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Commander's Desk, Lenny Rosenbaum

This will be my last Newsletter as your Post Commander. I am sure your new Commander will do as good a job or even better than the Commanders who came before him. In the 2 years as Commander my co-workers on the E-Board did an outstanding job in performing their duties and working with them was a privilege and honor. I hope to be coming to our post for many years and help our new Officers in any way I can. I would like to thank a small amount of people (due only to lack of space) over the past 2 years: The E-Board, Bob Arbuthnot, John Trocki, Jack Cassidy, Lum Houser and Tod Dustin. The Sgt-at-arms and guardian of our office Bob Procknow. our Historian Sully Truesdell and Chaplain Tom Vermande, The Finance officer John Russell, The Jr. Vice Commander Bob Smith and last but not least the Sr. Vice Commander Andy Jaime. All the people who gave their time and experience on the Finance committee and the Club committee. A special thanks to our Trustees Bud Brimhall, Forest Wright and Fred Lucas. One name stands out who receives very little recognition is Jerry Lennemann our Newsletter editor who some how gets post information to us in a very timely manner. Our Club manager Lori Sheffler who is doing an outstanding job along with her great staff.

The Volunteers too numerous to thank, all from the Ladies Aux. to the S.A.L.s. One name I can not forget is a guy who puts in more time working as a volunteer at our post than he does at his paying job, Tom Paul, Tommy keep the wheels turning. The one person I have to thank the most is my wife Tina, Her head for business and her heart for caring for our members has made my life a lot easier during my term as Commander and I thank her and love her for her help, support and understanding over the past years. I could go on and on but that would take up the entire newsletter. Our members receive the ultimate THANKS for your support and help in making our post a great place of enjoyment, again thank you all for placing your trust in me to be Commander of American Legion Post 44 it has been my honor to serve.

**The Post 44 Officers for 2008-2009
are shown on the back of the Menu**

**Notice: We will close at 3:00 PM on Sundays
starting June 22 until September.**

Adjutant, Andy Jaime - Sr. Vice Cmdr.

Legion members of Post 44, it is my pleasure to announce that as of this writing 5/20/2008, we are at 99.41% of our membership goal for 2008. The goal set by National was 1,183 members. Four more and we will again reach that goal. There are still many of our members that haven't renewed. If we can help in some way, please call the office.

Unless someone lets us know, we have no way of knowing if you are in a hospital, nursing home, sick at home, etc. We are here to help. Your continued membership is important not only to Post 44, it is vital to all veterans.

It has been my "Honor To Serve You" as your appointed Adjutant these past two years. I am sure the newly appointed Adjutant will also serve you well. It is said, "once an Adjutant – always an Adjutant." That title will be one that provided a sound foundation, an education and a sense of responsibility. Thank you all.

June Quote: "Always do right. This will surprise some people, and astonish the rest." - Mark Twain

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Andy Jaime

Legion Members of Post 44; this will be my final newsletter article as your Sr. Vice Cmdr. And Post Adjutant. I thank each of you that voted for me the past two years. I hope that I was able to meet your expectations and confidence.

My experience and duties while in office was made easier due to the many mentors that readily came forward and provided me with guidance and suggestions. These valued Legion members are all past officers from commanders through adjutants, as well as office assistants.

I especially thank our out-going Commander, Len Rosenbaum for his leadership; support and dedication to the American Legion Principles; and selfless volunteering for the past two years. Len's 3000 plus volunteer hours in the kitchen and Post functions saved the club manager wages that would have lowered the monthly turnover check to the Post. His leadership by example motivated others to also volunteer in some form or another. Hopefully this will continue with the new leadership.

I would also like to thank Squadron 44's Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Scotty Harris and his membership for their efforts in supporting the American Legion programs that benefit all veterans as well as the Child Welfare Programs. These young men are due a thank you from our members for giving of their time, when they could be doing other fun things like so many others. (con't page 2)

Auxiliary President - *Bunny Hamilton*

Hello ladies; another successful year is coming to an end and I want to express my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you – you have all contributed to our success!! Reports have been completed and sent to the various Department Chairmen and looking over the compiled data, this unit can be very proud indeed for our accomplishments in the various programs of our great organization.

The last District meeting for 2007-2008 was held in Gilbert on Sunday, May 18th and your new District 12 President is Sandy Conklin from Unit 58 in Fountain Hills. Your Unit President was very proud and excited to bring home the District 12 plaque for Unit Activity from this meeting.

This year has been one of the best in recent history for bringing out Auxiliary volunteers, not only for our functions but for Legion and Club functions. You have all been extremely generous with your time and we have had a lot of fun and a sense of accomplishment!!

This President has had the opportunity and pleasure to serve with many past Post Commanders, however, working with Cmdr. Lenny this past year has been one of the most pleasant experiences I have known!! Thank your Commander for a wonderful year!! Your accomplishments for this Post will be talked about for years to come. Job Well Done!

A big thank you for our SAL members for their help this year and best wishes for a successful upcoming year.

Finally, thank you for your vote of confidence by electing me to serve as your Unit President for 2008-2009. We have a great slate of officers and I look forward to another gratifying and successful year.

Hope to see lots of you at State Convention in Tucson June 19-22. Next Unit meeting – Monday, June 16. God Bless You All.

Auxiliary - Sue Fay

The Auxiliary's Community Service collected canned goods and non-perishables in the RED BUCKET in the lobby worth \$630.00 during the 2007-2008 year!! Thanks to our members who contribute the food, we can continue this program. The BUCKET is empty these days, and your donations are needed, once again. Let's continue to donate to "Homeless Outreach" during the summer months. Remember, \$5.00 buys a case of drinking water. Thank You for your support, Sue Fay

**To Cmdr. Len Rosenbaum and Tina
Hats Off for many splendid years of service**



Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Andy Jaime (con't from page 1)

Finally, our Unit 44 Ladies Auxiliary has been without question, dedicated to their Auxiliary programs; volunteered at all our Post 44 functions, and provided me with invaluable assistance. They have always been first to also provide Post 44 with funding to support Post Charities and Programs.

