



The High Desert BUGLE



September / October 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 at
Veterans Memorial Hall at the corner of 2nd and Curry Street, Carson City.

Our next meeting will be held on September 10th at 6:30 PM.

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

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Commander's Comments

To my fellow veterans:

Just wanted to thank you all for showing up to our annual picnic this year. We had a great time, excellent food and company, a little entertainment and plenty of help from the Sea Cadets.

Hope to see more of our veterans at our meetings this year. Remember, our regular meetings are on the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30PM located at the Veterans Memorial Hall on the corner of Curry and 2nd St.

Thank You.

Richard Eberly
Commander, High Desert Post 56

1st Vice Commander's Report

Comrades,

Membership call to all of our members: PYDD ASAP. Yes, we need everyone to renew ASAP and help to get other members to re-up in Post 56! Talk to your Comrades, Brothers and Sisters to send in their membership dues to the Post or do it online right away. So PYDD or "Pay Your Darn Dues".

At the last convention we were alerted to that fact that the organization nationally is down 16% and we need growth locally, statewide and nationally so we can deliver services to our veterans. We have so many homeless, disabled and displaced veterans that need our help that action is dire. We also have a problem of fakes pretending they are veterans to gain access to our services and the VA that the Federal Government passed the "Stolen Valor Act" to give us and law enforcement the power to sort them out.

Congressman Mark Amodei's Town Hall meeting at the California Building in Idlewild Park: Last month I met with the Staff of Congressman Mark Amodei and he answered many questions about his job, Congress in general and legislation dealing with veterans in general. He had the top staff of the VA Hospital and the VA. Additionally, the NV Department of Veterans Affairs was represented by Director Kat Miller, Col. US Army (Ret.)

I was also invited by his Staff to have lunch with them and the Commander and Officers of Post #1 Reno to discuss the Reno GAR Cemetery (Hillside Cemetery) – Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Reno on Angel Street. Post #1 presented information and material examples (fencing) for improving this Veterans Cemetery. The Staff stated all would be presented to the Congressman to seek avenues for funding.

Again, we need all of our members to renew their dues and to sign up your veteran children and grandchildren. Any veteran friends or other relatives you have, bring them into the American Legion.

John Riggs
1st Vice Commander

Honor/Color Guard Report

The guard has been very busy these past two months. We would like to welcome back Past Post Commander Leon Werner and his wife Donna who recently returned to Nevada from Alabama. We tried to tell them not to leave the greatest location in the World. 😊

We also have three new members to our team and they have been very active in participating in our funerals. Verne Horton, Charlie Lund, and Jim Jackson are all welcome additions.

We will soon be saying good-bye to one of our original Honor/Color Guard members, Joe Hanus. Joe has participated in more functions over the past several years than any other member. We have participated in 490 events to date and Joe will be leaving us after participating in number 500. Joe, you will be greatly missed by the entire team and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for the post and our team.

Our next scheduled event will be the Labor Day parade in Virginia City on Monday, September 7th at Noon. It would be great if some of our members showed up to either walk the parade with us or root us on as we lead yet another parade.

For God and Country,
Marco Manor
Captain of the Guard

Veterans Hall Report

The Veterans Hall Board meeting was held 5 August 2015.

1. The flag pole light: It has been received and we tried to install it last Saturday during our Honor Guard training. We couldn't get the bolt loose to remove the pole. We'll try again at a later date with different tools.
2. The first aid kit should have been procured by now but it isn't in the hall yet. We will learn more at the next meeting about its status. The defibrillator will not be approved; we will have to call the fire dept. if it is needed.
3. Fixing the rocks in front of the hall is an ongoing and unresolved matter.
4. Still trying to obtain a new cigarette ashtray for the outside front of the hall. If anyone has anything that would work let me know.
5. We are still trying to get the sign on the outside of the building repainted; also a continuing item.

The next board meeting is Wed 2 Sep 2015. If anyone has something they want me to bring up at the meeting that is for the betterment of the hall and ALL users, let me know. We have moved the tables in the hall to make more room behind the podium so the officers are not so crowded. There is still plenty of room at the tables and at the door entrance.

Bob Higgins
Veterans Hall Representative

Post 56 Fund Raisers

It is that time of the year to start our two major fund raisers.

Our 2016 calendars are currently being printed and will be here soon. This year we will be selling them for \$10.00 each with the proceeds to benefit our veterans and their families. Now is the time to start getting people lined up to purchase them. The Navy Sea Cadets will be helping us sell them this year. I would like to personally thank the San Diego Wholesale Florist for purchasing 100 of our calendars. Their owner is a member of our post.

The last page of this newsletter is an image of what our calendar will look like.

Our annual candy and nut fund raisers will be getting under way soon. The order forms have been ordered and will be passed out at our October regular meeting. That will give everyone a month to take orders so we can get them their merchandise before Christmas. Everyone needs to get involved with this year's fund raiser. Again the owner of the San Diego Wholesale Florist has stepped up and preordered 200 boxes of our candy. Thank you very much Don.

BINGO AT THE VETERANS HALL!

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) will be holding their monthly bingo night on Saturday, September 19th. Food will be served at 5:00 PM and the bingo will begin after everyone is done and the ladies have cleaned up (they like to play too.) The food is free but donations are accepted and appreciated.

Bingo cards are \$1 each per game or 6 for \$5. Ten games are played and the winner of the first nine games wins 50 percent of the pot (which depends on the number of participants.) The 10th game is a blackout and the winner takes all. This month the FRA will donate all proceeds to Douglas County Suicide Prevention.

High Desert Post 56 members have been invited to join them and share the fun and help a needy cause. They hope to see as many of us as possible. If you enjoy bingo, be there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07 September: Labor Day – Post 56 leads parade in Virginia City
- 10 September: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 24 September: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 08 October: Post 56/Unit 56 Member Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 19 October: Post 56 Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

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



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