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Commander's Corner

My first article I wrote for the Alert after I was elected Commander of Post 66 two years ago. I started with naming all of our E-Board members. I thought it was important for the membership to know who is making decisions for the welfare of the Post. Now I would like to thank each and everyone of them for all the hard work that they have done for this Post by serving on the E-Board and Post Committees. It has been a very trying and difficult two years with the Post closing it's doors for over 200 days and with some internal problems. We didn't always see eye to eye, however, in the end results were to vote for what was best for our Post.

Post 66 is now back on the schedule we were on before Covid shut us down. Lunches are served almost every day. Dinners of Steak & Salmon, Chicken Fried Steak, Shrimp & Fish, Tuesday Hamburger Night, Spaghetti Night every third Wednesday of the month (serving the Blind Vets for the Tucson VA). Bingo is played every Saturday at noon with a lunch menu, Queen of Hearts every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM with the Post auxiliary serving dinner. Of course, Breakfast in a Bag every second and last Sunday of the month serving from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We can keep serving lunches and dinners as long as we have volunteers, so please help us when you can.

For some good news—Post 66 has hired Natalie Burleson as the Food and Beverage Manager and Beverly Lang as the Administrative Assistant. For those who have worked with them know, we struck gold. It was a long time coming and it was worth the wait.

I'm proud to say our membership is at 105% and with over 110 new members. Thanks to Mike Hale for all his hard

work in doing the renewal and writing letters to recruit new members.

As my two years as Commander of this Post comes to an end, I'm so grateful for the support most of you have given me. I am going to ask one more thing from this membership. Please support our new Commander John Hanson and the new members of the E-Board. Working together makes us stronger if we do what's best for the Post.

Thank you all one more time.

For God and Country,
Wayne Ferreria, Commander
Post 66

FROM THE ADJUTANT:

2022 membership is at 105% of our goal. If you have paid your 2022 dues and get a renewal notice from National, do not panic. Dues notices originate at the National level and sometimes these pass in the mail. The best guideline for members is to disregard 2nd or 3rd notices if you already paid your dues.

Election of Officers was held in April and new Officers will assume their duties after the Arizona State Convention the last week in June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the office for making my last four years as your Adjutant a positive experience. I wish all of the new Officers a great year and hope they can continue to move Post 66 in a positive direction for all our veterans and the community.

For God and Country,
Mike Hale, Adjutant
Post 66

FROM SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Greetings all and thank you for your continued support and membership as a Son of the American Legion Squadron 66. We had a great year for membership as post Covid saw a dramatic increase in membership for 2022. Our goal was 359 members and we just hit 400 paid members for this year. That is 111% for the year, including 51 new members and 9 transfers to Post 66.

That increase allowed us to approve and easily pay our share for the updated high speed internet installed at the Post. It gives us the opportunity to sponsor our Boy Scout troop, give money to a handful of organizations and charities that need our help, and fund the repaving and painting of the parking lot at the Legion.

Dave Van Lieshout is stepping down as Commander of SAL Squadron 66 after two years of service. He wanted to thank everyone for their continued membership, volunteering and support for the Veterans of Post 66. We thank Dave and welcome in Tom Lapadat as the new Commander and wish him the best as he assumes his duties as a first time Commander.

For God and Country,
Tom Lapadat, Commander
Post 66



TAPS



LEGION: Beck, Bill; Gillard, John; Greenbaum, Garth; Kastein, Ronald; Kirchenwitz, Kirk; McCrary, Norman; Moll, A. R.; Ortega, Michael; Roth, Gary; Sandberg, Robert; Sredick, Peter; Telles, Manuel; Thompson, William; Wells, Jack; White, Jr., Sterling; Wiemann, Donald

SAL: Charles Wolff

Auxiliary: Downing, Ginger; Hayes, Doris; McCarty, Jean; Mullinix, Dorothy; Parton, Rebecca; Sachs, Suzanne; Vradenburg, Mary Margaret

AUXILIARY

We're coming to the end of our fiscal 2021-2022 year. We are very excited to say that since the beginning of the fiscal year, we've brought in 127 new members to date. We're proud that these members have chosen Unit 66 as their home.

