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General Meeting:
2nd Thursday 6PM

E-Board:
1st Wednesday 6PM

S.A.L Meeting:
3rd Tuesday 6PM

Auxiliary:
1st Thursday 6:30PM

A.L.R.:
3rd Sunday 9 AM

House Committee:
3rd Monday 6PM

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What a Great Success!!!

The Food Feud is over. The Food Feud finished strong in March! We had "Sold Out" conditions at more than one event. What a way to raise some money. As of the printing of this newsletter, the final winners and results had not been announced. Watch for information to be posted in the bar very soon!

Thanks to everyone who played a part in Food Feud ... from cooking, to serving or just purchasing a meal. Congrats to all!



Boxes for 158th Infantry Battalion

APRIL IS HERE!!! Post 91 is sponsoring the 158th MP Battalion of the **Arizona National Guard** who are being deployed overseas. This month we will be packing boxes to send to 43 soldiers. A list of recommend items follows.

THIS IS A POST-WIDE EVENT! ALL entities will be asked to contribute to finding donations to fill the boxes. Last month's Scavenger Hunt raised funds to help but we still need more to fill the boxes. Saturday, April 8th, we will have a Margaritaville Party to help raise money!

You may drop off items at the Post. Take this grocery list with you when you go shopping so you don't forget! *(We do not need Girl Scout Cookies.)*

Thanks for your support!
Will Hemphill
Post 91 Service Officer & A.L.R. Mbr



Shopping List

NO TOBACCO / CIGARETTES, PRESS-URIZED 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, Chap-stick 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 news-papers.

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 (Birthday Day, Anniversaries, Mother's \ Father's Day, etc.



Post 91 Commander
Randy "Stitch" Soutiere
Randy.Soutiere@gmail.com

Commander's Corner

We are a fun Post that does some darn cool things. Over the past year we had fund raisers, celebrations, meals and countless meetings at the Post. We have given away thousands of dollars and have supported our members and charitable organizations with all that we do at the Post, but sometimes we just need to get outside the Post. We did this in a big way in support of the Auxiliary's function at the Ostrich Festival.

There are some articles following that will go through all that was done at the Ostrich Fest, so I won't go into the details, but I did want to thank the Fest Committee as well as the 30 plus volunteers who made it happen. Our Post 91 presence was well received and we showed the community what the Legion is truly about. We were not the Auxiliary, or the S.A.L.s, or the Riders, or the Legionnaires. We were Post 91 and we were representing

the American Legion. The fellowship we had while we were working was remarkable and, while we worked our butts off, we still had a lot of fun doing it.

There is no better sight then seeing a whole community of youth walking around waving the American Flag.

Hats off to you Post 91.

Yours in Service,
Stitch



Unit 91 Auxiliary President
Rae Hopf

Auxiliary Announcements

Let me begin by saying THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who volunteered at StandDown 2011 and to Unit 91 for purchasing & providing hygiene items. Over 1000 homeless veterans received a hand up for 3 days at the Veterans Coliseum. A job well done, Legion Family!

Thank you also to all those who helped with the Ostrich Festival! Auxiliary brought in over \$2600. Refer to Gina's news article for details.

Carol & Judi went to The Crossroads Residential Treatment Center to take clothing, beauty soaps, and bottled water to the women residing there. They then made a trip to the VA campus and took clothing and bottled water to the homeless

veterans and delivered a case of O'Douls to the VA Nursing Home.

Unit 91 held their annual Valentine's Day flower arrangement sales. Melynda made beautiful small boxes filled with candy that were also sold. This is such a fun project for us and a great time for many of our members to get together.

Ashley White, Unit 91 Secretary, organized a Scavenger Hunt in March. Monies raised are to help purchase supplies for the boxes being sent to the 158th Infantry.

If you hadn't heard, Unit 91 Auxiliary won the January Food Feud. We're waiting to

hear the results from February & March. A HUGE THANK YOU, Sharon Chapman, for organizing this event for Unit 91 Auxiliary.

Please bring your pop tabs into the Post before the end of April. Don't forget about the Homeless Veterans Picnic on April 16th at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix.

The Auxiliary will be stuffing plastic Easter eggs with goodies and hiding them for the Easter egg hunt on April 16th for the ICAN Family Fun Day. Everyone is invited to help us hide eggs.

