



The High Desert BUGLE



July / August 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 July 9th at 6:30 PM.

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

POST 56 OFFICERS

Commander	Richard Eberly	434-3386
1 st Vice Commander	John Riggs	358-7119
2 nd Vice Commander	John Lancaster	425-1872
Adjutant	Kim Eberly	315-5784
Finance Officer	Marco Manor	267-4794
Chaplain	Jim Kelley	750-0784
Sgt-at-Arms	Bob Higgins	265-7898
Historian	John Riggs	358-7119

UNIT 56 OFFICERS

President	Kendra Sherwood	575-6219
1 st Vice President	Barbara Dickinson	246-4024
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

Hello Post Members,

I just wanted to take the time to say thank you for voting me into the commander's position this year. **On another note, thank you to all my fellow post members that stepped forward to fill the various vacant positions and who will be serving with me this year. Working together I am sure that we will face the many challenges that lie ahead and will make this a very successful year.**

As we venture forward this year, below you will find a list of some of my things that I would like to focus on during my time as commander:

- Different fund raisers to help bring in some more money for the post, so we can continue to help our fellow post members and veterans.
- Recruiting some new and younger members to our post.
- Working more with our community to let them know about our organization and what we do for our members and veterans.

Thank you again and hope I have your continued support in our efforts to expand our post.

Richard Eberly
Commander, High Desert Post 56

1st Vice Commander's Report

Comrades,

Thank you for electing me First Vice Commander of our post. For those of you who don't know me, I served in the US Army in both Germany and Viet Nam as an E-5. In Germany I served proudly with the 4th Armor Division in the 2/14th Artillery & then the 1/37th Armor as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman and then the 25th Infantry Division's 4th Bn (MECH) 23rd Infantry in 1968.

I look forward to a great new year for our Post and you all renewing your membership for 2016. Do not forget, the Legion Year ended on June 30th and we move forward in the comradeship of the American Legion locally, regionally, statewide, nationwide and worldwide into a new Legion Year.

Look around you: Do you see or know an eligible veteran who is not a Legionnaire? Ask them to join High Desert Post 56 and tell them that they will be among friends at our meetings, our summer picnic and Christmas Party.

Our dues are still only \$25 per year, which is very inexpensive compared to many other groups. Currently your membership expired June 30, 2015. Please renew ASAP and keep our Post strong.

I just attended the state convention in Reno and the state needs your support. Your membership is very important so please help by renewing now.

John Riggs
2nd Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander's Report

The Post 56/Unit 56 Annual Picnic will be Saturday, Aug 15th, at James Lee Park in Indian Hills. The park has been reserved from 10 AM until 4 PM. The Post will buy and prepare the meat and the Unit will provide side dishes, salads, desserts, and everything else. The Post will also supply water and soft drinks. BYOB. Since we need to know how much meat to buy, we will be passing around sign-up sheets at the next member meeting in July. If you are unable to attend the July meeting, we ask that you email us or call us and let us know how many will be in your party. We hope you will be able to make it and have a good time with your fellow Legionnaires and their families.

For God and Country,

John Lancaster
2nd Vice Commander

Post Adjutant's Report

Hello:

Thank you to everyone, who has asked me to take over the position of Adjutant of Post #56. I look forward to serving as the Adjutant and hope that I can be as successful in this position as the previous Adjutants were. There are many challenges that lay before me and I only can ask that you all be patience as I learn the responsibilities of this position.

Kim Eberly
Adjutant

Honor/Color Guard Report

These past two months have been very busy for us not only doing funerals but helping our community by posting the colors at several events.

We have lost another member to sick call. Gabe Koory is now out for an extended period of time. We all wish Rick Kaspar and Gabe a speedy recovery.

The good news is that we picked up two new members, Verne Horton and Charles Lund. Verne will soon become a member of Post 56. Verne has also earned his Honor Guard pin by participating in over 10 military burials.

Our former member, Leon Werner and his wife Donna will soon be back in Nevada. They sold their home in Alabama and decided that Nevada is where they really wanted to be. Hopefully Leon will be taking over command of our Honor/Color Guard when he returns.

We still need more members to step up and join the Honor/Color Guard. The ad that was placed in the newspaper got one response and she wanted to join. However, I haven't heard back from her since my initial contact.

We all hope that everyone has a safe 4th of July and if you are not busy, please join us at the parade in Virginia City.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
Captain of the Guard

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

This past weekend we had our Detachment Convention in Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort. We had five of our members present and I believe that was the most of any Squadron in attendance. In attendance were Commander Matthew Sherwood, Adjutant Marco Manor, Junior Past Commander Ben Casad, 1st Vice Commander John Riggs, and Ed Carson.

Two very import resolutions were passed by the Detachment and then passed by the Department of Nevada. The first resolution was to increase our annual dues from \$6.00 per member to \$8.00. The second resolution that passed was to permit Detachment Officers to serve two years in a row at the same position. This was done for training purposes.

Four of our members were elected and appointed to Detachment positions. Our Commander Matthew Sherwood was appointed to serve as Detachment Chaplain for another year. Our Post 56 Junior Past Commander Ben Casad was appointed to serve as Judge Advocate. Our Post 56 1st Vice Commander John Riggs was elected to the position of Junior Vice Commander of Northern Nevada. I was elected to the position of Senior Vice Commander of Nevada.

Our membership goal for next year is to increase our membership by 1%. That has already happened with the seven new members that John has sponsored. Due to the limitations on our membership by the Department of Nevada, we will not be accepting any additional members this year.

If there are any Sons of the American Legion members that would like to join the Post 56 Color Guard, please contact me for more information.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor-Adjutant
High Desert Squadron 56

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04 July: Independence Day – Post 56 leads parade in Virginia City
- 09 July: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 20 July: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 13 August: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 15 August: Post 56/Unit 56 Summer Picnic at James Lee Park
- 24 August: 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>

We need you!!!!

To renew your membership! Our membership is currently at 74.5%. We need all of you that have not renewed your 2015 membership to get it in. It is not too late. Several members joined our post last year from Post 100 and still haven't paid their dues for 2015. Please continue your membership with our post. Remember, you can renew on line.

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

RENEW ONLINE NOW!

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.

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