



## POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

It is my best hope that everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and all are looking forward to a better American Legion new year.

A big thanks goes to Jim and Helen Swartz for another wonderful Thanksgiving dinner of "feeding the troops" and everyone else who visited our post. They were backed up by Skip Hicks and Mike Hildebrand, along with the Blue Star Mothers, the Fed ex folks and many other volunteers smoking all those turkeys. This was a very successful day as we cooked 42 turkeys and fed approximately 500 people. Thank you again to Jim and Helen and their "helpers" for another wonderful Thanksgiving Day dinner for our members to enjoy.

Jon Gile, our Junior Vice, has kept the entertainment and food rolling along. Many of you may have ideas for entertainment. As it is difficult to satisfy all members, input is greatly appreciated. If you have an idea, please feel free to drop Jon a note at the bar with any thoughts you may have.

The Auxiliary, SAL and ALR are doing a phenomenal job with the "Bar Bingo" and other special event days. The American Legion Family Honor Guard is planning a flag disposal on January 25, 2014. Please take a moment to stop by and witness the proper disposal of our flags. The Post, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR will dispose one flag for each group in remembrance of those who have served our country.

As always, we have a lot of work to do at the Post. A Post does not run by itself. Volunteers are needed for special functions. The building maintenance "work days" always need a hand. The projects and programs of the American Legion and our Post always needs member support. This is our Post and it is up to us to come together to help where it is needed. Take pride in your Post by donating a few hours of your time. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder, Life Membership nomination letters need to be turned in by January 31, 2014. When turning in your nominations, put them in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of the Commander.

For God and Country, yours in service

Bob Hall, Commander

## FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT



The 2014 Post membership cards are available for \$30.00 and can be renewed by mail, online at [legion.org](http://legion.org), or at the Post. **Your 2013 membership cards are no longer valid as of 01/01/2014.**

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.

We need help with more fund raising ideas and activities to support the Post.

Pull Tab sales in the Club Room are doing well. Pull Tabs can only be purchased or redeemed by individuals that are 21 years old or older.

The Hall can be leased out on a Saturday night or anytime the Hall is available for a reception, wedding or a birthday to any member or nonmember. See the Club Steward, Steve, for info.

The Post General Fund appreciates the financial help received from the Bingo Fund, the Club Fund, the Gaming Fund and Hall lease fees. 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.

Check our calendar or information screens at the Post, Post web page ([alpost61.org](http://alpost61.org)) or info at the Post.

Finance Officer - Rick Dollahan

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT

**Hello from the Jr. Vice Commander**



Frank's Kitchen is doing well and on track.

Football season is ending with 2/2/14 being Super bowl Sunday. There will be **NO** Football Food on Monday's in this quarter. Please see the other nights for Frank's Kitchen and make a weekly visit for someone else to cook for you!

The Thanksgiving meal was a success again this year. THANKS JIM & HELEN SWARTZ it wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did without your expertise. The homeless & needy really appreciate this meal. Last year was the largest crowd (600 plus) we have had yet, and we had just enough food. There were not many leftovers. Our community will be counting on your generosity & donations again next year. Remember it's for the homeless, the vets, or anyone else that would like to join us.

The entire first quarter we will have live entertainment on Friday & Saturday nights DJ, Band, Karaoke or something (LIVE). Come join us, check out our calendar, and get signed up for the weekly email at [azfuzzball@aol.com](mailto:azfuzzball@aol.com). We count on you. Thank You in Advance for your generosity!!!

Make it a Happy New Year with your Legion Family.

**Jon Gile**  
**Junior Vice**

**You are invited!!!!**

**Annual Auxiliary Membership Luncheon  
and Initiation of new members.**

**Where:** American Legion Post 61  
35 North Dysart Road Avondale AZ

**When:** Saturday, January 18th, 2014

Starting at noon

Come join us for "free" food, fun and games.  
Raffles available.

All paid 2014 Auxiliary members are invited to  
attend.

PMP Gino Gnauden

Membership Luncheon Chairman



**! YES IT'S NEW-GET THE 411!**

**! EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!**

Get updates re: what's happening at the Post. Please forward your email address to [azfuzzball@aol.com](mailto:azfuzzball@aol.com) and request to be put on the weekly Post 61 email list.

**The Post & Auxiliary Four Chaplains Ceremony is 2/9/14 at NOON at the Post!!!!**

**Congratulations to Ron Albrand as the new Sr. Vice!!!**

**Jim and Helen Swartz want to Thank all of you that helped out and donated for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Dinners!!!**

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Brothers and Sisters,

"Coming together is the beginning. Staying together is progress. Working together is success."

Happy New Year!! I do hope all had a happy and joyous holiday season!!! Our second quarter of the year was a busy one!!! Kudos to all of our Unit members that participated so far this year!! Could not do it without you ladies!!!

Bar bingo has been a great success!! Come on down, Thursday nights at 6:30PM!!! Lots of fun, laughs and you might win some money!! You can't win, if you don't play!!!

