



# The High Desert BUGLE



## **November/December 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 6:30 PM [except for special events],  
Veterans Memorial Hall, Carson City, at the corner of Curry and 2nd Street.

Our next meeting will be held November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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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<b>Historian</b>	<b>Gerald St. Leger-Barter</b>	<b>783-0502</b>

### Commander's Comments

When I first became your Commander, I had no idea that I would be taking on a "temporary" full-time job outside of the American Legion that would interfere with my ability to perform my duties as your Commander. I apologize for that. However, this job will be ending soon and I will be able to devote full-time to taking care of Post 56 business. My thanks to all who understood and assisted me during this difficult time. I promise my full attention from now until the end of my term.

### First Vice Commander – Katherine Baran

Shalom, comrades,

Now is the time for all good soldiers to help other veterans learn the value of joining the American Legion. We have not reached our goal of 176 members yet, but with your help we can reach that goal! Please be sure to invite all the veterans you know to our next meeting. Thank you!!

### Adjutant – Dianne Wright

Christmas is nearing! What about giving some veteran you know a year of membership in Post 56? It's a nice gift and gives throughout the year. Perhaps you know someone who is unable to pay the \$25.00 membership, or a veteran who is not yet a member. Think about gifting a membership. I have those forms also. Call me. Also, please save all your receipts if you shop at Sak N Save and bring them to the meetings. Each time we collect \$2500 in receipts, I will send them in to Sak N Save and they will send us a percentage. Another good way to help raise funds for the Post.

### Second Vice Commander – Jack Ralph

The 2008 Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Casino Fandango Banquet Room on S. Carson St. in Carson City. The cost per person will be \$20.00. I have to turn in the final number of attendees by December 5<sup>th</sup> so I need you to let me know if you plan on being there and how many will be in your party as soon as possible. You can let me know by email [below] or you can call me at 775-220-8911 and leave a message if I don't answer. You can pay at the door but I prefer that you pay in advance to make it easier on Marco the night of the dinner.

Please remember that this dinner will be in lieu of the December General Meeting which would normally be held on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to an excellent meal and great fellowship, we plan on having a gift exchange [bring a gift; receive a gift] and a raffle for one or more prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Baran is in charge of these activities and will be providing us with more information later. I know it will be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there.

For those of you with an email address receiving this newsletter in the mail, please send me a message at [vice2@american-legion-post56-nv.us](mailto:vice2@american-legion-post56-nv.us).

### Chaplain – Chuck Rankin

Our prayers go out to the family of Post 56 Member Guy Cole who passed away on 15 Oct 2008 after losing his battle with cancer. We also offer prayers to our Historian, Gerald St. Leger-Barter, who continues to have serious health issues.

## UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
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Historian	Pat Ayers	884-2949

### Presidents Message

#### Greetings to all members:

Thanks to everyone who helped at Ben Duncan's memorial in September.

#### Events for November and December.

**November 11:** We will hand out poppies at the Veterans Day parade in Virginia City. We will start at 10:30 AM as the parade starts at 11 AM.

**November 14:** We will put together our bags for the trip to the Veterans Hospital in Reno. Meet at the hall at noon and bring a sack lunch.

**November 15:** We meet at the Veterans Hospital in Reno at 1 PM to visit the patients and hand out the gift bags. Spouses are invited and urged to attend.

**November 22:** We will attend Guy Cole's Celebration of Life Memorial at 1 PM at the Comstock Mobile Home Park club house. Please wear your uniform ... we will provide some dishes ... details later.

**December 10:** We will have our Christmas party at the Casino Fandango. Please bring a 10.00 gift if you want to join in the fun of the gift exchange. This is always lots of fun and a great buffet. Details later. This takes place instead of our December meeting which would have been on December 11.

We went to Fallon Naval Station and purchased \$400.00 in phone cards to send to our troops with Christmas cards, and we will be signing the cards at our next meeting on November 13, 6.30 PM. Plan on being there.

We send our prayers to our member Dorothy Cole who lost her dear husband Guy this month.

We honored our member Marty Rouleau for being a 50 year member of the ALA with a 50 year pin.

We welcome our new member Jan Neubert. We are so glad you joined our unit.

Thanks to all of you who give your time to support unit 56 and our veterans.

### Post 56 Finance Officer – Marco Manor

I am happy to report that we still have some money in the bank. We have started our annual candy sales and all forms need to be turned in at our next meeting on November 13th so that the candy will be in before Christmas. This is a big fund raiser for Post 56. It enables us to support several projects in supporting our troops and their families. Please do your best.

At our last E-Board meeting, held on October 22nd, the Honor Guard was given a \$750.00 donation by the James W and Lorraine E Hill Foundation. A great surprise to all and a much needed boost to our team. The Honor Guard did Final Honors for one of their fellow Marines.

### Veterans Hospital Donations Needed

- White cotton socks (new only)
- Paperback books
- Phone cards
- Soap
- Soap Holders
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Stamps
- Envelopes
- Stationery
- Writing instruments

### This issue's recipe

## Christmas Punch

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries, with juice
- 1 fluid ounce triple sec liqueur
- 1 (750 milliliter) bottle light rum
- 1 orange, sliced into rounds
- 1 lemon, sliced into rounds
- 1 (8 ounce) can pineapple chunks
- 1 liter carbonated water
- ice

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a punch bowl, combine sugar, orange juice, and lemon juice. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add cherries, triple sec, light rum, orange slices, lemon slices, and pineapple chunks. Refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours to allow flavors to blend.

Pour in carbonated water, and add ice just before serving.

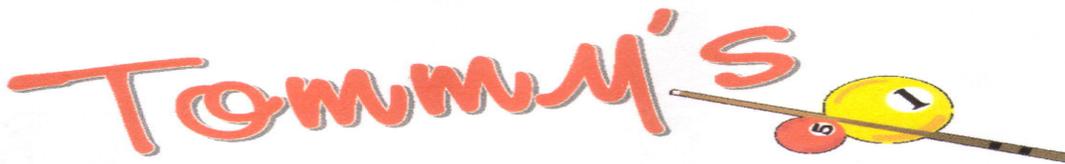
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