



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 Latest Updates

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Tuesday, January 17th Auxiliary Meeting – 2:00 p.m.



Join us on the third Tuesday, January 17th at 2:00 for our first meeting of the new year. This will be a special meeting because our **Department President Barbara White** will be in attendance.

This is also the month that we **honor and remember those who have passed** in the last year. Please be there to help us remember these individuals.

December's meeting was our Christmas Party, so there was no drawing for the Membership Raffle. However, at November's meeting, Donna Mussino won the 50/50 Raffle. Carol Meyer and Ann Masi each won Door Prizes, and Hugette Lusby's name was drawn for the Membership Raffle. If she had been there, she would have won \$75. It will go up to \$100 for the January Meeting.

Christmas Decoration Removal Party - Jan. 6th - 9:00 a.m.

Please stop in to the Post on **Friday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m.** to help take down all the Christmas decorations. With many hands, it won't take very long. We need to box up all the bulbs, wreaths, lights and trees. Join us and earn a couple of drink tickets for your efforts!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2022 is in the rearview mirror. I hope everyone was able to accomplish the goals you set for yourselves. As for me, Gary and I crossed Hawaii off our bucket list in December. I hope everyone got a chance to visit with friends and family at least once during the year. We start 2023 with high hopes that the worst of COVID is behind us. It seems to be more of a cold if you get it now, but you never know what's around the corner. So, be safe!

Now that Christmas is over, we need to take down the trees and **Christmas decorations**. Please join is to help take everything down and pack it away for next year. We're starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6th. Stop in and lend a hand.

If you haven't renewed your **membership** yet, you need to stop in to the Library at the Legion to renew for 2023. There

will be individuals checking your membership at the door before you can enter the lounge. So, be sure to stop in between 9am and Noon, Monday through Friday to renew your membership. You may want to consider switching your membership to a **PUFL (Paid Up For Life)** membership. It's a one-time fee, and you never have to renew again. Dues will be going up as of July 1st, so now is the time to make the switch. It's based on the age, so stop in and check out what the cost would be.

This is the time of year where many of the snowbirds who were planning on coming back are making their way to Green Valley and the surrounding area. We've missed you! Some snowbirds have already returned and we're ready to welcome everyone back to better weather. We've got some great things happening at the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and Riders. We hope you'd like to be part of all the events we've got planned. Be sure to check out the calendar and sign up for the **weekly e-mail blasts**. With the recent supply chain issues, there are many times that we've had to make a quick change to whatever was printed on the calendar. So, check your e-mail often. You never know what's happening next!



Tickets are for sale in the Lounge for Chicken Fried Steak on Thursday, January 12th. For only \$10 per person, you'll get **Chicken Fried Steak** with White Gravy and Mashed Potatoes, a Vegetable, and Roll. Dinner runs from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Stay to enjoy **Karaoke** afterward.

Don't forget that **Spaghetti Night** is Wednesday, January 18th. We serve the veterans enrolled in the Blind Vets Program at the VA from 4:30-5:00pm. Then, we serve our Legion family and the public from 5:00-6:00pm. This is the one event each month where it's open to the public. So, invite your friends and neighbors to join you. We have the Scout Troop 131 helping us



serve that night. All the tips that evening will be going to support the Scouts. It's a great meal for \$9 with a salad, garlic toast, spaghetti and Oreo cookies for dessert. Help support the Blind Vets, the Auxiliary, and the Scouts. This is a meal that does not require tickets in advance.

We were also proud to receive a **Certificate of Recognition** on behalf of the Legion at the Spaghetti Night in December. James Arnold, the Coordinator for the Blind Vets presented us with the certificate. It's posted on the board in the lounge if you'd like to take a closer look. We truly enjoy helping the veterans transition into the community as they work through the program to deal with losing their sight and continue to function on their own.

And, join us around 12:30 p.m. for our **Meat Raffles** on January 19th and Thursday, January 19th. We generally have 4-5 rounds of tickets, selling \$30 worth of tickets each round. For a \$1 ticket, you could be heading home with steaks, chicken, ribs, pork or roasts. Plus, it goes for a good cause. The Auxiliary uses this money to help support our scholarships at Sahuarita High School and Walden Grove High School. Get in on every raffle! And, there are two winners for every raffle. If you don't win the meat, you might win a free drink! *And, the final raffle will be a 50/50 raffle. You get half the pot!*



Burger Night is every Tuesday night from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. We start selling tickets at 4:30 pm. You have your choice of Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chicken or Chicken with Cheese. It comes with either french fries, curly fries or chips. We cook the burgers outside on the grill for added flavor. Add a big green chili for \$1. Double the meat on the burger? Add \$3. Double the meat on the chicken? Add \$2. They also have a **50/50 Raffle** every Burger Night. Maybe you'll win enough to cover your burgers and have some spending cash besides! The drawing is at 6:00 p.m. See you there.

