



THE BUGLE



Chaplains' Corner by Chuck Rankin
Keeping all who are ill in our prayers.



In Memory

. . . It won't be Long now

That smile. Carl's inimitable smile.
His trademark, a conversation spark.
It'll take us all a long while
To ever forget his smile.



He used valor and humor
But couldn't overcome that tumor.
His presence bestowed a gentle accord
And now he's gone to his reward.

The Navy never had a better friend
And his love persisted to the end.
He served us from the board's table
And lent reverence to the extent he was able.

We see him now approaching heaven's beauty
A lowly seaman reporting for duty.

"I trust I've served you well, my Lord,
Request permission to come aboard."

By Joe Hanus

Adjutant, Joe Hanus

Cash in on your DD-214

Make two copies of your DD-214. Take the first one down to City Hall (across from Garibaldi's) and sign up for the veteran's exemption on your property tax or car registration before it expires. Hey, it's money in your pocket. Bring the second one to our next meeting so we can put it in our files.



First Vice Commander, Marco Manor

I am pleased to report that the post is financially stable mainly due to all of the donations the Honor Guard Team has received. The attendance pot will be \$15.00 at our next meeting in May. You could be the lucky winner. However, you must be there to collect.

Second Vice Commander, Jack Ralph

It is an honor to be able to serve Post 56 as 2nd Vice Commander and I hope that I am able to live up to your expectations. I know that one of my responsibilities is to assist the Commander with all duties. That will be very easy to do because our Commander is a wonderful man and an excellent leader. My primary responsibility is to plan patriotic observances of all kinds for the Post; arrange Post activities that everyone will enjoy; and come up with entertainment features that mark all Post meetings. In other words, I'm your "Social Director" and my goal is to get you to want to come to our meetings and events, or continue to do so if you are already coming. I have many ideas and plans for the future for this Post and you will see them develop in the coming months. I think you will find them interesting and enjoyable and I hope you will be there to participate. You won't regret it.

I also want to tell you that I am the Webmaster of the new Post 56 web site. If you have a computer and an Internet connection, please go to

<http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/>

I think you will be pleasantly surprised when you first see it. This web site will evolve over time and changes will be made almost daily, so visit often. Comments welcome.

May/June 2006

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Commander's Comments



May has arrived and just maybe, spring. I'm sure everyone is happy. Snow, rain, or shine did not put a damper on our Post's busy activity schedule. Our Post membership (the greatest) remains strong and supportive in all our events. Thank you all.

Post 56 Officer's Elections were held in April. My congratulation to the membership for their choices for the coming year, and also to the officer's elected. Please note the names and positions in this newsletter. My personal thanks to all members for your support for my first term and I look forward to serving each of you for this 2006/2007 year.

To learn of our future activities, please see our post event calendar or take a look at our great post 56 website. Jack Ralph, our new 2nd Vice Commander, is also our Webmaster. It's a "must see", as it is awesome. See Jack's comments for the web address. Great job, Jack!

Taps were played for two of our fallen veteran members, Mr. Carl Long and Mr. Homer Surface. They are now with the Supreme Commander. Let us all show support to the families and friends. We all will miss our brothers forever.

This Commander is very proud to announce that Post 56 has an outstanding trained and dedicated Honor Guard. The article and photo in the Nevada Appeal was in Memory of our brother Carl Long. What an honor it was to be able to perform a Military Burial Ceremony *FOR ONE OF OUR OWN*. No other veteran organization in the Carson City area has an Honor Guard and Post 56's "All Veteran's Honor Guard" will be happy to provide our services to any fallen veteran.

I want to personally thank each and every member of the Color/Honor Guard who has performed beautifully at two memorial services so far this year. You have made me proud and I salute you!

We are asking for additional volunteers to serve in our Guard. Please think about joining us in this very Honorable Service to our Veterans and their families. Please contact me for more information.

