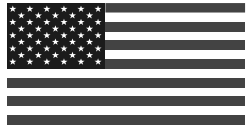




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

March's article, I am honored to say, contains Post 44's American Legion Family names of Volunteerism Awards presented by Department Commander Henry Branch and Department President Vickie Zwall who were guests of Post 44's Past Commander, Past Presidents Dinner. Our volunteers are listed as follows:

Veteran Members: John Hyde, Tom Paul, Ed Schoort, John Elliot, Ron Long, Chuck Luther, Sully Truesdell, Todd Dustin, Bud Brimhall, Bob Pierce, Bob Arbuthnot, Dan McKenzie (Post 34), Billy Estes, Jack Cassidy, Len Rosenbaum, Lum Houser, Jerry Lennemann, John Russell, Bob Smith.

Auxiliary Unit 44: Cathy Wright, Tina Rosenbaum, Nancy Milus, Dee Walker, Elaine Elliot, Mae Szleszinski, Mary Panici, Maude Hyde, City Sue, Sue Fay, Joanna Duran, Joanna Smith, Shirley Spencer, Judy Robinson, Teresa Estes, Annette Greenfield, Avis Axtman, Barb Lesko, Serenity Sharp, Dixie Whittier, Beverly Gable, Rosa Masson, Carol Dustin, Myra Schroot, Ginny Russell.

S.A.L. Squadron 44: Charley Duray, John Landis, Donald (DJ) Smith, Mike Schlip, Kory Chapin, Michael Smith, Scotty Harris – Sqdn. Cmdr.

On behalf of all of the American Legion Post 44 Membership – I thank all of our award recipients for volunteering. Your giving of self is in the true spirit of volunteerism and you are all deserving of this humble effort of recognition.

Any citizen can volunteer at an American Legion Post, tell your friends and neighbors – invite them to your post and let them know the good work we do for veterans, children and youth, the community, and national security.

March Quote: "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." – Vincent Van Gogh.

**** Find Waldo **** Starting this month - 3 names will be hidden somewhere in the Newsletter (names in articles or under pictures don't count). The first 3 that call in all three names - 480-941-0130 - will get a free lunch.

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Others have written most of what I wanted to say so I will just remind those that haven't paid 09 dues to please do it now. Your 08 card expired January 1.

Jr. Vice Cmdr: *Bob Smith*

On Saturday, March 7th, our Post will host the finals of the American Legion Oratorical Contest. High School students from Area "A" and "C", along with our Area "B" will compete to represent the State at the National Contest in Indianapolis.

Many of our Department Officers, along with members of neighboring Posts will attend. Let's not be outnumbered by a visiting Post. We want a large attendance of Post 44 members.

The Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons will work together to show off our Post. At 9 AM and earlier, they will deliver donuts, sweet rolls, and coffee for your pleasure. After the program the Legion Family will prepare for your pleasure, hamburgers, salad and soft drinks – our thank you for attending the program. This lunchtime event will be a great time to talk with our visitors, and a great time to show that Post 44 is an active Post.

St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17

Irish Food and Music

John Kirkpatrick will play your favorite Irish songs. Music starts at 6:00 PM, and of course, Irish food will be served all day, starting at 11:00 AM Bring your friends as guests and celebrate.

American Legion Riders Post 44 – *Joni Baginski, Secretary*

The American Legion Riders of Post 44 is official! We had our first meeting Tues. Jan. 20th., Cmdr. Andy Jaime presented the American Legion Riders Flag to be proudly displayed next to the American Flag, the American Legion Flag, and the Arizona Flag. Our Cmdr. informed us he knows the good that the ALR does and we informed him that we will make him proud. Thank you Commander! To all interested in joining the ALR, we will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM here at Post 44.

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris

Gabba, Gabba, "Blue Caps."

Cheer Basket!!! It's our chance to raise some funds. This is a very lucrative fund-raising activity. Our goal is to host a Boy Scout Troop at this post. Our member William Garr, is a troop leader and is looking for a new hope for his boys. This is a beneficial partnership for all sides, as you know. The S.A.L.s and the Boy Scouts have a lot of similarities, "God and Country" - lets make this happen!

We also have our many charities, and the memorial fund to work on. All ideas are sought for these.

We've done a lot, and there is still more to do – lets not rest on our laurels!

Hope to see you at the next meeting, which will be 1-hour later at 7:30 PM, due to Post Staff Meeting – so March 2nd at 7:30 PM. For God and Country.

Adjutant, John Russell - by Andy Jaimie

The good news for March is that as of this writing (2/16/09) the total paid up membership for 2009 dues stands at 1,069. This includes "new and transferred-in" members. The bad news is we still have 186 members that have yet to renew.

Membership dues amounts kept by your post help us to do the American Legion Programs we are required to do in order to retain our Post Charter, as well as our tax exempt status, serving veterans, children and youth, community service and national security. Your membership helps Post 44 support these Legion Programs as well as assist with Post and Club operations during "the lean summer months."

Commander Andy Jaime has requested that I ask each member that is able to do so, to make a tax deductible contribution to the Post to help with a Veterans Monument that will be placed at the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. This is a combined effort of the three Scottsdale Veterans Organizations: Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion Post 44. This monument will be a tribute to all veterans of all wars. It will be in a high profile area as a reminder to all that all veterans honor past, present, and future generations of veterans.

In closing I'd like to end with a quote by "Mahatma Gandhi" – "*The Future Depends On What We Do In The Present.*"

Please note on checks: for vets monument at lower left of check. Thank you. For God and Country.

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Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – Hope everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day. Parada will also be an "event in the Post" when you read this – and I want to thank all of you for turning out to help!

