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# The American Legion Post 44

July 2010

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### Post 44 Officers

Commander .....Wayne Stacey  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice .....Derrick Schlieper  
Adjutant .....Sonya Bankston  
Membership .....Yolanda Weeks  
Finance Officer.....Lloyd Hayes  
Chaplain .....Norm Schlieper  
Sgt-at-Arms .....Nate Ross  
Service Officer .....Paul Knoch  
Judge Advocate.....Vacant  
Exec Committee: Donna  
Stacey, Joe Porter and Jack Miles  
Past Commander....Bob Rankin

### Message from the Commander

Independence Day is a time that we get together for picnics and fireworks. It's a great time to reflect on the painstaking discussions, meetings and votes that led a group of well educated patriots to form our constitution. Our country may have issues, but we have the freedom to address those issues without retribution. Remember that freedom isn't free.

We had a great conference in Montgomery. More info is available on page 2.

July is the beginning of a new Legion year. Your membership notices should be arriving any day. I'd like to encourage all members to be an early bird by renewing your membership before September

6. This will save a lot in postage fees since membership renewal notices continue to go out to until they renew. We would appreciate your timely action. All early birds will have a chance to win an unnamed prize. Extra tickets will be available for purchase, but only early birds can buy these extra chances. The prize will be announced in the next newsletter.

Thanks to the many volunteers on the Family Day America event. This was a great grass roots Legion event; promoting patriotism in our community. We really appreciate the Gulf Shores Lions Club, Dr. Alicia Farrel's Chiropractic Office and the city recreation department in helping us.

Our post has numerous volunteer needs throughout the year. Let me know that you are willing. A lot of volunteers make the chores easier and more enjoyable. We don't want to overwork anyone. You set your limit. WE NEED YOU.

Wayne Stacey, Commander

### Key Events of interest:

- \* Monday Night BINGO
- \* Tuesday Night Prime Rib Dinner, live music & Lucky Dawg Draw at 7 PM
- \* Thursday Daytime BINGO
- \* Friday Night Steak Dinner and live music
- \* Sunday Live music
- \* Jul 1 - Leg/Aux Exec Mtgs
- \* Jul 8 - Leg/Aux Member Mtgs
- \* Jul 11 - Buffet Concert
- \* Jul 17 - Post Workday
- \* Jul 18 - District Mtg
- \* Jul 20 - SAL Mtg
- \* Jul 25 - Birthday Bash

### Alabama Department Conference

Congrats to Commander Wayne who was elected the Department's 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander. This is a great honor for our commander, Post 44 and our District.

We received a certificate for achieving 100% in membership. We achieved the highest percent of members for post with 200 or more. Post activities are a key element in membership growth. Veterans want to belong to a post that is moving forward.

### Veterans Yellow Ribbon Fest

The Post is holding a fundraiser event on November 13. We look to make this a huge annual event to raise money for 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. Our snowbird members can buy tickets too. 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. Only a limited quantity will be sold.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## POST 44

## JULY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Steve's Place</b> at Post 44 Hot Lunch: Mon-Fri 11 AM - 2 PM Evening Specials: Mon-Thur 5 - 7 PM Catering Available - Call 251-923-8383		<b>Family Day America</b> July 3 at Sims Park, Gulf Shores Events from 8 AM to Noon		10:00-2:00 <b>1</b> BINGO 6 PM - Leg & Aux Exec Mtgs 6:30-8:30 PM - FREE Line Dancing	5-7 PM <b>2</b> Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	8-Noon - <b>3</b> Family Day America 7 PM - Shag & Bop Televised Sports
<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>6</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM - Lucky Dawg Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>7</b> 5-7 PM - \$5.00 Spaghetti Plate	<b>8</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6 PM - Leg & Aux Member Mtgs 6:30-8:30 PM - FREE Line Dancing	<b>9</b> 5-7 PM Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	<b>10</b> Televised Sports
<b>11</b> 5:00 PM - Buffet Concert (Giant TV) Food Available	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>13</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM - Lucky Dawg Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>14</b> 5-7 PM - \$5.00 Spaghetti Plate	<b>15</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO NO Line Dancing	<b>16</b> 5-7 PM Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	<b>17</b> 9 AM - Post Workday Televised Sports
<b>18</b> 2:30 PM District Meeting - Post 44 Hosting 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co.	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>20</b> 6 PM - SAL Mtg 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM - Lucky Dawg Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>21</b> 5-7 PM - \$5.00 Spaghetti Plate	<b>22</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM - FREE Line Dancing	<b>23</b> 5-7 PM Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	<b>24</b> Televised Sports
<b>25</b> 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co. 6 PM - Potluck Birthday Bash	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>27</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM - Lucky Dawg Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>28</b> 5-7 PM - \$5.00 Spaghetti Plate	<b>29</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM - FREE Line Dancing	<b>30</b> 5-7 PM Steak Night 7-11 PM - Music Musicman & Co	<b>24</b> Televised Sports

### 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

I'm proud to be elected to serve as your president. I want to thank all the outgoing officers and all the members that worked so hard this past year to complete so many projects; A JOB WELL DONE. Now let me say welcome to the new officers and all members of the Unit. We have a big job to do, but if we work together we can continue to grow our Auxiliary and grow our success. I hope to see as many members as possible at the meetings. We need your input and your help. Meetings will remain on the

second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. The Legion will meet at the same time. This should help those that normally don't drive or don't want to come alone. Our projects this month are "Christmas in July." We plan to visit the VA hospital in Biloxi and bring good tidings and great joy, just like Christmas-time. We are also making plans for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District meeting that we host on Jul 18.

I do want to acknowledge the loss of a long time auxiliary

member and patriot; Lieu Porter. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family and friends. She was an exceptional lady and a model Auxiliary member.

Last, the ladies at Swifts Presbyterian Church want to thank the Auxiliary for the generous donation. They were able to send 20 boxes of cookies to our deployed troops. I'll let you know the next ship date, so we can pitch in again.

Kathy Ruder,  
President



"Family Day America": Hometown pride

### Christmas in July

Auxiliary and Legion members will head to the VA hospital in Biloxi sometime this month to visit patients and deliver gifts. The patients receive lots of visitors and gifts around Christmas-time but few come see them in the summer. We have been collecting funds on our 50/50 drawings to help us pay for gifts. We could also use donations for white T-shirts mostly LARGE. We have tons of X-LRG. Attend the meeting and listen for the details on dates/times. We plan to go on the Good Times Tour as we have in the past and spend some time in the Casinos as well. More details to come.

### 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.

Bill Odom, Phillip "Spanky" Holzapfel, Buzz Grissett, Pauline Skipper & Lieu Porter

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

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

### Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander.....Frank Bielicke  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice.....Paul Barefield  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.....Anthony Jones  
 Secretary.....Tony Dalton  
 Finance Officer.....Jimmy Eiland  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....R. Washburn

### District 33 Happenings

Post 44 will host the District meeting on Sunday, July 18 at 2:30. All members should plan on attending. The Auxiliary is needed to help with the meal by providing side dishes. The

Legion will provide the meat for the meal. Please attend the general member meetings this month to work out the details.



### The American Legion

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