



## POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

During the last quarter, we celebrated the Post's 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday, 9/11 Remembrance, and our annual POW/MIA Ceremony. I thank you all for your support of these important events. Let's all be sure to congratulate our Color/Honor Guard for a great job at the National Convention. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition against the entire country.

I would like to thank all those that participated in the food handlers card testing. The county did this free of charge because of the turnout. On to future events! The next three months will be busy. We have Halloween, our Golf Outing, Veterans Day, Early Bird Dinner, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Eve. How's that for a schedule!

In closing, I would like to ask all of you to believe in our Post. You do not have to believe in any given idea or change, just know that Members run this Post. If you would like to help improve our Post, our General Meetings are the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m., and you always have my ear.

For God and Country  
Bill Creel,  
Commander Post 61



## AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Happy Sept Ladies,

Yes it's Sept which means the fall months are coming up and we will be busy. For those of you who were able to attend I hope you enjoyed the Labor Day celebration and the POW MIA 9-11 ceremony. Remember we have our Bingo on Tues. and our Fish Fry on the second Fri of each month. Those two dates are important to us to help raise monies for our programs. So if you can please volunteer or come out and show your support. Watch the calendar for upcoming events. If you have any ideas on anything we would love to hear from you. Hope to see you at the TEA.

For Service not Self  
President  
Beth Burke

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## **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**After two months into our year, our membership is at 43% at our goal of 641. This is good news and we need to continue to renew our current members. Remember, paying early will get you an "Early Bird" dinner in November. Our goal is 100% depends on all of us renewing and recruiting ONE new member.**

**For God and Country  
Jim Swartz  
Sr. Vice Commander**

## **AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Attention Ladies Auxiliary Members:**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY RECENTLY MAILED OUT THE 2011 RENEWAL NOTICES.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, THE DUES STATEMENT IS INCORRECT! YOUR 2011 DUES INCREASED TO \$26.00 NOT \$22.00 AS STATED IN THE NOTICE. PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26.00 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "THE EARLY BIRD DINNER" SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2010.**

**"All for One and One for All". Membership is the life blood of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please help your Unit achieve our membership goals and together we can successfully accomplish the many programs and projects that serve our Veterans, their families and our community.**

**It is very important you let us know if you have moved or are planning to move so we can update our records. Without a good address all communication including the "Avondale Legionnaire" cannot be sent to you.**

**Questions or concerns regarding membership should be directed to Mary Hays, Membership Chairman.**

**For God and Country,  
Mary Hays, Sr. Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 61  
Membership Chairman**

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT

### **Hello from the Jr. Vice Commander**

First, I want to thank Mike Todd for all his hard work in the support of the members and the post, he has had to reluctantly pass those responsibilities to me while he vigorously works towards his personal goal of higher education. So the next time you see him please take a moment and thank him for his service and wish him the very best with his degreed endeavor. I recently joined the American Legion Post 61 after relocating to Arizona to be near family and to set down roots. After a very busy naval career and the numerous relocations that came with the job I hope to someday be known and respected as an Arizonian. When I was asked to assume the responsibilities as interim Junior Vice Commander I was somewhat reluctant however, I quickly remembered why I joined and that was to make friends and to get involved, and I can't think of a better way to do just that. Secondly, I want to let you all know that I will do my very best in the support of the post and its membership. I also would like to personally thank you all for your honorable service to this GREAT nation of ours, which you all gave and I mean ALL. As Vets there were times when we were uncertain where we were in the world, but one thing that was certain we were not alone. We all had comrades, family and friends that served right alongside us, without them we would not be where we are today. So I ask that you take a moment and remember that no matter if you are a Vet, Auxiliary or SAL to continue to respect and honor each other's service and the post which it represents. With that said there is one thing that is very concerning to me and that is the future health of Post 61 with participation and volunteerism, because without these two very important personal contributions there is NO post! I have spoken with many members and listened intently to stories of "how it used to be", and wondered to myself "why used to be"? Membership continues to grow, but we continue to struggle in these two areas that may eventually lead to its death. So I ask you all to remember "how it used to be" and please help me make Post 61 what is can and should be, a place of solitude, solidarity and most of all FUN. Lastly, I would like to personally thank everyone that has welcomed and helped me prepare for my new responsibilities. In closing I want to leave you with one last thought, E Pluribus Unum, "OUT OF MANY, ONE".

