



The High Desert BUGLE



September / October 2012

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,
Veterans Memorial Hall at the corner of 2nd and Curry Street, Carson City.

Our next meeting will be held on September 13th at 6:30 PM.

This will be preceded by the "October Fest" Potluck at 5:30 PM.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Marty Martin	392-0327
1 st Vice Commander	Leon Werner	265-2621
2 nd Vice Commander	Gabe Koory	246-0907
Adjutant	John Dickinson	246-4024
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Chaplain	Katherine Baran	888-2088
Sgt-at-Arms	Rick Kaspar	684-9757
Historian	Vacant	

UNIT 56 OFFICERS

President	Nancy O'Malley	883-9640
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
2 nd Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Irma Manor	267-4794
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Chaplain	Ramona Long	885-7585
Sgt-at-Arms	Donna Duncan	882-7276
Historian	Vacant	

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Commander	Jack Ralph	882-8269
Adjutant	Marco Manor	267-4794

IN MEMORY OF



Michael J. Herlihy
1957-2012

Adjutant's Report

Fellow Legionnaires,

By now you have received the first mailing of your membership renewal form for 2013. It is very beneficial to the Post if you renew as soon as possible. Nine members have renewed on line so far. Go to legion.org and check it out.

Your Board of Directors has and is doing everything possible to not raise your dues, which are STILL ONLY \$25. Please support your Post's calendar and candy sales.

Remember the September meeting is a potluck: "October Fest". I look forward to seeing you there.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

John Dickinson
Post 56 Adjutant

Honor Guard/Color Guard Report

The Honor Guard has been given a much needed rest in August. There were only two funerals this month giving everyone a chance to rest and get caught up on things around their house.

Our Color Guard will be leading the Labor Day Parade in Virginia City again this year. With the addition of three new members, we finally have enough members participating to display all of our flags. Our Color Guard will also be leading the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City in November.

An ad broke in the Nevada Appeal today, August 29, 2012, soliciting veterans to join our Honor Guard. Let's hope we get a few responses and a few more new members to our team. All Post 56 members are welcome to join the Honor/Color Guard. Please contact me for details if you are interested.

For God and Country,

Marco Manor
Captain of the Guard

HONOR GUARD GETS A NEW FACELIFT

Last month I received a call from one of our members, Keith Montegna, about our M1 Garand Rifles. Keith works for US Ordinance located off the new USA Parkway. Keith told me that his boss, Dan Frassier, wanted to do something to show their companies support for our veterans.

When Keith offered to retrofit seven of our fourteen M1's, I jumped at the opportunity to have seven of our rifles worked on. So on July 11th, Irma and I went out to the US Ordinance facility to deliver the rifles to Keith.

Keith was kind enough to give us a short tour of the facility and we were very impressed with their operation. The facility was clean, organized, their personnel were very friendly.

When the M1's were finished, Keith brought them down to Carson City. I was very impressed with the results of the retrofit and overall appearance of the rifles. They looked better than when they were originally issued and they work great. No more jamming or miss-firing.

American Legion High Desert Post 56 can't thank Dan, Keith, and US Ordinance enough for their support of Post 56 and getting involved in their community and helping our veteran's organization. We are grateful for the assistance you all gave us for getting our rifles back in good operating order.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
Captain of the Guard

Unit 56 President's Report

Greetings Ladies:

I hope everyone had a great summer. Soon it will be September and we are getting ready for our German Potluck to be held on September 13 at 5:30 P.M. A \$5.00 donation is requested. We have invited the Sea Scouts to eat with us this time.

I want to thank everyone who brought such good food to our August picnic. It was very hot that day. I hope we can do the picnic in September next year when it is cooler.

The District 4 meeting will be held on September 8 in Carson City at the hall; 10: A.M.' hosted by Post 4 and Unit 4. I hope you can attend the meeting. I have again assumed the role of District 4 President for another year.

We are not planning to do the November Veterans hospital visit this year, but will go in May of 2013.

