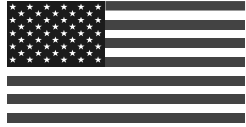




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Commander's Desk, *Andres (Andy) Jaime*

Hello Post 44 Legion Members and Legion Family. This new membership year is really off to a great start. Our goal for this year is 1163 and we already have 575 members that have paid their dues for 2010. This figure includes new members. Thank you everyone that has renewed early. By doing so you help the Post through the lean summer months and a portion of dues that stays in the state helps to supplement vets homes and hospitals as well as pay Dept. bills.

We have many Legion Programs that your Post will be doing this year, and here are just a few.

1. Sept 11, 2009 – Scottsdale Police and Fire Appreciation Day Lunch – need volunteers.
2. Sept. 30, 2009 – Flu Shots at Post 44.
3. October-Fest – Halloween Party.
4. Nov. 11, 2009 – Veterans Day, New Veterans Monument Dedication at Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. Early Bird dues renewal lunch – FREE – Voting at Post 44.
5. Thanksgiving Dinner
6. Post 44 Blood Drive
7. Dec. Christmas Holiday Party
8. Jan. 1, 2010 – New Year's Dinner and Dance
9. Jan. continued: Past Post 44 Commander and Presidents Dinner and Awards Night.
10. Feb. 2010 – Valentine's Day Dinner
11. Mar. 2010 – High School State Oratorical Finals. American Legion Dist. 12 meeting at Post 44; Spring Post 44 Blood Drive.

These are just a few of Post 44 activities. Dates will be in each month's newsletter.

I will be leaving for the American Legion 2009 Natl. Convention and will return after Labor Day. Our Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Cmdrs. Will fill in during my absence.

Sept. Quote: "Before you can inspire with emotion, you must be swamped with it yourself. Before you can move their tears, your own must flow. To convince them, you must yourself believe." By: Winston Churchill

Friday - September 11
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Police and Fire Departments
Appreciation Day Luncheon
(We need Volunteers)

Sr. Vice Cmdr: *Jerry Lennemann*

Our renewals are doing great so far. We have also signed up some new members. Our members are getting old and the young vets are not joining. So this means that we must sign up a bunch of new members to meet our goal. A few of our members have gotten 5 or 6 of their friends to join and if each of you can just sign up one person, wow. With almost 1200 members that would double our membership. Also we need more of you visiting our Post. We have great food and this is a good way to meet your fellow veterans.

Adjutant – *Ron Aubry*

September the start of a new visitors year. We may not be as lucky as previous years due to the economy, but lets hope. Please, if you ever move – Please Notify The Post, just a phone call is OK. Also, if someone knows of a death or sickness of a member, please keep the Post advised. Thank you for all your support. One Country, One Flag, One Language. God Bless the U.S.A.

Jr. Vice Commander – *Roman DiMeo*

This is my first opportunity to address the Post members since my election to this position in June. My predecessor, Bob Smith, has left a great legacy in the 2 terms he served as Jr. Vice Commander. Thank you Bob for the great job you have done for Post 44.

With the assistance of the members of the Post Club Committee and other officers of the Post as well as the superb work by our Club Manager, Mike Smith and the Club staff, the challenge to improve and elevate the Post Club to new levels will be much easier and more productive. Fortunately, we have had the summer months to fine-tune and improve our Club and its operation for the benefit of the members for the coming year.

We have some fundraisers in the works, and as they progress, you will be given ample time to participate.

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.

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

Hello "Blue Caps"

First congratulations to Joni Bagsinski, the winner of the first "Chili Cook-Off" Mike Smith raised \$700.00 for the "Vets Memorial." Great going Dude!!

There is a lot of stuff coming up, and we'll need volunteers. First up is the Police and Fireman's Appreciation Day on Sept 11. I believe you all know why this one is very special to me. Sept. 30th the Post will host a "Flu Shot Clinic" between 10:30 and 1:00 PM. Don't forget October-Fest, Fall Conference on Oct 30 – Nov 1 at Lake Havasu, Nov. 11 we will be hosting a lunch after the "Vet's Memorial Dedication, and don't forget Thanksgiving Dinner.

To all of you, thank you! Be Kind, Be Seen.

