, the librarian of Congress:

"We owe our wartime veterans a profound appreciation for their sacrifices and service to our nation and its future. We also owe all our citizens an opportunity to appreciate and honor those men and women who have protected our nation in the gravest of times. Together, with the help of all Americans, we can honor our war veterans and create a lasting body of documentary materials that will inform and educate our citizens in the decades ahead."

Please remember that our organization is associated together for God and Country and the third purpose listed in our Preamble is to "Preserve the memories and incidents of our association during the great wars." What a great way to help this preservation by participating in this project.

The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be at Green Acres Cemetery on April 19, 20 and 21. If possible, you should try to visit it. I will have more information available at the Post.

Please renew your membership and your poppy plate. Please try to attend our monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month. And please participate in this great organization. **For God and Country**


Gift Idea for Birthday, Anniversary, Etc.

Buy a brick on the Memorial Wall or in the new Game Room for \$100.00. Information in the office or lounge. Help your Post stay financially sound.

Auxiliary Music Program: Carol Clark, Chairman

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day a bit early at the Arizona State Veterans' Home, by giving out cards made by our Jr. Member Ronni Stirling and singing some Irish melodies. John Kirkpatrick provides noisemakers that are easily held and while he plays some upbeat music, the residents have the opportunity to make lots of noise that would normally be frowned upon.


We had a total of 35 residents, including 3 new attendees this month, along with 8 wonderful helpers from the Auxiliary & Post. Four of our regular "staff" will be out of town for a couple of months, so if you have some free time, please join our group. If you care to car pool, we leave the Post at 0900 sharp on the 2nd Monday of every month. If you choose to meet at the ASVH, please arrive by 0945. Although we start the music at 1000, we need time to go to the wards to push wheel chairs for those not able to walk unaided, distribute music books & greet residents arriving on their own.



ELVIS PRESLEY

Dinner Show

Sunday, April 14
4 PM - 7 PM
\$7.00



Has Elvis Returned?
You will have to decide.
Make Your Reservations Early

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Carol Clark, Music Chairman

If you happen to be amongst the very few members not in attendance over the weekends, allow me tell you what you've been missing. First of all, try to come early, because while John Kirkpatrick plays the piano, often members & guests join in on a variety of instruments. We're talking about a musical night out without a cover charge! Since John entertains an open microphone policy, singers are always welcomed. John also plays on Tuesday evenings, for your mid-week entertainment.

April Menu

Reoccurring Menu for April

Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials

Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

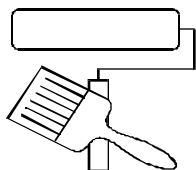
Sunday	<u>Breakfast</u> - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	from \$2.50
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)	
Monday	Spaghetti	\$5.00
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.50
Wednesday	Filet is back plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
Thursday	Chef's Choice	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - & other Entrees	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00
Saturday	<u>Breakfast</u> - 10:00 - 2:00	from \$1.99

*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

April	1	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
	1	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	13	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (Here @ Post)
	14	Elvis Presley Show & Dinner	4:00 - 7:00 PM
	15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	18	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	25	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
May	12	Mother's Day Dinner	(See details next month)

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Fr. Novatus Council, #4426
Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month
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Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.

Assembly
3rd Wednesday each month
St. Daniel the Prophet Church