This has been an experience of unity as an American Legion Family doing those things we are supposed to do. I also thank all the members that continue to renew our membership and all our new and transferred members. Without you, there would not be a Post 44. I encourage any member to become active, volunteer, or become a Post Officer. Thank you all. – Andy

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scotty Harris

O.K., Squadron! You really came together on "Armed Forces Day." I am impressed by your commitment to the Post, to our Vets, and to the Squadron. Seeing how this was also the first National S.A.L. Vets Appreciation Day, I feel you rocked! Thanks to Mike "Hammer" Schlip, Doug Flammer, Barney Kubat, John Landis, Eddie Wallace and the friends who chipped in. I hope to see you all again.

I'm glad your commitment to the cause is there. This shows that our squad is up and ready to jump in to lend a strong back to whatever needs to be done.

The next meeting is June 2nd at 6:30 PM.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

It is hard not to stay home and watch our Diamondbacks Baseball Team head towards the "World Series" – but take a drive and visit your Post for good entertainment and delicious food.

Our Legionnaires from the North have returned home so there is plenty of room for you and financially we need your support during these slow summer months. The music and food are always good.

Chaplin: Tom Vermandie/by Andy Jamie

Deceased Post 44 Members:

Paul Hembise, William Shaw, John Bedford

Our members will be missed, and their service to their country will always be remembered. Sincerest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones.

The Membership of American Legion Post 44

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE

June	2	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:00 PM
	9	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
	12	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	14	Saturday	Flag Day (Ceremony in Parking Lot)	11:00 AM
	16	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	26	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

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

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

Trivia on Sundays @ 3:00 PM (except June 22 through August)

SAL's selling Bratwurst & Hot Dogs after 3:00 PM

Special Notice Column:

The Trivia Volunteer Bartenders: Bunny Hamilton, Kathy Wright, John Landis and Roger Wells are taking a summer break from Sunday Trivia.

Also, thanks to the SALS who offered the delicious late lunches: Scott Harris, Barney Kubat and Kory Chapin. The last game is June 15; we return on Sunday, September 7.

Flag Day: Saturday, June 14 at 11:00 AM in the parking lot. There will be a flag burning ceremony showing proper disposal of US flags by our Honor Guard. Bring your friends and neighbors

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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 TO 2:00
 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
 SATURDAY BREAKFAST
 SERVED 10:00 AM - NOON
 SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
 MON-SAT

JUNE 2008

**LEGION POST #44 DINNER
 AND
 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 - 6 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PIZZA OMELETTE FRENCH TOAST	2 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	3 CHICKEN STRIPS TOP SIRLOIN	4 FILET SOLE ALMANDINE LAMB SHANKS JAZZ	5 BEEF STROGANOFF	6 FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	7 PRIME RIB FANTAIL SHRIMP CITRUS CHICKEN RODGER WADE
8 STRAWBERRY PANCAKES SOS	9 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	10 SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN DUMPLINGS	11 FILET SALMON/HERB BUTTER CHICK STIR FRY JAZZ	12 LASAGNA	13 FISH FRY RODGER WADE	14 PRIME RIB SALMON/DILL CHICKEN REGINA RODGER WADE
15 LOX/BAGELS LOX OMLETTE	16 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	17 SIRLOIN STEAK SHRIMP BASKET	18 FILET EGG PLANT PARM MUSTARD CATFISH JAZZ	19 MEAT LOAF	20 FISH FRY DALLAS	21 PRIME RIB COCONUT SHRIMP CHICKEN OSCAR DALLAS
22 SEAFOOD OMLETTE CORN BEEF HASH CLOSE @ 3 PM	23 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	24 SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS	25 FILET CHICK / PROCUITTO SHRIMP ALA VODKA JAZZ	26 CHICKEN AL KING	27 FISH FRY MIKE	28 PRIME RIB MUSTARD CATFISH CHICKEN CORD BLUE MIKE
29 EGGS BENNIE CHEESE OMLETTE CLOSE @ 3PM	30 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES					

**JOIN US AT THE LEGION FOR A
 GOOD MEAL AND GREAT FRIENDS**

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



**Thank You
Cinco de Mayo Volunteers**



2008-2009 Executive Board (left-right)

Front Row: John Tymczynszyn, Chaplain - Fred Lucas, Finance Officer - Bob Smith, Jr. Vice - Andy Jaime, Cmdr.
 2nd Row: Tod Dustin, Ex. Com - Lum Houser, Ex. Com - Bob Turner, Ex. Com - Bob Arbuthnot, Ex. Com -
 Bob Procknow, Sgt-at-arms
 Standing: Forest Wright, Trustee - Bob Brimhall, Trustee - Len Rosenbaum, Trustee - Jack Cassidy, Ex. Com,
 Sully Truesdell, Historian - (Absent - Jerry Lennemann, Sr. Vice)



2008-2009 Auxiliary Officers

Seated Left-Right: Peggy Arbuthnot, Chaplain - Rosa Masson, Sr. VP, Bunny Hamilton, President - Myra Schroot, Treas.
 Standing: Mae Szleszinski - Sue Fay, Ex. Com - Dixie Whittier, Jr VP - Barb Lesko, Secretary - Sully Truesdell, Historian
 (Absent: Jeanne Gilbert, Sgt-at-Arms - Serenity Sharp, Ex. Com)