



Avondale Legionnaire



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POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

The American Legion year is coming to an end and with only a few months remaining the Officers of the Post as well as the Club Manager and Bartenders are still working very hard to make the necessary adjustments to improve the day to day operations within the Post. With the ending of the American Legion year we gear ourselves for the upcoming nominations for new officers that will take place at the next General Membership Meeting on Monday April 9th at 6 PM. Once nominations have been completed the election of those nominated will take place on May 14th; for the purpose of voting, the poll will be open for 8 hours prior to the start of the General Membership Meeting on May 14th. Nominees and the time of the poll opening and closing will be posted on the TV's.

The clubroom is looking real good with the daily cleaning that is taking place and being freshly painted does wonders; we are working on the details for the ceiling tiles which should be completed within the next few weeks. I would like to thank those that volunteered to paint showing their pride in the Post and making a difference a big thank you from the entire membership in getting the job done and I personally thank you Jim Holtz, Jim Burke, Al Towers, Dave Blum, Bob Hall, Sherry Hall, Russell Hall, Don Schoonover, Mike Hilderbrand & Randy Randolph.

Point of Sales (POS) has come a long way and we have been up and running for about 2 months now. We are continuously adding to the operating system to improve the efficiency of our employee's and hopefully making everyone's job easier. Thank you for your patience during this transition as it is a painstaking effort while we try different scenario's to ensure the best possible working system as we move forward. Cudo's to our Club Manger (Lee Gonzales) for her efforts in making this happen as well as our Adjutant Jimmy Burke for his tireless efforts and the use of his cell phone minutes as we implemented the POS.

To all the officers and volunteers over the past 9 months, I am very appreciative that you have taken time from your daily lives to support the programs, projects as well as spending hours in the pit (kitchen). I understand how valuable your personal time is to each and every one of you, your effort and dedication is beyond reproach and you DO make a difference and without you (the volunteer) it cannot happen! Thanks again and please continue to support the Post as we strive to make each day better than the day before.

For God and Country
Ron Albrand
Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Ladies,

Spring is here and the weather is great for all of us to enjoy!

This next quarter will also be busy with Post Family events. The Ladies Auxiliary will be working very hard during the next three months in preparation of our year end reports to the Department of Arizona at the upcoming Annual Convention to be held in June. April 7, the Post Family will be hosting the annual seniors Easter Luncheon at the post. Auxiliary members will be volunteering time to help make this a great afternoon for the seniors in our local community. Music, hat contest and more importantly our "Skunk Dance" contest.

April 14, the auxiliary will be holding a Dog Walk Fund Raiser for the Service Dog Foundation "Walk a mile in these boots". Funds raised will go towards the supplies and the purchase of a Service Dog for a Military Veteran to help with their rehabilitation. The event will be held at Friendship Park, Avondale. April 21, the post and auxiliary will be hosting the "Dan Moulton Boys and Girls State Golf Tournament. Proceeds will be used to send 15 boys and 11 girls to this year's programs held in June.

Other exciting events are coming up in this next quarter and each member of the auxiliary is invited to check the calendar and newsletter for the list of special activities.

In keeping with the purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary, we always need volunteers. Many programs and projects are ahead of us, and Together Everyone Accomplishes More. We are a TEAM.

For God and Country,
Mary Hays, President
Crandall-Palmer American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Things are going very well for the 2012 year. Remember to renew, without your 2012 card you will not be allowed into the club room. Membership is a vital part of our organization.

**For God and Country
Jim Burke - Post Adjutant**

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention Ladies Auxiliary Members,

“Keeping our Auxiliary Strong through Membership” Second renewal notices have been mailed out by National!!!!Dues are \$26.00 and can be mailed or dropped off at the Post. Our goal this year is TEAM – TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE!!!!

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 Angel G. on the envelope, or email me at angelg.unit61@yahoo.com. (In subject, please have UNIT 61 in large print)

For Service not Self,

Angel Gnauden, Secretary,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

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 through specials from your business on the website for a small fee also.

Contact Jim Burke 623-512-9294

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT



We have entered the last quarter of the Post business year with several projects either in the works or planned in the next few months. 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 2012 Post membership cards are \$ 30.00 and can be renewed by mail or at the Post. Anyone who would like to help by volunteering their time would be greatly appreciated. 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, 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 new information screens at the Post.

**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. 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. 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

The S.A.L. membership cards are still \$ 20.00 for the 2012 year and can be renewed by mail or at the Post. 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 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. 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 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)

Calendar of Events

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Aux Exec Meeting 6:00pm General 7:00pm	3 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	4 VFW Bingo 6:45pm Annual Sr. Luncheon 12 noon	5 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	6 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	7 SAL" Blue Plate Special" Dinner w/50's DJ 5:30-7:30pm Aux Yard Sale 7:00am
8 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	9 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	10 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	11 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	12	13 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	14 Dinner(Post) Steak Fry 5:30pm-7:30pm Live Band Aux Pet Fashion Show. Friendship Park 12-3pm
15 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	16 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	18 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	19	20 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	21 Boy's & Girl's State Golf Tournament No Dinner for Post
22 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9-11am	23	24 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	25 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	26	27 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	28 Post Pot Luck 5:30 – 7:30pm Aux Girl's State Car & Bike Show
29 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	30					



May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	3	4 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	5 Aux "Derby Day" Hat Contest with finger foods 1-4pm Sal BBQ Dinner with bike raffle
6 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	7 AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	8 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	9 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	10 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	11 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	12 Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Live Band
13 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	14 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	15 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	16 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	17	18 Kitchen Closed for cleanup & improvements	19 ALR Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
20 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	21 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	23 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	24	25 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	26 Post Dinner 5:30-7:30pm Music
27 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	28 Memorial Day Chili dogs etc. Patriotic music during the afternoon	29 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	30 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	31		



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	2 No Dinner
3 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	4 AML AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	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 Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Live Band Planning Meeting 10:00am
10 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9-11 am	11 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	12 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	13 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	14	15 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	16 Dinner (SAL) 5:30pm-7:30 pm Karaoke Music
17 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	18 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	20 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	21 State Convention Begins Carefree Resort	22 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	23 Dinner (post) 5:30-7:30pm Music
24 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am Convention Ends	25	26 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	27 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	29	29 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	30 Post Bar Food 1-6:00pm



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: Gino Gnauden

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:

Asst. Director: Jamie Wehner

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Chaplain:

Sgt. at Arms:

New Members and Transfers

Auxiliary (New):

Dolly Harper
Candice Fedder
Lee Gonzalez
Jeanette Thibert
Betty Matterly
Maryann Stelmach
Victoria Doxey
Kathleen Deleon-Jacovo
Jonna Gile
Natalie Johnson
Michele Osborn
Sandra Lewis
Susan Bernett

SAL (New):

Rick Cici
Terry Kraft
Damon Taylor
Paul Corral
Douglas Martin
Neil Zelmanovic
Jon Gile
Roy McCrea
James Gonzalez
Marcel Pelletier
Dan Brooks
Jack McKnight
Tony Eckert
David Saccoccia

SAL Con't

Jeremy Esau
James Thunell
Salvador Estril

SAL Transfer's

Thomas Paul
Ardurth D. Penrod