



The High Desert BUGLE



July/August 2009

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 July 9th. We hope you'll be there.

Visit our website at <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/>

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Commander's Comments – Jack Ralph

I am very proud to have been elected your Commander for 2009-2010 and I will do my very best to serve you well. I would talk about the recently concluded Convention but Marco has said it all in his article to my right. Marco did an incredible job of planning, organizing, and running the Convention and I think that he deserves an Award and a vacation. Fortunately, the Department gave him an Award at the Convention but, unfortunately, the Post is not willing to pay for his vacation (blame Marco because he is the Post Moneybags). Regardless, thank you Marco.

I would like to remind/inform all of you that the Post 56 Summer Picnic will be held at James Lee Park in Indian Hills, NV, just a few miles south of Carson City, on Saturday, 1 Aug 2009. It will begin at 10:00 AM and will last until everyone leaves. We hope to have a great turnout. If you need directions to the park, just ask.

I plan to initiate all new members of Post 56 at our Membership Meeting on Thursday, 13 Aug 2009. If you are a member of our Post and have not yet been "sworn in", please let me know ASAP and plan to attend the meeting. We present several items to new members and we need to know how many to have on hand.

By the way, as Commander, I will continue to be the Newsletter Publisher and the Webmaster for our web site. I will also continue to be the "Post 56 Communicator".

I look forward to a wonderful year ahead for Post 56.

First Vice Commander – Katherine Baran

This promises to be a very busy year for Post 56 and, with the loss of so many members in the last year (40), we are really in need of new members to fill the gap. Please invite any veterans you know to our meetings; tell them about the benefits of belonging to an organization that has a long history of veterans helping veterans; bring them to our picnic in August; involve them in our cause. It's up to you to increase our numbers before we lose any more. I'd like to thank you for remaining loyal members of our Post! Thank you for your service to God and Country!

Convention Report – Marco Manor

91st Annual Department of Nevada Convention

A HUGE SUCCESS

Members of Post 56 and Unit 56 can be very proud of the outcome of last weekend's convention. I can't thank the members of Post 56 enough who worked on the convention. Our Color Guard looked good; the helpers in registration did a fine job; and our hospitality team served a lot of beverages. Our raffle team came through once they got serious about selling tickets.

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UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Shirlee Ralph
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickenson
2 nd Vice President	Nancy O'Malley
Treasurer	Christine St. Leger-Barter
Secretary	Irma Manor
Chaplain	Dorothy Cole
Sgt-at-Arms	Maxine Radu
Historian	Pat Ayers

President's Message

I am very happy to be your new President and I will try very hard to live up to the standards set by my predecessors, Nancy O'Malley and Irma Manor. I would like to thank both of them for their advice and guidance as I "moved up through the chairs".

Of course, I am not their "clone" and have my own ideas on how this Unit should be run and what we should do as a Unit to help our veterans, my primary goal. I am looking forward to a very successful year with help from all of you.

I am fortunate that my husband Jack is the new Commander of Post 56. We have been working together in harmony for nearly 48 years and that won't stop because of our new positions.

I want to thank every one of our Auxiliary members who helped out at our recent Convention. We couldn't have done it without you. My special thanks to Irma and Nancy for always being there during the Convention and going above and beyond the "call of duty".

RECIPE FOR GREEN JELLO SALAD Courtesy of Barbara Dickenson

1 package lemon jello
1 package lime jello
2 cups boiling water

Mix and let cool.

Add
1 cup canned milk
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 pound cottage cheese
1 20 oz. cane crushed pineapple
1 cup chopped nuts
2 tablespoons prepared horseradish

Mix together and pour into mold. Serves 20 small or 10 large salads.

Convention Report – continued

Unit 56 members were just as great as the Post 56 volunteers. They were everywhere! Irma, Nancy, and Shirlee deserve a special **THANK YOU** for the outstanding gift baskets they put together for the visiting dignitaries. I received nothing but good words about them. Great job, Ladies!

Our guest speakers were all very informative, entertaining, and impressed with our turn out. Friday evening, P.J. Degross was the guest speaker at the President's Dinner, and spoke about the Web of Support that she founded here in Carson City. She was looking for volunteers to help adopt nearly 700 of our deployed men and women. She was well received, and several of her soldiers are in the process of being adopted by Posts and Units in Nevada.

Saturday evening was the cream of the crop. We broke the all time record for attendees at the Commander's Dinner. Does 123 sound good to you? Well, it was a great number considering the old record was 115. Our guest speaker had a lot to do with our success. General John P. Abizaid and his wife Kathy were absolutely wonderful. I now know why he was the youngest Four Star General in the Army. He is an outstanding speaker; well informed; and a down to earth person. We could have listened to him for hours. General Abizaid also became a member of Post 56 on Saturday evening. I wonder if he would be interested in joining the Honor Guard. Now the ladies need to work on getting Kathy into their Unit.

Our convention was also attended by the American Legion National Commander, David Rehbein and his Aide, Milt Heifner. I was very surprised when the National Commander presented me with one of his pins and coins.

Thank you all again for attending the convention and helping make it a success.

Marco Manor
Convention Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 July 2009 – General Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – Veterans Hall – Carson City
- 22 July 2009 – Executive Board Meeting
6:00 PM – Veterans Hall – Carson City
- 1 August 2009 – Post 56 Summer Picnic
10:00 AM – James Lee Park – Indian Hills
- 13 August 2009 – General Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – Veterans Hall – Carson City
We will initiate all new members to Post 56 – If you haven't been initiated yet – please be there!

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