



# The High Desert BUGLE



**November/December 2010**

**American Legion Post 56, Auxiliary Unit 56, & SAL Squadron 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 at the corner of Curry and 2nd Street, Carson City.  
Our next meeting will be held on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. We hope you'll be there.

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

## POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Katherine Baran	888-2088
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Marty Martin	392-0327
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Gabe Koory	246-0907
Adjutant	John Dickinson	246-4024
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Chaplain	Jim Kelley	851-3297
Sgt-at-Arms	Bill Martinez	841-1379
Historian	Vacant	888-2088

## UNIT 56 OFFICERS

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**WELCOME to the new look of the High Desert Bugle. We hope you will find this new format easier to read.**

POST and UNIT 56 has been very busy lately and will continue to be for the rest of the year.

On Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we co-hosted a "Salute to the Troops" event in the parking lot of the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno along with the WebOfSupport. There was a carnival and many booths "manned" by many organizations that serve veterans. Our booth gave out poppies and sold 2011 calendars. There were also many displays of military equipment, past and present. The highlight of the day was when we honored the Gold Star Families of Nevada that had attended. Past Department Commander Dan Waters read the names of each of the Nevada servicemen and women who died in the line of duty since 9/11 and Past Post 56 Commander Marco Manor rang a bell after each name was read. It was a very moving ceremony. Many thanks to the members who worked at our booth throughout the day. These include Marco and Irma Manor; Jack and Shirlee Ralph; Art Baer; Marty Martin; Gabe Koory; Joe Hanus; and Janine and Todd Puchalski. Everyone worked hard to make this event a success despite the extremely bad weather. We didn't make much money but we had a good time.

On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, some of the members of our Color Guard rode on the combined VFW/Post 56 Float in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City and we took **first place** in our category. Thanks to Katherine, Marty, Bill, and Jack for participating. They all did a great job of waving at the huge crowd who was cheering us and thanking us for our service. Thanks also to the Carson VFW Post for allowing us to share their float and for their participation.

Our post has purchased an 18 passenger bus to be used to transport our Honor Guard members to the many funeral ceremonies they perform in in Northern Nevada, as well as transport our Color Guard and Auxiliary members to the parades we lead in Virginia City. It has been painted dark blue and has been decorated with the emblems of each of the branches of the US Military as well as lettering that identifies our group. It should be ready for the public on Veterans Day. We will include a photo of it in our next newsletter.

**Veterans Day 2010** will be a busy day for Post and Unit 56. We will begin the day with our Honor Guard performing a 21-gun salute to honor our veterans at the cemetery in Dayton. This ceremony will be hosted by the Dayton VFW and will begin at 9:00 AM. After the ceremony, our Color Guard will travel to Virginia City to lead the Veterans Day Parade, which will begin at 11:11 AM. This will be the first public appearance of our new bus, which will follow the Color Guard down the street. Any member of the Post/Unit/Squadron who wants to ride in the bus during the parade is welcome to join us. However, you need to call ahead to reserve a seat because space is limited. Unit 56 will be distributing poppies at the parade and are looking for members to help. After the parade many members of the Post will be going to Applebee's on South Carson St. in Carson City. They're giving a free meal to veterans on Veterans Day. All you need to do is prove you are a veteran. We went last year and had a good meal and a great time. You can see the menu at <http://www.applebees.com/vetsDay/>

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** is also the date of our Monthly Member Meeting. As a special treat, our Auxiliary will be serving Apple and Pumpkin pies to celebrate the season. Please plan on being there.

**Unit 56** is planning a visit to the VA Hospital in Reno on **November 20<sup>th</sup>** and is looking for volunteers to help fill the "goodie bags" and deliver them to the vets in the hospital. This is an event that they do every Memorial Day and Veterans Day and the veterans really appreciate what they receive. The bags will be filled at the Veterans Hall on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** and Unit 56 can use all the help they can get so please offer to help. Call Barbara at **246-4024** for times or attend our meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Executive Board** will be meeting at Veterans Hall on Wednesday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM All members are invited to attend and voice their opinions of Post activities.

**The Christmas Parade of Lights** will be in Virginia City on Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, and our Color Guard will lead it once again. The parade starts at 5:00 PM. Please come up to VC to see how our unit and bus looks in the dark. Hopefully we will have some lights on us so that people can see us better. Dress warm because it's usually cold up there in December.

**Our Annual Christmas Party** will be held on Thursday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the Casino Fandango in Carson City. This will be in lieu of our December Member Meeting. The cost is only \$20 per person for all-you-can-eat and you can pay at the door. However, we need to know in advance if you plan to be there and how many will be in your party. If you haven't already signed up, please call the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Gabe Koory, at **246-0907** and let him know you will be there. We will once again have a **Gift Exchange** for all who are interested. Simply put; bring a wrapped gift; receive a wrapped gift. If you are a male, bring a gift for a male and put a green ribbon on it. If you are a female, bring a gift for a female and put a red ribbon on it. You are expected to pay at least \$10 for the gift. We will also be having a raffle for prizes that were donated by several companies and individuals. Finally, our Auxiliary will be conducting a 50-50 raffle for a cash prize to be determined later.

**The "Bylaws Committee"** of the Executive Board has just completed revising the Post 56 Bylaws document to conform to the needs of our Post. This document will be available for your review on the Post 56 web site in mid to late November. We encourage you to review the document as we plan to have the Post members vote on accepting this document at the January meeting. Hard copies of the document will also be available upon request. Please call Marty at **392-0327**.

**DUES REMINDER:** This is a reminder to all Post 56 members that your 2011 Dues are due now. If your membership card says 2010 and you haven't already paid for 2011, please do so as soon as possible. To date, we have had 118 members renew their membership. This is only 64% of our goal of having all 184 members renew by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The dues are only \$25 per year and are used to help our veterans and their families. That's less than a tank of gasoline.

**Post and Unit 56** are always looking for new members to join us. If you know someone who is a qualified veteran or the wife of a qualified veteran, please invite them to attend a meeting and get to know us and learn what wonderful people we are and all that we do.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 11 November – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Dayton Cemetery – Post 56 Honor Guard Performs – 9:00 AM
- ❖ 11 November – Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City – Post 56 Color Guard Leads – 11:00 AM
- ❖ 11 November – Post / Unit 56 Member Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:30 PM
- ❖ 20 November – Unit 56 visits the VA Hospital in Reno – time to be announced later
- ❖ 24 November – Post 56 E-Board Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:00 PM
- ❖ 25 November – Thanksgiving Day
- ❖ 4 December – Christmas Parade of Lights in Virginia City – Post 56 Color Guard Leads – 5:00 PM
- ❖ 9 December – Christmas Party at the Fandango, Carson City – 4:30 PM
- ❖ 22 December – Post 56 E-Board Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:00 PM
- ❖ 25 December – Christmas Day