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**Commander, Norm McLeod**

**THIS** is my last column as commander of Post 44. Serving as your commander for the past year has been my pleasure. Thanks for electing me. The job was not too tough. I wasn't able to influence events as much as I had hoped, but then there were not as many problems as I had expected either. One thing is sure. No one person can run Sipe-Peterson Post 44. It takes many dedicated persons to keep it going. We have over 1400 members, including 1100+ Legionaries, 300+ Auxiliary and 50+ Sons of the A.L.

**MY** biggest disappointment is that we were not successful in getting more people to help out. However, there were many who did come forward and they were thanked at the recent Past Commanders/Past Presidents dinner. But wouldn't it be great if we could get 10% of our members to volunteer and wouldn't it be great if we could get at least two (2) to run for each office and wouldn't it be great if more members attended the meetings to get the straight scoop instead of relying on "bar talk". Oh, well! There's no law against dreaming.

**ADVICE** to our new commander – First congratulations to the new commander and all of the elected officers. Now for the advice: 1) Get yourself a damn good adjutant. Jerry Lennemann was mine and he was outstanding. 2) Get yourself a damn good newsletter editor. Jerry Lennemann was mine and he was outstanding. 3) If someone wants to talk "business", do it in the office not at the bar. 4) Let the bar talk go in one ear and out the other. 5) Listen to all suggestions and always try to involve the suggestor in the solution. Most of all don't take yourself too seriously.

**THANKS** to everyone who helped me this past year. Especially Warren Moyer the Sr. Vice, John Russell the Finance Officer and Jerry my adjutant; without their assistance I would never have been able to do the job. Now lets all pull together and have a wonderful 2004-2005.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new auxiliary president, Carol Clark, and all of her elected officers. The Ladies Auxiliary has always been an important part of Post 44.

**INTHE PAST:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942, the Battle of Midway; June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944, "D-Day" the allied armies land in France; June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1944 the Battle of Saipan; June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1950 the Korean War begins.

*(Commander - Continued)*

**THE BILL OF RIGHTS:** Here are amendments nine and ten. The Constitution of the United States of America is the most important document we have. It is the basis for our legal system and the blue print for our form of government. Please take the time to read the whole thing (it is not long).

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**Amendment X** – The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

**SUPPORT** your troops in these difficult times. Our brave women and men need us behind them now more than ever. Pray for them and support them with your good deeds.

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### **Adjutant and Jr Vice Commander:**

Jerry Lennemann

This newsletter is late because we wanted to include the newly elected officers of the Post. The election was May 27<sup>th</sup>, then the long Memorial Day weekend. After that it is typed and sent to the printer so you will receive it the second week in June. The first event in June is Flag Day on the 14th so being late doesn't really matter that much. Also included are the newly elected officers of the Auxiliary.

Please give the newly elected officers of the Post and Auxiliary your support and encouragement.

This newsletter is for June and July.

It has been a pleasure working with everyone this past year and you are the people that make this a great Post. In fact, we are the best Damn Post in the West

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

Euchre Tourney was held May 8th and we had 38 players enjoying a great game of cards on a Saturday afternoon. The next tourney will be at the Elks on June 12th and the VFW on July 10th. Please join us. Start time is 1:00 PM. See ya there!!

## POST 44 2004-2005 OFFICERS

Commander -	Warren Moyer
Adjutant -	Jerry Lennemann
Sr Vice Commander -	Jerry Lennemann
Jr. Vice Commander -	Tom Paul
Finance Officer -	John Russell
Chaplain -	R J Smith
Historian -	Sully Truesdell
Sgt at Arms -	Sandra Haugen-Blindheim

### Executive Committee:

Bob Arbuthnot  
Herbie Herbert  
Lenny Rosenbaum  
Ben Clark  
Tom Vermande

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## Father's Day

Sunday - June 20

Special Breakfast  
10 AM - 2 PM

## Spring into Summer Clothes From Our Trunk Show



### Auxiliary Benefit

### Bring Your Friends

Place: Post 44

Date: Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Time: Noon to 3 PM

## Auxiliary Report - President Myra Schroot

Another year has passed and the Election of Officers for 2004/2005. The slate of new officers is as follows:

President	Carol Clark
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Myra Schroot
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	(open)
Treasurer	Dee Brooks
Secretary	Sue Fay
Historian	Sara Palumbo
Chaplain	Peg Arbuthnot
Sgt @ Arms	Ann Gordon

Exec. Committee: Marion Kirwan, Anne Stirling,  
Pauline McLeod

While this is a superb group and promises an active and productive year for our Auxiliary, we need the help of all of our members and particularly to work on our Committees. Please volunteer to help our new President and/or be happy to help when asked. This could be our best year yet!

