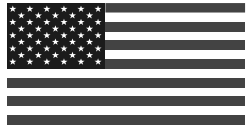




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

May 31st, 2009 will be the end of another American Legion Calendar Year. I am pleased to announce that your Post was able to support as well as participate in many of the American Legion Programs. June 2008 we had members attend the Arizona Department Convention in Tucson, AZ. July 2008 many of our members participated and supported Auxiliary Unit 44's Annual Christmas in July Auction Fundraiser – over \$2000 was raised to cover Girl's State and other Auxiliary Unit 44 Charities. August 2008 Post 44 had four dinner banquets for different states during the 2008 National Convention held in Phoenix, AZ. September 11th 2008, Post 44 hosted a Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments Appreciation Day Luncheon. 175 meals were served to our communities First Responders. November 11th 2008, Post 44 had its Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and provided a free lunch to all Early Bird Member Renewals for 2009. December 7th 2008, Post 44 hosted a Military Kids and Parents Christmas Party with food and gifts for all. 485 meals were served – this was a S.A.L., Auxiliary and Legion member combined effort and \$1400 was used for gifts and food costs. January 2009 Post 44 had a Past Commanders, Past Auxiliary Presidents Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The Department Commander and Department Auxiliary President attended. February 2009 Post 44 Commander and Auxiliary President attended the District 12 Veterans Rehab Dinner. Over \$12,000 was raised, this money goes 100% to VA Hospital. March 2009 Post 44 hosted the American Legion Oratorical Finals where high school students compete for scholarship money on an oration on the U.S. Constitution. This was the second year Post 44 hosted this event. Post 44 also donated \$600 to the Veterans Memorial to be located in the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. Other money donated in 2008 was \$600 each from Post 44, S.A.L. Squadron 44 and Auxiliary Unit 44 for Vista Del Comino for back-to-school clothes for under privileged children. Post 44 also donated \$500 to the Veterans Hospitality Room at Terminal-2, Sky Harbor Airport. \$500 to Vista Del Comino for Christmas 2008 and \$100 for American Legion Baseball for AZ Department Distribution. Post 44 also now has its own Boy Scout Troop sponsored by S.A.L. Sqdn. 44 and Post 44 - \$500 each.

All these programs and events were made possible through members dues, fund raisers, raffles, and member donations. Thank you all for making this another successful year.

A reminder to members that Post 44 will be participating in the Annual Joint Memorial Day Services on Monday the 25th of May. Call the Post for more details and times. Finally, 2009/2010 Election of Officers will be the 4th Thursday, May 28th, 2009 at 7 PM – please come and cast your vote. Legionnaires vote! Come and vote for your leadership.

May/June Quote: *The main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.* Thomas Carlyle

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Please note that we will save money by doing 2 months newsletters for the hot summer months. May and June in this newsletter and July and August next one. This was voted on by the Executive Board in April. Our newly elected officers will appear in our next newsletter. My article is short as others have said things that I planned on saying.

Memorial Day - Monday May 25

Two Services - 8:00 AM Camelback Cemetery (69th St. & McDonald) 10:00 AM Scottsdale Civic Center

Flag Day - Sunday June 14

11:00 AM Ceremony at Post 44 Parking Lot

Poppy Day

Envelope with poppies enclosed. See Auxiliary President, Bunny Hamilton's article on next page

Jr. Vice Cmdr: *Bob Smith*

We are going to start May by celebrating Cinco de Mayo Tuesday the 5th. Lively music and Mexican style meals at lunch and dinner.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th. We are going to celebrate with you with a great breakfast buffet. Our chefs will serve you with carved meats and will custom make your omelette. Our next big day – Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day. You male Legionnaires can get someone to bring you in for breakfast. Our Club is an important part of your Post and I have been privileged to be your Jr. Vice the last two years and will step aside at the end of June. I have enjoyed working for you and want to thank you for your support. Anchors Away! Waldo says, Bob Procknow

**** Find Waldo **** Again this month - 3 names will be hidden somewhere in the Newsletter. The first 3 that call in all three names - 480-941-0130 - will get a free lunch.

