



The High Desert BUGLE



November / December 2014

*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 November 13th at 6:30 PM.

This will be preceded by the Unit 56 Thanksgiving Meal beginning at 5:30 PM.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Ben Casad	335-6927
1 st Vice Commander	Rick Kaspar	301-6332
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	TJ Dennington	420-0151
Historian	John Riggs	358-7119

UNIT 56 OFFICERS

President	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
1 st Vice President	Kendra Sherwood	575-6219
2 nd Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Irma Manor	267-4794
Treasurer	Christine St. Leger-Barter	461-3526
Chaplain	Betty Sherwood	575-6219
Sgt-at-Arms	Dolly Jenkins	884-3147
Historian	Vacant	

SQUADRON 56 OFFICERS

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

Commander's Comments

Comrades,

We were fortunate to have the Director for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, Katherine "Kat" Miller as our speaker for the September 11th meeting. Kat was directly involved in security in New York City with her Army unit in the aftermath of 9/11. The need for service officers within the department is one of her main priorities and topic of her speech. The Nevada Veterans Advocate Certification Training topics list was given to us and the website should be up this month.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for the very good Oktoberfest layout.

The personal items we donated at the Stand Down in Reno for homeless vets were greatly appreciated and went quickly. I stayed and helped Veterans Services distribute some of their items. Over a hundred vets benefited from our service organizations.

Department Adjutant Lionel Motta spoke at the District meeting in Fernley on the topics of the American Legion Extension Institute and the Five Year Membership Plan. (Adjutant Motta and his wife Robyn will be guests at our Christmas Party. Adjutant Motta will be speaking after the dinner.) The need for Service Officers was discussed and I shared the information given to us by NDVS Director Katherine Miller. District Commander Linda Kay Neal conducted the meeting introducing the new district officers.

District Commander Neal attended our October meeting with Finance Officer Cliff Farsje. We received an "Excellent" overall mark on our Post Responsibility Assessment. Congratulations to the Post for your efforts.

Richard Eberly, whom I met at the Stand Down, spoke on his service to veterans through Job Connect. Welcome to Richard and his wife Kimberly, both are new members of our Post.

John Riggs, our Post Historian, a Viet Nam veteran awarded two Purple Hearts, will be the Grand Marshall of the Reno Veterans Day Parade. Congratulations John and thank you for your service to our country and Post.

2nd Vice Commander Koory was able to get video clips from KOLO, Channel 8 News, of the Honor Guard at the service of 100 year old WWII veteran James Sorrentino. Mr. Sorrentino achieved the rank of Major during his service. In the process of obtaining the clips Gabe made a friend of reporter Trevor Smith, of KOLO Channel 8, who is very interested in veteran's affairs and our post. Trevor has an invitation to attend a meeting when his schedule allows. Thank you, Gabe for the clips and the introduction.

John Linger of the Vietnam Veterans Association was a guest and informed us of the dental assistance being given to veterans by local dentists at a minimal charge. Brenda Horton is the person in charge and will be speaking at our next meeting. This is a local program that is attempting to become national. I would like to see the program expand from single veterans to married veterans of qualifying incomes, also.

On Monday, November 10th at 2:00 PM there will be a special event at the Veterans Memorial Walk behind the Capitol building in Carson City. Governor Sandoval will be honoring Nevada's fallen service members. Governor Sandoval, a member of our Sons of the American Legion Squadron 56, will be unable to attend our Christmas party due to prior commitments.

There will be **no** member meeting in December due to the Christmas party.

For God and Country
Ben Casad
Commander, High Desert Post 56

1st Vice Commander's Report

Two years ago our Post 56 membership was at 184 members. We currently have paid renewals from 106 or only 57.61% of our goal. Those that have not renewed their membership for 2015 should have received your notice in October. In case you were not aware, the American Legion year runs from July 1st of this year (2014) thru June 30th of next year (2015).

Last year we had several members transfer from Post 100 to Post 56. Please be sure you send your dues to Post 56 this year in order to stay active on our books. Those members that did not renew last year also received another notice so you can become an active member again this year.

Running into some bad times right now and can't pay your dues? Please contact the Commander to see if we can't help you until you get back on your feet again. Remember: "We are veterans helping veterans".