Aux Community Service by Sue Fay

During the last 3 months, we have collected \$200.00 worth of food and 12 cases of water for Homeless Outreach. The Auxiliary donated \$50.00 for cases of water to be distributed during the summer months to the organization. The August delivery has not been made, but we will have 4 more cases of water and several bags of food ready for our donation by the end of the month. We can all make a difference with a food donation! Look for the RED BUCKET in the Lobby and donate canned goods!! Your continued support is appreciated!

FLU SHOTS
Wednesday - September 30
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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

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.

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hello Ladies – I trust you all made it through the summer without getting too hot!! Are you ready to start the new year of Auxiliary Projects?

We will be off with a great start. Our Commander has informed me that we will once again host an "Appreciation Day" luncheon for our local police and firemen!! Friday, Sept. 11th is the date – lunch will be served from 10 – 3 and we will need a few dedicated members to help serve, clean-up, dish ice cream and just make sure that "Scottsdale's Finest" are given the recognition they so greatly deserve.

Then on the 30th of Sept. – the Post will be having a "Flu Shot Clinic" at the Post from 10 AM to 1:30 PM and help from the Auxiliary will be appreciated – more on this at the Sept. meeting.

"Christmas In July" was once again a big success – not quite as large a crowd as the last couple of years, but considering the economy and the dreadful heat – We Did Good!! Thanks to the generosity of so many Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L.'s and the Legion Riders.

To all you wonderful ladies who showed up to help with the dinner and auction and to turn the hall into a "Christmas Delight" – Thank You!! These functions can only happen when we are all willing to work together. And we were all **so** pleased and grateful to have the assistance of our very own Post Boy Scout Troop 440. What a great job these young men did and their willingness to be helpful was certainly obvious. We look forward to seeing more of them.

Carol Dustin is continuing with her "Reach Out With Music" endeavors. Sing-A-Long with the residents of the AZ State Nursing Home continues on the 2nd Tuesday of each month – please let Carol know if you can donate some time.

Sue Fay continues to keep a watch on our "Community Food Box" so lets keep it full!!

Membership renewal notices went out from National August 15th so lets get those 2010 dues in ASAP – "Early Birds" (2010 dues paid by Nov. 11th) will once again be treated to lunch on Nov. 11, following the dedication ceremony of the Veteran's Memorial at the Civic Center.

That's it for now – look forward to seeing you at the next meeting – Monday, Sept. 21, 7:00 PM. For God and Country.

Trivia Bunch: Play Resumes: Sunday - 13 Sept. | 3PM. (4) - 15 min. rounds and (4) - 15 min. chat | breaks.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept			
6	Sunday	SAL Meeting	2:30 PM
8	Tuesday	American Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
10	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
11	Friday	Police & Fire Departments Luncheon (We NEED Volunteers)	10:30 - 3:30 PM
14	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool to Vets Home	
21	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Thursday	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
30	Wednesday	Flu Shots	10:00 - 1:30 PM

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

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

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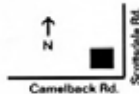
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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SERVED
10:00 AM - NOON

SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
MON-SAT

SEPTEMBER 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 TOP SIRLOIN LIVER & ONIONS SPAGHETTI W/ CLAM SAUCE	2 FILET SPAGHETTI DINNER CHIX STIR FRY JAZZ NIGHT	3 BEEF TOURNEDOS BROILED TILAPIA	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY MIDNIGHT MOON	5 PRIME RIB BROILED TILAPIA CHIX PARM RAGS ALLEN
6 SEAFOOD OMLETTE EGGS BENNIE	7 CHILI DOGS	8 TOP SIRLOIN BROILED CODFISH	9 FILET LINGUINI W/ CLAM SAUCE STUFFED PORK LOIN JAZZ NIGHT	10 LIVER & ONIONS FISH & CHIPS	11 FISH FRY FIRE & POLICE APPRECIATION 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM MIKE	12 PRIME RIB CAJUN CATFISH CHIX SALTAMBUCCO MIKE
13 SOS POTATO PANCAKES	14 CHILI DOGS	15 TOP SIRLOIN SPAGHETTI DINNER	16 FILETS CHIX ALFREDO JAZZ NIGHT	17 BEEF TIPS CAJUN CATFISH	18 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY DAVE G	19 PRIME RIB BAKED CODFISH CHEESE RAVIOLI RAGS ALLEN
20 EGGS BENNIE PIZZA OMLETTE	21 CHILI DOGS	22 TOP SIRLOIN STUFFED SOLE	23 FILET CHEESE RAVIOLI CAJUN CATFISH JAZZ NIGHT	24 LIVER & ONIONS RIBEYE STEAK	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY CHERYL T	26 PRIME RIB LASAGNA CHIX FIESTA RAGS ALLEN
27 BREAKFAST MUFFIN (McLegion) LOX & BAGELS	28 CHILI DOGS	29 TOP SIRLOIN LIVER & ONIONS	30 FILET LASAGINA SHRIMP KABOBS JAZZ NIGHT			

