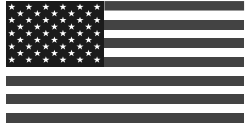




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

Post 44's 2008 functions and activities were many and all were a complete success. Fun and pride in participation was reward enough for everyone that enjoyed all of the events. The success is due to the American Legion Family (Veteran members, Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary) for participating in the Post 44 activities. Our staff (cooks, wait-staff and bartenders) hard work and pride in serving you means nothing if your not here to enjoy it. Also this past year again saw many of the Post 44 family volunteers when needed. Legion members, Ladies Auxiliary, and S.A.L.'s all worked selflessly many hours and asked for nothing in return. Post 44 is also fortunate to have members that give monetary contributions that help with the costs associated with the Post activities, especially when they are mandated by the American Legion. Then we have all enjoyed the entertainment of our bands, singers, etc. My sincerest thank you to everyone! If you are among those that were unable to enjoy the Post 44 activities, it is my hope that you will be able to make it this year.

There are some new and exciting plans for the new year and I am looking forward to seeing all our Legion Family enjoy their post. Wishing everyone - Health, Love & Happiness in the New Year.

January Quote: "Teamwork – coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." – Henry Ford

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Please check your Legion card to make sure it says 2009. If it doesn't you need to renew your membership as 09 cards will be required for service starting January 1. With your help we will make our 100% goal for membership.

**Past Commanders/Auxiliary Presidents
Dinner on January 29th.
Guest Welcome at only \$8.00.**

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New Years Eve Party and Dancing Wednesday - December 31

\$30.00 per person



**Don't forget to Tip
Your Server**



Cocktails - 6:00 Food Served - 7:00 PM
Beef Wellington or Stuffed Cornish Hen

Dessert

Music and Dancing - 8:00 - 12:00
Band - Mike

Party Favors - Champagne Toast @ 10:00 our time,
Midnight NY Time (cause some people leave early)
also at 12 Midnight our time for those who stay late.

Bring your friends & relatives as guests
Have fun, time to celebrate!

Limited Seating - We Expect a Sell-Out
Ticket Sales start Dec. 5

Buy your tickets by 12/26/07

Tickets will be available at the door
if not sold out.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

We have been busy at the Post Club these last few days. We have a new Club Manager. Mike Smith has been appointed to take over that position. Mike is an aggressive young man and a graduate of the Scottsdale Culinary Academy. He is just full of new dinner dishes.

We are bringing back busy John Kirkpatrick. John will invite you to join him at the Keyboard to sing your favorite songs. He will be in the Club Room on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to about 9 o'clock.

We will have a number of events during January.

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris

Howdy, "Blue Caps".

Just a short note this month. The "Children's Christmas Party" was a huge success. Thanks to all the S.A.L. "EIF" Squad. The next party is the New Year's Eve banquet, and the Past Commanders/Presidents dinner. Volunteers are always appreciated! We also have our S.A.L Charities to take care of.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you for the rest of this term. Its also getting close to the New Year, you must be current with a new 2009 card by New Year's Day (the staff will be checking cards).

Be Kind, Be Seen, Be Heard

Note: We are currently only at 35% renewal and should be at 75%. The next meeting is January 5th at 6:30 PM.

Serenity Sharp, VA&R Chairman

Regards - American Legion Family: We would like to start the New Year off with a bang. Starting in January, we will begin collecting items for a monthly care package to send to the troops. A covered container will be located in the lobby, as well as a list of suggested and needed items. These "incidentals" will mean everything to our troops. A little bit of home...so far away. If you have any questions regarding items, please contact the Post Office.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

**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.**

**Legion Card Expires
December 31, 2008
Renew Now!**

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies,

It's hard to believe but 2008 is almost history! It has certainly been a very busy and productive year for our unit. And the year ahead promises to be just as busy, and maybe even more productive.

Once again – I want to thank all you wonderful gals who turned out to make our Legion Family Christmas Party for the military families a TREMENDOUS success. It surpassed everyone's expectations and all the adults and children went away with warm thoughts and thank you for the entire Legion Family!

District President Sandy Conklin was very pleased with her visit to our Unit last month. She was very impressed to hear how many and how well we were working our programs.

Post and Unit 44 will be hosting the next District 12 meeting on Sunday, January 18th. If you have never attended one of these meetings – this is your opportunity. The meeting begins at 2:00 PM and lunch will be served immediately following the close of business. Please try to attend – I really would like to see a big turn-out.

We will be holding a "Past Commanders – Past Presidents" Dinner on Thursday, January 29th. This is the time to honor our Past Unit Presidents for all their good works and I am hoping we will have several of them in attendance. This will also be the "official visit" of our Department President, Vickey Zwall, so come and meet this real great lady.

