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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Well comrade's here we are in May already. Since our last Newsletter we have started music in the lounge on Wednesday's from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Our St. Patty's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner came off real good and our Luke Days membership drive brought us some new members. At our General Membership Meeting in March we held our first set of Nominations for the Officers for the coming year. By the time you receive this edition of the Newsletter we will have had our second set of Nominations. Remember that the Elections are held on the Third Tuesday of May, with the voting at the Post open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Absentee ballots will be available some time after the second round of nominations. But give the adjutant enough time to get them printed up. Be a good Legionnaire and exercise your rights and vote for the candidates that will best run your Legion Post for the next year. In April the Auxiliary held their Easter Brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and it was a great success. Kudos to the Auxiliary for a great job. Every month I get questions about different things going on at the post. Many things can be cleared up by reading the Newsletter, that covers two months at a time. If you aren't receiving the Newsletter be sure and contact our Adjutant Gayle Reed and get the problem taken care of. When you visit the Post Home you will notice that we have started with our floor replacement in the Lounge. Stop in and take a look. It has also been suggested that we put up suggestion boxes in the post, let me or any of the officers know what you think of this idea. The Bingo Hall/Dining Hall has been freshly painted and the bid for doing the Lounge has been accepted, now we have to decide the best time to get it done. Don't be a stranger, come into your Post Home and see some of the changes for yourself. I have been asked by the Bingo manager to ask the membership for help. The Bingo program needs help both on the Thursday and Saturday programs. So if you can see your way clear to give this worthwhile program some of your time contact either Pat Williams or Ron Green. Let's get behind this great program. a broad spectrum of music tastes.

## **COMMANDER (CONT.)**

On the Auxiliary side for President MaryAnn San Souci, for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sue Catone, Mary Ruehs, for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sherrie Bower, and for Treasurer Elaine Morra. By the time you receive this issue the Auxiliary Elections will be over so check with the Auxiliary for the Final results. The months of May and June will also be very busy. We start out on the 9<sup>th</sup> with the Poppy Mothers Day Brunch. This is followed by the Girls State Orientation on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Remember the Post Elections are on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 6:00 p.m., followed by the Post Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Auxiliary Meeting at 6:00 pm. The Installation of Officers will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for times on the information board behind the bar. Remember May 31<sup>st</sup> is Memorial Day with a Flag Raising at 11:00a.m. followed by Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with Pot Luck and Music. June brings the end of the Current years Officers tour. On June 14<sup>th</sup> we observe **FLAG DAY**, REMEMBER be proud to fly our American Flag that day, show your patriotism and love of Country. We Officers both Post and Auxiliary will be attending the Department Convention at the Glendale Renaissance Hotel from June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is when your New Slate of Officers will take over operations for the coming year. I hope that you will give them the same fine backing and help that you have given me for the past two years. This is my last issue of the NEWSLETTER as your Commander, and I Thank each and every one of you for the fantastic time you have afforded me as your Commander. I would also like to thank the Bingo Crew for their tireless work and efforts on behalf of the Post. Leading this Post and working with the Auxiliary has been an Honor for me.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY;

### **FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER: AL SAN SOUCI**

This is just a small note to Thank you all for your help during the time that I've had the pleasure of being your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. Without your help we as Officers are only figureheads. It is your Volunteering and working around the Post that makes functions show as either a success or a failure. It is your constant Volunteering and showing up to support these functions that make this Post and Auxiliary work for the betterment of the Legion. Like I stated we are just other members without you. As most of you know I'm running for Commander this year, and with your help I hope to be your Commander for the 2010/2011 Legion year. I also want to let you know that we have a New and Approved Post Web Site [AZPOST62.ORG](http://AZPOST62.ORG), if you get a chance take a look, it's worth your time.

### **FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER: JOE CATONE**

I wanted to give you some information on the things we are doing around the building. For those of you that haven't noticed, we have had the floors both in the Bingo Hall and the Lounge worked on. They now have a high sheen to them, if you have to move tables and chairs around please pick them up and move them. If you just slide them they will scuff the floors up and we'll have to pay to have them shined again. We will try music in the lounge on Sunday's starting in May. Remember if you want these things you have to participate with them. We will try to keep these thing going on.

**FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER: JACK SHOEMAKER**

At the risk of sounding like a broken record here goes. Although business has not been as brisk as we would like it, it's still OK. The bills are paid and there is money in the bank account. However, we are very aware that summer is coming and the "snowbirds" are leaving and business will slow down. The economy remains in poor condition and the future doesn't look very bright at this juncture. We must remain hopeful. In an attempt to bring more business this way entertainment will be coming on Sunday afternoons. Be sure to watch for future announcements. We do not have a full schedule worked out as of yet but it will start up beginning with the first Sunday in May. Mark your calendars and look for bulletins around the social quarters. Keep the faith and we will get through these down times.

**FROM THE GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: JULIAN LUSCO**

A "BIG THANK YOU" to all who participated, sponsored holes, contributed merchandise and/or money and time to make our annual golf tournament a huge success. I would also like to Thank the Sun City Country Club for their efforts in rescheduling the tournament from our rain out date to the final date on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. It is through your support and generosity that we are able to support our many charitable causes. To thank all of the people that helped with the whole process. The Bingo gents and ladies for all the folding of the Poppy letters. All the people that came to the Poppy stuffing "party", Sherry Bower for picking up from the Post Office all the donations that were sent, Elaine Morra for the BIG job of processing all the checks and cash and taking them to the bank for deposits.

**FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: MARY ANN SAN SOUCI**

Our Poppy Drive is well on its way and Sue Catone, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and myself would like to thank all of the people that helped with the whole process. The Bingo Crew for all the folding of the Poppy letters, the people that came to the Poppy stuffing "party", Sherrie Bower for picking up from the post office all the donations that were sent, Elaine Morra for the BIG job of processing all the checks and cash and taking them to the bank for deposit, and not to forget Joe Catone, the Legion's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, for mailing out the letters without getting arrested, and that's another story!! We hope we didn't forget anyone, we apologize if we did. Next on the calendar is a Mothers Day "Champagne Brunch". Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12. Tickets will be available for a \$12.00 donation. The money will go to the Ladies Auxiliary Poppy Program supporting our Veterans and their dependents. The Ladies Auxiliary thanks you so much for all your support in this much needed program for our Veterans. At the Auxiliary meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are having New Members initiation with a pot luck before the initiation. The Pot Luck will be at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. Joint Installation of Officers will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. I would like to thank all the Volunteers for all their hard work! Whether you work Bingo, Cook, Serve, or Clean, you are appreciated.

**FROM THE AUXILIARY 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: SUE CATONE**

Well it's that time of the year again. Poppy Donations. If you don't receive your envelope in the mail, please contact me. God Bless the Troops and our Veterans.

**FROM THE AUXILIARY SECRETARY: JANE SHOEMAKER**

Everyone get your car washed at the Auxiliary Car Wash at the Post. Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7am til 12 pm. The Boy Scouts will be there so everyone come out for a good cause.

**FROM THE AUXILIARY 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: SHERRIE BOWER**

I'm sorry you didn't get my article the last issue; I missed the deadline. I just wanted to let you know that we need your renewals. Please check your cards; they need to say 2010 at the top of the card. You might not of gotten a renewal notice, but you can still renew your dues. Just mail it to PO Box 2535, Peoria, AZ. 85380 or drop it off at the bar. When making your check out make sure it says A.L.A. Unit 62.

**FROM THE GIRLS STATE CHAIRWOMAN: SHERRIE BOWER**

The Girls have been chosen and we are waiting for the orientation. The girls leave for the program on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>,-12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If anyone would like to help with the donations to send these girls, please do so. We accept any amount that you can afford. Send the donations to the same address in the membership article. Make sure it states for Girls State in the memo on the check. Again without your support we couldn't continue with this program.

**BARTENDERS CORNER: FROM CLUB STEWARD JOANNIE PODLAS**

It's that time of year again when our winter visitors start heading home. We all will miss them and hope they have a safe trip home. We would like to thank Everyone who attended our "Spring Fling" fun was had by all. Our Stars and Stripes Raffle Game has become very popular, thanks to all who play, and remember to place your non-winning tickets in the Orange bucket for a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance drawing to win that is held once a month. When in the Social Quarters check out our daily specials and Great Lunch specials. Lastly. Give a big thanks to our Volunteer Bartenders Joe, Big Al, and Russ (Hotpockets) who enjoy serving you and getting to know you. They are a BIG help to the bartending staff, due to an injury to Bonnie (who is mending nicely) and the nasty flu bug that is going around. We have had some Bartender changes as of late, but we will get it worked out hopefully soon!!!