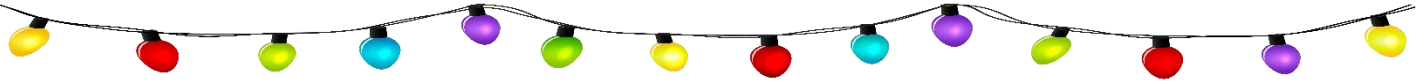


Help support the Auxiliary by coming in for **Queen of Hearts** on Wednesday night and ordering food while you wait to see if you're the winner. We start selling tickets at 4:30 pm and draw promptly at 6:00 pm. Come on down and help support the Auxiliary when you buy something to eat while you consider which card to pick to win the big bucks.

Were you ever interested to see what your relatives did in the service? Or, maybe you're trying to help a relative find their **DD214** or other military records? The website is:

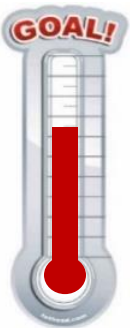
<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

Don't forget to fill out the **Community Service Form** at the end of this newsletter if you've volunteered any hours at the Legion or in our Community. A big thank you to everyone who has sent me your volunteer hours. I report them to Department who, in turn, passes that information on to National. They send the information to Congress. Your time and effort DOES make a difference!



December Christmas Party

Here are a few pictures from the Christmas Party. Once again, Laura Fossy did a great job directing the Christmas carols and there was definitely plenty of food! The gift exchange was a lot of fun. You can also find them on our Facebook page.



Membership

Membership is over 50% as of December 31st. If you haven't renewed yet, please help us meet our goal. As of January 1st, you will need a valid card to enter any American Legion Post. Renewals are \$30 and new members are \$35, Junior renewals are only \$10, with new members at \$15. We have the 2023 membership cards in the Library. Why not stop into the library at the Post and renew your membership today? We're open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – Noon.

And, as always, if you see Diane Helser, Lynn Ferreira, or Ruth Taylor at the Post, if we're not busy cooking, serving or taking money for lunches, we'd be happy to renew someone in the afternoon if you can't make it in the morning.

If you'd rather mail your check, make it out to *ALA Unit 66*, and mail it to: American Legion Post 66, 1560 W. Duval Mine Rd., Green Valley, AZ 85614. Include your member number on the memo line of your check. We will mail you your card.

Volunteer Name Badges

A big thank you to all the individuals who have volunteered recently to help at the Post. The more volunteers, the merrier. What are the benefits? First of all, you're helping our veterans, which, admit it, that's why we're here! Beyond that, though, you get to meet new people and enlarge your circle of friends. And, then, there's that feeling of accomplishment. They also say that volunteering has been proven to help you live longer. That's a benefit right there.

If you don't have a name badge yet, please send an email (to diane_helser@yahoo.com) with how you'd like your name to appear on the badge, and we'll get one made for you. I've been ordering for both the Auxiliary and the Legion, so if you are volunteering for either organization, and would like a name badge, please contact me.

There are so many things going on at the Post, there is always something you can do to help out. For the Auxiliary, our biggest need is help in the kitchen on Fridays and Queen of Hearts night. But we're not the only ones looking for your assistance. The Legion wants to be able to provide meals every day for lunch, evening meals on a couple of Saturdays, our Burger Night every Tuesday, and now the clubs are starting to come back (Wisconsin Club, etc.)

So, if you've got some free time, why not sign up to help? We have a form on the table in the front foyer called "Volunteer Opportunities". Please let us know what you'd like to do. If you want to volunteer specifically for the Auxiliary (hint, hint), just fill it out and drop it in the safe right across from the Library. If you'd like to volunteer for the Legion, fill it out and give it to the bartender on duty or directly to Post Manager Tom Lapadat.



American Legion Auxiliary Branded Shirts and Jewelry Available

We have a supply of jewelry and black and **RED** "bling" Auxiliary shirts for sale in the library. Stop in and check out what we have available in stock. We can also order the 3/4 length and full-length sleeve logo shirts.

