A Shaved Ice Machine for Arizona State Veteran’s Home

One of the many events the Veterans’ Home staff offers to our veterans are Ice Cream Socials. Because many of the residents are lactose intolerant or have restricted diets, they are unable to enjoy these special ice cream treats. With a shaved ice machine, alternatives such as snow cones could be offered to those with diet limitations and to anyone else who didn’t particularly want ice cream.

According to Leslie Goin, the Manager of Therapeutic Programs, the Vets Home has wanted a shaved ice machine for a very long time but, because of the prohibitive cost of such a luxury, they have done without.

A couple of people from Glendale’s Post #29 learned about the need for this machine, brought it to the attention of their members and almost immediately, The Earl E. Mitchell Post #29 family – the Post, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons of the Legion—pooleled their money and purchased a shaved ice machine for the residents of the Veterans’ Home. Squadron 29’s Chuck Treat and Post 29’s Commander Ruben Gonzalez helped deliver and set it up, November 5th.

On behalf of the veterans and staff of the ASVH, Ms Goin wrote lovely letters of thanks to each of the four factions involved in the purchase and delivery of this ice machine.

Rollin Kohrs, Post 29 Adjutant
Congratulations! 2009 Cash Raffle Winners
$3,000 William T. Ponder, Jr. Post 69
$2,000 George J. Romaine, Jr. Post 62
$1,000 Donald G. Kitchen Post 27

Next eight winners each received $500

Wilfred H. Small Post 29
James J. Muselman Post 105
Joe Mendoza Post 64
Charles A. Dishon Post 75
John W. Moore Post 27
Marshall A. Eldredge Post 29
Edward L. Mey Post 1
Publio Polceridones Post 100

Thank You to each of you for participating in this year’s Cash Raffle.

American Legion Launches New Web Site
INDIANAPOLIS (Nov. 12, 2009)
America’s largest veterans service organization has launched a new Web site, bulging with new content and featuring a completely redesigned look. American Legion National Commander Clarence Hill said the new Web site, “is a tremendous addition to our online presence. It’s more informative, better-looking, and easier to navigate than our previous site. I encourage Legionnaires to visit www.legion.org [1] and explore the wealth of content in its pages.”

Initial planning for The American Legion’s new Web presence began in September 2008, according to Hill. The new site includes more than 30 separate landing pages for American Legion programs and activities, including baseball, scholarships, troop support, member directory and events, and the Family Support Network.

Two prominent programs – The American Legion Riders and Sons of The American Legion – also have their own landing pages. Online visitors will also find the Legion’s popular blog site, “The Burn Pit.”

“We’ve got everything there from our COP Keating fundraising drive for soldiers attacked in Afghanistan, to film footage of the Legion’s 1927 National Convention in Paris, France,” Hill said. “It’s a very impressive online compilation of what The American Legion is all about.”

The Legion’s new home page features two major stories, headlines and news links that are updated each morning. The page’s new design also includes links to the Legion’s social media such as Twitter and Facebook to major hubs of Legion activity such as the Veterans Benefits Center and Legislative Action Center, and to the national commander’s Web site.

“Our national staff has worked very hard to create this new Web site as a fantastic calling card to the entire world,” Hill said.

The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides annually for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected the “American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.”

The winner is eligible to receive a $10,000 scholarship to be awarded over a four-year period.

Three additional scholarships of $2,500 each are also awarded.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- Must be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew
- The son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member
- have received the Eagle Scout Award
- be an active member of his religious institution
- have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem
- have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community
- have reached his 15th birthday
- be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

DEADLINE
Department Headquarters must receive nominations no later than March 1, 2010.
Nomination forms are available at:
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3799

Ariel Rodriguez, P. O. Box 27796,
Tempe, AZ 85283
Boy Scouts Chairman, Dept of Arizona
Home: 480-897-2332
Cell: 480-703-2332
arielro@cox.net

City of Scottsdale Unveils Veteran’s Memorial
The memorial is located at the east side of Scottsdale City Hall. I was on the Scottsdale Veteran’s Memorial Committee that raised funds for this memorial and was at the dedication ceremony on Veteran’s Day.
- Neal S. Sundeen

You are invited to attend the High School Oratorical Contests!
The Area “A” Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Post #2 located at 2125 S. Industrial Park Avenue, Tempe, Arizona.
For Area C Contest, contact Bob Reyes at 928-773-0684.

