

# American Legion Post 66

# The Alert Newsletter



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## Commander's Corner

American Legion Post 66 has hired a new Food and Beverage Manager. Deborah Wojcik has accepted the position and is in training with former manager Jen Lawson. Deborah is trying to have lunches every day and has been cooking on the days that we do not have lunch scheduled. We all can help Deborah through this transition period by volunteering and moving Post 66 in a positive direction. July 1st we started renewals for 2022. We are doing very well and are at 50% so far. Our goal is set at 1256. Post 66 has returned for the most part to pre covid activities and events. Karaoke Monday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday we will have a band or a DJ. Breakfast in the Bag every 2nd and last Sunday of the month from 10 am to 11:30 am. Hamburgers every Tuesday night from 5-6 pm. Spaghetti dinner every 3rd Wednesday night of the month from 5-6 pm. Chicken Fried Steak will be on the first Thursday of each month from 5-6 pm starting October 7th. Steak and Salmon night will be the 2nd Friday of each month from 5-6 pm starting October 8th. Shrimp and Fish will be on the last Friday of each month from 5-6 pm. All times are subject to change once the post gets busier with our winter residents returning. Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday. Ticket sales start at 4:30 and the drawing is at 6 pm. Auxiliary will serve food from 4:30 to 5:45. Bingo is every Saturday noon to 3 pm with an appetizer menu. Sunday food is also an appetizer menu. Starting on October 5th during Hamburger night every Tuesday there will a 50-50 raffle selling tickets at 5pm and drawing at 6:30. Post 66 is now sponsoring Scout Troop 130. Scout meetings are in our Library 7pm every Monday and the Scout leaders meet in the hall at 7:30. Any members interested in attending these meetings are welcome. Rancho Sahuarita invited Post 66 to partici-

pate in their 9/11 ceremony. Our Lady Titan Guard posted colors and did a flag folding. Rifle team and E Board members we also part of the ceremony. Post 66 will have a Veterans Day ceremony, Nov 11, starting at 10 am. The Sahuarita High School Band and Jr ROTC will help celebrate the event with guest speaker Captain CJ Gaecke of the Arizona Rangers. For

For God and Country  
Wayne Ferreira  
Commander Post 66

## FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Membership is in full swing for 2022, the Legion has processed 50% of their goal to date.

Gary Parker, our Veteran Benefits Counselor is scheduled to be in our library on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 AM – Noon starting October 20<sup>th</sup>. You need to call 520-638-2157 to make an appointment.

I would like to remind our members that the card checks when we have entertainment are being done so we limit the number of guests brought into the lounge leaving more room for you. Remember, we are a private club, so be proud to show your card.

Come meet our new Food and Beverage Manager Deborah Wojcik. She is the good-looking, young, blonde running around the lounge checking to make sure everything is in order.

For God and Country,  
Mike Hale, Adjutant



## AUXILIARY

Although our new 2021-2022 Auxiliary Year started on July 1st, our first meeting isn't until September. The first two months of our fiscal year have been spent renewing memberships, bringing in transfers and welcoming new members. Our Budget/Audit Committee have met and the report will be presented at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 2:00 p.m. Please join us. We have an important vote occurring concerning the Internet and would like your opinion and your vote.

We're excited to see everything opening back up. Karaoke on Monday and Thursday as well as music on Friday and Saturday night are finally back on the schedule. You can count on Lunch every Friday served by the Auxiliary. Along with the traditional fish sandwich, there is always an option of a different entrée every Friday and a soup if you're looking for something a little lighter. More of our members are coming back and things are getting back to normal.

The Legion has recently hired a new Bar Manager. Her name is Deborah Wojcik. Please make her feel welcome as she learns all the ins and outs of the position. Help out when you can.

And, speaking of helping, we need more volunteers to cook, serve, and cashier for our meals and events. Sometimes, we just need someone to scrape plates and wash dishes. Please consider adding your name to the volunteer list. If you're volunteering for the Legion, there is a sign-up form that is emailed out with every weekly update. If you're signing up for the Auxiliary (please, please), either call or email Diane Helser at 956-367-0998 or [diane\\_helser@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_helser@yahoo.com) – or, there are Volunteer Sign-up sheets by the ATM machine. Fill one out and put it in the suggestion box on top of the safe by the Library.

When the snowbirds come back, we'll start doing Meat Raffles again. In order to raise money for Girls State and Scholarships, we will again be doing Raffle Baskets on some of the Holidays. Check our newsletter for information each month. In November, we plan on holding the Annual Craft Fair on November 6th. We will also be putting up a sign-up sheet in October for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. There's a lot happening. Get in on the fun!

Watch the monthly calendar and check for any updates in the weekly e-mail blast. We're glad to see everyone back and enjoying everything we have to offer.

I'll close with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson. He said: It is a happy talent to know how to play.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1862) was an American essayist, preacher, poet, and philosopher. He cautioned against taking societal rules so seriously that you sacrifice silliness and fun. In this, he was ahead of his time. Science has shown that, in fact, playfulness is a learned trait, one that benefits us physically, socially, and emotionally at any age. It is, as Emerson said, an excellent ability to cultivate for a happy life. So, live a little, love a little, and laugh a lot – and don't take everything so seriously!

