



# The High Desert BUGLE



**May/June 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 May 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll be there.

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

Commander	Jack Ralph	220-8911
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Katherine Baran	888-2088
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Gabe Koory	246-0907
Adjutant	John Dickenson	246-4024
Chaplain	Bill Martinez	841-1379
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Perrott	843-3029

## Commander's Comments

It has been an honor serving as your Commander for the past year but I am looking forward to "retirement". We will be having our annual election of officers at our next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> and I hope you will be there to vote if you are able. I know that our new Commander and her staff will serve us well.

Even though I will be stepping down as your Commander, I will remain very active in the Post. I will continue as editor/publisher of our bimonthly newsletter and as the webmaster of our website. I will also continue to be an active member of our Honor Guard and Color Guard.

If you live within a short drive of Carson City, I encourage you to become active in our Post, especially if you are a fairly new member. We are not a group of "good old boys" sitting around talking about the "good old days". We welcome new faces with new ideas on how we can better serve our fellow veterans. We especially need those of you who served within the past 20 years to step up and be an active part of our Post. Please join us.

For God and Country, Commander Jack

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All persons running for office in the 2010 election need to send a "letter of intent" to me by May 12<sup>th</sup>. This can be done by email.

## 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@nvgbell.net](mailto: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.

## Going Black and White

In order to save money, the "print version" of this newsletter will no longer be published in color. However, the color version will still be available on our website.

## 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 May. 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 \$30.00 at our next meeting. All you have to do to be a winner it is to attend our next meeting on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and have your member number drawn. It's free and easy.

## UNIT 56 AUXILIARY

President	Shirlee Ralph	882-8269
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Barbara Dickenson	246-4024
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

This will be my final message to you as your President. We will be electing new officers in May and will be installing them in June. The next President will be setting the date, time, and place of the installation.

I am happy to have been able to be your President for the past year and I want to thank all of you who helped me during that time. I especially want to thank our two most recent Past Presidents, Nancy and Irma, who really helped me a lot. Our Unit needs more dedicated women like them and I couldn't have done this job without them.

As I step down, I hope that some of you will step up. We need more members to be active and help us do what we do. If any of you have any suggestions on how to make the Auxiliary more "fun", please let me know. However, remember that our main mission is to support our veterans and our Legionnaires, not just have fun.

Unit 56 will be delivering "goodies" to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Reno on Armed Forces Day, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing all the details at our next meeting.

Our next potluck dinner will be on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The theme this time is "Americana" featuring hot dogs and all the fixings. You won't want to miss it. We only request a \$5 donation to our Unit for all you can eat.

For God and Country,  
President Shirlee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13 May – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 15 May – Armed Forces Day
  - Unit 56 Visit to VA Hospital in Reno
- 26 May – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 29 May – Memorial Day Parade in Virginia City
- 31 May – Memorial Day Ceremonies
- 10 Jun – Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM
  - Unit 56 Potluck Dinner – 5:30 PM
- 14 Jun – Flag Day
- 23 Jun – E-Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

### The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

fund is competing for a \$250,000 grant to be awarded by the Pepsi Beverage Company as part of its Refresh Everything Project this month. The winning charities are determined by the amount of votes received on the Refresh Everything Web site. The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors finished in first place during February's voting and has already been awarded the top grant of \$250,000.

"I was very proud of those who supported us in February and enabled us to fund a program that directly supports our wounded heroes," National Commander Clarence Hill said. "Now it's time to come to the aid of another group of deserving people: those whose parents paid the ultimate price and sacrificed their lives while serving in our military during the war on terrorism. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund ensures that the children of these fallen heroes will be able to attend college and not have to worry about the rising cost of higher education. We can support the children of these heroes simply by voting every day throughout the month of May. The process will cost you nothing, but the reward can truly make a difference."

You can cast your vote at:

<http://www.refresheverything.com/theamericanlegionlegacyscholarship>

## RECIPE

### Egg Foo Young

1 teaspoon sesame oil	¼ teaspoon cornstarch	1 cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons soy sauce	¼ cup chopped green onion	1 cup bean sprouts
½ pound shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped	½ cup chopped celery	8 eggs, beaten until they cry

1. In a skillet over medium heat, heat sesame oil and lightly fry the onions, celery and sprouts. Stir in cornstarch and add shrimp and soy sauce. Stir until well blended. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl.
2. Return the pan to the heat, and add the well beaten eggs. Fry the eggs while stirring gently. Return the vegetable and shrimp mixture to the pan while the eggs are still liquid. Finish frying until eggs are fully cooked.