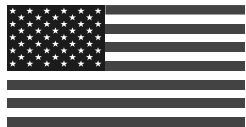




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

November is usually the month when our winter visitors return to Scottsdale, AZ. We are all hoping that the troubled economy does not affect their winter stay with us this year.

There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at Post 44 at 11 AM on Veterans Day which falls on Tuesday, the 11th of November. Following the ceremony there will be an Early Bird membership renewal luncheon for members that renewed by Nov. 11th, 2008. Lunch will be served till 2 PM or until the food runs out. Guests will pay \$5.00. Post 44's volunteers will also get to enjoy lunch. In most case our volunteers are also Early Birds. Again, guests will pay \$5.00. Spagetti and meat balls, garlic bread, and salad will be on the buffet line. The club lunch menu will continue, but is not part of the Early Bird Lunch.

The City of Scottsdale has asked Post 44 to Post the Colors for a Veterans Day Ceremony at McCormick Railroad Park at 3 PM, located at Scottsdale Road and Indian Bend Road in Scottsdale. There will be speakers and other special guests, as well as a US Army Band. Please try to attend this event.

November's Legion General Meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday, Nov. 20th, 2008, at 7 PM. The 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. I hope to see more members present.

Luke Air Force Base will be hosting their Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day for "ALL" military retirees on Nov. 22nd, 2008, from 7:30 – 11:30 AM. Free flu shots, Early Bird Breakfast, ID Cards, VA Services, Medical Information, Music and More. If you are military retired, please take advantage of the Air Force hospitality. Car pooling is an idea also.

The American Legion Department of AZ has asked each post to ask members to volunteer to man the veterans booth to provide veterans with information on veterans' benefits. Usually a 5 hour commitment is required, but you can stay longer if you choose. There is free parking and admission to the Arizona State Fair so that you can get to the Legion Booth. Call Sue Wudy for more specifics at 602-277-4168.

The Society of 40 & 8 will be hosting a fund raiser Golf Tourney at Queen Valley Golf Course on Nov. 15, 2008. Proceeds will go to Sunshine Acres Children's Home, financial support for needy nursing students in training, child welfare and youth sports to name a few. Cost is \$50 per person. Come and enjoy a golf outing and help support a worthwhile cause. The 40 & 8 is an organization of dedicated members of the American Legion, a small group that does a lot of charitable work.

Finally, I am proud to announce that I have been selected by the Past National Commander's Committee to attend the National American Legion College in Indianapolis, IN, Nov.

1- 7, 2008. National is paying all expenses. I am the only one in the State of AZ that will be in this year's class and only the second Post 44 member ever to receive this honor, according to the AZ Department's records.

November Quote: "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, for this is the purpose of heaven." American Legion National Chaplain – 2008-2009 Convention, Phx. AZ.

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Others have already written what I was going to say so my article will be short. Early Bird lunch will be Nov 11th, Veteran's Day. We will have our usual Veteran's Day ceremony in the Legion Parking lot at 11:00 am, following will be the lunch. So Legionaires, pay your dues by the 11th, watch the Ceremony at 11:00 and have your free lunch, served until 2 PM or till the food runs out. You need to show your 09 card, so don't leave it home. At 3:00 there will be a City of Scottsdale Veterans Day ceremony at McCormick Ranch RR Park and we will be part of that program. More info on Veterans Day elsewhere in this newsletter. Oh, Oh, I said my article would be short and it didn't turn out that way!

Adjutant, *John Russell*

Post 44's 2009 membership goal for October 6th was 657, and we had 701 members who paid their dues. We exceeded our goal by 44 (hey, that's our post number).

The 9/11 Appreciation Day for the police and fire personnel was a great success. Approximately 100 attended the luncheon and awards ceremony.

The post needs volunteer greeters beginning in November. Greeters will welcome members and their guests during dinner, from 5 – 7 PM on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Please call the office 941-0130, if you can help.

Arizona State Fair

Volunteers needed for the Veterans Booth

Free Parking and Admission

Call the Office if you can help - 480-941-0130

Veterans Day - Tuesday November 11

11 AM - Ceremony in our parking lot

12 Noon - 2 PM or till we run out of food. Early Bird Lunch for those that have their 2009 card, guest \$5.00

3 PM - Ceremony at McCormick Ranch RR Park
- 7301 E Indian Bend Road

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - *Bob Smith*

On the last day of October we will be celebrating Halloween. Even if you don't "Dress" you should come to the Post to see the many costumes that will be worn by your fellow post members. You'll laugh and have a good time. Prizes will be given for "Best" whatever. Thanksgiving is at the end of November. Our employees have families and wish to spend the day with them. We will give them the day off, so the Club will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Please note the Club closure, and we hope you enjoy your family dinner.

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

Gabba, Gabba, Hey, "Blue Caps"

Your enthusiasm is infectious! We have a lot to do for the "Christmas Party" on Dec. 7th. All of our active members are bending over backwards to pull this off! We need you to commit to the cause to make this the best holiday for those children who might not be having one. Especially those of the fallen and deployed.

