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The American Legion - Wm Bloys Post 2

COMMANDER'S GREETINGS

November 1, 2013

Hello Post 2 Family,

First I would like to congratulate Judy Galvez and the Auxiliary for a job well done with the USO show. Like always, it was a great show and everyone had a wonderful time. I want to thank everyone who participated in the entertainment and a special Thank You to Post 138 and Post 41 for their help with this great event.

On October 6th we received an opportunity to host a dinner for the National Commander, Dan Dellinger. The call from Department came with very short notice, asking if we would like to host a dinner function. With the help from the entire Legion family at Post 2, it was a huge success. As I have stated before, if we work as a family, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. I want to thank everyone involved with the planning, setup, cooking and clean-up.



Unit President Michele Root out did herself again on October 26th with the Biker Ball. If you missed this event, you missed a super good time. The band was excellent, there were some great finger foods and the costumes this year were exceptional. This party gets better each year. Congratulations to Michele and all her volunteers for a successful event. I cannot wait until next year.

The Post is starting to change and the one thing that I have noticed more than anything is that we are starting to work as a family unit. The Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and the VFW family are working as one and that is the key for the future of Post 2. I thank all of you for taking pride in our home.

With the Holidays just around the corner, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. If you are traveling during the Holidays, please be careful and have safe journeys to wherever you are going.

Thought of the Month

The impossible is possible when people align with you. When you do things with people, not against them, the amazing resources of the Higher Self within are mobilized.

For God and Country
Always Faithful to Post 2,
Dave Grey
Commander

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation ...

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.



The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while the children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window

portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it was appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you'.

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money cannot buy. Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.

Fred Handy
Post 2 Chaplain

POST EVERLASTING

Chuck Olsen 9/22/2013 PC 1997-98
Peter Gillespie 10/18/13 PC 1977

To the living, I am gone.
To the sorrowful, I will never return.
To the angry, I was cheated.
But to the happy, I am at peace.
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea, Remember me.
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity, Remember me.
Remember me in your hearts, your thoughts and your memories of the times we loved, the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.
Remember me - for to forget is to let die.
To remember is to keep alive!

Borrowed from the Gillespie family...



SICK CALL

Please send Sick Call notices to
wbalpost2@cox.net

The American Legion Auxiliary - Wm Bloys Unit 2

UNIT PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

November 1, 2013

September and October were very busy months and Unit 2 was unstoppable, yet again!

The USO Show was awesome (my new favorite word). Judy Galvez chairs this event every year and put together another great show. She will be the first to say she does not accomplish this by herself and she did have the help from every entity within our walls. Thank you to everyone involved. You know you have a great event when the Department Commander comes to **you** to make sure Post 2 gets her on the schedule to attend the USO Show. The Unit was also contacted by another unit within District 12 asking for our assistance in helping them put on the same type of event at their post....

October was packed full with awesome (told you it was my new favorite word) events, with the highlight being the visit by National Commander, Dan Dellinger. As Commander Grey mentioned, we received very short notice of this visit, but that did not hold us back. From the ALR escort from his hotel to the Post, the large turnout of Department and District officers, the special dinner by Chef Roy, to Commander Dellinger's departure, Post 2 ROCKED. This was indeed a Family Event ~ every entity did whatever they needed to do to make this a huge success. John Aldecoa made sure we knew that Commander Dellinger was extremely impressed and delighted. THANK YOU to everyone.

October also brought us the *Boys State* and *Girls State* luncheon on the 13th, where last year's participants were given the opportunity to share their experience.

Special Thank You to Teri Krantz (Unit & ALR member) who volunteered to help Mary with dinner on a Friday night that Mary was out of town. When Teri heard that MANA House lost their Grant to assist

homeless female veterans, she offered to donate all proceeds from this dinner to MANA House - Teri, you're awesome too!

Halloween is always a busy time at Post 2 and this year was no exception. The 7th Annual Biker Ball AND the 36th Annual Kiwanis Halloween Carnival were on the same day. I want to thank all the volunteers who made the Biker Ball a success ~ 74th Street Band was, yep you guessed it, awesome. We made sure to book them for next year. The food was fantastic; Annette made sure the drinks were flowing and everyone was happy; the raffle prizes were wonderful and everyone had a great time.

