



AMERICAN LEGION
 HIGH DESERT POST 56
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COMMANDER COMMENTS:

The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in coordination with the High Desert Post 56 is presenting a **STAND DOWN** for homeless veterans and the homeless community. The time is 9-1 pm, Friday December 5, 2003. There is free lunch, free haircuts, free flu shots, Regional VA representative, **toiletries**, blankets and some clothing. All members are encouraged to attend this first time ever **STAND DOWN** in Carson City.

The Post/Auxiliary Thanksgiving Party was a big success. We had sixty people turn out for the dinner, and raffle. I would like to thank the Auxiliary and Post members for their excellent food, and hard work to make this a very successful dinner for all who attended.

REMEMBER to save your aluminum cans for the Post, we turn these in for money to help support our homeless veterans program. Contact the Commander for more information.

Veterans Serving Veterans
 Joseph Canyon, Commander

 The number of homeless veterans and homeless people are turning out in larger numbers for the Saturday and Sunday mornings at Mills Park for food. The weather has turned cold, and we now are serving hot soup, hot coffee, donuts, cookies. If you would like to really reach out and help fellow veterans, contact the Commander, we can put you where the action is at Mills Park on a Saturday or Sunday morning.

 Save those gently worn **COATS**, we have homeless veterans who need one for this cold winter. We also need socks, long sleeve shirts, gloves, hats. If you have some to donate contact the Commander.

ADJUTANT COMMENTS:

A CALL TO ARMS

- Attend Legion Functions
- Recruit new members
- Maintain the status of Post 56
- Serve less fortunate veterans.

WHY RECRUIT?

To simply say that some veterans are in need of help often sounds too nebulous, too unclear and so very impersonal. Their days in a muddy foxhole or clinging to an oily raft in a distant sea: or maybe sweating in some foreign desert listening to incoming: or just as bad, serving in a God forsaken frozen outpost are long gone. Though dim in memory their purpose for being there still remains deeply alive inside. Now we find their government has all but abandoned them. **BUT WE MUST NOT.** So lets find an old friend and bring him to our next meeting. Along the way we will revive some old but warm unshared memories. They'll know they're not forgotten, and you are the reason.

Joe Hanus, Post Adjutant

Post Officers

Post Commander	Joseph Canyon
Post Adjutant	Joseph Hanus
First Vice Commander	Brian O'Connell
Second Vice Commaner	Mike Derrick
Finance Officer	Stephen Lott
Service Officer	Joseph Canyon
Sergeant at ARms	Ken Janonis
Post Chaplin	Carl Long

**Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Hall
 Second Thursday 7 PM**

FINANCE OFFICER COMMENTS:

Our first 50-50 drawing at the last Post meeting was a success, netting \$20 for the Post. The Halloween party brought in \$40 for the Post and \$40 for the Auxiliary. Any more good ideas out there?

Now that the holidays are here, I would like to remind all members of our beautiful eagle pictures and mugs for sale at \$8 and \$20 respectively. These would make a great gift. Why not pick one up for yourself and show it to your friends, family, co-workers, etc?

Remember, it's all for the good of the Post!

Sincerely,

Stephen Lott, Finance Officer

CHAPLINS CORNER:

It has been a busy last two weeks. On Nov. 9th there were seven Post and Auxiliary members including two members from a Post in Springfield, Oregon visiting the Reno VA Hospital. We handed out 65 bags of toiletries to our veterans. We had nice visits with them and they were very grateful and appreciative. Next year we hope more of our members will join us, as it is very rewarding. The Post and Auxiliary later stopped at a restaurant for lunch. If you know of any member of our Post that are in need of help or are ill, please contact me at 885-7585.

Happy Holidays To You.

Carl E. Long, Chaplin

AUXILIARY CHAPLINS CORNER:

We have some members that are not feeling like they would like to feel. I sent cards to Fran Hanus and Blake Amsterdam-Canyon. As of this writing our President Blake is still at Carson-Tahoe Hospital as she underwent surgery. Elizabeth Hiatt was also ill, but we didn't know about it until she was back on her feet again.

We pray to God that he will heal you and ease your pain. We miss seeing your smiling faces.

VERSE FROM THE BIBLE

"My thoughts" says the Lord, "are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours, as high as the Heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways and thoughts above yours."

ISAIAH 55 8-9

Please pray for all our ill members and their families including our daughter, as she is very ill with cancer in Oregon.

May God Bless All Of You.

Ramona Long, Auxiliary Chaplin

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

I would like to thank the Auxiliary for their dedication and hard work in preparing the delicious Post/Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner.

A special thank you to the following members:

Rose Janonis, Ramona Long, Karen Lott, Maxine Radu, *YOU* are the ones who pulled it all together. It was a wonderful night filled with friends and family. Let's do it again next Year!

Our next big event is the Christmas Dinner and ornament exchange Party on Saturday December 13, 2003 at 6:00pm. A donation of \$3 per person or \$5 per couple for dinner.

RSVP is expected if your are attending.

We are serving ham dinner with all the trimmings.

We need to know how many members will be in attendance to provide enough food for everyone. Please call me at 841-1369.

Please....if you comit to bringing a dish, we count on that to be at the Christmas Dinner.

If you are unable to bring that dish, CALL us and let us know 24 hours in advance, so other arrangements can be made.

Our VA Hopsital visit to the veterans on November 8th was very rewarding. We handed out toiletry packages to the veterans and visited with them. It makes you feel good to know that your helping them in THEIR time of need.

Happy Holidays Everyone !

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon, President
