



# The High Desert BUGLE



**May / June 2013**

**American Legion Post 56, Auxiliary Unit 56, SAL Squadron 56 & ALR Chapter 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and Curry Street, Carson City.  
Our next meeting will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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

## POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Marty Martin	392-0327
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Leon Werner	265-2621
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Vacant	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Vacant	
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Commander	Matthew Sherwood	575-6219
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## Commanders Comments

Comrades,

This is my last newsletter communication to you as Commander. It has been a privilege and a distinct honor to serve as Post 56 Commander for the past two years and previously as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. During these past three years I have come to know many of you personally and to gain much knowledge about the American Legion and specifically our Post.

Post 56 has and continues to serve the Northern Nevada area in a number of ways. The Naval Sea Cadets, the Junior ROTC, Boy's State, and other organizations supported by the American Legion. But by far our claim to fame is our prestigious Honor/Color Guard. This segment of our Post has highly dedicated individuals who give much of their time and effort in providing military honors to veterans and other organizations. This team serves with Honor, Commitment, Pride, Precision and Dedication to Duty. It is no wonder that Post 56 Honor/Color Guard is frequently called upon to provide services to various memorials. During the past two years we have been asked to present the Colors at the Governor's Ball, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor at the State Capitol and a host of other organizations asking for our services. The Honor/Color Guard is indeed a team that our Post is justly proud of. By the way, we are always looking to recruit new members for the Honor/Color Guard. All they need to be are veterans; they do not have to be members of our Post or even the American Legion...just veterans. It would be greatly appreciated if you know of any individual who would like to join this illustrious organization. We just need dedication and commitment to the team if they choose to join. If you have identified a potential candidate, have them get in contact with Katherine Baran.

As a new administration leads Post 56 into the future, beginning at the June 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting, I'm sure you will all support the new officers and wish them success in their endeavor to grow our Post into a more vibrant and ever expanding Post. Please attend the installation of the new officers if you can and show your support for them.

Again, thank you all for allowing me to lead our Post for the past two years.

For God and Country,  
Marty Martin  
Commander

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Report**

Comrades,

Here we are, already in the month of May. In two months it will be time to think about our 2014 payments to support our post. If you go online to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org), you will be able to set up this payment to be automatic. I hope that each and every one of you are ready for summer. If you want to learn more about the American Legion, may I suggest that you take the American Legion Extension Institute test which can be found online.

For God and Country  
Leon Werner  
1st Vice Commander

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Report**

Greetings my fellow Legionnaires,

Unbelievable that it's May already and we are surely ready for some bright and warm weather. First I wish to thank everyone who accepted my nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and allowing me to give it my best as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander to try to develop some activities that may increase membership and show Post 56 is becoming actively involved in our community. Hopefully the inception of a Legion Riders chapter and our involvement with the Carson City Little League will entice our members to become more community involved.

I urge all members to support the Post by coming to monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. You can make your feelings known about current issues and give us new ideas for making our Post more successful. Check the Post calendar for upcoming activities. Remember that attending Post meetings may be the single most important aspect of what you do as a veteran and American Legion member. Your membership and personal involvement affect national and state veteran's benefits now and in the future.

Your input at Post meetings starts a chain of events. The opinions expressed at Post meetings roll up to the district level, then to the state, and so on. If we don't have your voice, then the strong support of veterans and veteran's issues nationwide will slowly erode. Veterans just like you fought hard to put your important benefits in place, and all of us have to fight hard to keep them there. We need YOU at our next Post meeting, and the next...and the next...

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

## **Adjutant's Report**

Members of Post 56,

We are still short 23 renewals to reach our 2013 membership goal of 186. If you have not paid your 2013, dues, please remit them now. If you are financially unable to remit, please contact me or any of the officers. Thanks to all who have renewed.

For God and Country,  
John Dickinson  
Adjutant

## Chaplain's Report

Greetings!

I'd like you to pray for health and healing for Gabe Koory, Jack Ralph, Chuck Rankin, and Joe Hanus. And while you're at it, please keep all our members and their families in your prayers! All of us are getting older and some of us are starting to wear out a few parts here and there. The bodies we were given weren't created to last forever!

Also, please pray for the men and women in the military who serve in harms way for the sake of freedom!

If you know of any veteran in distress or in the need of help, please call me @ 888-2088.

God bless America and America, bless God!

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, 02 May 2013 on the capitol steps @ 1100 hours. Hope to see you there!

Katherine Baran  
Chaplain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 09 May: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 12 May: Mother's Day
- 18 May: Armed Force's Day
- 22 May: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 27 May: Memorial Day
- 13 June: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 14 June: Flag Day
- 16 June: Father's Day
- 21 June: Summer Begins
- 26 June: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

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