



The High Desert BUGLE



November / December 2011

**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 November 10th at 6:30 PM.

This meeting will be preceded by a Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30 PM
hosted by our Auxiliary Unit 56. A \$5 donation is requested. We hope you'll be there.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Marty Martin	392-0327
1 st Vice Commander	Gabe Koory	246-0907
2 nd Vice Commander	Chuck Rankin	267-9737
Adjutant	John Dickinson	246-4024
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Chaplain	Katherine Baran	888-2088
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe Hanus	883-5131
Historian	Del Dennis	887-7827

UNIT 56 OFFICERS

President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
2 nd Vice President	Vacant	883-9640
Secretary	Irma Manor	267-4794
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Chaplain	Dorothy Cole	841-4765
Sgt-at-Arms	Donna Duncan	882-7276
Historian	Jean Tomlinson	267-2408

SQUADRON 56 OFFICERS

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

Department of Nevada Adjutant of the Year



Department of Nevada Commander Jeanette Rae presenting Post 56
Adjutant John Dickinson with the 2010/2011 Adjutant of the Year award.

Commanders Comments

Comrades,

NOW MORE THAN EVER we need all Post 56 members to renew their membership. As I mentioned in the last newsletter we have some major challenges to address this year and none is more important than membership renewal. The district command has set a goal for Post 56 to reach 215 members by April 30 of next year. That means that we not only greatly depend on 100% renewals from our current Post members, but we also have to recruit an additional 31 new members. So far this year we have recruited 7 new members; so we have a long way to go. We also have monthly goals that we need to meet. We are currently at 57% of our total yearly goal and we need to be at 65% by November 7th. All of the other Posts in our District are already at or exceeded their November goal so it is imperative that we ask our Post members who have yet to renew to please do so immediately. Remember, you can now renew on line by going to <http://legion.org/renew> - It's Simple...It's Fast...and It's Safe. If you haven't received a renewal form in the mail or you need assistance in renewing, please call me at 775 901-1362 and I will be happy to assist in any way I can. In order to grow our Post and make a bigger difference in being able to help fellow veterans where we can, and to provide assistance within our community in youth activities and instances such as the recent tragic events at IHOP, we need the help and participation of all of our Post members.

I would like to announce that Gabe Koory has stepped up to the 1st Vice Commander position filling the position that Bill Martinez held. Bill is still recovering from his accident and will be out for the foreseeable future.

Chuck Rankin has accepted the position as 2nd Vice Commander - Thanks to both Gabe and Chuck for stepping up to the challenge.

I would also like to announce that Del Dennis has accepted the position of Post Historian. This is an important position as the Historian will help record the achievements of our many Post activities and work with Jack Ralph in making our achievements public.

At our next Post Membership meeting on November 10th our Post Auxiliary will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner. If past dinners are any indication, this year's dinner should be awesome. It starts at 5:30 PM and only costs \$5.00.

Don't forget our Post Christmas Party on December 8th. You can check Gabe's article for details.

I wish all of you good health and happiness during the upcoming holidays.

For God and Country
Marty Martin, Commander

Vice Commander's Report

I would like to remind everyone that the Post 56 Christmas Party is coming up soon. The Party will be on Thursday, December 8th, beginning at 5:00 PM and it will replace our December Member Meeting. It will be held in the Casino Fandango Banquet Room in Carson City, as it has in the past, and the price is still ONLY \$20.00 per person. You can pay at the door but I need to know in advance how many people will be there. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to be there and how many people you will be bringing with you. I will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting on Nov. 10th, but if you can't be at the meeting, let me know via email that you will be there, and how many will be in your party, and I will add you to the list. My email address is gabekoory@charter.net. If you would prefer to call me, my number is listed above.

Once again we will be having a Gift Exchange at the Party. This means that if you give a gift, you will get a gift. Ladies should bring a gift for a female and men should bring a gift for a male. The gift should be wrapped with a red bow for a woman and a green bow for a man. The gift should not cost more than \$10.

Also, the ladies of Auxiliary Unit 56 will be having a raffle for many prizes. They will be selling tickets at the door.

I hope to see you at both the November meeting and the Christmas Party.

Gabe Koory, 1st Vice Commander (formally 2nd Vice Commander)

Adjutant's Report

I am putting the Post on notice that I intend that the 2011/12 Legion year will be my last as Adjutant. I have appreciated the support of the Post Officers and membership. This notice should give ample time to solicit another Adjutant. I will be more than happy to bring this member up to speed. The new Adjutant should seriously consider this as a two year appointment (minimum). It is just too difficult to put a new person in this office every year. I believe our first Adjutant was JOE HANUS, and he served 3 years. This is my 3rd year. Any member interested can contact me any time, and I will detail the duties of the office.

John Dickinson, Adjutant

Chaplain's Report

Please keep Post 56 member Bill Martinez in your prayers. He's not doing well.

Katherine Baran, Chaplain

Honor/Color Guard Report

Things are finally looking like they are slowing down for the team. In the past two months they have participated in only ten funerals.

