



The High Desert BUGLE



January / February 2013

**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 January 10th at 6:30 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	Michael Juckett	883-1424
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	
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Chaplain	Ramona Long	885-7585
Sgt-at-Arms	Donna Duncan	882-7276
Historian	Vacant	

SQUADRON 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Matthew Sherwood	575-6219
1 st Vice Commander	Jack Ralph	882-8269
Adjutant	Marco Manor	267-4794

Commanders Comments

Comrades,

Well, by the time you read this newsletter the Holidays will have passed and we begin a new year with hope and some trepidation for a better 2013. Many challenges await us all, especially economic and health care challenges. We'll just have to face them head on as our individual needs dictate. As always, the American Legion and Post 56 will endeavor to assist our members and fellow veterans as best we can, whenever we can.

Our members can be proud of the services and honors that our Post have provided for comrades over the past year as well as the American Legion programs Post 56 has helped to sponsor, including our newest sponsorship of the Naval Sea Cadets.

Post 56 continues to experience challenges in the area of membership renewal. We are currently at 83% renewed members, which puts us ahead of where we were last year, but still behind where we should be this year. Please, if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2013 please do so as soon as possible. Every renewal dollar is important to us being able to meet National renewal goals, provide services for fellow veterans and Legion programs, and helping to keep our annual renewal dues one of the lowest in the country.

As most of you know, Gabe Koory was elected our 2nd Vice Commander in last May's elections. He has, however, continued to experience major back problems which have incapacitated him from his duties and especially keeping him from participating in Honor Guard activities. He is hoping that the VA will schedule surgery for him in early January, but even if this occurs, he will have a long road to full recovery. In Gabe's absence, I have asked Michael Juckett to assume the duties as 2nd Vice Commander for the duration of Gabe's term of office. He has accepted and is now our new 2nd Vice Commander and member of the Executive Board. Thank you Michael for volunteering for this position – also, our prayers go out to Gabe for a full recovery and rejoining the Honor Guard as soon as possible.

I also want to thank Katherine Baran for taking on the position of the Captain of the Honor/Color Guard. She is doing a very good job in coordinating our recent funerals and parades. I also want to thank Marco Manor for the outstanding job he has

done as Captain of the Honor/Color Guard for the past five years. He is truly dedicated to insuring veterans get the military honors to which they are entitled.

In closing, I want to wish all of you best wishes for good health and a Happy New Year!

For God and Country,
Marty Martin
Commander

1st Vice Commander's Report

Greetings Legionnaires

I hope that each and every one of you and yours had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like to talk to you about participation and support of High Desert Post 56, to make us a strong part of the community.

The first thing toward this goal is to be an active member of the post, and attend as many meetings as possible.

A part of the American Legion is to support the youth of our community. There are many programs that the legion supports. A lot of this is done with financial support. In order to show these groups that we truly support them, we need to have a physical contact with them. With your attendance at Post meetings you can learn what programs are available, and what might fit your skill set.

Now a word about dues. The revenue of the American Legion and our post is derived from annual membership dues. The dues for High Desert Post 56 are the lowest post dues in the state. The dues are kept low by the timely payment of our dues. Please check your membership card and if it does not say 2013, you are behind on your payment.

You can pay your dues online at www.legion.org.

For God and Country,
Leon Werner
1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Comrades,

I am honored to be asked to be the 2nd Vice Commander for High Desert Post 56. I hope I am able to fulfill the expectations of all my fellow Legionnaires in developing Post activities, upholding the duty for sustaining all patriotic observances of all kinds in the manner which Post 56 respectfully requests and mediate tolerance among members on all political, religious, and civic matters where justice is necessary. As I assist our dedicated Commander with all his duties, I will endeavor to maintain pride and assist in bringing 100% membership with 1000% dedication.

For God and Country.
Michael Juckett
2nd Vice Commander

Adjutant's Remarks

Comrades,

Thanks to all Post 56 members that have renewed for 2013. We are still short 45 renewals to reach our 100% goal. Check your membership card; if it doesn't show 2013 please send your dues, STILL ONLY \$25. We have already met our goal for new members. Please renew!!!

John Dickinson
Adjutant

Chaplain's Report

Happy New Year, comrades!

We lost member Ron Kruse on December 27th. Please add his family to your prayers.

Currently, we have several members sick and/or on the mend.

Please keep Gabe Koory, Jim Gansburg, Rick Kaspar, Leon Werner, and all the spouses taking care of them, in your daily prayers.

I pray for health and happiness for all of you this year and that our families will all be blessed with the Lord's peace and grace.

Blessings!
Katherine Baran
Chaplain

Unit 56 President's Report

Greetings,

Happy New Year to everyone.

We had a great Christmas party this year with a good turn out again this year. It was especially nice visiting with everybody.

It's time again to start buying bags and getting ready for our May visit to the Veteran's Hospital in Reno. I am planning for us to visit a residential assisted living home and seeing the veterans who live there, I will have a date for the visit at our next meeting in January.

Our next potluck will be at our March meeting.

Our member Betty Ryser had a total hip replacement on December 24 and is having therapy at Carson rehab center on highway 50. Please send a card or visit her.

Thanks,

Nancy O'Malley
Unit 56 President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01 January: New Year's Day
- 10 January: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 21 January: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- 23 January: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 02 February: Groundhog Day
- 12 February: Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 February: Valentine's Day
- 14 February: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 18 February: President's Day
- 20 February: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 22 February: Washington's Birthday
- 10 March: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 14 March: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 15 March: American Legion Birthday
- 17 March: Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 March: Spring Begins
- 20 March: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 31 March: Easter

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



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The 2012 Post 56/Unit 56 Christmas Party
(More pictures are published on our web site.)





To our men and
women in uniform...
past, present
and future
God bless you...
and thank you.