



THE BUGLE



Adjutant, Joe Hanus

We have been fortunate to have so many of the members of the former Dayton Post 53 transfer to our post. We welcome them by letting them know of our varied activities and how we serve needy local veterans. We have a direct link to the Nevada Employment Department who goes out of their way when it comes to veterans.

Several times a year, with the help of the Auxiliary, we take gift packets to the VA hospital.

But more to the point. We've been known to have over 50+ members and Auxiliary at our monthly meetings. Aside from the business meeting, we have a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese auction, and a member attendance door prize. We also have a Very Important Member presentation which consists of one member giving us a 5 minute talk on his/her personal "war story". A VIM pin is then awarded.

A quite detailed summary of who we are and what we do is on our web page at <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/> Check it out!

So, to our new Dayton members, we'd like to see you at our March 8th meeting at the Vet's Hall on Curry and Second St. We will be having a Potluck Dinner, which gets underway at 6:00 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Give us a try. You won't regret it.

First Vice Commander, Marco Manor *"Each One, Reach One"*

We are off and running in 2007. Thanks to all of you, our membership continues to grow. Our membership has now reached 170 members and is at 221% of the Department goal set for our Post this year. Our membership is growing so fast that the Department can't keep up with recording them accurately in their newsletter. We are getting closer to *our* overall goal of having 200 members by the end of this year. Keep up the good work and be sure to bring a prospective member to our next meeting.

While the Commander has been out on sick leave, I have assumed his duties. One of them is getting our current sponsors/advertisers to renew their ads and to look for new advertisers. If you are interested in placing an ad in the Bugle, please contact me. Your ad will run for a full year and only cost \$50.00. The ads help us offset the printing and mailing expenses of our newsletter.

Second Vice Commander, Jack Ralph

Did you receive the January/February newsletter? If so, what kind of condition was it in? Was it torn, ripped, shredded, and practically unreadable? Did it arrive in a plastic bag? When did you receive it? Was it sometime in February, 30 days after it was mailed? If so, you're not alone. Many people complained to me that the newsletter has been mangled by the equipment being used at the Post Office.

I have no control over the Post Office but I do have a solution for some of you. If you have an email address, you can "subscribe" to the electronic version of our newsletter, and it's easy to do. Simply send an email message to vice2@AMERICAN-LEGION-POST56-NV.US and request to be added to the email distribution list. Not only will this guarantee that you will receive the newsletter in "perfect" condition when it is published, you will help save the Post time, effort, and postage costs. With the way our Post has been growing recently, that can be a considerable amount of money.

I hope to hear from you regarding this before the next newsletter is published.

May/June Newsletter Deadline, April 26, 2007.

March/April 2007

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Acting Commander's Comments – Marco Manor

Commander Don is still in ICU at the Carson Tahoe Hospital. His condition has improved greatly over the past two months. Last week he was able to go outside and enjoy some of our warmer weather. He is also doing his physical therapy in his hospital bed. He is scheduled to begin using a walker to help strengthen his leg muscles and hopefully shorten his recovery time. He wants to thank all of you for your prayers and well wishes. He is looking forward to returning to the Post as soon as he can.

I have begun planning our activities for next year and I would appreciate your input. I would like to see our Post involved in more activities that are sponsored by the American Legion, such as, Boys State, Oratorical, and other programs that involve our youth. However, I need volunteers that are willing to chair some of these projects. If you have a special interest, I would like to hear from you.

Our Honor Guard has been pretty busy these past two months. Soon they will be performing their 35th ceremony. These are a dedicated group of Legionnaires that go above and beyond the call of duty. Our Honor Guard will soon be certified by the Nevada Honor Guard State Operations Coordinator. We are looking to add more members to our team. If you would like to participate in this program, please let me know. You do not have to be at every service but we will appreciate any time you can give.

Our Color Guard will again be leading the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Virginia City on Saturday, March 17th. You are all welcome to join the team and walk with them in the parade. They will be assembling at 11:00 AM and the parade will start at Noon.

Post 56 will be hosting the District 4 meeting on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 AM at the Veterans Hall. Since we are the hosting Post for this meeting, it would be nice to see as many of our members there as possible. Our Unit 56 members will be providing coffee and rolls in the morning and lunch immediately following the meeting. Please try to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next general meeting on March 8th. Please plan on bringing a prospective member with you.

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT

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Presidents Message – Irma Manor

First, I would like to thank all of you, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56 members, for your dedication and service. Our membership goal for January was 85% and we reached 121.05%. Congratulations to you all. We are now in first place for the Department of Nevada.

Ramona Long's daughter, Jeannie Hadlock, was the guest at our general meeting on February 8th. We hope Jeannie and her husband, Dick, will attend our potluck dinner on March 8th. Thank you for being with us!

Pat Ayres and Dorothy Cole, our calling committee, will be contacting Unit 56 members regarding the potluck dinner on March 8th. Please plan on attending. Special thanks go to Rose Janonis, Kitchen Queen II, for organizing all of our dinner meetings and luncheons. And thank you to Pat and Dorothy for your help, as always.

We are hosting the District 4 meeting on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Hall. We will be serving coffee and rolls before the meeting and a deli-style luncheon following the meeting. Those bringing food for lunch are asked to be at the Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Thanks to Agnes Williams, Americanism Chairman from the Department of Nevada for attending our general meeting on February 8th. Agnes gave us information on the upcoming Department Convention and National Convention, both of which will be held in Reno.

The Department of Nevada Convention will be at the Sands Regency in Reno on June 22nd thru 24th and we have been asked to help. I will give you an update later on.

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Commander Don Atkins and his wife, Barbara. They have had many challenges, as Don has been in ICU at the Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center since the end of December.

Also, Inez Rough, Unit 56, also is in our prayers. Inez is recovering from major surgery and we want her back very soon!

Chaplain's Corner – Ramona Long

I only had one report of illness and that was Inez Rough who recently had major surgery. I sent her a card but I still need to get out and visit her.

I need middle size vases for bouquets of flowers to deliver when I visit the ill, so gals, clean out your cupboards and garages. Besides, spring is coming and you could probably use the room. Please bring them to the meeting/potluck on March 8th.

If you know of any members who are ill or are not able to come to meetings and would like visitors, please contact me at 885-7585.

Upcoming Events

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

March	8	6:00 PM	Post / Auxiliary Meeting / Potluck Dinner
March	10	10:00 AM	District 4 Meeting
March	17	Noon	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Virginia City
March	28	6:30 PM	Exec Meeting Post 56/Aux
April	12	7:00 PM	Post/Auxiliary Meeting
April	25	6:30PM	Exec Meeting Post 56/Aux



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