



The High Desert BUGLE



September/October 2007

American Legion Post 56 and Auxiliary Unit 56

PO Box 2848, Carson City, Nevada 89702

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM [except for special events],
Veterans Memorial Hall, Carson City, at the corner of Curry and 2nd Street.

Our next two meetings will be held Sept. 13th and Oct. 11th.

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Our new 2008 Post calendars are in and will be for sale at \$5.00 each. The profits from their sales will help keep our annual dues at just \$25.00. I will have them available at our next meeting. They make great gifts. Our first shipment of candy is due in on Friday, September 7th. Everyone that has pre-sales can pick them up that day. We will be selling the remainder of the candy at the Carson Mall near Gottschalk's and outside of Raley's. Please contact me if you can work one of our shifts. The profits will go toward Boy's State, and other veteran projects.

Commander's Comments

Welcome to all of our new members and transferees. We are happy to have you on board. You have joined the best overall Post in Nevada. I am looking forward to meeting all of you personally at our next meeting on September 13th and/or October 11th. Please plan on attending and bring your spouse along as well as a prospective new member.

The 89th National Convention just concluded in Reno. It was my first convention and I found it to be very interesting. Joe Hanus, Dave Perrott, and I attended the Honor Guard Seminar and we found out a few things that we weren't aware of. The visit and keynote speech by President Bush was very informative. The security to get in to hear him speak was something to remember. I have never seen so many secret service men in one place.

I want to thank Joe Hanus, Brian O'Connell, Wayne O'Malley, Dave Perrott, and Jack Ralph for helping me with the American Legion parade in Reno on Sunday, August 26th. It was very hot, but we got to meet a lot of fellow legionnaires from all over the country as well as from France.

The Honor Guard was very busy again last month. Joe Hanus and I had the opportunity to meet with the National Guard Certification Officers at the convention. They will be certifying our Honor Guard Team on Monday, September 10th at Lone Mountain Cemetery. If all goes well, we will receive our certificate and Department of Defense Honor Guard pins. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer us on. We have all been working very hard toward this accomplishment. The time is 6:00 PM. If you wish to become a member of our Honor Guard or the Color Guard, please call me for more information. We would love to have more of our members participate in this very worthwhile program.

As you are aware, our Post recently adopted 150 young men and women serving our Nation in Iraq. They are members of "A" Company, 2nd Calvary, 4th Brigade, Striker Team fighting north of Baghdad. Our Post has been helping put together items for "Care Packages" for these troops as well as financial assistance to purchase the items they need. Legionnaire Ben Duncan has a son in that unit. I want to thank Legionnaire Don Manor and Linda for their generous donation toward our cause.

Our Post Annual Picnic was a lot of fun. Department Commander, Major Dan Waters, accepted 2nd Vice Commander Jack's invitation and joined all of us for lunch. I want to thank Jack and Shirlee for organizing the picnic and all of the ladies in Unit 56 for bringing all of the very tasty side dishes. Major Waters has recently been deployed to Afghanistan along with his Unit. Please keep them and all of our young men and women in your prayers for a safe return.

Adjutant, Joe Hanus

It appears that the rate of legionnaires who have re-upped has dwindled to a trickle. Post 56's goal is to reach 138 by October. We are at just over 100 as of now. Please open the letter you received from National and send us your annual dues of \$25 for 2008.

The American Legion parade on Sunday August 26 was quite a colorful extravaganza. There were 5,000 people from all over the country. To me it symbolized a great deal of power. I figured for everyone we saw there were anywhere from 40 to 100 who couldn't make it. Your membership is part of this power. Through the speeches we find that the Legion is keeping the pressure on the legislature so that veterans are not deprived of the benefits they deserve.

Post Membership Update by Commanner Manor

Membership renewals have been steadily coming in. However, there are still a lot more that need to come in. Please send your renewals in as soon as you are able. We are currently at about 76% of the Departments goal set for our Post. That is an outstanding number. However, we are the greatest Post in Nevada and I know we all want to be the first Post to reach the 100% goal again this year. Please plan on bringing a prospective member to our next meeting. Remember that the Auxiliary, Unit 56 is providing a pot luck dinner for all of us at the September meeting. I hope to see you there.

2nd Vice Commander – Jack Ralph

I hope that all of you like the new masthead and format of The Bugle. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Please plan on coming to our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 13th at the Casino Fandango in Carson City. This will be in lieu of our December monthly meeting. There will be no “meeting”, just fun and games and fellowship. You will be provided with specific details soon regarding the cost, etc.

Recipe – Apple Crisp submitted by Auxiliary President Irma Marco

Ingredients:

3 Cups apples sliced & peeled
2/3 Cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 Cup flour
1/2 Cup oats
3/4 teasp. cinnamon
3/4 teasp. nutmeg
1/3 Cup butter (or margarine)
Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Lightly grease square baking pan
Place apples in pan
Mix remaining ingredients thoroughly
Sprinkle mixture over apples
Bake 30 minutes, or till apples are tender,
And topping is golden brown
Serve warm (w/ vanilla ice cream/Cool Whip)

Upcoming Events

Visit <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/> and click on the Events button to find out what is planned for the near and far future. There is not enough room here to list them all.

Veterans Hospital Donations Needed

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

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

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Presidents Message

Welcome new members to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56: Martha (Martie) Rouleau, who transferred from Unit 4, and Zeta Barnard from Unit 100. We look forward to meeting you at our potluck on Sept. 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall - meeting to follow.

Congratulations to Nancy O'Malley, who chaired the Flower Committee for the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention, which was held in Reno, August 24-30. Nancy did a fantastic job providing flowers and corsages for the convention! Nancy worked every day. I worked at the convention center almost every day. We enjoyed meeting fellow ALA members and Legionnaires from all over the country.

Also, Colleen Vaughn (Unit 4) was the National Convention Committee Chairperson. She worked very hard with National and with our local group.

On August 11th, Post 56 and Unit 56 (and guests) gathered together for our annual picnic at James Lee Park. Jack Ralph did a great job putting this together. “Chefs” Marco Manor and Chuck Rankin grilled rib eye steaks. We also had rotisserie chicken and lots of tasty side dishes that Unit 56 provided. Thanks to our Kitchen Queen II, Rose Janonis and all of Unit 56 who participated.

At the Virginia City Labor Day Parade (Sept. 3rd), Unit 56 will be distributing the last of our poppies for this year.

We hope you will participate in our Garage Sale on Sat. Sept. 15th at the home of Marco and Irma Manor, 961 Desert Ct. in Sunridge, from 8:00AM until 4:00PM. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the meeting or please call me at (775) 267-4794.

On Sept. 21st, we will be presenting the Fran Hanus Nursing Scholarship to Lisa Perry at WNCC. This is an annual contribution from Unit 56.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Unit 56, Post 56, and our Veterans and active servicemen and women.

Please consider taking the position of Unit 56 Historian. We need your help!

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