

# American Legion

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## MEETING INFO

General Meeting:  
2nd Thursday 6PM

E-Board:  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6PM

S.A.L Meeting:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6PM

Auxiliary:  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:30PM

A.L.R.:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9 AM

House Committee:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6PM

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## Let the Food Feud Begin!!

Starting Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> American Legion Post 91's Food Feud kicks off. It's a friendly competition to raise money to support our troops, both past and present.

A.L.R. is kicking it off with a steak dinner followed by S.A.L. with a beef brisket, and then Auxiliary and last but not least the Legionnaires, both with their menus yet to be determined.

Here's how it works. When you pay for your dinner you will be given a comment card. You will rate the meal on how tasty it is. You will also mark which entity you are representing. (If you are both A.L.R. and Auxiliary, you can mark both and be counted at 50% A.L.R. and 50% Auxiliary.)

At the end of the month, the entity with the largest percentage of GREAT meals wins the monthly prize. At the end of three months, whichever entity has the greatest

attendance wins the quarterly prize. So bring your family and friends!!!

Each entity will form its own Food Feud committee, select their menu, and solicit members, family and friends to join us.

- ⇒ 75% of the profits from that evening's dinner go to the entity who is hosting the dinner to use as they see fit.
- ⇒ 15% will be set aside for the monthly prize.
- ⇒ 10% will be set aside for the quarterly prize.

The monthly and quarterly prize money will go to a charity of the winning entities choice. Should SAL win they will be donating their prize money to Operation Comfort Warrior. A.L.R. will be donating to a Women Veterans Homeless Shelter, Auxiliary and Legionnaires will be announcing

their charities by the end of January.

This is a great way to have some fun, eat some great food, have a little competition and raise money for wonderful causes. Please join us for dinner on Fridays and support your Post Family!

Pat Slaboch  
Post 91 Kitchen Coordinator



## Welcome Charter Commander Back Home!

Commander Stitch is proud to announce the return of Post 91's Charter Commander, Valerie Nevius, to the Legionnaire E-Board. Valerie has accepted the position of Finance Officer. Valerie and her family have also been volunteering in the kitchen several nights in December as well!

WELCOME BACK, VALERIE!!

We still have an open position for Junior Vice. If you know of a Legionnaire who would be a great Officer for our Post, please speak with Stitch or Gary Pelkey to make a nomination!





Post 91 Commander  
Randy "Stitch" Soutiere  
[rsoutiere@americanlegionpost91.org](mailto:rsoutiere@americanlegionpost91.org)

## Commander's Corner

Congratulations to all of Post 91 for reaching 100% membership for 2011! I can't say thank you enough to all those getting renewals in and to all our new members for joining. This is an accomplishment that gets harder and harder to achieve as we continue to grow and it is something to be proud of now.

We have achieved quite a bit over the last 4 or 5 months. In addition to making improvements to the bar and some of our processes, we also utilized all 4 Post 91 entities (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and A.L.R.) to make significant donations to Veterans and

Veteran Organizations that totaled over \$6,000. This is something everyone in the Post should be proud of, but more important, hopefully it will drive us all to top that amount in the next 6 months. I know we will have fun doing whatever gets us there. Please consider what you can do – even if it is something small – to help fund our charitable activities.

The Post was open throughout the Holiday, albeit with some modified hours. Even with many of us spending time with family members and visiting guests at home, Post attendance on Christmas Eve and Christmas

Day for Commander's call was amazing! Thanks so much for celebrating Christmas with us.

As we move into the New Year, please keep our Active duty Veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Many of them did not have the opportunity to enjoy each others' company over the Holiday, but we'll be here when they come home.

I wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

Yours in Service,  
Stitch



Unit 91 Auxiliary President  
Rae Hopf

## Auxiliary Announcements

I wanted to thank all of Unit 91's members who stepped up to the plate to volunteer in December despite the busy holidays. With the help of many generous donations including the help of Heritage Mint CEO Jeff Wright, we were able to help stock the annual Auxiliary VA Gift Shop event. This annual event put on by Auxiliary Units in the Valley gives veterans the ability to pick out Christmas presents for themselves and their family at no charge. Mary Grant and I went to assist in the set-up. Carol Brown and Carol Wuertemberg spent a day working in the Gift Shop.

