



THE BUGLE



Chaplains' Corner



It is now past Thanksgiving and we are all full of turkey
And all the goodies that go with it.

Since I last wrote some members from the Post and
Auxiliary made a visit to the VA Hospital and delivered 70 packets to the
Veterans. It is always a worthwhile trip as they are always so happy to
See us and visit.

Get well cards were sent to Alex Lynch, John York and George Hampson.
Hope you are all on the mend. If you hear of a member that is ill, has had
A death in the family or some other distress please let me know.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays.

Carl E. Long, Chaplain

SPECIAL NOTICE

Washington- With identity theft as a major fraud reported
by Americans in 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs
has designed a new identity card for veterans that will
safeguard confidential information.

The card, formally known as the Veterans identification
Card (VIC) will have Veterans' photos on the front and
identify them as enrollees in the VA's health care system.
The card includes the words "service connected" under the
photo if the veteran has a service-connected disability.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the
nation. The Federal Trade Commission listed identity theft
as the number one fraud reported by consumers in 2003.
Requests from veterans and their congressional
representatives were instrumental in bringing about these
latest changes.

The new VIC ensures the security of veterans' personal
information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans
receive the benefits and services they've earned, said
Kristin Cunningham of the business office for VA's health
care system.

**Veterans should request the new card at their local
VA medical center. Once eligibility is verified
processing will take up to seven days. VA hopes to
complete the conversion to the new, safer card by
mid-November. The existing cards will remain valid
until veterans receive their new cards.**



Special Events

December 9	Post 56 and Aux Unit Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 11	District 4 Meeting in Dayton	10:00 a.m.
December 11	Post 56/Aux Unit Christmas Dinner	6:00 p.m.
	RSVP - \$5.00 per person	
December 22	Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux Unit	6:30 p.m.
	Forty and Eight to follow Executive Meeting	
December 25	Merry Christmas to All	
January 1	Happy New Year	
January 13	Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux Unit	7:00 p.m.
January 26	Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux Unit	6:30 p.m.
	Forty and Eight to follow Executive Meeting	

December 2004 - January 2005



Commander's Comments

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the American Legion,
High Desert Post 56. Each of you contributes to our success and ability
to assist our Veterans, their families, community, state and nation.
In reviewing this past year, we have accomplished many things. We have
collected literally thousands of aluminum cans for our can drive, and this
has allowed us to feed the homeless vets and the homeless on Sunday
mornings, as well as support various veterans programs. We have
collected many paperbacks for the vets at the VA Hospital, countless
numbers of toiletries for the vets, clothing, including jackets for the
homeless vets and homeless of Carson City. Without your caring and your
donations we would not be able to accomplish this.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you attend our second annual
Thanksgiving Post and Auxiliary Dinner on November 20, 2004. The food
was terrific, and of course your company is what made this a special
evening for so many of us.

We have an important District 4 meeting on Saturday December 11 at
10am in Dayton. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend this
meeting. You will see many different Posts attend this, and share in the
comradeship of fellow veterans and Legionnaires.

Our second annual Christmas Dinner is on Saturday December 11 at 6pm.
The Auxiliary is putting on a traditional Ham dinner with an ornament
exchange. Please join us in the fun and family oriented time.

Merry Christmas to all, and a safe and prosperous New Year!
Veterans serving veterans for God and Country,

Joseph Canyon, Commander

ADJUTANT, Joe Hanus

Member's need to know that by re-upping you are in fact
helping yourself. By reaching our target dates we stand to
receive funds back from National and in addition be exempt
from reimbursement fees we are able to continue
operating without the need to raise per capita dues. Also
there is the added benefit of relieving our post from
increasing dues. So you see it's a win-win situation. thus
if you haven't been paid up, it's a good idea to do it this
month.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT, Mike Derrick

Had a great turnout for Thanksgiving Dinner. Enough food left
over for members to take home and the rest went to feed the
homeless. Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas
Dinner on 12/11/04'

Remember the Christmas Dinner on

December 11th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm - \$5.00/person.