The State Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Post #44 located at 7145 E. 2nd Street Scottsdale, Arizona.
Each contest begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Please plan on arriving no later than 9:30 a.m. to enjoy the entire contest.

Hope to see you there. Roger Munchbach, Department Chairman
Post 113 & Sonoita Elementary Schools Veterans Celebration

On Tuesday 10 November, the Sonoita Elementary School District Post #25 in association with American Legion Post 113 held their 13th annual Salute to Veterans Celebration.

The celebration was well attended and the children from Elgin school, grades K-8, did an outstanding job. They held Americanism poster contests, Americanism essay contests, and they vowed everyone with patriotic songs and a presentation by the 5th Grade Bell Ringers. Many area veterans groups and veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Granada and the Gulf were well represented.

Some of the Legion guests from Tucson were Area A Vice Commander Ken Devine; Post Area Vice Commander, Louie Romero; District 2 Commander, Gary Nelson; District 2 Vice Commander, Lance Hurst; District 2 Historian, Tony Rigney; District 2 Auxiliary President, Kathy Stazokony; and Hilda Reiser of the Auxiliary Unit 126.

The 36th Army Band and the Fort Huachuca Honor Color Guard were on hand and the guest speaker was Retired Naval Captain Lee S. Velhons who spoke of his years in the Submarine Service and the impact of that service on the cold war and ensuing conflicts.

All present were treated to a sumptuous brunch in the school gymnasium. A job well done to Post 113, the school district, and all the volunteers and students.

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District 12 Raises Money for Three Veterans Groups

District 12 Officers and members have been very busy raising funds for our veterans.

They presented a check to each of the following: Project We Remember, Arizona Veterans Home and Madison Street Veterans Association.

Hats Off to District 12!

Golfers Raise $2000 For Wounded Warrior

Will Harvey, American Legion Post 81 Adjutant presents a donation check for $2000 from the American Legion Fall Conference Golf Tournament to Woody Croton, Wounded Warrior Ride Director at the Wounded Warrior Brick Laying Ceremony under the London Bridge on 12 November 2009 with Council Woman Margaret Nyberg observing.

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NM CB 128 Reunion

Navy NMCB 128 will hold a mini-reunion August 19-22, 2010 in Lake Placid, New York at the Lake Placid Summit Hotel in Lake Placid Village. Phone: 1-800-798-8432.

For more information, contact Dick Allen (518) 585-6145 evenings. This event is open to all MCB 128 Seabees.

Can Do/Have Done George McDaniell, President NMCB 128

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Chapter II

The Meaning of Love

How do we define love? The heart pounding, feeling of first attraction for our mate? The gentle pulse of our relationship after years together? The deep respect and honor for our country? Our Services? Our organization?

These, and many other things, can qualify as "Love". Can we live without that object, that part of our lives? Yes, we continue to lose a mate, and we often change our alliances and traditions. We can lose respect for our country and its elected officials. Our chosen branch of service and organizations cannot pass all the time. Yet, we all continue to "Love" in our own way.

We “Love” steak medium rare, strawberry shortcake, nanoy music, sappy love songs, romantic weekends, cut kittens, cuddly puppies, and our favorite sports team. All things familiar, all things common, all things everyday.

Love is defined as "strong affection or liking for someone, or something, a passionate affection for another".

Jesus told us to “love one another as we would be loved”, yet we do not abide by that instruction. "We love" because we are something in return, the cause of a partner, the familiar, the peaceful, the self-satisfying. What we feel is self-comforting, we need to alter our way of thinking, and accept others for what they are, not for what we want them to be.

We need to believe the best in all of us. Honor the Golden Rule, and return to the premise that God created us all equal. Neither black, white, brown or yellow, neither tall, short, skinny, nor fat, neither Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, Mormon nor Jew. We are all children of God, all blessed in His sight. We need to go back to square one and try to understand and not judge about our friends and colleagues on the field of duty.

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American Legion Family Department

Children & Youth and National Workshop

Saturday, January 23, 2010

William Bloys Post #2

2125 S Industrial Park Avenue

Tempe, Arizona

Registration 8:30 A.M.
9:00 A.M. Opening

11:30 A.M. Lunch - FREE

3:00 P.M. Closing

SEE YOU THERE!
Dear [Recipient],

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
[Your Name]