



The High Desert BUGLE



November/December 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 November 12th. We hope you'll be there.

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

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Commander's Comments

I have been your Commander for nearly five months and I still have a lot to learn. Hopefully, I will know all there is to know before my term expires. After that, I expect to be a "mentor" to the next Commander and hope that I will be a valuable asset to that person just like our other Past Commanders have been to me.

One of the things I've observed during my term is that we are not attracting "young people" into our group and I'm not sure why that is. Is it our fault or theirs? Do they view us as a bunch of "old fogies" that they can't relate to? Is it because they are of a generation that doesn't have the same "values" as we have? Is it the current state of the economy? We only have two local members who served during wartime after Vietnam and one of them is not very active and the other is totally inactive. That suggests economy instead of apathy. What can we do to change that?

Our Auxiliary is also suffering from a lack of participation and they need some "new blood". Many of their members are opting to do other things on the days that the Auxiliary has planned events. That puts the majority of the "workload" on the 2 or 3 people who do all the "work". Why is that?

Things need to change soon if Post 56 and Unit 56 are going to "survive". Please voice your opinion.

For God and Country, Commander Jack

Christmas Dinner

Please remember that our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 9th, at the Casino Fandango Buffet beginning at 5:00 PM. We will not be having a regular meeting on the 10th. The cost is \$20 per person but you do not have to pay in advance. However, you need to let us know if you are planning to attend and how many people you are bringing with you. The Post has committed to 50 people and so far only 39 have signed up. Please let us know ASAP if you are planning to be there.

Membership

As of the publication date of this newsletter, our renewal number is 138, which is only 81% of our goal. Our Post Adjutant, John Dickinson said: "*Members of Post 56 need to step up to the plate and pay their 2010 dues. This Post should be a 100% membership Post AGAIN!*"

Fundraisers

From Finance Officer Marco Manor:

"If you purchased candy, show up at the Nov. meeting to pick it up. I will also have some candy and nuts there for sale in case you forgot to order some. I will also have 2010 calendars there for you to purchase for only \$5.00 each."

Membership Attendance Award

Our Membership Attendance Award will be \$10.00 at our next meeting and it won't cost you a dime to win it. All you have to do is to attend our next meeting on Thursday, November 12th and have your member number drawn. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Shirlee Ralph	882-8269
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickenson	246-4024
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Chaplain	Dorothy Cole	841-4765
Sgt-at-Arms	Maxine Radu	884-2606
Historian	Pat Ayres	884-2949

President's Message

Unit 56 will be delivering "Care Packages" to the veterans in the VA Hospital on Saturday, November 7th. We will be meeting at the Hall on Friday, November 6th to fill the "goodie bags" for each veteran in the hospital. We need all the help we can get so please plan on joining us both days.

We will also be "selling" poppies in Virginia City on Wednesday, November 11th while the Post 56 Color Guard leads the Veterans Day Parade down Main Street. Please join us and help us out. Poppy "sales" are the main source of income for our Unit and we need all the help we can get. We "work" every Virginia City parade our Color Guard leads but for the past few years we've had only 4 or fewer members on the "Poppy Squad". We need more of you to volunteer.

Our next "potluck" dinner will be held at our next meeting on Thursday, November 12th. This time the theme will be "Thanksgiving" and we will be serving turkey and the trimmings. You won't want to miss this one. We request a \$5.00 donation to our Unit and we will begin serving at 5:30 PM sharp. We hope that you will plan to be there. We would like to see some new faces. You will enjoy some good food and a lot of good company.

For God and Country, President Shirlee

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07 Nov – Unit 56 visits VA Hospital in Reno
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day
 - 9:00 AM - Memorial Ceremony at Dayton Cemetery
 - 11:00 AM – Parade in Virginia City
 - 3:00 PM – Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City - Rededication Ceremony
- 12 Nov – Membership Meeting at the Hall
 - 5:30 PM – Unit 56 "Thanksgiving Feast" - \$5.00 donation requested
 - 6:30 PM – Meeting begins
- 25 Nov – Post/Unit 56 E-Board Meeting
- 27 Nov – Thanksgiving Day
- 9 Dec – Christmas Dinner at the Fandango
- 23 Dec – Post/Unit 56 E-Board Meeting

Alligator Shoes

An Army Ranger was on holiday in the depths of Louisiana, where he tried to buy some Alligator shoes. However, he was not prepared to pay the high prices. After failing to haggle the vendor down to a reasonable price level, he ended up shouting "I don't give two hoots for your shoes, man; I'll go and kill my own!"

The shopkeeper replied, "By all means. Just watch out for the two Marines who are doing the same thing."

So the Ranger went out into the Bayou, and after a while saw two men with spears, standing still in the water. "They must be the two Marines," he thought. Just at that point he noticed an alligator moving in the water towards one of them. The Marine stood completely passive, even as the gator came ever closer. Just as the beast was about to swallow him, the Marine struck home with his spear and wrestled the gator up onto the beach, where several already lay. Together the two Marines threw the gator onto its back, whereupon one exclaimed "Damn! This one doesn't have any shoes either!"

RECIPE

Great Picnic Beans (can use Crock Pot)

1 # Hamburger	1 # Bacon	1 Onion (diced)
Brown together and then add:		
1 can kidney beans	1 can B & M baked beans	1 can lima beans
1 can pork & beans	¾ cup catsup	½ cup brown sugar
2 tsp dry mustard	2 T vinegar	

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or more, or cook on top of stove – slow – for 3 hours. Stir often. Or, if preferred, cook in Crock Pot. You might consider browning the bacon separate in order to drain most of the grease.

From Unit 56's Jeri Edwards

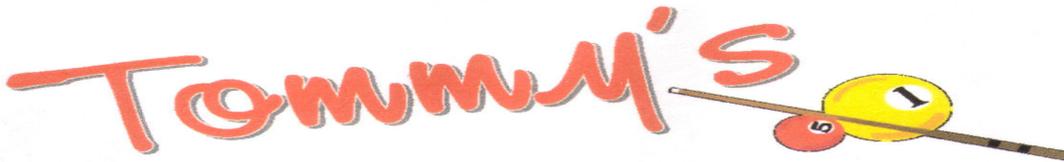
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