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Commander, Norm McLeod

As I type my May contribution to this newsletter, our brave women and men are suffering one of their most difficult months of the Iraq war – April 2004. Therefore, instead of wrapping up my column with our review of the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States; I am leading off with it:

Amendment VII – In suits at common law, where the value of controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII – Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

This is what they are fighting for; to preserve and protect the Constitution. Pray for them and honor them with your good deeds.

IN THE PAST: May 8th, 1945 a really important date in our history: V-E Day the unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allies. Of course, our armed forces continued to fight the Empire of Japan which would hold out for three more bloody months.

Scottsdale VFW Post #3513 elected Mel Harms as Commander for 2004-05. Congratulations to Mel and all of his new officers.

Memorial Day weekend is very busy this year. The WWII Memorial is being dedicated in Washington, D. C., on May 29th. And your Post is hosting the Memorial Day Ceremonies, in Scottsdale. On the 29th, the American Legion will be involved in the “First Annual Calling All Veterans” event. It will be held at the American West Arena. There will be a live feed of the WWII Memorial Service, as well as entertainment, music and celebrities. Free admission and free parking. Your Post will have tickets or you can call 602-248-1552. Afterwards return to Post #44 for food and drink.

And make sure you refer to the calendar for details on Memorial Day happenings.

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The Military Order of the Purple Heart has appointed Herbert M. Hanson, as their representative from Arizona for the WWII Memorial dedication. Post #44 is proud to have Herbert as a member and we wish well in this endeavor.

The next time you come to our “famous fish fry” be sure to look at the plaque that has been hung on the south wall of the big dinning hall. It’s a beautiful creation. It was commissioned by Jace J. Johnston, Jr. He had it done in memory of his fallen brothers of Charlie Co., 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Mobil Riverine Force, Mekong Delta, Republic of Vietnam. His effort is worthy of your attention.

See you election night, May 27th

Adjutant and Jr Vice Commander: **Jerry Lennemann**

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner will be on May 15th, 5:00pm, no host cocktails and 6:00pm dinner. We are also giving out awards for those who have gone the extra mile for the Post. Everyone is invited to attend and the price for the meal is only \$6.00. This will be a good chance to meet the officers of your Post and to make new friends. Hope to see you there.

Election of Post 44 Officers at the meeting on May 27 at 7:00 PM. It is important that you attend so that you have a vote on who represents you as Post Officers

Boy’s State - John Russell

Your Post is sending 20 high school boys to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff to attend Boy’s State. This one week at Boy’s State costs the Post \$175 for each boy. If you have not sent your raffle ticket stubs and money, then please mail the stubs and your contribution today. We have some great prizes this year. THANKS

Lizz Holmes-Parr, Chaplain

To our lady Veterans - Please remember our annual military luncheon at Carl C. Hayden VAMC on May 15 at 10:30 - 2:30. Come visit and dine with those who served and enjoy poignant memories! Remember also to - Dance as if no one were watching and Sing as no one were listening! Keep your hearts warm - always.

Auxiliary Music, Carol Clark, Chairman

Our April program at the Arizona State Veteran's Home gave us the opportunity to have an Easter party with 36 residents, including some from the Adult Care Program, a big supporter of "Reach Out With Music." Larry Joiner from the Post, Sue Fay, Sarah Palumbo and Pryor Magnusson, joined with John Kirkpatrick and myself in providing service and attention to our Veterans. Each attendee was given an Easter decorated bag, containing a rubber duck exercise ball, candy and a small Easter toy. They love parties big and small and revel in the individual attention they receive. The Auxiliary also donated a Scrabble game, several books and a bag of soaps, shampoo and deodorant.

There are many ways to help our program; the most important would include your participation the 2nd Monday of each month at the Arizona State Veteran's Home, 4141 E. 3rd St. Phoenix. Please meet us in Liberty Hall by 0940, to help set up the room and bring Residents to the program. You don't have to come every month, but any time you can, please fit us into your schedule. You can ask for a copy of the Home's Wish List from the Post's office or from me, as there are many items needed in all price ranges. If you don't like to shop, I have a black belt in shopping and would be most happy to assist.


