

# HIGH DESERT POST 56 NEWS

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## POST 56 ACHIEVES MEMBERSHIP GOAL PERMANENT CHARTER ANTICIPATED

Post 56 was given a task to complete by the 15th of September 2003. This post was to reach a goal of 40 members to be given any chance to qualify for a permanent charter. I am proud to say that we reached that goal and surpassed it with twelve additional members. Our Post is now 52 members strong and growing.

We have applied for our permanent Charter from the Department of Nevada. We should have it within a few weeks from the National American Legion.

Congratulations to us all on reaching our goal and for all the efforts put forth by the members to reach it.

We have a very busy schedule ahead of us in the up and coming months. We will need members to step up and join our action committees and personally participate.

We have a service officer at FISH (Friends In Service Helping) at Long St and No. Carson. Their phone is 882-8448 Ask for American Legion Service Officer, Commander Canyon. please visit us between 1PM and 5PM on Thursdays. Volunteers are need to help out here.

Saturday and Sunday mornings coffee and donuts are being made available for homeless veterans at Mills Park from 9AM to 11 AM. Post 56 is there to assist veterans, answer their questions and let them know they are NOT FORGOTTEN. FISH donates the cookies and donuts. The coffee is donated by Post 56.

If you would like to really reach out and help fellow veterans, come on down to Mills Park on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Meet the veterans. Reach out your hand to one.

*Look for a special announcement  
of a special upcoming event in October.  
This is a veterans event  
you won't want to miss.*

**Veterans Serving Veterans  
Joseph Canyon, Commander**

Phone: 841 - 1369

### NOTICE

*American Legion High Desert Post 56 will be represented at the Top Gun Show Carson City Community Center on October 18 & 19.*

## 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 oncoming; 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 let's 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**

*There is available for your perusal a month publication called "Military". It features stories from veterans from past conflicts as well as current conditions and activities of the military.*

Subscriptions: \$15/year.

**Military**  
**2224 Beaumont St**  
**Sacramento, CA 95815**

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Three garage sales were held during the past summer. We reaped a total of over \$500. Poppy sales produced an additional \$132.

On September 27th another garage sale hosted by the Commander, Joe Canyon brought in an additional \$164 for the post. Thanks to Joe and to all who helped and/or contributed.

Remember the eagle tankards at the last meeting? We'll have 24 of them as well as 15 of those striking Eagle/Flag 8 x 10 pictures available at our next regular meeting. So don't forget your checkbook. They will make a remarkable addition to you patriotic collection. See you there.

**Steven Lott, Financial Officer**



### American Legion Post 56 Officers

Post Commander	Joseph Canyon
Post Adjutant	Joseph Hanus
First Vice Commander	Brian O'Connell
Second Vice Commander	Mike Derrick
Finance Officer	Steven Lott
Service Officer	Joseph Canyon
Sergeant at Arms	George Oliver
Post Chaplin	Carl Long

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Hall  
Second St at Curry St

Meeting Time: Second Thursday 7PM

## **REPORTS FROM POST OFFICERS**

### **COMMENTS FROM FIRST VICE COMMANDER:**

Brian O'Connell (775) 841-5550

No Comment.

### **COMMENTS FROM SECOND VICE COMMANDER:**

Mike Derrick (775) 782-6519

No comment

### **FROM THE CHAPLINS CORNER:**

It has been real quiet on this corner, then I received a phone call from Commander Joseph Canyon. He informed me of a member, Richard Sowers whose wife Audrey as in the hospital. Audrey has been sick for some time and is on her third week in the hospital. My wife, Ramona went up to visit her since I, myself have been under the weather. She had a nice visit with Richard and Audrey.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Steven and Karen Lott with the passing of her mother.

I was in the hospital for 8 days with two infections in my one and only leg. My diabetes went out of control; and caused the infections. I am now on the road to recovery.

We ask God to please look down and heal the sickness in all our members and spouse's bodies; and ask for your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Carl E. Long  
Chaplin

## **POST 56 AUXILLARY REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

Congratulations are in order for the High Desert Unit 56. We are submitting our charter with 10 new members and the transfers. We are on our way to becoming an official unit of the American Legion Auxillary. I thank each one of you for having confidence in our ability to form a new unit. Without you, we never could have accomplished this.

Please consult the calendar for our up and coming events for these 2 months.

We will be putting together veteran toiletry packages to take to the VA hospital in Reno. They do not supply toiletries for the veterans; and the veterans can utilize these gifts. We are planning to supply toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, shavers, combs, playing cards, stationery and pens. We also supply cotton socks, t-shirts, and underwear. Gently used socks, t-shirts and underwear can be donated from your husbands, brothers, dads, etc.

Please contact your dentist, and ask them for a donation of a dozen tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss. Most dentists are happy to donate to the veterans at the VA Hospital. We will provide a letter of acknowledgement for their donation, which they can use for their tax purposes as a write off.

We will be making personal appearances at the VA hospital in Reno to honor our veterans for Veteran's Day, November 11. We plan to deliver our gifts to them personally and visit with them. If you wish to help with donations of such gifts, or get more information please contact me at 841-1369. Ask for Blake.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon  
President Elect