



## POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

The newly elected officers are holding down their positions well. Our Adjutant is given a good tally of numbers for our new membership, renewing members and transfers. We're not at the best position we've been in, in the past for membership – but we're looking good.

We had storm damage to the roof on the back hall earlier this year, and I am very pleased that through a roofer from Post 1, we have an entire new roof for the complete main structure of the building. When all was said and done, we came out better for the funds from the insurance company. Looking forward, there are plans for having all our bathrooms renovated – for free, compliments of *Home Depot*.

Our Junior Vice Commander is doing good stuff to make your visit with us different and exciting. There are October Fest specials planned for October, please see the calendar. We will be having a streak fry New Years Eve, from 4PM to 8PM. We will close the Post at 9PM – anyone present at the closing, will be provided a glass of Champaign to toast the New Year. We will Open New Years Day at 8AM, with a brunch buffet by *Frank's Kitchen* to include Manudo, Black Eyed Peas, greens and corn bread for those that know, that's how to start the New Year. Tickets will be available at the Post bar – Early Birds with a buffet ticket will have their first drink “on the Post”. We will Have 10 screens of NFL package football for our fans to enjoy.

My vision of an “All Family American Legion Honor Guard” will have its debut November 11 at the Avondale Veterans Park near the City Hall. I believe this to be a first for this type of Honor Guard, by the American Legion, anywhere in the United States. The Post, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR are all a part of this Honor Guard. Come out and support their efforts to make us proud and to “put our Post on the map”. There are more good things coming to make our Post an enjoyable place to visit... I'll share more with you in the next newsletter.

**For God and Country,  
Yours in Service,  
Bob Hall**

**PS: General Membership meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6PM. I hope you have the time to be there for YOUR Post.**

## 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 only good thru December 31, 2013.

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 fundraising 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 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. Check our calendar on 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. We have Football plus NASCAR specials going on during these events, along with the food from the kitchen, there will be wings and things for football season, and caution lap drink specials.

We need monetary, turkey, yams, green beans, dressing, cream of mushroom soup, and chicken broth donations to make the Thanksgiving meal a success again this year. The homeless really appreciate this meal. Last year was the largest crowd we have had yet, and we had just enough food. There were no leftovers. Your community will be counting on your generous donations. Remember it's for the homeless, the vets, or anyone else that would like to join us. Come one come all!

Christmas Day will be the same as Thanksgiving Day so need donations for both holidays. In addition to monetary donations, turkeys and other food items we will also need ham donations for the Christmas holiday.

Put your \$ donation in an envelope and mark it for Turkey/Christmas Day and address it to the Junior Vice, or give your food items to the bartender.

Come join us, check out our calendar, and get signed up for the weekly email. We count on you. Thank You in Advance for your generous donations!!!

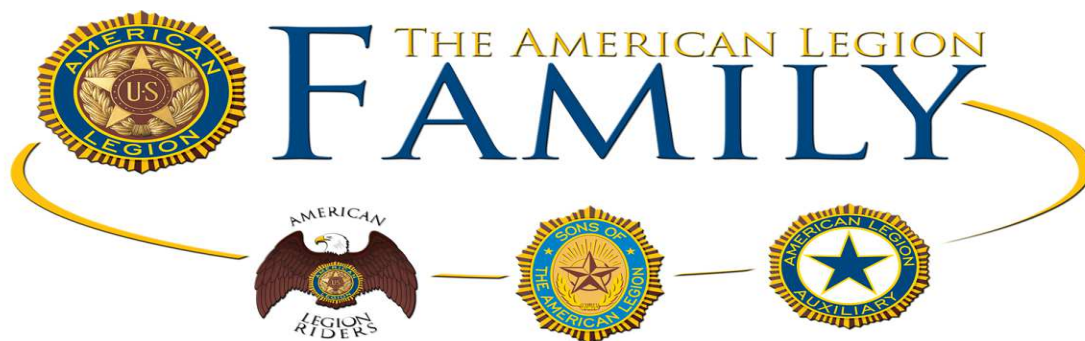
Make it a Happy Day with your Legion Family,

**Jon Gile  
Junior Vice**

Cool Weather is on the way!

