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

This newsletter will be for the months of September and October. We will resume monthly printing in November 2008. This is being done due to the slow member turnout during this time of the year. We will use some of the funds saved to help pay for American Legion functions; such as our 1st Annual September 11, 2008 Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments Appreciation Day Lunch. This is a combined Legion Member; SAL; and Auxiliary Volunteer Effort. Any member wanting to help or make a donation may do so.

Post 44 will also be hosting the District 12 meeting, January 18, 2009 and for the second time, we will host the State Finals Oratorical Competition. Our Post is being recognized not only for the meals enjoyed in the club, but also more importantly, for participating in American Legion Programs and Functions. It's a win, win for Post 44 because visiting Legion families spend money while enjoying our friendly atmosphere; meals; and drinks.

Department State Convention News: This year there will be a "paid up for life" award to the individual recruiter in the state that recruits the most new members. As members of the American Legion, we are all recruiters. More info to follow.

Legion Trivia from Convention: Most American Legion Posts Nationally have no brick and mortar structures. Meetings are held in homes, restaurants, church halls, B.P.O.E. (Elks Lodges). True story folks.

We are so lucky to have Sipe-Peterson American Legion Post 44 and be able to enjoy "The Great American Legion Post" that we have become. This was all made possible through the hard work, commitment, and efforts of some of our long time members. Many who are still our members. It's our turn to continue in their tradition of selflessness. I'm asking every member who is able to volunteer, make a donation to the Post, or just support your Post by enjoying an excellent meal as often as you can. We're here for you.

Monthly Quote: "This much is certain: Greatness comes in many forms and many languages, but those who have it can spot it easily in others." Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers

Adjutant, *John Russell*

Our membership renewals for the 2009 year are doing great. Our post has 619 members as of August 16th, who are paid for the year 2009. The Commander and the Auxiliary President have a bet as to which organization will have the highest percentage membership. Come on Legionnaires, send your dues to the Post so your Commander will win this bet!

The American Legion Fall Conference will be October 3, 4, 5 at the Holiday Inn, 4550 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson, AZ.

A 911 Appreciation Day for policemen and firemen will be held at our Post on September 11th. A lunch will be served, and certificates of appreciation awarded.

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: *Jerry Lennemann*

We are doing very well on 09 renewals and signing up new members. We are on target with our goal. If you have not paid your 09 dues please do so soon.

National American Legion's views on illegal immigration.

National recently issued a booklet on the problems of illegal immigration. In 05 it was estimated that there are 20 million illegals in the USA. The cost is estimated to be \$22 billion per year and most of the costs are being picked up by state and local governments. 30% of the prison population are non-citizens and the cost of incarceration is 13 billion annually. The Legion views illegal immigration as a national security issue and demands that Congress act responsibly in addressing it. Above numbers are from the booklet and there is not room here to quote more. We have one booklet in the Office that is available to read or you can go to National's web site at "www.legion.org" to get more info. Personally, I am offended when I get a phone recording that says "press one for English" and I ask to speak with a supervisor and tell them that I am unhappy with their recording. Per an e-mail that I received, John Wayne would have said, "Why in the Hell do I have to push one for English"? If you have access to the internet go to the site below on You Tube, for a great song on "press one for English":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEJfS1v-fU0> Oh, oh, I'm not being politically correct.

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Christmas in July – WOW!! What a wonderful group of ladies, legionnaires and SALS you are! Once again you all came through with a tremendous sense of volunteering and generosity. We not only covered our expenses for Girl's State this year, we can also increase our obligation to most of our other Auxiliary programs.

Our Jr. Vice President and Chairman, Dixie Whittier and her co-chairman Carol Dustin, deserve so much more than a mere Thank You, but space is limited and my humble vocabulary just can't produce the right words. The same goes for all you wonderful Auxiliary members, (far too many to list) from running the auction to serving food and drinks, bussing tables, washing dishes, decorating, un-decorating, and all around general clean-up and of course, providing some wonderful desserts!! Can't overlook our dear juniors, Mariah and Jasmine – delivering purchases to bidders and Tyler, doing a bang-up job with water and tea refills.

The Legionnaires, Commander Andy, Jim, Ron, filling in wherever help was needed – and of course, our SAL members – they not only cooked the food, but were "Johnnies On The Spot" when it came time to put the banquet room back in order. Thanks Guys – you're all Terrific!

Special thank you to Past Commander Lenny for his help with the food and to Auxiliary member Nettie for the long day she put in as volunteer bartender.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, beginning with an "Appreciation Luncheon" for our local firemen and policemen on 9/11. See Commander's letter. We need volunteers for this event, so call me 480-947-3993 if you can help.

Our unit, with financial help from our Legionnaires and SALS recently donated over \$800.00 in clothing and school supplies for Vista Del Camino's "back to school" drive – it's great to work together.

