



POST 52
NEWSLETTER
Sierra Vista, Arizona



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“For God and Country”

FROM THE COMMANDER

Getting into March will be the dinner on the 3rd to support the Color Guard, and the 17th, St Patricks Day, Friday “Corned Beef and Cabbage”. Saturday the 18th, is the American Legion Birthday. As in the past we’ll combine the two events on Friday, March 17th with corned beef and cabbage, topped off with the Legion Birthday cake, followed by entertainment to be announced later and posted in the lounge.

Sorry to say, I received a Letter of Resignation form our long time Finance Officer Bob Rauh. Bob has been with us in finance, plus a lot of other duties, editor of the newsletter every month, printing flyers, raffle tickets, and free income tax preparations for members & etc.. Also opening up the Post when Yoneko (Club Manager) was off on leave. Also was in on the monthly inventory of the Post & club. Some of these duties he has done he will continue to do at his home as long as health permits. Thanks Bob for all the work you’ve done. We’ll miss your big “smile” & your (“gruff voice”).

Also, the Election Board was set up by the Election Committee, chaired by Tim Wilson, to list the offices of nominations for candidates of the Post including the Executive Board. Elections will be closed at the end of the General Membership Meeting the 22nd of March. Balloting will be by secret written ballots and for those members in good standing, by absentee ballots. Balloting will close one hour prior to Aprils General Membership Meeting on 26 April at 6:30 PM.

“For God and Country and all our Troops”

Al.



AUXILIARY UNIT 52 NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Sorry I haven’t been here for awhile. Hopefully I’ll get back in the swing of things soon.

I want to take this time to say thanks for all the flowers and cards I received in my days of getting well.

Alice Millner and crew—A great job you all did for the Veterans Christmas. Thanks again.

Also I heard that the Christmas candy raffle went very good. Again thanks.

Last of all, thanks to Shirin and everyone who pitched in for the breakfasts. Thanks for keeping everything working well. The Valentines raffle was also a great success. Thanks Shirin and everyone.

Your Pres.

Gina

BASEBALL FANS

For you baseball fans that have tickets to the baseball games on the 13th and 27th of March at Tucson Electric Park. Our Color Guard will be presenting the Colors and Becky Grahn will be singing the National Anthem on those days. Also if you’re interested, Norma Cameron has suggested carpooling to the games. Please contact her for additional information.

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Service Officer Tom Dingwall
Executive Board Members
3 Year Greg Gronskei
2 Year Charlotte Borghardt
1 Year Rufus Avila

Editor Bob Rauh

Articles of interest to Post 52 and Unit 52 are most welcome. We reserve the right to edit any submissions for the purpose of publication. All articles must be turned in NLT the 15th of each month.

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Hours of Operation

- Sunday 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-11:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-1:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM-1:00 AM

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Executive Board Members

- Director.....Lorenzo Mata
Asst Director.....Steve Mckinney
Secretary.....Dave Marts
Treasurer.....Carol Mata
Sgt at Arms.....Randy Maurer
Quartermaster.....Doug Kittleson

2006 MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Current 2006 Members 804
Goal 829
Percent 97

SAL MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Current 2006 Members 50
Goal 64
Percent 78

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Current 2006 Members 225
Goal 265
Percent 85

American Legion Eligibility

- World War I
6 April 1917 - 11 November 1918
World War II
7 December 1941 - 31 December 1946
US Merchant Marines
7 December 1941 - 15 August 1945
Korea
25 June 1950 - 31 January 1955
Vietnam
28 February 1961 - 7 May 1975
Lebanon/Grenada
24 August 1982 - 31 July 1984
Panama
20 December 1989 - 31 January 1990
Persian Gulf
2 August 1990 - yet to be determined

"WELCOME ABOARD" TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



- Thomas Blackmore
Andrew Briseno
Phillip Cranston
Howard Crebo
Dorothy Damone
Roger Forstyh
Sierra Francis
Jonathan Goetz
Christine Hoey
Ralph Jackson
Robert Jendeski
Rgant Lanham
Christina Morales
Steven Moriarty
Liza Nord
Christopher Nord
Michael Quinn
Robert Tupper
Joshua Wallace
Jerry Wallace



Taps for members of Post Everlasting

No one, Thank God



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Nationwide, ALR has grown 12 more chapters in the last month to 395 and is present in 47 states and 1 in Manheim, Germany!! Meanwhile, Arizona has picked up Peoria Post 62. That makes 15 ALR chapters in AZ this month!!! Presently, Post 52 has 95 ALR members. We have passed our goal of 90, bringing us to 106%!! GO ALR!! Keep them members coming! Welcome new ALR members Linn Lynett, Blain Douglas and CW3 Thomas Blackmore to our Elite Veterans organization!

ALR purchased 4 smokeeters for use in Post 52. We hope that you have noticed the difference in air quality. These smokeeters will be maintained by ALR members and will be cleaned monthly after the ALR meetings. The 40/8 Superbowl was great fun. Earlier in the day, many ALR members went riding to the historical Gadsden Hotel in Douglas for lunch and returned in time for the kickoff!! It was a geat turnout of riders and football pool winners at Post 52!!! The Steelers stole the show!!

About a dozen ALR members met at Post 52 and rode to the big 'Big Bike Show' in Las Cruces, NM over the the 10-12 Feb weekend. Had a great time together even though it was COLD!! We kept it HOT by enjoying our time together in the wind!!

ALR member Karoke Randy played at the legion on 17 Feb. and had a great turnout of singers and partiers!! Then, on Sunday the Surprise B'day Party for Curtis was well attended by many ALR members and DJ MATA was in the house spinning a variety of tunes keeping many on the dance floor until closing time!!

