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MAY 30, 2024 - 9:00 AM

TO FOLD AND ASSEMBLE THE JUNE SENTINEL FOR MAILING! COME JOIN US AND GET IN ON THE FUN! THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF YOUR TIME. REMEMBER, YOU GET A DELICIOUS PIZZA LUNCH TOO!

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LANCE BYMERS
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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER
Report for the Month of March 2024

Total Sales	\$25,074.62
Cost Of Liquor:	\$10,019.92
Cost of Doing Business	\$ 8,841.29
<i>(Payroll, Taxes, Entertainment, Janitorial Etc.)</i>	
NET PROFIT FROM BAR	\$6,213.41
Transferred to General Fund	\$6,213.41

May is here and we have a full slate of activities happening here at Post 36 all month long. Thursday, May 6th is the Auxiliary dinner of chicken fried steak. That is also the evening when they draw for the winner of the scratcher raffle basket. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, see the bartender and get a chance to win big! Saturday the 4th, we will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo, with a Mexican dinner cooked by our very own Luis Gonzalez. DJ. Blackie will be here playing your favorite tunes and karaoke will be available.

Saturday evening the 11th will be the homecoming for our own Steve Sperl who has served as the State Commander of the American Legion for this past year. Steve has done an awesome job traversing this whole State and visiting a great many Posts to further our mission of serving our Veterans. This mission is a very busy one and Steve has made our State shine. The dinner that evening will be prime rib and music will be provided by our own Ruben "Blackie" Hernandez. Come on down and welcome Steve home. Sunday the 12th is Mother's Day, and we will be having a brunch where Mothers eat free!

Tuesday the 14th is Post Election Day. Voting is from Noon until 6:55. Please stop by and vote for who you think would be the best candidate to lead our Post for the next year. Monday the 27th is Memorial Day and we will have our Post Everlasting ceremony with a potluck to follow. Please come and honor all our treasured members who have passed away in the last year and bring a dish to share. Friday, we will be hosting a blood drive from 11:00 until 4.00. Please come down and give blood to keep the blood bank at healthy levels.

For God and Country,
Kevin J. Smith

HOW ARE WE DOING?

A report from our Finance Officer:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit/(Loss)</u>
January	\$25,587.42	\$27,407.02	(\$1,819.60)
February	\$22,879.47	\$22,676.02	\$203.45
March	\$29,212.63	\$24,930.74	\$4,281.89

Profit/Loss varies due to dates of deposits, purchases. Etc

Commander's Message

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

I am sad to report that we missed our 95% goal by April 10th, we were at 94.64%. We were 4 members short of the 95% goal. I am confident we as a team can meet our 100% goal. Side note, I would love to see Post 36 hit the 103% goal by Convention. I do not think that has ever been done before. Let's Do This! Put Post 36 on the Grand map of membership. We should allow ourselves to be embarrassed by the other post in District 2. For our District 2 Commander AL Young every Post is striving to have all Post in his District at 100%.

"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!" – Robin Williams

Our Post will be hosting Department Commander Steve Sperl's Homecoming on May 11th, 2024. Members sign up will be open on May 6, 2024 (Monday before). The event will be Business Casual. Men, Polo shirts and Slacks. Ladies, nice tops, sweaters, or Polo shirts with Slacks. Prime Rib will be served, \$25.00 per person. A vegetarian option will be available for \$20.00 per person. No host bar starting at 4:00 p.m. Dinner approximately 5 to 6:30.

The SAL & Auxiliary are stirring things up this year for Mother's & Father's Day. It has always been that Auxiliary hosted Mother's Day & the SAL hosted Father's Day. Not this year. How fun is this going to be? I believe it will be extremely fun as the SAL will be serving the Ladies this year for Mother's Day and when Father's Day approaches in June, the Auxiliary will be serving the gentlemen. Ladies, ask the SAL if they will be wearing bow ties just for fun, (wink, wink). Thank you, SAL & Auxiliary for not doing things the same way just because "we've always done it that way."

VOTING IS UPON US: Legionnaire's Post Officer voting will be May 14, 2024, from Noon to 6:55 p.m. Come out and exercise your member privilege for voting. We are currently at 1,006 Legion members at our current count before we hit our 100% goal. We have generally averaged 70 to 80 Members who show up to vote. Let's make this year different.

District 2 meeting May 19, 2024, will be at Post 7, meeting time 1 p.m. Voting for District Officers will be taking place that day. Again, come out and exercise your Legion privilege.

Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2024, we will be holding our annual Post Ever Lasting ceremony. This is not just a Legion thing it is an All-members event to honor those we have lost this past year. Respectfully, show up and support the family and friends of our departed. You may need the same respect and support someday.

Housekeeping the house Committee will be making additions to our House Rules, signs will be going up soon regarding, no marijuana and no pets. Both are Federal Law related and we are a federal organization.

"May is a month of rebirth, of renewed vitality and energy." – Lailah Gifty Akita

For God and Country
Terri Collins
Commander Post 36

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36

Greetings 36 Family

Nominations are now opened for our 2024-25 Board – please sign up.

Our next meeting is Tuesday May 14th at 6pm in the Annex. Please make sure to be there to vote also our District President Jeannie McGaughey will be visiting

SAL will be hosting Mothers Day brunch 11am-1pm. Mothers will eat free and receive a flower – others the meal will be \$10. Auxiliary will be hosting Father's Day brunch from 11am-1pm. Fathers will receive a cigar

The Scratcher basket drawing will be may 2nd during dinner.

