



The High Desert BUGLE



March/April 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 March 11th. We hope you'll be there.

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



*This issue is dedicated to
Gerald St. Leger-Barter
2 Nov 1930 – 8 Feb 2010*

*Post 56 Historian
and Honor Guard Member*

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1 st Vice Commander	Katherine Baran	888-2088
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Commander's Comments

As I write this, I am still mourning the loss of our dear friend and comrade, Gerald St. Leger-Barter. He was a wonderful man and was loved by one and all. He was a very special person who we will always remember.

His passing reminds me that most of the members of Post 56 are getting older and getting closer to meeting their Maker. We need younger people to carry on after we are gone. If you know a veteran of the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc., please invite them to attend one of our meetings. They might "like us" and what we do and become one of us.

Our Adjutant has begun collecting information for the Annual Consolidated Post Report. One of the important pieces of information is how many of our members have donated blood in the past year and how many pints were donated. If you were a blood donor, please let John or I know, and thank you for your donation.

For God and Country, Commander Jack

Going Green

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@nvbells.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 163 Post 56 members have paid their 2010 dues. This is 96% of the Department goal. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible. We need to reach 100% by the end of April. Dues are only \$25 for the entire year and it is well worth it because it goes towards helping many veterans in need.

Membership Attendance Award

Our Membership Attendance Award will be \$25.00 at our next meeting. All you have to do to be a winner it is to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 11th and have your member number drawn. It's free and easy.

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
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Chaplain	Dorothy Cole	841-4765
Sgt-at-Arms	Maxine Radu	884-2606
Historian	Pat Ayres	884-2949

President's Message

Our condolences to our Treasurer, Christine, on the recent loss of her husband Gerald. This is a very difficult time for her and she needs our prayers. I want to thank all the ladies who helped with the reception at Veterans Hall after the Memorial Service held for Gerald on February 20th.

Our next Potluck will be held on 11 March before the Membership Meeting. The theme will be St. Patrick's Day and will feature Irish food (corned beef and cabbage plus more). We will begin serving the food at 5:30 PM and we are requesting a \$5 donation. I hope that you will make it a point to be there to enjoy good food and good friends.

Post 56 will be hosting the District 4 meeting on 13 March and Unit 56 will be providing the refreshments before the meeting and the lunch afterward. If you are a member of Unit 56, please volunteer to help us. We need all the help we can get.

I know that all the members of Unit 56 are very unhappy with the size of the room that we meet in every month. I have been assured that Post 56 has been actively searching for a new building that we can call "home" but the going is slow. We need a place that is "free" and that is not easy to find. Besides no "rent", we have to consider utilities and insurance. It is not an easy task.

Unit 56 currently has about 38 paid members, including Junior members. That's not very many considering how many members are in Post 56. Why is that? How many members of Post 56 have a spouse that is not a member of Unit 56? I think that Post 56 members with a spouse should "donate" \$20 to the cause and make their wife a member, even if she doesn't attend meetings or participate in our events. It would give us more "voting power".

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 13 Mar – St. Pat's Day Parade in VC - NOON
- 24 Mar – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 3 Apr – Easter Parade in VC - NOON
- 8 Apr – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 21 Apr – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

REID ANNOUNCES \$5.5 MILLION FOR VETERANS HEALTH CARE IN RENO

Washington DC – Nevada Senator Harry Reid today announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sierra Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS) will receive \$5.5 million from the Recovery Act to fund renovation projects, improve care, and create hundreds of jobs.

Funds will go to Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center in Reno, the main campus of VASNHS, where \$1.2 million will support projects to ensure patient and staff safety by upgrading several elevators in older sections of the hospital by December 2010. About \$650,000 will go towards completing renovations of the Community Living Center, which creates a home-like environment for patients and their visiting families, and is expected to be finished by November 2010.

Stimulus dollars will support several other projects as well, such as sprinkler installation, replacement and upgrade of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning control systems, replacement of sidewalks outside the facility and flooring in various buildings, renovation of the Urgent Care Center and Police Service, and replacement of a sewer line.

"It's our duty to ensure that Nevada's veterans, who have sacrificed so much for our country, receive the best possible care, and the recovery act dollars will help us do just that," Reid said. "In addition to improving care, hundreds of Nevadans will be put to work on improvements and renovations as well as caring for patients. That's what the Recovery Act is all about: creating jobs and addressing critical needs."

RECIPE

Crockpot Irish Stew

2 pounds boneless lamb cubed, browned, and drained	4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered	2 medium carrots, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch slices
1/4 cup quick-cooking tapioca	2 small onions, thinly sliced	10 ounces frozen peas
2 teaspoons salt	1/4 teaspoon pepper	2 cups Guinness stout beer

Sprinkle browned lamb cubes with salt and pepper. Place lamb in the Crockpot along with beer, carrots, onions, potatoes, and tapioca. Cover and cook on low for 10 to 12 hours, adding peas to the stew during the last hour. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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