With Honor, Courage, Commitment  
Bill Mattingly  
Jr. Vice Commander (Interim)



## FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT



All Post members can help make this a successful year for the Post. The 2011 Post membership cards are \$ 30.00 and are available now. We still need help in various areas such as Children and Youth Programs. Anyone who would like to help by volunteering their time or by making cash donations would be greatly appreciated. Everyone needs to be aware of and help enforce our Smoking Rules at the Post. All members need to help with the conservation of Post utilities as all of the Post utility fees have and will be increasing in the future. The Hall can be leased out on a Saturday night for a reception, wedding or a birthday to any member or nonmember. See the Club Steward. The Post General Fund appreciates the financial help received from the Bingo Fund, the Club Fund and Hall lease fees for other Bingo games at the Post. Member donations would be appreciated in support of all American Legion Programs like Boys State, A.L.L.E.C.A., and American Legion Baseball. The Post as well as every member is continuing to have tough times with the economy but your support at the Legion Family social events is needed. Check our calendar.

For God and Country;  
Rick Dollahan  
Post 61 Finance Officer



## **BINGO CHAIRMAN REPORT**

Enjoy a Tuesday night at Post #61 Bingo with minimal cost, a visit to the food table, good times and possibly leave with more money in your pocket than you came in with. Anyone age 18 or over can play Bingo on any Tuesday. The games start at 6:45 PM so stop over around 6:00 PM and enjoy some of the refreshments and snacks supplied by the Auxiliary. Drop by any Tuesday and see Rick from 6:00 PM to 9:15 PM, see how our Bingo program is run and meet the Post #61 Family members currently working. Volunteer workers can be anyone who has current Post #61 membership in the Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. and is at least 18 years old. All that you need to do is work one Tuesday a month of your choice from 6:00 PM to 9:15 PM. The Bingo games are open to the public. Minimum amount to play Bingo is \$ 10.00 and for \$ 17.00 you can play all night (17 games) plus the Power Ball. The \$ 1,000.00 coverall game, two quickies and the Power Ball are offered every Tuesday night. We have increased several game prizes. The Bingo program supports many of the Post #61 activities and pays for several of the Post's expenses throughout the year.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ANY TUESDAY TO WORK - SEE RICK**

For God and Country;  
Rick Dollahan  
Post 61 Bingo Committee Chairman

## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The S.A.L. membership cards are still \$ 20.00 for the 2011 year and are available now. The 2010 cards will expire on December 31, 2010. The S.A.L. membership needs your help in making this a good year. We still need help from the S.A.L. members in Squadron #61 to assist in putting on our monthly dinner(s) which in turn will benefit our local Children and Youth Programs. The S.A.L. has a monthly meeting on the third Monday of every month, at 6:30 PM at Post #61. S.A.L. Commander, Steve Witting, invites all current Squadron #61 members to attend the meeting. We will have a varied menu for the following months so check with the Post for the current meals scheduled. On the 3rd Saturday of every month we will have a Steak Fry or similar type meal and on the 3rd Friday of every month we have a Fish Fry. We will have raffles later in the year. If you have a friend or know someone that may be eligible for membership have them fill out an S.A.L. application. If you have any questions, be sure to ask the Commander or myself at the Post.

S.A.L. Adjutant - Rick Dollahan





## Joke of the Quarter

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain.

"What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir," the student replied.

