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Commander, Warren Moyer

September was an interesting month - - Guess the Luau was the BIG Event, sold out over 120 tickets. As a side note on this event – it happened to be our Club Mgr's husband's (Lenny) birthday. Several of our members purchased "Power Ball" lottery tickets for him. (\$80.00) to be exact. His birthday ticket results amounted to winning \$4.00 - - Maybe next year Lenny.

Octoberfest is also history and we had some great food and a nice crowd. Ran into a little parking problem that evening due to another large event in our neighborhood. We will be policing our parking lot from now on every Fri. & Sat. night as well as special events.

Speaking of food - - do you know that your Post revenue from food sales exceeds our Beer-Wine & Liquor sales. Now for an American Legion Post or other similar organization this comes as a real surprise. Must be we are doing something right. A big thanks to our management team – cooks -bartenders - waitresses. Keep up the good work. You are the best in Arizona. Be sure and check our calendar of coming events and join us. Halloween is always a real HOOT !! Also, try and join us on Veterans day, November 11th at 11:00 AM in the Legion parking lot. Try and bring a friend that is not a member - show him or her why it is the best place in town to spend a little time and have fun. Lots of world problems are solved here. Thanks for all your help.

Memo: Lum Houser - - Service Officer

Your Service Officer also serves as a Trustee. We have three Trustees and one (Bob Lucke) has been laid up and is in a Rehab Home in Prescott, AZ. Friday 10/15, I persuaded the post Commander – Warren Moyer and the other trustee Bob Turner to have a trustee meeting in Prescott. Glad to report Bob L. is doing fine and looks good. He can hardly wait to get out.



Adjutant, Jerry Lennemann

The "**Early Bird**" dinner is Nov 15 at 5:00pm. You need to pay your 2005 dues before then, to get your free meal. Please, don't wait till the last day. Come early and meet some of your fellow members. Guests are welcome and their cost is only \$6.00. Renewals are coming in at a record pace and a big thanks to you, that have already paid.

The Department (State) Fall Conference is at Lake Havasu City, Nov 5,6 and 7. This is for Legion, Auxiliary and Sons. See the London Bridge while you are there. Hope to see you there.

SAL "Mac" MacDougall, Vice Cmdr.

From the SAL Handbook: The design of the SAL emblem was taken from the American Legion emblem, but it is an oval, easily distinguishable from the circular emblem of our parent organization.

The star represents our country, and the five points of the star represent the five-point program of the SAL.

The sun in the background represents the SAL, and the rays represent the loyalty of its members.

The blue of the emblem stands for justice, like the blue of our flag.

The two stars in the blue border stand for freedom and democracy.

The wreath beneath the star memorializes our comrades, and those of our fathers who willingly gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country

The ten points of the emblem represent the ten ideals of every SAL.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the basket of cheer, which will be raffled off on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. Proceeds will be used to purchase phone cards to be sent to GIs serving in Iraq.

HONOR GUARD, Captain Graham Higton

Please plan on attending the Armistice day ceremony on 11/11/11 at Post 44. This year we will pay special tribute to the fallen Arizona Comrades in IRAQ.

The Honor Guard is always looking for new candidates to participate for graveside funerals. Please contact either Graham Higton or Bob Procknow. Honor Guard meetings are each month on the 3rd Thursday at 1800 hrs.

Early Bird Dinner

Monday - November 15 - 5:00 PM

Pay your dues before November 15

Auxiliary Corner - President Carol Dustin

During our September meeting, we voted to send \$200 for the “**Cool The Troops**” project, to help our Veterans serving in the Mid-East.

I have good news and I have bad news. **The good news**, we have 212 paid Auxiliary members; **the bad news**, 8 attended our October meeting. In order to keep up with our activities, we need more active members. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Monday of every month so you'll remember to be a part of your Auxiliary.

I attended the Post Club Committee meeting October 18th and was told the proposed November fund-raising Casino Night will be postponed until March. We will not be as busy with holidays, so it should bring a better turnout.

Marion Kirwan, our **Poppy Chairman**, is doing a great job keeping our Poppy Plates up to date and selling new plates. Remember, all of the proceeds go to Veteran programs.

Fortunately, our October “**Reach Out With Music**” program at the Arizona State Veteran Home, fell on Columbus Day, which meant we did not have the Day Care patients and just had 19 Residents for our Halloween party. We need more volunteers to provide service to these Veterans. John Kirkpatrick remains at the piano and Larry Joiner was on hand as usual. We handed out Halloween bags of candy after the program and we donated a dozen sets of pick-up-sticks to the Home, which will be used as a tool for dexterity. Please join, us either at 0900 at the Post to car pool or at the ASVH at 0940, located at 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, in Liberty Hall.

Due to donations from one member, **Loris Seyler** and an unnamed friend of mine, in the past month, we have been able to send a check for \$300 to **Spinoza “buddy bear” Project**. Two Spinoza Bears have been purchased: one for Zoë, a 2 year old girl who is autistic and has severe immune deficiencies; the other will go to Abby, a 5 year old girl with cancer, who lives at the Battered Desert Children's Center. **Marilyn Mittelhauser**, a winter visitor member from Wisconsin, sent a check for \$150 for another bear. We also have friends and members donating \$5, \$10 and \$20 towards the project. I have **Spinoza Hand Puppets** available for \$20, great gifts for children. If anyone is interested in seeing a Spinoza Bear or the puppets and hearing about the program, I'm available at the Post most Friday nights and of course, the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month for Auxiliary meetings and the 2nd Monday of each month after our ASVH project.