Girls State Orientation is May 11th State Commander Steve Sperl will be having his homecoming May 11th Make sure you come out and thank him for all he has done and remember the American legion motto "Be the One"

Don't forget this is the month of the Poppy – make sure to read about it in the insert provided

Our Thursday night dinners will be continuing.... Look on the calendar to see what will be served.

For God and Country
Jennifer Turner-Jones
Unit 36 President

To our legion family,

Hello Legion family. This next month will be a busy one. On Saturday May 4th Cinco de Mayo we will have a delicious Mexican dinner. DJ Blackie will be providing the music. Next is Saturday May 11th which is State Commander Steve Sperl's home coming dinner. The menu will be prime rib and vegetarian dinner. Both these will be well attended so get your reservations in early. Then on Monday May 27th we will be doing our post everlasting ceremony it will start at 12 noon following the ceremony we will have our potluck dinner. The post will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, so please bring a dish to share with us. I would like to remind everyone that Linda Sutton is selling deserts on the weekend, the money raised will be used to pay for bands on Saturday nights thank you Linda

From 2nd Vice

For God and Country.
Cliff Anderson
2nd Vice Commander

Poppy envelopes are enclosed in Sentinel, what do I do now?

We would like to thank Rose and Kim Thompson along with a few committee members that took the time to get the Poppy envelopes ready to put in the newsletter this month.

Now it is your turn! We have so many Veterans that need a little help, so dig deep into your pockets and send us what you can to help our Veterans in need.

100% of your donations go toward the Veterans programs. Some of the programs that we are involved in are assisting Veterans that have PTSD, alcohol and drug addiction programs, Veterans on Patrol, holiday gift shop, the homeless Veterans stand downs and many more programs through the VA Medical Center and DMAFB.

For those of you that receive your sentinel on-line, we would love to have you send your donation to the below address:

Auxiliary Poppy Committee
American Legion Auxiliary Unit#36
Po Box 19110
Tucson, AZ 85731

Please make your check to – American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36 or ALA Unit #36

Thank you again for your support of our Auxiliary programs, but most of all to you fellow veterans.

Poppy Committee

American Legion Riders

Greetings fellow Riders and Legion family members

Well, the Riders have another Bike Night behind us! I want to thank all the folks that helped make it a success either by volunteering or attending. It looked like everyone had fun, I sure hope so!

The following day, the Riders did their first event for their next pillar, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation by joining forces with the Riders from 39 (Gilbert) and a few others and riding out to Fisher House. Each Post had donations to present and the combined grand total for the day was in excess of \$40,000.00. Way to show support to an amazing cause!!

The next "event" for the Riders will be our elections. Hopefully there will be some new faces at the head table. I can speak from experience, that what you learn about the Riders and the Legion in general is amazing.

Finally, the weather is getting warmer, so please watch out for Riders, and please stay hydrated.

Ride safe and smart
Brenda Allord "Twisted"
Post 36 American Legion Riders Director

S.A.L. COMMANDER

Hello Legion Family.

Welcome to May 2024 Legion Family. Happy Mothers Day to all of the Mom's out there. The Son's have a surprise for you. This year we have swapped with the Auxillary and we will be serving you on Mothers Day!! We will be serving Mothers Day brunch from 11am to 1pm. Stay on the lookout for the Menu as it is still evolving. We also will be having a Memorial table where you can bring a picture of your Mother if she is no longer with us to honor her. Mothers eat free, please join us so The Sons can celebrate you. The end of May marks Memorial Day and the Sons will be placing flags on veterans graves at All Faiths Cemetery on Saturday May 25th, please join us in remembering those who have served this great Nation. On May 31 we are having a Blood drive at Post 36 from 11am to 4 pm. This event qualifies under the National Security Pillar. If you can give blood please join us. Our Golf tournaments are set so golfers save the following dates. Freedom Tournament on July 7th at Dorado Country Club. Then on September 28th we will hold the Commanders Tournament to be held at Canoa Ranch Golf Club. Rooms are still available for this event. Check our board for more information. Our next squadron meeting is on May 12th at 2:30 pm. We will be holding our election of officers at this meeting

For God and Country,
Lance Bymers
Squadron 36 Commander

NEW MEMBERS

Tomas Smith
Brian Cantu

Eric Rumans
David Poe

TRANSFERS

Paul Storm
John Gerlach
Charles Matthewson

Louis Maes
Michael Keesler
Currie Clement

POST EVERLASTING

Robert Corbin

COW PASTURE GOLF MAY SCHEDULE: BARREL LIST

May 5	Dorado	Lillie	7:30 AM
May 12	Haven	Lippert	7:00 AM
May 19	Enke	Lupien	8:41 AM
May 26	Dorado	JR	7:30 AM

Any Questions, call Rich Schweiss 520-403-6218

KATA GOLF CLUB

May 1	El Rio	6:28 AM
May 8	Fred Enke	6:19 AM
May 15	Randolph	6:45 AM
May 22	Del Urich	6:45 AM
May 29	El Rio	6:38 AM

Any Questions: call Tom Gallagher 520-954-4895