



POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires

The first quarter of the American Legion year 2011 is now behind us and to say it was anything less than challenging would be an understatement. We had quite a few unexpected expenses with our facility equipment and building maintenance, and we are currently negotiating maintenance agreements to be put into place to periodically inspect and maintain our facility and equipment. You may have noticed some changes going on in the Post Clubroom as we attempt to patch, paint and eventually re-organize and I want to thank you for your patience.

I would personally like to thank Auxiliary President Mary Hays, Auxiliary Executive Committee Member Awanda Gaines, Auxiliary Chaplin Janet Fortner and the rest of Mary's staff for organizing the 9-11 Memorial and POW/MIA Ceremonies, as well as Jim Burke (Master of Ceremonies), Bob Hall for the reading of the POW/MIA Table Setting, Chaplin Don Fortner and Marvin Courtright and the Post Color Guard for their participation. Everything went very well and we had great representation from membership, family and friends and the City of Avondale that included the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members, thanks again Mary for a job well done.

On another note, to Mrs. Connie Parrish, congratulations on your upcoming retirement; the American Legion Crandall-Palmer Post 61 expresses our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your service over the past 20 + years. Your dedication, fortitude and pleasant personality in an ever changing environment will be missed. Over your years as Club Stewart you have seen us come and go and you have withstood the change of time over and over again with a smile and a bit of humor. So don't look at retirement as the end of something; it's the beginning of newfound freedom. We all hope this day will be the start of the best of everything for you and your family, Thank-you from all of us.

Ron Albrand
Commander
For God and Country

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Ladies,

Summer is almost over, fall is beginning and very soon we will enjoy our beautiful Arizona weather once again!

Your auxiliary has been very busy this summer, post family events started with 4th of July and most recently our Patriot Day (9/11), Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. Please visit the Crandall-Palmer Post 61 web site to view the pictures from these events. The Post Birthday celebration August 20, 2011 was great! The Post family honored our WWII Veterans that evening. The Auxiliary shared a personal profile of Mr. Leo Westfall. Leo served during WWII with **the 206th Engineer Combat Battalion** during the war and has great stories to share with all of us. At the conclusion of the evening the ladies auxiliary presented Mr. Westfall with a special gift. Unit members are always proud to recognize our veterans in their service to our country.

We have some very exciting events 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. Service above Self,

“For Service not Self ”

Mary Hays
President

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Things are going very well and the new 2012 cards are available. Remember to renew early and you will be eligible for the early bird dinner in November. 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.

Don't forget, if you pay by Veteran's Day, November 11th, you will get an “Early Bird” stamp on your card and receive a free meal at the Early Bird Dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th. 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



This will be a challenging year with budget crunches and the many projects that are planned by the Post. The Pull Tab sales in the Club Room have started 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.

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, 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.

**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. See the bartender for info. The S.A.L. membership needs your help in making this a good year. The Pig Roast was a big success and thanks to all that helped. 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. The Pizza's 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)

From the Past Commander

Thanksgiving is closing in fast. Post 61 needs your help. We need volunteers, turkeys, yams, green beans, stuffing, corn, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth and of course money(cash, check, gift cards) Everything to be handled thru Helen or myself. The box at the front door starting in Nov will be the collection point. To make this another successful dinner, we need to think of what our purpose is in the American Legion.

Community , State and Nation.

For God and Country;

Jim Swartz

Past Commander Post 61

Calendar of Events

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Steak Fry (Post) 5:30pm -7:30pm Music
2 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	3 Aux Meeting Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	4 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	5 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	6	7 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	8 Post E board 11am General meeting 1:00pm Aux Octoberfest Dinner with music 5:30pm
9 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	10 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	11 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	12 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	13	14 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	15 Dinner (ALR) 5:30 pm Music
16 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post & 40/8 Breakfast 7-10am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	17 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	18 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	19 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	20	21 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	22 Dinner(Post) 5:30pm Music Aux. C & Y Annual Tea Party
23 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	24 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	25 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	26 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	27 Fall Conference begins. Carefree Resort	28 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	29 Post Halloween Party Wineburgers & Brats 5:30pm Music
30 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am Fall Conf. ends	31 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time					



November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	2 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	3	4 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	5 NASCAR Chili Evening 5:30 Music
6 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	7 AML AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	8 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	9 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	10	11 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	12 Post E board 11am General meeting 1:00pm Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
13 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	14 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	15 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	16 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	17	18 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	19 Early Bird Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Music
20 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	21 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	22 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	23 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	24 THANKSGIVING Dinner for all who comes Starts early afternoon	25 Left over's from Thanksgiving dinner (Post) 5:30pm	26 Maybe Left over's from Thanksgiving dinner (Post) 5:30pm Aux Annual Pet Fashion Show Afternoon
27 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	28 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	29 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	30 VFW Bingo 6:45pm Connie's Last Day as Club Manager			



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	3 Connie's Retirement Party Night
4 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am	5 AML AUX Meeting E-Board 6:00pm Regular 7:00pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	6 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	7 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	8	9 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	10 Post E board 11am General meeting 1:00pm ***** Steak Fry(Post) 5:30pm-7:30pm Music Newly Wed Game
11 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9-11 am	12 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	13 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	14 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	15	16 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	17 Dinner (Post) 5:30pm-7:30 pm Music Aux Children's XMAS Party Planning Meeting 10:00 am
18 K of C Bingo 6:45pm Post Breakfast 9am-11am ALR Meeting 12:30pm	19 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	20 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	21 VFW Bingo 6:45pm		23 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	24 No Dinner Post closes early for Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day Post Open	26 Monday Night Football Food 5:30 Till Half time	27 Post 61 Bingo 6:45pm	28 VFW Bingo 6:45pm	29	30 Fish Fry (Post) 5:30pm	31 New Year's Eve Party. Food & Band.Champagne toast@ midnight, breakfast 1 am

***** Post 61 Day Open House- Afternoon Events start at 2pm Corn Hole Tournament



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):

- Ladonna Mock
- Theresa Hatch
- Lisa Albrand
- Dazhae Hampton
- Lizbeth Mantz
- Renee Dowell
- Tina Deleon
- Mary Moore
- Jo Perez
- Barbara Kooyenga
- Lisa Bristol

Aux. (Transfers):

Constance Stromberg

Re-Join

- Linda Elaine Alkanan
- Cheyenne Dowhower
- Patricia (Trish) Fox-Price
- Corrina Ortiz