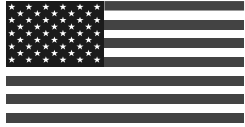




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

This month's article will begin with a huge American Legion Congratulations to the Arizona Cardinals for earning their way to the Super Bowl. This was a great accomplishment by a team of players that were the underdog throughout the playoffs.

This reminds me of times when this Nation's Military Service Veterans were the underdogs, sometimes even criticized by our own citizens. But the team spirit and leadership of this great nation time and time again succeeded in triumph, so that we could continue to enjoy those freedoms that most take for granted. There is not a day that goes by that I don't give thanks for our military.

As American Legion members (Veterans), it is our obligation to still serve as so stated in our American Legion Constitution; as printed on the back of every membership card. By accepting and signing your card, each member pledges to still serve.

I would ask each of our members to reflect and ask themselves, how am I or how can I still serve in the American Legion? There are many ways, here are just a few: Volunteer at the Post; support your Post's challenges to foster and promote all of the American Legion programs; encourage any friends, relatives, or neighbors to become members; educate yourself and the community who we are as the largest veterans organization in the world and what we do. Keep in mind that as veterans and American Legion members, we support and represent all veterans, past, current and future. We are very fortunate to be part of the American Legion team. The unfortunate part is that only a small group of dedicated individuals do the work. This is a group I've come to know and respect. They are not thin-skinned, they are determined to do the right thing. They tirelessly give of themselves and are proud to do whatever it takes to make their post successful in all its programs.

All of our members are welcome to join this winning team. Next month (March) the election committee will be accepting names of members that would like to serve as a Post officer, for elections in May. I would ask all the membership to consider this opportunity to serve your fellow veterans. I won't kid anyone. It is a lot of work if you do it right! You also may not always be the most popular person. You'll have to lend an ear to more complaints than you would expect and you'll probably be talked about in positive and not so positive ways. Kind of sounds like a football coach's position. Every team, even the American Legion Team has its challenges. I see our post as our Super Bowl 365 days a year, and we will continue to win, whether it be due to that small dedicated group, or the entire membership helping each other to keep our winning record.

January 18, 2009, District 12 meetings hosted by your Post 44 family were honored to be visited by: A.L. Dept. Children & Youth Chairman Keith Bartz; George Cushing, candidate for Area B Vice Cmdr., Carol Hamburger, candidate for AZ Dept. Cmdr., Ariel Rodriguez, current Area B Vice Cmdr., Larry Cox, past AZ Dept. Cmdr., Bruce Conklin, past AZ Dept. Cmdr., Ginger Cox, past AZ Dept. Auxiliary Pres., Julie Will, past Dept 12 Vice Pres., Sandy Conklin, current Dist. 12 Auxiliary Pres.

Feb. 2009 Quote: "Teamwork – light is the task where many share the toil." – Homer

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

We reached our January goal for Legion membership for January, however, we have not yet reached our 100% goal. If you have not paid your 09 dues please do so soon.

If you want to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please give us your e-mail address. Also, you can read it on our web page at "post44.org". This will save your Post postage and printing costs.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY February 1

Watch the game on our big TV with your friends.

Appetizers and Dinner Special
Open till ????????

No Trivia on Super Bowl Sunday



Valentine's Party Saturday, February 14



Bring your Sweetheart and have fun.

Treat her to a great dinner starting at 5:00 PM
followed by dancing at 6:30 PM

Find Waldo

Starting in March - 3 names will be hidden
somewhere in the Newsletter. The first 10 that
call in all three names - 480-941-0130 -
will get a free lunch.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

This past month has been busy and exciting. We ended the year with an exciting New Year's Party. We had a full house and had the "time of our lives". We hope to see you in February. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, the 14th with music and a great dinner. Bring your Valentine to your Post and review your military days and your days with her.

The greatest horse parade in the country – the "Parada del Sol" will be held on Saturday, February 21st. Watch the parade from our corner on Scottsdale Road and come to the Post for pork or hamburger sandwiches. Your Post has supported the parade longer than any other organization. We use to ride horses. Come down and march with us.

