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Commander's Desk, Lenny Rosenbaum

Our Commander, Lenny Rosenbaum is in the hospital. He had open heart surgery on Nov 11 and had a tough recovery, but has greatly improved the past few days. His family thanks you for all your prayers. As I write this he can not have visitors and hopefully by the time you receive this he will be home. We will keep you posted on the sick call board. *Jerry Lennemann*

Sr. Vice Cmdr

Hello! To all our members, Auxiliary and SALS. Where does the time go? December is here and we all have just given thanks for all that we have during Thanksgiving. Now we all are anticipating what gifts we will be giving for the Holidays. I have always enjoyed the merriment of this time of year.

Did any of you know that your Post gives "All Year Long?" A portion of your dues, Post Fund Raisers, and Club and Kitchen income help us support the following: Boys State, Girls State, VA Home Bingo Nights, Hospitality/Welcome Room at Phoenix Sky Harbor Terminal – for returning troops or troops passing through Phoenix, VA Home Veterans Fish Fry here at your Post once a month, VA National Cemetery, Legion High School Baseball, VA Medical Center – Returning War Warriors Fund - no administrative cost, 100% to troops, and many more programs. Including member food donations to feed the needy locally, as well as the volunteer services provided and money donated by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, and Post Honor Guard.

So, my personal thank you to each and every member for your continued membership and support of your Post. You are giving all year long, not only to Veterans, but to the community as well.

"Happy Holidays to You and Your Families" –
Andy Jaime

December Quote: "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." – from a church signboard in Franklin, TN.

NOTE:

**We will close at 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.**

Member Tax Tip:

If you need monthly income, and are over 59-1/2, draw from your 401(k) or IRA first. This leaves more tax free inheritance for your heirs.

Adjutant, Andy Jaime - Sr. Vice Cmdr.

Membership Update: We are now at 78.6% on Member Renewals for the 2008 year. We still have 248 members that need to renew for 2008. Please check the top of your card. If the year 2008 is not on it, you will need to get your new card. 2007 membership cards expire December 31, 2007. You will need your 2008 card on January 1, 2008 in order to be served in the club.

Please read my Sr. Vice Cmdr. Article to see some of the many programs your membership help support.

If you have a friend or neighbor who is eligible to be a member, please invite them to become members. As per Department of Arizona and National By-Laws, "Eligible Veterans" may be allowed "two visits" as guests, then they must become members if they want to continue to have access to the Post. This is only fair to all existing members.



New Years Eve Party and Dancing Monday - December 31

\$25.00 per person

**Don't forget to Tip
Your Server**



Cocktails - 6:00 Food Served - 7:00 PM
Chateau Brien or Stuffed Cornish Hen
Dessert

Party and Dancing - 8:00 - 12:00
Band - Dallas Dan

Party Favors - Champagne Toast @ 10:00 our time,
Midnight NY Time (cause some people leave early)
also at 12 Midnight our time for those who stay late.

Bring your friends & relatives as guests
Have fun, time to celebrate!

Limited Seating - We Expect a Sell-Out

Buy your tickets by 12/26/07

Auxiliary President - *Bunny Hamilton*

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and Christmas is sneaking in on us!! December 2 (Sunday) is the date set to assemble the Gift Shop at the VA Hospital. Our VA&R Chairman, Ann Sterling, is all set to “shop til she drops” the day after Thanksgiving. Ann is no newcomer to this chore and I am sure she will do an excellent job so that every patient at the hospital will be able to select gifts for their families. For our new members – this is an annual event for the Auxiliary. Units all over the state (actually the whole country) go out and shop for men, women, children, household needs, whatever, then they all come together at their nearest VA Hospital and set up a “Department Store.” All the patients at the hospital have an opportunity to visit (it usually lasts a week) and select gifts for their families. The Auxiliary then gift-wraps and even does the mailing if needed. For those who are confined to beds, Auxiliary volunteers are on hand to bring carts into the rooms so they can shop. Our Unit usually spends around \$1,000 each year on this project – mostly from Poppy Donations.

December 7-8 is the date for Fall Conventions – the word is the hotel is up and running and I hope to see a lot of you there!

Dixie and Serenity are not planning on being there – they will be running our BAKE SALE at the Post on those two days. The calling committee will be trying to reach all of you for baked goods, so please be generous – we need to be ready to give Christmas to a less fortunate family.

Our prayers go out to Commander Lenny for a speedy recovery from his recent heart surgery and to his wife Tina who needs strength and support at this difficult time.

Please let Lori know if you can volunteer some time to help out at our Wed., Fri., & Sat. night dinners!!

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving – and if you are traveling – be Safe! God Bless You All.