Carol B. and Carol W. (our dynamic duo) took a trip to deliver approximately \$500 in women's clothing and \$200 in feminine hygiene products to "The Crossroads," a residential treatment center in Phoenix. These women greatly appreciate all that Unit 91 continues to do for them.

Since the last newsletter, 140 more Christmas cards were signed by members of Post 91 and sent to PFC Bryan White's company at Fort Wainright, Alaska. Bryan is a Post 91 Legionnaire and S.A.L. and the son of Barb & Glenn White. Our Auxiliary also sent \$100 to Operation Homefront to help buy needed items for pre-teens.

Unit 91 membership continues to grow. I wanted to emphasize the responsibility that goes along with

being a member; "Service not self". Being an Auxiliary member means believing in our mission which is providing service to our veterans, their families, our community and our children. It seems that all too often new members are voted in and never heard from again. I understand not everyone is able to attend meetings, but service can be fulfilled by volunteering for activities or even helping from your home. I have made it my mission during the rest of my term to provide education and leadership training at each meeting. Members who attend will receive a leadership training manual to learn about the Auxiliary's history and programs. Our new members need mentoring; for they are the future of our organization.

Here's what Unit 91 will be working on in January:

⇒ StandDown 2011: We will be collecting and purchasing needed items for personal hygiene kits. These items will include razors, travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and shaving cream, bath towels and feminine hygiene products. Several Auxiliary members have signed up to volunteer at StandDown which is being held February 4-6. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please go to this web site: [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org) and click on volunteer registration. Please include which

organization you are with within the Legion Family.

⇒ Kitchen Fundraising: Dinners will continue on Thursday nights by our Auxiliary member Carol Boswell. Proceeds from these dinners help to support Auxiliary programs. Volunteers are needed to take orders and help with clean-up. The Auxiliary will also be cooking one Friday a month (refer to Pat Slaboch article on Food Feud).

⇒ Committee Activities: We now have our chairpersons who will be coordinating activities till July. Please watch for upcoming events and contact the following to volunteer.

1. Americanism—Becky Sotack
2. Children & Youth—Gina Soutiere
3. Girls State—Barb White
4. Membership—Barb White
5. VA&R—Carol Brown
6. Leadership—Rae Hopf

Communication is key to the success of our organization. I encourage Auxiliary members to contact me at the following open email address: [raehopf@americanlegionpost91.org](mailto:raehopf@americanlegionpost91.org).

For God and Country,  
Rae Hopf  
Unit 91 Auxiliary President

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**Printed Back:**

**"I partied  
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**Auxiliary Fund Raiser**

**Post 91 Bar Hours**

Mon-Fri Noon – Close  
Sat 10 am - Close  
Sun 9 am – Close

## S.A.L. Message - CHARGE

2010 is now behind us and we got many things accomplished at Post 91. It was a good year and the changes have been remarkable. The new look of the post along with the new bar and seating area are a great improvement. Hats off to all the people who worked so hard in getting things done. It is always amazing how much can get done when we all pull together.

Next I would like to say a special "Thank You" to Paul and Jimmy who have worked so hard in serving us Sunday morning breakfast all year. They do a fantastic job with very little complaining. (Just kidding guys.) For those of you who have not yet tasted their culinary greatness, I highly recommend you come down for Sunday breakfast at the Post and bring a friend or two. Breakfast is served Sunday from 9:00 to Noon and you won't be disappointed. Good food and great friends, what a way to start the day.

The Food Feud is on starting January 7<sup>th</sup>. The S.A.L. members will be serving dinner on January 14<sup>th</sup> so be sure to put that in your calendar. We will be serving smoked beef brisket from "Smokin' Oakes BBQ" along with corn, beans coleslaw and roll. S.A.L. winning proceeds will be sponsoring "Operation Comfort Warriors". They are dedicated to helping wounded military personnel and are a great organization. So I ask that you join us for dinner on January 14<sup>th</sup> to help us win big and support this fantastic cause.

This month S.A.L. is raffling a SPECIAL EDITION 9mm Sig Sauer. This amazing gun has a custom wood carved grip with the "Don't Tread on Me" logo along with 2 clips and an insulated carrying case. Estimated retail value is \$1000.00. Only 100 tickets will be sold at a mere \$15 each. To view this marvelous weapon, see Greg Smith or Gary Pelkey. Buy your tickets now; they will go fast on this great deal.

