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S.A.L. Commander

Robert Velasquez
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James Ormsby
Club Steward

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Sgt. At Arms

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM

Executive Board Meetings

Tues. before the General Meeting, then two weeks later

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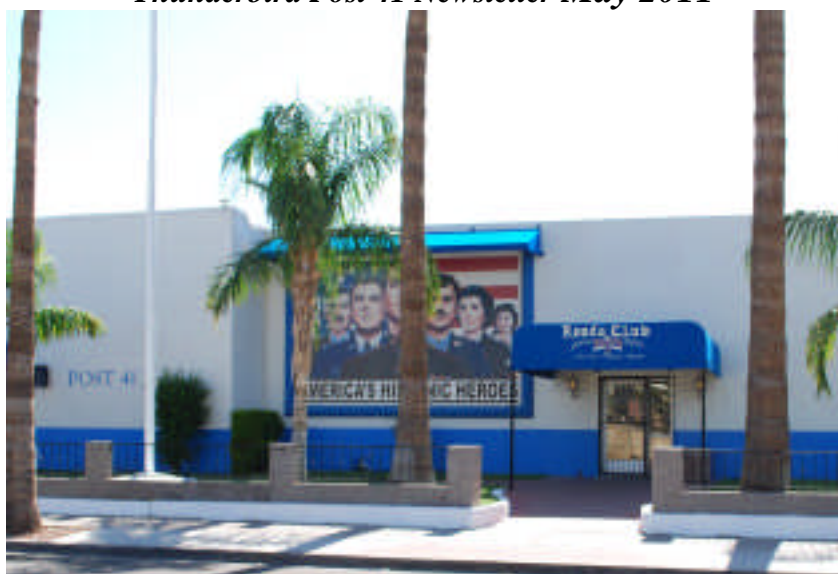
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**FROM THE DESK OF
COMMANDER ROBERT HERNANDEZ**

Commander's Farewell...

Another year comes to a close, it has gone by quickly, and we have had a good but difficult year. It has been an honor to once again serve as your Commander. I thank you all for your support and faith in me. I look forward to serving as Past Commander on the Executive Committee. I will always be involved in the post, it is in my blood and has become a part of me and my family, thank you for that privilege.

With today's troubled economy, it has brought about some unpopular changes, but in order to financially survive, these changes were necessary. The Sunday Mariachi was one of those luxuries we could no longer afford, at \$1,200.00 a month we were not making enough to afford them as well as meet our operational cost. With the rising cost of our distributors, we will need to increase the cost of our drinks by 25 cents. Fuel fees are now being passed on to us by the local distributors. We have reached a point in time where we need the support of our membership; to support the efforts that are needed to keep our club going.

Additionally, we have experienced another roof truss failure; we have had to close out a portion of the hall and will need to close it entirely once we start construction, which we hope to do the first week of July. We are told it will take approximately a month to complete the necessary work. Our Adjutant (and Past Commander) Danny Bugh is overseeing this project. We are in the process of obtaining a total cost. We are currently at a fifty thousand dollar mark. Once completed, this will be a permanent fix. Basically, the current trusses (four each) will be reinforced and lifted then set on a steel beam. The beams will be supported by two steel poles each. Needless to say we are in dire need of funds to support this project. We are searching for the support of our post and within the American Legion Organization.

I would like to acknowledge our family members for stepping up and making donations in support of this effort; Our Honor Guard, The American Legion Riders, Past Commanders Club, The Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion have all made generous donations. Thank you all.

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Additional support from each family comes in the success of the Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Menudo; our ladies have worked very diligently to continue to be successful with this event. Funds assist not only the Auxiliary's programs, but the Post as well. The American Legion Riders have participated in many events that has continued to let The American Legion organization view Post 41 with great respect. This includes participation with the Legacy Run and the Stand Down to name a few. Then there is our Squadron of The Sons of The American Legion, their Fish Fry has also gone a long way to assist the funding of their programs as well as the Post. As a team, working together creates successes that no one can match. We can all stand proud of our American Legion Post 41.

This year we will be holding a formal installation of your officers. Originally we had scheduled this on May 26, 2011. Due to conflicts with the graduations of our future generation, we have moved that event to **June 2, 2011 at 7pm**. We will not be holding a General Meeting in June unless there is a specific need to. I ask that you make every effort to attend this **Joint Installation** of your American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 and The American Legion Post 41 officers.