On October 27th the Color Guard participated in the Inaugural Governors Banquet held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. Post Commander Marty, Past Commanders Jack, Katherine, and Marco posted the Colors in front of over 500 people. This was a benefit for the families and victims of the Carson City IHOP and Reno Air Races tragedies.

Our Color Guard also led the Capitol City Post 4 float in the Nevada Day Parade on October 29th. Our newest members Rick and Leon were joined by Joe and Post Commander Marty. I can't thank our members enough for their dedication to serving our fellow veterans.

On 11-11-11 at 11:11:11 AM our Color Guard will be leading the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City. It would be great to see as many members as possible join us. At 9:00 AM that morning our team will be at the Dayton Valley Cemetery to pay tribute to our fallen heroes along with the Dayton VFW members.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor, Captain of the Guard

Unit 56 President's Report

SmooGreetings:

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the September German potluck. The food was wonderful and we had a great turnout.

At the November 10 meeting we are having our harvest Thanksgiving potluck turkey with all the trimmings. Cost is \$5.00 and it starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. I hope everyone plans to attend.

Be sure to bring in your candy order to the November meeting. That is the deadline as the order will be placed with our supplier the next day so we can receive the candy before Christmas.

We will also be selling raffle tickets at the November meeting for the afghan Barbara Dickinson made. It will be given to the lucky winner at our Christmas Party on December 8th. The tickets are 6 for \$5.00.

November 11, we will meet in the SlotWorld parking lot at 10 a.m. and drive to Virginia City to give out poppies at the Veterans Day parade. Wear your uniform. I hope you can come.

November 12, we will be doing poppies at Raley's supermarket in Carson City from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

November 18, we will meet at the Veterans Hall at 10 a.m. to put together the gift bags to take to the Reno Veterans hospital.

November 19, we will get together and drive to the Veterans hospital for our semi-annual visit and give the patients our gift bags. We are to be at the hospital at 1 p.m. so we will leave Carson City at noon. Hopefully we will be able to use the Honor Guard bus as we did on our last visit in May.

December 8, we will be having our Annual Christmas Party instead of a Member Meeting.

December 17, District 4 will have their quarterly meeting at Veterans Hall at 10:00 AM. Post 4 will be the host.

At the end of November we will be clearing out the storage unit and moving our supplies to Agnes Williams' shed. Thank you Agnes for letting us use your shed and saving the auxiliary a yearly cost of over 400.00.

I will talk with our new member P.J .Degross and ask her to come to our November meeting and give us some ideas about where to use our funds to help our military personal and veterans.

Thanks for all your support.

Nancy O'Malley
Unit 56 President

Department of Nevada Commander Visitation
Thursday, September 8, 2011

Department Commander Jeanette Rae visited High Desert Post 56 and presented Commander Coins to two of our members for their service to our Post and to the Legion. Stephen Hays is on the left and Jack Ralph is on the right.



The Inaugural Governor's Banquet

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Inaugural
NEVADA DAY
Governor's Banquet

To benefit the victims and families of the recent tragedies at the Carson City IHOP and the Reno Air Races.

Thursday, October 27, 2011 - 6:00pm - \$40 pp
Grand Sierra Resort Summit Pavilion
2500 E Second Street • Reno, Nevada

Doors Open at 6:00pm • Dinner at 7:00pm • Semi Formal Attire
Raffle • Silent Auction • Special Guest Speakers • Live Entertainment

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NEVADA DAY
Carson City
2011

A Benefit Event for the victims and families of the tragedies at the Carson City IHOP and the Reno Air Races.

The Four Commanders



left to right:

Commander Marty Martin, Past Commander Katherine Baran, Past Commander Jack Ralph, Past Commander Marco Manor

These four presented the Colors in front of the Governor and all the distinguished guests.



The Commanders posing with piper Robert Bledsaw, who accompanied them when they presented the colors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 Nov: 5:30 PM – Auxiliary Unit 56 Thanksgiving Dinner at Veterans Hall - \$5.00 donation requested
- 10 Nov: 6:30 PM – Post/Unit 56 Member Meeting at Veterans Hall
- 11 Nov: 9:00 AM – Post 56 Honor Guard performs at Dayton Cemetery to honor veterans with the VFW
- 11 Nov: 11:11 AM – Post 56 Color Guard leads the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City
- 16 Nov: 6:00 PM – Post 56 Executive Board Meeting at Veterans Hall – This meeting is being held a week early because of Thanksgiving
- 19 Nov: 1:00 PM – Unit 56 delivers gift bags to veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Reno
- 24 Nov: Thanksgiving Day
- 8 Dec: 5:00 PM - Post/Unit 56 Christmas Party at Casino Fandango – Cost \$20.00
- 17 Dec: 10:00 AM – District 4 Meeting at Veterans Hall – Post 4 is hosting
- 21 Dec: 6:00 PM – Post 56 Executive Board Meeting at Veterans Hall
- 25 Dec: Christmas Day
- 31 Dec: New Year's Eve – Drive Safe