Remember; mark your calendar for May 11th. It's a dinner and our Officer's Installation Ceremony. Please attend to thank your hard working Brothers and fellow veterans.

We are here to serve you.
Commander Don

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT

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| President | Irma Manor | 267-4794 |
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Outgoing President's Message – Donna Duncan

First, I want to send condolences from our Unit to Ramona Long and her family upon the passing of her husband, Carl Long. Carl was a friend to everybody and will be missed a lot.

I have enjoyed serving as President this past year and want to thank the officers and members of Unit 56 for their hard work and contributions to our unit. I think we have had a successful year and accomplished most of the goals set at the beginning of the year.

Newly elected officers for the upcoming year are listed above. Please welcome them.

There is still an opening for 2nd Vice President. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact Irma Manor. Unit Installation will be held on May 20 from 11 to 1 at Grandma Hatties. Everyone is invited. Please contact Irma if you plan to attend.

I wish Irma and the new officers the best and I know Unit 56 will continue to be a visible presence in the community while being in service to our veterans



A Special Message

"Carl Long's family wants to thank the Post and Auxiliary for the beautiful 'Celebration Of Life' you did for Carl on Saturday, April 15th at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. and on Monday the 17th at the cemetery. The Honor Guard and Color Guard looked so nice in their uniforms and the whole ceremony could not have been any better. Our Commander, Don Atkins, did a beautiful job of training the Honor and Color Guard.

Thank you Auxiliary for putting on a beautiful luncheon and you were able to feed everyone even though I wasn't figuring over 50 people and I think the count was 148.

It is a great pleasure to belong to a wonderful organization and Carl always looked forward to the meetings and functions. I know he was looking down on us and saying' "ALL OF THIS FOR ME!!!!"

People are still talking about the wonderful ceremony as it was the best one they have ever been to.

Thanks guys and gals as I love you all.

Ramona"

Veteran's Hospital Donations Needed

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Recently, several of our members have been ill and we hope all are better and will be able to come to the next meeting. Exciting things are planned.

If anyone needs help, please let me know.

Betty Ryser, Chaplain

The Kitchen Queen II, Rose Janonis

To all the ladies of the Auxiliary. I want to thank you all for the great job you did for Carl Longs Memorial Potluck. Without being asked dishes were refilled and coffee served. Ramona was very pleased with all the hard work you put in. We received a lot of compliments. We have a lot of teamwork in Unit 56. So to a great group of ladies I thank you.

VA Hospital Visit in May

We are starting to collect toiletry items for the Veterans in the VA Hospital because we will be going there in May. The Veterans have to buy their own toiletries, so we go up there 2 times a year, May and Nov. We distribute around 100 packets, so we really need your help with getting the supplies. The items we need are sample sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, phone cards and white cotton tube socks. Please call Betty Ryser for further information. We will be putting the packets together on May 26 at Betty's.

"Happy Birthday To You"

5/8 Christine St. Leger-Barter

6/15 Dottie McBride



Upcoming Events

(All events are held at the Veteran's Hall, 2nd & Curry, unless otherwise noted)

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| May | 11 | 6:00 PM | Post/Auxiliary Meeting Post Officer Installation Pot Luck Dinner |
| May | 20 | 11:00 AM | Auxiliary Officer Installation Grandma Hattie's |
| May | 20 | TBD | Armed Forces Day Ceremony at Legislative Building, Carson City |
| May | ? | TBD | Packet Stuffing for Veterans @ Betty Ryser's residence |
| May | 24 | 6:30 PM | Post/Auxiliary E-Board Meeting |
| May | 27 | TBD | Visit to VA Hospital in Reno |
| June | 8 | 7:00 PM | Post/Auxiliary Meeting |
| June | 24 | TBD | Auxiliary Rummage Sale |
| June | 28 | 6:30 PM | Post/Auxiliary E-Board Meeting |
| June | 29 | ---- | Newsletter Deadline |

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