



# The High Desert BUGLE



## March/April 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 March 12<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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Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Sgt-At-Arms	Wayne O'Malley	883-9640
Historian	Gerald St. Leger-Barter	783-0502

### Commander's Comments

My commendations to the Honor / Color Guard group for their dedication and outstanding job.

My commendations to the Woman's Auxiliary for always being there to provide the goodies for our meetings and for their continuing support of our Post.

The upcoming 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Department of Nevada Convention needs all of our help in securing ads, raffle prizes, and any company promotional give away items that you can get hold of. Please contact me for details.

If you need copies of the ad invoice form, please ask Convention Chairman Marco Manor. He has them on his computer and will email you the form; or you can ask me and I'll get you all the copies you might need.

My thanks to all of our members who continue to make our Post the success that it is.

### First Vice Commander – Katherine Baran

We are nearing the June 1st deadline to recruit new members into our post in order to meet the goal set by the Department. Please find a fellow or "fe-mellow" veteran and invite them to our next meeting. Post 56 only needs SIX new members to reach our target of 176!!! Let them know the benefits of belonging to the best Post in Nevada; comradeship; financial help, if needed; brawn, if needed; the ability to help other veterans; plus a meal every so often.....

### Second Vice Commander – Jack Ralph

Now that Winter is coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about Summer and our Annual Summer Picnic.

For the past several years we have held the Picnic at James Lee Park in Indian Hills. It is a great spot that offers everything we could ask for and I'd be happy to book it again for 2009 (assuming I'm still your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander then), but I'm wondering if the membership would like to try someplace different. There are other locations that might work for our group: Mills Park in Carson; Ross Gold Park in Carson; Fuji Park in Carson; Lampe Park in Gardnerville; Washoe Lake State Park; Topaz Lake State Park; Lahonton State Park; or Lake Tahoe. If any of you would like to have our picnic someplace other than James Lee Park, please let us know as soon as possible. We will need time to survey all the members who plan to attend. By the way, the picnic will be held sometime in August.

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). We are considering making this newsletter email only in order to save money for the Post. Almost nobody doesn't have an email address!

### Chaplain – Chuck Rankin

Member Ken Janonis had cataract surgery on both his eyes this month and is doing well. Please add him to your prayers.

## Post 56 Finance Officer – Marco Manor

I am pleased to report that our Annual Candy Sales Project was another success. The Post netted over \$1,000 again this year. The Board of Directors voted to increase our CD to \$4,000 and that was done at the end of January. Financially the Post is in very good shape. The Post has two more big projects planned this year that will require a lot of help. We are planning a golf tournament for May and we are hosting the Department Convention in June. Both events should bring in a nice income for our Post enabling us to do more for our veterans and their families. Thank you all for your continued support.

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### **HELP WANTED**

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You may not be aware that Post 56 is sponsoring the American Legion, Department of Nevada's 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention here in Carson City on June 26-28, 2009. This is a big undertaking for our Post and it requires a lot of volunteer hours. We need help in registration, selling raffle tickets, working in the hospitality room serving drinks, selling ads, and getting raffle prizes donated.

I have lined up some dynamite speakers that are sure to get you more involved in our Post activities. There will be representatives from the VA Hospital there to speak to us and hopefully answer any of your questions about the VA system. Find out about the Web of Support that was organized here in Carson City and how you can help support our troops and their families. Our Keynote speaker on Saturday evening will be General John Abizaid, who became the youngest four-star general in the Army. He is the former Commander of the US Central Command, serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

If you would like to help out, please contact me as soon as possible for an assignment. We need as many volunteers as we can get to make this a successful convention.

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## **UNIT 56 AUXILIARY**

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### **Presidents Message**

Greetings to all members:

All members who are able need to help us at our Department Convention in Carson City on June 26, 27, and 28, 2009. It will be held at the Gold Dust West. We will form a committee at our March 12th meeting.

We need to start thinking about candidates for officers who will begin serving in June 2009.

Please start donating for our veteran hospital gift bags. We will be going to the hospital in May 2009.

### **Events for March and April**

March 12, 2009 Irish potluck featuring corn beef and cabbage and all the good stuff that goes with it. The cost is 5.00 per person and it will start at 5.30 P.M... The Sea Cadets are invited to our potluck for a gift donation from our unit and dinner with us.

March 14, District 4 meeting to be held in Carson City Veterans Hall at 10 A.M.; hosted by Post 4.

Thanks to all who give their time to support Unit 56, we need to get out and find more new members.

For God and Country:

### **Veterans Hospital Donations Needed**

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

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