

# The American Legion Talks

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## Commander's Corner

Mike Zingarelli  
Post Commander

### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of the Officers for their work during the past year. I would like to give special thanks to Bob Lucke and John Russell; both past Commanders and between them they have over 30 years of service as Officers. They have served this Post with great dedication. We should all give them thanks for this Post would not be what it is today without them. Bob Lucke will continue on as Children & Youth Chairman and on the Parada Del Sol Committee. John will continue on as Boy's State Chairman.

There have been many questions about the painting on our Post wall that used to be in the display case in the hallway. It wasn't as noticeable as it is now and deserves to be enjoyed by our members. Bob Smith took the time to write a brief history of this painting.

### IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING

William Bright painted it in 1966; Bill took "Artistic License" and moved one of the participant's head so we could see the face of Ira Hayes, an Arizona Native American. Bill painted this art piece with a good steady hand at age 68. William Bright was American Legion Post 44 Commander for two terms, 1956 – 1958. Bill held other offices but for 24 years he was the Service Officer always helping the needy and offering advice to all Legionnaires and their families.

Bill was born and raised in the Boston area. In high school he studied watchmaking, a course sponsored by the Waltham Watch Company. He graduated on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1916 and joined the National Guard. In early fall 1916, Bill was sent to the Mexican border to chase Pancho Villa.

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## Adjutant's Corner

Jim Stoltenberg  
Adjutant

First of all congratulations to our newly elected Post Historian: Don "Doc" Schaller for his contributions to the feature article remembering the Korean War, on the front page of the Arizona Republic. Doc was a Bombardment Coordinator, commonly known as a "Forward Observer." This was a job one did not volunteer for, since life expectancy for a FO anywhere from when he got in position till the enemy spotted him... which ever came first. Doc is some what of a Historian in his own right, the Civil War artifact display in the Post foyer is on loan from Doc as he is in the process of re-doing our artifact cabinet. If any member has something they would like to donate to the Post display cabinet please contact Doc or myself. Currently Doc is working on a Korea War display and would welcome items of that period.

Legion year 2000 has come and gone and we are now in the process of collecting dues for the year 2001. I have the 2001 Membership cards ready so please send in your dues as soon as you receive your notice. In 2000 we missed the honor of being a "100% Post" by only reaching 95.4% and I have promised the Commander that we will make it for 2001. I need your help of course so let me explain how the Legion year for dues collection works.

The Legion year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. To keep current you have to have your dues paid up by December 31 or you are considered delinquent as of January 1. This year our goal is to be an *Early Bird* Post by having over 75% of our dues submitted to National by **November 11, 2000**.

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## POST 44 CALENDAR

(calendar updated regularly at [www.post44.org](http://www.post44.org) on the Internet)

**July, 2000**

3	M	1900	Auxiliary E Board Meeting	8	R		Euchre Tourney
3	M	1900	SAL Meeting	17	M	1900	Auxiliary Meeting
5	W	1900	Knights of Columbus	19	R	1900	Legion Meeting
6	R	1900	Rangers	20	R	1900	Rangers Meeting
8	R	1900	Legion E Board Meeting	21	W	1900	Knights of Columbus
<b>Sunday, July 23 is Christmas in July !</b>							
<b>Saturday, July 29 - Korea War Veterans Dinner Dance !</b>							
<small>March 2000</small> <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><small>©2000, All Rights Reserved</small></span> <span style="float: right;"><small>Page 1</small></span>							
★	W	1330	Bridge	★	F	1830	Dance / Sing with "John the Piano Player"

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Bill had learned to fly back in Boston and was assigned to the Signal Corps, flying above and reporting troop movement.

In September he was sent home but in April 1917, was ordered to New York State to be flight instructor. In October 1917, Bill was sent to France as a combat pilot, was shot down, and wounded on November 6, 1918. He was hospitalized in Paris and in the spring of 1919, attended the first caucus meeting of the American Legion.

Bill returned to the states on the hospital ship Mercy and spent four months in Walter Reed Hospital. He opened a watch repair store in Boston but in 1946 came to Phoenix for a month of vacation. He fell in love with the little town of Scottsdale, sold his Boston business and opened a Jewelry-watch repair business in Scottsdale.

Bill retired in 1979, and reported to the Commander of us all in 1993. ❖

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Aside from the prestige of belonging to a Post that demonstrates it's support of the Legion's goals you get a personal reward for helping Post 44 earn the distinction of being an Early Bird Post. Every year the Post achieves this goal we host a free dinner for all members who made it possible by getting their dues in prior to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's all get behind Commander Mike by getting our dues in early and joining him for the Early Bird Post dinner in November. ❖

## Junior Vice Report

Bill Clark for Robert Smith  
Junior Vice Commander

Thank you for supporting our Thursday night meals. This is all done by our employees for their Christmas party. Also, for the support on the other days.

We are staying within our food and bar budget while serving \$1.00 drinks 4 days a week. Remember June and July are the slow months, so all your support is appreciated. Its success depends on you. Tell you neighbor or bring a friend. Perhaps they could become a member. We will continue to work towards the success of this Post.

Watch for some remodeling to be done in the near future.