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do then?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"Hold on," said the captain. "Where are you getting all those anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

## Golden Legionnaires

**We're back from competing at the National Convention. If you haven't heard yet, we place second in the military class. The military class is the toughest of the three classes to compete in. We came in second by 1.5 points. We were ahead in all areas of competition except one. So we had to come home in second place. I'd like to thank Geri Bennett, Marvin Courtright and Bill Aragon for doing a great job in the competition; number two in the nation is pretty good. There are a hell of a lot of color guards in the American Legion and Post 61 is Number two. I thank all of those who helped us get to National. Your help and support meant everything to us. I just wish we could have brought home first place. We will be going into a Color Guard recruiting drive, if you are interested please give me a phone call. Any member of the American Legion family can be in the Color-Honor Guard.**

**For God and Country,  
Rick Ornelas,  
Post 61 Golden Legionnaires  
623-877-7346**

# Calendar of Events

## October 2010

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					<b>1</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (Post): 5:30 PM</a>	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Steak Fry ( Post): 5:30 PM</a>
<b>3</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Monday Night Football:</a> 5:00 PM  <a href="#">Auxiliary Exec. &amp; Regular Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>6</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Post Executive Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (Aux):</a> 5:30 PM	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Steak Fry ( Post):</a> 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Aux Tea Party:</a> 1:00 PM
<b>10</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Post General Membership Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM  <a href="#">Monday Night Football:</a> 5:00 PM	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>13</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (SAL):</a> 5:30 PM	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Dinner (SAL):</a> 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Aux Yard Sale:</a> 08:00 AM
<b>17</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM	<b>18</b> <a href="#">S.A.L. Meeting:</a> 7:00 PM  <a href="#">Monday Night Football:</a> 5:00 PM	<b>19</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>20</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (ALR):</a> 5:30 PM	<b>23</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (ALR):</a> 5:30 PM
<b>24</b> <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM  <a href="#">ALR Meeting:</a> 12:30 PM  <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Monday Night Football:</a> 5:00 PM	<b>26</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>27</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (Post):</a> 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Fall Conference:</a> 6:00 PM	<b>30</b> <a href="#">Fall Conference:</a> 6:00 PM  <a href="#">Halloween Party:</a> 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Steak Fry ( Post):</a> 5:30 PM
<b>31</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Fall Conference:</a> 6:00 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM						



## November 2010

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	<b>1</b> <a href="#">Monday Night Football</a> : 5:00 PM  <a href="#">Auxiliary Exec. &amp; Regular Meeting</a> : 6:00 PM	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>3</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Post Executive Meeting</a> : 6:00 PM	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (Post)</a> : 5:30 PM	<b>6</b> <a href="#">Steak Fry (Post)</a> : 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Wounded Warrior Project Golf Tournament</a> : 7:00 PM
<b>7</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast</a> : 10:00 AM	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Post General Membership Meeting</a> : 6:00 PM  <a href="#">Monday Night Football</a> : 5:00 PM	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>10</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Veterans Day</a> : 3:00 PM	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (Aux)</a> : 5:30 PM	<b>13</b> <a href="#">Steak Fry (Post)</a> : 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Nascar Day &amp; Open House</a> : 1:00 PM
<b>14</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast</a> : 10:00 AM	<b>15</b> <a href="#">S.A.L. Meeting</a> : 7:00 PM  <a href="#">Monday Night Football</a> : 5:00 PM	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>17</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner (SAL)</a> : 5:30 PM	<b>20</b> <a href="#">Early Bird Dinner</a> : 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Dinner (SAL)</a> : 5:30 PM
<b>21</b> <a href="#">K of C Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast</a> : 10:00 AM	<b>22</b> <a href="#">Monday Night Football</a> : 5:00 PM	<b>23</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>24</b> <a href="#">VFW Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Thanksgiving Day</a> : 1:00 PM	<b>26</b> No Dinner: 5:30 PM	<b>27</b> No Dinner: 5:30 PM
<b>28</b> <a href="#">ALR Meeting</a> : 12:30 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast</a> : 10:00 AM  <a href="#">K of C Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM	<b>29</b> <a href="#">Monday Night Football</a> : 5:00 PM	<b>30</b> <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo</a> : 6:45 PM				