Other Unit 91 news and events:

- Melanie Smith has become our Poppy Chairman
- Donation was made to the Veterans Creative Arts Program
-

Rae Hopf
Unit 91 Auxiliary President

**"Support Our Troops"
Camo Bracelets
available from Unit 91
Auxiliary.**

\$2.00 each.

Auxiliary Fund Raiser

Auxiliary Membership Report

WE DID IT!! 100% Membership Achieved! I cannot remember the last time we reach 100%! It has been a team effort between the Auxiliary, Legion and SAL's in recruiting new members and I personally want to THANK YOU for all you have done The heart of our wonderful organization is membership. Thanks to everyone who has recruited new and members and who continue to recruit new members. Remember to write your name on the back of the membership that you the recruiter.

For God and Country,
Barbara White
1st Vice President, Unit 91 Auxiliary

Post 91 Bar Hours

Mon-Sat Noon - Close
Sun 10 AM - Close

A.L.R. Message

Over the last month the American Legion Riders have been extremely active. For the month we have gone from Avondale to Florence putting upward of 1000 miles on our tires to support our own programs as well support our Brothers and Sisters in other posts and there various worthy causes. All in the name of Supporting Veterans, Showing the Flag, and having a great time.

We do have a few folks who are still on the mend, and all of our thoughts go out to Dave, Chuck, Gary and our Immediate Past President, John. Several of The Riders had a little get together over at Dave's place last week for an impromptu bar-b-q (in the rain). As usual, when we get together, a great time was had by all.

On Sunday we lost a great member of the Motorcycle Community. Kimmy Chapman was well known in the biker community. She was an advocate who started "The Biker's Information Guide" on the Internet. There have been rides each of the weekends, and we have all covered a lot of ground. If you have not joined us on any of the recent rides, GET ON IT! It's a beautiful time of year, and you are missing a lot!! Kimmy was been killed by a guy in a cage (car) that turned left in front of the motorcycle that she and her boyfriend "Tapper" were riding on as they returned home from an event (that Post 91 American Legion Riders participated in with Post 58.) where she was helping judge a motorcycle contest. "Tapper" remains in serious condition in the hospital with a broken spine, pelvis, leg and internal injuries. Our thoughts are with them and there families during this difficult time.

At the time of Printing.... We are getting set up for the Ride for Mary Ellen's Place. Mary Ellen's Place is named in memory and honor of Mary Ellen Piotrowski a US Navy Women Veteran serving our Nation from 1950 to 1952. Mary Ellen worked diligently through her dual membership in the American Legion and Auxiliary since 1953 along with years of community service to bring recognition, appreciation and equal entitlements for our military women past, present and future. She also was a dedicated friend, mentor and advocate for all our Nations veterans. Tenants will be found through, but not limited to, statewide women veteran network and referrals from Phoenix VA Medical Center Women's Program, Homeless and VA OEF/OIF Programs, Phoenix VA Regional Office, VA Vet Centers, Veteran Benefit Counselors, Veteran and Community Organizations and Individuals. For more information, please visit <http://veteransfirstltd.org/mary-ellens-place/> for more information on this wonderful operation

ON April 20th we will be honoring our Arizona's Patriot Guard Riders. The Patriot guard was founded to offset a cretin church that likes to protest Military Funerals. It is a 100% grass roots effort that really deserves all the support they can get. They have the dubious task of escorting the our heroes to their final resting places, as well as Welcoming home, and sending off troops to various points through the world. In recent months they have helped us out with a couple of unfortunate tasks.

As a reminder, Bike Night is every Wednesday at The Post. As a Rider, you are HIGHLY encouraged to attend these. It's a great time to reconnect, eat some great food, and support our causes. Stay tuned for Terry's emails on Tuesday for information about the rides and events we have coming up. He does a lot of work keeping all this straight and making sure we are all in the loop!!!

Finally a VERY special thank you to Allen Burris for his support of the riders in designing and having the Mary Ellen's Place Ride pins designed and crafter. Allen does a lot of great work for The Post (From the VietnAmerica sign, to the Wayne V. MCMartin sign over our conference room and so much more. When ya see Allen, say Thanks!