I would like to take this last opportunity to recognize some of our members' dedication to making our Post the success that it is known for throughout the Veteran community. I apologize if I do not mention everyone, as we do have a number of dedicated members, but I only have this opportunity and space. Executive Committee member Richard Lucero did an outstanding job of being this year's Easter Bunny at our community event, he touched the hearts of not only the children, but their parents and members as well, thank you Richard. Post member Dan Straitt did an outstanding job as our Santa Claus at our Christmas Party for the children. We also have Post member Frank Diaz who has donated a World War II VHS series to the post, I have attempting to have these VHS's converted to DVDs so members can check them out for viewing. There are 24 tapes in all, thank you Frank for your generosity. Post member Manuel Carbajal who has consistently supported all our events with his snow cone, cotton candy and pop corn, thank you for always being there for the post. And James Ormsby for running the Children's Halloween party and haunted house year after year. For the dedication of Oscar Herrera, thank you for working the kitchen for many of our events. These are just a few of the many volunteers who are so dedicated and have given so much time, it is members such as these that make our Post well known throughout the Department Of Arizona and the community.

I know there are many more members that give of their time to ensure our events continue to be successful and touch those in need, please know that you are not overlooked. The Post and its events reflect all that you do.

The foundation of our post lies with its volunteers, there has been many and I truly am thankful for all your efforts. Gracias.

Come out and support your post by assisting us to ensure that Post 41 continues to exist for yet another sixty plus years by attending our dances and events.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.

COMMANDER ROBERT P. HERNANDEZ

From Adjutant...

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

It has been a good/bad year. Financially we have not done well all year. I know the economy has something to do with it.

We are in a predicament as before, we have another failure in the hall roof. We have done repairs two times already; this one is in another spot. We have enlisted the aid of Sundt Construction in making a full repair job to all the trusses this time by placing steel beams under every wood truss. Our hope is that we can find sources that will help in the costs which we are in the range of \$50,000.00. Just imagine if we could rely on our members to donate \$50.00 each, we would almost be there

When I became Commander we did a lot to spruce up the post and we are all grateful for the help and support during that time. We used up a lot of funds and the post looks very good. We did not expect the roof to start failing on us and put us in this financial predicament.

I can only plead our case; by example, I am donating \$100.00 to the fund. Maybe our members will help us so that our beloved post can continue serving our veterans and community. If you can, please send a check to the post and state that it is for the roof fund.

On the plus side we went over the 100% in membership by an additional 2% this year. Thanks to all the ones that renewed and the 60 plus transfers or new members this year and a congratulations to our Senior Vice Commander Robert Peralta and his committee. I hope we continue on this pace next year. Let's all work together and keep our post healthy!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
CHARLES "DANNY" BUGH
ADJUTANT/PAST COMMANDER

REMINDER NOTICE

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

Your participation is very important. The Post operations cannot completely function without your support, we are in a point in time that your Post home needs you and that support.



May

Peter “Pete” Santos López – 64 year member

Jesús “Chewy” Aranda – 13 year member

Fermín Cruz Luna – 64 year member

Regular Weekly Entertainment

Don't forget we have regular entertainment at our Post; Tuesday through Friday- Happy Hour 11AM to 6PM and regularly scheduled music entertainment. Also, don't forget the great jukebox with all your favorite tunes.

Friday is usually a DJ dance night with an occasional live band. Saturday is live music night with some great valley band, just check the Legion Post 41 website to see the current schedule of bands. Sunday we will have a Tardeada with a DJ providing music until 10PM.

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, as there are some limitations to how large of a party you can have in the Ronda Room. This is in order to not to infringe or otherwise take control of the Ronda room – the Ronda Room is the membership room first and foremost!

We ask that the children are kept at a minimum, the parties are for adults, and kids get bored when there is nothing for them to do but run around the Room! All children under the age of 18 must be out of the Ronda Room after 6PM.

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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

<i>Thursday, June 2</i>	<i>Formal 2011-2012 Officer Installation, 7PM</i>
<i>Saturday, June 11</i>	<i>Roof Fundraiser, (TBA)</i>
<i>Saturday, June 18</i>	<i>Father's Day Dance, 7PM</i>
<i>Thursday, June 23</i>	<i>Department Convention- Carefree, AZ (ends Sunday June 26)</i>
<i>Sunday, June 26</i>	<i>Roof Fundraiser, 12PM to 9PM</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 5</i>	<i>New Administration's first official Executive Committee meeting</i>