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Commander, Norm McLeod

IN THE PAST: April 1, 1945 the Invasion of Okinawa; April 1, 1968 Operation Pegasus; April 9, 1942 the Fall of Bataan; April 10, 1968 the battle for Lang Vei; April 11, 1991 Persian Gulf War Cease Fire; April 16, 1953 the battle of Pork Chop Hill; April 18, 1942 the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. April 9 is also National Former POW Recognition Day.

Please attend your Post 44 General Meetings. When you do you will become aware of the facts of your Post's business. You can ask questions about anything to do with your Post. You can make suggestions to help your officers do a better job running your Post. The alternative is to engage in bar talk, hearsay, innuendo and believe downright lies. This alternative only leads to anger and confusion. It sure doesn't help anything. So, see you at the April 22 meeting.

Local businesses have been complaining about our patrons parking in their spaces. Of course we know that their customers sometimes park in our lot, as well. But we can not condone behavior that we ourselves find so annoying. Therefore, please do not park in some other establishments parking lot. It's best to use street or public parking. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

At our April meeting, we must present a slate of nominees for 2004-2005. At our May 27 meeting, we hold our elections for 13 spots on the Executive Board. These "lucky" new officers will be sworn in at our June 24 meeting. We want at least two nominees for each position: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, a Trustee position (3-yr term) and at least seven (7) nominees for the five (5) posts on the Executive Committee. That adds up to 23 members who care enough about the Post to serve. Our Nominating Committee persons will be looking for volunteers. As People Who Have Been In The Service, We Know That You Never Volunteer For Anything. But only with your active participation can the Post make progress. Please give serious consideration to stepping forward.

It's very important, at this point in our history, that we should read and understand the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, we have been reviewing the "Bill of Rights":

Amendment VI – In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to

Amendment VI (continued)

have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Remember to support our brave women and men, in service of their country, with your prayers and good deeds.

BOY'S STATE, John Russell

Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members: This year Post 44 will send over twenty 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 six raffle tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004.

We have ten great prizes to give away: 20" TV with built in VCR, Samsonite Luggage; El Charro Restaurant Gift Card; 20-Piece Dinnerware Set; Red Lobster Gift Card; Book "21st Century Wealth & \$15 Cash; Don & Charlie's Gift Card; Indoor/Outdoor Thermometer & Post Pin; Heritage Mint Replica of the Ship Constitution; and a 6-Piece Manicure Set & \$10 Cash.

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

S.A.L. Commander: Terry Hendron

It looks like the warm weather is soon approaching. The onset of warmer weather means its time to get ready for a new season. This means it is time to clean the pool, change the pump and pads to the swamp cooler or maybe get the air conditioning serviced. It also means finishing with a strong push for final membership totals. Yes, I said membership. With less than 2 months to go, the S.A.L. needs about twenty more members to make 100%. To make 100% our first year out of the gate towards revitalizing the S.A.L. would be phenomenal. A true testament as to how determined and committed both the Legion and the S.A.L. have been to make this work. But were not there yet. Please help us achieve this goal. Keep in mind that the dues for members under 21 years of age and dual members (members of both the Legion and the S.A.L.) are only \$10.00. Together we can do this. Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 6:30.

Auxiliary Music, Carol Clark, Chairman

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day a week or so early did not stop us from wearin' the green, some more than others. Thanks to Sue Fay and Prior Magnusson from the Auxiliary, Larry Joiner along with his grandson Travis and a helpful snowbird from Michigan, Willie Bahnsen, we had a great party with over 36 Veterans, some from the Adult Day Care Program. A Day Care attendee gave me the honor of the first dance and then he moved on to Prior. Each Resident was given a green derby and a Mardi gras wand, decorated with a jester's mask and bells. John Kirkpatrick wearing a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" cap, played Irish music to our hearts content and Willie joined in on the harmonica. Willie is only in AZ for two months of the year, yet he takes time to help our program. It is due to our volunteers that "Reach Out With Music" succeeds.

I noticed a young man, probably in his early 20's, standing near the doorway to Liberty Hall. His arm was in a sling and I overheard him telling a therapist he was visiting his grandfather and assumed his grandfather was in the room. After the program, he approached me and said he had been in another ward visiting his grandfather when he heard music. He came to Liberty Hall and as he became involved in the music, the pain in his shoulder disappeared. He had been in an auto accident and was in constant pain. He said he would be around for another couple of months and asked if he could come to our programs, which was fine with me. It seems as though each month we are reaching people in unexpected ways.