The following sizes are available: S – M – L – XL – 2XL – 3XL.

We also have a supply of American Legion Auxiliary Logos with magnetic backers that change any shirt into an Auxiliary shirt as well as silver and gold earrings with the Auxiliary logo.



Volunteers – Get Your Food Certification

Start by calling [520-724-7908](tel:520-724-7908) to get your free code. Then, go to alwaysfoodsafes.com to get your Food Handler's Certification. If you can't get a code, the cost is \$10 and the Legion will reimburse the cost of your class. And, the added benefit is that this certification is good wherever you decide to volunteer – church, HOA, or local charitable organization that needs food served. Contact our new post manager, Tom Lapadat at postmanager@amlegpost66.org for more info.

January 2023

Lunch Menu serving 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Wings, Brats, Dogs and Fries	3 Taco Tuesday	4 Tomato Tortellini Soup	5 Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich	6 Fish w/Chips or Salad Chicken and Rice Casserole, Soup of the Day	7 Bingo Food 11:30-1:30
8	9 Wings, Brats, Dogs and Fries	10 Chicago Style Beef Sandwich w Fries	11 Lasagna w Garlic Bread and Salad	12 Beef Stroganoff w Egg Noodles	13 Fish w/Chips or Salad Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes Clam Chowder	14 Bingo Food 11:30-1:30
15	16 Wings, Brats, Dogs and Fries Meat Raffle after Golf (approx. 12:30)	17 Meatloaf w Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Corn	18 French Onion Soup	19 Reuben and Fries	20 Fish w/Chips or Salad Gumbo over Rice Chicken Rice Soup	21 Bingo Food 11:30-1:30
22	23 Wings, Brats, Dogs and Fries	24 Taco Tuesday	25 Jalapeno, Chicken and Corn Chowder	26 Homestyle Macaroni and Cheese Meat Raffle after Golf (approx. 12:30)	27 Fish w/Chips or Salad Cheesesteak Sandwich Ham and Bean Soup	28 Bingo Food 11:30-1:30
29	30 Wings, Brats, Dogs and Fries	31 Sloppy Joes with Chips	<p>We encourage you to use your Early Bird Renewal Card as soon as possible. We know you have until June 30, 2023 to use it up.</p> <p>However, we'd hate to have you find your card after the June 30th deadline, and not have taken advantage of the savings (plus, we've already paid for that \$5 card)!</p>			

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LOUNGE: 520-399-3604

www.amlegpost66.org

OFFICE: 520-393-0331

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lounge Hours 10am-6pm	2 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	3 10:00 AM House Committee Meeting 4:30 PM -6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Burger Night 6:00 PM ALR Meeting	4 4:30-6:00pm Queen of Hearts Coconut Shrimp w/ Piña Colada Sauce Chili Meat & Cheese Tray	5 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	6 6:00 PM -9:00 PM Live Music w/ Sonorous	7 Bingo 12pm
8 10:00 AM -11:30 AM Breakfast in a Bag \$9 (tickets in advance) Lounge Hours 9:30am-6pm	9 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	10 2:00 PM Legion Member Mtg 4:30 PM -6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Burger Night	11 4:30-6:00pm Queen of Hearts Appetizer Sampler Chili Meat & Cheese Tray	12 5:30-6:00pm Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$10 5:30-9:30 pm Karaoke	13 6:00 PM -9:00 PM Live Music w/ Patty and Jukebox Junkies	14 12:00 PM Bingo 5:00 PM -6:00 PM ALR Rib Dinner \$15 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Music in the Lounge
15 Lounge Hours 10am-6pm	16 3:00 PM SAL Meeting 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	17 2:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting 4:30-6:00pm 50/50 Raffle 5:00-6:00pm Burger Night	18 9:00am-2:00pm Service Officer by Appointment 4:30-6:00pm Queen of Hearts Spaghetti Dinner \$9 No tickets in advance	19 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	20 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Fish and Shrimp Dinner 6:00 PM -9:00 PM Live Music w/ Short Notice	21 Bingo 12pm
22 Lounge Hours 10am-6pm	23 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	24 4:30 PM -6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Burger Night	25 4:30-6:00pm Queen of Hearts Chicken Fingers w/Fries	26 5:30 PM -9:30 PM Karaoke	27 6:00 PM -9:00 PM Live Music w/ Cornerstone	28 12:00 PM Bingo 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Music in the Lounge 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Steak (\$16) and Salmon (\$14) Dinner
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