

General Ulysses S. Grant

*If men make war in slavish obedience
to rules, they will fail*

The American Legion of Grand Canyon
John Ivens Post/Unit/Squadron 42
P.O. Box 238
Williams, AZ 86046

For God & Country





*The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary/Sons of American Legion
John Ivens Post/Unit/Squadron 42 at Grand Canyon, AZ*

Newsletter

Feb/March 2014

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Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Meetings:
 First Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m., at:
 Canyon Plaza Resort, Hwy. 64, Tusayan, AZ
(SAL meeting follows Legion meeting)

God Bless the U.S.A.!



Happy Birthday!
 To all our Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL
 Members with Feb & Mar ♥ Birthdays

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FEBRUARY
 Ben Gomez Jr. (L)

NEXT Post/Unit/Squadron Meetings:
Saturday February 8th
10:00 AM
Canyon Plaza

MARCH
 Edward Rocha (L)



On December 7th, Scott Miller, Department Vice Commander, Area C, Auxiliary member Rebecca Rocha, SAL member Miguel Rocha, and Jr. Auxiliary member Elida Rocha went to Phoenix and attended the WWII memorial and dedication of the Guns at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capital. The Guns, one barrel from the USS Arizona and one barrel from the USS Missouri are now on permanent display at the Capital, along with one of the anchors and the Flag Mast from the USS Arizona. They participated in escorting a large US Flag from American Legion Post 39 in Gilbert to the State Capital and then into the USS Arizona museum. Scott also participated in laying a wreath at the USS Arizona memorial along with Department Commander Judi Beischel, Department Vice Commander, Area A, Gene Chewning, and Department Vice Commander, Area B, Domingo Bonilla. This was a very great honor as there were survivors of Pearl Harbor in attendance and over 100 wreaths laid at the memorial.



Department Vice Commanders Gene Chewning, Area A, Domingo Bonilla, Area B, Scott Miller, Area C

Our annual Christmas Party for the children of the Grand Canyon Schools was held at the Squire Inn on December 19th. Members who attended are Edward Rocha, John Miller, Ben Gomez, Scott Miller and Auxiliary members Rebecca Rocha and Dorothy Miller. A good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Ed Rocha has been organizing this program for the past 15 years, and it has gotten bigger each year. We want to thank all the members who attended and helped make this a great success.

At the January meeting in Williams, Al Dunaway resigned as the Jr. Vice Commander and Commander Ben Gomez appointed Ken Ahles as Jr. Vice Commander.

Upcoming important dates

February 8, Post Meeting, 10:00 AM, Canyon Plaza

February 15, Area C Oratorical Contest, 10:00 AM Prescott VA Theater

February 22, Iwo Jima Ceremony, Sacaton, AZ
April 4, Commanders' Dinner, 6:00 PM, Canyon Plaza

April 19, District 7 Meeting and Picnic, 11:00 AM, Bullhead City, Post 87

Department Convention, June 26-29, Carefree



The ladies from the Auxiliary had been hard at work making knit scarves and caps for the Grand Canyon School children K-3. The caps were given to the children at the annual Christmas party for them on December 19th at the Squire Inn in Tucayan. The children had a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who presented the children with a bag containing an apple, an orange, candy canes and a small stuffed animal along with the knit scarves and caps made by the Auxiliary. The children really loved the scarves and caps as they put them on and wore them inside the Squire.



Grand Canyon 1st graders with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rebecca Rocha and Dorothy Miller in the back row.

We want to thank Diane Ahles and Rebecca Rocha for all their work on the scarfs and caps.

Under the guidance of Rebecca Rocha, Jr. members Erica Rocha, Reina Rocha, Elida Rocha and SAL member Miguel Rocha made 75 poppy Christmas ornaments that were given to Dorothy Miller for her to put into the Christmas boxes for the service members.

The registration packet for Girls State has been sent to Grand Canyon High School. Last year there was 1 girl from Grand Canyon High School who attended Girls State in Tucson.



Commander: J. B. Hale, 1st Vice Commander: R. H. Williams, 2nd Vice Commander: J. C. Cheatham, Finance Officer: J. A. Metzger, Sergeant-at-Arms: E. M. Ennis, Chaplain: James Piper, Historian: J. B. Hale, Adjutant: W. E. Dowling.

