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### Commander, Norm McLeod

**“IN THE PAST”**: Feb. 19, 1945 the Marines land on Iwo Jima; Feb. 23, 1945 the Marines raised the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi; Feb. 27, 1945 we win back Corregidor, P.I.; Feb. 28, 1991 the end of operation “Desert Storm”.

At our January Executive Board meeting, Jerry Lennemann was elected, in compliance with our By Laws, to finish out the term as Junior Vice. It became necessary to fill this position when Fred Lucas resigned.

The final numbers are in for 2003 and we are pleased to report that the club did very well under the direction of our club manager, Tina Van Gilder. She and her employees and the volunteers she has enlisted (especially a male volunteer who shall not be named for fear of embarrassing him) have done a wonderful job. Many of you have told me how much you enjoy not only the good food, but the new atmosphere in the club. It would be great, if you would tell Tina and her helpers, also. Let them all know how much you appreciate their efforts.

There's a new “sick call” white board that has been placed in a conspicuous spot just as you enter the bar. This is where you will find information about members who are sick or who have died. The same info will continue to be posted on the big blackboard, on the left as you enter the dining hall.

World War II reconnaissance photos taken by the Royal Air Force are posted online at [www.evidenceincamera.co.uk](http://www.evidenceincamera.co.uk).

An electric wheelchair has been donated to the Post. If you know of anyone who needs one, please contact us.

As part of the dedication of the WWII memorial, in Washington, D.C., in May; a “Certificate of Service” can be printed from the Internet for our members who served in that war. If you wish to have your personalized certificate, please make a request IN WRITING to the Post Adjutant.

The rights for which we all fought and for which our men and women are still fighting are best expressed in the “Bill of Rights” – this is the fourth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Amendment IV.** The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

### S.A.L. Commander: Terry Hendron

Welcome to the New Year. With every New Year comes a new start. This means taking time to reflect, set new goals, and put those goals into action with the hopes of doing things a little better. In 2003, Post 44 set a goal. Their goal was to pump life back into the S.A.L. With this needed push of encouragement, we, The Sons of The American Legion, accepted this goal and pledged to make it work. Prior to year's end, we had established officers and consistently held regular, official meetings the first Monday of each month. Now with the New Year, we are looking to conquer another goal: Rebuild Membership. We have been slowly recruiting new members, but this is a slow process. We need to establish a base membership. To do this, we need more internal members. This means recruiting dual members (someone eligible for both Legion and S.A.L. membership). This also means signing up male descendants of our current Legion members. Dues are only \$10 for dual members and anyone under the age of 21. If this criteria pertains to anyone you know, please pass on this information. The state speaks passionately about creating a Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. all working together and complimenting each other). I would like to build our Post Family. God Bless

### Americanism, Bob Parr

We are all veterans and we should show our colors! A good way to do this and support our veterans is to purchase the Arizona Veterans License Plate for your automobile. The cost for this plate is \$25.00 and the renewal is \$25.00. However, \$17.00 of both the initial and the annual fee goes to the State Home for Veterans Trust Fund. The American Flag on the Veteran's plate will not wear out and it identifies you as an eligible veteran, spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of an eligible veteran who has been issued the plate. For more information or to order your plate call:

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<http://www.azvets.com/licenseplates.htm>

Our Post can make a big difference if every Legionnaire, Auxiliary Member and Son of the American Legion buys a plate. Our annual donation to the State Home for Veterans Trust Fund could potentially exceed \$23,800.00 a year!

## Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson

It was very rewarding to see so many of you attending the National Security Seminar on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will see as good participation at the District 12 Rehabilitation dinner February 7, at Post 26 in Mesa, which is always so beneficial to the V.A., a major concern of all Veterans.

We want to give a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped at the Parada del Sol festivities. Such fun would not be possible without everyone's participation, and help.

Our membership (new & renewal) is coming in at a nice steady pace but we need to give it a boost to hit 100%. Is everyone recruiting? The benefits to both the members and the Community are too good to be let slide or be kept a secret. Some members still have not renewed – do check your membership cards to see if you might be one.

We are planning an Initiation in March. There are many members who have never been formally initiated, or received an Auxiliary Pin, and hopefully we can get you all "IN" for it.

February is AMERICANISM month. Lets show it in our Patriotism!

### ADJUTANT, Jerry Lennemann

A big **Thanks** to our **Honor Guard** for their service. They represent the Post for funerals, memorials, etc. Let them know that they are appreciated. Members are following: Capt. Graham Higton, George Garrigus, Bob Procknow, Ed Baltz, Frank Benham, Peter Konjevich, Janet Higton, Terry Hendron, Rick Thompson, Geno Yorga, Rex Gordon, Andy Jiame, Dick White.

**Your 2003 Legion Card Expired  
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please do so now.**

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## Auxiliary Music, Carol Clark, Chairman

January isn't the perkier of months, but John Kirkpatrick, Larry Joiner, Ann Stirling, Prior Magnusson, Sue Fay and Marion Kirwan brought cheer and fellowship to 27 Veterans of the Arizona State Veteran's Home. The Auxiliary keeps a photo album showing our "Reach Out With Music" attendees and several Residents requested copies of themselves, to show family members. It seems as though each month we find new ways of reaching out to our Veterans.

Someone left a bread maker with an Auxiliary member, which we delivered to ASVH, along with books donated by our Auxiliary.

If Christmas decorations have been stored and you've recuperated from New Year's Eve, now it's time to put your New Year's resolutions to good use. We'll be celebrating Valentine's Day at the ASVH on February 9th and we can certainly use your help pushing wheel chairs, setting out songbooks and helping with the Valentine's party theme. We leave the Post driveway at 0900 sharp, the 2nd Monday of each month, or you can meet us at the Arizona State Veteran's Home, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, at 0940 in Liberty Hall.

**PARADA DEL SOL**  
*Saturday - January 31*  
*Breakfast @ 7:00 AM*  
*Parade Starts at 10:00 AM*  
*After Parade*  
*BBQ Sandwiches & Band*

### Euchre News, Warren & June Moyer

Our first Euchre Tourney of the new year was held Jan 10th at the VFW Post #3513. Forty-two fun-lovin' Euchre players enjoyed a fun day! Any Euchre players who want to join us are welcome. Mark your calendars for Feb 7th at the Legion Post #44 (A change from the 2nd Saturday due to Valentine's Day!). Play begins at 1:00 pm. See you there!!! Have a wonderful day!!

**Valentines Day**  
**February 14**  
**Dinner & Dancing - Music by Ricochet**  
**6:30 - 10:00**  
**Dinner - Prime Rib or Cornish Hen**  
**served from 5:30 - 8:00 - \$12.95**  
**Please make Reservations**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

<b>Jan.</b>	31	Parada del Sol - Breakfast @ 7:00 AM - Band & BBQ Sandwiches After Parade - (See Ad)	
<b>Feb.</b>	2	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	2	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	7	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ Post 44)
	9	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	12	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	14	Valentine Day - Dinner & Dancing	(See Ad)
	16	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	19	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	26	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

**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 February**

**Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b> - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	<i>from</i> \$2.50
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)	
	Trivia Games 3:00 PM	
<b>Monday</b>	Hot Dogs - \$2.00	Sloppy Joes - \$2.50
	(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 10:00)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$7.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	Filet plus 2 other Entree	\$9.00
<b>Thursday</b>	Chef's Choice	\$5.00
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fry - & other Entrees	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
<b>Saturday</b>	Prime Rib	\$9.50
	(Plus 2 other Entrees)	

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