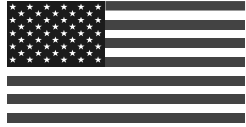




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

F.Y.I. – American Legion History: “March 15th – 17th – the American Legion is founded in Paris by members of the American Legion Expeditionary Force. September 16th 1919 – the U.S. Congress Charters The American Legion.

For 90 years the American Legion has continued to support our Service Men and Women, their families, our Nation's youth, our communities, and our Nation. Only through the efforts of the over 14,000 American Legion Posts and their membership across the Nation, has this been possible.

So it is easy to see why your continued membership and the constant recruiting of “New Eligible” members is so important. Membership is the “life blood” of the American Legion family responsibility to seek out and recruit new members.

To this endeavor, this year Post 44 will have a membership drive with an award of **\$300** that will be presented at the June 2010 Post 44 General Meeting. All Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR are encouraged to participate. Make sure you print your name clearly on “recruiter line” on new membership applications so that you get credited for each new member for Post 44. You may recruit for the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and ALR (American Legion Riders). October 1, 2009 will be the start of the Membership Drive Campaign. Membership eligibility is on membership forms or ask your officers or call the Post. Good luck to everyone. Our out of state members are asked to also participate. We must have proof of service for all members, or veterans relations (Auxiliary – SAL).

Thank you to the 26 volunteers at our Post's recent Scottsdale Police and Fire Appreciation Day Luncheon.

Octoberfest

Saturday, October 3rd

German Food

Oom-Pa-Pa Music

by Rags Allen

Dinner starts at 5:00 PM

Music starts at 6:30 PM

Bring your friends as guests
and have a fun time



Jr. Vice Commander – Roman DiMeo

With Summer coming to a close and Fall is fast approaching, many new activities and changes are being implemented into the Club's agenda. This is keeping everyone on their toes, especially the Club Manager, Mike Smith, who is doing a great job keeping up with the changes and activities.

We are installing a hi-tech Juke Box in the left rear corner of the dance floor in the dining area. The installation and maintenance of the Juke Box will be at no cost to the Post or the Club.

We are steadily losing members who will not come into the Club dining area due to the smoke. We are implementing a new policy of smoking only at the bar or on the patio (once it is completed). No smoking will be allowed at the dining room tables. I heard Waldo said – Doreen Burnett.

A costume Halloween Party will be held on October 31, 2009 with prizes for the best costumes, etc. Entertainment will be provided by Midnight Moon.

A special dinner/dance is planned for New Year's Eve in the ballroom with musical entertainment by the Rags Allen Trio. The kitchen will be closed for the bar and dining room. The bar will be open for drinks only. Details regarding the menu, cost and other amenities will be provided as they develop.

A new guest policy is being implemented wherein an active member of the Post must sponsor a non-member guest. If the member leaves, the guest must leave as well. However, since this matter is primarily under the jurisdiction of the Post rather than the Club, the matter is being referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

In addition, a new table reservation policy in the dining room will become effective October 1, 2009 whereby a reservation must be for 8 or more persons per table. For a party less than 8, the tables will be available on a “first come-first served” basis.

Incidentally, you are probably aware that the dinner table service has greatly improved since more Servers have been added on the dining room floor on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. These Servers are doing a great job, so don't forget to tip them well.

Again, many thanks to the officers, members and staff for their continued support and hard work in making Post 44 an outstanding Club in the American Legion.

**** Find Waldo **** Again this month - 3 names will be hidden somewhere in the Newsletter. The first 3 that call in all three names - 480-941-0130 - will get a free lunch.

Sr. Vice Cmdr: Jerry Lennemann

We are proposing a change in the Constitution and By-Laws. The major changes are as follows: An Officer can be relieved of his or her duties by a majority vote of the E-Board after a hearing. Election every 2 years, now yearly. Officers can not be related to employees. Meeting dates will be set by E-Board rather than the By-Laws. Budget prepared if requested by the E-Board. These changes will be put in the next newsletter, then voted on in a future meeting.

Jim Baginski, Director and Joni Baginski, Secretary, ALR:

Wow! Hard to believe it's October already! The first annual ALR camp-out at Mormon Lake was a lot of fun. It was very cool up there in the pines and we didn't get rained on a whole lot. There were many Posts represented from all over the Valley and as far away as Tucson. Post 44 had 8 ALR members present. We rode to Flagstaff on Saturday and visited Post 3. Everyone we met was very nice and happy to have us all there. A good time was had by all. By the time you read this we have already had our September 26th fund raiser for the Homeless Veterans Center in downtown Phoenix. We are hosting another fund raiser on Saturday, October 24th with the proceeds going towards the cost of the new Veteran's Memorial Statue. Come on down and dance to the tunes of Day Dream Believer Band, enjoy the fun with raffles, 50/50, good music and good people. The band will be playing from 2:00 to 6:00. Hope to see you there! Happy belated birthday, to JohnnyRed and Allan! Happy October birthdays to Randy and Tina! Remember to check out our website! www.alr44.org. Until then, and always, never ride faster than your angel can fly!



Costume Halloween Party
will be held on October 31, 2009 with
Prizes for the Best Costumes.
Entertainment will be provided by
Midnight Moon.
Bring your friends as guests and put on
your costumes and celebrate Halloween
at the Post. It will be a fun night.