Chris "Baz" Balsley
A.L.R. President



Welcome New & Transferred Members

Legionnaires

- * Richard Fansler
- * Randy Bunch
- * Daniel Ventura
- * Richard "Rick" Combs
- * William T. Lucas
- * Daniel Stainton

- * Charlene Ward
- * Nadean Rabe
- * Paula Myers (XFR)
- * Tanya Mitchell (XFR)
- * Tina Long (XFR)

S.A.L.

- * None Submitted

A.L.R.

- * None Submitted

Auxiliary

- * Carol Polcyn

S.A.L. Message

Hello again everybody. Good to talk to you again. Things are really going great in the post for all our families.

Our raffles have been a great success thanks to everyone who has participated. We will be coming up with some great new ideas in the future months.

We have partnered with the ALR to purchase a pizza oven. We now have 8" pizzas for \$5 and 12" pizzas for \$8 available for purchase at the post any time. The oven will take about 11 min. to heat up and then only 15 min. to cook. It will be on a self-serve basis so you pay the bar tender and she'll get you a pizza and then you cook it yourself. So stop by and have a pizza and help the post out as well.

Due to the success of our Sunday breakfast will be able to purchase at least three G.I. dogs per month for the children of deployed troops.

I want to thank everyone for their support at our dinners during Family Food Feud. I also want to thank everyone for their prayers during my recent surgery.

Best Wishes:
Chuck Plimmer
S.A.L. Commander



Ostrich Festival Results

The first Post 91 Ostrich Festival Booth that Auxiliary organized & coordinated was a HUGE SUCCESS. We took in over **\$2600 in donations** by handing out ice cold bottled water donated by Big Two Toyota, by letting Festival Goers play "Spin the Wheel" for prizes, face painting, handing out "Pledge of Allegiance" t-shirts, Camo bracelets and other products. The majority of the monies raised will go toward Operation Military Kids and hopefully holding a camp for children with Active Military parents here in the Chandler area this summer.

However - The monies raised was only one small part of the success of the booth. We distributed well over 3,000 U.S. Flags to children and families attending the event. It was wonderful to see the eyes of our community youth light up because they had a flag to wave as they walked around the festival all day. As many of us walked around the festival grounds over the weekend, you didn't find one single flag laying on the ground!! We ran out of flags early on Sunday and had to turn kids away who had come to our booth asking for a flag which was sad. Next year, we'll plan to have at least 5,000-6,000 flags to hand out!!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO ALL 30 VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THIS EVENT

Gina Soutiere, Event Chair Person

Legionnaire Membership Report

Membership is still growing daily with the legionnaires. I've sent another 30 or so memberships into district since the 1st of February. Thanks to all.

Gary Pelkey, Sr. Vice Commander

Bar News

The Post seems to be rolling along with no complaints. Deposits have been very good to date. Jim Faltermeier continues to move right along weekly on bar construction. He most recently installed a new bar trough on the east end of the bar to assist the bartenders to deliver beer more efficiently.

Thank you all for coming in and for those of you that step up when needed. It is highly appreciated by myself as well as the bartenders. Thank you again for everything. Talk to ya next month.

Thank you all!
Gary Pelkey
Club Manager

Sick Call

Dave Moreland, Legionnaire & A.L.R. Member, continues recovering at home.

Chuck Plimmer, S.A.L. and A.L.R. Member, and **John Nevins**, Legionnaire and A.L.R. Member, both underwent recent surgeries and are both recovering at home.

Gary Pelkey, Sr. Vice, and **Gina Soutiere**, Auxiliary Member, have also had recent hospitalizations but are both recovering at home.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

Taps

Wes Bennett, Legionnaire, passed away 13 Feb 2011 at 8:25 pm

Susan Patricia Buckrucker "Froggy", wife of Don Buckrucker, Legionnaire, passed away on 03 Mar 2011.

Bunny Hamilton, Past District 12 Auxiliary President

Bar & Kitchen News

Weekly Bar Specials & Events

- Pull Tabs – Tue & Thu
- \$1.75 Domestic – 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!



YOU BAKE PIZZA'S NOW AVAILABLE

12" Sausage, Pepperoni or Deluxe for only \$8.00!!

