

Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades,

These past two months have been successful ones for our American Legion and VFW families.

I would like to thank Judy Galvez and all the volunteers including the USO, the Moose, The American Legion family (including Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L, and AL Riders), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and VFW Auxiliary for making the USO Show held in September a **huge** success!

I will also take time to thank Mike Crever and Linda Topham along with all the volunteers who helped make the Boys & Girls State Luncheon this past October happen. As it was, we had two young men and three young ladies along with their parents attend that William Bloys, Post 2 sponsored for the programs. The other attendees of Boys & Girls State were unable to make the luncheon. The luncheon was a shining example to members of our community of how The American Legion and Auxiliary are "Still Serving America."

Finally, The American Legion and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (The 40/8) offer a sincere "Thank You" to the following persons, families, and organizations for their contributions to the Robert O. Dunstan Memorial Scholarship honoring our fallen comrade of many years, Bob Dunstan.

Brad & Barb Ross	Post 35	Alan & Charline White
Harold Bailey	Erwin & Jane Krasnow	John & Kathy Rinker
Jack Gibson	Katherine Withers	
James & Diane Tompkins	William Eha	

The Scholarship recipient is Kelsey Crever, a local nursing student attending Arizona State University, and the award will help her complete her studies & earn her degree.

Please check the Calendar of Events carefully, as November and December have many activities and functions.

For God and Country,
Homer Steven Pacheco
Post 2 Commander.

Commander Steve Pacheco could use your prayers

Our commander has been and is extremely ill. He is in the VA Hospital and has been in a medically induced coma to help with his discomfort.

This started with the flu and progressed to double pneumonia.

Please keep him and all of our members in your prayers.

ALA Presidents Corner

Newsletter Nov-Dec

ALA Unit 2 with VFW Unit 3632 are gathering recipes for a Cookbook. If you have recipes, you would like to get in this Cookbook, please contact one of us. We'll be more than glad to help you, by either picking them up or whatever is needed.

Judy Galvez is holding 50/50 Raffles the second Friday night, of each month, at Kilroys in Post 2. Monies from these raffles will be used for future USO shows, and Support Our Troops.(Rosa Rodriguez) So do your part and support these raffles.

Thank you to all that supported the Girls State & Boys State Luncheon which was a Pizza Party. Everyone had a good time. Too bad more people didn't make it. We look forward to a more active program this coming year. Linda Topham is the Chairman for Girls State. You'll be hearing more from her on this subject.

Our initiation of new members and members who were never initiated was held on October 21st. Helen Griffin was Unit 2's initiating Officer. If you missed it, maybe next time. Ladies, this is where you receive your Auxiliary Pins.

Our Halloween Party at Kiwanis Park will be over by the time you read this. Our Unit 2 members attended the Fall Conference in Lake Havasu. So the VFW Auxiliary members stepped up and took over for us. Now this is real cooperation. Thanks to all of you Ladies for doing that. (Besides it gave you all an excuse to dress up and scare the kids.) Aside from having a great time.

Dues are being raised by National, so be smart and pay your dues before the first of the year. You'll save money, and everybody likes to do that.

Tempe Needlewelders have provided us with helmet caps, and booties for the Toasty Toes project. We are very happy to be a part of this program. Thank you, ladies for all your hard work. They also provide us with lap robes for the veterans at the VA Hospital and Nursing Home. Our Annual Baby Shower, Panties and Socks Party, will be held in January. (These ladies also provide us with handmade baby items for our yearly shower for Women Veterans at Phoenix Veterans Hospital.) So a Big Thank You to all of them for their beautiful works of love. (These Ladies put in so much time.) They meet at Pyle Center in Tempe, Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. If you like to do this kind of handwork, think about joining them. They are a great group.

The Holidays are approaching fast. Hope all of you have a nice Thanksgiving. Christmas can't be far behind. So keep your eyes peeled to the bulletin board, and see what is happening at Post 2. All of you have a great Holidays with your families and friends. See you all next year.

Now for my closing shot. 3 of the tables from the Auxiliary Hall are missing.

This President would hate to think any of our members would take them.

(we are sure they were borrowed and never returned.) If by chance you come across some in your home, would you return them to the Post. NO Questions Asked !

Thank you, and Happy Holidays to all.

Unit 2 President

Norma Buckmaster

Laughlin Trip

Sign up for the overnight bus trip to Laughlin. November 22nd & 23rd 2009.

Leaves at 9:00 AM from Post 2 on the 22nd.

Cost is \$65.00 per person with double occupancy for room.

Monday Night Football Wings

Wings served Monday Night
from 5:00 until we are out.

1/2 dozen -- \$2.00

1 dozen -- \$4.00

Come watch football at Post 2.

S.A.L Fundraisers

Nov 14th Steak Fry

5:00 - 8:00

Second Wednesday Monthly

Hamburgers & Hotdogs

5:00 - 8:00

Early Bird Luncheon will be held on November 22nd at 2:00

If you paid your dues by November 11th, 2009
you are welcome to attend our free early bird luncheon.

Clothe A Child

Have you ever attended to help a child pick out a few clothes and a toy?

This is your chance to help with this.

This event will be held at Walmart at Elliot and Priest on Dec 19th, 2009 at 6:00 AM

Food Baskets

Food Basket assembly will be held after Clothe A Child on Nov 19th, 2009

There will be a box at Post 2 for donations.

If you can, please donate a few cans of vegetables, bags of sugar,
boxes of cereal or other items to fill these in.

If you would like to donate monetarily instead, any amount will help
with the shopping for turkeys or ham, etc.

Kitchen Cleanup

Not just a woman's job. Please everyone help.

As always, we seem to wait until the last minute. The Post kitchen needs to be thoroughly cleaned. It takes 20-25 people helping to do a good job in a day.

We had a lot of good volunteers the last one. If you can help even a few hours, it would be appreciated. We need people for cleaning, organizing & just general help.

We need to wash down and clean everything.

We wanted to wait until after the Holidays, but the inspection is in January.

The only date we have available is Dec 12th, 2009.

We will start at 8:00 AM on Saturday.

I realize that this is in the middle of getting ready for the Holidays, but we are asking for your help once again.



I believe it is important to do this once a year, but we let it slide over two years again.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Halloween Party at Kiwinis Park. I understand you worked very hard and had lots of fun and I wish I could have been there, The cast of characters were: Lu Vomhof, Stolie Waldron, Stevie Green & her husband, Kathleen & Frank Walley, Roxie McKay, Julie LoGuidice, Mrs. Hudspeth, an 8th grade teacher at Gililand School & four of her students & her husband. Again thanks to all for pitching in.

November 29, 2009 is the set up day for the gift shop at the VA Hospital. It starts at 10a.m. and lasts until 3p.m. They always need all the help they can get. If you are interested in going to help, please let me know by Mon. the 15 so I can tell Jan. She just wants to know approx how much help shes going to have. If you think you might be able to go but aren't sure yet, make an educated guess and we'll work with it. Unit 2's day to work is Monday, November 30, 2009. That is the day that you help the vets pick out gifts for their families. It opens at 9p.m. and closes at 3p.m We also need volunteers for that day. I know it's not easy to take off work, but if you can it's a joy that's well worth it. The experience makes you want to go back again!

Let me know if you can go. Linda Topham

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