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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

Another year gone by already. The Legion had a great year last year and we are looking forward to another in 2002. We have many things going on and plan to continue. If you have an idea for an event, let us know. Our phone number is at the top of this page. This is your Post and you all have a say on what goes on here. Another way is to attend the meetings, 4th Thursday of every month.

Talking about the new year, reminds me that your Legion card expires on December 31st if you have not paid your 2002 dues. So, if you have not paid your 2002 dues, please take care of it before the end of the year.

Gift Idea for Birthday, Anniversary, Etc.

Buy a brick on the Memorial Wall or in the new Game Room for \$100.00. Get information in the office or lounge. Help your Post stay financially sound.

AUXILIARY MUSIC CHAIR - Carol Clark

We turned Liberty Hall at the Arizona State Veterans' Home into Santaville, by providing the resident with Santa hats and lots of Christmas music. The hall was packed, the biggest turnout in the past year. More & more residents are singing, using our cordless microphone and we've even found a couple that love to dance. We received help from Auxiliary members Sue Fay, Lani Caison, Pryor Magnussen, & Helena Shoup; Legion members Jerry Henson, Larry Joiner, his wife & grandson. Our thanks to the Auxiliary for sharing Christmas cookies with the residents.

Anyone wishing to join our "*Reach Out With Music*" program may contact the Post at 480 941 0130. We leave from the Post at 0900 sharp the 2nd Monday of each month, or meet at the ASVH by 0930 in order to assist residents to Liberty Hall, set up the music and greet our Veterans. You don't need to sing to be of help, just a friendly attitude & a desire to be of service.

BEAUTY CONTEST

For Men

(Mr. American Legion Pageant)

Sunday - January 20, 2002 - 2:00 PM

by Auxiliary

See Anne Stirling's article inside for details.

FUN! FUN! FUN!

EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer



Yep – it happened...three teams ended with scores of 85 and each had the same amount of wins.

Congratulations to the teams of Mary C/Teri K, Ken T/Rich N and Joyce/Soozie.. A terrific turnout of 44 players helped make our Holiday Tourney a huge success! Many thanks to the VFW for helping with our Holiday party. The food was excellent and the service superb. To ring in the New Year, we'll start fresh with our "Euchre" cups and the first Tourney at the American Legion on January 12, 2002, 1:00 PM start time. See you there!!!

PARADA DEL SOL

February 2, 2002

Need Marchers — Meet at Post at 8:45 AM for parade. (Legion, Auxiliary & Sons)

Uniform for Legion & Sons: Navy blue sport coat, gray slacks, light shirt, dark tie & black shoes.

Breakfast @ 6:00 AM

Barbequed Pork Sandwiches

after the parade.

Band Outside

PAY - Your 2002 Dues if you have not already done so. Your 2001 card expires December 31, 2001.

Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

I would like to thank all the Post 44 members that helped at our Children's Christmas party. I am sorry I had to miss it. Our attendance was low compared to previous years, but hopefully all those in attendance enjoyed themselves.

Unit 44's Auxiliary donated almost \$2,300.00 to the Carl T. Hayden VA Gift Shop, and we volunteered about 18 hours. Over 700 Veterans were able to shop for themselves and their families. Several Unit 44 members helped sing Christmas carols and pass out ditty bags to hospitalized Veterans the week before Christmas.

Unit 44 will be holding their first annual **Mr. American Legion Pageant** on Sunday, January 20, at 2:00 PM. Any male Legion Family member, or spouse of a Legion Family member, can enter. The entry fee is \$5, and not only can the contestant enter himself, but someone else can also enter a contestant. Contestants will be judged in several categories, including, but not limited to: Beach attire, formal wear, talent, and answering one of those thought provoking questions. The audience will do the judging, so make sure you come out to vote for your favorite Mr. American Legion man. Look for flyers at Post 44, or call me at 480-481-7661 if you would like more information.

With the new year also comes the need for a renewed Auxiliary membership card. Beginning January 1, 2002, your 2001 card is no longer valid. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please contact Myra Anderson at 480-994-8294.

We are still looking for volunteers to knit or crochet items for the VA Hospital. We are looking for new faces, and not seen in a while faces, at our meetings. Our general meetings are held the third Monday of every month. Our District 12 meeting will be held on January 13, at 2:00 PM at the Fountain Hills Post. I will be giving Unit 44's President's report at this meeting.

I hope all of our Post members and their families have a wonderful New Year. God bless you and keep you safe. For God and Country.

New Year's Eve Party

December 31 - 8:00 - Midnight

Only \$15.00 per person

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW !

See Information Below

Jr. Vice - Bob Smith

This January Newsletter is mailed early and should reach you in time to remind you that your Post will have a Great New Year's Eve Dinner, with champagne and music. A Roast New York Strip Dinner will start at 7:00 PM and music at 8:30. When the New Year reaches our Country and our great city of New York celebrater: Champagne will be served to those who wish to celebrate then, the New Year. We will continue with our music and dancing through midnight. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please call for reservations.

Parada del Sol will be celebrated on Saturday, February 2nd. We will open for breakfast and Bloody Mary's at 6:00 AM. The Parada will start at 9:00 AM. Those that parade and others will visit the Post after 11:00 AM for our famous Barbequed Pork Sandwiches. The Pork Cooking Chairman, Bob Lucke and Refreshment Chairman, Lum Houser, both with many years of serving us, hope to see and greet you. We will also have exciting live music in our Front Parking Lot. **Ya All Come, Ya Hear!!**

We want to thank Bobbie Harris and Bob Procknow for the attractive Christmas decorations in our Lounge. Thanks also Bob for Friday night Host work.

Charles Latchem, Post Service Officer ***VA Extends Open Enrollment, Lowers Outpatient Co-Pays***

The White House has given the green light to extend the open enrollment program for Veterans who seek VA health care, according to The Retired Officer Association (TROA). It has also been announced that outpatient co-pays are being lowered from \$50 to \$15 effective December 1. About 129,600 uniformed services retirees are enrolled in the category at issue, known as Priority Group 7 (PG-7). VA outpatient co-pays for PG-7 enrolled veterans and some PG-6 veterans being treated for non-service connected conditions will have the co-pay change. The VA is also raising prescription co-pays from \$2 to \$7 for medications for non-service-connected conditions, effective late January 2002. For more on veteran health benefits and programs, visit http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans_Health.htm.

New Year's Eve is fast approaching so buy your tickets now at only \$15.00 each, they should go fast. Tickets will be \$17.00 at door, if available. Our menu will be Roast New York Strip, Au Gratin Potato, Calif. Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Champagne and Noise Makers at 10:00 & Midnight. Best Wishes to all for a Happy New Year. Bill Clark - Bob Smith & Crew

January Menu

Reoccurring Menu for January

Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

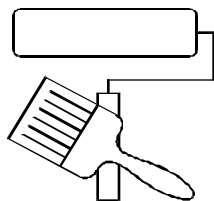
Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sunday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	from \$2.50
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)	
Monday	Chef's Choice	\$4.00
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.00
Wednesday	Filet is back plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak plus 2 other Entrees	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - Bar-B-Que Ribs - Chicken	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00
Saturday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 2:00 from	\$1.99

*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Dec. 31	New Year's Party (See Ad)	8:00 PM - 12:00
Jan. 3	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
7	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
7	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
10	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
12	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (Here)
17	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
17	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Mr. American Legion Pageant	2:00 PM
21	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM



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Knights of Columbus

Fr. Novatus Council, #4426
Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month
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Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.

Assembly
3rd Wednesday each month
St. Daniel the Prophet Church