

Auxiliary Dinner Fundraiser

(Girls State)

Come join us January 30th, Saturday evening for a home cooked meal consisting of Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, rolls and of course Dessert.

Sentimental Dreams Dance

(Boys & Girls State Fundraiser)

This annual event will be held
March 13th, 2010
from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM.
The Pots of Gold Raffle tickets
and Dance tickets
will be available early February
behind the bar at Kilroys or through
Mike Crever and Linda Topham.
(You can't win if you don't play)
Makes it fun to donate to our youth
interested in our form of government.
Our youth are our future.

Kilroys Dinners and Breakfasts

Have you given Kilroys a try lately?

Friday Night

(5:00 to 8:00)

Simple Menu

Excellent Food - reasonable prices

Breakfast Menu has expanded.

(Sunday 9:00 to 12:00)

Now includes

French Toast

Pancakes

Breakfast Burrito

along with your favorites

Eggs, potatoes, Bacon, Sausage & Toast

Membership

Membership for 2010 is due
for ALL ORGANIZATIONS

The parent organizations
VFW, Legion & both Auxiliaries
run on a fiscal year.

So dues for 2010 were due
in July 2009.

Please pay your appropriate dues.

Boys & Girls State

Boys and Girls State are programs
the American Legion Posts and
Auxiliary Units sponsor for students
in their junior year in high school.

This is an intense training course in
local through national government.

It is held one week in the summer in
early June at

NAU for the boys and UofA for the girls.

There are scholarships to be applied for
and each student has a chance

to be chosen by their peers to attend

Boys and Girls Nation in Washington, DC.

E-mail

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to do the newsletter.

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have computers, e-mail
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Commander's Corner

I would like to open this letter with a sincere and genuine "thank you" to all those who were concerned over my health these recent weeks. I am grateful for all the prayers, well-wishes, and positive energies sent and spent on my behalf. I am truly thankful to have fully recovered and to be able to serve you and America as the Commander of Post 2.

Although I was not able to enjoy it, I want to thank all of those who helped make the Early Bird Dinner in November a success! Thanks to those who have paid their dues on time!

Also, I want to offer gratitude on behalf of Post 2 to Barb Gleason, JT Frazier, Helen Cantu, Lula Vomhof and Frank Emery who volunteered to clean our kitchen on 12 December 2009. Nobody enjoys a dirty job, and these honorable members stepped-up to the plate to ensure a job well done.

A special "thank you" is also being sent to those who volunteered their time for the Clothe-A-Child event held this past December. We must remember that by "Still Serving America," we must be actively involved in supporting our local communities.

To the ladies of Unit 2 Auxiliary and all the volunteers who donated and/or helped package and send Christmas baskets to ensure a happier Holiday for those in need, you have my deepest gratitude.

Finally, please check the calendar included within this publishing and also the AL Riders' calendar which should be posted on their website.

For God and Country,
Steve Pacheco
Post 2 Commander

Post Birthday and Americanism Banquet

This is the Post's 90th Birthday and the 53rd Americanism Award.

It will be held on February 28th in the main hall.

No Host is 1:00

Banquet at 2:00

There is no fee for attending the Banquet,
all we ask is that you stay for the approximately 1.5 - 2 hour program.

The Post's 90th Birthday is something special.

See who receives the Americanism Award.

Presidents' Corner

Hope all of you had Happy Holidays and that they were not so busy you lost the true meaning of them. There is much to do in the coming months.

First thing, you all need to know about Gift Shop at the VA Hospital. 4 unit members volunteered, Marie Phipps, Linda Topham, Lula Vomhof and this President. Lula was there Sunday, Marie was there Sunday & Monday, Linda and this President, were there all four days. Many volunteer hours were put in. It just didn't seem like work. It was such a rewarding experience and was fun also. Many husbands came with their wives to help. I have never seen so many men participate in an Auxiliary program. Each had their own reasons for being involved. The Gift Shop served over 500 Veterans and their families who chose a Christmas Present through this program; it's well worth the effort expended. Post 2's American Legion Riders, most of who had never heard about the VA Gift Shop, once they found out what it was, they were eager to be part of it. Thanks to their generous donation, of \$200 we were able to provide more toys. Our thanks to all, our members included, for the generosity shown these Veterans. We all have stories to tell, Linda and myself would rather do that in person.

15 food baskets were given out this year to needy families.

Support Our Troops boxes were sent in time to be there for Christmas. All our supplies were used, so any donations will be accepted. Just remember, things should be new. Bring them to Post 2 or see Rosa Rodriguez. Suggestions would be small individually wrapped food items, toiletry items, etc.

Linda Topham has started raffles to benefit Girl State Program. She has two in January. If you are at the Post on a Friday night, please support these.

January 30, Marie Phipps is cooking Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, rolls and Dessert. This is kicking off Girls State Benefit fundraisers. Price is \$7.00 per plate. Come join us for a great meal, and a good cause. Serving from 5 until 8 p.m. or until the food runs out.

January brings our 2nd annual Baby Shower, Panty and Sock Party for Women Veterans at Phoenix, VA Hospital. They were expecting 16 arrivals before the New Year. So there is still a need for these parties. The Women Veterans are still not getting everything they need. So remember this date January 21st. This party will be held on our second meeting night for the month.

On January 23, Post 2 is hosting Department Children and Youth & National Security Workshop. This workshop is open to all. Judy Galvez, our Unit's National Security Chairman is making all the arrangements. Be ready to help if she asks.

February starts the Pot of Gold Raffles and ticket sales for Sentimental Dreams Dance, coming up on March 13th. So get your tickets early, be in on the fun. All of the proceeds for these events will benefit both Girls State and Boys State.

We look forward to seeing you, at some or all of these events. Now on to other news, Rosemary Dambraskas is critically ill, with pneumonia, in Scottsdale Osborn Hospital, at this writing. Keep her in your prayers. Frances Rygiel, is doing well, and happy with that new Grandbaby (2 years old now). Winnie Winiarski, is doing fine, but recently lost her brother Norman Blank. Ruth Kadoich, is in the process of moving into another facility. More on this later. After rereading this, keep all of our members in your prayers.

For God & Country

Norma Buckmaster Unit 2 President

Address changes

If you move, please contact us with your new address. We have many members that we lose track of. If you are not sure who to contact, send new address to the Post and put attention to the appropriate organization.

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attn: Membership
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