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## American Legion Post 44



# The Gulf Post

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March 2010

### This may be your last Monthly Newsletter by mail

The cost to produce our newsletter continues to increase. We will be happy to continue to mail your newsletter, but you will need to contact us to let us know that you want to remain on the mailing list. Call Wayne at 251-968-2693 and leave a message with your name, address and phone number.

The newsletter will be available at the Post and on our Web site ([www.gulfshoreslegionpost44.org](http://www.gulfshoreslegionpost44.org)). We will continue to send the newsletter out by email. We can add your email address to the list once you send an email request to [legionpost44@gulftel.com](mailto:legionpost44@gulftel.com).

We truly want to get the information out, but all the return mail fees are unbelievable. Thanks for your support in maintaining this cost.

### Message from the Commander

Wayne Stacey

February was party month. We had some large events starting with the Super Bowl and ending with Mardi Gras. For the first time, Post 44 had a float in the Gulf Shores Mardi Gras Parade, and it was a great hit with our participants and the crowds. Thanks to those who helped decorate the float, riders and walkers. Your support of these events is what made them successful for the Post.

Time is coming upon us for our Northern friends to head back to their hometowns. We appreciate your visit with us and support of Post 44. We look forward to your return once again. Have a safe trip. Remind your friends to visit Post 44 when they are in the area.

Volunteers are needed for the first quarterly Legion breakfast on Mar 20. We'll need set up, cooks and clean up. We'll also need member and community support to make this a roaring success. This could be a great way to again get the community involvement and also serve as a recruiting mechanism. Advance tickets are available to sell to friends and local businesses.

### Post 44 Officers

Commander ..... Wayne Stacey  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice ..... Jay Nieves  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice ..... Derrick Schieper  
Adjutant ..... Sonya Bankston  
Membership ..... Willie Schuck  
Finance Officer ..... Lloyd Hayes  
Chaplain ..... Jim Jent  
Sgt-at-Arms ..... Nate Ross  
Service Officer ..... Paul Knoch  
Judge Advocate..... Vacant  
Exec Committee: Joe Porter, Bill Odom & Donna Stacey  
Bob Rankin (Past Commander)

### CATERING AND HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE!!

Book your party or meeting at Post 44. See Gloria for Hall use and Steve for catering.

### District 33 Happenings

We weren't successful in capturing the meeting attendance trophy. We had 8 members in attendance. Post 76 took the trophy with 17 members present.

The next District meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> at Post 76 in Mobile at 2:30 PM. Post members are always welcome to attend.

We will be the host for the April District meeting. April is the month for 2011 leader nominations.

### Bingo

Thanks to all the Bingo volunteers. Your time and suggestions are making a difference -- bingo is getting bigger and better every session!! More volunteers always needed. Let us know.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## POST 44

## March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>2</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 6 PM - AL Exec Mtg 7 PM - Lucky Dog Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>3</b> 5-7 PM - Spaghetti Plate \$5 5:30 PM - Euchre Card Game	<b>4</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM Line Dancing	<b>5</b> 5-7 PM Steak & Fish Night 7-11 PM -Music Musicman & Co	<b>6</b> Televised Sports 7 PM - Shag & Bop
<b>7</b> 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co. 5:30 PM - Aux Exec Mtg	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>9</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 6 PM - Post Mtg 7 PM - Lucky Dog Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>10</b> 5-7 PM - Spaghetti Plate \$5 5:30 PM - Euchre Card Game	<b>11</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM Line Dancing	<b>12</b> 5-7 PM Steak & Fish Night 7-11 PM -Music Musicman & Co	<b>13</b> Televised Sports 6 PM- Music Talent Review
<b>14</b> 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co. 5:30 PM - Aux Mtg	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>16</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 7 PM - Lucky Dog Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	 <b>17</b> St Patrick's Day Party 11 AM - Lunch Corn beef/Cabbage 1-5 PM Live Music	<b>18</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM Line Dancing	<b>19</b> 5-7 PM Steak & Fish Night 7-11 PM -Music Musicman & Co	<b>20</b> 8 AM - Legion Breakfast Televised Sports
<b>21</b> 2:30 PM - District Mtg @ Post 76 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co.	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>23</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 6 PM - SAL Meeting 7 PM - Lucky Dog Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>24</b> 5-7 PM - Spaghetti Plate \$5 5:30 PM - Euchre Card Game	<b>25</b> 10:00-2:00 BINGO 6:30-8:30 PM Line Dancing	<b>26</b> 5-7 PM Steak & Fish Night 7-11 PM -Music Musicman & Co	<b>27</b> Televised Sports 6 PM - Music Talent Review
<b>28</b> 4-8 PM - Music Musicman & Co. 6 PM - Potluck Birthday Bash	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM - BINGO	<b>30</b> 5-7 PM - Prime Rib 6 PM - SAL Meeting 7 PM - Lucky Dog Draw 6-8 PM - Live Music	<b>31</b> 5-7 PM - Spaghetti Plate \$5 5:30 PM - Euchre Card Game	 at Post 44 Hot Lunch - Mon-Fri 11 AM - 2 PM Evening Specials Daily Mon-Thur 5 - 7 PM		



