



The High Desert BUGLE



January/February 2010 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 January 14th. We hope you'll be there.

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

Commander	Jack Ralph	220-8911
1 st Vice Commander	Katherine Baran	888-2088
2 nd Vice Commander	Gabe Koory	246-0907
Adjutant	John Dickenson	246-4024
Chaplain	Bill Martinez	841-1379
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Historian	Gerald St. Leger-Barter	783-0502
Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Perrott	843-3029
Judge Advocate	Mike Swisher	841-0101

Commander's Comments

The year 2010 is here and 2009 is history.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Looking back at 2009, Post 56 was very busy, especially the Honor Guard and Color Guard.

However, the most important event of the year was our hosting of the 91st Convention of the Dept. of Nevada here in Carson City at the end of June. All of the Post and Auxiliary members did their part and made it a HUGE success. I thank you one and all. We received many accolades from the "highers". Special thanks go to Marco and Irma Manor who did most of the work and were the perfect "producers" and "directors". Marco deserves an award for his efforts.

In August we had our summer picnic and almost 65 members showed up and had a very good time, and in December we had our Christmas Party and nearly 50 of you attended. It was a great night for all.

We lost 4 members of Post 56 in 2009. They are gone but will never be forgotten.

- Wayne "Lips" O'Malley in April
- Earl Caya in September
- Philip Woodward in October
- Henry Wilhelm in November

Let's pray that we don't lose anyone in 2010.

As I said earlier, the Post 56 Color Guard and Honor Guard were very busy in 2009. They marched in 6 parades and performed at 52 funerals/memorial services for deceased veterans. You should all be very proud of them.

I will continue to be the webmaster of the Post 56 website in 2010 and have recently updated the 2010 calendar. You can view it by going to <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/> and clicking on the button labeled "Calendar".

As a friendly reminder; If you are receiving this newsletter via USPS and you have an email address, please send me a message at nvjack@nvgbell.net and I will tell you how you can help our Post "go green" and save some money so that we don't have to raise our dues.

Membership

So far, only 138 of our members have paid their 2010 dues. Please take the time today to write a check to Post 56 for \$25 and mail it to our address above. The fact that you are a member helps the American Legion get bills passed in Congress that help our veterans, both past and present. I'd also like to welcome the 5 new members who joined us in 2009. I hope you will actively participate in our activities.

Membership Attendance Award

Our Membership Attendance Award will be \$20.00 at our next meeting. All you have to do to be a winner it is to attend our next meeting on Thursday, January 14th and have your member number drawn. It's easy and free.

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Shirlee Ralph	882-8269
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickenson	246-4024
2 nd Vice President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
Secretary	Irma Manor	267-4797
Treasurer	Christine St. Leger-Barter	783-0502
Chaplain	Dorothy Cole	841-4765
Sgt-at-Arms	Maxine Radu	884-2606
Historian	Pat Ayres	884-2949

President's Message

I want to wish each and every one of you a very happy 2010! I know it will be a very successful year for Unit 56 and I hope we can all work together to make it happen.

The Post/Unit 56 Christmas Party was well attended and was a lot of fun. I'm sure that everyone had a great time. It was my honor to present Irma Manor with the first ever Auxiliary VIM Pin, which she deserved so much. She has been very active in the Unit since she joined and has held almost every Office, including President. She has been an inspiration to us all and we owe her our gratitude. Thank you, Irma, for all you've done for Unit 56.

Our unit will be busy again in 2010. January and February look to be pretty quiet but March will be exciting. We will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day Potluck on the 11th and will be looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the traditional "Irish Fare". Then on the 13th, we will be hosting the District 4 Meeting. We will be expected to provide coffee and rolls before the 10 o'clock meeting, and lunch afterwards. We will be discussing all the details at our next board meeting.

We will be visiting the VA Hospital in Reno in May for Memorial Day and we need to start collecting items as soon as possible. We need "new" tube socks and toothbrushes, among many other things that the veterans in the hospital can use. Please help.

We will be selling poppies again this year but the only parades in VC that we will "work" will be on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Most of our poppy sales will take place in front of grocery stores in 2010 and I'm sure we'll do well. Please volunteer to help.

If your significant other is a member of Post 56 and you are not a member of Unit 56, please join us. We need new blood. We need new ideas and the enthusiasm that new members bring to an organization. Please attend our next meeting. You will be welcomed with open arms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14 Jan – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 27 Jan – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 11 Feb – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 24 Feb – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 11 Mar – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
 - St. Pat's Day Potluck at 5:30 PM
- 13 Mar – District 4 Meeting in CC – 10:00 AM
 - Hosted by Post 56 – details later
- 24 Mar – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

Camouflage Uniform Wear Policies

MARINES: Work uniform, to be worn only during training and in field situations.

ARMY: Will wear it anytime, anywhere.

NAVY: Will not wear camouflage uniforms; they do not camouflage you on a ship. (Ship Captains will make every effort to attempt to explain this to sailors.)

AIR FORCE: Will defeat the purpose of camouflage uniforms by putting blue and silver chevrons and colorful squadron patches all over them.

RECIPE

Taco Soup (A Crock Pot recipe)

1 lb lean ground beef	1 pkg Taco seasoning	½ white onion
8 cloves fresh garlic	3 cans stewed tomatoes	1 can tomato sauce
3 cups fresh corn	Grated cheddar cheese	Sour cream
Nacho cheese chips	Seasoning to your liking (salt, pepper, chili powder, etc)	

Brown ground beef, Taco seasoning, onion and garlic. Add 1 can stewed tomatoes. Into a crock pot, pour 3 cans of stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce and the fresh corn. Cook on High for 30 minutes. Add browned ground beef sauce into crock pot and stir. Cook on Low for 2-3 hours. Add extra seasoning to your taste. When cooked, put individual servings in bowls and add grated cheese, sour cream and crunched up Nacho chips on top.

Submitted by Post 56 Commander Jack