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Commander, Norm McLeod

A lot of support has been expressed re: my column last month. Evidently most of you believe that it is time for a change in the eligibility dates. We have had a response from our national headquarters. In it they tell us how we should proceed through the District and Department and all the way on to the National Convention floor for a vote. It will be a long haul, but with your support we will try to change things. I'm sure the founders of the American Legion are looking down on the state of affairs that has existed in the world, since WW II, and that they agree with us. I'll keep you posted.

On Veteran's Day, Unit #44 Ladies Auxiliary produced a show remembering and honoring USO shows and Bob Hope. It was a great success. It is my pleasure and privilege to serve with this patriotic hard working group.

Congratulations to all of the volunteers who performed and all the others who helped to make the show so enjoyable. Especially to Mary Jo Brown who scripted and directed and performed. Thank you Mary Jo. You did a wonderful job.

Once again, brave Americans are fighting and dying to protect our freedoms. These freedoms are explicit in the "Bill of Rights". In recognition of their sacrifices, let's take time to review these first ten amendments to the Constitution one or two at a time over the next several months:

Amendment I - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Next month look for Amendments II and III. Try to get to our monthly meetings- we need your input- we need your advise.

EUCHRE, Warren and June Moyer

Our monthly Euchre Tourney held Nov 8th at the VFW #3513 welcomed 36 loyal, fun-lovin' Euchre players! We missed those of you who were unable to join us! Lum & Warren did the ole' Iowa tricks and won with 88 points. Bob Smith & Ken R came in a strong 2nd with 87. Everyone had a great time! Mark your calendars for Dec 13th, our annual Christmas Tourney, at the Legion Post #44. Play begins at 1:00 pm. See you there!!!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 27 - 11:00 - 2:00 PM

Turkey, Ham & all the fixings

Table Service/ Not a Buffet

\$9.95



Adjutant - Jerry Lenneman

Your 2003 Legion Card expires on **December 31, 2003**. About 300 of you have not paid your 2004 Dues. Please do so soon. Remember that we fight for veterans rights and more members keep us strong.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31

\$50.00 a Couple - \$25.00 Individual

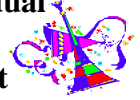
Dinner - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Music - 8:00 - 12:00 Midnight

Prime Rib or 1/2 Baked Chicken

Hats, Noise Makers, Music & Champagne Toast

Limited Seating - Buy your tickets by 12-27-03.



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Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson

The "Veterans Day Revue" put on by members of our Auxiliary and Post November 11, was such a tremendous success! We can't thank them enough for their efforts to benefit the Arizona Veterans Home. The over \$2500 net will definitely put a dent in the ASVH "wish list." Congratulations on a job well done!

We also wish to thank all who attended the wonderful Nancy Gee Vocal Concert on November 23rd. Not only was it an honor to have her donate her time and talents to benefit the Auxiliary Veterans Program, it was such a joy to experience her performance. Thanks to all who also purchased her tapes.

The first week in December, Auxiliary members will be busy helping at the Carl Hayden Veterans Administration Annual Gift Shop. It is rewarding to be able to give back to some of the Veterans for their sacrifices. Each veteran in the hospital is able to pick gifts for themselves and their families for Christmas free of charge.

Our Auxiliary will be adopting a family or two at Christmas time through Vista Del Camino Community Center again this year.

Please mark your calendars for our big BAKE SALE at the Post on Friday, December 12th . . . (and possible the 13th too!) You can save yourself some time making Christmas Goodies by picking up some treats here!

Check your membership cards!! The 2003 will be expiring the end of this month and there are still a lot of renewals for 2004 pending.



**We wish you all a Blessed Holiday
and
a Great 2004!!!**



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Auxiliary Music - Carol Clark, Chairman

It is hard to believe, but we have started our 4th year at the Arizona State Veteran's Home! Many thanks to all the volunteers, without whom this program would not be possible.

We are always thankful to be serving those who served in the Armed Forces and November 10th was another opportunity. Our "Reach Out With Music" program hosted 29 Veterans to an early Thanksgiving. We handed out paper bags, decorated with Thanksgiving themes, containing exercise handballs, a wallet, a pencil sharpener & a "Thanksgiving, Reach Out With Music" imprinted pencil.

Thankfully, several Recreational Therapy trainees were able to help John Kirkpatrick, Larry Joiner and myself. Everyone is busy during the holidays, yet this is when a hospitalized Veteran needs us even more. Please try to fit the second Monday of each month into your busy schedules. We leave the Post at 0900 sharp or meet at the Arizona State Veteran's Home at 0940, and the Club even throws in a complimentary lunch.

We are also thankful for those who participated in and those who attended the benefit U.S.O. Show. By banding together, we can do so much good and that is what a Service organization should be about.

Elizabeth Holmes-Parr, Chaplain

If the only phrase you say in life is -
"Thank You" - that would be enough.

Give yourself some beautiful holiday memories this season. **You deserve it!!**

P.S. "Mary Jo" thanks for the great USO Show - from all of us.

Trivia News for 2003 - Mary Aldrich

Each Sunday at 3:00 PM the Trivia Players gather round the Lounge Bar for two hours (or less) for fun competition, some learning and many giggles.

Hats off to the following Champs and Players:

Moderator Mary Aldrich, Myra Anderson, Sally & Johnny Angel, Peggy & Bob Arbuthnot, Mary Jo & Bob Brown, John Ferguson, Rex & Ann Gordon, Graham Higton, Barb I., Jake & Norma Jacobsen, Robert & Tammy Jones, Jim & Darlene Lindstrom, Jack Mitchell, Tom Paul, Bob Procknow, Bill & Betty Rose, Lori Sheffler, George Slagle, Sully Truesdell.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Nov.	27	Thanksgiving - Sit Down Dinner	11 - 2 PM (See Ad)
Dec.	1	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	1	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	13	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ VFW)
	15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	18	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	18	Post E-Board Meeting	6:30 PM
	18	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	24	Christmas Eve -	Close at 6:00 PM
	25	Christmas Day	Closed
	31	New Year's Eve - Party	Dinner 6-8 PM - Music 8-12 Midnight (See Ad)



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

SALE - Post 44 Jackets and Shirts - 20% off (limited number of sizes available)

Reoccurring Menu for December		<i>Members & Their Guests Welcome!</i>
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	Ethnic	\$5.00
	(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 10:00)	
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$7.00
Wednesday	Filet plus 2 other Entree - Band	\$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		

Note from Tina, Club Manager:

Because of the higher cost of beef, we will be raising the prices of our Top Sirloin, Filet and Prime Rib beginning December 1st. We are still the best deal in town.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
Christmas Eve we close at 6:00 PM
Christmas Day - Closed



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