



# The High Desert BUGLE



## September/October 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, Carson City, at the corner of Curry and 2nd Street. Our next meeting will be held September 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll be there.

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

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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
Chaplain	Jim Kelley	851-3297
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Sgt-at-Arms	Bill Martinez	841-1379
Historian	HELP WANTED	888-2088

### Commander's Comments

Summer is almost over and I pray you had a good one! The Honor/Color Guard has been VERY busy for the past 3 months and I, for one, am ready for some cooler weather. Comrade Marco will inform you as to when we're switching to long sleeves.

The Post is still looking for a Historian to keep track of the events of the post. Gerald left documents and pictures and a printer.....just need someone to keep the info up to date. This would be a good seat for someone who doesn't have the time to volunteer with the Honor/Color Guard. Please call me and let me know if you are interested in filling this position. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For God and country!

Commander Katherine Baran

### Adjutant's Advice

Membership renewals for **2011** are in the mail now! Please check your membership card before you send me notes and copies of cancelled checks. If your current card lists the year 2010 you are current; you are being billed for year "2011". It takes a minimum of 30 days for your dues payment to be processed thru National. Your prompt payment of dues is greatly appreciated.

John Dickinson, Adjutant

### Upcoming Fundraisers

Our two big fundraisers are coming soon. I have ordered 250 of the 2011 Calendars for the post membership to sell again this year. The cost is still \$5.00 each. Please place your orders at the general meeting in September.

Our second project is the Terri Lynn nuts and chocolate sales. The order forms and the 2011 fund raiser sheets are on order and should be here soon. I would like to get the orders back to everyone at the November meeting. This year, you can sell everything in the catalogue.

These two projects help keep our annual dues at only \$25.00 while every other post continues to increase their dues. I will need everyone's help again this year to get orders and help sell as much as you can.

Thank you all for your continued support of these two important projects.

Marco Manor, Fundraiser Chair

When Art joined the Army, he was advised to act tough. "That's the only way to command respect in the Army." his friends said. So Art did his best to carry out the advice. He swaggered all around camp, bragging, blustering and talking out of the corner of his mouth. "Show me a sergeant and I'll show you a dope." Art shouted. No sooner had he spoken than a brawny, battle-hardened figure appeared.

"I am a sergeant!" he bellowed.  
"I am a dope." whispered Art.

## AUXILIARY UNIT 56

President	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
Secretary	Irma Manor	267-4794
Treasurer	Christine St. Leger-Barter	783-0502
Chaplain	Dorothy Cole	841-4765
Sgt-at-Arms	Donna Duncan	882-7276
Historian	Vacant	555-1212

### President's Message

Unit 56 was pleased to be able to use our new Socks Fund to accumulate enough money to purchase all the needed socks for our November visit to the VA hospital in Reno. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thanks to a sale at Smiths we have also acquired the shampoo we needed for the November visit.

We will be having an Oktoberfest themed pot luck on September 9 before our regular meeting. A \$5 donation is requested of all who partake. We will start eating at 5:30 PM.

Please plan on attending our Thanksgiving pot luck at the regular meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are willing and able to contribute a dish for this "feast".

Some of us will be distributing poppies at the Veteran's Day Parade in Virginia City on November 11<sup>th</sup> before the meeting. Please join us if you can.

Thanks again for everyone's help.

Barbara Dickinson, President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 6 September – Labor Day Parade in Virginia City – Post 56 Color Guard Leads – 12 o'clock noon
- ❖ 9 September – Unit 56 Potluck Dinner – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 5:30 PM - \$5 Donation requested
- ❖ 9 September – Post / Unit 56 Member Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:30 PM
- ❖ 11 September – District 4 Meeting – Fallon – 10:30 AM
- ❖ 22 September – Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:00 PM
- ❖ 14 October – Post / Unit 56 Member Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:30 PM
- ❖ 27 October – Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – Veterans Hall, Carson City – 6:00 PM
- ❖ 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

## SAL SQUADRON 56

Commander	Mike Herlihy	434-8337
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Jack Ralph	882-8269
Adjutant	Marco Manor	267-4794



At the Department Convention last August, your Post Commander Katherine Baran was presented the Charter for High Desert Squadron 56 of the S. A. L. (pronounced as initials 'S-A-L' not a name 'Sal') Detachment of Nevada. With 47 charter members it is one of the largest squadrons in the Detachment. This was due to much hard work over the last year by the Squadron Adjutant Marco Manor, and your Immediate Past Commander and Squadron 1st Vice Commander Jack Ralph.

As the initial member of the Squadron I have been asked to be the Squadron Commander, and I have humbly accepted the post. In addition, while attending the Detachment Convention, I was asked to be the 2nd Vice for Northern Nevada.

My own life's path did not lead me to be a veteran, but I still want to help your Post and work for veterans wherever I can. My Grandfather was a veteran of WWI and was the Commander of the Past Commanders club of California in 1937. My Father is a veteran of WWII (Pacific), but is not a member of the Legion. My wife is your Commander Katherine Baran, and so here I am.

Next newsletter, I will tell you more about why we have a Squadron, and what we hope to accomplish.

Michael J Herlihy, SAL Squadron 56 Commander

**Shooting the breeze at the VA hospital in Reno, a trio of old timers ran out of tales of their own heroic exploits and started bragging about their ancestors.**

**"My great grandfather, at age 13," one declared proudly, "was a drummer boy at Shiloh."**

**"Mine," boasted another, "went down with Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn."**

**"I'm the only soldier in my family," confessed vet number three, "but if my great grandfather was living today he'd be the most famous man in the world."**

**"What'd he do?" his friends wanted to know.**

**"Nothing much. But he would be 165 years old."**