Post 2 in Tempe, will host a **Leadership Seminar** Sunday, October 24th. starting at 8 AM with coffee and donuts and going through lunch. Lunch will cost \$8 if you have a Leadership pin and \$12 for those that do not.

A **Homeless Veterans Stand-Down** will be held October 29, 30 and 31st at 804 E. Jones Avenue. Our Unit will be donating socks to help fill ditty bags, which will also include personal care products, shorts and t-shirts. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please call 602-266-6262. This should be a Legion family project.

The Post has kindly offered to pay for the **Early Bird dinner**, November 15th, so be sure and show your 2005 card, to receive your free dinner. To show our appreciation, the

Auxiliary will be providing dessert for this dinner. We will relocate our **November 15th General Meeting in the Music Room**, so you can still have dinner and attend our meeting. Due to the change in our meeting room, we have postponed the visit from our **District 12 President, Anne Stirling**.

Don't forget our **Fall Conference, November 5-7 in Lake Havasu City**.

Sue Fay collects canned goods for Homeless Veterans as a **Community Service project**. You can bring them to any of our meetings. For God and Country



JOHN ALDECOA, STATE ADJ.

There is a false rumor circulating on the Internet, in e-mails, and among veteran service organizations that Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) at the National Personnel Records Center, operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, will be digitized and then destroyed. This rumor is NOT TRUE.

Neither the Department of Defense (DoD) nor the National Personnel Records Center intend to destroy any OMPFs stored at the Center. The purpose of any electronic scanning would be to help preserve the originals and increase efficiency in handling reference requests.

The National Archives and Records Administration **preserves and protects** OMPFs that were transferred from the military service departments **because** they are permanently valuable records that document the essential evidence of military service for the veterans of our nation. NPRC generally stores and services OMPFs for retired, discharged, or deceased military personnel.

The National Personnel Records Center responds to approximately 4,000 requests pertaining to military records each day, totaling more than one million requests each year. Many of those requests are for Separation Documents (usually DD Form 214) and the Center answers the majority of those inquiries in ten days or less.

Requests resulting from this rumor will have a negative impact on NPRC's ability to respond to requests from veterans with real immediate needs, such as medical treatment, employment, retirement, etc.

Please pass this information on to those members of your organization that interface with veterans. Your assistance with this information will allow us, and you, to better serve the needs of our veterans.

Close Out Sale
Post 44 Legion Shirts (only 4 left)
50% off - See in office

Euchre News

First time Tourney at the D.A.V. venue seemed to be a success - - 40 loyal euchre players turned out and seemed to have fun. Never realized how vocal Euchre Players could be. Decibel count seemed to hit the Hi 90's at times. No problem for Mary C. & Ruthellen who took first place with a score of 87. Don't forget - - American Legion Post Sat. Nov. 13th 1:00 PM Format will be Draw for partners. It will be fun !!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Oct	31	Halloween Party	3:00 PM (See Ad)
Nov	1	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
	1	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	8	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	11	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	13	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM @ Post 44
	15	Early Bird Dinner	5:00 PM
	15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	18	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	18	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	25	Thanksgiving Day	Special Breakfast served till 2:00 PM - then we will close
Sundays		Trivia	3:00 PM

DID YOU KNOW...

On Every Saturday...
We Serve Breakfast and Lunch
from 10 AM to 2 PM.
Come in for Breakfast and Stay for Lunch!



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
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Jr. Vice Commander, Tom Paul

I would like to start by thanking all the people that take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer their time in supporting our post and look forward to seeing you as a volunteer.

Please join me in welcoming our winter visitors that have begun to arrive to enjoy our great post and the non-freezing weather.

The holidays are coming up and that means company Christmas parties and you can suggest that they have it here at your American Legion Post #44, which will rent out the hall to your company.

Our Sunday brunch is becoming the talk of the town, so please come by and see for yourself on why Tina and her crew put on a great and inexpensive brunch.

Please pick up your raffle tickets for the gift basket in which the proceeds will go to purchasing phone cards for the troops in Iraq so they can call home to their loved ones.

Don't forget to say Happy Birthday to the USMC on November 10th and we look forward to seeing you at the post on November 11th for the Veterans Day festivities and the drawing for the gift basket.

Last but not least, at time to time I am given ideas from different members on things that we can do at our post. I enjoy all of your suggestions and it would be great for you to come to the general membership meeting held every month and voice your ideas or suggestions. Remember this is your Post, so please come to the meetings and be a part of your club



**VETERANS DAY
November 11
(Thursday)**

11:00 AM Ceremony
in Legion Parking Lot

3:00 PM - McCormick Railroad Park

Please plan to attend.
Show your support for the Veterans

Early Bird Dinner

Monday - November 15 - 5:00 PM

Pay your dues before Nov. 15
and receive a Free Meal.
You need to bring your 2005 card
for the free meal.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

**Support our troops
in the Middle East
We are selling Raffle Tickets
for a Basket of Goodies
and the proceeds will purchase
Phone Cards for our
Service Men & Women**

The Holidays Are Coming!

**We have Meeting Rooms available for
Parties, Receptions, Etc.
You can't beat our Low Prices
&
Great Food**

Trick or Treat



HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 31

Costume Party starts at 3:00

**Prizes for Best Costume
& Best Couple**

**Finger Food Served
Band @ 3:00**

Wear your Dancing Shoes