## December 2010

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1 <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	2	3 <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner</a> <a href="#">(Post): 5:30 PM</a>	4 <a href="#">Steak Fry</a> <a href="#">( Post): 5:30 PM</a>
5 <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM  <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	6 <a href="#">Monday Night</a> <a href="#">Football:</a> 5:00 PM  <a href="#">Auxiliary Exec. &amp;</a> <a href="#">Regular Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM	7 <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo :</a> 6:45 PM	8 <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	9 <a href="#">Post Executive</a> <a href="#">Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM	10 <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner</a> <a href="#">(Aux): 5:30 PM</a>	11 <a href="#">Ladies Aux</a> <a href="#">Children's</a> <a href="#">Christmas Party:</a> 1:00 PM  <a href="#">Steak Fry</a> <a href="#">( Post): 5:30 PM</a>
12 <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM  <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	13 <a href="#">Monday Night</a> <a href="#">Football:</a> 5:00 PM  <a href="#">Post General</a> <a href="#">Membership</a> <a href="#">Meeting:</a> 6:00 PM	14 <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	15 <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	16	17 <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner</a> <a href="#">(SAL): 5:30 PM</a>	18 <a href="#">Dinner (SAL) Pig</a> <a href="#">Roast:</a> 5:30 PM
19 <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM	20 <a href="#">S.A.L. Meeting:</a> 7:00 PM  <a href="#">Monday Night</a> <a href="#">Football:</a> 5:00 PM	21 <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	22 <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	23	24 <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner</a> <a href="#">(ALR): 5:30 PM</a>	25 <a href="#">Christmas Day:</a> 10:00 AM
26 <a href="#">ALR Meeting:</a> 12:30 PM  <a href="#">K of C Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM  <a href="#">Post Breakfast:</a> 10:00 AM	27 <a href="#">Monday Night</a> <a href="#">Football:</a> 5:00 PM	28 <a href="#">Post 61 Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	29 <a href="#">VFW Bingo:</a> 6:45 PM	30	31 <a href="#">New Year's Eve</a> <a href="#">Food &amp; Music:</a> 5:30 PM  <a href="#">Fish Fry Dinner</a> <a href="#">(Post): 5:30 PM</a>	







## Post Officers

**Commander:** Bill Creel

**Sr. Vice - Commander:** Jim Swartz

**Jr. Vice - Commander:** TBA

**Finance Officer:** Rick Dollahan

**Adjutant:** Mike Apodaca

**Service Officer:** Don Fortner

**Chaplain:** Don Fortner

**Sgt. at Arms:** Marvin Courtright

**Executive Committee:**

Dan Moulton

Tony Bruno

Dan Palmer

**Past Commander:** Jim Burke



## Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Elizabeth Burke

**Vice - President:** Mary Hays

**Secretary:** Angel Gnauden

**Treasurer:** Sherry Hall

**Chaplain:** Martha Bork

**Historian:** Awanda Gaines

**Srg. at Arms:** Debbie Witting

**Executive Committee:**

Joanne Creel

Amy Boblet

Sylvia Evans

**Past President:** Gino Gnauden





### S.A.L. Officers

**Commander:** Steve Witting  
**Sr. Vice - Commander:** Mike Apodaca  
**Jr. Vice - Commander:** Kyle Witting  
**Adjutant:** Rick Dollahan  
**Finance Officer:** Mike Capuano  
**Chaplain:** Jason Bowan  
**Sgt. at Arms:** Marvin Courtright  
**Past Commander:** Chris Boblet



### Legion Rider Officers

**Director:** Robert Parrish  
**Asst. Director:** Mike Apodaca  
**Treasurer:** Amy Boblet  
**Secretary:** Rita Apodaca  
**Chaplain:** Connie Parrish  
**Adjutant:** Jim Burke  
**Sgt. at Arms:** TBA

### New Members and Transfers

#### Post (New):

#### Post (Transfers):

#### Auxiliary (New):

Connie J. Palmer  
Tanya Marmon  
Gloria Rodriguez  
Cynthia E Toney  
Khristal J. Witting

#### Auxiliary (Transfers):

Caroline Milbyer-Gonzales  
Karen A Fitzgerald  
Brenda G. Hartman

#### S.A.L. (New):

Adam Moore  
David Ornelas  
Ernest Parpart III

#### S.A.L. (Transfers):