



# THE BUGLE

## June 2005 - July 2005

### Commander's Comments

As your new Commander I was asked to submit an article to The Bugle. I would like to dedicate this story to All Veterans.

#### What Memorial Day Means To Me And Why I Do What I Do

My immediate family of eight children, three girls and five boys, making me the youngest, leads me to write this story. There are two of us remaining, my oldest brother, WW II war hero who was drafted at age seventeen into the U.S. Army, and served thirty-three months in combat in the South Pacific. He has just celebrated his eighty first birthday and is ninety percent disabled military related. He is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled Veterans. As our oldest brother he set the stage for his four younger brothers to follow, as we all were members of the United States Military.

My three brothers were U.S. Army career veterans, all three served their twenty years plus. They were all three highly decorated war veterans. They all served in Korea and Two Tours in Viet Nam. After retirement from the military, they served in their V.F.W. Post, and worked their way through the officers positions to become Post Commanders. They also were active members of the American Legion.

I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at the age of seventeen, and spent my eighteenth birthday overseas, also in the Korea era. Unlike my brothers, I served only eight years, four years active duty and four years in the Air Force Reserves.

As with my brothers, my cause now, is Veterans serving Veterans.

I am also a Life Member in the V.F.W. and at my last post was in line to become the Post Commander.

My most honorable activity was being a Rifleman on an All Veterans Honor Guard performing Military Funeral Honors. I am a member of the, Military Funeral Honors Program, signed by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. I served three years averaging over fifty ceremonies per year.

At each ceremony, I was honoring my three brothers, who are now deceased from war related causes, as well as "Honoring Those Who Served." What an Honor!

As the Commander, of the High Desert American Legion Post 56, I pledge, To uphold and to defend The Constitution of the United States of America.

This Memorial Day I will attend several ceremonies "Honoring Those Who Served". As Captain of the American Legion Honor Guard, I am once again very honored.

To all Veterans, I personally invite each of you to join us and to attend our monthly meeting held: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at the Veteran Memorial Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. & Curry St. Carson City. Time: 7:00pm.

To all my Comrades, I Honor You.  
Donald R. Atkins, Commander

### Chaplains' Corner

Hello Everyone!! It has been a quiet month for news although I was notified our member Ben Duncan is ill with medical problems. Please remember Ben, Donna and family in your prayers and we want to wish him a healthy recovery. Please notify me of any illnesses or bereavements.



Carl Long 885-7585

### SPECIAL NOTICE



### Special Events

(All events are held at the Veteran's Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Curry

unless otherwise noted)

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| <b>May 21</b>  | <b>Installation of Officers 2:00 p.m.</b>                     |
|                | <b>RSVP Mandatory</b>   |
| <b>May 25</b>  | <b>Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux, 6:30 p.m.</b>               |
|                | <b>Forty and Eight to follow</b>                              |
| <b>May 28</b>  | <b>VA Hospital Visit</b>                                      |
| <b>May 30</b>  | <b>Memorial Day Services</b>                                  |
|                | Dayton Cemetery 9:00 am                                       |
|                | Lone Mountain Cemetery 1:00 pm                                |
| <b>June 9</b>  | <b>Post 56/Aux Unit Meeting, 7:00pm</b>                       |
|                | <b>PotLuck Dinner at 6:00pm – RSVP Donna Duncan, 882-7276</b> |
| <b>June 11</b> | <b>District 4 Convention 10:00am</b>                          |
|                | Auxiliary is Hosting  |
| <b>June 22</b> | <b>Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux, 6:30 p.m.</b>               |
|                | <b>Forty and Eight to follow</b>                              |

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### Adjutant, Joe Hanus

Regaining membership is our number 1 priority. It is up to each individual member to make the effort to get at least one person to join Post 56 in the next month or so. Remember, if necessary Post can assist with the membership fee.

