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### Commander, Norm McLeod

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2004** – "In the Past": January 14, 1945; the Germans fall back, as we win the "Battle of the Bulge". January 30, 1945; Camp Cabantuan liberated. January 30, 1968; start of the Tet offensive. January 27, 1973; Vietnam Cease Fire January 3, 1994; Sipe-Peterson Post #44 opens, at the new (this) location. The grand opening of our new post was on April 9, 1994. We can look forward to a celebration of this event when the time comes.

As commander, I finally got to help with the "music," at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. Carol Clark of the Ladies Auxiliary and John Kirkpatrick our gifted piano player have been doing this wonderful work for years now. This was the Christmas session and gifts were given to all of the veterans in attendance. And there were 40 of 'em. Other auxiliary and legion members do help from time to time; but these two dedicated volunteers organize this activity every month. Post #44 thanks you, Carol and John, for your wonderful work in bringing light into the lives of these deserving veterans. If you want to help them, and they can use all the help they can get, contact Carol thru the auxiliary.

Another activity that takes place every month is the Euchre Tournament. Forty or fifty players show up and have a great time. Putting this together is hard work. And here again, two people do it all: June and Warren Moyer. When you see them make sure you thank them for their efforts. But remember it's just a game.

As I write this, Saddam Hussein has been captured. This is a major objective accomplished, but our brave men and women are still in harms way. Pray for them and support them with your good deeds.

Here is this month's installment of the "**Bill of Rights**":

**Amendment II** - A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

**Amendment III** – No soldier shall in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

### S.A.L. NEWS, S.A.L. Cmdr: Terry Hendron

Efforts towards re-establishing The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 44 are coming along very well. We are consistently having meetings: First Monday of every month at 6:30, all are welcome. At our first meeting we created some goals. One of our main goals was to open the lines of communication with the post. Our second primary goal is to let the entire organization know that we are here to assist American Legion Post 44, its Auxiliary, and their programs. As of right now, we are well on our way towards achieving both of these goals. It was brought up that the Legion needs new steak knives for the hall. At our first meeting following this news, the S.A.L. voted and approved a motion to purchase these knives. This is something we are happy to do. This is one reason why the S.A.L. exists, to assist the Legion, the Auxiliary, and their programs. We hope that in the future when needs arise, we are considered as a possible solution.

Next meeting: Monday, January 5th at 6:30. The S.A.L. would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

### Adjutant Report - Jerry Lennemann

We will have our annual "Parada del Sol" on Jan. 31. As usual we will have a band outside and serve BBQ pork sandwiches and refreshments. We also need members to march in the parade following our Honor Guard. Meet at the Post @ 9:30 AM. The uniform for Legionnaires and SAL marchers is your Legion uniform map, a navy blue blazer, gray slacks, light shirt, dark tie and dark shoes. Auxiliary members are also welcome to march and should contact President Myra Anderson.

**Your 2003 Card Expired at the end of December! Be proud to show your card when asked.**

## **Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson**

As we look forward to another year of service to our Veterans and Community, it is nice to look back on a satisfying year of activities and accomplishments.

In December, Unit 44 adopted two families through Vista Del Camino and, thanks to our Secretary, Sue Fay, purchased many things to make their Holidays happier.

We donated over \$1200 in items and cash to the Carl Hayden Veterans Medical Center Annual Gift Shop.

We'd like to thank everyone who donated and purchased goods from our Bake Sale, making it a huge success as usual. Watch for another one later on.

One of the least understood programs of the American Legion and Auxiliary is National Security. There will be a National Security Workshop at Post 35, Chandler from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2004. It is open to the public and will have Local, County, State & National experts and Service Personnel guests speaking on police, fire, TV and other media as well as other areas of a secure Nation. It is well worth while and I hope to see many there from our Post and Aux. There is no charge for attending. Lunch provided for \$4.00.

The District 12 meeting on January 18, will bring the official visit of our Department President. This is at Post 2, Tempe. Plan to go. The time is 2 PM, and we need to show Unit 44 representation.

Parada del Sol will be coming before our next newsletter. This has always been a time of fun and participation in the festivities. Be sure to attend our regular meeting ... always the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM. We need to see our members there!

**Remember, your 2003 Membership Card is no longer valid!!**

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## **Auxiliary Music, Carol Clark, Chairman**

We were fortunate to be able to share our "Reach Out With Music" program with 38 Residents, including several from their Day Care Program. Several volunteers helped Commander Norman McLeod, John Kirkpatrick, Pryor Magnussen, Larry Joiner and me from other areas; allowing all Residents to receive the attention, they deserve. Once the Day Care Residents departed, the Auxiliary donated 30 decorated Christmas boxes, containing bedroom slippers, socks, handkerchiefs and a tension ball to our "regulars."

Now that Day Care patients are joining us, our program could use more volunteers. You do not have to be able to sing; we need volunteers to bring Residents from their rooms, turn pages in the music books and give the Residents individual attention. We depart Post 44 at 0900 sharp on the 2nd Monday of every month, or you can meet us at the Arizona State Veteran's Home in Liberty Hall at 0940. The ASVH is located at 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, on the N.W. corner of the VA Hospital property. There could be no better way to greet 2004, than by including "Helping Others" in your New Year's resolutions.

A note on the Day Care Program: This is the first Day Care for Veterans at a Veteran's facility in the Nation!

***PARADA DEL SOL***

***Saturday - January 31***

***Parade starts at 10:00 AM***

***after the parade***

***Traditional Pork Sandwiches***

***Band and Dancing***

## **Euchre News, Warren & June Moyer**

Our monthly Euchre Tourney held Dec 13th at the Legion Post #44 welcomed 50 loyal, fun-lovin' Euchre players! We also celebrated the Holidays with a very nice buffet and the traditional group picture. Everyone had a great time and thanks to Tina, Manager and Barb our waitress! Mark your calendars for Jan 10th at the VFW Post #3513. Play begins at 1:00 pm. See you there!!!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

|             |           |   |   |
|-------------|-----------|---|---|
| Dec         | <b>31</b> | <b>New Year's Eve - Party</b>                               | <b>Dinner 6-8 PM - Music 8-12 Midnight (See Ad)</b> |
| <b>Jan.</b> | <b>5</b>  | SAL Meeting   | 6:30 PM   |
|             | 5         | Aux E-Board Meeting   | 7:00 PM   |
|             | 8         | Post E-Board Meeting  | 6:30 PM   |
|             | 10        | Euchre Tourney  | 1:00 PM (@ VFW)                                     |
|             | 12        | Music Group to Vets Nursing Home                            | 9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)                               |
|             | 15        | Honor Guard Meeting   | 6:00 PM   |
|             | 19        | Auxiliary Meeting   | 7:00 PM   |
|             | 22        | Post General Meeting  | 7:00 PM   |
|             | 31        | Parada del Sol - Tradional Pork Sandwiches, Band - (See Ad) |   |

**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 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**

|                  |   |                    |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| <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>    | Ethnic                                    | \$5.00             |
|                  | (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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