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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

The Legion family and other vet groups have always been patriotic, now the rest of the country has joined us. Sorry it had to take such a disaster to turn things around and I doubt if we have seen the end of it yet.

This is the time of year that our members and friends return from colder climates. Welcome back to the valley and come and see us at the Post soon. The food is good and so are the drinks, the prices are reasonable and the bartenders are great. Also you will see your old friends again. So hurry on down.

Thanks to Rural Metro for using their ladder truck to remove our damaged pulley from the top of our flag pole. It is great to have good neighbors.

We have over a thousand members and one of the best Posts in the country but the same few people volunteer for everything. Why not join in and help with the different activities. This is also a good way to meet new friends and do some good. Turn in your name and address at the office.



Euchre News - Warren Moyer & June

As usual, the Euchre Tourney was a lot of fun! Big "Tiny" Weed and Jerry T (who can't seem to hold partners) teamed up and took top honors with a fine score of 88. Ruthellen and Mary C took 2nd with 80 and there was a tie for 3rd again this month. Lum & Warren won the tie after a "cut of the cards". Thanks to the Legion for setting up the room so nicely. Thanks to Geno for the great job of getting beverages for the players. October's tourney will be at the V F W on Oct. 13th. 1:00 pm start time, as usual. **See you there!!!**

Bob Smith - Jr. Vice

Our afternoon Dinner & Dance on Labor Day was an enjoyable day. Everyone liked the music of Marvin Zimmermann; so much so that we will have him back for our "Octoberfest".

If you like Marvin's music, tell us. Would you like a monthly Sunday afternoon dance? Perhaps a late Sunday breakfast or early lunch followed by dancing might be fun!!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Wednesday - October 31

Prize for: **Ugliest Dressed**
Best Dressed
Best Couple



Special Menu: In Place of Regular Dinner

*B-B-Q Bones, Birds in a Basket, Beef Stew,
Dracula Tea (Ice Tea)
Vampire Drink (Bloody Mary)*

Food - \$5.00 Special Drinks @ \$1.50

Bob Turner - Sr. Vice

Early bird dinner is set for November 11. Pay your dues before then to qualify for your free dinner. More details next month. Remember too, that getting new members is everyone's job, so sign up your friends and neighbors, now.

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

We should all be proud of the fact that we belong to this great organization. The American Legion family was founded on and continues to hold true to the principals of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy. With the recent attack on our country, citizens seem to be grasping for a stronger connection to the land and freedoms that they perhaps have taken for granted in the past. Patriotism is at a level that I have never before seen. We need to "foster and perpetuate" this growth in Patriotism. We need to reach out to our communities and assist and instruct them on ways to support America.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism program. This program is purposed with promoting and increasing patriotism in our country. Unit 44 supports these programs and participates in many of them. I will touch on only a few highlights of the program.

We bring patriotic education to schools and community centers. We educate children and adults on flag etiquette, flag history, and the meaning of The Pledge of Allegiance. To do this we use literature, videotapes, arts and crafts, and anything else that works. We hand out American Flags; we replace American Flags at our schools; we acknowledge those who fly the Flag. We use American Flags for decorating centerpieces and memorial wreaths. We place Flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day. We have United States history programs to help make learning about our country's history fun.

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay contest. The American Legion sponsors a high school oratorical contest where students speak on the United States constitution. We support ALECCA, a law enforcement career camp. We send high school students to Boy's and Girl's State each year. The students learn about our government and how to form one of their own. We support the scouting program and American Legion Baseball.

We celebrate and help others to celebrate patriotic holidays. We support the "Get Out and Vote" campaign. We promote the purchase of US savings bonds, and we often purchase them as awards for contests. We support our military through Military Mail Call and the Toasty toes slipper program. We honor our veterans for all they have done to keep this great nation free. We support and honor our police and fire departments. We also support and honor our teachers because our country's future in the hand of those they teach. We also support citizenship programs.

Unit 44's membership is over 350 members strong, yet we only have a handful attend our meetings. We are doing so many things for our community, state, and nation that I wish all of you could be a part of it. If you are homebound, there are ways you can help at home. If you say you are too busy, that's even better because I believe "If you want something done ask a busy person." Please try to attend our meeting (3rd Monday of every month), get your membership in ASAP, and call me (481-7661) if you would like to be involved in any of the wonderful things we are accomplishing.

Let Freedom ring.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

By Carol Clark

A letter from -

ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME
4141 N. 3RD STREET
PHOENIX, AZ 85012

Dear Carol,

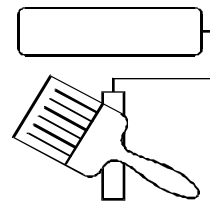
On behalf of the residents and staff at the Arizona State Veteran Home I want to thank you and Sipe-Peterson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44, for providing such a wonderful program. "Reach Out With Music", the monthly sing-a-long you provide is a hit. The residents really enjoy the music, the special attention and the extra treats you provide. Aside from the noticeable things like the many volunteers you bring in, the smiles you provide, the quality music books, etc there are many therapeutic benefits that come from this group. Music is beneficial to all though especially for ones that may suffer from depression, have physical ailments, problems with cognition, etc. This program is providing a service that we are finding very valuable. We are seeing residents who previously did not attend groups looking for this group, we are seeing quiet withdrawn residents open up, we are seeing improvements in their memory, from singing songs and remembering faces. I am sure you see this on the resident's faces; I just wanted you to know that we see it too and to let you know what a benefit it is. There is also the consistency of your group coming every month and this consistency is really good for the residents, it makes them feel special and remembered.

Thank you for caring to spend time with our Veterans. It is so nice to see that there are people out there that take the time. I just wanted to thank you and let you know that the residents really do appreciate all that you do.

I look forward to your visit each month and will see you in September!

Sincerely,

Diane McGuire



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October Menu

Reoccurring Menu for October 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	Pot Roast - Potato Pancakes plus 2 other Entrees (Drink Special \$1.50)	\$6.00
Friday	Fish Fry - Bar-B-Que Ribs Large Salad Bar - Bar Ice Cream	\$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 OCTOBER

Oct. 1	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
1	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
4	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
7	Octoberfest	2:00 - 6:00 PM (See Ad)
11	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
13	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (at VFW)
15	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 MP
18	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
25	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
31	Halloween Costume Party	5:00 - 8:30 PM (See Ad)

OCTOBERFEST



Sunday - October 7th
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Bratwurst & Saurkraut
or
Sourbrauten & Potato Pancakes
Music by the Zimmermann Trio
\$6.95

*Don't forget
Octoberfest!!!*

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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

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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.

"On the lite side!"

*Senior Citizens are the nation's leading carriers of AIDS!
Hearing AIDS, Band AIDS, Roll AIDS, Walking AIDS, Medical AIDS,
Government AIDS and most of all Monetary AIDS to their children!*



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