Membership dues notices will be mailed sometime in September. Don't wait for your notice – pay your 2009 dues now – we have a membership challenge with the Legionnaires and don't want to lose! Remember – our annual dues have been increased - \$25 for Sr's. and \$7.50 for Jr's. Ladies – we need committee chairman – please call me.

First District 12 meeting – September 21st at Post 65 – Next Unit meeting – September 22 @ 7 PM. Look forward to seeing you all. For God and Country.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

We will continue during late summer months with Dance Music and Dinners Wed., Fri., Sat. If you are a fish dinner lover, Friday we offer Cod, Catfish, Perch, and Clam Chowder.

Saturday, October 4th, we will celebrate Oktoberfest and on the 31st we will enjoy Halloween. See Ads for more details. On these two events, we will be having music in the Big Hall so there will be room for all.

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scott Harris

Howdy fellow "Blue Caps." My first question to all of you is "where are we heading as a squadron?" What can we do to help our Vets? All of your input is appreciated.

Seeing how this is a combined newsletter, I want to thank your members who helped out during "National Convention." Your help was well received, but there is a lot more to do. In September, we are running a lunch for "Police and Firemen." This one really hits home for me. My dad is a retired Fire Captain. This event will be Thursday, September 11 from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. We really need people to man the grill, bus, and help out in general. Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs and Chili will be on the menu.

Our next meeting will be September 1st @ 6:30 PM. We will be discussing the upcoming State Convention. Remember – Be Kind – Be Involved.

Chaplain: John Tymczynyn

Deceased Post 44 Members:

John Bedford – Allen Davis – Robert Dunn – David Froehlich – Paul Hembise – Robert Howard – Lauren Langsley – Dennis McClung – Walker Riddle – Victor Root – William Shaw – Harry Smith – Clarence Surrarer – Frank West

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.

The membership of American Legion Post 44.

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 SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

	Oct.			
Sept	4	Saturday	Octoberfest (see Ad)	
	1	6	Monday	SAL Meeting 6:30 PM
	8	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
	11	9	Thursday	E-Board Meeting 7:00 PM
		13	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool
	22	20	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting 7:00 PM
	25	23	Thursday	Post General Meeting 7:00 PM
		31	Friday	Halloween Party (see Ad)

Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre (Fun - Fun) - 1:30 PM
Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524
Trivia starts again 7 September - Sunday

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 4, 2008



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 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 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	2 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	3 FILET CHICKEN REGINA TROUT JAZZ	4 BEEF TIPS O/NOODLES	5 FISH FRY MIKE	6 PRIME RIB CHICK SUPREME CAJUN CATFISH MIKE
7 FRENCH TOAST POCKETS	8 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	9 SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN DUMPLINGS	10 FILET CHIX STIR FRY FANTAIL SHRIMP JAZZ	11 CABBAGE ROLLS	12 FISH FRY CHERYL THURSTON	13 PRIME RIB BAKED CODFISH CHICKEN CORD BLUE MIKE
14 PORK CHOPS	15 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	16 SIRLOIN STEAK SHEPHARDS PIE	17 FILET SHRIMP SCAMPI LAMB SHANKS JAZZ	18 ROAST PORK	19 FISH FRY RODGER	20 PRIME RIB STUFFED SOLE CHICKEN ALFREDO RODGER
21 BREAKFAST BURRETOS	22 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	23 SIRLOIN CHIX FRIED STEAK	24 FILET MAHI MAHI CHICKEN PICCATA JAZZ	25 ROAST BEEF	26 FISH FRY DALLAS	27 PRIME RIB CHIX STIR FRY SALMON DALLAS
28 EGGS BENNIES	29 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	30 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS				

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			1 FILET TROUT PORK CUTLETS JAZZ	2 SWISS STEAK	3 FISH FRY	4 GERMAN FOOD GERMAN MUSIC
5 STAWBERRY PANCAKES	6 LASAGNA	7 SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	8 FILET CATFISH CHICKEN STIR FRY JAZZ	9 MEAT LOAF	10 FISH FRY DALLAS	11 PRIME RIB SHRIMP SCAMPI CHIX ALFREDO DALLAS
12 EGGS BENNIE	13 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	14 SIRLOIN STEAK SHEPARD'S PIE	15 FILET STUFFED PORK CHOPS CHIX MARSALA JAZZ	16 ROAST PORK	17 FISH FRY MIDNITE MOON	18 PRIME RIB SALMON CHIX PARM MIDNITE MOON
19 LOX OMLETTE LOX/BAGELS	20 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	21 SIRLOIN CHICK & DUMPLINGS	22 FILET LAMB SHANKS CHIX/SHRIMP KABABS JAZZ	23 ROAST BEEF	24 FISH FRY CARLOTTIA	25 PRIME RIB COCONUT SHRIMP CHICK PILLARD MARK
26 EGGS BENNIE	27 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	28 SIRLOIN STEAK LIVER & ONIONS	29 FILET TROUT CHICK SALTEM BOCA JAZZ	30 CHIX ALA KING	31 HALLOWEEN FISH FRY MIKE	

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