S.A.L. Cmdr: *Scott Harris*

Gaba, Gaba again.

Well fellow blue-caps, we pushed the Cheer Basket back til "Cinco de Mayo" - thanks to everyone's donations. Come on down and see me sell tickets, or better yet, come on down and sell tickets.

This is a combined newsletter and our next meetings are May 4th at 6:30 and June 1st at 6:30. I'll see you there.

**Cinco de Mayo
May 5
Mexican Food Served All Day**

Adjutant, *John Russell*

At the last Executive Board Meeting it was voted that our Post Newsletter will be printed for two months this summer. May/June will be one issue and July/August will be one issue. Don't forget to send your Boy's State raffle tickets to our Post. Post 44 membership goal for April 6th was to have 1135 members who paid their 2009 dues. We now have 1125 paid members. If you don't have your 2009 membership card, please pay your dues - we need you.

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

We have exciting news! We have a brand new website! www.alr44.org. There are lots of photos of the runs we have done. It is a must see, if you have not yet seen it. Our granddaughter, Layah, had her bone marrow transplant in March. She is doing well at Phoenix Children's Hospital, where she will be for a while yet. See Calendar of Events for our next meeting. Watch for some exciting fund raisers coming soon. Until next month (as always) ride safe!

**Sunday - May 17, 2009
4:00 - 7:00 PM
ALR All You Can Eat
Spaghetti Dinner
with Salad and Garlic Bread
\$6.00 Adult - \$3.00 Kids**

Proceeds to American Legion Riders of Post 44

Chaplains Corner — by: John Tymczyszyn
"The Scottsdale Veteran's Community, VFW, DAV and American Legion, is sponsoring the Veteran's Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds will help pay for the City's new Veteran's Memorial, funded entirely by the Veterans. The Tournament will be held Sunday May 17th, 7:30 a.m., at Scottsdale's Silverado Golf Club. Entry fee is \$80 per player and includes lunch. For details call Terry Dalton at 480-941-9849."

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies - It's May again and you know what that means - Poppy Days!! 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 of the official poppy and the production of the poppy has been available to the veterans as a way for them to earn some income. The American Legion transferred the National Poppy Program to the Auxiliary in 1924. Wearing the little red poppy signifies honoring the dead and helping the living. Please wear the enclosed poppy the week of Memorial Day to honor our veterans and their families and to remember those who have made the "ultimate sacrifice."

Always remember - serving our veterans and their families is the #1 priority of the Auxiliary.

Also in May - a big "Cinco de Mayo" celebration (see other articles for details) - Election of new officers at the May meeting and PLEASE make plans to attend the joint Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 25th.

I have been informed that we will be combining Newsletters for the summer - May/June and July/August. With that in mind, I want to remind you of the upcoming State Convention - June 18-21 in Glendale. We will have the information you will need at the May meeting (Monday, May 18th).

For those who missed the March meeting - it was fantastic!! **Twenty-four** members (including 4 Jr's) went through the Initiation Ceremony and we are very happy to welcome them into our Unit!

We haven't reached our 100% membership goal yet - but we are so very close!! Please send in your 2009 dues. Lets be 100% before convention. Remember the challenge we have with the Legionnaires!!

Have a Wonderful Spring and I hope to see lots and lots of you at the May meeting. For God and Country. Waldo says, Sue Fay

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. Waldo says, Mike Smith

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY

May	June			
4	1	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
5		Tuesday	Cinco de Mayo Mexican Food All Day	
10		Sunday	Mother's Day Special Breakfast Buffet	
11	8	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
12	9	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
14	11	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	14	Sunday	Flag Day - Ceremony in Post 44 Parking Lot	11:00 AM
18	15	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
	21	Sunday	Father's Day - Special Breakfast	
25		Monday	Memorial Day - 2 Services - 8 AM Camelback Cemetery - 10 AM Civic Center	
28	25	Thursday	Post General Meeting & Election	7:00 PM

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

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

Trivia Bunch: Going on vacation in June - July-August. Final Game: Sunday - 31 May, 3PM
Play Resumes: Sunday - 13 Sept. 3PM

EUCHRE

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

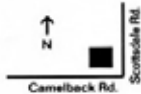
John Kirkpatrick is back.

