



# THE BUGLE



## January/February 2007

American Legion Post 56 and Auxiliary Unit 56  
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	<b>Jack Ralph</b>	<b>882-8269</b>
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### Acting Commander's Comments

This issue's article is being written by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Marco Manor.

On Thursday, December 28, Commander Don started having pains in his stomach and didn't feel very well. On Friday morning, his blood pressure was critically low and he begun passing blood. He then decided he had better go to the hospital to find out what the problem was. After several tests, it was discovered that he had a hole the size of a half dollar in his intestines behind his colon. One of the problems they found was that he had already lost three pints of blood and he was still bleeding internally.

After the doctors stabilized him, he went through a 3 ½ hour surgery to repair the damage. The Commander has been in ICU for the past 5 days (as this is written) but will probably be in a regular room by the time you read this article. I spent time with him in the ICU on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> posing as his nephew. His spirits are high, and the prognoses of a full recovery are very good. Please keep him in your prayers.

December was a very busy month for Post 56. The Honor Guard performed services for our fallen comrades and our Color Guard did an outstanding job leading the Christmas Parade in Virginia City.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Awards Dinner and Christmas Party at Casino Fandango. I want to thank Unit 56 President, Irma Manor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Jack Ralph, for doing an outstanding job making all of the arrangements and providing fun for everyone that attended. Commander Don and President Irma presented awards to several members of our Post and Unit. Art Baer was named "Legionnaire of the Year" for all of his efforts in helping the Post this past year.

Our membership continues to grow. It was announced that we have now reached 200% of the Department's goal for our Post this year. This could not have happened without the support all you have given us and the new members you have all brought in. Please continue to work toward bringing in more new members.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please try to bring a prospective member with you. I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### Chaplain, Charles Rankin

Keeping all who are ill in our prayers.

### Adjutant, Joe Hanus

I wish to commend all of you for treasuring your membership in Post 56. For those of you that have transferred in recently, I'd like to invite you to attend one of our upcoming meetings if you haven't already done so. Forget what you've been used to in other posts; we do things differently here. How can you tell? Well, last year we doubled our membership and exceeded the goal the Department set for us by 200%. This didn't happen by accident. New attendees at our meetings can confirm this. In the history of the Legion in Nevada, we're the first to do this. Thanks to all of you.

### Adjutant, Joe Hanus (continued)

At our last meeting, 40 members attended, along with 3 guests and 15 Auxiliary members. Our meeting room only holds 65 people so we're working on accommodating more members in the future. This may result in a new meeting place. Stay tuned.

Our meetings feature a member attendance prize, a 50/50 drawing, a Chinese Auction and an award to a pre-chosen Very Important Member who is given 5 minutes to tell us his or her "war story", plus an amazing amount of camaraderie.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

### First Vice Commander, Marco Manor

A lot has been happening in the membership department since our last newsletter. At the beginning of December I was informed that our Post reached 200% of the Department of Nevada's goal for Post 56. That means that we have 154 paid members! Congratulations and thank you all for your efforts in recruiting new members for our Post. I am still trying to build our membership up to 200 by the end of 2007. With a little effort on everyone's part, I am sure we can achieve that goal.

Remember our theme for membership this year, "Each One Reach One". Membership in any organization is the responsibility of all the members. We need your help to grow and succeed in our community. Our organization, as a group, can make things happen that you and I as individuals can not accomplish. I will have membership application forms available for you at our next meeting. Please plan on attending and be sure to bring a prospective member with you.

Our first fund raiser for the Post has concluded. We sold all 250 of the 2007 calendars that we had. A special thank you to Chuck Rankin, Wayne O'Malley, Art Baer, and Commander Don for all of your help selling outside Raley's. It was cold, windy, and snowing but we had a great time. I also want to thank all of the other Legionnaires that took calendars and sold them for the Post. Second Vice Commander Jack Ralph and his wife Shirlee sold 50 for us! I am sure our Finance Officer will let us know how well we did on the project. In any case, we made enough to not have to raise our dues next year.

I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending to see what is new and exciting in our Post.

### Second Vice Commander, Jack Ralph

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope that 2007 is your best year ever. We had a great Christmas party and I enjoyed being there.

I would like to announce that I have accepted the responsibility of being editor and publisher of The Bugle, effective with this issue. I want to thank Phyllis Nolze for all her efforts and dedication to producing this newsletter in the past. She did a wonderful job and it is appreciated by all of us. I hope that I will be able to live up to the standard that she set.

I would also like to remind all of you that this newsletter is available via email and/or on the Internet. If you have an email account, I encourage you to write me at [vice2@american-legion-post56-nv.us](mailto:vice2@american-legion-post56-nv.us) and let me know that you want to receive future newsletters via email instead of USPS. This will save our Post a lot of money in the long run.

Post/Unit 56 has rented a storage unit on Highway 50, across from Long's Drug Store near Airport Road. If any of you have any American Legion "stuff" in your garage, spare room, etc., you are invited to store it in our new unit. The unit is pretty small so we will not allow any "personal" items. If you have any stuff you would like stored in our unit, let me know. I have a key <smile>.

**March/April Newsletter Deadline, February 23, 2007.**

# UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT

<b>President</b>	<b>Irma Manor</b>	<b>267-4794</b>
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## Presidents Message – Irma Manor

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas party at Casino Fandango. It was a great evening! We enjoyed the company of American Legion Post 56 and guests. Commander Don Atkins bestowed many prestigious awards.

Many of the ladies of Unit 56 also received recognition for their hard work and dedication during the year. Our Immediate Past President, Donna Duncan, won \$100 first prize from our Christmas Raffle. There were other prizes given. Thank you all so much for supporting Unit 56. It will help us do our part to help Post 56 and our Veterans!

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Shirlee Ralph, Treasurer Rose Janonis, and Nancy O'Malley, our Historian, attended the District Meeting in Fernley on December 9<sup>th</sup>. They brought back good wishes to our members.

On March 10, 2007, Unit 56 is hosting the District Meeting. We will be serving lunch for those attending.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Nevada Convention will be at The Sands Regency in Reno. We have been asked to help. I will give an update later on.

The National Convention will also be in Reno August 24-30, 2007. This will be a great time for us all to attend, as it is so close.

Members, please attend our next meeting on January 11, 2007. Dorothy Crowder, Past District President, will be with us.

I wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed New Year.

## Treasurer, Rose Janonis

No report.

## Poppy Chair, Phyllis F. Nolze

Give me a call to get your poppies (883-2357) or let me know at the next meeting.

## Post/Unit 56 Web Sites:

The Post 56 Web Site

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

The American Legion Department of Nevada Web Site

<http://taldon.org/>

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This month's article was written by President Irma Manor.

In December, Ramona Long visited our Chaplain, Betty Ryser, who has been ill for a long time.

Also, Ramona and Pat Ayres visited Marion Dickerson at her home. She has not been able to attend the Auxiliary meetings.

If you know of any members who are ill or are not able to come to meetings and would like visitors, please contact Ramona Long (Chaplain pro tem) at 885-7585.

## Upcoming Events

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

<b>January</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Post/Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Exec Meeting Post 56/Aux</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Post/Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Exec Meeting Post 56/Aux</b>



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Caitlyn McAllister	January 9
Betty Ryser	January 13
Dolores Miller	January 16
Britania Potts	January 23
Charlotte Gibson	February 5
Rose Janonis	February 12
Marge Derrick	February 12
Dorothy Cole	February 24
Alice Early	February 26
Keegan Allen	February 27



## Veterans Hospital Donations Needed

- White Cotton socks (new only)
- Sample sized toiletries
- ☐ Paperback books
- Phone Cards