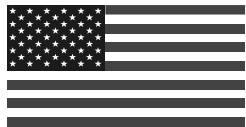




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

I would like to ask our Legionnaire Members what being a Legion member means to them? Is it that it means you're a veteran? Is it pride in being a member of the largest veterans organization in the world? Do you do your share to uphold the principles stated in the "Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion" stated on the back of each member card?

As American Legion members we are pledged to serve, not be served. We as the veterans are an example to the rest of our Legion family (Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders), as well as our community and state.

Renewing your membership annually helps to support the programs we are pledged to do as members. So much more needs doing; volunteers are needed during the day and evening operations of your post. Dishwashers, table bussing, taking out the trash, sweeping, mopping up spills, greeting members, selling raffle tickets for fund raisers, landscaping around the post. If your able to participate in some way, be the example.

If you are one of our local resident members, try to attend the Post General Meeting each month at 7 PM, one night a month for one-hour. It's not a lot to give up, and you will know first-hand what your post is doing and get a deeper appreciation of being a member, as well as having a voice in what is being done. We may have members that need help and it is our obligation to help in any way possible. Any of you can be part of these efforts.

Thank you all for your continued membership, for your service to our country, and for your volunteerism.

April Quote: "Giving back involves a certain amount of giving up." Secretary of State – Colin Powell

Adjutant, *John Russell*

All new members are invited to attend our Post 44 meeting on April 23rd. New members who are present will be initiated into the American Legion, and will receive a Legion lapel pin, and a certificate.

Our membership is doing great. Post 44's goal on March 9th was to have 1076 members paid for 2009. We now have 1094 Legion members who have paid their 2009 dues.

**** Find Waldo **** Again this month - 3 names will be hidden somewhere in the Newsletter (names in articles or under pictures don't count). The first 3 that call in all three names - 480-941-0130 - will get a free lunch.

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

The State Convention is June 18-21 in Glendale. Registration is \$12 at the door and pre-registration is \$10. If you are going let us know in the office and we will pay your registration fee and give you the details of the convention.

If you have not paid your Legion dues please do so. They are \$40 per year. I'm sorry but this will be your last newsletter if your 09 dues are not paid.

You can read this newsletter and past issues on our web page: www.post44.org

Jr. Vice Cmdr: *Bob Smith*

The winter months are going by fast and our northern visitors are heading home. While here, they enjoyed our great meals and complimented us many times. Now it is going to be up to our local members to go strong and visit our Sunday morning breakfast and our popular Friday Fish Fry, along with our daily lunch and dinners. It's your Post and Club so please visit your Legion Post often.

You read the paper and listen to the TV so you hear how the restaurants in the Valley are having a hard time because of the economy. We are having the same problem, but with your frequent visits, we will have no problem I promise, you will enjoy your visits to **your** Post 44.

**Raffle Tickets for Boy's State Enclosed
(See Article by John Russell for details.)**

American Legion Riders Post 44 – *Joni Baginski, Secretary*

As of our March 10th meeting, we now have 17 members! The "Ride for Love" for Joni and Jim's granddaughter was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated and donated. American Legion Riders of Arizona rock! March 1st was the 4th annual agent orange ride that benefits our Vietnam Veterans. There was a great turn out. March 12 – 17, the largest replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, located in Washington, D.C., traveled to Prospector Park in Apache Junction. We have a lot of rides/events coming up in the next couple of months, so, if you are interested in joining the ALR, our next meeting is April 14th at 7:00 PM.

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris

Well, "Blue Caps" – As possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendents of veterans of the great wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of the American Legion".....

With that said, Convention is just around the corner. What should we report, 100% membership, no. Vet service and support, I'm thinking no. What do we have this year, a really good party for the kids, and...? There were and still are a lot of opportunities we can be working on. This isn't the Newsletter I wanted to write, but here we are.

We still need donations for the "Cheer Basket." Any unopened bottles of booze, wine, or non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Remember the money raised for this is going to help us house a "Boy Scout" Troop at the Post. The basket is in Michael Smith's kitchen office – you can drop off donations to the office. Hopefully we will have a picture by the end of the week. Tickets go on sale Sat. March 21. Once again, volunteers are needed to sell tickets.

Back to Convention – this year the Host Post is #29 in Glendale, from June 18-21. S.A.L. pre-registration is \$10.00 (at conference \$12.00). All of those interested, see me after 2:00 PM Tues. & Sat. – Sun. & Mon. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, or call me, my number will be in the office.

We also have a "S.A.L. Booster" page in the conference program. To include you or your son's name on it, is \$2.00 per name. We have the list behind the bar.

The Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. want to thank the volunteer bartenders on Sundays. So "Thank You" Maude and Charlie!

Remember gentlemen, this is your Post. Ask the Legion or Auxiliary what projects they may need your help with and be involved; There is not a shortage of ways to help-out in the Post and outside.

"....to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which the American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."

Be seen, be involved. Next meeting: April 6 @ 6:30 PM.

