



POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

As incoming Commander I would first like to thank all the outgoing officers for their efforts, support, sacrifices and management of all Post 61 activities over the year. It was a tough year for them but their dedication and untiring efforts are truly appreciated. I would like to congratulate all the new officers elected to Post positions and thank those that remained on. We are gearing up to make this year as good if not better than any before, we are setting our goals and discussing priorities for our path forward. The team is raring to go and looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming year and making this a fun year for all. Lastly, I would like to congratulate all the elected and appointed officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and SAL and thank them for their support of American Legion Post 61 by participating in our recent installation ceremonies. In my 24 years as a member of the Post I cannot remember all of us doing the installation of officers together, a giant step in showing our commitment to unity, thank you all.

Ron Albrand
 Commander
 For God and Country

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Thank you to the Unit members that worked very hard this last year to make 2010-2011 a very successful year for our Auxiliary. Most importantly, thank you to President Beth Burke for your service as Unit President for the last two years. Your commitment to service above self has helped the unit to achieve the results we have accomplished over these last two years. We are also very pleased to announce that your unit membership has grown this year with more than 30 new members joining the Auxiliary. As your new incoming Auxiliary President, I am excited about this upcoming year of 2011-2012. Our first meeting of the New Year will be August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The auxiliary programs of the American Legion directly benefit our veterans, their families and the children of our community. "Together We Can Accomplish More" therefore you are personally invited to get involved with this fantastic TEAM of auxiliary members. Great events are planned for the first quarter of the New Year so please refer to the calendar included with this newsletter. Don't miss the fun and fellowship that your post family has planned in the next few months.

"For Service not Self"
 Mary Hays
 President

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

This is a new membership year. Convention is over and the new 2012 cards are available. Remember to renew early and you will be eligible for the early bird dinner in November.

**For God and Country
Mike Apodaca
Sr. Vice Commander**

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention Ladies Auxiliary Members:

“Keep our Auxiliary strong through Membership”. Thank you to all members who help in achieving positive results for 2010-2011. Our goal was 100% and although we did not meet that goal our Auxiliary, Unit 61 is proud to share that we did achieve close to 90%. If you have not yet sent your 2010-2011 dues into the Auxiliary please do so as soon as possible. The really good news to report in this newsletter is that our State of Arizona Ladies Auxiliary is 2nd in the Western Division of National Auxiliary “Great Job Ladies”. We just completed the Dept of Arizona Convention. We will begin another year of membership goals. Please remember, our goals this year and the years to come will be as a TEAM, together everyone accomplishes more! Once again we are very proud of our successful membership drive this year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF UNIT 61. 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. Please contact President Beth Burke (623-512-9581) if you need to update your membership information.

All other questions or concerns regarding membership should be directed to Mary Hays, Membership Chairman.

For Service not Self,

Angel Gnauden, Membership Chairman, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 61

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Hello from the Jr. Vice Commander

I hope everyone is enjoying the food and events at Post 61. Please check your Newsletter Calendar for upcoming events. To succeed with our events we need members to Volunteer. I want to thank the members that have stepped up to the plate to make our dinners a success. But we still need help of others. We don't want to burn out the current help.

Please feel free to bring any new ideas to the club room. We have some open nights on the weekends and I'd like to get some suggestions on some meals. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

**For God & Country
Joe Byassee Jr.
Jr. Vice Commander**



Special Notice

Remember! Legion , Auxiliary, SAL , ALR , and Auxiliary Jr's Make up" The Legion Family"
We are the Pillars that make up this great organization...

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT



A new business year is starting with new officers taking their positions. This will be a challenging year with budget crunches and projects to be completed. We have started Pull Tab sales with a vending machine in the Club Room. Pull Tabs can only be purchased or redeemed by individuals that are 21 years old or older. The 2012 Post membership cards are \$ 30.00 and can be renewed by mail or at the Post after July 1st. Anyone who would like to help by volunteering their time or by making cash donations to Children and Youth programs 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

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, 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 memberships 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. Pull Tabs are now available at the Post and do not conflict with our Bingo Program.

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

New officers are now in place and hopefully we will have a good year. The S.A.L. membership cards are still \$ 20.00 for the 2012 year and can be renewed by mail or at the Post after July 1st.

The S.A.L. membership needs your help in making this a good year. A big flat screen TV will be raffled off soon and tickets are still available to buy. 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

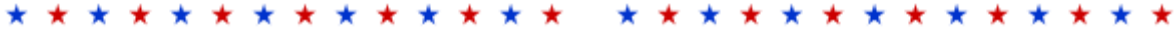
Post #61. S.A.L. Commander, Kyle Witting, invites all current Squadron #61 members to attend the meeting. We will have a varied menu for the following months so check with the Post for the current meals scheduled. On the 3rd Saturday of every

month we will have a Steak Fry or similar type meal. 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 me at the Post.