Please come to our meeting and receive informative information that may help you. We have been having a guest speaker at almost all of our regular meeting. We meet at the Veterans Hall on the corner of 2nd and Curry the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. Please join is in November.

Rick Kaspar
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairperson

Post Adjutant's Report

Fellow Legionnaires,

I do not know what more I can say to get you to renew your membership. At this time your post has about 60% of our members renewing. If you do not believe in the organization's goals, beliefs, and aims, then you should not renew!!! But, if you do believe in these things, then you should renew now, today!!!

John Dickinson
Adjutant
775-246-4024

Honor/Color Guard Report

After a slow September, October has turned out to be very busy for our team. Last month we led the Labor Day Parade in Virginia City and preformed Military Honors for five of our brothers.

In October we led the Statehood Parade in Virginia City and did Military Honors for nine of our brothers. We also presented the Colors at the Annual Governor's Banquet held at the Grand Sierra in Reno.

We are always looking for more of our members to join this elite team of volunteers. Please contact me if you are interested in getting more information.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
Captain of the Guard
775-267-4794

Post 56 Annual Christmas Party Update

Our annual Christmas Party is rapidly approaching. Just as a reminder, it will be on Thursday, December 4th at the Gold Dust Hotel and Casino in their banquet room. The casino is located on East Highway 50.

No host cocktails will be served from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM with dinner being served promptly at 7:00 PM. Since this is a sit down dinner, you must pay in advance. The cost per person is only \$20.00, the same as all the past years. Please pay me at the next regular meeting on November 13th.

I must confirm the number of each dinner no later than November 21st. If you are planning on coming to the dinner and not the meeting, send me your payment so I receive it prior to the cutoff date. Let me know whether you want salmon, pork, or beef. There will be **NO** tickets available at the door.

My address is 961 Desert Court, Carson City 89705-8089.

If you are planning on participating in the gift exchange this year, bring a \$10.00 gift wrapped. Put a red ribbon on the ladies gift and a green ribbon on the men's gift. Be sure you get a number from me when you check in.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns prior to the dinner. We hope to see a lot of you at the dinner. This year we will have the largest amount of raffle prizes than the last two years combined.

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Marco Manor
Co-Chairperson
775-267-4794

Christmas Candy and Nut Sales

This is to remind everyone that their order forms and money need to be turned in at our next Post 56 meeting on November 13th. I will be placing our order on the 14th and hope to get everything in before the end of the month. This is our biggest fund raiser so let's do our best in selling this year.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 56

Commander Mathew Sherwood is looking for at least ten more of our members and/or family members to join our Sons of the American Legion Squadron 56. If your father, grand-father, great grand-father served in the military, you are eligible to join. Do you have grand-sons or great-grand sons? They too are eligible to join. High Desert Post 56 pays for their annual dues so there are no out of pocket expenses to you or them.

Please contact me if you are interested or need more details. I will have membership applications at all of our Post 56 regular meetings. Thank you for your consideration.

Marco Manor
Adjutant
Squadron 56

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02 November: Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 04 November: Election Day
- 11 November: Veterans Day – Post 56 Color Guard will lead the Virginia City Parade
- 13 November: Unit 56 Thanksgiving Meal – 5:30 PM
- 13 November: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 19 November: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 27 November: Thanksgiving Day
- 04 December: Post 56/Unit 56 Christmas Party at Gold Dust West – 6:00 PM
- 07 December: Pearl Harbor Day
- 16 December: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 21 December: First day of Winter
- 25 December: Christmas Day
- 31 December: New Year's Eve



THE AMERICAN LEGION *Centennial celebration*

The American Legion National web site has a Centennial Celebration page where all the State Posts can post information, pics, etc. about themselves. Click on the logo above or the link below and then click on NEVADA to see which of our state Posts are listed and what they have said.

<http://centennial.legion.org/histories>

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

An advertisement for renewing American Legion membership online. It features the American Legion logo, the text 'RENEW ONLINE NOW!', and instructions: 'Renew your American Legion Membership quickly and easily online! Simply visit the web address shown below, and follow the easy instructions. You can renew your membership and even print out a temporary membership card. Quick and secure credit card payment.' It includes logos for VISA, MasterCard, and Discover, and the website address 'www.legion.org/renew'. A small screenshot of the website interface is shown on the right.