Thanks to the ladies who worked poppies at Raley's last July and August. We did very well with donations both times. I am planning another poppy event at Raley's September 29. The signup sheet will be at our September meeting.

Please try to attend our meetings.

Thank you,

Nancy O'Malley
Unit 56 President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03 September: Labor Day – Post 56 Color Guard will lead the parade in Virginia City
- 08 September: District 4 Meeting – 10:00 AM – Veterans Hall
- 11 September: Patriot Day
- 13 September: Unit 56 German “October fest” Potluck – 5:30 PM - \$5.00 Donation Requested
- 13 September: Post/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 16 September: American Legion Day
- 21 September: POW-MIA Recognition Day
- 22 September: Autumn Begins
- 26 September: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 08 October: Columbus Day [Observed]
- 12 October: Columbus Day [Traditional]
- 11 October: Post/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 24 October: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 27 October: Navy Day
- 27 October: Nevada Day Parade
- 31 October: Nevada Day
- 31 October: Halloween
- 01 November: All Saints Day
- 04 November: Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 06 November: Election Day
- 11 November: Veterans Day – Post 56 Color Guard will lead the parade in Virginia City
- 22 November: Thanksgiving Day
- 07 December: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 21 December: Winter Begins
- 25 December: Christmas Day
- 31 December: New Year's Eve

2012 Summer Picnic Photos

For all the photos, go to <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/> and click on the photos button.



New National Commander Elected



James E. Koutz of Boonville, Ind., was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 30, 2012, during the organization's 94th National Convention in Indianapolis.

Koutz entered the United States Army in August 1969. He attended basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Ord, Calif. In January 1970 he reported to Vietnam and served an extended tour of duty with Co. C 169th Engineer Battalion. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 5 in March 1971 and quickly joined The American Legion. He is a member of Boonville Post 200 where his father, George, was a World War II veteran and a past commander of the post. Jim was honored as a life member of his Post in 1991 and served as its post commander for nine years.

POST 56 DUES ARE STILL ONLY \$25.00 PER YEAR.



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Requesting Military Records

Veterans who retired before Oct. 1, 2004 must visit the [National Personnel Records Center \(NPRC\) website](http://www.nprc.gov) for record request instructions. People requesting the record of a deceased relative who retired before Oct. 1, 2004 may now use the NPRC website to order a copy of the military records. Regardless of the request procedures used, processing can take time. Do not send a follow-up request before 90 days have elapsed as it may cause further delays. Veterans who retired after Oct. 1, 2004 can access certain records online by registering for a premium account on www.eBenefits.va.gov. Click the register button at the top of the home page and follow the instructions provided to obtain a premium account. The website may not be inclusive for all retirees.

Veteran's Benefits Explained

In addition to the pensions and benefits to which you may be entitled because of both public and private employment, you may also be eligible for certain benefits based on your military service. Visit the [Veterans Benefit summary page](#) to learn more about disability compensation, veteran's pension programs, low cost medical care through the VA, education programs, PTSD support and more.

American Legion Issues Report

The American Legion has published [a special report](#) on key election issues geared toward candidates for national office, their challengers, voters and others who are interested. The 28-page report, "Our Pillars, Your Platform," pinpoints the Legion's stand on the most critical issues of today such as veterans' health care, jobs and education for returning servicemembers, immigration, benefits and more. The report is available on the [American Legion website](#).

USS Constitution Sets Sail

The USS Constitution departed her berth from Charlestown, Mass. Aug. 19, to set sail for the first time since 1997. The underway honored the 200th anniversary of Constitution's decisive victory over the HMS Guerriere during the War of 1812, marking the first time a United States frigate defeated a Royal Navy frigate at or nearly equal size. It is also the battle in which Constitution earned her famous nickname "Old Ironsides." The USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and welcomes more than 500,000 visitors per year. For more information, visit the USS Constitution website at www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution and the [USS Constitution Facebook page](#).

Misunderstanding terms

One reason the Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language.

For example, if you told Air Force personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter.

Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat.

The Navy, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.

