



**AMERICAN LEGION
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

I would like to thank everyone who assisted and attended our first annual picnic at Ross Gold Park in June. I would like to give a special thank you to Mike and Marge Derrick for obtaining the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, ice, drinks and all the paper products. You did a great job! I would also like to give a special thanks to Carl and Ramona Long, for their effort in making last minute phone calls to all the members at eight o'clock in the morning to let the members know of the last minute change of location from Mills Park to Ross Gold Park. We couldn't have done it without you two.

SAVE your aluminum cans ! We are having an aluminum can drive and the proceeds will go into a special fund to assist veterans who are in desperate need of some financial aid, to get them through some very hard times. Please drop off your aluminum cans at the Commanders house and we will see to it that they get taken to the recycle depot. The monies gained by the can donations can make a difference to a veteran and his family. We ask that the veteran's who we assist, make a contribution back into the fund once they are stable and back on their feet. We can then continue to assist other veterans and their families.

Attention Members: We have a guest speaker at our meeting on Thursday August 14th. Our speaker is from the VA administration in Reno and represents the HOPE House for veteran's families. This house is for veterans spouses, who do not have a place to stay while their spouse are recuperating from surgery, or for cancer treatments, or physical therapy from strokes etc. at the VA Hospital in Reno. Please bring your spouse or friend to learn more about the HOPE house and listen to this very informative speaker.

We have been given a date of September 15, 2003 to have a total membership of forty in our Post by the Department of Nevada, American Legion. We currently have thirty two members and need only eight more. We need your help to reach this goal set for us, we need to do this to get our Permanent Charter from National. Lets all pull together to meet this goal.....WE CAN DO IT !

Joseph Canyon, Commander

Adjutant Comments:

No comment

Joe Hanus, Adjutant (775) 883-5131

CHAPLIN'S CORNER:

This is the first time that I have written an article for anyone so please bear with me.

Commander Joseph Canyon and myself were asked to officiate at a funeral by a veteran's family for their father at Lone Mountain Cemetery.

Commander Canyon gave a very nice service, which lasted approximately thirty minutes. We folded the American Flag and presented it to the family after the service. In the future we hope to have a color guard and rifle team.

If you know of anyone that is ill or needs help, please contact me at (775) 885-7585.

**Sincerely,
Carl E. Long
Chaplin**

COMMENTS FROM FIRST VICE COMMANDER:

No comment

Brian O'Connell (775) 841-5550

COMMENTS FROM SECOND VICE COMMANDER:

No comment

Mike Derrick (775) 782-6519

COMMENTS FROM FINANCE OFFICER:

No comment

Stephen Lott

AUXILIARY COMMENTS:

We are still reaching for the goal of *TEN* new members to apply for our charter from the National American Legion Auxiliary. Please talk with your family, friends, neighbors, and encourage them to join the best veterans organization in the United States, dedicated to helping veterans, their families and their communities. We have applications available to anyone who needs one, it also explains who is eligible.

We are having a Pot Luck dinner for the meeting on September 11. Please call Blake at (775) 841-1369 to coordinate the dinner and desert. We will meet at the Veterans Hall between five and five fifteen, dinner will be at six with meeting to

follow at 7 PM. Thank you to each and everyone of you for “hanging” in there while we work together to get new membership. You a wonderful group of ladies who I am very proud to be associated with. A special “thank you” for all who attended the picnic and brought side dishes to share. Next year, will be even better and we will have some fun activities planned for all.

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon, President Elect

CHAPLIN’S COMMENT:

What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness.

Ramona Long, Auxiliary Chaplin
