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Commander's Corner

Mike Zingarelli
Post Commander

Happy Holidays one and all! On behalf of the entire Post, I wish you and your families all the joy and blessings you deserve this Holiday Season.

Don't forget to include the Post in your celebrations during December; we will be open every day except for Christmas when we close at 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

Make sure to sign up your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to come to the Family Christmas Party on December 10 so that they can have some hot dogs, cookies, fun games and of course meet Santa.

As you come by the Post this month make sure to admire the new lighting added to the dining room – and remember to make your reservations at the Club for our big New Year's Dinner Dance to finish off 2000! The Early Bird Dinner was a terrific success – even though only 7 folks made reservations the Club staff still managed to serve almost 150 dinners that night. We won't be able to be that flexible for New Year's Eve though, so make sure you have your reservations made early so that you will not be disappointed! God Bless each of you, your families and America!❖

Post News

Bob Smith
Jr. Vice Commander

Post 44 is going to busy this month and we hope to see many of you as we end 2000 and start off 2001! Some of the events we have scheduled are:

- December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day
Wear your Purple Heart ribbon and the Post will treat you and your spouse to a complementary dinner and drink to remember and thank you for your service.
- December 24th – Christmas Eve
From 5:00 PM until we close at 6:00PM, there will be Merry Christmas special drinks & treats. We will be open again at 10:00 AM on December 26th.
- December 31st – New Years Eve
Music, dancing, party favors and a terrific Prime Rib dinner for only \$35 a couple (\$18 single) and champagne at Midnight! Make sure you make your reservations early!

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POST 44 CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Fish Fry	2
3	4 Squadron 44 meeting Unit E-Board meeting	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day – Free Purple Heart Dinner	8 Fish Fry	9 Euchre Tourney (1 PM at the Elk's Club)
10 Family Christmas Party - 1:00 PM	11	12	13	14 Post E-Board meeting	15 Fish Fry	16
17	18 Unit 44 meeting	19	20	21 Honor Guard meeting	22 Fish Fry	23
24 (Club Closes at 6:00 PM)	25 Merry Christmas! (Club Closed)	26	27	28 Post 44 meeting	29 Fish Fry	30
31 New Years Eve Dinner/Dance						

2000 - New Years Eve - 2001

Dinner Dance at Post 44!

Prime Rib Dinner
 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
 "New York Midnight" Champagne Toast

\$18.00 per person - \$35.00 per couple

Make Reservations Early: 480-941-9053

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December Dinner Specials

Monday	Chef's Choice	\$ 4.00
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak	\$ 5.00
Wednesday	Our Famous Filet Mignon	\$ 7.00
	New York Steak	\$ 8.95
Thursday	Chef's Choice	\$ 4.00
Friday	Famous Fish Fry	\$ 7.95
	(Fish, Shrimp, Chicken, soup, salad!)	
Saturday	Top Prime Rib	\$ 7.95

Other menu items available, and our full service bar.

Reservations always recommended!

Euchre News

Warren Moyer & June
 Post Card Sharks

The monthly Euchre Tourney was held at Post 44 on November 11. We had lots of fun and a record **20** teams arrived ready to play!

Winners Soozie & Pete Kirk, who claim they don't play much, posted a top score of 85. Jeanne & Pasty came in Second after a tiebreaker against Richard & Toni P.

Our next tourney is at Elks #2148 on Saturday, December 9th starting at 1:00 PM. Come early and have lunch – see you there!

Chaplain's Call

Jim Bartsch
 Chaplain

I hope you all had a terrific Thanksgiving Day and take a moment to reflect on what it meant to you. Usually your thoughts on that day are food, family get-to-gathers, friends, football games (hope all your favorite teams won), lots of cooking, baking, wonderful aromas of gourmet goodies and Mom (delighted as she sees the turkey browning) smiling to herself over the money she saved this year by getting the turkey at a lower price.

It seems all of the above is true in many of our homes – it really is a day of exciting dining, kind thoughts and lots of love. All of which is part of our great tradition!

But at times each of us must examine our thoughts concerning the meaning of being thankful. It is very easy to be thankful when we feel good, supporting our family, have enough "play times" and vacations to keep us excited and living very comfortably with our modern day conveniences. "Yes," we proudly acclaim, "God is in His heaven, all's right with the world!" It is truly easy being thankful by comparison – be thankful that you are not blind like Joe or handicapped like Susan, crippled like Harry who will never walk again or dying in the hospital with cancer like Betty and hundreds of others we know or hear about. If you are thankful by comparing your life to someone else, this is not thankfulness.

As for me, being thankful is to accept with gratitude enough strength from God to use my life in some way to help strengthen the life of others, even though it may be only one person and that one person may be a Legionnaire.

