

George Patton Jr.

*in the future.*

*A good plan executed today is better than a perfect plan executed at some indefinite point in the future.*

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**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*

*January/February 2016*

**John Ivens Post 42 of Grand Canyon**

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**Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Meetings:**

First Saturday of each month, 10:00 A. M.

Rotating between Williams office and

Canyon Plaza Resort, Hwy. 64, Tusayan, AZ

*(SAL meeting follows Legion meeting)*

*God Bless the U.S.A.!*



***Visit our website***

[www.grandcanyonpost42.org](http://www.grandcanyonpost42.org)

**NEXT Post/Unit/Squadron Meetings:**

***Saturday January 9th***

***10:00 AM***

***Williams Office***

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*Taps*

Frank (Franz) Rotter

It is with heavy heart to report that 36 year member Frank (Franz) Rotter has transferred to Post Everlasting. Frank was a Paid up for Life member and a Korean War Era Veteran. A funeral Service was held for Frank on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine of the Ages followed by burial in the Grand Canyon National Park Cemetery with Military Honors The Honor Guard from Post 42 were Al Richmond, Al Dunaway, Ron Murphy, Scott Miller, Ben Gomez, Bob Blasi, and Nicholas Gomez. A celebration of life was held following the services at the Canyon Plaza Resort.

***Happy Birthday!***

**To all our Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL  
Members with Jan and Feb ♥ Birthdays**

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On Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Squire Inn hosted its annual Christmas Program. This event has been co-hosted by Post 42 for the past 20 plus years for the Pre-school children from the Kaibab learning center and K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade from Grand Canyon Elementary School.

This year's theme was "The Polar Express". The room was decked out with trains on the tables and a TV set up showing the movie during the program. The American Legion has been involved providing the children with a bag containing an apple, an orange and a candy cane. This year, we provide them with a bag containing an apple and a tangelo and the Pre-School and Kindergarteners with knit scarfs. The Legion, Auxiliary, Auxiliary Jr. members, SAL members made small sleds with candy canes, KitKats and Hershey minis. The sleds were placed on the tables at each chair prior to the children arriving. The sleds were a hit with the children as they were playing with them during the program and many of them getting eaten before the end of the program. We would like to thank Ben, Norma, and Nicholas Gomez, Deya Ramos, Doug and Danene Pace, Rebecca, Sally, Miguel, and Elida Rocha for helping make all the sleds. We also want to thank Rebecca Rocha and Mary Hoover for the scarfs that were given to the Pre-School and Kindergarteners this year.



Candy sleds made by the Legion, Auxiliary, Auxiliary Jr's, and SAL members for the Christmas program at the Grand Canyon.



Santa and Mrs. Claus greeting the school children at the Christmas program at the Grand Canyon.



Legion Post Commander Ben Gomez presenting Santa and Mrs. Claus a candy sled.



Front row: Santa and Mrs. Claus. Back row: Rebecca Rocha, Scott Miller, Ben Gomez.

Post 42 now has some history on the Legion website for the Centennial celebration. Scott Miller and Al Dunaway have been busy scanning in some of the older pictures that we have and going through everything in the office to continue to add to the on-line history. We have a picture of John Robert Fix, one of the charter members of Post 42 in the history and he was one of the members who was at the Paris Caucus for the beginning of The American Legion. Because of having him there, The American Legion Magazine has contacted us wishing to use him in the Magazine, possibly in February. Go online and view what we have so far at [www.legion.org/centennial](http://www.legion.org/centennial) and search for Grand Canyon Post 42.

### *Upcoming important dates*

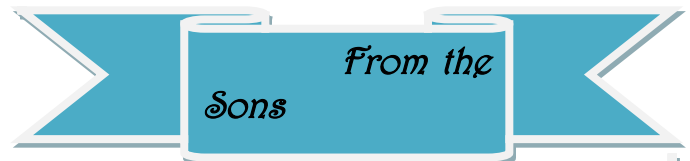
Jan 9, Post Meeting, 10:00 AM, Williams  
Jan 16, District 7 Meeting, 11:00 AM, Post 81, Lake Havasu City  
Feb 6, Post Meeting, 10:00 AM, Canyon Plaza  
Mar 5, Post Meeting, 10:00 AM, Williams  
Apr 2, Post Meeting, 10:00 AM, Canyon Plaza  
Tentatively scheduled Commanders Dinner, Apr 2, 6:00 PM, Canyon Plaza  
Apr 23, District 7 Meeting/Picnic, 11:00 AM Post 57, Ash Fork

Auxiliary members Rebecca Rocha, Sally Rocha, Danene Pace, and Jr. member Elida Rocha helped the Legion for the Christmas Program by making sleds made from candy to be given to the children attending the program. Rebecca Rocha and Mary Hoover made knit scarfs that were given to the Pre-School and Kindergarteners during the program.



Socks for Servicemembers donation. Front row: Auxiliary member Dorothy Miller, SAL member Miguel Rocha, Auxiliary Jr. member Elida Rocha, Rebecca Rocha holding Xander Rocha. Back row: SAL member Joseph Rocha, Cassie Rocha holding Auxiliary Jr. member Izzabella Rocha. Over 90 pairs of socks were donated for this project.

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SAL member Miguel Rocha helped the Auxiliary making sleds for the Christmas Program held for the Pre-School through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children from the Grand Canyon.

Members, please remember that we will hold meetings following the monthly Legion meetings. Please attend if you can.

## *and Thanks to Our Renewing Members!*

### **John Ivens Officers (2015-2016) (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**

#### **Post 42 Historian**

Scott Miller

#### **Unit 42 President**

Shannon Mead

#### **Unit 42 Vice President**

Donna Murphy

#### **Unit 42 Jr. Vice President**

Rebecca Rocha

#### **Unit 42 Secretary**

Rebecca Rocha

#### **Unit 42 Treasurer (Membership)**

Donna Murphy

#### **Unit 42 Chaplain**

Robyn Zepeda

#### **Unit 42 Historian**

Mary Hoover

#### **Squadron 42 Commander**

Cory Mead

#### **Squadron 42 Sr. Vice-Commander**

Ben Gomez

#### **Squadron 42 Jr. Vice-Commander**

#### **Squadron 42 Adjutant (Membership)**

Ron Murphy

#### **Finance Officer**

Al Dunaway

#### **Squadron 42 Sergeant-at-Arms**

C. J. Mead

#### **Squadron 42 Chaplain**

#### **Squadron 42 Historian**

Scott Miller

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/\$6.00 for Juniors)**

Donna Murphy, Unit 42 Treasurer

959 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 2015 – 2016 are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so. Thank You.

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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.

Thanks,  
Scott and Becky

*Welcome New Members...*