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## MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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### Commander's Desk, Lenny Rosenbaum

May has arrived and so has our Annual Elections. I see many past officers running again and also some new faces. From my personal knowledge of the nominees, I think they would all do a fine job. Please do not forget that nominations CAN be made from the floor the night of the election. The list of nominees at the present time will be printed in this newsletter. I am close to the end of my term as the Post 44 Commander and as I look back over the past 2 years I feel good in the knowledge our Post is looking good, We are financially sound and our members are enjoying their visits on a regular basis.

With a LOT of help from our Officers, Staff and Members we were able to fix our Roof, improve our outside landscaping, paint the inside and outside of the building, replace floor tiling and carpeting, dedicate a garden to a past beloved member and much more. All of this was accomplished not by me, but by the hard work of executive board working together to make ours "THE BEST DAM POST IN THE WEST".

New thoughts and ideas are always welcome, but voicing them at the bar over a drink will get nowhere, you must become part of the active group to get things done. By active I mean attend meetings, both General meetings and Special meetings that pop up on a regular basis.

Best of luck to all nominees running and I will always be available to help in any way I can.

### Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

Andy Jaime, Chairman of the Cinco de Mayo Program has planned a great day for us. Hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Read your monthly Post Newsletter and read the Saturday Menu. Now show it to your spouse. We offer one or two of the following: Coconut Shrimp – Pork Stir Fry – Salmon – Shrimp Stir Fry – Chicken Cordon Blue – Seafood Oscar. After reading the Menu, your spouse will demand you take her to the Post on Saturday night.

### Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Andy Jaime

Membership renewals and new members: As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is 1,149, with 34 remaining to reach our 100% goal. We have already passed last years 100% goal and I thank each and every member that made the choice to remain as one of our Legion members.

April's General Meeting was new member initiation night as well as meet your 2008-2009 candidates for Post Officers. We also were honored with Guests: Carol Hamburger – Area B State Vice Commander and Tom Will – District 12 Sr. Vice Commander.

Post 44 initiations are held quarterly during the year. The following is a list of the 37 American Legion Post 44 newly initiated members: Wayne Airhood, David Arnold, Art Baskel, Tim Bates, Frank Bell Jr., Gregory Brodaczynski, Frank Brown, Robert Butler, Donald Casey, Joshua Rand Castillo, Gary Cramer, Howard Darr Jr., Tom Dean, Robert Dunn, Howard Emery, Walter Gibson, Steward Grode, Stanley Gunsher, Jon Hansen, William Haugen, Eugene Hennis, Tom Heyn, James Hill, Robert Hughes, Alan Kehrl, Walter C. Kingren, Sharon Kosharek, Kevin, Lawrence, Robert Mills, Richard Mitzel, Robert Petersen, Craig Styles, David Taylor, Dale Verdoorh, John Virkayk, Lowell Williamson, Nicholas Zozolas

Please welcome all our new members.

May Quote: "Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

### Adjutant, Andy Jaime - Sr. Vice Cmdr.

The month of May will be filled with what I am hoping we will see member participation. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Holocaust Remembrance Day; May 5<sup>th</sup> is Cinco de Mayo Celebration; May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day; May 17<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day (wear your uniform; May 22<sup>nd</sup> is 2008-2009 Post 44 Officer's Election at the General Meeting @ 7PM; May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day with officers and members honoring Veterans at the National Cemetery, Scottsdale Veterans Cemetery and the Scottsdale Civic Center. Please try and attend at least one of the three. We will be Host Post this year (free food).

The following is the most current listing of candidates that have submitted for your Post 44 Officers, for 2008-2009: "Please Come and Vote for Your Officers."

Executive Committee: Todd Dustin, Lum Houser, Raul Ochoa, Jack Cassidy, Bob Turner, Bob Arbuthnot.

Trustee 3 year: Forest Wright – Sgt. At Arms: Bob Procknow – Historian: Sully Truesdell – Finance Officer: Fred Lucas – Chaplain: Vaughn Turner, Mary Cox, Billy Martin.

Jr. Vice Cmdr.: Bob Smith, George Slagle, David Bender

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Jerry Lennemann

Commander: Andy Jaime Jr.

## Auxiliary President - *Bunny Hamilton*

May has arrived – this means “Poppy Days” for Auxiliary members across the country. The nationwide memorial poppy campaign was begun by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921. Crepe paper was selected for the construction and the production of the poppies was made available to the veterans as a way for them to earn some income. In 1924 the American Legion transferred the National Poppy Program to the Auxiliary.

The idea of the poppy as a memorial flower to those who died in the First World War appeared as naturally as the little red wild flowers themselves emerged from the soil and grew in the fields of France and Flanders. It was the one touch of beauty that surfaced from the terrible destruction of war. Soldiers of all nations came to look upon the poppy as a living symbol of the sacrifices that had been made by their fellow comrades who had died in the war.

Memories of the war dead always brings thoughts of those who did not die but came back to years of hardship and suffering.

Wearing the little red poppy signifies honoring the dead and helping the living.

Will you all, Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, and SAL members, please take the little red poppy enclosed with this newsletter and wear it with pride this month. The flowers are still made by our veterans who are confined to the hospital or nursing home, and every donation to the Poppy Program is used only for the benefit of our veterans.

Some of our winter visitors have begun to depart, but the Club remains busy and still in need of volunteers. Please let Lori or the bartender know if you can help out. Remember the Cinco de Mayo celebration is a total volunteer event and we will need a lot of you for that evening so contact me if you can help.

