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# The American Legion Post 44

August & September 2010

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Past Commander....Bob Rankin

### TAPS

It has been the will of our heavenly Father in his wisdom to call our beloved home. Therefore be it resolved that in their passing the American Legion and Auxiliary has lost faithful and true comrades and outstanding citizens.

Jack Manor, John Reid Sr, William Woolwine and Nell Kleinschmidt.

Prayers are needed for Bill Specht, Jim Larson, Mike Koslowski, Jim Martin, Shari Stewart, Kathy Taylor, Jane Rankin, Billie Roper and Cecile Truss.

Contact your Chaplain as needed; Norm Schlieper at 251-752-1739 or Jean Scott at 251-752-5407.

Thanks to all the members that took action on their 2011 membership renewal. We have already achieved over 50% of our goal for the year. Early renewals allow us to get a good start on our numerous programs.

Thanks also to all those that made our district meeting in July a huge success. I hope you will take time from your busy schedule to attend the District meeting in Fairhope on Aug 15. It's time for Post 44 to capture the attendance trophy. We haven't had it in nearly a year.

Your participation is always valued and needed. We are going to visit veterans in the VA Hospital in Biloxi on Aug 14. This is our Christmas in July that slipped a couple of

### Veterans Yellow Ribbon Fest

Tickets are now available for the annual Yellow Ribbon Fest; a Post fundraiser event on November 13. We hope to raise a few thousand dollars in support of our numerous programs like the Wounded Warrior Fund, Veteran care facilities and community scholarships. Tickets for the event are \$25.00 per person. Your ticket makes you eligible for the grand prize drawing of \$1500, second prize \$1000 and third prize \$500. **You do not have to be present to win.** This will allow our

weeks. We will be traveling on a Good Times Tour Bus, which means we will be going to the Casino after our hospital visit. Participants must pay \$10.00 for the bus trip. Please sign up and pay at the bar. We must have 50 riders. The Auxiliary will need help in putting the gift bags together. More details will be available at the upcoming membership meetings.

We will also host an Americanism banquet on Aug 26 to recognize the students that participated in Boys and Girls State this year. We'll need set up and clean up help.

On Sep 4 we will hold another quarterly breakfast. We will need members to buy and sell tickets for this event. We also have a fish fry at W.F.

out of state members to participate. However, only ticket holders can participate in the fest events on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be hors d'oeuvres, live music, silent auction, sock hop dance contest and more. Buy your tickets today. We will only sell 400 tickets. Members will be selling the tickets locally. Out of state members can send a request with a check in the mail to Post 44 at P.O. Box 40 or call Rosanne at 251-945-1394 and we'll get your ticket(s) out right away.

Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette to support.

I encourage all members to find at least one event per month to support with food, donations and/or participation. Support is needed for us to continue to have events. Lack of member support means we may have to cut some things out during these lean times.

### Key Events of Interest:

- \* Monday Night BINGO
- \* Tuesday Night Prime Rib Dinner, live music & Lucky Dawg Draw
- \* Thursday Daytime BINGO
- \* Friday Night Steak Dinner and live music
- \* Sunday Live music
- \* Aug 1 - Legion/Aux Exec Mtgs
- \* Aug 12 - Legion/Aux Mbr Mtgs
- \* Aug 14- Visit VA Hosp/ Biloxi
- \* Aug 15 – District Mtg /199
- \* Aug 21 - Post Workday
- \* Aug 24 – SAL Mtg
- \* Aug 26 – Americanism Dinner
- \* Aug 29 – Birthday Bash
- \* Sep 2 - Legion/Aux Exec Mtgs
- \* Sep 4 – Legion Breakfast
- \* Sep 9 - Legion/Aux Mbr Mtgs
- \* Sep 11 – District Fish Fry
- \* Sep 18 – Post Workday
- \* Sep 19 – District Mtg/153
- \* Sep 26 – Birthday Bash
- \* Sep 28 SAL Mtg

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## POST 44

## August 2010

SUNDAY	MON	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 4-8 PM – Music Musicman & Co.	2 6:30 PM - BINGO	3 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM – Lucky Dawg Draw 6-8 PM – Live Music	4 5-7 PM - \$5.00 Spaghetti Plate	5 10:00-2:00 - BINGO 6 PM – Leg & Aux Exec Mtgs 6:30-8:30 PM – FREE Line Dancing	6 5-7 PM Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	7 7 PM – Shag & Bop Televised Sports
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**Auxiliary Officers**

President .....Kathy Ruder  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice .....Felicia Linkous  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice .....Jane Rankin  
 Secretary .....Billie Roper  
 Treasurer .....Jan Ling  
 Chaplain .....Jean Scott  
 Historian .....Vacant  
 Sgt-at-Arms .....Dean Fazekas  
 Membership .....Donna Stacey  
 Members At Large:  
 Pat Danvir, Bobbie McLeod, &  
 Rosanne Amato  
 Finance Committee:  
 Cecile Truss & Sherri Irvin

**Comments from the Auxiliary**

Ladies,  
 Christmas in July, Oops, I mean August is here. We will visit veterans at the VA Hospital in Biloxi on Aug 14. Your help is needed to get the gift bags stuffed at our member meeting on Aug 12. We could use some donations for Large white t-shirts. We have plenty of X-Lrg. This trip will be in a luxury travel bus. Pay \$10 at the bar to reserve your seat. We will be going to a casino after our visit.  
 The Auxiliary is needed to help with the set up and clean

up at the Americanism Banquet on Aug 26. I hope many can attend to meet the young ladies that represented our Unit.  
 Members are needed to sell and buy tickets to the Legion Breakfast on Sept 4. Kitchen help is always appreciated.  
 We need Little Debbie donations for the District Fish Fry on Sep 11.  
 Mark your calendars and get involved. We need you.  
 Cathy Ruder

**Membership News**

Jo Weeks will be available on Tuesday and Friday nights as well as other special Post events to collect Legion membership dues during the month of August. Save your stamp and help us save ours by having dinner and paying your dues at the same time.  
 Donna Stacey will collect Auxiliary dues.  
 Early Bird date is September 4.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.....Anthony Jones  
 Secretary.....Tony Dalton  
 Finance Officer.....Jimmy Eiland  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....R. Washburn

Congrats for exceeding our 2010 membership goal. A repeat is always great. Current dues are \$15. Early birds are encouraged. SAL officers are same as last year. Meeting night remains as 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month.

**District 33 Happenings**

Post 44 did a great job in hosting the July District meeting. We had quite a crowd of guests and visitors. The August meeting will be at Post 199 in Fairhope on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. Commander Stacey would like Post 44 to

capture the attendance trophy. All members should plan to attend.

Sep 11 is the District fish fry at W.F. Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette. The Sep District meeting will be at Post 153 in Mobile on the 19<sup>th</sup>.



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