Speaking of how proud we are, I thought you might be interested to know how proud we are of Unit 66. In the state of Arizona, there are 86 units divided into 10 districts. We're in District 2 and there are 11 units in our district. We are the second largest district with 2,270 members and the second largest unit in the state of Arizona with a goal of 946 members. Currently, we're at 96% of our goal. The only other district larger than ours is District 12 with 17 units and 4,561 members in their district. They also have the largest unit (Apache Junction with 1,572 members). There are 13,642 Auxiliary members in the state. Between our two districts, we have half of the state's Auxiliary membership in our two districts. You are a very important cog in the Auxiliary membership machine!

So, what have we been doing over this last year?

We started out the year with the \$4,250 donation to the post for the upgrade to the internet.

We held two Craft Bazaar/Flea Market/Bake Sale & BBQs.

We sponsored both the Department President Jennie Molina and the National President Kathy Daudistel at our Post.

We hosted a Mission Training with members from eight different units in our District, including 16 members from Unit 66.

We raised over \$5,000 in our Poppy Drive.

We prepared the food for every Queen of Hearts and every Friday lunch.

We did Chicken Fried Steak once a month.

Some of our Auxiliary ladies also prepared many lunches for the Post on Monday-Thursday. We were also servers and cashiers for all the Post events like Breakfast in a Bag and club dinners.

We supported the Scouts by giving them our tips every Spaghetti Night they worked.

We will finish our year with our annual delivery for the Monthly Birthday and Ice Cream Social at the Arizona State Veterans Home.

We have many new volunteers to help in the kitchen or on other committees.

Without the help and support of our Auxiliary volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to do half of the things listed above. A special thanks to all of you. All the money earned at those events goes to either the Legion or the Auxiliary. The Legion has a long list of charitable donations they need to fulfill in addition to our list of charitable organizations our Auxiliary sponsors. I know it's hard to tell which entity benefits from which event, but it all goes to help our veterans. It's great when we all work together for a common goal!

They say it takes a village to raise a child, but I believe it takes the entire membership to keep our Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders running smoothly. So, I'll conclude with a quote from Muhammad Ali. "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." In the Spirit of Service, not Self,

Diane Helser

Unit 66 Auxiliary President



2022/2023 POST 66 OFFICERS

Legion Executive Board

Commander—John Hanson	619-846-9140
Adjutant—Wayne Ferreira	520-260-1470
1st Vice Cmdr—Harley Stenson	303-868-3665
2nd Vice Cmdr— Marc Davis	831-241-4087
Finance Officer—Jim Becker	208-244-2065
Judge Advocate— John Dale	602-384-7099
Sgt. At Arms—Pete Mikleton	779-348-2424
3 yr—Mike Hale	520-203-8330
2 yr— Jim Harvey	585-406-3115
1 yr— Marie Zurian	520-833-8471
Past Commander—Steve Krause	952-270-2857

Appointed Positions and Committees

Service Officer—Gary Parker	520-638-2157
Chaplain—Al Masi	208-880-4561
House Committee—Peter Mikleton	779-348-2424
Building Facilities—Steve Krause	952-270-2857

Staff

Post Mgr—Natalie Burleson	520-399-3604
Secretary—Beverly Lang	520-393-0331

Auxiliary

President—Diane Helser	956-367-0998
First Vice— Ruth Taylor	520-668-4318
2nd Vice—Pamala Baumgartner	701-435-2578
Secretary—Mary Johnson	707-738-5930
Treasurer—Lynn Ferreira	520-260-1508
Sgt. At Arms—Peggy Merriam	510-754-2208
3 yr—Debbie Stenson	303-868-3664
2 yr— Carol Meyer	520-307-3080
1 yr— Donna Mussino	402-670-2279
Chaplain—Shirley Krause	952-270-5505
Historian—Lynn Pinterics	414-423-0067
Past President—MJ Gooch	520-850-9655

Sons of the American Legion

Squadron Cmdr—Tom Lapadat	520-221-1039
1st Vice Commander— John Beckman	
2nd Vice Commander—Marc Davis	831-241-4087
Adjutant—Wayne Ferreria	520-260-1470
Finance Officer— Alan Merriam	510-593-5004
Chaplain—Don Stuart	
Sergeant at Arms—David Roth	520-389-9988

American Legion Riders

President— Randy Hayden	847-219-0842
Vice President— Steve Solari	480-438-0981
Treasurer— Renee Williams	720-641-0640

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WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Legion New

