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General, US Army Retired

*No good decision was ever made  
in a swivel chair*

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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*

*November/December 2012*

**John Ivens Post 42 of Grand Canyon**  
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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!*



***Visit our website***

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

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

***Sunday December 2, 2012***

***2:00 PM***

Canyon Plaza Resort, Hwy. 64, Tusayan,  
AZ

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NOVEMBER

Robert Davis (SAL)

Bob Blasi (SAL)

Joseph Rocha (SAL)

DECEMBER

Maggie Patton (A)

Jessica Rocha (Jr. A)

Anthony Rocha (SAL)

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## *Sick Call*

Al Dunaway has been ill lately and spent some time in the VA hospital in Phoenix. He is doing better and back home.

## *Welcome New Member*

Elida J. Rocha – Jr. Auxiliary

***Happy Birthday!***

To all our Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL  
Members with Nov & Dec ♥ Birthdays

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## *From the Legion*

Our annual Christmas program for the K-2 children at Grand Canyon will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> this year. We want to thank Rebecca Rocha, Mary Hoover, Donna Murphy and Sandy Rogers for all their hard work on making scarves and knit caps for the children. They will have a good Christmas this year.

I would like to let all the members of Post 42 know that I am running for Vice Commander, Area C for the upcoming Legion year. If elected, I will have so much more traveling to do for the next year. Thanks, Scott.

## *Upcoming important dates*

November 16-18, Fall Conference, Tucson

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## *From the Auxiliary*

The ladies of Unit 42 have been hard at work these past few months. I would like to send out a special thank you to Sandy, Donna, Mary, and Rebecca for the wonderful and hard work on all those caps and scarves. Also, Rebecca and some wonderful juniors have been hard at work on ornaments and decorations for our veterans for Christmas. This is such a neat and touching project. WAY TO GO LADIES!

Our wonderful ladies in the office have also been sending birthday cards as well as stamps and coins that are donated or collected. If you have birthday cards, coins, stamps, or even books you would like to donate, please bring them by the office or contact Rebecca or Scott

We also have our wonderful ladies making lap robes for all those wonderful veterans at the VA. Thank you, thank you for as you know I am not so

crafty and find it so neat that they are able to whip those out in no time.

Our date for the Commander's Dinner has been set and we are looking forward to having our Department Commander and President visit us this coming March. I know that it is far in the future, but a neat thought and something to look forward to.

I hope to see some of you at the Fall Conference and I will be sure to bring back as much information as I possibly can for our Unit to use throughout the upcoming year. Let's see if we can get on the board for some of those awards and certificates.

I would like to take a moment to address a few issues that have been brought to my attention regarding our unit and post. I realize that post affairs are not my concern, however when they involve unit members, I feel it does. First and foremost, we are and always will be an American Legion Family. We need to be sure that we are working as one. Each branch lends a certain charisma to our family and if we are not able to work together to better the communities for our veterans, then what are we here for?

Please remember that we are all working for our veterans and that if there are concerns, please bring them to the monthly meetings to be addressed. In stating that, if you do see a problem, please be sure to have a few creative ideas on how to resolve the situation. Simply complaining and expecting it to be fixed will not help us to move forward.

Also, please, please be sure and bring any and all suggestions or ideas on how to work or better work our programs. Again, WE ARE A FAMILY and so we need to learn to take the good with the bad and find ways to better ourselves as well as our community.

With all that said, it is going to be a great year and I am so grateful that you ladies have allowed me to be your Unit President this year. I hope to serve you, as well as our veterans to the fullest.

Shannon Meade, Unit President  
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***From The Past***  
***John Ivens Post #42***  
***1935-1936***

Three of our Junior Auxiliary members and one of our Sons of the American Legion members, under the guidance of Rebecca Rocha, have been busy making Christmas ornaments for the veterans who are in the VA hospital in Prescott. They made 125 red bulbs and 125 green Christmas trees. They decorated each one individually and they have each been attached to a Christmas card and will be taken down to the VA hospital to be given out.



Back row: Rebecca Rocha, Auxiliary Secretary,  
Front row (left to right): Erica Rocha, Jr. Auxiliary, Reina Rocha, Jr. Auxiliary, Miguel Rocha, SAL, decorating ornaments to send to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Prescott.



New Auxiliary Jr. member Elida Rocha and SAL Member Miguel Rocha showing off Christmas tree decorations they made for the veterans at the VA hospital in Prescott.

**Officers:**

Commander: A. L. Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: D. E. Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: J. V. Lloyd, Finance Officer: P. F. Jones, Sgt. at Arms: H. E. Siegrist, Adjutant: J. A. Metzger, Chaplain: R. P. Gilliland, Historian: R. P. Gilliland.

The Community Building was being built and the Legion Post, the Legion Auxiliary and the P. T. A. were working hard to collect books for the new library, which they supported. The N. P. S., the local clubs, the business and community came together to build book shelves and getting furniture for the office and library.

In February 1936, the Post made the following plans for Community Service:

1. Attempt to secure a new public school building.
2. Give 10% of the net revenue from Post dances to the Library Association.
3. Assist Boy Scouts who want to become Eagle Scouts.

May 25, 1936, State Department Commander Zellman made his official visit.

Plans were made for the use of the new Community Building. The Community Building Committee was formed with a representative from each entity wanting to use it had to put in a request for the dates desired and a calendar was set up for each month. Each using organization had to pay a fee and clean up. The building was officially completed on August 31, 1936.

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## *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)**

Richard "Dick" Patton, Post 42 Adjutant  
979 W. Road 1, North, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

**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 2012 – 2013 are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so. Legion members, if you would like to renew online, you can do that by registering on [www.MyLegion.org](http://www.MyLegion.org). Thank You.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:n7ad@qwestoffice.net).

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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.

We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year!

Thanks,  
Scott and Becky

### **John Ivens Officers (2012-2013) (Info for New Members and Others)**

**Post 42 Commander**

Ben Gomez

**Post 42 Sr. Vice-Commander**

Bill Fitzgerald

**Post 42 Jr. Vice-Commander**

Ron Murphy

**Post 42 Adjutant (Membership)**

Richard "Dick" Patton

**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 Mead

**Unit 42 1st Vice President**

Donna Murphy

**Unit 42 2nd 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**

Bob Blasi

**Squadron 42 Chaplain**

Terrance Hatcher

**Squadron 42 Historian**

Scott Miller

*Welcome New Members...*