Elections of Officers will take place at our May meeting and I hope to see lots of names on the slate. Please consider running for an office or taking a Chairmanship for next year.

I hope many of you are planning on attending the State Convention in Tucson in June and the National Convention in Phoenix in August. Details on both will be given at the April and May meeting.

See you for the elections!! God Bless You All.

**Chaplin's Notes:** by Andy Jaime for Tom Vermande

**Deceased Members:** Robert Stevenson – Arnold Schroeder

Our condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of our departed comrades. We will miss our loyal members

## S.A.L. Cmdr: **Scotty Harris**

Hello again my fellow Blue-Hats!  
First I want to apologize for the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Especially to our guests from State and Detachment.

It was a great turn-out for our three day renovation of the kitchen. Thanks to Kory Chapin, John Landis, Charley Dubary, Barney Kubat, Eddie Vandersal scrubbing that kitchen for six hours or better.

Events coming up – Cinco de Mayo, and the first “National Vets Appreciation Day” on May 17<sup>th</sup> (also Armed Forces Day). As an active squadron, this is our chance to let our Vets know, “thank you for your service.”

Our Squad will be running a carwash for free to Post members. All volunteers will be welcome on this one. If I haven't called you yet.....I will!

If you can't volunteer at the Post, you can assist a Vet in whatever way you can: mow a lawn, clean some gutters, help run some errands for them. Whatever they might need. Again, this is the First National “Vets” Appreciation Day – lets get it off to a good start and let them know we care.

Our next meeting has been changed to May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This will be a formal meeting. I am looking forward to seeing more of the Squad. Take care.

**CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO  
WITH POST 44  
MAY 5, 2008**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY - “ABE”**

**AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD**

**\$7.50 by Roy Candelaria  
(new SAL member  
transferred from Post 41)**

**5:00 PM TILL ?????**

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

May	5	Monday	Cinco de Mayo - Mexican Food	See Ad
	7	Wednesday	SAL Meeting (this month only)	6:00 PM
	8	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
	19	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	22	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 and also**

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

### Honor Guard

Our Honor Guard participates in many functions throughout the year, such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, Etc. Also they perform at funerals for our deceased members when requested. Give them a Big Thanks for representing our Post: The Honor Guard members are: Graham Higton, Bob Procknow, Peter Konjevich, Janet Higton, Rick Thompson, Geno Yorga, Andy Jaime, George Slagle, Vaughn Turner, Jim Bourassa, Jim Blanco.

**Notice to Honor Guard Members by Captain Graham Higton:** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hrs, we will meet at the Post for instructions and practice for Memorial Day Services.

### Boy's State – John Russell, Chairman

Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members: This year our Post will send twenty high school students from the Scottsdale area to Boy's State at Northern Arizona University. The sponsoring of the Boy's State program is your Post's largest charitable event, and needs your financial help. Each of us is asked to purchase six raffle tickets for \$10.00. If you wish to donate more, it would be appreciated. The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008.

We have eleven great prizes to give away. Please help send the boys to Boy's State by sending your check, and the stubs from the tickets enclosed in this newsletter, back as soon as you can. A self-addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Additional raffle tickets are available at the Post.

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

**MAY 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	2	3
					FISH FRY	PRIME RIB CATFISH
					<b>MIDNITE MOOM</b>	<b>CARLOTTA</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CORNBEEF HASH	HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	FILET STUFF OSCAR CHICK STIR FRY	BEEF TIPS OVER NOODLES	FISH FRY	PRIME RIB STUFF PORK CHOPS FRIED SHRIMP
			<b>JAZZ</b>		<b>CHERYL THURSTAN</b>	<b>DENNIM &amp; DIAMONDS</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
EGGS BENNIE	HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	FILET COCONUT SHRIMP RASBERRY CHICKEN	ROAST BEEF	FISH FRY	PRIME RIB SALMON CHICKEN CORDON BLUE
			<b>JAZZ</b>		<b>MIKE</b>	<b>MIKE</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PORK CHOPS	HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	SIRLOIN CHICK DUMPLINGS	FILET LAMB SHANKS SHRIMP ALA VODKA	ROAST PORK	FISH FRY	PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPI CHICKEN PARM DALLAS
			<b>JAZZ</b>		<b>CARLOTTIA</b>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
EGGS BENNIE	HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	SIRLOIN SHRIMP BASKET	FILET SALMON STUFFED PORK CHOPS	MEAT LOAF	FISH FRY	PRIME RIB COCONUT SHRIMP CHICK STIR FRY
			<b>JAZZ</b>		<b>MIDNITE MOON</b>	<b>MIDNITE MOON</b>

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

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

## ATTENTION POST 44!!!

### FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

#### Take Time Now To Learn

- The ugly truth about Probate and how to avoid it.
- The advantages of a Living Trust and how they differ from Wills.
- What guardianship and conservatorship really is and how it can happen to you!

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1 PM

Location:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 44  
CONFERENCE ROOM

For information on this event,

Call Legion Member MICHAEL GARMONE  
480-209-9146

### POST 44 IMPROVEMENTS

We have made a lot of improvements to our Post in the past year. The pictures below show the new paint on the outside of the building and the new carpet and flooring with Jeanne (bartender) top and Lori (manager) below.



#### “VOLUNTEERS”

WE NEED YOU!! - PLEASE SEE LORI IF YOU HAVE EVEN AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP AT YOUR POST