We are already into activities for the next two months

Department Convention will be in Chandler again this year. June 17, 18 & 19. With the location so close to home I am expecting many of you will want to attend. Your registration fee will be paid by Unit 44 if you notify us of your intent to attend before June 10. Payment can also be made at the door for only \$8.00. It's a great experience. Call us at 480-994-8294.

June 27, 2004, the Auxiliary will be having a Trunk Sale Fundraiser. This is a marvelous opportunity to get some great bargains on ladies clothes. A friend who owned an upscale dress shop had to close for health reasons is offering this great merchandise for sale with 30% of all sales to be donated to Auxiliary Programs. This will be held at the Post on Sunday, June 27 from 12 to 3 PM. Don't miss it!

**Christmas In July** is scheduled for July 25 at 2:30 PM. You all remember past years' great dinner and auction fun. This perhaps is our biggest fundraiser of the year with the proceeds going to Girls State, one of our biggest expenses each year. Watch for more info on this as it gets closer. Flyers and posters will help you reserve this date for a Great Christmas Dinner.

Congratulations are in order for Anne Stirling, who has recently been elected President of District 12 American Legion Auxiliary. It's an honor to have one of our own in that position. BestWishes, Anne, for a fruitful and enjoyable reign.

As this President retires from the office, it is most likely my last newsletter. I want to thank all of you who have helped us through the year with fundraisers that helped us give so much assistance to our Veterans and Community. We were able to send two Spinoza Bears to sick children from the paper Easter Egg Sales. A special thanks to everyone who stepped in to help the success of the Past Commanders/Past Presidents Dinner May 15. Please continue to support our Auxiliary and President. Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE & JULY

June	July		
	4	Independence Day - Ceremony in Lounge at	3:00 PM
Mon 7	5	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
Mon 7	5	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Thur 10	8	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat 12	10	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM @ Elks June VFW July
Mon 14	12	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
Mon 14		Flag Burning Ceremony 11:00 AM in parking lot	
Thur 17	15	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
Sun 20		Father's Day Special Breakfast from 10 - 2	
Mon 21	19	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 M
Thur 24	22	Post General Mtg. (Installation June 24)	7:00 PM
Sun	25	Christmas In July - Dinner 2:30 - Auction to follow (See Ad)	
Sun		Trivia Games 3:00PM Every Sunday	
Sun 27		Trunk Sale	(See AD)

**Reoccurring Menu for June & July**  
**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)	
<b>Monday</b>	Hot Dogs - \$2.00      Sloppy Joes - \$2.50 (Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - Close)	
<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	\$7.00

Starting in June the Fish Fry will be in the Lounge  
 Same Fish Fry with our great salad bar.

<b>Saturday</b>	Prime Rib (Plus 2 other Entrees)	\$9.50
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**Hours: Mon - Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM - Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM**  
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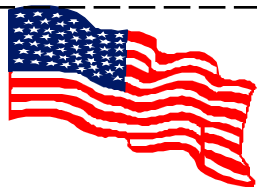
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Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month  
American Legion Post 44.

Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.

Assembly

3rd Wednesday each month  
St. Daniel the Prophet Church



*Americanism - Bob Parr*

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

This is our pledge to our country.

You hear it a lot.

"I pledge allegiance"

I promise to be true

"to the flag"

to the sign of our country

"of the United States of America"

each state that has joined to make our country.

"and to the republic"

a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them. The government is for the people.

"for which it stands"

the flag means the country

"one Nation" a single country

"under God"

the people believe in a supreme being

"indivisible" the country cannot be split into parts

"with liberty and justice" with freedom and fairness

"for all" for each person in the country – you and me.