Now down to business. As you can see, the changes being made are plenty. Things are going a lot faster than you can imagine. These changes do not happen by themselves. I want to say "Thank You" to all the members who have stepped up to help. (You know who you are.)

**Now pay attention as this is important!** I also ask that everyone continue pitching in and volunteer a least a little bit each month. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We all know a little bit goes a long way. If everyone can just give a little time to help cook, clean or whatever you do best, it helps in a big way. Remember we are here to support each other. Whether you're a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, S.A.L. or A.L.R. please talk to your president or the commander and offer up some time to help. Please.

Last I reach out to all S.A.L. members. It is a new year and we need to update our records. Please contact Jeff Slaboch by e-mailing [jeffslaboch@msn.com](mailto:jeffslaboch@msn.com) or calling 623-202-5643. We need to have current e-mail addresses, home addresses and phone numbers for all S.A.L. members. Also there will be a S.A.L. signup sheet at the door to write in your current information for those of you who do not have computers. I would like to get this information before January 31st if possible. Thank you once again and Happy New Year.

Jeff Slaboch  
S.A.L. Member



## Welcome New & Transferred Members

### Legionnaires

\* Richard Hagen  
\* Carl Salyards

### Auxiliary

\* April Teters  
\* Susan Burris  
\* Janet Hammond  
\* Cyndi McKenzie  
\* Kathy Gillespi (xfr)

### S.A.L.

\* None Reported

### A.L.R.

\* Jimmy Smith  
\* Marie "Gibb" Gibney  
\* Chuck Chapman  
\* Ernie Ponicki  
\* Tim Powell  
\* Wyatt (Jim) Gillespie  
\* David Baker

\* Gary Pelkey

A.L.R. Supporters

\* Amy Lockrem  
\* Dale Roddy  
\* Kathy Gillespie  
\* Sheila Pelkey

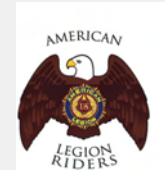
## A.L.R. Message

Well since the last newsletter we have finished with the Harley Davidson Fat Bob giveaway, but before I get into that we should talk about another fundraiser the ALR successfully helped to make Christmas great for the kids.

Post 35 teamed up with the United State Marines on a "Toys for Tots" toy drive. With the special thanks to Greg Smith with his fundraising abilities in one night rose over \$400 dollars for Post 91 to donate more than 56 toys to this cause. Post 91 had over ten riders able to make the ride and support a cause that raise over 1600 total toys for the kids. I wanted to thank everyone that donated money to make this successful.

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> was a big day for the Post and the Legion Riders. And we wanted to thank everyone who helped out to make it successful. It takes every Post 91 Entity to make these events successful so I would like to thank the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and the S.A.L. for their help to make everyone feel welcome in the post. Now the list of the winners of the Bike Raffle:

The grand prize Bike winner: Cathy Go  
\$1000 winner: Bill Lucas  
\$1000 winner: Robert Adelfson



At this month's A.L.R. meeting it was voted on to send \$1000 to the "Wounded Warrior foundations", \$500 Dollars to the VA home and \$200 to the "Boots for the Troops" Program. So again, I want to thank everyone that supported the ALR Bike raffle! You have truly made a different in Veterans lives and the A.L.R. will continue to make donation throughout the year in support of additional Veterans Organizations.

We still have a few more "Get to Know Your Post" maps available for \$15.00 so please see an A.L.R. member if you are interested.

Happy New Years and keep the rubber to the asphalt.

Chris "Baz" Balsley  
Post 91 A.L.R.

## Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- To maintain law and order;
- to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;
- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State and Nation;
- to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- to make right the Master of Might;
- to promote Peace and Good will on Earth;
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;
- and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## Legionnaire Membership Report

We have finally reached 100% membership. Stitch is now a 100% Commander. Thank you all. Our membership continues to grow weekly, WHY? Because of you all! The atmosphere at the post is the best now that I have ever seen. The mood is great. We are now growing like a fine post should.

