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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

We have a lot going on at the Post for November, which I will not repeat here as they are in the Calendar of Events and ads. I will keep my article short as there is not a lot of room left in this newsletter. I know this because I am the editor. I wait to see what the others write about then try not to repeat it. If you are looking for errors in this newsletter you can find them and this is intentional because some people look for errors and we don't want to disappoint them.

Some of our members said they did not receive a dues notice from International. If you did not receive one, you can just mail your check or drop it by the office, as we do not need the form to process the payment. If you want to go to the free early bird dinner you need to have a 2002 card for admittance.

The Post general meeting date is the 4th Thursday of every month, however, it has been changed this month to the 29th because of Thanksgiving Day. These meetings are not well attended so why not start attending and find out what's going on in your Post and meet some of your fellow members.

Early Bird Dinner - Sunday, November 11

No Host Bar - 5:00

Prime Rib Dinner - 6:00

Dinner Free for Paid-up Post 44

2002 Members - (Guests \$7.95)

Reservations Required

Euchre News - Warren Moyer & June



The girls — Jeanne & Patsy — took top honors Saturday Oct 13th at the monthly Euchre Tourney. There was a tie again this month for second & third place. Ruthellen & Mary C and Dick N & Ken T had a play-off since they both won the same amount of games. The guys prevailed taking 2nd place. Thanks to the Elks for a great room set-up and friendly atmosphere. November's tourney will be at the Elks again. Mark Nov 10th on your calendar – join us and bring a friend!! 1:00 pm start time, as usual. See you there!!!

Bob Smith - Jr. Vice

We filled the place on Octoberfest Day with the music of Marlin Zimmermann. He will be back Saturday evening, Nov. 3rd with his "ump pa pa" and 40's -50's & 60's music. On Veterans Day, we will start the day with our usual fine breakfast. At 11:00 AM our Honor Guard will have a flag service at the front of our building and later that day we will have our Early Bird Dinner. Plan now, to save yourself a lot of work by attending our usual fine Thanksgiving Dinner. Chef Bill Clark will see that you will enjoy your meal. If you plan on having a large group, call Bill and reserve a large table. I will be back from my 21-day China trip just in time for a good American Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post. No chopsticks, just good old knife and fork.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, November 22

12 noon - 4:00 PM

Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Cranberries, etc. Desserts and all the Trimmings. \$7.95

Bob Smith & Chef Bill

Our thanks to all for a good turnout for the Fry Bread Benefit for our Past Chaplain, Paul Anderson. Thanks to John Ferguson for his efforts. He gave away bread and pies for donations. We collected \$1,000 to be turned over to Myra. **Thanks again to all. God Bless.**

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

Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

One of the many things American's have to be thankful for is our Veterans.

We need to be thankful for what they have sacrificed to keep our country free. This month, I thought it would be appropriate to share information about our Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) program. VA&R is divided into three categories: Home, Field, and Hospital service. Home service is anything done for a Veteran, while not in their presence. Field service is anything done for a Veteran while in their presence (hospital service excluded). Hospital service is anything done for a Veteran in a hospital (Nursing homes are considered field service).

This month I will focus on Home Service. Under the category of Home Service, we make a variety of items for use at Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center and The Arizona State Veteran's Home. We make lap robes, shawls, and slippers. We make tote, wheelchair, and walker bags, along with therapy balls, neck pillows, bibs, and wheelchair cushions. We make seasonal tray favors for patient's food trays, and we write holiday cards. We hold fundraisers that provide money that is donated to various VA&R programs. Some of these programs include: The Hospitality House which provides housing for families of seriously ill patients; The Care & Share program that provides canteen books and bus tickets to indigent Veterans; The Garden and Ceramic Therapy program; The Canteen Book program that provides canteen books as prizes for Recreation Therapy activities like pool tournaments, bingo, and arts and crafts activities. We provide furnishings for hospice rooms. We donate money and merchandise for the VA Christmas Gift Shop. Both in and out patients can shop for Christmas gifts for their family—at no cost to them. We support the Veteran's Creative Arts Festival. This festival was created as a therapy tool for disabled Veterans. This program encourages Veterans to explore or revisit the Arts. They compete at the State level and the winners advance to the National competition. This year the National contest was held in Prescott AZ, the third week in October.

The first week in December is this year's VA Gift shop, if you would like to volunteer or donate gift items, please call me. If you would like to use your knitting, crocheting, or sewing skills, I can provide you with patterns. If any of you currently volunteer your time at hospitals, nursing homes, daycare centers, or anywhere else, let us know what our members are doing for our Veterans and our community.

We are having a bake sale on November 16th during the Friday Night Fish fry. If you like to bake, please bring us some of your masterpieces; if you have a sweet tooth, please come with your wallet and support our sale. All proceeds will be used for our Americanism programs.