Reservations must be by calling Romona at 885-7585 or Blake 841-1369.
Payment and reservations can be made at the December 9th meeting,

UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT



Presidents Comments:

I would like to thank everyone who attended our second annual Thanksgiving Post/Auxiliary Party on Saturday November 20, 2004. We had wonderful food that was prepared by many of our Auxiliary members as well as Post members.

A special thank you to our Kitchen Chairwoman I lovingly refer to as "Our Kitchen Queen." Ramona has done such a fabulous job coordinating each of our events with great leadership ability in delegating various jobs to each of us, to make our events go so smoothly. It appears effortlessly from the perspective of a guest, when in fact it is EXTREME coordination and direction that makes it appear so, all thanks to the direction of Ramona.

We now are coming to the close of another year in just a few short weeks. We have two events coming up for the Auxiliary. We will be attending the District 4 Meeting in Dayton on Saturday 11 of November from 10am-1pm. The evening of November 11 is also our second annual Post/Auxiliary Christmas Party, with ornament exchange. The dinner is five dollars per person, and we will have a traditional Ham dinner with all the trimmings. Please respond to our phone committee members, Rose Janonis and Pat Ayers, as they will be calling you to confirm your attendance, and suggest a side dish for you to bring to the dinner.

Thank you everyone for a great year. I know the New Year brings new adventures for us all. Let us not forget that we have many of our soldiers facing Christmas without their loved ones. Let us all say a prayer for them, and pray they come home to their families and a great full nation for their defense of our FREEDOM, and those of the oppressed people around the world.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year to you all.

Women serving Veterans for God and Country,
Blake Amsterdam-Canyon, President

1ST Vice President, Donna Duncan

"BLUE STAR BANNER PROJECT"

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56 will be purchasing Blue Star Banners to give out to mothers in Carson City who have a son or daughter currently in the military. The Unit will purchase Blue Star Service "Home Window" decals and decals for car windows. Any member of Post 56 or Unit 56 who knows of a mother in the community who has a child in service, please advise Blake Amsterdam-Canyon and members of Unit 56 will contact the mother. Blue Star Banners date back to 1918 when mothers whose sons' were killed in action wore black arm bands displaying a gold star. About the same the Blue Star Banner was instituted to honor family members in military service. If the need arises, the Auxiliary will also purchase Gold Star Service Banners. With the advent of Operation Iraqi Freedom, there has been a renewed interest in displaying Blue Star Banners. A banner can display up to 3 blue stars. Banners may be displayed by anyone who has a family member in military service.



"Happy Birthday To You"

Kera Amsterdam 12/08
Jean Hamson 1/14
Betty Ryser 1/13



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Thanksgiving is past and we are in the Holy and Joyful Season.

No reports of any illnesses. Please call me if you know of Anyone who is ill, in distress or has had a death in the family.

Happy and Blessed Holidays to all of you.

Ramona Long, Chaplain

Secretary, Rose Janonis

To all members, I know a lot of you are members in name only, who don't come to meetings or participate. We appreciate you dues but I would very much like you to be a part of the dinners we have. The money we raise goes to the Veterans and the community. It also helps us feed our homeless Veterans. We hope to see you at our next dinner.

The Kitchen Queen, Romona Long

First of all a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all who helped make our Thanksgiving feast successful. We heard nothing but good reports. The carvers, helpers, food preparation and clean up crew without all of you it would not have been successful.

We are missing a long, plastic tablecloth (tan background with colored fruit) and a large multi-colored hot pad. Please bring these items to the meeting on December 9th.

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Recipe of the Month

- 1 8oz cream cheese
- 1 small pkg Instant Pudding (Diabetics use Sugar Free)
- 1 8oz Cool Whip
- 1 cup milk
- 1 small can crushed pineapple (drained well)
- 1 Cup Coconut
- 1 cup walnuts chopped fine

Cream cheese until smooth add cool whip and blend. In another bowl

Mix milk and pudding together then add cheese mixture. Blend until smooth. Spread onto cake. Top with drained pineapple, sprinkle coconut and walnuts. Refrigerate for several hours and enjoy.