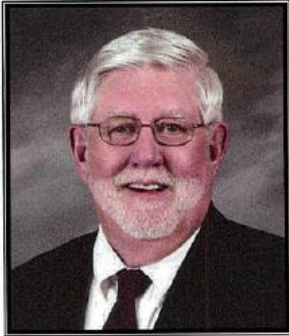
In the Spirit of Service, not Self,

Diane Helser

Unit 66 Auxiliary President



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Speakers: Aviation, Military, Other

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Honor Flights have been temporarily suspended in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, you can still learn more about this fabulous program at their website— [Honor Flight Southern Arizona](http://Honor Flight Southern Arizona)

## 2020/2021 POST 66 OFFICERS

### Legion Executive Board

Commander—Wayne Ferreira	520-260-1470
Adjutant—Mike Hale	520-203-8330
1st Vice Cmdr—Doug Finkes	520-867-8602
2nd Vice Cmdr— Steve Krause	952-270-2857
Finance Officer—Jeff Edwardson	505-362-3279
Judge Advocate— John Hanson	619-846-9140
Sgt. At Arms—Al Masi	208-880-4561
3 yr— Jim Harvey	585-406-3115
2 yr— Harley Stenson	303-868-3665
1 yr— Linda Alexander	913-449-6690
Past Commander—Gary Hoffman	906-869-5890

### Appointed Positions and Committees

Service Officer—Gary Parker	520-638-2157
Chaplain—Jon Silvernail	520-207-4649
House Committee—Ed Lytle	520-279-0963
Building Facilities—Harley Stenson	303-868-3665
Alert Editor—Linda Alexander	913-499-6690
Web Site Mgr—Linda Alexander	913-449-6690

### Staff

Post Mgr—Deborah Wojcik	520-399-3604
Secretaries—Volunteers	520-393-0331

### Auxiliary

President—Diane Helser	956-367-0998
First Vice—Karen Hager	707-479-4104
2nd Vice—Ruth Taylor	520-668-4318
Secretary—Pamala Baumgartner	701-435-2578
Treasurer—Lynn Ferreira	520-260-1508
Sgt. At Arms—Debbie Stenson	303-868-3664
3 yr—Carol Meyer	520-357-3080
2 yr— Sal Lytle	907-244-9985
1 yr— Donna Mussino	402-670-2279
Chaplain—Connie Van Lieshout	920-499-5537
Historian—Peggy Merriam	510-754-2208
Past President—MJ Gooch	520-850-9655

### Sons of the American Legion

Squadron Cmdr—Dave Van Lieshout	920-227-8864
1st Vice Commander— TBD	
2nd Vice Commander— TBD	
Adjutant—Thomas Lapadat	520-221-1039
Finance Officer— Tom Poore	

### American Legion Riders

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

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES



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Auxiliary Unit #66,  
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# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS

### Legion New

- \* Adams, Kathleen
- \* Brown, William
- \* Bunker, Nancy
- \* Evans, Susan
- \* Fisher, Dwight
- \* Hade, Frederick
- \* Hecker, John
- \* Henthorn, Thomas
- \* Lintz, Teddy
- \* Maher, Michael
- \* Mahoney, Robert
- \* Mairs, Robert
- \* Miramontes, Mitchell
- \* Morken, Lane
- \* Orsdoeft, George
- \* Ottley, Thomas
- \* Pascalar, Robert
- \* Pattinson, Dick
- \* Restad, Timothy
- \* Risdon, David
- \* Rogers, George
- \* Roth, Gene
- \* Secor, Ritchie
- \* Solaress, Robert
- \* Solinger, Wesley
- \* Snow, Travis
- \* Walsh, Matthew
- \* Ward, James
- \* Whitchurch, Bob
- \* Williams, Raymond

### Legion Transfers

- \* Auclair, Norman

- \* Bradley, James
- \* Carpenter, Joshua
- \* Cassidy, Donald
- \* Dale, John
- \* Gove, Marvin
- \* Griggs, Nicholas
- \* Ives, David
- \* Leonardo, Thomas
- \* Porterfield, Robert
- \* Robinson, David
- \* Smith, Wayne
- \* Tompkins, Richard
- \* Troutman, Lamar
- \* Whitson, William

### SAL New

- \* None Reported

### SAL Transfers

- \* None Reported

### Auxiliary New

- \* Arvold, Beth Ann
- \* Ayers, Jonwyn C
- \* Barney, Nancy J
- \* Baumgartner, Gail E
- \* Beneze, Candiss
- \* Burke Bushaw, Ann E.
- \* Carney, Kathy
- \* Carpenter, Raiza
- \* Coria, Herlinda H.
- \* Cotsonas, Mary Helen F

- \* Crocker, Sharon L
- \* DeLuccio, Juliane M.
- \* Dhuey, Jamie
- \* Diaz, Melinda C.
- \* Digmann, Eileen
- \* Escarpe, Brenda R
- \* Evans, Steven L.
- \* Honce, Heather
- \* Kahley, Patricia E.
- \* Kusiak, Ellie
- \* Lee, Lois Marie
- \* Martin, Novelea B
- \* Marvin-Donnelly, Elizabeth
- \* Mohr, Linda
- \* Orndorff, Carolyn M
- \* Pascalar, Erma S
- \* Patko, Joan M
- \* Scott, Carolyn R
- \* Thorton, Camille R
- \* Tiemeyer, Gayle E.
- \* Verpoorten, Alice Mae
- \* Weber, Heidi R
- \* Wiley, Sonja L
- \* Woxland, Kathryn

### Auxiliary Transfers

- \* Greenwood, Linda
- \* McGinnis, Connie
- \* Moore, Donna
- \* Sedano, Judith

## TAPS



**LEGION:** Brooks, Charles; Jackson, Jerald;  
Telles, Manny

**SAL:** None Reported

**Auxiliary:** Nicklaw, Linda; Pickett, Roxie