Gary Pelkey, Sr. Vice Commander

## Bar News

I would like to thank all of the members of Post 91 for all their continued patronage of the post for the past month. You are awesome. Those of you that have been stepping up to volunteer your time and effort have been noticed and appreciated by all. The post needs that! The more of you that help out, the easier it becomes to be a happy and successful post. Thank you from all of us.

I would also like to thank all the bartenders for their continued work with the club. Construction is almost completed and it all looks wonderful.

Once again we have had a successful year with the A.L.R. raffle of the Harley Davidson won



by Cathy Go, a 82" TV won by Terry Schroeder and donated by Rich & Kathy Dymalski, as well as many other raffle winners. Congrats to you all!!!!

Finally, I want to once again thank everyone for a very successful year. I am confident 2011 will be just as successful.

Thanks for your support.

Gary Pelkey  
Bar Manager

## Sick Call

**Carol Boswell**, Auxiliary Member, continues to recover from her recent hospitalization.

**Dave Moreland**, Legionnaire & A.L.R. Member, continues recovering at home from his heart surgery.

**John Nevins**, A.L.R. President, continues dealing with health issues related to his back.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

## Taps

**Terry Flynn**, Charter Member, passed in December.

## Bar & Kitchen News

### Weekly Bar Specials & Events

- Pull Tabs – Tue & Thu
- \$1.75 Domestics – Mon, Wed & Fri
- Bike Nite – Wed

**Stitch & Gina Karaoke EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!** If you haven't stopped by on a Friday night lately, you're missing out! The Post really rocks on Fridays! Singing, dancing & great music fills the Post! The Song Library continues to grow every week!

**Kitchen Now Closed Monday & Saturday unless there is a special event or volunteer.**

Organizing consistent volunteerism for the kitchen is not an easy task. Pat Slaboch is helping us be creative by coordinating a calendar to get each Post entity to cook once a week PLUS organizing the Food Feud! This will help Post 91 have

reliable kitchen service 5 days a week. Please support those cooking by purchasing a meal when you're at the Post and the kitchen is open. Please also work with Legionnaire, Auxiliary, S.A.L. or A.L.R. Officers by volunteering to help cook, clean, or serve at least once a month or so. Every little thing you do goes a long way!

# Calendar of Post 91 Events

## January 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>January Birthdays Happy Birthday!</b>  Alex Whitter Andrew Rohl Carla Wilson					1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>Bar open Noon – 7PM only</b>	2 <b>Sunday Fun Day!</b> <b>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</b>
3 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm	4 <b>Legionnaire Night</b> <b>Stitch's Shepherd's Pie</b>  Pull Tabs	5 <b>A.L.R. Night</b> <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm <b>E-Board 6pm</b> A.L.R. Bike Nite	6 <b>Auxiliary Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs <b>Auxiliary Mtg. 6:30pm</b>	7 <b>FOOD FEUD</b> <b>A.L.R. Night</b> <b>Steaks on the Grill!</b> \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close	8 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	9 <b>Sunday Fun Day!</b> <b>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</b>
10 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm	11 <b>Legionnaire Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b> Pull Tabs  <b>StandDown Homeless</b> <b>Count Training – See pg 7</b>	12 <b>A.L.R. Night</b> <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm  A.L.R. Bike Nite	13 <b>Auxiliary Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs <b>General Mtg. 6pm</b>	14 <b>FOOD FEUD</b> <b>S.A.L. Night</b> <b>Smoked Beef Brisket</b> \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close	15 <b>Auxiliary Burgers &amp; Brats</b> <b>&amp; New Membership Drive</b> <b>11 AM – 2 PM</b>	16 <b>Sunday Fun Day!</b> <b>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</b> <b>A.L.R. Mtg 9am</b> <u>District Meeting in</u> <u>Foundation Hills @ 2pm</u>
17 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm <b>House Committee Mtg.</b> <b>6pm</b>	18 <b>Legionnaire Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs <b>S.A.L. Mtg. 6pm</b>	19 <b>A.L.R. Night</b> <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm  A.L.R. Bike Nite	20 <b>Auxiliary Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs	21 <b>FOOD FEUD</b> <b>Auxiliary Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b> \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close	22 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>855<sup>th</sup> Freedom Salute</b> <b>@ Post 35</b>	23 <b>Sunday Fun Day!</b> <b>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</b>
24 <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm</b> 31 <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm</b>	25 <b>Legionnaire Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs  <b>StandDown Homeless</b> <b>Count Event – See pg 7</b>	26 <b>A.L.R. Night</b> <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>  \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm  A.L.R. Bike Nite	27 <b>Auxiliary Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b>  Pull Tabs	28 <b>FOOD FEUD</b> <b>Legionnaire Night</b> <b>Menu TBD</b> \$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close  <b>January Birthday</b> <b>Party @ Post 91!</b>	29 <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	30 <b>Sunday Fun Day!</b> <b>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</b>



