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Commander, Norm McLeod

Jerry said in the June-July issue, "This is my last article as Commander and Newsletter Editor." Well, he was only half right. He has agreed to remain the newsletter editor and he is also the new Post 44 Adjutant. What makes valuable people like Jerry think they can retire - NO WAY, Jerry! P.S.: Thanks for all you have done for the Post, as a four (4) time Commander.

I am the new Commander of Sipe-Peterson American Legion Post 44. My name is Norman McLeod. Most of you never heard of me; so here we go. Vital Stats: Korean veteran; resident of Scottsdale since 1991; member of Post 44, since 1994. And I'm anxious to meet each and every one of you. Our office hours are Mon-Fri 1000 to 1400 hrs and Sat 1000 to 1200 hrs. If you can't make it in to visit with us, please mail or E-mail (Post 44@post 44.org) any suggestions you have, on how we can improve our post and be of greater service to all vets and the community.

Many members have asked me what my goals are, as the new commander. They want to know, if I have developed a "mission statement." In short, what do I hope to accomplish? Well, I'm working on it. But you can all help me by coming to the monthly general meeting of the Post, and expressing your opinions and voting on the various issues that affect YOU.

The commanders and the other officers who have served before us have built Post 44 into one of the best posts in the state - heck, in the country. But only with YOUR help, as interested members, can we continue to grow and prosper. Please plan on attending YOUR monthly meetings.

The following numbers will help you to get answers to important questions:

VA Online internet address - VAONLINE.VA.GOV
VA Insurance Info - 1-800-669-8477
VA Benefits - 1-800-827-1000

Junior Vice Commander - Fred Lucas

I want to thank you for electing me your Junior Vice Commander. We need more involvement and support from the 1200+ members of Post 44, so that we can stay the "Best damn Post in the West". Please feel free to bring any problems or idea's for improving our club to my attention. I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you as we work together to improve our post.

**We have rooms to rent for parties,
receptions, meetings, etc.
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Mondays In September

9/1 - Labor Day

Picnic Fare - 11:00 - 2:00 - \$4.50

Steak Fry - 5:00 - 7:30 - \$6.50

Drink Specials every hour!!

**The rest of the month we will
feature Ethnic Foods and a special
drink to compliment the Entree -
Entree \$5.00**

Special Cocktails - \$2.00

**Trivia Games on Sunday afternoon
at 3:00 PM**

Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson

Greetings once again! Thank you for electing me President of Unit 44 Auxiliary again. I am looking forward to a great year and am confident our Auxiliary and Legion will, together, be a positive force for Post 44 and the American Legion Family.

Thanks to all who helped make our recent Christmas in July a success. Your support of this event for the Girls State Program is gratifying and represents much hard work by volunteers.

Watch for announcements of additional events through the coming months. Please try to attend our meetings to get better acquainted with what is going on and to join in the fun. We can't make it work without member's help.

Ronni Stirling has been elected Department President of the Junior girls and will be attending the National Convention in St. Louis this year and next. Congratulations Ronni !!! Unit 44 won many awards at Department Convention in June, we'll list them later.

It's not too early to be thinking about attending Dept. Fall Conference in Lake Havasu City, Nov. 1 & 2. Reservations needed.

Note: The Auxiliary is still in need of a treasurer. If you are able to help out, call me at 480-994-8294.

Remember to renew your Poppy Plates (Chairman is Marion Kirwan).

Wilma Hurd is is at a home for assisted living at 5825 E Indian Sch Rd. She would like visitors but please call first at 480-949-7979.

EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer

Our monthly Euchre Tourney held July 12th at the Scottsdale Elks #2148 welcomed 36 fun-lovin' Euchre players! The "Draw Your Partner" format was fun for all and it's always interesting to play with different people. There is a change in the Tourney schedule for August 9th (Legion) and September 13th (VFW). Mark your calendars. Play begins at 1:00 pm. See you there!!!

Chaplain, Lizz Holmes – Parr

It's your turn to make a difference! I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, by the grace of God I ought to do. For all of us – it is our Post- Lets all do something !!

Auxiliary Music Program: Carol Clark, Chairman

With the Fourth of July as our theme, 22 residents of the Arizona State Veteran's Home attended our "Reach Out With Music" program. Pryor Magnussen from our Auxiliary and Ronni Stirling one of our Juniors, assisted with the music books, handed out flags, Skimmer hats and noise makers to the Residents. The ASVH's Board of Directors used Liberty Hall for their meeting, so we had to meet in the lobby. Since sound travels up, I'm sure they heard enough happiness to know the Residents enjoy our program! I realize it's extremely hot; people with enough sense are somewhere cooler; we're all zoning out, however we are still committed to our program each month and need your help. We meet the 2nd Monday of each and every month. If you'd care to carpool, we leave the Post driveway at 0900 sharp, or if you'd rather drive, the address of the ASVH is 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix. Please try to arrive by 0940, as we need time set up and bring the Residents from their rooms. One Veteran always in attendance, is U.S.A.F. Lt. General Robert Smith, Retired. The General and all the other Residents, spent many years serving their country; it's now our turn to show our appreciation.

Americanism, Bob Parr

Norm asked if I would accept the Chairmanship for Americanism and I said yes. Americanism is an unfailing love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, individual allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Our forefathers laid the foundation for a civilization that is the envy of the world. It has brought us greater spiritual and material wealth than any people has ever known. This is our heritage. The many activities of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion are designed to acknowledge and preserve that heritage, recognizing all of the inalienable rights of man. I am looking for volunteers to help spread the message.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Aug.	4	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	9	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ Post 44)
	11	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	14	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	18	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	21	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	28	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
Sept.	1	Labor Day - Drink Special All Day (See Ad)	
	1	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	11	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	13	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM @ VFW
	15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	18	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	25	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

Reoccurring Menu for August & September		
<u>Lunch</u> - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM		
Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials		
<u>Dinners</u> Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM		
Sunday	<u>Breakfast</u> - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	from \$2.50
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)	
	Trivia Games 3:00 PM	
Monday	Ethnic (See Ad)	\$5.00
	(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 10:00)	
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.50
Wednesday	Filet plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
Thursday	Chef's Choice	\$5.00
Friday	Fish Fry - & other Entrees	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib	\$9.00
	(Plus 2 other Entrees)	

Members & Their Guests Welcome!

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM Monday - 10 AM - 8 PM

ATTENTION: SAL MEMBERS


SAL Reorganization Meeting on July 31st at 6:30pm.

This is a very important meeting and all SAL members should attend.


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Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month
American Legion Post 44.
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.
Assembly
3rd Wednesday each month
St. Daniel the Prophet Church