Hope to see more of all of you. ❖

## Boy's State Committee

John Russell  
Chairman

Thanks to everyone who purchased Boy's State raffle tickets. The post made a profit of \$2601.00 on the raffle. This raffle more than paid for the 18 boys we sent to Boy's State. The raffle winners this year:

27" TV, Jerry Zimny - Paper shredder, Rexbell Young - Cordless phone, Todd Dustin - Electric Health Grill, Lum Houser - Don & Charlie's \$25 certificate, Rexbell Young - El Chorro's \$25 certificate, Norm Wernecke - Timex table clock, Bill Smillie - Hot water dispenser, Russ Bensema  
A special thanks to all our supporters. ❖

## EUCHRE INFORMATION

The monthly Euchre Tourney was held at the Elks on June 10<sup>th</sup>.... What a great turnout - 17 teams. A terrific time was had by all, as usual. Winners Ken T. & Dick N. posted a score of 92. Dee & June G. just missed by a point with a 91 to take second. Both T. & Chuck L. came close with a score of 90 for third. All winners were within a point - great Euchre players all. Our prize drawing went to Moe & Tiny - two meal certificates for the Elks. Thanks to the Elks for this added benefit. Don't forget - next tourney is at the

### POST EXECUTIVE BOARD

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- Commander ..... Mike Zingarelli
- Sr. Vice Commander ..... John Dunleavy
- Jr. Vice Commander ..... Bob Smith
- Finance Officer ..... Norm McCleod
- Chaplain ..... Jim Bartsch
- Historian ..... Dr. Don Schaller
- Sergeant at Arms ..... Warren Moyer
- Service Officer ..... Charles Latchman
- Executive Committee .....
- Walter Deveney - Dale Lutt - Pat Dowling - Robert Turner - Jerry Sherman
- Trustees.....
- Bill Moser, Jerry Lennemann, Lum Houser
- Finance Committee .....
- Jim Waters - Norm McLeod - John Dunleavy
- Club Committee .....
- Jerry Lennemann - Robert Procknow - Dale Lutt
- Children & Youth ..... Robert Lucke
- District 12..... Jim Stoltenberg
- Boys State ..... John Russell
- Memorial Day ..... Dale Lutt
- Communications Chairman ..... Mike Gannon

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# Chef Bill's Kitchen

Bill Clark (480) 941-9053  
Club Manager

## July Menu Specials

**Sunday** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

- ◆ Breakfast, "as you like it"

### ◆ EVENING MENU

#### **Mondays**

- ◆ Rib Out ..... \$ 1.00
- ◆ Well Drinks ..... \$ 1.00

#### **Tuesdays**

- ◆ Top Sirloin Steak ..... \$ 5.00
- ◆ Entrée Special #2 \* ..... \$ 5.00
- ◆ Entrée Special #3 \* ..... \$ 5.00

#### **Wednesdays**

- ◆ Our Famous Filet Mignon..... \$ 7.00
- ◆ Entrée Special #2 \* ..... \$ 7.00
- ◆ Entrée Special #3 \* ..... \$ 7.00

#### **THURSDAYS EMPLOYEES CHOICE \***

- ◆ Entrée Varies..... \$ 4.00

#### **Fridays**

- ◆ All American Fish Fry (5 to 8)..... \$ 6.75

#### **Saturdays**

- ◆ Steak & Scrambled Eggs (10 to 2) ... \$ 4.50
- ◆ Hamburgers (10 to 2)..... \$ 2.00
- ◆ Prime Rib..... \$ 7.95

\* Only one entrée each Thursday, and the Club Employees choose their special favorites to serve!

# Auxiliary News

Anne Stirling  
Auxiliary President

Greetings from your new Auxiliary President. I would like to begin by thanking you for the honor you have bestowed upon me. I am looking forward to working with Post Commander Mike Zingarelli, SAL Commander Dave Hallman, all those I have worked with in the past, and all of our new active members. If you haven't been to a meeting lately you might be surprised at all the new faces. Come and check it out (third Monday of every month-including summer months). I would like to thank our Past President Myra Anderson for the wonderful job she has done over the past three years. She can wear her Past President's pin proudly knowing she has served this organization well.

Our new Officers were listed in last months' newsletter with one exception. Marion Kirwan is our new secretary. We still have some Committee Chairmanships open. The American Legion Auxiliary programs are very important. In order for us to offer the best benefit we can be to our Veterans, children and community, it is important that we have members volunteer for these chairmanships. If you think a chairmanship might be too much, we can ALWAYS use helpers.

Memorial Day weekend was a busy one. This year Post 44 was the host post for the festivities. We joined with other local service organizations (as we do each year) to honor Veterans. Thanks to Bill Clark, his staff, all those who donated desserts and all that participated. I would like to thank all of you who supported our Poppy program by donating to the program and wearing your Poppies with pride.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have already attended the Department Convention. I will brief you on the events next month.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY** will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 PM. For a \$5 donation we will provide you with a complete Christmas dinner and have a blind auction. Not only is this our Girl's State fund-raiser, it always proves to be a great time. I hope to see you there. Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift with an estimated value on it for the auction fun (not required). We can always use extra helpers for this event. Mark your calendars! FUN, FUN, FUN.

Looking forward to a GREAT YEAR! ❖

**Employee's Choice Night at the Club!**  
Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Menu Item varies for only \$3.50 to \$4.00 !  
All well drinks only \$1.00 !

**NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS**  
Mary Jo Cook

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**Knights of Columbus**  
 Fr. Novatus Council #4426

Meeting  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month  
 American Legion Post 44  
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. – Meeting after dinner

Assembly  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month  
 St. Daniel the Prophet Church  
 1000 N. Hayden Road