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## Boxes for 158<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

We mentioned in our November & December newsletters that Post 91 is sponsoring another element of the 855<sup>th</sup> but we made an error. We are sponsoring the 158<sup>th</sup> (not 855<sup>th</sup>) MP Battalion of the **Arizona National Guard** who are being deployed overseas. **This spring, in April**, we will be packing boxes to send to 43 soldiers. A list of recommend items is included below. **THIS IS A POST EVENT!** ALL families will be asked to contribute with finding donations to fill the boxes. Thank you all in advance for your help, and I look forward to Post 91 working together as a team to accomplish this mission.

Will Hemphill  
Post 91 Service Officer & A.L.R. Mbr

**NO TOBACCO / CIGARETTES, PRESSURIZED ITEMS, X-RATED MATERIAL, GLASS OR ALCOHOL.**

**FOOD** (chips, crackers, cereal, taco shells, salsa, M/W popcorn, canned fruit, vegetable, nuts, nacho dip, tuna, Ramen noodles, hard candy Gummi bears, beef jerky, energy bars, peanut butter & jelly in plastic containers, drink powder, pop tarts, boxed cookies & similar items. NO PORK.

**SANITARY & COMFORT** Hand-wipes, shampoo, deodorant, razors, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, Chapstick eye drops shaving gel, foot or talcum powder, shoe insoles, sun

block, cotton swabs, inflatable pillows and similar items.

### BOOKS/MAGAZINES:

Paperbacks, recent magazines and newspapers.

### WRITING MATERIALS:

Writing paper, pens, envelopes, small diaries and notebooks.

### ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS:

Board games, Frisbees, Nerf balls, playing cards, CD's and DVDs.

**SPECIAL GIFTS:** Blank cards they can send home (B-Day, Anniversaries, Mothers \ Fathers Day, etc.

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**StandDown 2011**

We need more volunteers!

**First**, if you can help count the homeless in Phoenix and spread the word about the StandDown Event coming in February, sign up and plan to attend training on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and then participate in the Count event Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more info on the Count Event: [click here](#).

All StandDown Count registration forms should be e-mailed to Tim Cole at the City of Phoenix at [tim.cole@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.cole@phoenix.gov) and you may call him at 602-534-5463.

**Second**, if you can actually volunteer during the StandDown event, register and plan to attend one or more days during the event Feb. 4 – 6.

Register at this web site: [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org) and click on volunteer registration. Make sure to indicate that you are with Post 91.

**Third**, if you can donate hygiene products or cash to Unit 91 Auxiliary, we are supplying materials for hygiene kits for the StandDown Event. These items will include razors, travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and shaving cream, bath towels and feminine hygiene products.

**Help homeless here in Phoenix. Keep in mind that a large percentage of homeless are veterans.**

## Kitchen News – Something New is Cooking!

It's a New Year and there are new things happening in the kitchen at the Post 91. I am very happy to say that each entity will be stepping up to help run the kitchen. The Legionnaires will be serving dinner on Tuesday, ALR will continue with their burgers and dogs on Wednesday, Auxiliary will continue with Thursday's and SAL will continue with their fabulous breakfast on Sunday morning. Oh, Oh, and now on Fridays there is the infamous Food Feud Fund Raising. This leaves Monday and Saturday breakfast and dinner open for anyone who wants to step up and cook their favorite meal.

If you'd like to volunteer to cook on Monday or Saturday, please fill out a Kitchen Request Form which is located on the kitchen door so that we can coordinate our efforts. Remember, all profits go to the entity that is serving the dinner. Please turn in your request form to me with at least one week's notice.