Boy's State – John Russell, Chairman

Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members: This year our Post will send 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 purchase six raffle tickets for \$10.00. If you wish to donate more it would be appreciated. The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009.

We have eleven great prizes to give away. Please help send the boys to Boy's State by sending your check, and the stubs from the tickets enclosed in this 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 President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – Spring is definitely here and I hope you all are not suffering too badly with those awful "Seasonal Allergies."

It has certainly been a busy time since the last newsletter. Parada was a big success for the Post and I want to thank all of you wonderful volunteers – from breakfast and then all through the day – you all showed up early and stayed late! You're all Fantastic!!

February 28th was the Area B competition of the American Legion Oratorical. A "small package of dynamite" by the name of Nicolas Everett from Fountain Hills came out the winner – but all four of the competitors were Awesome!! Then on March 7th the State Finals were hosted by our own Post. The three finalists were from each area of the state – A, B, & C. Nicolas came in second and a young man named Clayton Masterman from Area A was the state winner. Again, all three were fantastic.

March 8th the District 12 picnic was held at Post 35 in Chandler. A great time was had by all. The children enjoyed all the games and a huge "Bouncing Room" erected by the SAL's. The "cake-walk" of course was the biggest draw and our own Post Commander Andy walked away with no less than FOUR cakes!! But – such is his generous nature – he gave them to the kids who had not won.

We are looking forward to a visit from our National President Desiree Stoy on Friday, March 20th and then her official dinner on Saturday, March 21st at Chandler Post 35..

We will have nominations of officers for next year at the meeting in April (20th). I do hope you are thinking of running for an office.

Also at the March meeting we initiated 24 new members (see picture) and presented 4 "Certificates of Appreciation" certificates to our junior members Mariah, Jazmine, Tayler and Gracie. We welcome all of you to our unit – and "job well done" to our juniors. District President Sandy Conklin served as Initiation Officer.

Are your 2009 Dues Paid? We are so close to making Goal – please send them in.

Have a wonderful Easter and I hope to see you at the next meeting – April 20th – 7 PM. For God and Country.

Community Service Chairman - Sue Fay**Homeless Outreach**

Many thanks to the members who are so generous with food for the Red Bucket in the lobby. The workers at "Homeless Outreach" are always so appreciative of the donations from Post 44. Keep the canned food coming for a good cause. Our last donation was valued at \$100.00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

April	6	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	7	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Sunday	Easter	Special Breakfast
	13	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
	14	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
	20	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	23	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

Trivia Note: Every Sunday at 3:00 PM,

Lum Houser

John Kirkpatrick is back.

He will play Tuesday nights and will continue as long as people show up. Some of you remember his music from past years. Come in and sing along with John again.

EUCHRE

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

Scott Harris

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MON-SAT

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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 FILET LAMB SHANKS BASA JAZZ NIGHT	2 GRILLED SALMON CHICKEN CORDON BLUE	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	4 PRIME RIB LOBSTER RAVIOLI COCO SHRIMP MIDNIGHT MOON
5 BLUEBERRY PANCAKES EGGS BENNIE	6 CHILI DOGS LASAGNA	7 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ ONIONS	8 FILET TILAPIA STUFFED PORK CHOPS JAZZ NIGHT	9 RIBEYE STEAK BROILED TILAPIA	10 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	11 PRIME RIB CAJUN CATFISH LEMON CHIX MIKE
12 Easter SPECIAL BREAKFAST	13 CHILI DOGS FETTUCCHINE ALFREDO	14 TOP SIRLOIN FETTUCCHINE ALFREDO	15 FILETS TROUT GRILLED PORK CHOPS JAZZ NIGHT	16 CHICKEN KIEV BROILED BASA (FISH)	17 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CARLOTTA & BOBBY WHEELER	18 PRIME RIB GRILLED SALMON FRIED SHRIMP MIDNIGHT MOON
19 EGGS BENNIE BREAKFAST BURRIOTS	20 CHILI DOGS CHEESE TORTILENNI	21 TOP SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS	22 FILET SHORT RIBS SHRIMP ALA VODKA JAZZ NIGHT	23 BEEF STROGANOFF DEEP FRIED SHRIMP	24 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY Music to be determined	25 PRIME RIB FRIED CHIX MACO SHARK Music to be determined
26 HUEVOS RANCHEROS SOS	27 CHILI DOGS CHICKEN ALFREDO	28 TOP SIRLOIN SHRIMP & PASTA ALI-OLEO	29 FILET JAZZ NIGHT	30 ROAST BEEF DINNER BAKED COD (LEMON PEPPER)		

Appetizers:

Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,

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Kirkpatrick
on Tuesdays

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**Volunteers and Attendees at the
State Oratorical Contest at Post 44 on March 7th, 2009**



Clayton Masterman (to the left of our Commander Andy Jaime - far right) was the “winner” of the State Oratorical contest held here.



New Inductees into Post 44 Auxiliary on March 16, 2009