<p>Saturday, May 29, 2004</p> <p><i>WWII Memorial Service</i></p> <p>America West Arena Meet at Post @ 9:00 to Car Pool</p> <p> Remember Our Country's Heroes on MEMORIAL DAY</p>

<p>Veterans License Plate</p> <p>Sign up for a veterans license plate at the Post on May 7, 5:30 - 8:30.</p> <p>All you need is your American Legion Card and credit card, cash or check for \$25.00</p>

Auxiliary Report - President Myra Schroot

The following was written, by Holly Simon, for VFW 1433 Ladies Auxiliary when she was 13 and her grandfather, John Trocki, thought it might help all of us feel better:

My Dream for America

Have you ever had a dream for America and hope it would come true in about fifty years or so? Well, my dream for America would be that people would follow all the laws, and that everyone had a place to live and food to eat.

My first dream is that I want everyone to follow the laws. If everyone just did what he or she were supposed to, no one would get killed and people wouldn't hate anyone. It all ends up in the same category by if one person, lets say, runs a red light and kills someone in the car they hit, their loved one would hate the person because the car who ran the red light. So they would probably now hate that person and there was hatred in the world. It all starts with something small then may end up large. So if people just followed the laws, and did what they were suppose to, everyone would be happy.

Second, I have a dream that everyone will have a place to stay and food to eat. There are many homeless people in neighborhoods and just on the streets, but what if there was no one on the streets begging for food or a home. The money that the government gets from taxes, some of that money could go toward making new and improved homeless shelters around the United States. Then, people would volunteer to go house to house and get any kind of canned food or packaged food. Or maybe people can go to a local grocery store and see if they would be willing to donate to the shelters. That way, everyone will have a home and no one will be hungry.

Those are just two of my dreams for America. I hope that one day my dreams will come true and America will be the finest and cleanest Country. I also hope that our country will be the best country in the world.

God will bless you, Holly. We all hope that your dreams come true.

Unit #44 will have its elections, on May 16th. Please plan on attending this meeting and voting for the women of your choice.

Veterans License Plate

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

May	Mon	3	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	Mon	3	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	Wed	5	Cinco de Mayo - Mexican Food plus Regular Menu	
	Sat	8	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ Post 44)
	Sun	9	Mother's Day Special Breakfast 10 - 2	
	Mon	10	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	Thur	13	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	Sat	15	Past Commander/Past President Dinner - \$6.00 - (5-6 No host bar - 6 Dinner)	
	Mon	17	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 M
	Thur	20	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	Sat	22	Boys State Meeting	2:00 PM
	Thur	27	Post General Meeting - Election of Officers	7:00 PM
	Sat	29	WWII Memorial Service - America West Arena	
			Meet at Post @ 9:00 to Car Pool	
	Mon	31	Memorial Day Services - Camelback Cemetary on McDonald Dr.	
			Meet @ Kiva School @ 8:45 AM	
			Scottsdale Mall Service @ Civic Center - Meet at Post 44 @ 10:30	
			and walk to Civic Center, then back to Post for lunch	

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	<u>Breakfast</u> - 10:00 - 1:00 pm * from \$2.50 (Bloody Mary \$1.00) Trivia Games 3:00 PM
Monday	Hot Dogs - \$2.00 Sloppy Joes - \$2.50 (Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - Close)
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree \$7.00
Wednesday	Filet plus 2 other Entree \$9.00
Thursday	Chef's Choice \$5.00
Friday	Fish Fry - & other Entrees Large Salad Bar \$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib \$9.50 (Plus 2 other Entrees)

Hours: Mon - Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM - Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM

*** Will close Breakfast at 12:00 on May 2, 2004**

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Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month

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Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.

Assembly

3rd Wednesday each month

St. Daniel the Prophet Church