We have committed to this, and it will happen! with the support of the Legion Auxiliary, and you! Don't let this opportunity pass you by. The Squadron's determination to say "Thank You, you who have fought for us will not be taken lightly, or forgotten."

Remember: Be Kind, Be Active, Be Seen.

Chaplain: *John Tymczyszyn*

Deceased Post 44 Members:

These members will be missed and their service to their country will always be remembered. We offer our sincerest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of these members.

Donald Van Law

John C Shafer

Arnold Schroeder

The membership of American Legion Post 44.

Auxiliary President - *Bunny Hamilton*

Hello Ladies –

Looks like "triple digit" weather is behind us and if you have stopped by the Post recently – you know that Halloween is on the way!! Lori has the place looking especially "spooky" and everyone is anticipating a fun-filled Halloween Costume Party.

October is also "Breast Cancer Awareness" month, so a friendly reminder – if you have not had that mammogram – schedule it NOW! Auxiliary volunteers have been on hand on our busy dinner nights selling bracelets and we would like to thank everyone for donating to this very worthy and important cause. The cause and cure is imperative!! Breast cancer will take the lives of over 40,000 women this year.

The 9/11 "appreciation luncheon" for our local firemen and policemen was a huge success!! We had the privilege of serving close to 100 participants – and you cannot believe how appreciative they were. It was a wonderful day and I cannot praise the Auxiliary volunteers enough. They came to serve and serve they did – from 10 til 3 and no one took a break!! Thank You All!

Fall Conference was great. It was a pleasure meeting our Western Division Vice President, Josephine Keanu from Hawaii, and the membership "circus" theme is a lot of fun. Your membership Chairman Rosa makes a great clown, not so sure about your President as a 'bearded lady', but our "circus wagon" was a big hit!! I brought home our plans of work for our various chairmen so now we can get busy and get the job done.

Everyone please mark your calendar for Veterans Day, November 11. Our Honor Guard will hold a ceremony at 11 AM on that day and we want to give them our support. Also, for all "early birds" who had their 2009 dues paid by Sept. 30, will be eligible for a spaghetti lunch.

Our membership is still "lagging" a bit, so **please** send your 2009 dues in now. Second notices from National will be coming in November.

Please remember our November meeting on the 17th. Our District 12 President, Sandy Conklin, will be making her official visit at that time and we would like a large turn-out for her.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see all of you at the November meeting. For God and Country.



Halloween Party

Music and Dancing

October 31 - 6:30 9:30 PM
in the Large Meeting Room
Our Famous Fish Fry - 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Prizes for the Best Costume - Best Couple
Join us for Great Food, Music,
Dancing and FUN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Oct.	31	Friday	Halloween Party	(see Ad)	
Nov.	3	Monday	SAL Meeting		6:30 PM
	10	Monday	Reach Out With Music	- 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
	13	Thursday	E-Board Meeting		7:00 PM
	17	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting		7:00 PM
	20	Thursday	Post General Meeting		7:00 PM <u>Note Date Change</u>
	27	Thursday	Thanksgiving	(Club Closed)	

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

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

Trivia - Sundays

Trivia Players - Sunday 3 PM - 5 PM

We are going full steam ahead with a grand group, plus interlocutors
15 minutes game time plus
15 minutes chat.

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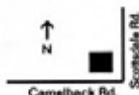
We play Euchre here Mon. Thurs. & Sat. starting at 1:30. It is fun and a great way to meet people.

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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

November 2008



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 - 3 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIME RIB CHICK CORDON BLUE SHRIMP STIR FRY MIKE
2 PIZZA OMLETTE Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	4 SIRLOIN STEAK SHRIMP BASKET	5 FILET CHIX STIR FRY COCONUT SHRIMP JAZZ	6 ROAST BEEF	7 FISH FRY RODGER WADE	8 PRIME RIB STUFF SOLE OSCAR STUFF PORK CHOPS RODGER WADE
9 EGGS BENNIE	10 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	11 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	12 FILET PORK CUTLETS SALMON JAZZ	13 SWISS STEAK	14 FISH FRY CARLOTTA ELLIOT	15 PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPI PORK STIR FRY CARLOTTA ELLIOT
16 STUFFED FRENCH TOAST	17 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	18 SIRLOIN CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS	19 FILET STUFFED PORK CHOPS TROUT JAZZ	20 CHICKEN AL KING	21 FISH FRY MIKE	22 PRIME RIB CAT FISH CAJUN CHIX PARM MIKE
23 EGGS BENNIES	24 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	25 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	26 FILET LAMB SHANKS FRIED SHRIMP JAZZ	27 Thanksgiving Day Closed	28 FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	29 PRIME RIB SALMON CHIX ALFREDO COCONUT SHRIMP RODGER WADE

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Good Meals and Great Friends

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

**HALLOWEEN 2007 at Post 44
A Fun Time for ALL**



**Come Join The Fun For Halloween 2008!!
With or Without a Costume
You'll Have A Great Time!!!!**