



The High Desert BUGLE



September / October 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 September 8th at 6:30 PM. We hope you'll be there.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Marty Martin	392-0327
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Adjutant	John Dickinson	246-4024
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Historian	Thane Cornell	885-0552

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Commanders Comments

It's that time of year again -- membership renewals are due now and for the current year the dues are still \$25.00, so if you haven't already renewed please do so immediately. To those of you who have already renewed, I give you my heart-felt thanks and appreciation. **Save A Stamp:** You may now renew via the internet, which is fast and easy to do. Simply go to the American Legion web site at <http://legion.org/renew> and follow the instructions. Of course you may continue to renew your membership via the US Mail by submitting your renewal form that was sent to you several months ago. If for some reason you never received your membership renewal notice or have misplaced it, you may call me at 775 901-1362 and I will ensure that you get a renewal form as soon as possible. We are supposed to be at 50% renewal by September 5th and we are currently at 46%. Remember, we are veterans supporting veterans and in order for our Post to provide the support to the various veteran and community programs that we sponsor, we need to at the very least renew our memberships as soon as we receive our renewal notices. I know I sound like a broken record, but when you think about it there really isn't any real reason why the vast majority of members (and we have over 180) shouldn't be able to renew within days of receiving the renewal notification. Other Posts have already reached over 60% renewals and I don't think we want to be on the tail end of that goal. Our Post has many challenges ahead of us for the upcoming year and as I have stated in our last membership meeting, we really need the support of our members to step up and assist whenever and wherever possible so as to keep our Post a vibrant and viable entity. One key goal the Executive Board members are attempting to achieve is to increase the number of members attending our monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions on how we can motivate more members to attend, please feel free to talk to any E-Board member or you may want to address this issue in an upcoming membership meeting...We're listening. A reminder that our Auxiliary will be providing a dinner at our next meeting on September 8th. The dinner is at 5:30 PM and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. We will also have three guests attending our next meeting; our Department Commander (Jeanette Rae), Department 1st Vice Commander (John Warden) and Department Adjutant (Lionel Motta) - Please plan to attend.

For God and Country
Marty Martin, Commander

Adjutant – John Dickinson

Charity Donations

As you open your pockets for your next donation to Natural Disaster Relief, please keep the following in mind:

The American Red Cross President and CEO, Marsha J. Evans has a salary of \$651,957 plus expenses.

The United Way President, Brian Gallagher, receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.

UNICEF CEO, Caryl M. Stern, receives a salary of \$1,200,000 per year plus all expenses including a Rolls Royce. Less than five cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett, receives a salary of \$13,000 per year plus housing. 96% of donated dollars goes to the cause.

The American Legion National Commander receives a zero salary!!! That's nothing; zilch; nada. 100% of your donated dollars goes to help veterans and their families and youth. All of our administration expenses are covered by your membership dues.

No further comment is necessary. This information came to me from the Department of Nevada.

John Dickinson, Adjutant

Chaplain – Katherine Baran

Please keep Bill Martinez, Jim Kelley, Gabe Koory and Ken Janonis in your prayers. Each has been injured or undergone surgery and is in need of heavenly support! I will have an update on each at the next meeting!

Katherine Baran, Chaplain

Honor/Color Guard Captain – Marco Manor

Since our last newsletter, our team has been very busy. We have participated in ten military burials and two Color Guard functions. We currently have four more funerals scheduled the first two weeks of September. Our call for more volunteers to join the Guard has been very successful. We have welcomed three new members to our team. Thank you Hal Sherwood, Leon Werner and Rick Kaspar for stepping up.

One of our members has been in the hospital for the past two months after a bicycle accident. We need all of you to continue praying for Bill Martinez to recover and return home to his family.

Thank all of you for your continued support of our post and we hope to see more of you at our meetings.

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

Unit 56 President – Nancy O'Malley

Thank you to everyone who helped with the summer picnic; especially to all the ladies who brought such good dishes. Thanks to Pat Baer for doing that great raffle. Everyone had fun choosing the different gifts that they could win. We had a great attendance with around 50 people this year.

District meeting will be on September 17, 2011 in Fallon at 10: a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the district meeting. In October we are planning to do our Americanism project with one of the schools in our area.

We will be planning to help the post with the candy sale again this year. We will do another poppy distribution at Raley's around Veterans Day, and also be in Virginia City for the Veteran's Day parade doing our poppies.

Welcome to our new members:

Nadine Hayes
Betty Sherwood and her daughter Lee
P.J. Degross

Nancy O'Malley
Unit 56 President