

Executive Committee  
2011—2012

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*[Vacant]*

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Dan Straight  
*Trustee*

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*Sgt. At Arms*

Anita Velasquez  
*Ladies Auxiliary President*

Robert Velasquez  
*Legion Riders Commander*

Richard Farinas  
*S.A.L. Commander*

James Ormsby  
*Club Manager*

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

*1st Thursday of the month at  
7:00PM*

*715 S. 2nd Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85003*

*Ronda Room (602) 262-9243  
Office (602) 253-8131*

# Tony F. Soza - Ray Martinez American Legion Thunderbird Post 41 Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF  
COMMANDER ALFONSO A. ARANDA

### **Commander's Greetings...**

As another year comes to a close, I would like to thank all who have made this passing year a success. I believe our Executive Board has done a great job for our membership as well as The Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders, Ladies Auxiliary, Past Commanders Club, Honor Guard and The Marine Corps League Detachment #002. Their dedication to The American Legion Post 41 is unparalleled.

Time to elect our Post 41 officers is here again. Please make every effort to vote. As a veteran we know the sacrifice made by many for the Freedom to Vote.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
POST COMMANDER ALFONSO A. ARANDA

### **From the Adjutant...**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires, Thank you for continued support and involvement. We have many members from all the families who have helped Post 41 reach its goals. As always we need your input and comments (good or bad) to make our Post an enjoyable experience for you and your family. Please feel free to attend any meeting and offer your input or just to find out what is going on "In running the operation of Post 41."

Thank You,  
RICHARD LUCERO  
ADJUTANT

**From the Public Relations Officer/Past Commander..**

I am happy to report that Past Commander Danny Bugh and myself have completed the renewal of our lease with the City of Phoenix. Going on sixty-five (65) years we are now into our first year of another twenty (20) years, this has all been passed unanimously by the City Council. I look forward to our continued support to the City of Phoenix, the community and especially our veterans.

Our post has now also partnered with the Maricopa County Hispanic Network. We hosted one of their meetings at our post. This organization has expressed a desire to assist us with our community efforts, through volunteerism. Their website is; <http://www.maricopa.gov/diversity/mchn>. I thank Ed Guerrero, Maricopa County Diversity Director and member of our post for making the connection.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Gabriel Betancourt for stepping up and co-chairing the Post 41, George M. Chavez Scholarship committee. We are currently supporting five (5) Elementary Schools.

As for my position as Historian, I have been fortunate to meet Past Commander Ray Martinez's daughter, Ms. Norma Kiermayr. She and her brother Gilbert have provided me with pictures and location of documents relevant to our Past Commander and Post. I am in the process of scanning those pictures and in the near future I will post them on our website. Should anyone have any historical pictures or documents please contact me (602-330-8274), I will scan the items and return them if you so desire. I will be creating a Post 41 historical book in the coming future.

ROBERT P. HERNANDEZ  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER/PAST COMMANDER

**From the Ladies Auxiliary...**

I first of all have to say Thank You to all that voted me as your President for the last two years. It has been quite an experience I will say. You have joined such a wonderful organization so you can share in the plan of action and that is the Veteran. The Veteran either he/she be alive or have given their all in battle you are still here for all the wonderful things you can give back to what they have given in battle. That is support, the Auxiliary is the right place to do it with our fundraisers to our meetings where we plan events to help the Veteran. Try to

remember when you come to vote that you are Voting the right persons into a seat that will require a lot of work and devotion to the cause not just sitting in the club room and saying I am the whatever title you might be elected to. Work your seat work your program and do all the right things you might involve yourself in for the Veteran. They are why we are here!

Drawing this article to a close I am reminded that your next news article will come from a new President and she will fill you in on all upcoming events.

Thank You Sincerely,  
ANITA L. VELASQUEZ  
UNIT 41 PRESIDENT  
2010 thru 2012

**~ For the Good of The Legion ~**

We are rapidly approaching the end of another administration and going into a new era in our post history. To quote a few statements from The American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, 2011.