We raised the \$600 pledged to the Jr. ROTC at Camelback High School! Thanks to the time and efforts of four very special and dedicated members. Dixie Whittier, Sully Truesdell, JoAnn Smith, and Bev Gable took turns for three weekends in a row to sell some beautiful and fun jewelry and purses donated by the rest of you very special ladies. Seems as though everyone had a lot of fun with this project and we will certainly endeavor to do this again.

Upcoming in March: Sat. March 7 Post 44 will be hosting the American Legion Oratorical Finals. Competition starts promptly at 10 AM so come early! Sun. March 8 – District 12 Picnic at Post 35.

Auxiliary National President Desi Stoy, will be making her official visit to Arizona this month. Her official dinner will be held at Chandler Post 35 on Sat. March 21st. However, Department President Vicky Zwall will be bringing her to Post 44 on March 20th for our famous Fish Fry! Come on down and give the lady a great Scottsdale Welcome!

At the March meeting on the 16th, we will be having an initiation. We hope to have all the new members attend as well as anyone of you who have never been initiated. This is the time to learn what our organization is all about and also receive your Auxiliary Pin. We do need to know how many plan to attend, so please RSVP me at 480-947-3993.

Also at the March meeting we will need to select a nominating committee – please consider volunteering!

Speaking of volunteering – the snow birds are definitely here and the club is busy all the time – especially on Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat nights and Sunday breakfast.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated – bussing tables, washing dishes, making coffee and tea or toast, serving coffee and tea or even answering the phone – please call Manager Mike at the Club or me and let us know how you can help!!

The mailing list for the Post Newsletter is growing larger all the time – please consider receiving yours by E-Mail. Call the office at 480-941-0130 and give them your E-Mail address.

We need volunteers for St. Pat's Day – all day and evening!! That's it for this month – hope to see you at the meeting on March 16. For God & Country.

Community Service Chairman - Sue Fay
Homeless Outreach.

Many thanks to the members who are so generous with food for the Red Bucket in the lobby. The workers at "Homeless Outreach" are always so appreciative of the donations from Post 44. Keep the canned food coming for a good cause.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

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| Mar. | 2 | Monday | SAL Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 9 | Monday | Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home | |
| | 10 | Tuesday | American Legion Riders Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 12 | Thursday | E-Board Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 15 | Sunday | American Legion Birthday - Flag is up | |
| | 16 | Monday | Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 17 | Tuesday | St. Patrick's Day Party | (See Ad) |
| | 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 Note: Every Sundays at 3:00 PM,

Myra Schroot

John Kirkpatrick is 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.

EUCHRE

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

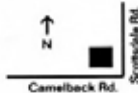
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DINNER SERVED MON 5:00 PM
TUES, WED, THURS, SAT
5:00 - 8:30 PM

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED
10:00 AM - NOON



FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 8:00 PM
SUN BRUNCH 10 AM - 1 PM

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

**LEGION POST #44
DINNER & SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU**

CLUB HOURS MON-SAT
10 AM - 10 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 EGGS BENNIE SOS | 2 CHILI DOGS FETTUCINI ALFREDO | 3 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER/ONIONS | 4 FILET LAMB SHANKS CAJUN CATFISH JAZZ NIGHT | 5 GRILLED SALMON/ ORANGE SAUCE Nightly Dinner Specials | 6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON | 7 PRIME RIB CHICK STIR FRY SHRIMP SCAMPI MIDNIGHT MOON |
| 8 BLUEBERRY PANCAKES BREAKFAST BURRITOS | 9 CHILI DOGS STUFFED SHELLS | 10 SIRLOIN STEAK PAN-FRIED TILAPIA | 11 FILET SHANGRILA SHRIMP STUFFED PORK CHOPS JAZZ NIGHT | 12 BEEF STROGANOFF Nightly Dinner Specials | 13 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY DALLAS DAN | 14 PRIME RIB LOBSTER RAVIOLI STUFFED PORK LOIN DALLAS DAN |
| 15 EGGS BENNIE FRENCH TOAST | 16 CHILI DOGS SPAGHETTI/MEAT SAUCE | 17 St. Pat's Day TOP SIRLOIN IRISH FOOD | 18 FILETS BROILED BASA (FLAKEY FISH) CHIX OSCAR JAZZ NIGHT | 19 CAJUN CATFISH Nightly Dinner Specials | 20 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE | 21 PRIME RIB SHRIMP ALA VODKA MAKO SHARK STEAK MIKE |
| 22 PORK CHOPS HUEVOS RANCHEROS | 23 CHILI DOGS CHEESE TORTELLINI | 24 TOP SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS | 25 FILET MAHI MAHI SHRIMP ALA VODKA JAZZ NIGHT | 26 LEMON CHICKEN Nightly Dinner Specials | 27 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON | 28 PRIME RIB PAN SEARED SCALLOPS CARLOTTA |
| 29 STUFFED FRENCH TOAST EGGS BENNIE | 30 CHILI DOGS LASAGNA | 31 TOP SIRLOIN CHICKEN MARSALA | | | |  |

Appetizers:

Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,

**John Kirkpatrick
on Tuesdays**

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Todd Dustin

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POST 44 HONOR GUARD 2008



(Left - Right): Rick Thompson, Vaughn Turner, Geno Yorga, Bob Procknow, Graham Higton, Peter Konjevich, Larry Burman, George Slagle, Eddy Blanco
Not in picture: Andy Jamie, Jeanie Gilbert, Taylor Roe, Frank Benham, George Garrigus

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1st row: Larissa, Darien, Shawn, Dee
2nd row: Matt, Jeannie, Nettie, Scott, Barb
3rd row: Judy, Mike, Shirley



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