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Commander, Norm McLeod

IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO

What I dread the most, as a commander of an American Legion post, is having to turn away veterans who do not meet the "eligibility dates" requirement. These men and women served our country honorably, during peace time, and therefore we must tell them to "beat it! - take a hike! - get lost! - who needs yah?" Sounds cruel and it is. When I see the hurt in their faces I know that those are the words they heard and not the polite ones that I really used to let them down easy.

Since Dec. 31, 1946, there are 22 years and 4 months when the service of these veterans does not qualify them for membership in the American Legion. When General Eisenhower was president of the United States he told the congress, in a State of the Union address, that the best way to insure peace was with a strong military. But those veterans who were successful in keeping the peace are NOT eligible to join the American Legion. This policy is no longer a good one. It is wrong to deny these patriotic Americans, to make them feel less worthy, to belittle the service they gave to their country.

We must make it possible for American Legion Posts everywhere to welcome these veterans into their ranks. We implore our National Headquarters to make every effort to effect a change in the eligibility requirements: Any man or woman having served their country honorably is qualified to become a member of the American Legion.

To Post #44 members, if you agree, please tell:

Department Commander, Roger Upchurch -
rupchurch@msn.com

4701 N. 19th Av. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3799

National Executive Committeeman, Tony Valenzuela
1621 Marilyn Ann Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281

And contact your congressman and senators

EUCHRE, Warren and June Moyer

Our monthly Euchre Tourney held Oct 11th at the Elks #2148 welcomed 40 loyal, fun-lovin' Euchre players! George and Tiny made SPEP history by winning again for back-to-back tourney winners. Everyone had a great time! Thanks to the Elks for the great set-up. Mark your calendars for Nov. 8th at the VFW Post #3513. Play begins at 1:00 pm. See you there!!!

EARLY BIRD DINNER

November 10, 2003

5:00 PM

**Pay your 2004 dues before November 10 and
enjoy your FREE
"Early Bird Dinner" on us!
Reservations Requested**



Jr. Vice Commander, Fred Lucas

Thanks to our club manager, Tina Van Gilder and her fine staff and volunteers our club is operating profitable. The food being served is delicious and priced very reasonable. Because of this, and our winter members and visitors returning, our club is getting busier.

The profits from our post go to help various charitable needs.

I know that you want the club to continue to operate efficiently and profitable. To help us do this we are asking the members to please make reservations at least a week in advance for all special functions. This will enable Tina to properly order food to reduce spoilage and shortages and properly staff the function to provide you excellent service.

We also need more volunteers for the different functions to help keep our costs down. If everyone that can, would just volunteer a few days a year, it would make a lot of difference.

You can make your reservations or volunteer by calling 480-941-9053. Thanks for your cooperation.

Adjutant - Jerry Lenneman

Our Post recently shipped several boxes to our troops in Iraq. Items sent were vitamins, magazines, paper, pencils, chalk, etc. The troops requested these items and they wanted the paper, pencils and chalk for the Iraq school children.

Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson

November is a very important month in honoring our veterans and we have many things coming up to help us help them. Check out the notices elsewhere in this newsletter to see the great events coming this month. On Tuesday, Nov. 11, some of our talented members will be putting on a Fund Raiser for The Arizona Veterans Home in the form of a Musical Review and Military Salute reminiscent of the old USO Shows...including a buffet and dance. Be sure to attend for some rollicking fun and to help out a very good chance to help our Veterans locally.

Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3:00pm, we have the honor of having the well known jazz vocalist, Nancy Gee, perform a concert at Post 44. Proceeds from this event will go to Auxiliary Veterans Administration and Rehab Programs. See our notice in the newsletter.

Juniors had a successful Fall Conference the weekend of Oct. 18/19 at which our own Ronni Stirling presided. Fall Conference at Lake Havasu was also a great success as usual with lots of information being dispersed.

REMINDERS: Get your 2004 renewals in. Update your Poppy Plates. Support your Post. Volunteer. Attend Meetings. We are proud of the American Legion. Lets Show It.

USO SHOW What a Show!!!

**“Thanks for the Memories” and The Sacrifice
November 11, 2003**

**Dedicated to our Veterans and
also Bob Hope.**

Dinner - 4:30 - 6:30 PM Show - 7:00 PM

Advance Tickets - \$7.00 - At Door - \$10.00

Proceeds go to the AZ Veterans Home.
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"Reach Out With Music" by Carol Clark, Chairman

We had a great time with our Halloween party at the Arizona State Veteran's Home, thanks to all our volunteers. John Kirkpatrick at the piano, wearing a Jester's hat, Fred Berger, wore his clown tie, played his trumpet & helped out with the residents; Lauri Berger, dressed as a witch and is great all around helper. Lauri was nice enough to have a tie for John, as well. Our faithful Larry Joiner was with us, Sarah Palumbo, who is a delight and loved by the residents, came along, as did Pryor Magnusson, who takes time to help from her busy schedule. Ronni Stirling, our Junior, came dressed as a clown, made the Residents laugh and gave them Halloween cards she created. I was dressed as a witch, complete with wig, hat & footwear, which seemed to fit my weird sense of humor.

Each of the Residents received a Trick-or-Treat bag, filled with goodies, including a few useful items after the program. Unit 44 donated a set of plastic bowling balls & pins and a large rug-type checkers game for the use of the Home. Our seven helpers allowed us to give each of the 27 Residents individual attention, which means so much to them. All of us noticed a big change in the make-up of our attendees; they are more attentive, we have additional brave souls who will use the microphone and most are singing along.

Without volunteers, this program would not be the success it has become. If you care to join us for a lot of fun, we leave the Post driveway at 0900 sharp or meet at the Arizona State Veteran's Home at 0940.

We would like to thank the Club for providing lunch after our program and giving us time to discuss the day.

**Coming -
Sunday, November 23 - 3PM**

NANCY GEE

**Popular Jazz Vocalist - Featured at
leading entertainment spots. Now in
her 15th year at Phoenician Resort.**

\$5.00
Proceeds to Benefit
Auxiliary VA and Rehab Programs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Oct.	31	Halloween Party - Buffet	5:00 - 8:00 PM (No Fish Fry)
Nov.	3	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	3	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ VFW)
	10	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	10	Early Bird Dinner	5:00 PM (If 04 Dues are Paid) *
* You must have paid your dues to Post 44 and have a 2004 card for the			
Free "Early Bird Dinner."			
	11	Dinner & USO Show	(See Ad)
	13	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	17	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	20	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	20	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	23	Show - Nancy Gee, Vocalist	3:00 PM (See Ad)

Note from Tina - Reservations: Please make reservations for Special Functions. We need to control our costs and the easiest way is to know how many to cook/staff for. 480-941-9053

SALE - Post 44 Jackets and Shirts - 20% off (limited number of sizes available)

Reoccurring Menu for November			<i>Members & Their Guests Welcome!</i>
<u>Lunch</u> - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			
Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials			
<u>Dinners</u> Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM			
Sunday	Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm	from \$2.50	
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)		
	Trivia Games 3:00 PM		
Monday	Ethnic	\$5.00	
	(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 8:00)		
Tuesday	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.50	
Wednesday	Filet plus 2 other Entree - Band	\$8.00 (See Ad)	↓
Thursday	Chef's Choice	\$5.00	
Friday	Fish Fry - & other Entrees		
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00	
Saturday	Prime Rib	\$9.00	
	(Plus 2 other Entrees)		
Hours: Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM			Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM Monday - 10 AM - 8 PM


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Fr. Novatus Council, #4426
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