EUCHRE

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

Also, we have a Euchre Tournament the 2nd Saturday (1:00 PM) every other month. We had a tournament here on Oct. 13 and the next one will be Dec. 8 at 1 PM.

So on the 2nd Saturday of every month there is no Euchre here at the Post because of the tournaments. Remember the tournaments are here every other month and elsewhere the other months.

Come join us for the fun.

Personal Affairs: Greg Moore

Homecare is a service provided to individuals through Medicare. It is intended to help those who are not sick enough to be in the hospital, but not totally recovered enough to be independent at home. All the services are free and there are no co-payments or deductibles.

To be eligible for homecare, you must meet several criteria:

1. There must be a physician's order
2. You must have the temporary need for a licensed person such as a nurse, physical or occupational therapist, speech therapist or social worker.
3. A homehealth aide may be provided for assistance with baths, etc., as long as a licensed person is seeing you (except social worker).
4. You must have a condition which would require a taxing effort for you to leave home except for doctor appointments, church, beauty salon.
5. Sitters or companions are not a covered service.

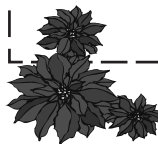
Jr. Vice Commander: Bob Smith

You are going to be pretty busy this month shopping. While out, stop in at the Legion for a good lunch or dinner. Winter visitors will recommend the Legion to you, as many visit us every day.

The last day of the year is coming up quickly – “New Years Eve.” We always have a good time and traditionally we start out with a good dinner and music. We all stand up and welcome the New Year when it starts on the East Coast of the United States. That is 10 PM our time, but why wait any longer, we will do it again at Arizona's midnight. Come join us!!

**Can't think of what to get someone
for Christmas**

**Buy a Brick on the Memorial Wall - \$100.00
A great gift for the person who doesn't
need anything.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 3	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
7, 8 & 9	Fri, Sat, Sun	Fall Conference - Glendale - See office for information	
10	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
13	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Monday	Christmas Eve	Close at 6:00 PM
25	Tuesday	Christmas Day	Closed
27	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
31	Monday	New Year's Eve Party (See Ad)	

Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre (Fun - Fun) - 1:30 PM

Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524

Trivia on Sundays @ 3:00 PM



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 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
 SATURDAY BREAKFAST
 SERVED 10:00 AM - NOON
 SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
 MON-SAT

DECEMBER 2007
LEGION POST #44 DINNER
AND
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 PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPI STUFFED PORK CHOPS RODGER
² EGGS BENNIE	³ LUNCH FOR DINNER	⁴ SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN DUMPLINGS	⁵ FILET SALMON CHICK CORDON JAZZ	⁶ ROAST BEEF	⁷ FISH FRY MIKE	⁸ PRIME RIB RASBERRY CHICKEN CATFISH DALLAS
⁹ SEAFOOD OMLETTE	¹⁰ LUNCH FOR DINNER	¹¹ SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	¹² FILET LAMB SHANKS SHRIMP ALA VODKA JAZZ	¹³ MEAT LOAF	¹⁴ FISH FRY RODGER	¹⁵ PRIME RIB CHICK PARM SOLE OSCAR DALLAS
¹⁶ EGGS BENNIE	¹⁷ LUNCH FOR DINNER	¹⁸ SIRLOIN STEAK CHICK FRIED STEAK	¹⁹ FILET SHRIMP SCAMPI RASBERRY CHICKEN JAZZ	²⁰ ROAST PORK	²¹ FISH FRY MIKE	²² PRIME RIB SALMON CHICK CORD BLU JAZZ
²³ STRAWBERRY PANCAKES	²⁴ LUNCH ONLY Close @ 6:00 Christmas Eve	²⁵ Christmas Day Closed	²⁶ FILET STUFFED PORK CHOPS SOLE OSCAR JAZZ	²⁷ CABBAGE ROLLS	²⁸ FISH FRY BUDDY	²⁹ PRIME RIB CHICK STIR FRY COCONUT SHRIMP MIKE
³⁰ EGGS BENNIE	³¹ CORNISH HEN CHATEAU BRIEN DALLAS DAN New Year's Eve Party	JOIN US AT THE LEGION FOR A GOOD MEAL AND GREAT FRIENDS		MUSIC MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S		

YEARS OF GIVING BY POST 44 2007



National Guard at Christmas Party



Flags Donated to School Classrooms



**Auxiliary
Christmas In July
for their many charities**

**Aux. Past Pres.
Carol Dustin gives
check for school
flags to Cmdr.
Lenny Rosenbaum**



Phone Cards for Overseas Military



Check given for Military/Veterans Room at Airport



SAL - Car Wash for Charity