



The High Desert BUGLE



July/August 2008

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 meeting will be held July 10th. We hope you'll be there.

Visit our website at <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/> to see our calendar of upcoming events.

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Adjutant	Dianne Wright	882-7396
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Finance Officer	Shawn Murphy	782-0858
Sgt-At-Arms	Wayne O'Malley	883-9640
Historian	Gerald St. Leger-Barter	783-0502

Congratulations to Art Baer for assuming the Commander position. He will do a great job.

The billing for next year's dues will go out soon. Please "reenlist" as soon as possible. We need your money <smile>.

If you have any suggestions for me, please give me a call or email me @ diannewright@charter.net. Together we can make this a great organization that supports our veterans in every way possible.

Commander's Comments

Times are getting tough for everyone, including the government. The price of postage is going up again and the cost of mailing out the newsletter is really cutting into the limited funds we have. So, if you have an email address and would like to help out your legion by receiving your newsletter via email instead of USPS, please send an email message to me or to our 2nd Vice Commander Jack Ralph at nvjack@nvgbell.net. This will help to keep our membership dues down without cutting into my non-existent salary and golden parachute bonuses.

P.S. If any of you folks have any suggestions or ideas on raising funds, please let me know. My email address is threebaers@verison.net. Holding up banks isn't an option <smile>.

Chaplin – Chuck Rankin

No illnesses or injuries to report. Please keep all members of Post 56 in your prayers and may God bless us, everyone.

Adjutant – Dianne Wright

I am the new Adjutant. I have a lot to learn but past Adjutant Joe Hanus has been very helpful and I am learning as I go, so please have patience with me, I am making progress every day!

First Vice Commander – Katharine Baran

This is just a note to let you all know that I'm honored to be your 1st Vice Commander. I have some ideas for increasing membership which I hope will meet with your approval and interest. I promise to do my best in this new position. Thanks!

Second Vice Commander – Jack Ralph

Now that summer is officially here, it is time to have our annual picnic. This year the picnic will be on Saturday, August 2nd at James Lee Park in Minden, the same place as last year. By popular demand, we will again have chicken and tri-tips.

IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU NEED TO RSVP THIS YEAR SO THAT WE WILL KNOW HOW MUCH MEAT TO BUY. PLEASE CALL COMMANDER ART BAER AT 775-267-3543 AND LET HIM KNOW YOU WILL BE COMING AND HOW MANY WILL BE IN YOUR PARTY. WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT OF MEAT!

Our Auxiliary will provide the side dishes and I know that they will be as great as ever. Sometimes the side dishes are better than the main course <big smile>. The ladies will also be organizing the fun and games that we didn't have last year. It should be great. Be there!!!

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
1st Vice President	Shirlee Ralph	882-8444
2nd Vice President	Pam Martin	901-6487
Treasurer	Christine St. Leger-Barter	783-0502
Secretary	Karen Lott	888-9828
Chaplain	Barbara Dickenson	246-4042
Sgt-at-Arms	Rose Janonis	885-8740
Historian	Pat Ayers	884-2949

Presidents Message

Greetings to all members

I am very proud to assume the office of your President. I know we will have a fun year and a very busy one again, and I know we will have a lot of support from our members.

On June 12, we had our Summer Fun Pot Luck. The food was really good and we had a large attendance of members with 4 new guests present.

On June 14, several members attended the District 4 meeting in Fernley. New officers were elected for 2008/2009; Pat Salman will remain District 4 President. The Department convention was discussed. It will be held in Boulder City June 20-22, 2008.

On June 20, I went to the Department convention in Boulder City. Unit 56 received 9 certificates of appreciation. I was very proud of our Unit. We received more than most of the other Units. I will give you a full report on the convention at our next meeting on July 10. Betty Sherwood from Unit 37, Fernley, is our new Department of Nevada President. Betty was the only member from the north that was elected to the executive board.

On June 28, Unit 56 distributed poppies at the Raley's Market from 10 am to 2 pm we had a good turnout of support from the community. I am sure we did well with donations.

On July 4, we will be distributing poppies in Virginia City and supporting our color guard. If you would like to attend, we meet at Slot World around 10:30 am. It's a lot of fun to go to Virginia City and hand out our poppies. We always get a lot of support from the people who attend the parade. The parades at Virginia City and the poppy distribution are great fun raisers for Unit 56 and a way to support our troops and veterans.

July 10 is our general meeting. Everyone is invited. We will be discussing our annual picnic on Aug 2nd. We will have a signup sheet for our members to volunteer to bring food. The Post will provide chicken and barbeque tri tip. They will also provide the (nonalcoholic) drinks. If you desire alcoholic beverages: BYOB!

August 2. Picnic at the James Lee Park. 10 am until 4 pm (or until you poop out).

August 16, is our Annual Garage Sale at Marty Rouleau's home, from 8 am to 3 pm, at 28 W. Sunset Carson City. Please start saving your good stuff for our garage sale. We need a lot of stuff since we didn't save anything from our last garage sale. Please plan to come. It's a lot of fun to socialize with all our members and sell our good stuff!

You are all welcome to become members of Unit 56 American Legion Auxiliary. Call me at any time to discuss membership.

Also, Membership dues are now due in July of each year and it is still only \$20 per year, way less than a tank of gas. Please plan on paying your dues by or before our next general meeting in July. We need you to continue supporting our Unit so that we can continue doing the good that we do.

Chaplin

I just learned that Irene Underwood is in the hospital so please remember her in your prayers.

I have served as your Chaplain for several years and had many visits to the homes and hospitals. I enjoyed visiting with all of you but now I have stepped down and you now have a new Chaplain. She is Barbara Dickenson and her phone number is 246-4024. Please contact her if there is any sickness or deaths. I know she will do well and please remember all our members who are ill or have gone to their reward. Sincerely, Ramona Long

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. We are a very busy group.

Veterans Hospital Donations Needed

- White cotton socks (new only)
- Paperback books
- Phone cards

This issue's recipe

Chicken Broccoli Cheese & Potato Soup

- ❖ Open can
- ❖ Pour in bowl
- ❖ Put in microwave
- ❖ Heat until hot
- ❖ Take out of microwave and eat
- ❖ Feeds one lonely hungry man when his wife is off at an Auxiliary meeting

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