**Join Us At The Legion For
Good Meals and Great
Friends
MUSIC
MOST WED'S, FRI'S & SAT'S**

Flu Shots
10 AM - 1 PM
Sept. 30

**Appetizers:
Wings, Pot. Skins,
Shrimp Cocktail,**

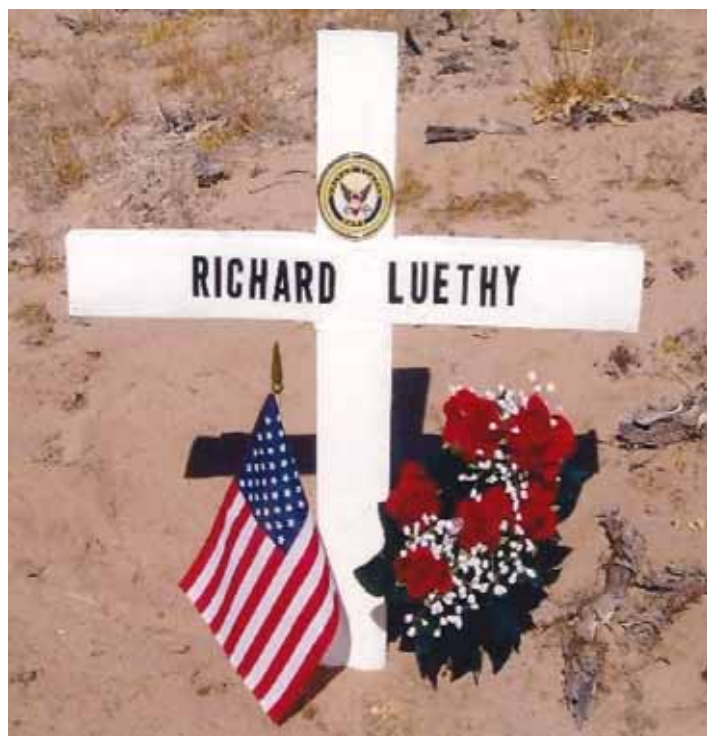
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Standing: Rosa Masson, Ron Long, Andy Jaime, Jerry Lennemann, Ron Aubry, Ed Schroot
Seated: Peggy Arbuthnot, Bunny Hamilton, Mary Ellen Panici, Mae Szlezinski
Inserts: Marion Kirwan, Chuck Luther, Sully Truesdell
Not Pictured: Doreen Burnett, John Russell
Thank You Andy for all the fresh doughnuts!

Joni Baginski ALR Secretary

**Hope everyone is having a safe summer and staying cool! Update on our granddaughter Layah; she is at home and doing really well! She is still coming to Phoenix for weekly check-ups and is still amazing her doctors! Her system is full donor now. Her ordeal is still far from over but she is an incredible child! August 9th was the chili cook-off at the post. You missed some good chili and fun if you were not there! American Legion Riders "biker chili" won! Next time you are at the Post, we hope you check out our "ALR wall", with pictures of all our members and their motorcycles. The August 21-23 is the first annual ALR camp-out at Mormon Lake. Will let you know next month how that went. We have Post 44 pins on sale, if you haven't seen them, they are in the display case and cost is \$5.00 a pin. Again, if you have not checked out the ALR chapter 44 website, it is constantly being updated and has a lot of great photos. www.alr44.org
Until next month, and always, never ride faster than your angel can fly!**



Recently, the Legion Riders Chaplain, Gary "Pa" Biggs held a Memorial Service and Dedication of the Cross (which he made) for a homeless Vietnam Veteran