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FROM THE COMMANDER : AL (BIG AL) SAN SOUCI

Greeting's Comrade's of Post 62. This is my first Newsletter since becoming your New Commander. I want to start by saying Thank you to our Past Commander Jim McCrady for his two years of service to our Post. Also to Ron Green for his service on the Post Executive Committee for the past two years. I am looking forward to serving as your Commander in the upcoming year although we have a rough road ahead of us financially. I am confident with the new officers in place and the support from our Ladies Auxiliary, The Sons of the Legion, and The Riders and our membership we will overcome this bump in the road. Anyone having any suggestions please bring them to the monthly meetings. Comrades our meetings are very important, and all of you should make an effort to attend them as this is your Post. Get involved and help make this the Best Post in Arizona. In closing I want to give a special Thanks to Bob Lacy our new Finance Officer who has worked tirelessly the last month trying to wrap his arms around the Finance Office and maintain our web-site. Thank You Bob. I'll see you all around the Post.

FROM THE 1ST VICE COMMANDER: JULIAN LUSCO

This is my first time of writing an article since becoming your 1st Vice. This is the start of a New Legion Year along with a new slate of officers. As 1st Vice I would like to start a new Volunteer Program. We need teams, that would take care of setting up the Dining Hall tables for Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening meals. We also need teams for cleaning the Dining Hall and Kitchen on a Bi-Monthly schedule. By doing this we can cut down on some of our expenses and have the Post succeed with your help.

FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER: JOE CATONE

Here we are starting a new year. Since the Winter Visitor's have left the Social Quarters business has really taken a nose dive. We need all the members that stay for the summer to come in and help

FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER: (cont.)

Us out. Remember this is your Post, and if you don't support it then it just goes by the wayside. And when that happens nothing good comes from it, so again I ask that you patronize your Post and help to keep it up where it belongs. We have changes at the Post for the Summer. We have new operating hours starting on July 1st, 2010. On Monday thru Thursday we will open at 10:00 am and will close at the Bartenders discretion. On Friday and Saturday we will open at 10:00 am and close at 12:00 am (midnight). On Sunday we will open at 11:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. All the Wednesday meals except the 1st Wednesday SAL Chicken Fried Steak have been put on hold until sometime in October. The Monday night Spaghetti has also been put on hold until October. The Friday night Fish Fry remains the same. On the music side of the coin, The Wednesday music is gone until further notice. There will be karaoke in the Lounge from 7:00 pm til 11:00 pm on Friday night's. The Saturday night music will remain the same. We will also have the Kitchen open on Saturday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 pm serving an evening menu for your convenience.

FROM THE ADJUTANT: JIM McCRADY

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to Thank every member of the Post for the opportunity to serve you as your Commander from 2008/2010. It was a truly Great Experience for me. I also want to Thank all of my Officers that served under my administration for the superb job that they did in running the everyday business of the Post. Without them I wouldn't have had the two great years that I had.

The next item is coming real fast. On July 1st, 2010 the 2011 membership cards will be available for the members. Either Renew through the mail or come into the Post and pay your 2011 dues. You can also renew online. This year you will have another chance to enroll in the Legion Insurance Trust where every member may get a \$1000.00 policy free. All members will get the enrollment card when they renew. Remember you will be an Early Bird if you renew by November 11,2010. That entitles you to a free meal that will be served at the post sometime around Veterans Day. We didn't make 100% of our quota this year but lets try to do better this year, and see if we can't make that 100% for our new Commander. Remember also if you have moved to let the adjutant know your new address so that we can keep your records up to date, and we can also let Department and National know so that you keep getting your magazine and Department Newsletter. Also if a member Passes Away let the Post know so that we can update the records so that no one gets hurt by mistake.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER: BOB LACY

To the membership. I'm Bob Lacy your new Finance Officer at Post 62. As some of you know we have some financial problems that we need to address. I'm doing everything within my powers to get a handle on these. But I'm going to need your help also. Keep this in mind as we go forward to solve these problems. We have some ideas but remember two heads are better than one, so if you have ideas that can help us don't hesitate to let us know. Let's all try to work together and get the Post back on solvent ground so that we don't have any worries and who ever runs for office in the future doesn't have too many worries to overcome. Until next time, have a great day and an even better life.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: MARY ANN SAN SOUCI

First of all I want to start out by Thanking all of the Unit 62 Auxiliary for allowing me as their

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT (cont.)

