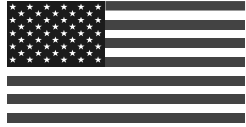




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## A. L. Talks DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



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### Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

Congratulations to the DAV, VFW and the American Legion Posts 115 & 44 for the huge task of seeing the completion of the new Veterans Monument at the Scottsdale Civic Center located on the Northeast corner of City Hall. The dedication was a tribute to all veterans of all wars. We thank the City of Scottsdale for their help and locating and approving of the site location.

A personal thank you to all of the Post 44 Family who made donations and participated in the fundraisers and raffles to help fund this Veterans Monument become a reality. We are still \$5600 short and will continue fundraising.

Here is a list of some of Post 44 Donors that your Commander is aware of. If you donated by personal check and I don't have your name, please let the Office know.

Cmdr. Andy Jamie, Past Cmdr. Lenny Rosenbaum, Bud & Joyce Brimhall, John & Maude Hyde, J. E. Robbins, George W. Calkins, G. W. & P. W. Dagrass, ALR Chapter 44, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44, Sgt.-at-Arms Robert Procknow, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Jerry Lennemann.

In closing – 170 reams of paper were delivered to 17 schools of the 32 schools in the Scottsdale School District, as well as 16 ink pens for each of these schools provided by Frank Garibaldi from his employer "Collins College." We still have 15 more schools to deliver to. Remember this will be an on-going project, so keep bringing in the paper. Your Post has received Thank You letters from five of the schools and mention in one of the schools newsletter to the parents of all the students.

Please renew your membership for 2010. I can't begin to tell you how much good your membership does for our new generation of veterans and their families.

Happy Holidays to all of our Legion Family and pray for our troops who will be away from home. Still serving – Cmdr. Andy Jamie



### Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

My article will be short because of space restrictions. Your 2009 Legion card expires the end of December so if you haven't renewed, please do so soon. Get your eligible friends and neighbors to join our Post. If each of you just sign up one member we would gain about 1200 members. A prize is being offered for the one who signs up the most members, see page 3 for details. This could be you.

### Aux Community Service by *Sue Fay*

We continue to stay busy in community service collecting canned goods and non-perishables for Salvation Army's "Project Hope". Lets push to collect more food during the month of December than in any other month during 2009. Cancer Awareness month was supported very well. We surpassed last year's sales of pink cancer bracelets, as well as, getting out the reminder for the gals to get their mammogram. Dixie Whittier's jewelry sale went well during November. All of the proceeds, \$500.30, from the jewelry sales are going toward the "Veterans Memorial Monument" by Austin Deuel. We are very proud to support this worthy cause. Our next venue is to provide "Christmas for Service Men's Children" in December. We are grateful for the continued support of Post 44. May each and every person in our family at Post 44 enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays in the remaining days of 2009. Thank You!!



*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy, Healthy, Peaceful  
New Year*

**All Legionnaires – Auxiliary – S.A.L.  
2009 Membership Cards Expire Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>,  
2009. Check Your Member Card  
2010 Dues Are Due Now  
Thank You To All Who Renewed**

## Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo

The reservation policy has been Readdressed, due to table configuration and other considerations. Accordingly, this policy has been reconsidered to specify that a reservation must be for 6 or more people per table.

As you know, the Juke-Box has been installed in the left rear corner of the dining room dance floor. Speakers are set up on the West and on the East wall of the bar (near the ceiling) so that the sound will carry into the bar area and be adjusted there if necessary.

The Patio has had a roof added. Sprinklers and electrical wiring will be installed soon. After the foregoing is completed, the city inspection will occur and the occupancy permit issued by the city.

The Servers will begin requesting that membership cards be displayed on the dining tables, or check individuals regarding their sponsor.

The defibrillator has been installed. Seven Staff Members and six Officers have volunteered and will be taking the training which is anticipated to last approximately 2.5 hours. The classes are scheduled for 8:00 AM, November 30 at the Post.

The Costume Halloween Party was held on November 31, and prizes given for the best costume for a couple, an individual, and a staff member. We had a great turnout and the costumes were very creative.

**\*\*\* As you are aware, a special dinner/dance is planned for New Year's Eve in the ballroom with musical entertainment by the Rags Allen Quartet. A choice of three dinner entrees will be available. Cocktails (cash bar) will start at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 and entertainment at 7. Free champagne will be served at 9 (New York Celebration) and at 12:00 PM (Arizona Celebration). Of course, champagne may be purchased at any time during the evening. Price for the New Year's Eve Celebration will be \$25.00 per person. The kitchen will be closed for the bar and dining room. The bar will be open for drinks only. Tickets will be printed and must be paid for when the reservations are made.**

As a reminder, the Club will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

The Club has initiated a "Happy Hour" for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 7 PM. However, the hours have been modified to 2 – 5 PM to avoid an overlap with the dinner hours. "Finger Food" such as chicken wings, burger sliders, etc. will be available at a reduced price as well as beer, wine and alcohol. The prices will be posted at the entrance to the dining room/bar on those days. No carry-out orders for the "Finger Food" will be allowed.