Thanks to you who volunteered time working the VA Gift Shop. I was there with Sr. Vice Pres. Rosa and our Post Commander on Sunday, November 30th to deliver Unit 44's gifts and help with the set-up. Our Post Commander had never seen our Gift Shop and was very impressed with the work the Auxiliary does!

Don't forget our food basket in the entry way and our CHEER BASKET for the war memorial.

May the New Year bring you all health and happiness. Happy New Year.

Community Service Chairman - Sue Fay

Community Service collected and delivered to "Homeless Outreach" on December 1, \$120.00 worth of canned goods and non-perishables!! All the items came from the "Red Bucket" in the lobby. Thank you very much for supporting our efforts to assist "Homeless Outreach" feed many families. This organization is also assisting young men & women who have joined military service and are waiting to go to boot camp. Many are homeless while they are awaiting their assignment in the military. "Homeless Outreach" is providing shelter for many of these individuals. Please help us provide food for this significant cause every month!

Thanks so much.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Dec.	31	Wednesday	New Year's Eve Party - (See Add for Details)	
Jan.	5	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	8	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
	19	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	22	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	29	Thursday	Past Commanders/Aux. Presidents Dinner	

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

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

EUCHRE

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

John Kirkpatrick will be 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

Lower Level

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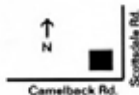
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Al Sanchez
Bill McMurdy

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Trivia will fire up again beginning on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, when Roger Wells will challenge us with a round or two of his entertaining Music Trivia.

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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

JANUARY 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 - 3 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	We will be serving Dinner on Monday nights, plus appetizers listed at bottom of menu	Sing along with John Kirkpatrick every Tuesday Night	New Year's Eve Party	¹ New Year's Day Roast Beef Dinner Nightly Dinner Specials	² FISH FRY 5-8 PM MIDNIGHT MOON	³ PRIME RIB CHICK ALFRADO CAJUN CATFISH MIDNIGHT MOON
⁴ EGGS BENNIE	⁵ Monday Night Football Appetizers and Dinner Specials	⁶ SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ ONIONS "Dinner Specials"	⁷ FILET BUTTERFLY SHRIMP CHICK STIRFRY JAZZ NIGHT SWINGTIME	⁸ Lasagna Nightly Dinner Specials	⁹ FISH FRY 5-8 PM MIKE	¹² PRIME RIB GRILLED SALMON SHANGRILA SHRIMP MIKE
¹¹ PIZZA OMMETTES	¹² Monday Night Football Appetizers and Dinner Specials	¹³ SIRLOIN STEAK CAJUN MAC & CHEESE "Dinner Specials"	¹⁴ FILET CAJUN CATFISH CHICK PARMA. JAZZ NIGHT SWINGTIME	¹⁵ Swiss Steak Nightly Dinner Specials	⁶⁹ FISH FRY 5-8 PM MIKE	¹⁷ PRIME RIB SHRIMP STIR-FRY STUFF PORK LOIN MIKE
¹⁸ STUFFED FRENCH TOAST	¹⁹ Monday Night Football Appetizers and Dinner Specials	²⁰ SIRLOIN STEAK SALMON "Dinner Specials"	²¹ FILET BROILED TILAPIA LAMB SHANK JAZZ NIGHT SWINGTIME	²² Short Ribs Nightly Dinner Specials	²³ FISH FRY 5-8 PM CARLOTTA	²⁴ PRIME RIB STUFF PORK CHOPS SHRIMP ALA VODKA MIDNIGHT MOON
²⁵ HUEVO'S RANCHEROS	²⁶ Appetizers and Dinner Specials	²⁷ SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN MARSALA "Dinner Specials"	²⁸ FILET MAHI MAHI CHICKEN PICATTA JAZZ NIGHT SWINGTIME	²⁹ Beef Strogunoff Nightly Dinner Specials	³⁰ FISH FRY 5-8 PM Cheryl Thurston	³¹ PRIME RIB GRILLED SALMON SPAG. CARBANARA CARLOTTA

Monday Night Football Appetizers:
*Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,
Corny Dogs, Sloppy Joes*

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Friends**

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

Post 44 Charity Events 2008

SALs hard at work for Christmas Party



Christmas Party - National Guard Children



Dist. 12 Aux. Pres. Sandra Conklin, Post 44 Cmdr. Andy Jaime, Post 44 Aux. Pres. Bunny Hamilton



Fish Fry for Vets Nursing Home



National Guard Fire Engine



Your time and efforts "DO" make a difference.