Commander Al asked me on Friday nite if the ALR could make breakfast on Saturday and would like to thank Keith for making it happen with the support of Starr, Ernie, Ray, Dave, Nellie, and Mark making the Saturday breakfast a success! 'ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU , BUT ASK WHAT YOUR CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB' Thats what im talking about!!

ALR member Dave Marts volunteered, and was appointed by the Commander to bring in entertainment with the help of representatives of Lady Auxiliary, S.A.L, 40/8 and Legion. Bring any ideas for entertainment to your representatives. Great job Dave!!

On 18 March the '3rd ANNUAL CHRIS NASON MEMORIAL POKER RUN' w ill be taking place at Post 52 and the proceeds will be donated to the Widows Support Center. This event is sponsored by Thunder Mountain H.O.G. CHAPTER, SV and AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 52!! See flyers posted for details.

The burnished metal art piece , 'THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN', that's on display at Post 52 will be raffled on Saturday, 1 April, so see Nellie Marts for tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and you do not need to be present to win!! GO NELLIE!!!

The American Legion 'DESERT HOGS Dart team sponsored by ALR is currently at 4 wins and 1 loss . GO TEAM!!

Check out the Newsletter Calendar for upcoming Legion events! Support your Veterans Organization!! Our next ALR meeting is 2 March 06 at 7pm at Post 52! Thanks, **MATA** (DIR)



The Color Guard Corner



Greetings:

Your Color Guard has accepted an invitation from the Arizona Diamondbacks to present the Colors at two of their exhibition games. March 13th and 27th, both are a Monday game at the Tucson Electric Light Park at 1 P.M., Becky Grahn will be singing the National Anthem.

In order to defray expenses and provide replacement equipment, the Color Guard will sponsor a Pork Chop dinner on Friday the 3rd of March at the Legion Hall at 5:30 P.M. Look for the flyers at the canteen for more details (Menu and entertainment) and plan on attending.

The Color Guard has lost some members because of medical conditions and is in critical need of new members. The Color Guard has come a long way in just over a year and it would be shame for it to disband because of lack of participation. If you can, volunteer and keep things going! No experience necessary, we'll train you! The Post is in dire need of some younger folks to take up the challenge.

That's all for now, but remember to please support your Color Guard and don't let them down!

Semper Fidelis, *Roger*

What's Going On In the Galley In March

“Check flyers at the club for unannounced and last minute events”



“Breakfast every Saturday”
8– 10:30 Am



Baked pork chop dinner
“Color guard fundraiser”



Baked pork chops, baked taters, corn on the cob, applesauce, self service salad bar, and dessert cake.

Friday, 3 march 5:30-7 \$7.50

“entertainment DURING DINNER”



**Legion Birthday
& St. Patty's Dinner / Dance**
FRIDAY, 17 MARCH



CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER



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Cocktails.....5-6
Dinner.....6-7
Dancing.....7-11



“ENTERTAINMENT”

Please sign up at the bar NLT 12 March if you plan to attend.




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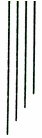
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Post 52 Schedule of Events



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Social Hours: Weekdays: 11-12 AM and 5-6 PM, Saturday 7-9 PM, Sunday 2-4 PM



**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION
AGAIN THIS YEAR**

I'll be doing taxes again this year for Legion members. There is no charge, but a tax deductible donation to the Legion would be appreciated, though not necessary.

If I did yours last year, In most cases I have most of the pertinent information in my computer already. I'll just need the W2's, 1099's, medical, charitable, home interest, interest income, etc., to complete the Federal and State returns.

Just leave your paperwork, with your phone number at the Legion and I'll contact you if I have any questions and when it's ready.

Bob Rauh

**Election Of Officers
It's getting to be that time of year. You can offer no better support to your Legion than being a serving officer. If you can't run for office then please vote. We will have the list of officers and absentee ballots in the next Newsletter.**

"RAFFLES GOING ON"

The "Color Guard" has a "Mystery Raffle" with the drawing to be after the dinner on 3 March.

The "American Legion Riders" have a burnished metal art piece "The Magnificent Seven", with the drawing to be on 1 April.

Notes From The Outgoing Finance Officer

Unfortunately I can no longer continue as your Post Finance Officer for purely health reasons. I have enjoyed working with all the members over the years that I held that position. I've made some smile, and agitated and aggravated others. In all matters I considered the good of the Legion as my primary consideration.

Fortunately, Lewis "Buck" Lee, has been appointed and accepted the position. An excellent choice, since the Finance Officer must be honest, and have the highest integrity. Buck has been Finance Officer here in the past and was also Finance Officer at his last post. I'm sure that he'll do an excellent job for you.

I'll continue to support the Legion from home in any way I can. I'm still doing free tax prep service for members, and will continue as long as I can.

When Post election time comes up shortly I hope that you'll carefully consider all the nominees and if you don't know the person, ask someone that does. If undecided, don't vote for either. You certainly don't want someone that's a thief or a liar in any of the Post positions.

Thanks for putting up with me all these years!!

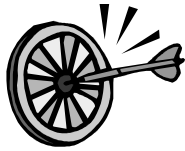
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**SATURDAY
NIGHT
GAME NIGHT
Social Hour
7 PM - 9 PM**

**Darts
Pool
Shuffleboard**

(*Only adults 18 and over after 9:00 PM)



SHUFFLEBOARD



Sign-up for the Saturday night tournaments will be from 5:45 PM thru 6:00 PM and will be limited to the first 24 players to sign up.

Tuesday nights. Sign-up for these games will be 6:00 PM thru 6:15 PM and will be limited to the first 16 players to sign up.

The "Battle of the Sexes" tournament will be held on Saturday, 4 March at 5:45 PM
Buck

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