Don't forget - General meetings 3rd Monday of every month @ 7:00pm. God bless all of you and remember to give thanks for all of your blessings

DANCE

Saturday - November 3, 7 PM - 11 PM
Marlin Zimmermann
40's, 50's & 60's Music

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM - Carol Clark

Summer's heat is starting to wane, which means our winter visitors will be returning soon. Congratulations to the members and friends who kept the Legion going throughout the summer, not an easy task in 110-degree heat. John Kirkpatrick's cool music and sense of humor keeps bringing us back to the fold. We turned the tables on John by giving him a surprise birthday party, complete with a standing ovation, a tribute to his service at our Post and in the community. Music has been helping many of us cope with the terrorist attack on our Nation. During such times, we realize how fortunate we are to have a place to go to be with our extended American Legion family. Ending our evening with "God Bless America" has taken on a new, more important meaning.

AUXILIARY MUSIC PROGRAM - Carol Clark

Volunteers included Sue Faye, Lani Cason, Marilyn Mittelhauser and Helena Shoup from the Auxiliary; Larry Joiner from the Post; Mike Joiner from .A.L.'s, joined John Kirkpatrick & myself at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. Liberty Hall was packed with Veterans and we all set off on an emotional roller coaster. We started out with many of the "oldies", with several residents leading the singing. Later on we switched to our Patriotic selections, which were sung with increased vigor this month. We usually end with Service songs, but this time the routine was altered by a request from Bill Chambers, one of the residents; he asked we end with a prayer for our Nation. As we sang the Service songs, this gentleman rose from his wheelchair and stood throughout this tribute to our armed forces. We followed these songs with "God Bless America". Bill stood again and spoke from his heart asking, and I'm paraphrasing, "Our Father who art in Heaven, protect our Nation and those fighting for Her. I pray they won't have to go through what we went through. Give us the strength to endure." Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Singing "God Bless America" again gave it a whole new meaning.

Since the "Reach Out With Music" program was written up in the monthly Arizona American Legion magazine, I was contacted by Frank Lawrence, a member of the Chandler American Legion & a resident of Sun Lakes. Frank is a professional musician, a saxophone player who has his own combo. He has offered to join our group, play his sax & help with the singing. I've invited Frank and his wife to join us any Tuesday, Friday &/or Saturday night, to see how our Post benefits from having music as one of its many activities. Call if you can help.

These are the Veterans invited to our Post the first Friday, every other month, which means they'll be with us again December 7th. They arrive at 4:00, assisted by people from the Home. We need people from our Post there to greet these Veterans, talk with them, listen to what they have to say and to help them get their meals? Are we so busy with ourselves that we can't spend an hour with hospitalized Veterans invited to our Post? If this is the case, shame on us! Also ASVH needs volunteers for several projects at the home, any one who might be available should contact Bill Jones at 602-279-5703.

November Menu

Reoccurring Menu for November

Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm (Bloody Mary \$1.00)	from \$2.50
Monday	Chef's Choice	\$4.00
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.00
Wednesday	Lake Perch plus 1 other Entree	\$6.00
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak plus 2 other Entrees	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - Bar-B-Que Ribs - Chicken Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00

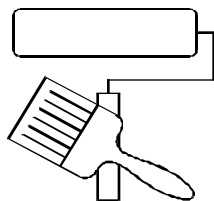
*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
2-3-4	Fall Conference	
3	Band and Dance	7 :00 PM
5	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
5	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
8	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
10	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (at Elks)
11	Veterans Day (Honor Guard Flag Service)	11:00
11	Early Bird Dinner	6:00 PM (See Ad)
15	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
15	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
19	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
22	Thanksgiving Dinner	12:00 - 4:00 PM (See Ad)
29	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM



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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

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(c) 1973 By Gordon Sinclair Topic: "The Americans"

The United States dollar took another pounding on German, French and British exchanges this morning, hitting the lowest point ever known in West Germany. It has declined there by 41% since 1971 and this Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least-appreciated people in all the earth.

As long as sixty years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did.

They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges and the Niger. Today, the rich bottom land of the Mississippi is under water and no foreign land has sent a dollar to help. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of those countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries into help... Managua Nicaragua is one of the most recent examples. So far this spring, 59 American communities have been flattened by tornadoes. Nobody has helped.

The Marshall Plan .. the Truman Policy .. all pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now, newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent war-mongering Americans.

I'd like to see one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

Come on... let's hear it! Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 107? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all international lines except Russia fly American planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or women on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men on the moon, not once, but several times ... and safely home again. You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everyone to look at. Even the draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, most of them ... unless they are breaking Canadian laws .. are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the Americans get out of this bind ... as they will... who could blame them if they said 'the hell with the rest of the world'. Let someone else buy the Israel bonds, Let someone else build or repair foreign dams or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke. I can name to you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble.

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("The Americans" cont')

Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbours have faced it alone and I am one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not one of these. But there are many smug, self-righteous Canadians. And finally, the American Red Cross was told at its 48th Annual meeting in New Orleans this morning that it was broke.

This year's disasters .. with the year less than half-over... has taken it all and nobody...but nobody... has helped.

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