You pay the bar tender and she'll get you a pizza cutter and a pizza. You pre-heat the pizza oven for 11 minutes and then cook your pizza to your liking (between 12-15 minutes).

Calendar of Post 91 Events

April 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Color Key: Green – Kitchen Blue – Bar Specials Red – Meetings Black – Bar Events Orange – Special Events @ 91 Gray - Events Not @ Post 91</p> 		<p>April Birthdays!</p> <p>Happy Birthday!!!</p> <p>Kathleen Zimmer Sandi McElvogue Mary F. Brown</p>		<p>1</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day!</p>
<p>4</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Legionnaire Night Menu TBD</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p>	<p>6</p> <p>A.L.R. Night Burgers & Dogs</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm A.L.R. Bike Nite E-Board 6pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p> <p>Auxiliary Mtg. 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Margaritaville Party and 158th Infantry Box Benefit Starts 6PM @ Post 91</p> <p>Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day!</p>
<p>11</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Legionnaire Night Menu TBD</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p>	<p>13</p> <p>A.L.R. Night Burgers & Dogs</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm A.L.R. Bike Nite</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p> <p>General Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>S.A.L. Campout Auxiliary Night Menu TBD</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>16</p> <p>S.A.L. Campout</p> <p>Family Day @ ICAN Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt 2:30 PM @ ICAN</p>	<p>17</p> <p>S.A.L. Campout</p> <p>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day! A.L.R. Mtg 9am</p>
<p>18</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm House Committee Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Legionnaire Night Menu TBD</p> <p>Pull Tabs S.A.L. Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>A.L.R. Night Burgers & Dogs</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm A.L.R. Bike Nite P.G.R. Appreciation Night – 6PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p>	<p>22</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close April B-Day Party!!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>S.A.L. Breakfast 9-Noon</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day!</p> <p>EASTER </p>
<p>25</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Legionnaire Night Menu TBD</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p>	<p>27</p> <p>A.L.R. Night Burgers & Dogs</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm A.L.R. Bike Nite</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pull Tabs</p>	<p>29</p> <p>\$1.75 Domestics 12-7pm Stitch & Gina Karaoke 8pm-Close</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND</p>

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American Legion Post 91 Presents.... Patriot Guard Riders Appreciation Night!



Wednesday April 20th

American Legion Post 91 would like to invite you to a very special evening where we honor those who have honored us and so many others.

We are located at 922 North Alma School Drive in Chandler.

We will be presenting a donation to the Patriot Guard .

We guarantee a good time will be had by all! American Legion Riders from Post 91 will be cooking that night.

Come out and support those who STAND WITH US!

Events will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 20th

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March\April 2011 Newsletter

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Faltermeier
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Historian: Marie "Gibb" Gibney

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President: Rae Hopf
1st Vice: Barbara White
2nd Vice: **(OPEN)(NEW)**
Secretary: Ashley White
Treasurer: Kathy Pless
Historian: Christine Helvoigt
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Antaya, Carol Brown & Nell Gray

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Jr. Vice: Chris Balsley "Baz"
Finance Officer: Gregg
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Chaplain:
Historian:
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Jr. Past Commander: Bob Hath

A.L.R. Officers

President: Chris Balsley "Baz"
Vice President: Dave Baker **(NEW)**
Treasurer: Dave Moreland
Sgt @ Arms: Steve Papoi
Road Captain: **Bill Pless (NEW)**
Membership Chairman:
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Coordinator: Terry Schroeder

Other Leaders:

Club Manager: Gary Pelkey
Kitchen Coordinator: **(OPEN)**
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Post Communications: Gina
Soutiere
Web Site: Rae Hopf, Gina Soutiere
& Marie "Gibb" Gibney

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See us at:
<http://americanlegionpost91.org/>



Margaritaville Party Fund Raiser Saturday, April 9th – 6PM - ?

Wear your shorts, swim trunks and Hawaiian Shirts and come ready to party!!!

Mexican Themed Dinner will be available at 6pm.

Jello Shots will be sold all night.

We will also be raffling off a Margarita Themed basket.

Stitch & Gina Karaoke starts at 8PM.

**All proceeds will go toward purchasing items to fill the boxes
that we are sending on Memorial Day to the 158th Infantry who
are currently deployed in Afghanistan.**

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