

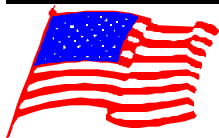
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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

Our Post, including the Auxiliary and SAL, was host for the Department Fall Conference (State Convention), November 2, 3 & 4. We heard many good comments from members of other Posts so we concluded it was success. I want to thank all who worked so hard to make it happen. For those not involved I will tell you that it takes a lot of planning and work to get ready for a convention. Some of the committees involved were, the program book (which involved selling ads and putting the book together), transportation (shuttle bus from the hotel to the Post), golf (setting up the golf tournament), entertainment (planned activities at the Post), registration (signed in members and provided name tags) and some misc. committees. We also had the support of our manager, Bill Clark and all the employees. A big THANKS to all that helped. Not only did we make a little money but we made a lot of new friends from other Posts around the State. Also the National Commander, Ric Santos, visited us and complemented us on our outstanding Post. We should all be proud.

We celebrated Veterans Day on November 11 at 11:00 am with a short ceremony in the parking lot. The Captain of the Honor Guard, Graham Higton, organized this event and the Honor Guard did a great job. I was disappointed that more people didn't show up.

We are adopting a family for Christmas through Vista del Camino, as we do every year. The Post donated \$400 and about \$100 was donated by individual Legion members. If you want to give to this cause make your donations to Bob Lucke at 480-945-1148 or leave a check at the office or lounge.

On December 7 we are having a Van load of veterans from the Arizona Nursing Home for the Fish Fry. If you want to help greet them, assist them to the dining hall and sit and visit with them, let us know.

**Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party
December 9 - 2:00 PM**

Sign up your child at the Post sign-up sheet. See President Anne Stirling's article on next page for details.

" HOLIDAY IDEAS "

Every year at this time I receive calls from my kids asking, "What would you like for your birthday or Christmas?" Every year I sincerely reply, "I don't need a thing." I imagine many of you go through the same routine.

Think about giving and receiving at the same time!

Buy a brick: Bricks located on the Post hallway and in the Game Room can be purchased for \$100. Not only will this donation benefit the Post, you will have your name, or whom ever else you prefer, in a permanent spot. If this idea appeals to you, contact Jerry Lennemann at the Office - 480-941-0130.

Buy a Poppy Plate: For only \$5 per year, you can buy a Poppy Plate. The plates are displayed on the wall in the Music Room. Proceeds from the plates benefit our Veterans. Contact Marion Kirwin - 480-949-9796



EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer

The Shadow Mtn. Pros, Lee/Dick W, strike again taking top honors with a score of 86 on Saturday Nov 10th at the monthly Euchre Tourney. The team of Dan/Andy took second with 83 and there was a tie score of 82 for 3rd but Tom Mc/Barb had 7 wins over Dick N & Ken T who had 6 wins. Thanks to the Elks for a great room set-up and friendly atmosphere.

December's tourney will include our Christmas get-together at the VFW. We had a great turnout (40 players) in November and look forward to at least that many or more for the next Tourney, Dec 8th !! 11:30 start time for the Christmas event and 1:00 pm start time for Euchre. See you there!!!

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM - Carol Clark

Our winter visitors are in town and are anxious to join in the fun, so plan an early arrival if you want to join John Kirkpatrick in the Music Room. There are times when we're fairly bursting at the seams. Come join us for good food, good company and music you can dance or sing-along to every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evening.



Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

I would like to thank ALL the wonderful Auxiliary members that helped with The American Legion Fall Conference. We had almost 20 of our Auxiliary members helping with registration, door prizes, refreshments, and decorations. I can not express how pleased and proud I was to be a part of this wonderful Auxiliary Unit.

I owe another thank you to all the Legion Family members that supported our Bake Sale by both sharing their desserts and buying our goodies. The money raised, \$456, will be used for our Americanism programs.

Our Children's Christmas Party will be held December 9th at 2:00 PM. Please make sure you sign your child up on the sign up sheet at the Post. Every child under the age of 12 that is signed up by December 6th will receive a stocking and a present from Santa. We will serve hot dogs, chips and possibly a few other goodies. Each year at this party we have a cakewalk and each child also receives a cake or a plate of cupcakes. If you would like to bring a cake, cup cakes, or help with this party in another way contact Myra Anderson at 480-481-7661. Unfortunately, I have a schedule conflict and will not be attending the party. I will miss not being there, but I am sure everyone that attends will have a great time.

December 3-7 is the annual VA Gift Shop at Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center. Each year all the Auxiliary Units in the Phoenix area donate new and hand made items for this program. We also volunteer man-hours. If you would like to volunteer call me at 480-481-7661. We are still looking for the members that like to crochet or knit. We have patterns waiting for you if you would like to use your talents to make items for our Veterans.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and hope you are able to spend it with those you love. Don't forget the third Monday of every month is our meeting night. Please come and be a part of your great organization.

For God and Country

New Year's Eve Party

December 31 - 8:00 - Midnight

Only \$15.00 per person

Make your reservations early!!

See Information Below



**Watch for Parada del Sol
February 3rd.**

More details next month.

New Year's Eve is fast approaching so buy your tickets now at only \$15.00 each, they should go fast. Tickets will be \$17.00 at door, if available. Our menu will be Roast New York Steak, Au Gratin Potato, Calif. Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Champagne and Noise Makers at Midnight. Best Wishes to all for a Happy New Year. Bill Clark - Bob Smith & Crew

Historian - Dr. Don Schaller

History | to know: A chronological record of significant events affecting a nation, including an explanation of their causes. (A definition)

The events of nine/eleven are clearly historic. They are not fiction, fantasy, legend, or fable. That day of terror was a startling jolt to the peaceful complacency of our life in the beginning of the 21st Century. Osama bin Laden for the moment is the apparent and most visible villain. But as yet, we have not come to a clear explanation of the causes of these events.

A review of the current display of Post 44 reminds us first of the terror inflicted along our eastern shore. There is also a color photo of Osama bin Laden wearing the headdress of a Saudi Arabian citizen (not a member of the Royal family). The mannequin displays the scarf, the camel hobble, and the cap signifying a visit to Mecca.

Although Osama is probably in Afghanistan and an ally of the Taliban, he clearly is a Saudi citizen. What does that mean in terms of the explanation of the causes of this terror? What will be (or has been) the role of the Saudi Royal family? Much is unknown and perhaps undecided.

The message of the Post 44 display is a request to think carefully about what has gone on and what is to come. The list of past conflicts is international to point out that the competitive banter at the post and in meetings (which is not always friendly) should be put to rest. WWII and Korean Veterans are aging rapidly, and the Vietnam and later conflict veterans must be brought on board.

The three stacked rifles of the Civil War are reminder that it is time for all of us to pull together and encourage the younger veterans to join our brotherhood.

December Menu

Reoccurring Menu for December

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

Saturday & Sunday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm (Bloody Mary \$1.00)	from \$2.50
Monday	Chef's Choice	\$4.00
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.00
Wednesday	Filet is back plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak plus 2 other Entrees	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - Bar-B-Que Ribs - Chicken Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00

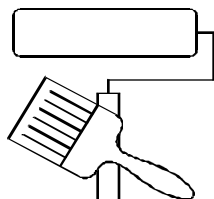
*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Dec.	3	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
	3	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	6	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (at VFW)
	9	Children's Christmas Party	2:00 PM
	13	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	17	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	20	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	20	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
	24	Christmas Eve	Close at 2:00 PM
	25	Christmas Day	Closed
	27	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	31	New Year's Party	8:00 PM - 12:00



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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