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.

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SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

MAY 2009




LEGION POST #44
DINNER & 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 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	2 PRIME RIB Chicken Tosca Broiled Tilapia MIDNIGHT MOON
3 STRAWBERRY PANCAKES SEAFOOD OMLETTE EGGS BENNIE	4 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	5 Cinco de Mayo SIRLOIN STEAK Mexican Food All Day Abe's Karaoke	FILET 6 FILET OF SOLE SEARED CHICKEN JAZZ NIGHT	7 LIVER/ONIONS CHICKEN KABOBS	8 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	9 PRIME RIB CHIX STIR FRY GRILLED SALMON MIKE
10 Mother's Day BREAKFAST BUFFETT Omlettes Ham Roast Beef	11 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	12 TOP SIRLOIN LASAGNA	13 FILETS LAMB SHANKS COCONUT SHRIMP JAZZ NIGHT	14 MEAT LOAF BLACKENED CATFISH	15 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	16 PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPI MIDNIGHT MOON
17 EGGS BENNIE PORK CHOPS BLUEBERRY PANCAKES	18 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	19 TOP SIRLOIN TORTELLINI	20 FILET CHIX STIR FRY STUFFED SHRIMP JAZZ NIGHT	21 PORK CHOPS CHIX MARSALA	22 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY BOBBY & CARLOTTA	23 PRIME RIB CHIX SALTIN BOCA TILAPIA MIKE
24 FRUIT STUFFED FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST BURRITO	25 Memorial Day CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	26 TOP SIRLOIN SHRIMP POMADORA	27 FILET CATFISH STUFFED PORK CHOP JAZZ NIGHT	28 CHICKEN PARM LIVER/ONIONS	29 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	30 PRIME RIB SHRIMP STIR FRY CHICKEN BOBBY & CARLOTTA
31 LOX/BAGEL LOX OMLETTE	<p>Join Us At The Legion For Good Meals and Great Friends MUSIC MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S</p>					<p><u>Appetizers:</u> Wings, Pot. Skins, Shrimp Cocktail,</p>

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	1 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	2 SIRLOIN STEAK CHIX TOSCA John Kirkpatrick	3 FILET SALMON CHICKEN PARM JAZZ NIGHT	4 BAKED ZETTI SHRIMP KABOBS KATE'S PIANO	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	6 PRIME RIB Coconut Shrimp Chicken Oscar Bobby & Carlotta
7 HUEVOS RANCHEROS EGGS BENNIE	8 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	9 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER TROUT John Kirkpatrick	10 FILET CHICKEN MARSALA LAMB SHANKS JAZZ NIGHT	11 BEEF TIPS FETTICINI ALFREDO KATE'S PIANO	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	13 PRIME RIB CHIX TOSSA FRIED SHRIMP MIKE
14 Blueberry Strawberry Chocolate Chip PANCAKES Flag Day	15 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	16 TOP SIRLOIN CORN BEEF/ CABBAGE	17 FILETS CHIX TOSCA STUFFED SHELLS JAZZ NIGHT	18 SHRIMP ALA VODKA LIVER/ONIONS KATE'S PIANO	19 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY To be Announced	20 PRIME RIB PORK STIR FRY SALMON MIKE
21 Father's Day EGGS BENNIE SOS	22 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	23 TOP SIRLOIN LIVER FANTAIL SHRIMP	24 FILET STUFFED PORK CHOP STUFFED SHRIMP JAZZ NIGHT	25 PORK CHOPS CHIX CORDON BLUE KATE'S PIANO	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY BOBBY & CARLOTTA	27 PRIME RIB BROILED BASA RAVIOLI CHERYL THURSTON
28 PIZZA OMLETTE MEXICAN OMLETTE	29 CHILI DOGS Nightly Dinner Specials	30 TOP SIRLOIN TORTELLINI				

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