* Adams, Kathleen
* Allison, Richard
* Angell, Eric
* Birmingham, Raymond
* Brown, William
* Bunker, Nancy
* Church, John
* Clemmens, Albert
* Crane, Jeanne
* Critzer, Brian
* Critzer, Ellen
* Copper, Linda
* Corsetti, James
* Cozard, Timothy
* Dacosta, Christopher
* Disteinman, Randall
* Donnelly, Terrence
* Duffus, Dennis
* Evans, Susan
* Flickinger, Steven
* Fraley, Coutland
* Grier, Robert
* Hade Frederick
* Hawks, Douglas
* Henthorn, Thomas
* Huhns, Davis
* Mahoney, Robert
* Meyers, Dean
* Norton, George
* Orndorff, George
* Ottley, Thomas
* Peck, Terrell
* Pack, Terry
* Roth, Gene
* Saber, John
* Sanders, Richard
* Secaur, Stephen
* Solares, Robert
* Trimmer, Darci
* Vaughan, Milton

* Whitchurch, Bob
* Whitehouse, Jack
* Wedepohl, Kim

Legion Transfers

* Albro, Donald
* Alluis, Jack
* Barber, James
* Beltz, Gary
* Bradley, James
* Bruce, Robert
* Budnick, Joseph
* Bushaw, Donald
* Campbell, Richard
* Campbell, Thomas
* Cantu, George
* Cassidy, Donald
* Coderre, Phillippe
* Cottrill, Kenneth
* Crytzer, Rick
* Day, Dennis
* Dickey, Dwight
* Duffus, Dennis
* Dykes, Greg
* Flores, Salome
* Fox, Sheldon
* Garaway, Steven
* Gaxiola, Greg
* Gifford, David
* Giordano, Samuel
* Grove, George
* Gustafson, Gary
* Hemmer, James
* Hodel, Curtis
* House, Jeffrey
* Hoyler, Robert
* Ives, Daniel
* Jean, Jerry
* Johnson, Gerald
* Johnson, Larry
* Kroll, Randy
* Kuhl, William

* Lares, Ralph
* Leger, Roger
* Lewis, Daniel
* Medwid, Mark
* Nelson, Jon
* Ouellette, John
* Parker, Gary
* Pascalar, Robert
* Pflueger, Wayne
* Porterfield, Robert
* Restad, Timothy
* Robinson, David
* Schlagel, Larry
* Scola, Larry
* Simmons, Steven
* Smith, Roger
* Smith, Wayne
* Spaeth, Gary
* Sparks, Barry
* Stankus, Meladee
* Troutman, Lamar
* Vanatta, Donald
* Wallis, Steve
* Workman, Mark

SAL New

* Antonich, Gary
* Ballew III, George
* Bowes, John
* Canovali, Jonathan
* Carroll, James
* Clute, Donald
* Cook, John
* Edgar, Brian
* Edwards, Scott
* Ellis, James
* Eykelbosch, Donald
* Fichtner, Richard
* Fisk, Jr., Donald

* Frost, Shayne
* Grobe, David
* Hargreaves, Dan
* Heikkila, Brian
* Hibby, Byron
* Johnson, Dan
* Keppler, Carl
* Kuehl, Donald
* Larson, Ronald
* Lepak, Ken
* Lickteig, John
* Maly, Kenneth
* Martinez, Bryan
* Mest, Daniel
* Miller, John
* Morehouse, David
* Nummi, Patrick
* Palmer, Douglas
* Palmer, Rickie
* Patterson, Steven
* Pisco, John
* Poarch, Lonnie
* Prather, Kenneth
* Reynolds, Mike
* Ries, Jeffrey
* Riskey, Robert
* Shannon, Travis
* Sheldahl, Charles
* Shreve, John
* Trice, Austin
* Vandenberg, Jim
* Vanderway, Mark
* Vanni, John
* Villa, Ramon
* Wallock, Thomas
* Wik, Gregory
* Thomas Walloch
* Gregory Wik

SAL Transfers

* Anderson, John
* Fredrickson, John

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

* Goodpasture, Larry
* Gordee, Kenneth
* Groose, Tim
* Lape, Dennis
* Lynch, Benjamin
* O'Reilly, Timothy
* Schindhelm, John