Adjutant, John Russell

Your post needs volunteer greeters. Greeters will welcome members and their guest during our dinner hours on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers can be a member of the Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L.s. Please call the office – 941-0130 to volunteer.

I'm happy to report that 1,021 post members have paid their 2009 dues. The post's goal for February 9th is 1016, so we will be well ahead of our goal come February 9th. Thank you post members for paying your dues early.

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris

May this year bring you good news. I would like to thank the Squad for helping out for the District Meeting – especially Charlie Dubray (S.A.L. new Sr. Vice) for bartending and our own Michael Smith (Club Manager) – a good time was had by all. Next meeting Feb. 2nd.

Go Cardinals!!!

**Special Notice from Marion K:
Please renew your Poppy Plates for 2009. Just write your name on an envelope and include \$5.00, cash or check. The Bartender on duty will collect them if Marion is not available. The Auxiliary uses these funds mainly for the Veterans' needs.**

**2008 Legion Card Expired December 31
Renew Now for 2009!**

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Happy New Year!

If you were not there – you missed a great New Year's Eve Party at our Post – the food was fantastic and Club Manager Mike and his staff had the place looking so beautiful and festive! Music by Mike was great as always and our Cheer Basket raffle was won by our own Sara Horkey! Thanks to everyone for your contributions – the raffle made \$500.00 toward the Veterans Memorial at the Civic Center. Special thanks to Dixie and all the members for selling all those tickets!

I hope you are all making plans to attend the Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner on the 29th of this month. We are anticipating quite a few Department Officials attending and the Post will also be recognizing our loyal volunteers.

February is National Heart Month. When was the last time you had an EKG? Schedule it now, along with any other tests your doctor recommends.

It is also Parada time. You all know what a big day this is for our Post and we will need a lot of volunteer help – so please give me a call – 480-947-3993 and say "Yes, I can help."

We made our 80% membership goal – but we still have a long way to go. Those 2008 membership cards have expired and you must have a 2009 card for service at the Post. Send in your dues now.

We are so pleased to hear that our Chaplain Peggy is home at last!!!

Treasurer Myra has undergone some hip surgery also, and she too is at home. Hope we will be seeing their smiling faces at our meetings real soon.

It is not too soon to start thinking about officers for next year. We will need a nominating committee appointed at the March meeting. If you have never held an office in our unit, why not think about taking one? We have a lot of mentors in our group who are more than willing to help you "learn the ropes." Please consider this.

We could use more volunteers in our "Reach Out With Music" program. Those sing-a-longs at the State Nursing Home are fun and very rewarding!

Dates to remember: 2/7 District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction Post 107 , proceeds to VA Hospital - 2/14 Valentines Day – 2/21 Parada – 2/28 Area B Oratorical Competition Post 2 @ 10 AM.

Hope to see you all at our February meeting on the 16th. For God and Country.

Community Service Chairman - Sue Fay

A big thanks goes to all the folks who have kept the Red Bucket in the lobby full during December and January!! We collected \$150.00 worth of food for "Homeless Outreach", which was delivered in January. The plea for "Detachment 4 AZ", Recruit Holding Company Moreland with the Army National Guard was met with over \$600.00 worth of items from the list that was requested. Thank you very much to many concerned & generous members of our Post 44

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Jan.	29	Thursday	Past Commanders/Aux. Presidents Dinner	
Feb.	1	Sunday	Super Bowl Party (see Ad for details)	
	2	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	9	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
	12	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	14	Saturday	Valentine's Day Party (see Ad for details)	
	16	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	26	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

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

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

From Manager Michael

In spite of previous opinions, we welcome ALL card players – we have the facilities and equipment to satisfy most games. Please feel free to come and play cards. I would love to get involved in a good Euchre game – been a while but I would love to test my skills with you folks.

EUCHRE

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

John Kirkpatrick is back.