S.A.L. Adjutant - Rick Dollahan





Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Membership

- April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I)
- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon / Grenada)
- Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
- Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War / War On Terrorism)

From the Past Commander

I would like to thank Post 61 Legion Family that has made my tenure as your Commander an “interesting” experience. Thank You to the Executive Board for their hard work to “right the slip”. With the help of many Volunteers and the participation of the members we have set the stage for the next year.

I thank Lee & Mary Hays for spearheading a very successful senior luncheon. I thank Skip Hicks for standing in for me at the Flag Disposal Ceremony. Also a big thanks to the ALR for making sure that all the flags were disposed of correctly. I thank Marvin and the Color Guard for their great participation ie: Flag Disposal, Memorial Day Funerals and representing Post 61.

As we move into a new year with new officers and board members, I say
“Thank You”

For God and Country;
Jim Swartz
Past Commander Post 61

Calendar of Events

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	2 Dark for Dinner
3 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	4 4 th of July (Post) Hamburgers, Hot Dog, sides by Aux. & SAL 12-4pm	5 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	6 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	7 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	8 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	9 Dark for Dinner
10 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	11 Post General Meeting 6:00pm	12 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	13 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	14	15 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm 40/8 Convention Begins	16 Steak Fry (Post) 5:30 pm 40/8 Convention Music
17 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post & 40/8 Breakfast 7-10am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	18 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	20 VFW Bingo 6:45pm Annual Senior Luncheon 12:00 noon	21	22 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	23 Dinner(ALR) 5:30pm Music
24 K of C Bingo 6:45pm	25	26 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	27 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	28	29 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	30 Dark for Dinner Aux. Taco's 1-4pm Music
31 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am						



August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AML AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	2 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	3 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	4 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	5 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	6 Dinner (Post) 5:30pm
7 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	8 Post General Meeting 6:00pm	9 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	10 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	11	12 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	13 Dark for Dinner
14 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	15 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	17 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	18	19 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	20 Post Birthday Event Member Appreciation night Prime Rib dinner Band
21 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	22	23 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	24 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	25	26 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	27 Dark for Dinner
28 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	29	30 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	31 VFW Bingo 6:45pm			



September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	3 Dinner (SAL) Pig Roast Band Auction for new TV 5:30pm
4 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	5 Labor Day Event Post Hamburgers Hot Dogs, sides by Aux. 1-4pm Music	6 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	7 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	8 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	9 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	10 (ALR) Afternoon Event Music
11 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9-11 am 9-11 remembrance & POW/MIA Ceremony 2:00pm With food to follow until 5pm ---	12 Post General Meeting 6:00pm	13 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	14 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	15	16 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	17 Dinner (SAL) 5:30pm
18 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	19 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	21 VFW Bingo 6:45pm		23 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	24 Dark for Dinner
25 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	26	27 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	28 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	29	30	



Post Officers

Commander: Ron Albrand

Sr. Vice - Commander: Mike Apodaca

Jr. Vice - Commander: Joe Byassee Jr.

Finance Officer: Rick Dollahan

Adjutant: Jim Burke

Service Officer: Don Fortner

Chaplain: Don Fortner

Sgt. at Arms: Marvin Courtright

Executive Committee:

Bob Hall

Mike Hildabrant

Skip Hicks

Randy Randolph

Past Commander: Jim Swartz



Auxiliary Officers

President: Mary Hays

Vice - President: Sherry Hall

Secretary: Angel Gnauden

Treasurer: Char Broadbent

Chaplain: Janet Fortner

Historian: Julie Bee

Sgt. at Arms: Debbie Witting

Executive Committee:

Awanda Gaines

Amy Boblet

Martha Bork

Past President: Beth Burke





S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Kyle Witting
Sr. Vice - Commander: Tim Tolman
Jr. Vice - Commander: Steve Witting
Adjutant: Rick Dollahan
Finance Officer: Mike Capuano
Chaplain: James Burke
Sgt. at Arms: Marvin Courtright
Past Commander: Steve Witting



Legion Rider Officers

Director: Chuck Shellenberger
Asst. Director: Jamie Wehner
Treasurer: Tom Tucker
Secretary: Raven Medina
Chaplain: TBA
Adjutant: John Yarling
Sgt. at Arms: Jason Bowen

New Members and Transfers

Post (New):

Post (Transfers):

Auxiliary (New):

Aux. (Transfers):