President for the past year. They were a truly great group of Ladies to have on the team. Also to my Great Officers that did so much to help me throughout the year. Just to show you how Great everyone was, at the Department Convention we as a Unit brought back the "Bieri Trophy". This is the Biggest award given by the Department of the Legion, and is given for the best Community Service Program within the state. This is an Award that the entire Legion family of the Post works on to win. It's not just the Auxiliary, but the Legion, the SAL and the Riders together. The truly great thing is that the entire bunch of us had fun doing this **For God and Country;**

FROM THE AUXILIARY 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: SHERRIE BOWER

Ladies we didn't make 100%, but we tried. I would have needed 70 members to renew by Convention. We did a good job of getting renewals and new members, we just need to try harder from now on. You should start getting your 2011 renewal notices around the end of July or in August. Remember that National send's out the notices, **"NOT THE UNIT"**. We can start taking dues in August, not before. I want to thank everyone who helped make my job easier.

FROM THE GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN: SHERRIE BOWER

The girls will have finished their session by the time you read this. I know that they are having a great time. When they get back, I will let you know how much they learned. We need to remember that the girls are sponsored solely by The American Legion Auxiliary. It cost's \$250.00 to send one girl. We usually send 21-23 girls, so keep this in mind when I ask for donations. Again thank you for letting me work this program. I really enjoy working with the girls.

FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN: MARY RUEHS

Hi there friends! Guess what? The Auxiliary Unit 62 is hosting a Bake Sale & Blood Drive. It will take place **Sunday July 18th,2010 from 8am to 1 pm.** Everyone is welcome to either bake or buy items for the sale. Do our Community and Nation a favor and help Our Veterans by donating Blood. Come join the fun and help your Post and Unit at the same time.

FROM ONE OF OUR POST MEMBERS:

As you know, we have a Group Dental Plan with Savon Dental Plan. August is the month that the plan renews. The membership fee has been \$40.00 per year for quite some time, but Savon has raised those fees. **Members currently on the plan will be "grandfathered" in at the \$40.00 rate, but all NEW members will be charged the new rate of \$60.00 for a single member, and \$90.00 for 2 or more in the family. Also, if CURRENT members renew late, they will be reinstated but at the new rates.** Make sure you send in your renewal checks on time. Make checks out to: SAVON DENTAL PLAN

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FROM A POST MEMBER (cont.)

For further information please call: Marty Schwab at 602-938-1730

Those of you that are using it, know how much money you are saving at the dentist's office, so it is still a good deal even at the new rates.

FROM BARTENDERS CORNER: JOANNIE PODLAS

Hi there everyone! We here behind the bar want to see your beautiful faces at the bar. When we don't see you we become worried, as to whether something is wrong with you ,or have you been in an accident or even worse have you passed away. So please come in so that we don't worry for nothing at all. On top of that we have daily specials for you to take advantage of. Remember this is your club, if you don't support it who do you have to blame but yourself. So come in and support it so that you don't have to take the blame!

FROM DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT: DORIS THEISS

I want to thank Unit 62 for all the hard work that they exhibited in my run for the Department Presidency for 2010/2011. I especially want to Thank Unit President MaryAnn San Souci and her Officers that gave both time and talent for me. I also want to Thank Unit Secretary Jane Shoemaker and her team for the wonderful work they did on my Reception on Saturday Evening at the Post. I couldn't have asked for anything any better than what they did. To all that had anything to do on my behalf THANK YOU.