



The High Desert BUGLE



January / February 2015

**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 8th at 6:30 PM.
Visit our website at <http://american-legion-post56-nv.us/>

POST 56 OFFICERS

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| 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 |

Commander's Comments

Comrades,

Happy Holidays one and all. I hope your Christmas was a joyful one for you, your family, friends and loved ones. The highlight of my Christmas was once again being able to sing with a choir on Christmas Eve after several years of not being able to do so.

Since my last report we had a very informative November meeting with two members of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 388 giving us some valuable information. Brenda Horton, the Volunteer Case Coordinator for the Adopt a Vet Dental Program was our guest speaker. I encourage all of us to take the opportunity to use this program. Good dental hygiene helps to prevent and lessen the effects of everything from the common cold to infections. (I am in no way supported by any dental association) I will have copies of the dentists and contact information at the next meeting if you weren't able to get it in November. Frank Reynolds, President of Chapter 388-VVA, informed of us of the special Honor Flights for Vietnam Vets due to the critical issues related to Agent Orange. I would like to thank them again for speaking to us. Our January meeting will, more than likely, not have a guest speaker due to the holidays. Our Department Commander, Mitch Roach, will be visiting and speaking at one of our meetings early in the year. The date is not set.

December 13th was the District meeting in Carson City. Our Department Commander, Mitch Roach, and Adjutant, Lionel Motta, were in attendance as was our National NEC Alternate, John Warden. Post reports were given, the Oratorical Contest was mentioned and the issue of membership demands by National became the main topic of discussion.

December 20th I assisted with the Oratorical Contest for Post 4 at Western Nevada College. This was a learning experience for me and well worth the time. I was asked to be a judge. There were three contestants from Carson High School as the contestants from Douglas High School did not attend. The contestants were very open, friendly and the speeches well practiced. The Constitution and the Eighth Amendment were the two topics each contestant spoke on. The judging was close. I will be assisting District Oratorical, and District 1st Vice Commander Michael Juckett with the District Contest on January 10th and working with Department Oratorical Chairman Jerry Finley on the 7th of February, both District and Department contests will be at WNC.

A special "Thank You", to everyone at the Gold Dust Casino for their efforts in making our Christmas Party an enjoyable success and another special "Thank You" to Marco and Irma Manor for their donation of time and gifts for the raffle.

Congratulations to T.J. Dennington for graduating Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology from Ashford University. Rick Kaspar has finally connected with the VA and had one of two surgeries. He says he is doing better. We took a vote and really don't care what happens to Gabe Koory. Duct tape a broomstick to your shoulders and hips that should solve the problem. Thank you, Gabe, for helping Rick and bringing Trevor into the SAL.

As the calendar year closes, as does the first half of my year as Commander, I couldn't imagine in July the positive results and increases of our post's activities and events. The Honor/Color Guard increase in events, speakers, the best ever attendances at our meetings, picnic and Christmas party, community events, all of these have made for a memorable year. The only drawback was in membership. Although we haven't reached 100%, I am proud and pleased at the increased participation of the members we do have. Retention and new memberships will be a priority for the coming year.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and successful New Year,

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

Post Adjutant's Report

Fellow Legionnaires,

If you do not have a 2015 membership card as of Jan. 1, 2015, you are delinquent. If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please take the time to do so now.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

John Dickinson
Adjutant
775-246-4024

Honor/Color Guard Report

Thankfully things have slowed down for our team over the holidays. In November, we had a full Color Guard participating in the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City. The Team also participated in a ceremony at the Dayton Valley Cemetery with the Dayton Valley VFW.

In November we also participated in five military burials and in December we participated in three. On January 6th, we will be in Fernley at the Veterans Cemetery to lay one of our Post 56 members to rest. Rick Tobias passed away in early December.

We are still looking for new additions to our Honor Guard. Please contact me for further information on how you too can serve our veteran's families in their time of need.

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

Post 56 Annual Christmas Party

On December 4th we celebrated our 8th annual Christmas Party with a record 71 in attendance. Our Department Commander, Mitch Roach, and Department Adjutant Lionel Motta and wife Robyn were our guests this year. It seems that the new agenda was a huge success. The sit down dinner seemed to work better than the buffet and all of the staff at the Gold Dust West were very polite and helpful. Mark December 10th down on your new 2015 calendars because that date has already been reserved for our 9th annual Christmas Party. Thank you to all that attended.

Gabe Koory & Marco Manor
Co-Chairpersons

Christmas Candy and Nut Sales

The annual candy and nut fund raiser is coming to a close. Thank all of you that participated by buying and selling this year. As of this writing we have only 14 bags left to sell. Whatever is left will be on sale at our January 8th regular meeting. Bring money to the meeting!

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
775-267-4794

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 56

On December 6th the Detachment of Nevada had its Executive Board Meeting in Elko, NV. I attended the meeting as a representative of Squadron 56. A resolution was presented to raise our dues from \$6.00 a year to \$10.00 a year. This resolution was tabled for further review. I might note that it must be passed by a 100% vote by all posts and squadrons before it could take effect. Squadron 56 will be voting **NO** on this resolution.

On February 6th and 7th The Great Western Rendezvous II will be taking place in Las Vegas. In attendance will be several Past National Commanders as well as the Leading Candidate for National Commander, Jeff Frain, from Arizona. There will also be representatives from Wisconsin, Mississippi, California, and Arizona in attendance. I will also be attending this function in my capacity as the Detachment of Nevada North Vice Commander.

The Detachment of Nevada Commander, Joe Keiser, challenged our squadron to increase our membership by 11 this year. That was accomplished in December and our membership now stands at 66. At this time, we are not accepting any new members.

Marco Manor
Squadron 56 Adjutant
Detachment Vice Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01 January: New Year's Day
- 08 January: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 19 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 January: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 12 February: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 14 February: Valentine's Day
- 16 February: President's Day
- 25 February: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 08 March: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 March: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 17 March: St. Patrick's Day
- 25 March: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 03 April: Good Friday
- 04 April: Passover
- 05 April: Easter Sunday
- 09 April: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 22 April: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM



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>

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