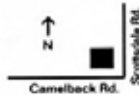
He will play Tuesday nights and will continue as long as people show up. Some of you remember his music from past years. Come in and sing along with John again.

Fashion Square Barber Salon

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Al Sanchez
Bill McMurdy

Members of the
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Trivia Note: Dr. Dan Eamon, Brian Surgeon, Author of "Magnificent Mind At Any Age" in Chapter Nine, called "Stimulate Your Brain" suggests playing information games! The bunch invites you for a brain stretch, usually all Sundays at 3:00 PM, Roger Wells will conduct Music Trivia (2 rounds) on Sunday, Feb. 8. But February 1st - join all members on this date for the Super Bowl Game on our big screen TV.

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MON-SAT

FEBRUARY 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 SUPER BOWL EGGS BENNIE	2 CONEY DOGS BLACKENED PRIME	3 TOP SIRLOIN PORK CHOPS	4 FILETS FANTAIL SHRIMP STUFFED PORK CHOPS SWING TIME	5 RIBEYE STEAK Nightly Dinner Specials	6 FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	7 PRIME RIB CHICK STIR FRY SALMON MIDNIGHT MOON
8 SOS PORK CHOPS	9 CONEY DOGS TACOS	10 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ ONIONS	11 FILET SHRIMP STIR FRY LAMB SHANKS SWINGTIME	12 BEEF TIPS Nightly Dinner Specials	13 FISH FRY MIKE	14 VALENTINE'S DAY PRIME RIB LOBSTER RAVIOLI CHIX OSCAR MIKE
15 BREAKFAST BURRITOS EGGS BENNIE	16 CONEY DOGS BEEF TIPS	17 TOP SIRLOIN LASAGNA	18 FILETS COCONUT SHRIMP CHIX CORDON BLU SWINGTIME	19 GRILLED SALMON Nightly Dinner Specials	20 FISH FRY DALLAS DAN	21 PARADA DEL SOL PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPIE CATFISH DALLAS DAN
22 STUFFED FRENCH TOAST	23 CONEY DOGS PORK CHOPS	24 TOP SIRLOIN LEMON CHICKEN	25 FILET TROUT CHIX MARSALA SWINGTIME	26 MEXICAN NIGHT TACOS QUESADILLAS	27 FISH FRY CARLOTTA	28 PRIME RIB TILAPA CHIX REGINA CHERYL THURSTON
		John Kirkpatrick on Tuesdays				

Appetizers:
Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,

Join Us At The Legion For
Good Meals and Great
Friends

MUSIC
MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S



Lori Sheffler

Lori Sheffler, Manager, resigned recently. Goodbye Lori, we will miss you and wish you the very best.



Mike Smith

Mike Smith is our new Manager. Mike attended Scottsdale Culinary Institute and has been our cook here for 6 months prior to being appointed our new manager. Welcome Mike

ATTENTION

**All American Legion Members, (S.A.L. & Auxiliary)
Who Happens To Be Motorcycle Owners and/or Enthusiasts!
Some of you at Post 44 have expressed an interest in forming a Riders Group!
Here is your chance.**

American Legion Riders do a lot of great things other than just ride motorcycles. The Veterans Home is an ongoing favorite recipient of the riders good will and time. Just recently the American Legion Riders of Arizona donated enough DVD Players to ensure all the rooms at the Veterans Home have DVD Players and donated enough DVD's that they have a very extensive library now.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jim Baginski (480-970-4853 – leave a message) or at JIMB60AZ@COX.NET

A.L.R. Requirements:

- #1. You must be an American Legion Member in Good Standing. (This includes S.A.L. and Auxiliary Members)
- #2. You must own a motorcycle that is 350CC or larger.



Officers in District 12

District 12 held their meeting at our Post on January 18. Our Commander, Andy Jaime (Center) is Adjutant of District 12. Our Post is in District 12, which is in Area B. There are 3 Areas - A, B & C. District 12 is by far the largest District in Arizona