The Halloween Carnival was a success too, though it sure did wear out the members of both auxiliaries. It is definitely hard work. Thank you to Roxie for chairing the event again and to all members who helped her. It is another example on how, when we work together, we achieve remarkable results.

Looking forward to November and December - Conference in Tucson, Veterans Day Parade and Potluck (all on the same weekend); Boxes for the Troops; *Run for the Guns* event on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Downtown Phoenix; Food Baskets and Clothe-A-Child; Christmas parties, etc. We will be busy, but together we can do it!

For God and Country,
Michele Root
President



UNIT OFFICERS

President:	Michele Root
1st Vice President:	Helen Griffin
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Treasurer:	Lula Vomhof
Chaplain:	Connie Patch
Historian:	Mary Ellen Kohut
Sgt at Arms:	Valerie Griffin
Asst Sgt at Arms:	Teri Krantz

Members at Large

Helen Griffin
Judy Galvez
Karen Charest
Linda Topham

MEETINGS

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

UNIT BIRTHDAYS

November

Pauline Abril-Garcia
Norma Buckmaster
Dianne Carlson
Judy Crever
Sherrie Grey
Paige Kendall
Lou Mollsen

December

Desirae Campana
Candice Lake
Katharine Meyer
Beulah Montgomery

Apologize if your birthday is not listed - evidently the editor does not have it



MySAL – Squadron Sign Up Form

The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a FREE and secure internet site to assist Squadron Adjutants in their day-to-day membership processing duties. This site serves as a direct portal from the local squadron to National Headquarters' membership system.

Features include:

- View and Edit squadron membership
- Generate reports
- Reports available in CSV file format allowing users to work with the data in other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access
- Squadron Inquiry

Payment process for individual membership dues does not change. Your Squadron must continue to transmit membership cards and dues payments to your State Headquarters.

Fill out this form and mail or fax to us to register. Please type or print.

Squadron adjutants and officers now have access to membership information, reports and electronic membership tools at www.mysal.org.

The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis developed the website to mimic myLegion.org, which assists post, district and county officers with their membership needs.

The new mysal.org site allows members to:

- Search for member by name or ID
- See payment history for all members
- Find contact information for all members
- View and edit squadron member information

The registration form requires approval signatures from both the squadron and post adjutants before it's sent to National Headquarters. Once national staff verify officer signatures and receive approval from the department, they will email instructions on how to create a mysal.org account that requires a username and password.

SQUADRON 2 OFFICERS

Commander: Eric Marble
Sr. Vice Commander: [open]
Jr. Vice Commander: Mike Bennett
Finance Officer: Ariel Rodriguez
Adjutant: Ariel Rodriguez
Sgt at Arms: Barney Mullins

Meetings:
 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

LEGION RIDERS



PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Hello Riders!

Well we have done a lot over the past few months. Had a movie night, Freedom Ride Check Presentation, attended the Post 5 and Post 26 benefit runs and hosted the 7th Annual Halloween Biker Ball (just to name of few of the events/rides we have participated in). We had a great turn out for this year's Biker Ball. Thanks to all the volunteers and attendees. It was great fun! Winners of Best Couple Costume were Andrew (Polar Bear) & Gayle and Best Individual Costume was Trish (Hurly). Each of them donated back a portion or all of winnings - thank you!

Below is a list of SOME of the upcoming events the ALR plan to attend. Please, however, watch your email and check our website tempelegionriders.org frequently for updates:

Upcoming Rides/Events:

- Sunday, November 2nd Brunch run to Casa Grande (KSU 8:30 a.m.)
- Saturday, November 9th ALR Steak Night (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, November 10th ALR Breakfast (9:00-11:30 a.m.)
ALR Meeting (12:30-1:30 p.m.)
- Monday, November 11th Tempe Veterans Day Parade (KSU 8:45) - Potluck to follow. ALR has been asked to bring desserts for the potluck. You can drop them off the night before or donate money for the purchase of desserts. Please see Teri or Scott.
- Saturday, November 23rd Post 58 - Toys for Tots (KSU 8:00 a.m.)
- Sunday, November 24th Birds on Bikes – Meet at El Dorado Bar & Grill, 8708 E. McDowell, Scottsdale (KSU 10:00 a.m.).
- Sunday, December 1st ALR Quarterly Meeting (10:00-11:00 a.m.) here at Post 2
- Saturday, December 7th Run to the Guns (KSU to be determined by Quarterly ALR Meeting)
- Sunday, December 8th ALR Breakfast (9:00-11:30 a.m.)
ALR Meeting (12:30-1:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 28th ALR Annual President's Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. at our house. Please bring a dish to pass (we will supply the meat) and a gift (under \$20.00) for the gift exchange. Make sure the gift would be appropriate for a woman or man. We will be having a mini-tournament with prizes (darts, corn hole, foos-ball) and be playing Left/Right/Center (bring your quarters/dollars). Please come and have a good time!

Ride Safe!
 Scott (Pyledriver)

2013-2014 OFFICERS

President Scott Krantz
Vice President Garry Osborn
Secretary Teri Krantz
Treasurer Bob Roberts
Chaplain [open]
Sgt @ Arms Robert Mattox
 Joe Paczkowski

VFW POST 3632

COMMANDER'S GREETINGS

Comrades,

We are quickly closing in on the holiday season. There are a few things that we have to keep in mind. The first is that many of our fellow veterans will not be home for the holidays. We want to do everything we can to help the Auxiliaries out with their support of the troops. Anything that you can do to help is greatly appreciated by them and the troops receiving the packages.

The second thing to remember is that we have a Buddy Poppy drive on Veterans Day weekend. I know that this is unusual that it comes this late in the year but we still need help handing out poppies. If you can spare four hours on November 9th or 10th, we sure need your help. Call me at 480-760-3222, or email me at angelosrc@hotmail.com.

We will be having the rededication of the post on the last Saturday of January. This will be a fun time and will be free and open to all that wish to celebrate the name change with us. It is a day that we will remember a true hero, a man that dedicated his life to his family and to Arizona Veterans. In case you missed it last month's newsletter, the new name of the post is now - **John M Jackson Post 3632**. Come and remember John and honor his memory.

The dues are going up on the 1st of January. Get you dues in before that and still pay only \$25.00. After January 1st they will be \$35.00. Let's get out and ask our friends to join us in the VFW if they are qualified. We don't need too many more to reach our 100%, but we need your help to achieve that goal.

Meetings in November: District Meeting on November 3rd at 10 am in Post 2's large hall. All VFW and Auxiliary members are welcome to attend and enjoy the proceedings. The regular meeting is on November 9th at Noon. There is a Pancake breakfast starting at 10:00. Pancakes and sausage is only \$3.50 plus all the coffee you can drink. All are welcome.

See you at the meeting.

Serving our Military personnel and Veterans,

Angelo Lombardi
Commander VFW Post 3632



PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Greetings ~

We have been very busy since our last letter. On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we cook breakfast from 8 am to 11:30 am with an inexpensive menu that is sure to please everyone, stop in and see us. After that, around 12:30-1:00 pm, we have our monthly meeting, what fun!!! If you are interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary, please contact myself or one of the other sisters and we will find out if you are eligible. I would like to thank Unit 2 for allowing us to participate in their programs and for all their help with ours. Working together on things such as Boxes for the Troops, the USO Show, and Halloween Carnival at the park, is a little less stressful and a lot more fun when we all work together.

November will be a busy month. We host the VFW district meeting on the 3rd, our annual Poppy Drive is on the 9th and 10th, then on the 11th we will be participating in the Tempe Veterans Day parade and the potluck at the post. On the 16th another drive for Boxes for the Troops, complete with horse races, Karaoke, and food.

NOW FOR SOME EXCITING NEWS:

November starts our yearly raffle. This year we will be giving away TWO exciting prizes.

First prize is a **wine and liquor basket**, containing an assortment of wines and liquors, the basket, wine glasses, and snacks. Second prize is a **traveling wine carrier**, complete with two bottles of wine, a cork screw, wine glasses, a cutting board with knife, and napkins.

We will be at the post on Friday nights and at special events until December. All proceeds go to our general fund, which is used to support several different Veteran programs.