We leave the Post driveway promptly at 0900 the 2nd Monday of each month, or feel free to meet us in Liberty Hall at 9040 at the Arizona State Veteran's Home, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 11

Regular Sunday Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00

Dinner - 2:00 - 5:00 - Table Service

**1/2 Baked Chicken Stuffed or Ham & Yams
w/mashed potatoes, veg, soup or salad,
coffee & dessert \$8.95**

Saturday - April 10

**10th Anniversary
of moving into our new building**

Roll Back The Prices

10:00 - 2:00 - \$3.00 Hamburger Basket

\$2.00 Hotdog Basket

50 cent Draft

Dinner - 5:00 - 8:00 - \$5.00

**Traditional Steak Fry
Grilled Sirlion or 1/4 Chicken**

Salad Bar - Baked Beans

Music 6:30 - 9:30 in the Big Hall

Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson

Congratulations Ronni Stirling! Winner of 2nd Place in the State Oratorical Contest Feb. 28. This annual contest is sponsored by the American Legion Nationwide is open to High School Students and requires the contestant to write and then memorize and present the entry on a subject designated by the Board. We're proud of you, Ronni!

During the past month, Unit 44 presented a new 57" Toshiba High Definition TV and 5 combination VCR/DVD players to the Arizona Veterans Home thanks to the efforts of members having presented the wonderful Veterans Day Review performance on Nov. 11, 2003. You all remember the great show and even your attendance played a part in this gift to our veterans. Thanks again, especially the Cast. The veterans who received the equipment are thrilled...they deserve it.

District 12 President, Betty Smith, did the honor of presiding over Initiation Ceremonies for new members at our March 15 meeting. It was a lovely ceremony as always and we are always happy to welcome our members officially. Hopefully, next time more of you can take part.

Members will be contacting you on our April Fundraiser for purchase of Spinoza Bears for terminally ill children. You can buy a paper cut-out egg which will be posted with your name at the Post - cost of eggs \$1.00 (more would be appreciated). These bears come with 9 soothing tapes and have shown to be great comfort for the children.

The Auxiliary year is fast coming to a close. Nominations for next year's officers will be presented at the April 19 meeting and after any nominations from the floor, election is held at the May 17 meeting. Just as all members reap benefits from the Organization, it takes participation in some degree by all members for the Organization to continue to exist. Our contribution to the Veterans, Nation and Community are tremendous and the pride and satisfaction gained is also. Anyone who can help is missing out unless she does.

We still accept 2004 membership renewals and welcome new members. Update your Poppy Plates. Support our Club!

Adjutant, Jerry Lennemann

If you want a WWII Certificate, please contact the office 480-941-0130

Chaplain, Lizz Holms-Parr

Someone once said: "It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold, and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see and if both ears can hear, then whom should you envy?"

Rub your eyes and purify your heart and prize above all else in the world those who love you and wish you well!"

Euchre News

The March Euchre Tourney brought 50 fun lovin' Euchre players. We enjoy seeing our winter visitors this time of year. Everyone had a great time, as usual. The April Tourney will be our annual "pick a partner" event. Join us April 10th at the VFW....1:00 PM start time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

April	5	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	5	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	10	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ VFW)
	10	10th Anniversary of Our New Building	See Ad for details
	11	EASTER	See Ad for details
	12	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	15	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	19	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	22	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

Note from Tina - Reservations: Please make reservations for Special Functions. We need to control our costs and the easiest way is to know how many to cook/staff for. 480-941-9053

**POOL TABLE, CUES, CUE RACK, ETC. FOR SALE -
BEST OFFER**

Call the Office (If no answer, leave a message 480-941-0130)

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 **Breakfast** - 10:00 - 1:00 pm * from \$2.50
(Bloody Mary \$1.00)
Trivia Games 3:00 PM

Monday Hot Dogs - \$2.00 Sloppy Joes - \$2.50
(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 10:00)

Tuesday Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree \$7.00

Wednesday Filet plus 2 other Entree \$9.00

Thursday Chef's Choice \$5.00

Friday Fish Fry - & other Entrees
Large Salad Bar \$7.00

Saturday Prime Rib \$9.50

(Plus 2 other Entrees)

Hours: Mon - Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM - Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM

*** Will close Breakfast at 12:00 on May 2, 2004**

Our club manager Tina would like to thank all our volunteer help for making this St. Patty's Day a very successful one. She would also like to give a special thanks to Geno, Fred, Sara & Tom Paul for all their help and long hours.

Tina Van Gilder

As I come into the club from day to day as a volunteer, I am greeted by many of our members with thanks on how great a time they had on the past days events. They also make many good suggestions on how to make them better, some we use and some due to funds, etc. we have to put on the back burner. However, there area a few (you know who you are) who are always finding fault with the staff, bar and volunteers. They complain to the Manager, Commander and anyone who will listen. My statement to them is if you think you can do better, by all means go for it. The old statement is "If you are not part of the solution YOU are part of the problem.

Len Rosenbaum

Post 44 Club Committee Member

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Knights of Columbus

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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