This is why we love Arizona!!

HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY!



## American Legion Family Honor Guard

Volunteers needed for the **NEW** family honor guard which consists of Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion Riders. Be a part of the family. Get involved. See Marvin Courtright to sign up.

**!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.

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Brothers and Sisters,

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

Happy Autumn to y'all!!! Our first quarter of the year was a dandy! Your ladies Auxiliary donated \$250.00 to the Hot Shot firefighter's fund. With a great amount of help from Legion Riders and other legion members, 30 backpacks stuffed with school supplies were donated to New Life Center. Starting July 25, the ladies are hosting Bar Bingo on Thursday nights, starting at 6:30. Come down, watch some football, get a bite to eat from Frank's kitchen and play some bar bingo!!! It's easy, it's fun and it helps support our veteran programs!!!

The Next quarter is an even busier one!!! October 12th is our annual Tea Party, which starts at noon. If you don't have a ticket yet, ask any of the Auxiliary officers, we will get you one!! Only \$10 for tea, food and fellowship....and did I mention the auction??? All proceeds benefit our annual Children's Christmas party!

November 11, I, along with other Legion family members will be participating in the Veteran's Day gala at the Civic Center. December 14th is our annual Children's Christmas party, and that evening, the Auxiliary will be hosting a "Pajama Party" in the clubroom!!! Raffles, food & fun.....and perhaps a pajama contest!!!

Of course, there are all the holiday events at the Post.....check the website or just come on down to the Post and find out what is happening!!!!

The Auxiliary is selling "61 AZ" pins; all profits will go towards homeless veterans. They are available at the bar for only \$3.00!!!

If you would like to get involved in anyway, or have any questions or concerns, please email me at [angelg.unit61@yahoo.com](mailto:angelg.unit61@yahoo.com).

**For God and Country,  
Angel Gnauden  
Unit 61 President**

## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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

Well, here we are well into the year for membership. You should be receiving your renewal notices any day. We are striving for a fifty five (55) percent Early Bird Membership by October 11, 2013. You do not need to wait for your notice to pay your dues. Dues are \$26.00 and can be mailed to or dropped off at the post.

Don't forget - if you pay by Veterans Day, November 11th, you will get an "Early Bird" stamp on your card and receive a free meal at the Early Bird dinner in November.

A 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.**

## 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 will not be valid after December 31, 2013. 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**



## **BINGO CHAIRMAN REPORT**

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

Enjoy a Tuesday night at Post #61 Bingo with minimal cost, a visit to the food table and good times. Anyone age 18 or over can play Bingo on any Tuesday. We have changed our game schedule and increased several game prizes. 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 are 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 progressive coverall game, two quickies and the Power Ball are offered every Tuesday night. The Bingo program supports many of the Post #61 activities and helps pay for several children and youth projects throughout the year. Pull Tabs are now available at the Post and do not conflict with our Bingo Games. Bar Bingo for American Legion Family Members that are 18 or older started mid July on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Club Room.

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

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# Calendar of Events

## October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Octoberfest Beer &amp; Food Specials This Month!</b>		1 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	2 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	3 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30PM	4 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm	5 Steak Fry Birthdays Frank's Kitchen 5:30-8:00pm Live Band
6 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	7 Frank's Kitchen 3:30-7:30PM Aux Exec Meeting 6:00pm Aux General 7:00pm	8 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	9 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	10 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Post E board Mtg 5:00PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	11 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm	12 Grandma's Old Fashioned Chicken N Noodles Cooked by Post 5:30PM-8:00PM DJ Kyle/Trish AUX Tea Party 12PM
13 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	14 Frank's Kitchen 3:30-7:30PM Post Exec & General Membership Meeting 6:00pm General 7pm	15 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	16 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	17 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm ALR Meeting 6:00pm	18 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm	19 Steak Fry Frank's Kitchen 5:30pm- 8:00pm Music
20 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	21 Frank's Kitchen 3:30-7:30PM Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	23 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	24 Frank's Kitchen 3:30pm-7:30pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm	25 Fish Fry Frank's Kitchen 4:00pm-8:00pm	26 Meatloaf Frank's Kitchen 5:30-8:00PM Music
27 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Frank's Kitchen Brunch 10:00am-3:00pm	28 Frank's Kitchen 3:30-7:30PM	29 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	30	31		



# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>2 Baked Chicken</b> <b>Open House</b> <b>Weekend</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>5:30pm-7:30pm</b>
<b>3</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>4</b> <b>AUX</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>E-Board 6:00pm</b> <b>Regular 7:00pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30-7:30pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>6</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Post E-Board</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b> <b>Fall Conference</b> <b>Tucson</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Steak Fry</b> <b>Open House</b> <b>Weekend-Nascar</b> <b>Music</b> <b>Fall Conference</b> <b>Tucson</b>
<b>10</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b> <b>Fall Conference</b> <b>Tucson</b>	<b>11</b> Post General <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30-7:30pm</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Civic Center</b> <b>10-2PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Early Bird Dinner</b> <b>5:30PM-7:30PM</b> <b>Music</b>
<b>17</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>SAL Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30-7:30pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>20</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>21</b> Frank's Kitchen <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>ALR Mtg</b> <b>6:00PM</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Turkey Bingo</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Mexican Night</b> <b>AUX Night</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>Jukebox</b>
<b>24</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30-7:30pm</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Meal</b> <b>11-2PM</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Teriyaki Chicken</b> <b>SAL Night</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>Jukebox</b>





# December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>2</b> <b>AUX</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>E-Board 6:00pm</b> <b>Regular 7:00pm</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30pm-7:30pm</b> <b>E Board Mtg</b> <b>5:00PM</b> <b>Bar Bingo 6:30PM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Steak Fry</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>Music</b>
<b>8</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Post</b> <b>General</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>11</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30pm-7:30pm</b> <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Salisbury Steak</b> <b>AUX</b> <b>PJ Party</b> <b>Jukebox</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>Aux Children's XMAS</b> <b>Party 12PM</b>
<b>15</b> <b>K of C Bingo</b> <b>6:45pm</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>SAL Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Post 61</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>VFW</b> <b>Bingo 6:45pm</b> <b>Planning</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>4:30pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30pm-7:30pm</b> <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>ALR Mtg</b> <b>6:00PM</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Steak Fry</b> <b>5:30pm- 7:30pm</b> <b>Music</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Meal</b> <b>11-2PM</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>3:30pm-7:30pm</b>  <b>Bar Bingo</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>4:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Soup Night</b> <b>ALR</b> <b>5:30-7:30pm</b> <b>Jukebox</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Frank's Kitchen</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Steak Fry</b> <b>4-8:00PM</b> <b>Close by 9PM</b> <b>8PM Champagne</b> <b>Toast</b> <b>Jukebox</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Recovery Room</b> <b>10-2 then Football</b> <b>Food</b> <b>Brunch Menu+</b> <b>Black Eyed Peas</b> <b>Collard Greens</b> <b>Manudo</b>			



## Post Officers

**Commander:** Bob Hall

**Sr. Vice - Commander:** T Williams

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

**Finance Officer:** Rick Dollahan

**Adjutant:** Mikal Hilderbrand

**Service Officer:** Don Fortner

**Chaplain:** Don Fortner

**Sgt. at Arms:** Marvin Courtright

**Executive Committee:**

Bob Austin

Mike Hilderbrand

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

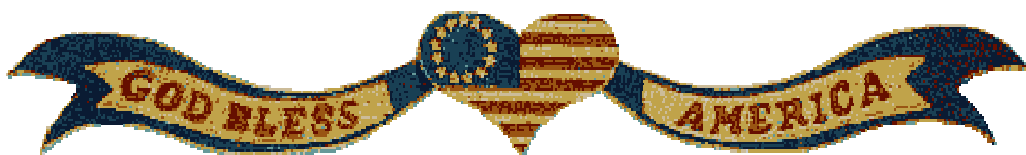
**Executive Committee:**

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

### 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

JUNIORS:

- Piper Henrich

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

TRANSFER/REJOIN:  
Marlene Anderson

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

- Franklin Cochran
- Nichloas DeLa Gazza
- Jeremy Murphy
- Luke Nelson
- Hank Towers
- Chris Tyler
- Marty Hartmann
- James Taylor