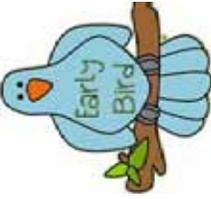
Tickets will be: 1 TICKET for \$1.00, 7 TICKETS for \$5.00, or 15 TICKETS for \$10, so dig deep and help support this worthwhile cause.

That's all for now,

Peace, Love and Laughter,
Gwen 'Stolie' Waldron
Auxiliary President

VFW POST 3632 AUXILIARY

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 DATE OF DINNER T.B.D.					1 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm ALR 50/50	2 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Hall Rented 10:00 - 12:00 Noon
3 Boys State Breakfast	4	5 Unit 2 Mtg - 7:00 pm Post 2 Mtg - 7:30 pm	6 Unit 2 Mtg - 7:00 pm Post 2 Mtg - 7:30 pm	7 Dept of AZ Legion Conference 11/8-10 Doubletree - Reid Park, Tucson	8 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm SAL 50/50	9 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Hall Rented 10:00 - 12:00 Noon
10 ALR Breakfast	11 Veteran's Day Parade and Potluck @ Post 2 	12 SAL 2 Mtg - 6:00 pm	13 Good of Post Mtg 6:30 pm (open to all members)	14	15 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm ALA 50/50	16 Hall Rented Christmas Boxes for Troops 1:00 - 3:00 pm
17 VFW Breakfast	18	19	20 Trustees Mtg - 6:30 pm E-Board Mtg - 7:30 pm	21	22 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm ALA 50/50	23 Hall Rented
24 Kilroy's Breakfast	25	26	27	28 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	29 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm VFW 50/50	30 Employee / Volunteer Appreciation Day

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Legion Breakfast	2	3	4 Unit 2 Mtg - 7:00 pm Post 2 Mtg - 7:30 pm	5	6 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm ALR 50/50	7 Hall Rented Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Run for the Guns (See flyer on bulletin board)
8 ALR Breakfast ALR 2 Mtg - 12:30 pm - Small Hall ASMC 996 Family Christmas Party	9 SAL 2 Mtg - 6:00 pm	10	11 Good of Post Mtg 6:30 pm	12	13 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm SAL 50/50	14 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - 10:00 - Noon VFW 3632 - 12:00 pm Clothe-A-Child * & Food Baskets ALR Steak Dinner - 5:00 pm
15 VFW Breakfast VFW 3632 Aux - 12:30 pm	16	17	18 Trustees Mtg - 6:30 pm E-Board Mtg - 7:30 pm	19	20	21  Post 2 Christmas Party 1:00 - 3:00 pm
22 Kilroy's Breakfast	23	24 Close at 5:00 pm	25  CLOSED	26	27 Kilroy's Dinner 5:30 pm ALA 50/50	28
29 Kilroy's Breakfast	30	31				* Not scheduled with Walmart yet. Might be 12/21 instead.

SENATE BILL WOULD EXPAND VA ELIGIBILITY

In its written testimony submitted Oct. 30 to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, The American Legion expressed support for draft legislation sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, that would "expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs."

Sanders' bill would take into account the varying income levels among counties in any given state, and also establish new statewide income thresholds, in determining veterans' eligibility for VA health care.

The bill further stipulates that all required modifications for implementation of the new income criteria must be completed within five years of enactment.

Currently, VA applies a nationwide Geographic Means Test (GMT) to a veteran's personal income, regardless of where he or she lives. If the income level is at or below the GMT, veterans are eligible for Priority Group 7 status; if the income is higher, they are assigned to the Priority 8 Group.

If they agree to pay the applicable co-payments, Group 7 veterans may enroll in VA health care. Group 8 veterans with non-service connected conditions whose incomes are higher than the GMT are not eligible for VA enrollment.

The American Legion supports the aim of Sanders' bill, and is also urging Congress to enact legislation that would direct VA to automatically enroll eligible veterans into its health-care system as soon as they leave active duty in the military – supported by Resolution 75, passed at the Legion's 95th annual convention in Houston last August.