ACTIVITIES:

18 September 1941: Comrade Metzger, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the party given for the C. C. C. boys, reported the affair was a great success and exceptionally well

attended. There were several quartettes, singing by the audience, motion pictures were shown by Comrade Charlie Myers, and colored slides by Bill Bass. There were many requests for a repetition of the affair by members of the community.

John Ivens Post #42 spent \$15.00 for fruit juices and other articles recommended by Dr. Carson to the Supai Indians, where there were several cases of red measles reported among the children.

26 April 1942: State Department Commander Miller visited the Post. There was an honorary dinner at the El Tovar in his honor. State Service Officer Ben Shiminowsky accompanied Commander Miller on his visit.

1942-1943

Commander: Robert J. Fix, 1st Vice Commander: E. M. Ennis, 2nd Vice Commander: J. H. Althoff, Adjutant: W. E. Dowling, Sergeant-at-Arms: E. M. Ennis, Finance Officer: J. A. Metzger, Chaplain: J. B. Hale, Historian: E. C. Kolb.

ACTIVITIES:

The minutes from this year are missing.

Post membership for the 1942-1943 Legion year was 26 members.

Biography of Commander John Robert Fix:

John Robert Fix was born April 1, 1888 in Henrietta, Texas. He moved to Arizona in 1893 along with his family. He enlisted on 25 May, 1918 in Company H, 143rd Infantry, 36th Division, Camp Cody, New Mexico. On October 13, 1918, he was assigned to Army Expeditionary Forces, Company A. On July 5, 1919, he was assigned to the 45th Division in France and he was discharged from the Army on 23 July 1919. Commander Fix attended the 1919 Caucus in France for the formation of the American Legion. When John Fix returned to the United States, he returned to the Grand Canyon and served the area as a Deputy Sheriff.

John Ivens Officers (2013-2014)
(Info for New Members and Others)

Post 42 Commander

Ben Gomez

Post 42 Sr. Vice-Commander

Ron Murphy

Post 42 Jr. Vice-Commander

Ken Ahles

Post 42 Adjutant (Membership)

Al Dunaway

Post 42 Service Officer

Al Dunaway

Post 42 Finance Officer

Scott Miller

Post 42 Sergeant-at-Arms

Ed Rocha

Post 42 Chaplain

Post 42 Historian

Ed Rocha

Unit 42 President

Shannon Murphy

Unit 42 Vice President

Donna Murphy

Unit 42 Jr. Vice President

Rebecca Rocha

Unit 42 Secretary

Rebecca Rocha

Unit 42 Treasurer (Membership)

Maggie Patton

Unit 42 Chaplain

Julia Passalacqua

Unit 42 Historian

Mary Hoover

Squadron 42 Commander

Ed Rocha

Squadron 42 Sr. Vice-Commander

Cory Mead

Squadron 42 Jr. Vice-Commander

Ben Gomez

Squadron 42 Adjutant (Membership)

Ron Murphy

Squadron 42 Sergeant-at-Arms

C. J. Mead

Squadron 42 Chaplain

Terrance Hatcher

Squadron 42 Historian

Scott Miller

Welcome New Members...

and Thanks to Our Renewing Members!

It's easy—just drop off your payment at our office, bring payment to a meeting, or send check or money order to one of the following:

American Legion (\$25.00 per year)

Al Dunaway, Post 42 Adjutant

P. O. Box 238, Williams, AZ 86046

Auxiliary (\$20.00 per year)

Maggie Patton, Unit 42 Treasurer

979 W. Road 1, North, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

SAL (\$12.00 per year)

Ron Murphy, Squadron 42 Adjutant

959 W. Road 1, North, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Remember – All dues for the Legion year 2013 – 2014 are due on July 1st. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so. Thank You.

Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail, please let Scott Miller or Becky Rocha know by sending them an e-mail at JohnIvensPost42@gmail.com or calling him at 928-635-5904 or contact the office at 928-635-0239 or e-mail at n7ad@qwestoffice.net.

If you move, please either let the office know your new address or send us an e-mail with it. That way, your magazines will continue to arrive along with any other correspondence. This will also help us keep our roster updated. If anyone has anything that they would like for us to put into the newsletter, please let us know. If you did something and have pictures, please send them to us so they can be added to the newsletter.

Please pay your membership dues if you have not already done so. The 2013 cards have now expired and if you go to a legion for dinner or drinks, you may not be served with the expired card.

Thanks,
Scott and Becky