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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

We have **election of officers at the Post meeting on May 23, 2002 at 7:00 PM.** This is your Post and if you want a say on who represents you as an officer, please attend. Or, if you want to become an officer, you can be nominated from the floor. See you at the meeting!

A special thanks to Sully Truesdell who spends a lot of time on the computer updating the newsletter mailing list. She does a great job and is a big help to me and the Post.

We have exceeded our goal of 101% in membership. Counting the transfers, we have approximately 1200 members. A big thanks to our Sr. Vice Commander, Bob Turner and our Co-membership Chairman, Chuck Luther.

Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner is May 5. The Department (State) Commander, Al Smith and his wife Betty will attend. You are welcome and the price for the meal is \$6.95 at the door or \$5.00 if you buy the tickets by May 2nd. We need reservations because we need to know how many meals to prepare. See the ad below for more details.

We have Shirts and Jackets for Sale.

The cost is \$25.00 each for jackets and shirts (extra large sizes are \$2.00 more).

Past Commanders - Past Presidents DAY

Sunday - May 5th

Chicken Cordon Bleu - Beef Stroganoff
Rice Piloiff - California Vegetables

No-Host Bar - 5 PM - Dinner - 6 PM

Bob Smith - Jr. Vice Commander

Your Post will be quite busy during this month. You will honor your Past Commanders on Sunday, May 5th. All of them guided and directed this Post to its present attractive, interesting position in the community. Come meet and great them along with the featured speaker; State Commander Al Smith. On Sunday, May 12th, you will honor the Mothers of your children. All Post 44 Legion's spouses and Auxiliary Mothers will be treated to a free dinner.

Thursday, May 23rd, is the Post Election Day. You will want to attend this meeting and elect the officers of your choice. Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The Post will have a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM. Afterward your Boy's State Chairman John Russell will have his prize winning drawing. We have outlined the above events elsewhere in this Post Letter. Keep this May Newsletter in easy sight for reference. You are asked to attend all events.

I have held an office in this Post for the last dozen years, and am sorry that I cannot attend the above May events. I am going to be on vacation. I have resigned as Jr. Vice so that your club can go on; under someone else's direction undisturbed. I want to thank all of you that have helped over the past years. It hasn't been easy.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

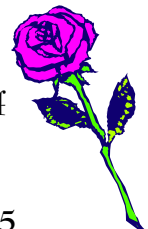
Turkey with Dressing

Roast Pork - Roast Beef

Salad Bar - Desert

Champayne Punch

11:30 - 3:00 PM - \$9.95



Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

As another American Legion Auxiliary year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of Unit 44's members for the support they have given to this Unit. Our organization is truly one that is worth not only belonging to, but also being an active participant in. Volunteers are what make our organization what it is. We have over 350 members, and it saddens me to see only a dozen members at our meetings. All of our members that do not attend the meetings, and are not active in our organization, are missing out on a truly rewarding experience.

We will be holding elections at our May meeting. Our nominating committee is having difficulty finding members that are willing to serve as Unit 44 officers. I would like to challenge all of you to examine the reasons why you joined this organization. For most of you I am hoping that it is because you care about the American Legion Auxiliary. Please show your support of our Unit, and come and get involved. The more volunteers we have, the less we all have to do.

Don't forget about our Past Commanders/Past President's Dinner on May 5th. Don't forget about our General Meeting on May 20th, and please don't forget that you are needed, appreciated, and missed.



EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer

Freed from the chains of our regular partners - our first ever "blind draw" - produced some great teams and fun for all. Winners this month were Judy Mc and Joe Colonna with 83. Richard P & Roger (from Michigan) took 2nd with 82 and third was won by Patsy & George Sl. with 81. We appreciate the help of all!! The next Tourney is at the Elks on May 11, 2002, 1:00 PM start time. See you there!!!

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Auxiliary Music Program: Carol Clark, Chairman

It's already April, but we seem to be ahead of the game with our "Reach Out With Music" program at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. Thanks to our volunteers from the Auxiliary as well as the Post, we continue to have staff to spend time with each resident. As you already know, they continually ask us to come back each week. We are trying to meet this need and the ASVH Recreational Therapy Department is behind us 100%.

The program was videotaped, which will allow groups to use the tape if they don't have a pianist. Let's face it most groups aren't as fortunate as we are, with John Kirkpatrick as a pianist. Besides a full-length tape, we are being given an edited 10 or 15-minute tape to use as promotional material. We'll let you know when these are available for viewing.

Survivor Benefits Program Inquiry

I am a member of the AFA, a recent widow and am now under the military Survivor Benefits Program (SBP). I would like to talk to other widows or widowers that have been living under the SBP and could share with me their likes or dislikes or changes they would like to see. Please contact me.

Jacqueline Querns

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Honor Guard - Graham Higton

The Honor Guard is Alive and Well! We are representing Post 44 in various activities. We have participated in the Parada del Sol, Services at Green Acres and the National Cemetery, Dedication of Flag at Saguaro High School along with Fire Fighters in commemoration of 9-11, Vietnam Memorial Wall at Green Acres, and Memorial Day Services. We are always looking for recruits. Please contact me at the Post or 941-3075 if you are interested.

Members:

Graham Higton, George Garrigus, Bob Procknow, Ed Baltz, Frank Benham, Peter Konjevich, Janet Higton, Jeannie Gilbert, Terry Hendron, Rick Thompson, Geno Yorga.

Gift Idea for Birthday, Anniversary, Etc.

Buy a brick on the Memorial Wall or in the new Game Room for \$100.00. Information in the office or lounge. Help your Post stay financially sound.

May Menu

Reoccurring Menu for May
Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials

	Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM	
Sunday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	from \$2.50 (Bloody Mary \$1.00)
Monday	Free Hot Dog - 75¢ Glass of Beer	
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.50
Wednesday	Filet is back plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
Thursday	Chef's Choice	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - & other Entrees	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00
Saturday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 2:00	from \$1.99

*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

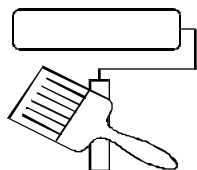
Summer Hours: Daily - 10 AM - 10 PM

Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

May	5	Past: Commanders & Past Presidents Day	
		No-Host Coctails	5:00 PM
		Dinner (\$6.95)	6:00 PM
	6	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
	6	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	9	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ Elks)
	12	Mother's Day Dinner (See ad)	11:00 - 3:00 PM - \$9.95
	16	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	20	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	23	Post General Meeting & Election	7:00 PM
	27	Memorial Day Services	
		8:45 Assemble at Kivi School Parking Lot Pior To Services at Cemetery	
		11:00 Civic Center Services	
		12:00 Lunch at Elks Lodge	

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Knights of Columbus

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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