



The High Desert BUGLE



September/October 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 September 10th. We hope you'll be there.

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

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Commander's Comments

It was an honor and a pleasure to have had Nevada Department Commander Paul Diefenbach visit our Post and speak at our Membership Meeting on August 13th. If you weren't there you missed a lot. Not only did he give an extremely interesting talk; he performed the "Swearing-In" ceremony for all the new members of Post 56. It was an event that no one will forget. Thank you Commander Paul.

The Annual Post 56 Summer Picnic on August 1st was a huge success. Not only did we have a record turnout (almost 70 people), but Dept. Adjutant Lionel joined us. We were later joined by Dist. 4 Commander John Zemlock and Dist. 4 1st Vice Commander Daryl Haines. Unfortunately (for them), they missed the meal but it was nice that they made an appearance. They are both members of Post 4 and they were having their own picnic the same day. I appreciate that they left their picnic to visit ours, even though they didn't get to enjoy the wonderful steaks prepared and cooked by Post 56 Master Chef Marco Manor. Speaking of Chef Manor; Thank you for such wonderful meat. However, I must give equal thanks to the ladies of the Auxiliary who provided such wonderful side dishes. All of you are the reason that this picnic was such a success. We all look forward to next year. I have published photos of this year's picnic on our website. Check them out.

For God and Country, Commander Jack

Membership

As of the publication date of this newsletter, our membership renewals are at 108, which is 64% of the Department Goal. We have also added 3 new members, which is 30% of the Department Goal. Let's do better!

Finance Officer's Report

Monthly Membership Raffle

Our Membership Raffle Prize will be \$70.00 at our next meeting and it won't cost you a dime to be part of it. All you have to do to win it is to attend our next meeting on Thursday, September 10th and have your number drawn. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Fund Raisers Underway

Our two Annual Fund Raisers are now underway. We are selling Terry Lynn candy again this year. Order forms will be available for all members at our next meeting in September. All order forms must be turned in at the October meeting and your candy will be available for you to pick up at the November meeting. This is one of our biggest money making projects and we need your help again this year.

We are also again selling Patriotic Calendars this year. They are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased at our next meeting in September. Your help in selling them would also be appreciated. Thank you all for your continued support.

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

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

President's Message

Our next "potluck" dinner will be held at our next meeting on Thursday, September 10th. This time the theme will be "Fiesta" and the food will be great. We request a \$5.00 donation to our Unit and we will begin serving at 5:30 PM. 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.

Unit 56 will be "selling" poppies in Virginia City on Monday, September 7th while the Post 56 Color Guard leads the Labor 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 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.

By the way, we will also be giving out poppies at Raleys Market in South Carson City sometime in September and we need you to help us out. Please call me at 882-8269 for more information.

Unit 56 currently has many wonderful members but we are all getting older and we need some "new blood" to keep us alive. If you are a Post 56 member with a wife who is not a member of our Auxiliary Unit, please encourage her to join us and become active and attend meetings. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07 Sep – Labor Day Parade in Virginia City
 - Post 56 Color Guard leads parade
 - Unit 56 passes out poppies
- 10 Sep – Membership Meeting at the Hall
 - Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM
- 12 Sep – District 4 Meeting in Hawthorne
- 23 Sep – Post/Unit 56 E-Board Meeting
- 08 Oct – Membership meeting at the Hall
- 21 Oct – Post/Unit 56 E-Board Meeting
- 31 Oct – Nevada Day Parade

Misunderstanding Terms

One reason the different Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language.

For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter.

Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat.

The Air Force, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.

RECIPE

Chocolate Chip Chocolate Zucchini Cake

1/2 cup butter	1/2 cup sour milk	1/4 teasp. ground cloves
1/2 cup oil	2 1/2 cups flour	1/2 teasp. Salt
1 3/4 Cups sugar	4 tabbsp. Cocoa	2 Cups diced fresh zucchini
2 eggs	1 teasp. baking soda	1/4 Cup chocolate chips
1 teasp. vanilla	1/2 teasp. cinnamon	1/4 cup chopped nuts

Cream butter, oil & sugar. Add eggs, vanilla & sour milk. blend thoroughly. Sift together flour, cocoa, soda, cloves, cinnamon, & salt. Blend with creamed mixture. Stir in zucchini; spoon into greased & floured 9 X 13 X 2 inch baking pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips & nuts. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven for 45 minutes or until done.

From Unit 56's "Kitchen Queen" Irma Manor