We have started using Shamrock Foods to simplify the process of keeping our kitchen stocked with product. (They will be giving us a coffee station to use, yeah!!) If you are going to be cooking and need something from Shamrock, I will be placing the orders on Monday. Please get with me before Monday morning each week so I can include what you need in the order. Keep

in mind that Shamrock delivers bulk quantities so sometimes the quantity of an item that we have to purchase might not make sense for the Shamrock order. If that's the case, you will have to get the product elsewhere. If you would like to shop at Restaurant Depot, all you have to do is go to the front desk, show them your American Legion card and they will give you a pass for the day. Then bring in your receipt to the Post (no matter where you shop) and you will be reimbursed.

The Post will make sure we keep an adequate amount of the below items in the kitchen at all times. Any entity can use these items as needed:

Paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, Salt, Pepper, Spices, Sugar, Cream, Coffee, Butter, Milk, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, Relish, Hot Peppers, Oil, Dish Soap, and Cleaning Products.

If you are unfamiliar with the process around running a dinner, you are given a bank bag from the bar. Just ask the bar tender for "the kitchen bag." You start out with \$20 in change and some blank food order tickets. At the end of the dinner, you will reconcile your bag matching the # of dinners sold to the amount of money, less your bank. There is a

ticket that must be signed off by two people before turning the bag with all cash from the dinner to the bartender.

Once you've turned in your money, you also have to clean the kitchen and notify the bartender when you're done. The bartender (or Bar Manager if present) will verify that the kitchen has been cleaned appropriately for the next group to use. There are signs posted in the kitchen on how it is to be cleaned. This will ensure that everyone has a clean kitchen to work in.

2011 is going to be a spectacular year for Post 91. With everyone stepping up, many hands make light work and our ability to give back will be tremendous. Thanks in advance for your support.

If you have any questions or concerns about the kitchen, please reach out to me and I'll see how I can help.

Pat Slaboch  
Kitchen Coordinator



## Post 91 Will Sponsor Our First American Legion Baseball Team

The raffle proceeds from the 82" DLP TV that Terry Schroeder won at the Christmas Eve party will allow Post 91 to fully sponsor our first American Legion Baseball Team. They start building teams in February so we will publicize the team name, coach and schedule once we have a team officially selected. This is a HUGE success for Post 91 as supporting American Legion Baseball is very important and this will be the first time we've had adequate funding to sponsor a team! You can bet that we will definitely plan some Post Trips to go watch, cheer and support our team this spring!!!

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#### Auxiliary Officers

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 Coordinator: Terry Schroeder

#### Other Leaders:

Club Manager: Gary Pelkey  
 Kitchen Coordinator: Pat Slaboch  
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 Soutiere  
 Web Site: Rae Hopf

## Bike & Car Show Cancelled

The Bike & Car Show planned for January 15<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to logistical issues. Legionnaires will look at holding a like event at some point in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## 855<sup>th</sup> Freedom Salute on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Post 35

The 'Freedom Salute' for the 855th MP is a day set aside for multiple purposes. Put in simple layman terms, the troops have been home for 90 days and during that time they go through numerous phases of 're-acclimation' to civilian life. Part of this day celebrates that. The first part of the day, until about noon, will be the change of command ceremonies. The second part of the day, noon - 3 PM, will be time for the troops and families to celebrate their return. The food and entertainment have been arranged by both the 855th and the three Posts (35, 39 & 91). How can you get involved? Attend the event if you can! We could also use more door prizes for the raffle to be held. Friday 1/21 at 5 PM and again at 11:30 AM on 1/22 at Post 35, we need 5 volunteers to help set up. We also will need someone to man a table for the purpose of membership recruitment from Noon - 3pm on 1/22. If you'd like to help in any of these areas, please contact John Nevins who is coordinating Post 91's involvement.

## Membership Drive Planned for Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

While Auxiliary serves Burgers & Brats to the public on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Post parking lot, the Auxiliary will also have a canopy and booth set up to attract new members. Auxiliary will be advertising in local media and taking advantage of the Goodwill's 50% off event at Saturday to attract visitors to our booth. Legionnaires, A.L.R. and S.A.L. are all welcome to join Auxiliary in the parking lot to talk to and sign up new members. This membership drive event will be from 11 AM - 2 PM Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

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