



The High Desert BUGLE



March / April 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 March 14th at 6:30 PM.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

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| 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

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| President | Barbara Dickinson | 246-4024 |
| 1 st Vice President | Vacant | |
| 2 nd Vice President | Vacant | |
| Secretary | Irma Manor | 267-4794 |
| Treasurer | Christine St. Leger-Barter | 783-0502 |
| Chaplain | Ramona Long | 885-7585 |
| Sgt-at-Arms | Donna Duncan | 882-7276 |
| Historian | Vacant | |

SQUADRON 56 OFFICERS

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

Commanders Comments

Comrades,

Since my last newsletter update some exciting things are unfolding and some sad occurrences have taken place.

Two of our long time members have passed on to Post Everlasting; John Bolander and Ronald Kruse. May they rest in peace. Ronald was an active member in various veteran organizations and collectively these organizations will place a bench in honor of Ronald in Mills Park. Our Post will make a donation towards that endeavor.

Changes are taking place in Veterans Hall. A consortium of all the Veterans Organizations using the hall in conjunction with a representative of the Nevada State Government have agreed on renovating the hall. Work has already begun and it will entail making physical changes in the main hall, the area where the Auxiliary meets and the kitchen area. Additionally there will be some upgrades made to our furniture as well AND a new plaque with the following title will identify the hall as the "ALL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL" – not sure of the specifics or when the work will be completed, but at least the hall will look more aesthetically pleasing for future meetings and events. Come to our meetings and see the progress for yourself.

Also, Post Elections will be held at our May 9th members meeting. Any members desiring to run for Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander or 2nd Vice Commander needs to get their letter of intent submitted to our Post Adjutant, John Dickinson ASAP and certainly no later than our April 11th meeting.

As always, I'd like to remind members who have not yet renewed their 2013 membership, please do so now. Our Post continues to lag behind the other Posts in our District in meeting our membership goals set forth by our Department.

For God and Country,
Marty Martin
Commander

1st Vice Commander's Report

Greetings Legionnaires

We are now at 83% of our membership goal. We need just 32 more members to pay their dues to be at 100%, or 32 new members would do the same. I hope that each of you find the time to renew your membership and come to the meeting to see what is new with your post. Remember that your membership is also a service to our community. See you at the next meeting. If you need information about the meeting times please call me at 775 262-2621.

For God and Country,
Leon Werner
1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Greetings my fellow Legionnaires,

For the past two months I have been racking my brain to figure out the dilemma of recruiting a younger generation of veterans and I am glad to say that we are making some advances up the mountain.

I have been given the go ahead to start an American Legion Riders chapter as a secondary group in Post 56. We need a minimum of 5 riders with a 350cc or higher motorcycle to officially start, so if you are a rider or know anyone who is a veteran please let them know.

I will be submitting the paperwork for Post 56 to sponsor a little league team in the Carson Cities majors division (10-12 years old) with a team sponsorship. The name of the sponsor is printed on the back of the uniform jersey and a banner is placed on one of the fields.

At the February 14th meeting I requested a show of hands for volunteers to help Post 56 in their attempt to revitalize the Post with new activities to elicit a younger membership. Only one brave soul offered, James Severson, and for his service to Post 56 I thank him.

The FRA (Fleet Reserve Association) has generously allowed Post 56 to use the BINGO machine for fundraising events. This will be an added bonus for civic involvement, allowing Post 56 to get the message out to the community that Post 56 is alive and thriving.

I will continue to endeavor to fully implement revitalization and increase exciting activities for all current and future members of High Desert Post 56.

For God and Country.
Michael Juckett
2nd Vice Commander

Chaplain's Report

Please keep Gabe Koory in your prayers. Also, please pray for our late comrade, Ron Kruse.

If you know of a veteran or family that needs prayers or encouragement, please let me know. Best time to call is 9 am - 9 pm. Easy to remember!

Blessings!

Katherine Baran
Chaplain

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 27 March: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 31 March: Easter
- 11 April: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 24 April: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

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



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