SUPPORT FOR NEF CONTINUES TO GROW

In support of National Commander Dan Dellinger's primary fundraising campaign, National Headquarters has prepared National Emergency Fund (NEF) response kits. The kits, which contain helpful brochures and supplemental materials on the NEF program, are being delivered to departments this week.

The brochures describe how to set up an NEF response team, locate affected Legion family members, assist victims in filling out NEF applications and generate good public relations. Also included is a checklist of items to bring, a sample press release, NEF applications and a worksheet to assist in tracking recovery operations.

Dellinger also recommends that departments develop NEF coordinators at the department and district levels. These coordinators would serve as the lead point of contact if and when an emergency strikes.

"We never know where or when the next disaster will occur," Dellinger writes in a letter accompanying the kit. "But when it does, NEF will be in place to provide assistance to Legion Family members and posts recovering from a coastal hurricane, Midwestern tornado, wildfire out west or other major disasters."

Dellinger has set a goal for raising \$1 million for NEF during his year as national commander. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF go directly toward grants for Legion family members who were affected by a natural disaster.

The commander recently visited New Jersey, where Legion family members showed their appreciation for NEF funds that helped them recover from Super-storm Sandy a year ago.

"There were catastrophic results from Sandy," Dellinger said. "One man came up said, 'I benefited (from NEF). My house is gone. But you were there to help me when I needed it.' And he presented a \$100 check to pay it forward. I think that's what a lot of people will do."

"It's only through the generosity of our members that the goal will happen."

VA, TRICARE meet ACA coverage requirements

Many veterans have questions about whether the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will impact the health care they or their families receive, or whether they have to take any steps to insure that care continues.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care meets the ACA's standards for health-care coverage; veterans don't need to do anything else regarding their health-care coverage. Veterans using VA can purchase additional health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, but because they already are enrolled in VA, they will not receive assistance with health insurance premiums on a purchased plan.

Veterans' family members, who already receive health care through their employers, TRICARE or through Department of Veterans Affairs' programs such as Civilian Health and Medical Program, do not have to take any additional steps to meet the health-care law's coverage standards. And family members who receive TRICARE benefits



– at no cost, through an enrollment fee or by paying monthly premiums – have the minimum essential coverage required by the ACA.

But veterans' family members who don't have health-care coverage that meets the ACA's standards can use the Health Insurance Marketplace to find additional options to meet the requirements. Veterans' family members can submit an application for health-care coverage through the Marketplace and find out the amount of assistance for which they may be eligible. They may pay less for monthly premiums or out-of-pocket costs, or they may be eligible for free or lower-cost coverage via the Children's Health Insurance Program or Medicaid.

Family members of veterans enrolled in VA also may be eligible for tax credits in the Marketplace.

For more information about how the Affordable Care Act may impact veterans and their families, call (877) 222-8387 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. EDT and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

LEGION COLLEGE SUPPORTS MEMBERSHIP PLAN

During American Legion College, three of the five groups presented a strategic plan for sustained membership growth that followed the Legion's five-year membership priorities: brand awareness; communication; training, education and leadership development; post creation, development and revitalization; and membership recruitment and retention.

Several ideas from the strategic plans included:

- Requiring posts to conduct open houses at least one time a year
- Conducting Leadership Education and Development training
- Requiring all department Legionnaires to graduate from The American Legion Extension Institute
- Registering district officers on www.MyLegion.org
- Appointing a public relations person in every post
- Hosting a veterans benefits and Legion program seminar at Transition Assistance Program (TAP) events
- Creating a mentorship program
- Conducting post assessment surveys for revitalization efforts

"I was listening to your plans from a post member standpoint, and I wanted to know what you wanted me to do. I didn't get that," said National Membership Director Billy Johnson. "As a post member, tell me that you want my post to revitalize itself but tell me when and tell me how you want me to do it. The districts and departments have to give posts the tools to meet their membership growth. And in many cases, these tools were not in the department's five-year membership plan. Tell posts how they should fight the battle and give them the tools to fight that battle."

Johnson recommended that all Legion College students obtain a copy of their respective department's five-year strategic membership plan to see if it has "the right elements to be successful over the next four or five years." If they don't, he advised them to go back to their department and "share what this plan should really be. Make sure that this one document, a plan for the organization, is successful. Tell them (the posts) what you want them to do and how you want them to do it."