Because of the flu situation and other hygienic matters, there will be anti-bacterial lotion bottles in areas for the staff to cleanse their hands, especially after handling money and food.

Due to a number of comments from the membership, the Club Committee has decided that the employees will not be allowed to smoke at the bar during their working hours. The Club Manager will meet with the staff and instruct them accordingly.

The glass case in the hallway near the dining room

doorway will be moved to make more room and avoid congestion in the hallway.

Again, many thanks to the Officers, Members and Staff for their continued support and hard work in making Post 44 an outstanding Club in the American Legion.

## Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather – this is what we all moved to Arizona for!! Have you had your flue shot? If not, make arrangements NOW! We have a few members who have already been hit – including our District President, who had to cancel her visit to our November meeting – so please – get yours NOW!

The jewelry sale was a great success. We raised \$500 towards the Veterans Memorial. We owe Dixie and all her crew of volunteers a huge Thank You – and to all of you for your donations of merchandise, time and money – you have been a part of something really outstanding for your community. If you missed the dedication ceremony on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, please take the time to view this really beautiful piece of work. The statue stands at the Northeast corner of Scottsdale City Hall and you will want to take all of our out-of-town visitors to photograph and remember the sacrifice of so many!!

The "red bucket" was somewhat fuller this past month, but now with the holidays upon us, we really need to do better. So while you are cleaning those kitchen cabinets to make room for your holiday shopping – please remember those "less fortunate" who are worried about a decent "middle of the week" meal for their families and let us fill the bucket to overflowing. I bet you will find that your holiday meal will be a lot more satisfying.

Our community service chairman Sue Fay, is working now to find us two military families that we will be adopting for Christmas. So in keeping with our Department President's theme for the year – our Unit will be "making a difference."

A big Thank You and "job well done" to Joanna Gilbert who did our shopping for the VA Hospital Gift Shop again this year. We were able to purchase over \$600 for gift items that the patients in the hospital can provide for their own families at NO COST to any of them! Just one more way that our Unit is "making a difference."

The "paper drive" has been a tremendous success. We have received several letters from the Scottsdale schools expressing their gratitude. This will be an on-going project for the entire Legion Family, so remember to put "copy paper" on your shopping list each time you plan an outing for holiday shopping. Just a reminder for those of you who don't know – because of budget cuts, we have learned that each classroom in the state will only receive one (1) ream of copy paper for the entire school year. So the Legion Family throughout the State of Arizona is dedicated to providing paper for the schools in their area. This program will come under Children and Youth and "Education" when year-end reports are done.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season – and remember that 2009 membership cards expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. For God and Country.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Dec.			
6	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
8	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
10	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
14	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
17	Thursday	Post General Meeting (Note Change)	7:00 PM
21	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
25	Friday	Christmas Day (Closed)	
31	Thursday	New Year's Eve Party - See Newsletter (Jr. Vice Cmdr Article) for Details	
Jan. 1 -	Friday	New Year's Day - Closed	

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

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

**Sundays - Trivia - 3:00 PM**

**S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris**

Good day fellow "Blue Caps"

Let's start off with saying our Spaghetti Feed was a great success, thanks to Mr. Hartunion and the ALR's, and our volunteers Mike, Allen, Matt – you know who you are.

We have a long way till we shut down the year and many things in the works. We will be trying out some events this month, hopefully the announcements will be posted long before the events!!

With Christmas coming up, the Squadron will be hitting all of us up to volunteer for "ALL" the Legion Family's functions. I would like to get all our Renewals done this month – REMEMBER – your 9009 card will be useless on January 1, 2010.

Be helpful when you see a person without a smile, give them yours! Next meeting: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

**Happy Hour**

Tues. & Thurs. from 2 - 5 PM. Discounted drinks and inexpensive finger food. Check Menu Board

**EUCHRE**

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

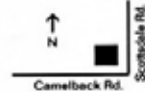
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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 TO 5:00  
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED  
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY  
MON-SAT

DECEMBER 2009



LEGION POST #44  
DINNER & 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 \$9 SIRLOIN CHICKEN PARMASAN	2 FILET STUFFED PORK LOIN BEEF TIPS JAZZ NIGHT	3 CHICKEN SUPREME BEEF KABOBS	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON 6:30-9:30	5 PRIME RIB BLACKENED CATFISH PORK PICATTA RAGS ALLEN 6:30-9:30
6 EGGS BENNIE FARMERS OMLETTE	7 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	8 \$9 SIRLOIN LIVER & ONIONS	9 FILET PORK PICATTA FRIED SHRIMP JAZZ NIGHT	10 BEEF TIPS CHEESE RAVIOLI	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON 6:00-9:00	12 PRIME RIB CHICKEN FIESTA GRILLED SALMON MIDNIGHT MOON 6:30-9:30
13 EGGS FLORENTINE PIZZA OMLETTE	14 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	15 \$9 SIRLOIN SPAGHETTI CARBANARA	16 FILET CHICKEN FIESTA FETTICINI ALFREDO JAZZ NIGHT	17 LIVER & ONIONS LINGUINI W/CLAM SAUCE	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE 6:30-9:30	19 PRIME RIB BEEF TIPS STUFFED SOLE RAGS ALLEN 6:30-9:30
20 EGGS BENNIE McLEGIION (BKFST SAND)	21 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	22 \$9 SIRLOIN STUFFED PASTA SHELLS	23 FILETS CHICKEN MARSALLA STUFFED PORK LOIN JAZZ NIGHT	24 LIVER/ONIONS FETTICINI ALFREDO CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED	26 PRIME RIB **CHICKEN SUPREMES SWEET THAI TUNA MIKE - 6:30-9:30
27 POTATO PANCAKES HUEVOS RANCHEROS	28 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	29 \$9 SIRLOIN LIVER & ONIONS	30 FILETS POULET ROUGE JAZZ NIGHT	31 New Year's Eve Party See details in the newsletter RAGS ALLEN 7:00-12:00	JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED 2010 Cards Required	** Stuffed chicken breast wrapped in dough