Adjutant – Ron Aubry

Post 44 Welcomes our New Members:

John Titter – Paul Green – Ronald Moore – Ann Grim – Roger Pootre – John Parish – Eldon Rice – Michael Wiehousky – Cedar Fallon – Fred Lucas Jr – Michael Raby – Marc Franco – Juan Lupercio – John Bernhart – Dean Callahan – Francis Bills – Arthur Stein – Bernard DiAngelo – Gary Caragnon: **Transfers:** Orie Spegal – Scott Biggs – William Genrich

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Thank You! Thank You! Once again the 9/11 – “Appreciation Day” luncheon for our local police and firemen was a great success!! The “call for volunteers” was answered with an outstanding turn-out. It seems like such a small thing to provide lunch for these wonderful and dedicated “First Responders” and yet, each and every one of them are so appreciative!!

The wonderful turn-out of volunteers shows that the American Legion Auxiliary knows what volunteering is all about, and that is why I know that this unit will have no problem with the following request. The Area B Vice Commander has brought the American Legions’ attention to a problem of all of the schools in the state because of funding cut-backs in our schools, each classroom has been supplied with only 1 (one) ream of copy/printer paper for the **entire** year. The American Legion finds this unacceptable and they are asking that every Post, Unit, and Squadron in the state to do what we can to alleviate this problem. If we all pitch in to cover our districts, **we can do this!!** Your Post Commander and Unit President have discussed this and since October 24th is National “make a difference day”, this would be a good time to start delivery of these gifts to the schools. Anything you can donate will bring us closer to our goal – at least a 1/2 cases of paper (lined and unlined) for every classroom in the Scottsdale School District! A huge task but working together as a family – We Can Do It!! This project will be reported as Children, Youth and Education as well as community service. Are you listening? Waldo said – Myra Schroot.

October is also breast cancer awareness month. Have you scheduled your mammogram?

Fall Conference in Lake Havasu October 30 – November 1. Halloween Party at the Post – see the Ad.

VA Gift Shop – set up – Sunday after Thanksgiving

Snowbirds will be arriving any time now – and that means busy Friday nights at the Post. Please let the bartenders and Mike know if and when you can help them out.

Membership is off to a great start – please don't wait for your notice – get those dues in now! We missed the first target date – let's make all the future ones.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting – lots of great stuff coming up.

Myra Schroot recently underwent surgery – she is home now and we are happy that she was not missing from our ranks too long. Get well Myra! For God and Country.

Aux Community Service by Sue Fay

Although we have had a long hot summer, we were able to collect and deliver 16 cases of water to “Project Hope” thanks to the generosity of the Auxiliary who donated the funds for the water. The food collected in the RED BUCKET, plus the water, amounted to \$295.00 for our Community Service donation for the last 4 months. Thank you for your continued support to this on-going endeavor. Please keep the RED BUCKET full! Did you hear that Waldo said Joe Colona.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Oct.			
3	Saturday	Octoberfest (Food and Music)	Dinner @ 5:00 PM - Music @ 6:30 PM (See Ad)
4	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
8	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
12	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
13	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
19	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
22	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
30	Friday	State Legion Fall Conference Starts (Lake Havasu City)	
31	Saturday	Halloween Costume Party - Prizes - Entertainment (See Ad)	

Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre (Fun - Fun) - 1:30 PM
Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524

EUCHRE

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

“YOU Could Win \$300”
See Commander’s Article for Details
Plan An Evening Out.
Get A Few Of Your Friends Together
And Come To The Club.
A Good Way To Show Them
What A Great Organization Post 44 Is,
And Invite Them To Become A Member.



John and Elaine Elliot have been Post 44 Newsletter Volunteers, Euchre Players and Active Members in Past Legion Projects.

Trivia Bunch: Sundays 3PM. (4) - 15 min. rounds and (4) - 15 min. chat breaks.



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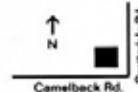
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10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

OCTOBER 2009




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 - 6 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	3 GERMAN FOOD Music RAGS ALLEN
4 PIZZA OMLETTE EGGS BENNIE	5 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	6 SIRLOIN STEAK LINGUINI w/ Clam Sauce	7 FILET STUFFED PORK CHOPS STUFFED SOLE JAZZ NIGHT	8 LASAGNA SAUTEED TILAPIA	9 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	10 PRIME RIB GRILLED SALMON CHIX SALTAMBUCCO MIDNIGHT MOON
11 LOX & BAGELS POTATO PANCAKES	12 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	13 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	14 FILETS ASIAN CODFISH PORK PICATTA JAZZ NIGHT	15 LEMON CHICKEN CAJUN CATFISH	16 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIKE	17 PRIME RIB STUFFED PORKLOIN CAJUN CATFISH MIKE
18 EGGS BENNIE BLUEBERRY PANCAKES	19 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	20 SIRLOIN STEAK FETTUCINI ALFREDO	21 FILETS ENCHILADAS SHRIMP SCAMPI JAZZ NIGHT	22 CHICKEN FIESTA DEEP FRIED SHRIMP	23 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL T	24 PRIME RIB BBQ RIBS CHIX PARM RAGS ALLEN
25 BREAKFAST MUFFIN (McLegion) HUEVOS RANCHAROS	26 35 CENT WINGS CHILI DOGS	27 SIRLOIN STEAK SPAGHETTI w/ Garlic Bread	28 FILET BBQ RIBS LIVER & ONIONS JAZZ NIGHT	29 LIVER & ONIONS RAVIOLI	30 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL T	31 Halloween PRIME RIB RAVIOLI BROILED TILAPIA Midnight Moon

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

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Shrimp Cocktail,