The pledge says you are promising to be true to the U.S.A.

*Author Unknown*

**Howard MacDougall, S. A. L Vice Commander**

President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration in his proclamation signed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1916. But it was first officially observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the selection of the Stars and Stripes as our national emblem. Once again Post 44 will observe the holiday with a flag-burning ceremony at 11:00am in the parking lot. The ceremony is the respectful and proper method of disposing of old, worn or tattered flags.

We have had some success in our efforts to re-energize the squadron. A handful of members have been meeting monthly since last July and have recruited 35 new members, enabling us to achieve a 90 percent retention rate. Members who have not already submitted their 2004 dues should do so before June 30. Send them to Dick White, Finance Officer, c/o Sipe-Peterson Post 44, 7145 E. Second St. Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

But we need more participation. Squadron meetings are scheduled the first Monday of each month, at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.) The June meeting will be June 7. Come on out!

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**July 25**



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

*(Girls State Fundraiser for Auxiliary)*

**Complete Christmas Dinner - 2:30 PM**

**Cost \$5.00 if tickets are purchased prior to July 25 - \$6.00 at the door.**

**Auction to follow.**

**Please bring wrapped gift with approximate value on it.**

**(no junk please)**

**Boy's State, John Russell**

This year your post spent over \$3,600 to sponsor 21 boys from the Scottsdale area high schools. In the April newsletter you received Boy's State raffle tickets, and I want to thank all of you for your response.

**Boy's State raffle winners:**

- |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. TV/VCR combo -              | Louie Tyndall    |
| 2. Samsonite Luggage -         | Merlin Doll      |
| 3. El Charro gift card -       | Ben Clark, Jr.   |
| 4. Dinnerware set -            | Nate Boyer       |
| 5. Red Lobster gift card -     | Bill Peltier     |
| 6. Book & \$15.00 -            | Ted Martinson    |
| 7. Don & Charlie's gift card - | Alta Bidwell     |
| 8. Thermometer & post pin -    | Bob & O. Pierce  |
| 9. Replica of ship -           | Arnold Zielinski |
| 10. Manicure set & \$10.00 -   | R. Blankemeier   |

## The Veterans Act of 2003

A recently passed law may provide income for thousands of "Unknowing" surviving spouses of military retirees and other veterans. Public Law 108-183, The Veterans Act of 2003 signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 16th, allowed survivors of members who died of service connected causes to retain Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) if they remarry after attaining age 57. Previously, surviving spouses lost this entitlement if they remarried at any age. The only provision to regain the benefit was if the latter marriage ended in death or divorce.

Also, those who have already remarried (and were age 57 or older when they did so) have until Dec. 16th 2004 to apply for reinstatement of their DIC benefits. The current entitlement is \$967 a month. The application form's VA Form 21-686c, which is available on the web at:

<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf>.

### Auxiliary Music, Carol Clark, Chairman

Rather than my usual column, I would like to share a speech, given during the Arizona State Veteran's Home's Volunteers' Appreciation Luncheon.

"Some of us can express our thanks with words and some can feel it without words. One of the things that make our lives as residents more pleasant is to be treated as human being, with dignity and respect. That is what you volunteers give us, by adding to the quality and enjoyment of our lives as Veterans.

God blessed us with wonderful caregivers; our lives would not be full without you. Thank you for just being you. From the Residents, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You are wonderful."

Respectfully,  
James Priddis, President of Resident Council

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### Lizz Holmes-Parr, Chaplain



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as they are serving to keep us here at home free and safe -  
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***Remember Our Country's Heroes!***

## THANK YOU!

A Big Thanks to our Honor Guard. They represented your Post at many funerals and events. Let them know they are appreciated.

Graham Higton, Capt.  
George Garrigus  
Bob Procknow  
Ed Baltz  
Frank Benham  
Peter, Konjevich  
Janet Higton  
Terry Hendron  
Rick Tompson  
Geno Yorga  
Andy Jiame  
Dick White

Another Big Thanks is due to "ALL" our volunteers who have gone the extra mile for the Post.

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