Join Us At The Legion For  
Good Meals and Great  
Friends  
MUSIC  
MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S



Appetizers:  
Wings, Pot. Skins,  
Shrimp Cocktail,

## American Legion Riders

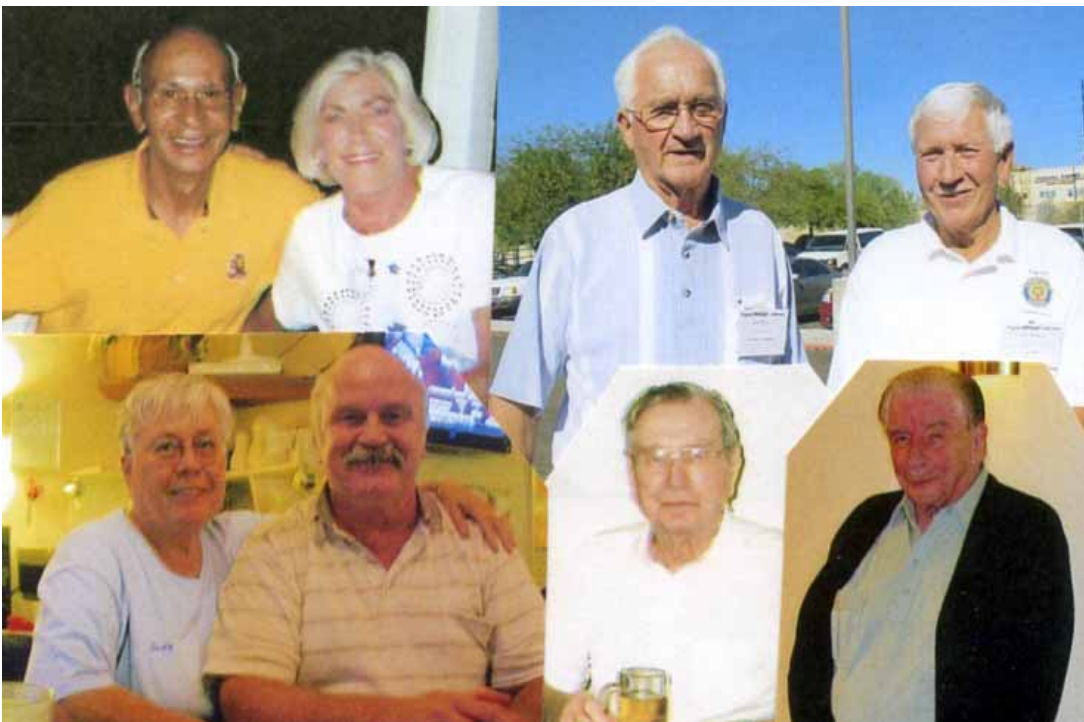
Our Memorial fund raiser was a success! We were able to give Austin a check for \$2100.00. We were honored to hold a flag line at the dedication for the new Veterans Memorial Statue, "The Chaplain" on Veterans Day. The statue is beautiful! Bobby and the D.A.V members and staff did an outstanding job with the after party!

Several of our riders recently completed a six week precision motorcycle drill team skill enhancement program. A big Thank You goes out to Jim Graybeal who donated his time and made it possible for ALR 44 to participate at no charge! It was a great learning experience for all! Don't forget December 6<sup>th</sup>, we are going to the state Veterans home, and making lunch. We have had several people call to donate time or money to the #1 asked for item, a steak dinner. Thank you!! We are hoping to give them a check on the 6<sup>th</sup>, to buy the steaks and make this possible. We are still asking for donations! Until next time, and always, never ride faster than your angel can fly!

*Joni Baginski, Secretary Post 44*



**Thank You  
Volunteer Kate Heyn  
For Your Time, Talent & Music**



**Attendees at the Fall 2009 Conference: Top - Cmdr. Andy Jamie, Aux. Pres. Bunny Hamilton, Lum Houser, Bud Brimhall, Judy Mckenzie, Dan McKenzie, Bob Smith & Ron Aubry - Sully Truesdell also attended.**