Denise Rohan, chairman of the Legion's National Membership & Post Activities Committee, reiterated Johnson's remarks that departments and districts need to be specific in their details about how they want posts to help sustain membership growth.

"The work of face-to-face communication with our members is not happening at the department level and not necessarily at the district level," Rohan said. "It's happening at your post and that's where you're actually going to see your members and ask them to assist you in helping make this organization better than it already is."

"Membership and post activities are not always about membership. When you go to a TAP event you talk about veterans benefits and what The American Legion has to offer; membership will follow. Remember, it's not only about membership, and it's not only about post activities – it is always about the veteran. We are here for the veterans and if they don't want to join, they don't want to join, but we still offer our services to our veterans."

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Legion	11/6 @ 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees	11/20 @ 6:30 pm
Executive Board	11/20 @ 7:30 pm
Auxiliary	11/6 @ 7:00 pm
S.A.L.	11/12 @ 6:00 pm
A.L.R.	11/10 @ 12:30 pm
Good of the Post	11/13 @ 6:30 pm
VFW 3632	11/9 @ Noon
VFW Auxiliary	11/17 @ 12:30 pm
District 12 Meeting	11/17 at Post 27 @ 2:00 pm

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Legion	12/4 @ 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees	12/18 @ 6:30 pm
Executive Board	12/18 @ 7:30 pm
Auxiliary	12/4 @ 7:00 pm
S.A.L.	12/10 @ 6:00 pm
A.L.R.	12/8 @ 12:30 pm
Good of the Post	12/11 @ 6:30 pm
VFW 3632	12/14 @ Noon
VFW Auxiliary	12/15 @ 12:30 pm

District 12 President, Barbara White, is attending Unit 2's 11/6 meeting. Please bring snack-type foods to share after the meeting.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 3 rd	VFW District 4 meeting ~ 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
November 8-10 th	Dept of AZ Conference ~ Doubletree Reid Park, Tucson
November 9 th	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ~ 10:00 am to Noon
	ALR Steak Dinner ~ 5:00 - 7:00 pm
November 11 th	Tempe Veterans Day Parade and Post 2 Potluck ~ Parade starts at 10:00 am from Gammage Auditorium, ending at Tempe Beach Park. Potluck at Post 2 begins after 12:00 pm ~ Side dishes provided by Unit 2 members; dessert provided by ALR.
November 16 th	Boxes for Troops ~ 2:00 pm - ?? Christmas boxes will be sent to our troops overseas. Donations of items for the boxes are requested. The party will feature Stick-horse races, karaoke, and fun for everyone.
November 28 th	Kilroys will be closed ~ we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving .



DECEMBER EVENTS

December 6 th	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ~ <i>Run for the Guns</i> at Wesley Bolin Plaza (see flyer @ Post 2)
December 8 th	ASMC 996 Christmas Party ~ FRG hosting a party for the families of the 996 Medical Group who is scheduled to deploy in 2014
December 14 th	Clothe-A-Child and Food Baskets ~ tentatively scheduled for this day. Walmart has not confirmed the date for Clothe-A-Child (could be 12/21 instead)
	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ~ 10:00 am to Noon
	ALR Steak Dinner ~ 5:00 - 7:00 pm
December 21 st	Post 2 Childrens' Christmas Party ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm - sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for children up to age 12 who are related to members (i.e., niece/nephew, grandchildren, etc)
December 24 & 25 th	Kilroys will close at 5:00 pm Christmas Eve and reopen Thursday, 12/26 ~ we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays .



UNIT 2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership has started out with a BANG! We reached our first goal of 55% by mid-October. We are well on our way of achieving our second goal of 70% by January. Ladies of Unit 2 - Thank you! If you have not paid your dues for 2014, we encourage you to get them in as soon as possible. If you have not received your renewal from National, let us know. However, you do not have to send us your renewal notice in order to receive your 2014 membership card.

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2nd Saturday of each month
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10:00 am to Noon with
\$1.00 Bloody Marys

Lunch

Tues - Thurs ~ 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Regular Menu ~ Hot Dogs, Pizza

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