Page 140, Section IV Nominations and Elections; "*The choosing of officers for a Legion group is one of the most important functions. It means the choosing of leaders upon whose faithful service the success of the organization largely depends. Among the qualifications necessary for efficient official leadership is an understanding of the purpose of The American Legion; knowledge of the work and enthusiasm for it; a high sense of justice, fairness and courtesy; open-mindedness, moral courage and the ability to get along with other people.*

*Officers should be chosen for their ability to perform the work of the office to which they are elected, and not because of their social prestige or because they want the office. Willingness to serve is not enough; fitness to serve must stand above every other consideration."*

This is food for thought, and we must use our right as members of The American Legion Post 41 and come out to vote. This year Election day is May 17, 2012, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Should you require an absentee ballot advise our Adjutant, Mr. Richard Lucero and one will be mailed to you. It must include your membership number.

~ **By-Laws** ~

Our original By-Laws were published in 1965, forty-seven (47) years ago. On June 1, 2006 the By-Laws were revised, minor corrections were made, spelling errors and typos. The major change that was added is the sentence to Article I, Elections, section 4 that now states; *“The outgoing Post Commander can succeed himself in office for one additional consecutive term, as a result of re-election as prescribed herein.”*

On March 2, 2012 Amendment 001 02\_29\_2012 added “The position of Commander requires a minimum of two years as an elected officer or a position on the Executive Committee.” These amendments have been made with the good of the post in mind. Time has been limited, so amendments are the means by which we can make these updates.

Within this newsletter you have an insert, Amendment 002 04\_29\_2012, that is another effort to make the post by-laws current with the times. Please read this amendment and be prepared to vote on May 3, 2012. The intent is to provide for a fair and equal method for members to consider holding office and guiding our administration in a positive and productive direction.



**March**

- Luis “Cano” Jerez 50 year member
- Albert Victor Pena 39 year member

**Regular Weekly Entertainment**

Don't forget that we have regular entertainment at our post; **Tuesday through Friday** - Happy Hour is 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There is a great jukebox with all your favorite tunes. We are Closed on Mondays.

**Friday** we have Mariachi Juarez performing from 7:00 PM till 9:00 PM, DJ following with an occasional live band.

**Friday** we also have Fish Fry sponsored by our Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 41 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, menu is on the website Special Events tab.

**Saturday** is live music night with some great valley bands, just check the Legion Post 41 website or call the Ronda Room at 602-262-8131.

**Sunday** morning we have breakfast specializing in Menudo, sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, menu is on the website Special Events tab.

**Sunday** we also have a Tardeada with a DJ providing music starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 10:00 PM

Don't forget, if you are planning a large get together or party to celebrate some occasion you must arrange your plans with the Club Manager, James Ormsby 480-580-2053. There are some limitations to just how large of a party can be held in the Ronda Room - Remember that the Ronda Room is a membership room first and foremost.

We ask that the children are kept at a minimum, the parties are for adults, and children get bored when there is nothing for them to do but run around the room. **All children under the age of 18 are not allowed in the Ronda Room after 6:00 PM.**

**REMINDER**

General meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please make an effort to attend.

Your participation is very important. The Post operations cannot be successful without the support of the membership.

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### **CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS**

<i>Thursday, May 3</i>	<i>Rally Night, 7PM</i>
<i>Saturday, May 12</i>	<i>Mother's Day Dance, 7PM</i>
<i>Thursday, May 17</i>	<i>Elections, 11AM to 7PM</i>
<i>Sunday, May 27</i>	<i>Memorial Day Flag placement - St Frances Cemetery - 7:00 AM</i>
<i>Monday, May 28</i>	<i>Memorial Day Services - St. Anthony</i>
<i>Monday, May 28</i>	<i>Memorial Day Flag removal - St. Frances Cemetery - 4:00 PM</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 7</i>	<i>Officer Installation, 6 PM</i>
<i>Thursday, June 14</i>	<i>U.S. Army 237th Birthday Celebration</i>
<i>Thursday, June 21</i>	<i>Department of Arizona Annual Convention, ends Sunday June 24</i>