Try to stay well and happy, Blessings to all!❖

Signals

Mike Gannon
 Communications Chairman

As you glance through the newsletter this month you will see a few more changes we are trying, please let us know what you think of them! Please be aware that the Post updated the e-mail system last month so the correct address is webmaster@post44.org and all other addresses should end with @post44.org as well. If you had an e-mail address, at the old location (@post44.zzn.com) you may continue to use it but you should go to the web site and create a new account at the new domain name.

Newsletter articles may be sent to the Webmaster address and need to be received by the 15th of the month before publication. Please send them in ASCII or "plain text" formatting!

Remember, you can download newsletters and get the latest Post information at the web site: <http://www.post44.org>❖

Auxiliary News

Anne Stirling
Auxiliary President

It seems as though I begin each month with a thank you. Why should this month be any different? I would like to thank everyone who brought in donations for the Pappas School for homeless children. The Juniors raised over \$100 by selling paper pumpkins at the Post. Thank you to all that purchased a pumpkin! We were able to donate over \$5,000 worth of items to the school.

On October 21st, several Post 44 family members attended a Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation seminar held at Carl T. Hayden Veteran's Medical Center. Not only have these members learned how to best serve our Veterans, they are also now official VA&R volunteers, and they are eligible for volunteer awards.

The Department's Fall Conference was held in Lake Havasu on November 17-19. Those who attended had a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

Our Family Christmas Party will be held on December 10th. Look for sign up sheets at the Post. The sign up deadline is December 7th. Every child (12 and under) in attendance will receive a gift from Santa. But remember: Santa doesn't know who to bring a present to if they do not sign up. Please sign up all children. This party is always a lot of fun. Santa will be there; I hope your children will too.

The American Legion has produced videotape titled America's Veteran. This tape was made to teach children what a Veteran is. Our Unit has presented all 19 Scottsdale Public Elementary Schools with a tape and a booklet containing instructions for classroom use. The schools received them in plenty of time to show them to the children before Veteran's Day.

I believe that in a previous newsletter I stated that all the Poppy plates were up to date. I made a mistake! Poppy Chairman (Marion Kirwan 480-949-9796) is attempting to contact all the owners of Poppy plates that expired in 1999. If you are not sure when your plate expires, come into the Post and check it out.

We do not have a phone number for every plate owner and due to space needs for new plates any Poppy plate that was through 1999 may be coming down. If you have any questions about your plate, please call Marion. Thank you for your continued support for the Poppy program.

I would like to close with another gentle reminder. Our Department President's special project is Breast Cancer Awareness. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE... get your mammogram. We have also begun a project in conjunction with the American Cancer Society where we will be calling all of our Auxiliary members to encourage you to get a mammogram. If you receive a call from one of our members, don't be surprised. They are only trying to help us help you.

Thank you and God Bless ❖

Parada del Sol – February 3, 2001

Parada del Sol is being held a little later than normal next year. Post 44 will parade on Saturday for the 48th straight year and we need you to be with us! Our participation, which began before it was even named the Parada del Sol, has earned us many awards. We would like to see as many members of the legion, SAL and Auxiliary as possible marching right behind our Honor Guard to show Scottsdale that the legion is still strong and proud of our Veterans!

The Club will start things off with a 6:30 AM Breakfast Buffet for only \$5.00 and will be waiting for us to return for the traditional pork sandwich and music party after the parade.

Remember to come early, since parking in the neighborhood will be scarce and we will be turning our parking lot into an outdoor party area!

All members are encouraged to come early for the buffet and help set up the Post for the day's fun before they head out to march. Those who are not sure they can make the whole route are encouraged to start out with us at Indian School Road and just turn off to the Post when they reach Second Street! ❖



Turnout at Post 44 Veterans Day celebration!

Arizona Department Christmas Party Saturday, December 9, 2000

All Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members invited!
Noon to 5:00 PM
4701 N. 19th Avenue

Please bring your favorite dish!

Veteran's Variety Show Special Sunday, January 14, 2001

25 Entertainers!

Dancers, Singers, Comics!

Free Admission!

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Thursday mornings at 7:30 am
Rio Salado Golf Course

No reservations required – just show up!

Non-members welcome also, so bring a friend!

Call Bob Procknow at 480-675-9989

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Post 44 Exchange

Patches, jacket or ball cap	\$ 2.00
Cap, base ball with patch	\$ 6.00
Cap, fore and aft	\$ 25.00
T-shirts, assorted styles	\$10.00
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Meeting - 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month
American Legion Post 44
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - Meeting after dinner
Assembly - 3rd Wednesday each month
St. Daniel the Prophet Church
1000 N. Hayden Road