### Veterans Hospital Donations

- White Cotton socks (we can accept gently used white cotton socks)
- Sample sized toiletries
- Paperback books

**Save Your aluminum cans for other veteran programs/project**

# UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT

## Presidents Message – Donna Duncan

I am looking forward to a great year as the Unit 56 Auxiliary President. Blake leaves big shoes to fill and she and Joe will be missed a lot. But we have such a wonderful group of ladies and I know with their enthusiasm and support they will help to make this year successful in every way.

My plan to start off the year of my presidency is to ask for input from all members as to what our plans and goals should be for the upcoming year and to prioritize those plans and goals. With everyone's help including the Post, I know we will succeed and have fun.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for putting your trust and confidence in me to serve as your president.

## Marge Derrick, Poppy Chairperson

**REMEMBER**, May is Poppy month, and we need to collect donations from the Poppy's that we distribute. We do not call it Poppy sales, as it is a donation, however we derive a good revenue from this program, and it is utilized for veteran programs, child and welfare, and other Auxiliary programs. We need your help, please contact Marge Derrick, Poppy Chairperson at 775-782-6519

## Treasurer, Rose Janonis

If people would like to donate items like soups, coffee, peanut butter and jelly to feed the homeless at Mills park every Sunday. We prepare the food and take it to the Please call Rose Janonis at 885-8740 Carson City. I will be happy to pick items up. Thank you and God bless

## Secretary, Phyllis Nolze

I look forward to serving the Auxiliary as secretary and in working on the newsletter. My thoughts will be with you all on Memorial Day.

Please remember if you have information you would like placed in the Bugles to notify me prior to the Publication Deadline, also notify either myself of Commander Atkins if an article needs to appear in the local newspapers. The newspapers require a one week lead time. Thank for all your assistance this past year.

## *"Happy Birthday To You"*



Dottie McBride	6/15
Bailey Taitaho	7/19
Nicole Simmons	7/22
Irma Manor	7/28

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## Our Web Sites:

The American Legion Department of Nevada

<http://www.taldon.org/>

<http://www.taldon.org/AuxHome.html>

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Seems all our Aux. members are doing quite well as no report sickness. Sent 1 birthday card to Christine St. Leger-Barter.

This is my last report as your Chaplain and "Kitchen Queen" as I have been called. I have been your Chaplain for 2 years and in charge of the kitchen for 3 1/2 years as I started with Unit 4. I want to send a BIG "THANK YOU" to all of you for all of your help, support and all the wonderful food you have provided at our functions. I could not do it without all of you.

Your new Chaplain will be Betty Ryser so please notify her at 882-3866 of any Aux. illness or bereavements.

We will truly miss our Past Commander Joseph Canyon and Past President Blake Amsterdam-Canyon as they were the main support for all of us and led us in the right direction. We will carry on as we have a wonderful group of officers and members and we are always looking forward to new or transferred members.

Good luck Joseph and Blake in your new surroundings and please keep in touch. May God bless you and family.

Ramona Long  
Chaplain

## The Kitchen,

**The June Pot Luck** will be baked potatoes with a variety of toppings from basic sour cream, chili, broccoli and cheese to exotic? etc. Any questions or ideas may be referred to Donna (882-7276).

We need someone to volunteer to oversee **The Kitchen**. We can't replace the **Kitchen Queen** so would someone like to be the **Kitchen Princess or The Kitchen Witch?** We are open to suggestions.

## SCOLARIS

We have set up a "Friendship Fund" with Scholaris'. For every \$2500.00 we spend there our American Legion High Desert Aux. #56 will receive a check for \$25.00. You may fill out a form and have your card changed to our Aux. number which is 2676. We would appreciate your help with this.



## Recipe of the Month

### French Dressing, from Romona Olive

- 1 can Tomato Soup
- 1 clove Garlic
- 1 tsp Pepper
- ½ tsp Salt
- ¾ Cup Olive Oil
- ½ Cup Basalmic Vinegar
- ¼ Cup Water
- ¼ Cup Sugar

Blend well in Blender, refrigerate and enjoy. Also makes a good marinade.