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POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

The first half of the year is almost behind us now and we are making some major strides in improving our surroundings and the way we operate. We are in the middle of repairing the roof which has long been needed, contracting Gray Dog Roofing to do the repairs; progress has been somewhat slow due to the recent rains that put a damper on things. But, the good news is we've been able to locate the leaks! We have received our Point of Sales hardware and have begun the installation and transition into the 21st century. We are ready to load the operating system with our inventory and build the menu for daily operations. Hopefully, we will be up and running in a few weeks once the training is scheduled and completed. I would like to thank Jimmy Burke and Daniel Aragon for their hard work in completing the required wiring and making sure all system connections were "green" before calling in the technician to get the system ready for us. To Eldon Myers, thank you for showing up in the early morning hours to make necessary wood working adjustments to the island so the units could be installed and properly positioned, nice job and thank-you all. The information system is up and running; two TV's that stream all the Post information is working well to communicate our upcoming events and Post News to the membership inside the Post, and we are working to get that presentation out on the web site for all to see.

Thanksgiving Dinner was another success thanks to Jim and Helen Swartz and family, a huge undertaking, a lot of co-ordination and a great effort for a wonderful cause feeding 300 plus. Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers that contributed their time on a special family day, the Post thanks each and everyone one of you for making it happen, job well done! We bid farewell and good luck to Miss Connie as her retirement party went very well (thank you Angel and the rest of the bartenders and helpers for a very nice night) everyone had a great time. We'll miss her but I think deep down she is enjoying every minute of retirement, congratulations. And I would like to welcome and announce that Mrs. Lee Gonzales has fully taken over as the Club Stewart in place of Miss Connie, good luck. Just want to say thank you to all the officers and volunteers in the Post, I very much appreciate your time, effort and dedication because without you 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,

On behalf of the auxiliary I hope that all of you had a great and Merry Christmas. Most of all we wish each and every member a Happy and Healthy New Year. Your unit has been very busy this last quarter. Veterans Day, we prepared and served the Fish Fry Dinner, complete with dessert and raffle. In keeping with tradition, the auxiliary along with post family members provided a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Dinner. December started out from the beginning of the month with children and youth and community service projects. Christmas parties for deserving children in need of the Holiday cheer to Christmas Dinner at the post. The auxiliary Angel Tree project provided 150 nursing home residents with Christmas gifts that they otherwise would not have received this Holiday Season.

The next quarter will be as interesting as this last quarter. Upcoming events include the Annual "Pat Howard" membership luncheon. Invitations are out hope to see everyone there on January 21, 2012. Our Four Chaplin Ceremony will be held on February 12, 2012.

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 We Can Accomplish 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 and the new 2012 cards are here. 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
Mike Apodaca
Sr. Vice Commander**

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention Ladies Auxiliary Members,

"Keeping our Auxiliary Strong through Membership" – Well, here we are starting a new year!!!! Renewal notices have been mailed out by National, and quite a few of the members have paid their 2012 dues already!!!! Renewing early helps our Unit reach its goals!!!! 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, Membership Chairman, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 61

Membership Chairman

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



Our Post business year is half over with several projects either in the works or planned in the next few months. Pull Tab sales in the Club Room are doing well and are hoped to be a big money maker.

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. Starting January 1st 2012 the only membership card accepted at the Post will be your 2012 card. Anyone who would like to help by volunteering their time 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, 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. 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 on new information screens at the Post.

**For God and Country;
Rick Dollahan
Post 61 Finance Officer**

BINGO

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. Your 2012 membership cards will be the only card accepted at the Post after December 31st 2011. 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)

Santa Report

“Angel Tree Project “

Three homes were involved this year.

- 1. Palm Valley**
- 2. Sunbridge**
- 3. La Loma(new addition)**

One hundred and seven gifts were donated by the American Legion Family Members. Thank You so very much, the gifts were greatly appreciated!!!

Until next Christmas..... We remain,

Chair people; Gino and Angel Gnauden

Calendar of Events

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Aux Meeting Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	3 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	4 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	5 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	6 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	7 No Dinner
8 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	9 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	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 Music
15 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	16 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half	17 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	18 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	19	20 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	21 Aux Pat Howard Luncheon 12 noon-4:00pm Dinner (ALR) 5:30 pm Music
22 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 7-10am	23 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	24 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	25 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	26	27 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	28 Bar Food 12 noon-6:00pm
29 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	30 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	31 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm				



February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	2	3 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	4 Aux Dinner Night 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
5 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	6 AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	7 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	8 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	9 Post E-Board Meeting 6:00pm	10 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	11 Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
12 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	13 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	14 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	15 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	16	17 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	18 ALR Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
19 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	20 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	22 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	23	24 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	25 Post Bar Food Noon – 6:00pm
26 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	27	28 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	29 VFW Bingo 6:45pm			



March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	3 No Dinner
4 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	5 AML AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm	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 Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
11 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9-11 am	12 Post General Membership Meeting 6:00pm	13 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	14 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	15	16 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	17 Dinner (Aux) 5:30pm-7:30 pm Music St. Patrick's Day
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 Post Bar Food Noon – 6:00pm
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 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	31 Aux 8/40 Annual Lunch 1-4pm Dinner Night 5:50-7:30pm Music



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

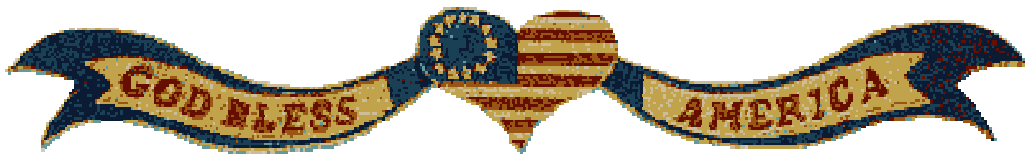
Executive Committee:

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: 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):

Gilberta Randazzo
Pamela Altounian
Michelle Munksgard
Judy Towers
Barbara Giles
Linda Gastol

Aux. (Transfers):

Re-Join