## The American Legion

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## Comments from the Auxiliary

Donna Stacey

**NEW MEETING NIGHTS.** We moved the executive committee meetings and general membership meetings to Sunday nights to stimulate more participation. Mark your calendars to these changes. On Mar 7 the executive committee will meet at 5:30 and the following week on Mar 14, the general membership will meet at 5:30. Our meetings are an hour long or less. I hope this change will allow more ladies to get involved. We have lots to do for our veterans, their families and our community. We need you and your smiling faces.

The Auxiliary members voted to donate \$500.00 to sponsor a WWII Veteran to participate in the next Honor Flight. We hope this will be a blessing to a veteran.

We are collecting old cell phones here. Your old phones will buy 250 cell minutes for a deployed veteran per phone donated. Be sure to inform your friends and family. We have a box on one of the book cases to collect the phones.

Meals and snacks for the Super Bowl party were super successful. We cleared about \$500.00 for the event. It was a fun night for all fans.

Desserts and flowers for Valentine's Day were also a big hit. We raised nearly \$200.00 at this event. Not bad for just trying something different. Thanks so much to the ladies that brought some delicious goodies. And a special thanks to the gentlemen Legion members that ran the event for us. We love you all.

The Mardi Gras Party was a huge success for the Post. The Post looked great and we were wall to wall people.

Jimmie VanValkenburgh has volunteered to run the team in selecting our Girls' State candidates. She will need helpers. Let me or Jimmie know if you'd like to get involved in this project.

Our membership is over 90%. We need to get any renewals wrapped up before the end of March. It would be great to achieve 100% like the Legion. Ladies ask your friends to make sure they have joined or renewed their membership. I handed out many applications and now need to follow up to see if they got completed. The membership is not about you or me, but about our veterans and how our numbers show support for our veterans. Please help us to show Alabama that Unit 44 Auxiliary has a strong support for our veterans.

We still have a few events to handle before we close out the year. Hope you can come to the meetings as we plan for a few closing events of the year: District meeting in April and nominations for 2011 officers, selecting Girls' State delegates and elections for new officers Poppy Day in May.

## **Auxiliary Officers**

President ..... Donna Stacey  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice ..... Jane Rankin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice ..... Felicia Linkous  
Secretary ..... Valarie McKoon  
Treasurer ..... Jan Ling  
Chaplain ..... Jean Scott  
Historian ..... Vacant  
Sgt-at-Arms ..... Dean Fazekas  
Membership ..... Gayle White  
Members At Large: Karen Schuck, Pat Danvir & Jean Perry  
Finance Committee: Cecile Truss & Shari Stewart

## Volunteer Warriors

Thanks to the many volunteers that make our Post so great. Special thanks to the following:

Bob Rankin: Lead coordinator for Mardi Gras Parade  
Teresa Hatcher: Letting us use pontoon boat for float  
Gayle White, Felicia Linkous, Elaine Beasley and Jay Nieves for super Mardi Gras decorations  
Mary Lou Pope: Lead coordinator for Valentine Party at W. F Green Veterans Nursing Home  
Donna Stacey, Shari Stewart, Valarie McKoon and Dean Fazekas for Super Bowl meal service  
Jimmie VanValkenburgh and Steve Jones for being judges at our oratorical contests.  
Bob Rankin, Rod Scott, Jay Nieves and Donna Stacey for their help with the oratorical contests and Jean Scott for refreshments.  
Donna Stacey: Lead on aluminum recycle program.  
The large group who decorated the Mardi Gras float.

## Chaplain's Thoughts

Please notify your Post or Unit chaplain if you have a personal or family need. We want to show our care of our members, but it's difficult to do that when we aren't aware of needs. Post 44 Chaplain is Jim Jent. He can be reached at 251-981-3600. The Auxiliary Chaplain is Jean Scott. Please contact her at 251-752-5407.

## Legion Membership

**100 PERCENT has been achieved!!!!** We still had about 160 renewals that are outstanding. It isn't too late to join; renew your membership for 2010 before the end of March. March is the cut off in preparation for the 2011 rosters.

## Oratorical Speech Contest

Brett Hudson from Gulf Shores High School won our Post contest on Feb 13 and the District contest on Feb 20. Unfortunately he didn't win the Division contest, but he did a great job and we're proud of our association with this young man. He has a bright future before him.

## Boys State Sponsorships

Start soliciting local business contacts to help sponsor a 2010 Boys State delegate. Registration time will be here before long. The fee went up to \$200.00 per student. We normally send 6 to 7 students per year. We need community support more than ever.

## 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..... Richard Washburn  
SAL meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly, at 6 PM. Renew your 2010 membership now.