Another fundraiser we have started is selling cigars at the bar, \$3.00 for a nice, mellow smoke.

Our annual tea party in October was a great success, all proceeds going to the children and youth programs!! November 11th, myself, along with other Legion family members participated in the

Veteran's Day gala at the Civic Center. December 14th was our annual Children's Christmas party. A

big thank you to all that helped with the Angel Tree project, helping spread Christmas cheer to seniors

that have no family!!! Other projects in December, homemade scarves and hats were donated to us

and I delivered to Madison Street Veterans Association, for the homeless veterans. Slipper socks,

scarves, hats and toiletries were donated by our Unit and members for New Life Shelter. The Auxiliary

is also selling "61 AZ" pins; all profits will go towards homeless veterans. They are available at the bar

for \$3.00!!!

We had three fantastic yard sales; next sale will be the first Saturday of March, April and May.

Other upcoming events, you ask??? All are welcome to come to the District 11 meeting on January 12

at 2 pm. January 18th will be the annual membership luncheon (look for article in this newsletter!!),

February 14th, the ladies auxiliary will host a Valentine's party at the Post and we will raffle off the patio

set. Come on down to the Post and find out what is happening!!!!

**For Service, Not Self,**

**Angel Gnauden**

**Crandall-Palmer American Legion**

**Unit 61 President**

## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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**Coming together is the beginning. Staying together is progress. Working together is success:**

Well done ladies. The New Year 2014 membership has started off with a bang. Now that the holidays are over we can concentrate on bringing new members into our unit. Dues are \$26.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for Juniors. Ladies bring your daughters and granddaughters. Dues can be mailed or dropped off at the post.

Reminder that the monthly auxiliary meeting is the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there. We have many exciting projects and activities planned and are sure you would enjoy being a participant.

**REMINDER:** It is very important you let us know if you have moved or planning on moving so we can keep our records up to date.

You can drop off information at the Post. Please put attention: Janette B on the envelope or email me a [bryantjanette@yahoo.com](mailto:bryantjanette@yahoo.com). In subject, please have UNIT 61 in large print.

For Service not self.

Janette Bryant, Secretary/Membership Chairman, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 61.

# BINGO

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The S.A.L. membership cards are \$ 20.00 for the 2014 year and can be renewed by mail or at the Post. Your 2013 S.A.L. membership card is no longer valid as of 01/01/2014.

We still need help from the S.A.L. members in Squadron #61 to assist in putting on various fund raisers and certain 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. The S.A.L. Commander, Kyle Witting, invites all current Squadron #61 members to attend the meeting and help the S.A.L.

The Pizzas available in the Clubroom are a money maker for the S.A.L. 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 S.A.L. Commander or Adjutant at the Post.

Check our calendar or information screens at the Post, Post Web page ([alpost61.org](http://alpost61.org)) or info at the Post.

S.A.L. Adjutant - Rick Dollahan



### Special Notice

Advertise in our Newsletter or on our website. Spread the word to our members and Businesses in our area.

Business Card size----\$50.00

Quarter page size----\$100.00

Half page size----\$150.00

Full page size----\$250.00

These fees are for Yearly Advertising. We also can post specials from your business on the website for a small fee also.

Contact Jim Burke 623-512-9294

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# Calendar of Events

## January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>NEED NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD OR RECEIPT FOR CLUB ROOM PRIVILEGES</b>	1 Recovery Room 10-2 then Football Food Brunch Menu+ Black Eyed Peas Collard Greens Manudo	2 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30PM	3 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	4 Steak Fry Birthdays Frank's Kitchen 5:30-Op7:30pm DJ Kyle & Trish
5 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	6 Aux E-Board Meeting 6:00pm Aux General 7:00pm	7 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	8 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	9 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Post E board Mtg 5:00PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	10 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	11 Pork Roast & Sides 5:30-7:30PM Sponsored by AUX SKE Karaoke
12 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm  District 11 Meeting 2:00PM	13 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	14 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	15 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	16 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm ALR Meeting 6:00pm	17 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	18 Steak Fry Frank's Kitchen 5:30pm- 7:30pm Live Band Street Legal AUX Pat Howard Luncheon 12PM
19 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	20 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	22 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	23 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm	24 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	25 Beef Tip & Noodle Live Band Edge Rock Flag Disposal Ceremony @ Dark
26 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	27	28 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	29 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	30 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm	31 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	





# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Steak Fry Birthdays 5:30-7:30PM Live Band Pat Roberts & the Haymakers
2 <b>NO</b> K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm Super Bowl Party	3 AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	4 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	5 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	6 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:00pm Post E-Board Meeting 5:00pm	7 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	8 ALR Chili Cook Off 5:30-7:30PM Live Band Lil Debbie Band
9 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm Four Chaplains Ceremony 12PM	10 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	11 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	12 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	13 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:00pm	14 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm <b>Valentine's Day</b> by AUX Raffle Patio Set SKE Karaoke	15 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30PM Music by DJ Kyle/Trish Party Lite Candle Party 2-4PM
16 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	17 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	19 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	20 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:00pm ALR Mtg 6:00PM	21 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	22 Chicken Fajitas 5:30-7:30PM Live Band Street Legal
23 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	24	25 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	26 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	27 Frank's Kitchen 3:30-7:30PM Bar Bingo 6:00pm	28 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	<b>FYI</b> <b>YARD SALE</b> <b>First Saturday In</b> <b>March</b> <b>April</b> <b>May</b>





# March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>YARD SALE</b> <b>First Saturday In</b> <b>March</b> <b>April</b> <b>May</b>	<b>NASCAR</b> <b>Weekend</b>	1 Steak Fry/B-day 5:30-7:30PM Live Band Screaming Javalina's ALR Shoot N Ride Yard Sale 8AM
2 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	3 AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	4 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	5 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	6 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm E Board Mtg 5:00PM	7 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	8 Baked Lasagna 5:30-7:30PM Sponsored by AUX Live Music by Pat Roberts and the Haymakers
9 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	10 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	11 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	12 VFW Bingo 6:45pm Planning Meeting 4:30PM	13 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm	14 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	15 Steak Fry 5:30pm- 7:30pm Live Band: Tommy Fontaine Bob Hall Retirement Roast
16 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	17 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Day	18 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	19 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	20 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm ALR Mtg 6:00PM Bar Bingo 6:30pm	21 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	22 Meatloaf Music by DJ Kyle/Trish Matt Dennison Memorial Ride
23 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	24	25 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	26 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	27 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm	28 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm SKE Karaoke	29 SAL Casino Night Pulled Pork By SAL 5:30-7:30PM
30 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	31					<b>YARD SALE</b> <b>First Saturday In</b> <b>March</b> <b>April</b> <b>May</b>



## Post Officers

**Commander:** Bob Hall

**Sr. Vice - Commander:** Ron Albrand

**Jr. Vice - Commander:** Jon Gile

**Finance Officer:** Rick Dollahan

**Adjutant:** Mikal Hildebrand

**Service Officer:** Don Fortner

**Chaplain:** Don Fortner

**Sgt. at Arms:** Marvin Courtright

**Executive Committee:**

Bob Austin

Mikal Hildebrand

Glenn Cumberledge

Rick Marino

**Past Commander:** Ron Albrand



## Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Angel Gnauden

**Vice - President:** Vicki Hicks

**Secretary:** Janette Bryant

**Treasurer:** Char Broadbent

**Chaplain:** Gino Gnauden

**Historian:** Amy Boblet

**Sgt. at Arms:** Debbie Witting

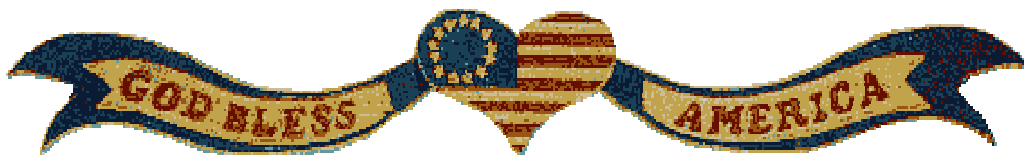
**Executive Committee:**

Tina Ganados

Catherine "Cat" Stinson

Jennifer Henrich

**Past President:** Mary Hays





### S.A.L. Officers

- Commander:** Kyle Witting
- Sr. Vice - Commander:** Damon Taylor
- Jr. Vice - Commander:** Steve Witting
- Adjutant:** Rick Dollahan
- Finance Officer:** Jon Gile
- Chaplain:** Scott Lundmark
- Sgt. at Arms:** Jacob Byassee
- Past Commander:** Steve Witting



### Legion Rider Officers

- Director:** Barbara Gile "Barbwire"
- Asst. Director:** Jim Burke "Cruiser"
- Treasurer:** Jon Gile "Wadster"
- Secretary:** Liesl Roeder "Tigger"
- Run Coordinator:** Bob Austin "Bobster"
- Sgt. at Arms:** Mike Nesselrode "G Dog"
- Chaplain:** Don Schoonover "DJ"
- Historian:** Jonna Gile "Little O"

### New Members and Transfers

#### **Auxiliary (New):**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Ashley Post
- Marcy Nelson
- Dolores Gonzales
- Manuela Alvarez
- Christine Tabor
- Laura Levens
- Sandra Boldt
- Carrie Gentry
- Jennifer Vassily
- Kathleen Keaveny
- Patti Johnson
- Laura LaPour
- JUNIORS: Piper Henrich

#### **Aux. (Transfer)**

TRANSFER/REJOIN:

- Marlene Anderson
- Melane Eitenmiller
- Hope Parrish
- Rebecca Thorsen

#### **SAL (New)**

- Tyler Cathcart
- Ben Stinson

TRANSFERS:  
George Gray