Auxiliary New

* Aldrich, Tamara B.
* Anderson, Bombi P.
* Arvold, Beth Ann
* Ayala-Amaya, Georgina V.
* Ayers, Jonwyn C.
* Ballelo, Sharon L.
* Barney, Nancy J.
* Barrera, Laura
* Baumgartner, Gail E.
* Beneze, Candiss
* Bianchi, Nancy R.
* Bitz, Cheryle K.
* Bixler, Donna L.
* Blankenship, Freida M.
* Block, Lynne J.
* Bloomquist, Dorothy J.
* Bowen, Bridgett A.
* Burke Bushaw, Ann E.
* Burleson, Natalie
* Carney, Kathy
* Carpenter, Raiza
* Church, Mary L.
* Cole, Ranae D.
* Coria, Herlinda H.
* Cormican, June M.
* Cotsonas, Mary Helen F
* Crocker, Sharon L.

* Crytzer, Linda L
* Cundiff, Jyl M.
* Dailey, Patricia K.
* Day, Terri L.
* DeLuccio, Juliane M.
* DeWing, Gloria A.
* Dhuey, Jamie
* Diaz, Melinda C.
* Digmann, Eileen
* Dinius, Kristine A.
* Dugas, Donna M.
* Edwards, Sandra M.
* Emmett, Anne
* Escarpe, Brenda R.
* Evans, Steven L.
* Gaxiola, Anita J.
* Gelhar, Vicki
* Goetz, Margaret S.
* Gorman, Susan M.
* Grady, Margaret
* Grant, Linda M.
* Guidera, Kay M.
* Harrington, Kathleen
* Harrison, Judy
* Hill, Wende A.
* Honce, Heather
* James, Lauren "Peg"
* Kahley, Patricia E.
* Kardaman, Carol
* Kastein, Shirley M.
* Kriebel, Katharine
* Kromer, Janice C.
* Kusiak, Ellie
* LaFurney, Josefa
* Lang, Beverly K.
* Lapadat, Heather M.
* Lee, Lois Marie
* LeVardi, Denice L.
* Lippincott, Pamela A.
* Lovin, Kathy J.
* Maher, Ann L.

* Marshall, Evelyn E.
* Martin, Novelea B.
* Marvin-Donnelly, Elizabeth
* Mayhle, Cynthia A.
* McGlinchy, Christine
* McPhall, Tina
* Mesa, Annette D.
* Miramontes, Kimberly A.
* Mohr, Linda
* Murphy, Maureen J.
* Neitzel, Luanna
* Nelson, Jane A.
* Orndorff, Carolyn M.
* Pascalar, Erma S.
* Patko, Joan
* Pettus, Laura L.
* Pherson, Sally C.
* Plowe, Julie M.
* Puska, Mary Cay
* Quattropiani, Doreen A.
* Quinnell, Debbie K.
* Ray, Sally A.
* Reedle, Janet
* Reynolds, Diana J.
* Rogers, Eileen M.
* Rosensteel, Carol A.
* Ross, Sarah L.
* Roth, Deborah J.
* Scherbaum, Karla J.
* Schleiter, Brittney Lynn Dufour
* Schreckengost, Julie A.
* Scott, Allison L.
* Scott, Carolyn R.
* Secaur, Nancy K.
* Shannon, Jonni S.
* Shreve, Linda A.

* Stuessy, Sherrie L.
* Sullivan, Lisa M.
* Tanko, Sherry M.
* Taylor, Cheryl L.
* Terry, Lou
* Thiele, Catherine M.
* Thorton, Camille R
* Tiemeyer, Gayle E.
* Tolbert, Donna K
* Trueman, Connie J.
* Uli, Susan M.
* VanAtta, Sally M.
* Vega, Maria E.
* Verpoorten, Alice Mae
* Wasson, Catherine A.
* Weber, Heidi R
* West, Colleen O.
* Wiley, Sonja L.
* Williams, Catherine L.
* Williams, Ursula H.
* Wilson, Karen E.
* Wood, Cathryn A.
* Woxland, Kathryn
* Zielke, Jennifer L.

Auxiliary Rejoins and Transfers

* Elster, Dawn
* Greenwood, Linda
* Herrick, Audrey
* Jay, Geraldine
* Kivisto, Helga
* Knutsen, Donna
* Roehrig, Amy
* Romero, Leonor M.
* Shannon, Tricia R.
* Wheeler, Vera L