



The American Legion
American Legion Auxiliary
High Desert Post 56
PO Box 2848
Carson City, Nevada 89702

May-June-July 2004

Joseph Canyon, Commander 841-1369
Joe Hanus, Adjutant 883-5131

Commanders Comments:

I would like to thank each and every member of the Post and Auxiliary for your letters of support that you wrote to the Judge Advocate of the Department of Nevada. Your letters of support had a definite impact on the specially convened meeting of the Department of Nevada Executive Committee. Blake and I attended this meeting on April 28, 2004 in Boulder City, Nevada. It was the decision of the panel (5 DEC members and 2 alternates) to find each charge (4) unfounded, for unbecoming a Legionnaire. Your Commander was found to be a Legionnaire in good standing.

I am running for District 4 Commander for 2004-2005. This election will be held in Carson City at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. I would appreciate your support and attendance at this District 4 Convention here in Carson City.

We had our first initiation of new members of the Post/Auxiliary on March 13, at the Veterans Memorial Hall and St. Patty's Day Dinner. A very successful event. Thank you to the Auxiliary. We have many planned events for the next two months, see event list.

We have received the Brieden Pins, for recruiting 5 NEW members, (not transfers) you receive one pin for every new member you brought into Post 56. This pin can be worn on your Legion Cap.

The Legion caps have arrived that were ordered, if you placed an order please contact the Commander for retrieval of your cap.

The homeless project is continuing on Sunday am and Wednesday pm. I would like to thank Rose and Ken Janonis, Ben and Donna Duncan, and Carl Long for all there help and support. Remember to save your aluminum cans we turn them into cash for the feeding of the homeless and various vets programs.

Post officers have been elected/appointed for 2004-2005. The current officers will continue in their positions, except for the change of our Finance Officer. Our new Finance Officer is Marco Manor. Welcome aboard Marco.

Every Thursday we have a Service Officer at Fish from 1-5.

I want to thank everyone for all your help. **UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!**

Post Officers:

<i>Commander</i>	<i>Joseph Canyon</i>
<i>Adjutant</i>	<i>Joe Hanus</i>
<i>First vice</i>	<i>Brian O'Connell</i>
<i>Second Vice</i>	<i>Mike Derrick</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Marco Manor</i>
<i>Service Officer</i>	<i>Joseph Canyon</i>
<i>Sergeant At Arms</i>	<i>Ken Janonis</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Carl Long</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Gerald St. Ledger-Barter</i>

Meeting 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm Veterans Memorial Hall 2nd and Curry St.

Adjutant:

First Vice-Commander:

Chaplain Corner:

Things have been fairly quiet since we last wrote for the newsletter.

Our deepest sympathy goes to George and Jean Hampson with the passing of George's sister. May she rest in peace.

Carl Long, your Chaplain had Carpal Tunnel surgery, and is doing very well. He misses getting out into his workshop and doing his woodwork. Won't be much longer now and Carl will be back in the swing of things.

If you know of anyone who is ill or ailing, please contact Carl at 885-7585.

Chaplain Carl Long

Auxiliary Chaplain Corner:

Audrey Sowers, wife of Richard Sowers was back in the hospital again, and is now home recovering. Hope your doing much better now Audrey.

Karen Lott has been down with her back, hope you on the mend Karen.

In memory of Eleanora Shearer, we received a check for \$50.00 from the Natives and Newcomers as a donation. It will go to a good cause. Eleanora was the Mother of our member Charlene Turner.

Cards were sent to all of the above, Get Well, Sympathy, and thank you.

If you know of anyone who is ill or ailing in the auxiliary, please contact Ramona at 885-7585.

May the good Lord bless you and keep you well until we meet again.

Chaplain Ramona Long

2nd Vice Commander:

Mike Derrick

We are putting together our First annual Banquet for July 10, 2004 at the Carson Nugget,

with a no host bar at 6, dinner at 7. This is a buffet; tickets are eighteen dollar each paid for in advance. (there may be some tickets available at the door) Encourage your family and friends to attend this fundraiser. There will be a silent auction, raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing. If you have item you wish to donate for the silent auction or raffle, contact Mike Derrick at 782-6519.

Auxiliary President Comments:

I would like to thank everyone of our auxiliary women who prepared food, served it and cleaned up after it for our St. Patty's Day dinner and initiation of new members. You did a fantastic job. We would like to welcome our newest member to the Auxiliary, Phyllis Nolze. Auxiliary ladies we will be assembling the Vets toiletry packets on Sunday, May 16 at 2pm. Those who are interested in helping call me at 841-1369. Please join us on Saturday May 22 when we deliver these packets to our Veterans at the VA Hospital in Reno. We like to visit and chat with them a bit, and let them know that they aren't forgotten.

The Auxiliary donated one hundred-dollar scholar ship award on Saturday April 24, 2004 at the Navel Junior ROTC Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Nugget. We are awarded this to Cadet Christopher Mac Mahon to further his education. This is the future of our military, in these students who have been in the ROTC from freshman to seniors. Chris Mac Mahon has enlisted in the Navy and will serving his country beginning June 24, 2004.

Congratulations to our newly elected Auxiliary officers: We have a busy year ahead.

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon	President
Donna Duncan	1st Vice President
Irma Manor	2nd Vice President
Rose Janonis	Secretary-Treasurer
Chaplain	Ramona Long
Sergeant - At-Arms	Marge Derrick
Historian	Pat Ayers

If anyone is interested in being our recording secretary, Rose will be happy to give that position to you. She is very busy with being our Treasurer. She would appreciate it if she could have an assistant to aid her. Don't be shy, just call Rose and let her know. Poppy Donations begin the first of May. We need volunteers to distribute the Poppy's. Please call Blake ASAP. 841-1369

Thank you ladies, each of you, for being part of our team in the Auxiliary. Without you, we wouldn't exist. You're the Best.

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon, President

EVENTS

**** Tickets are now available for the raffle for the new Washer/Dryer. Drawing to be held on Saturday August 14th at our 2nd annual Post/Aux Picnic. Prices are a dollar each or six for five dollars. ****

1. April 24 NJ ROTC Banquet Nugget 6:30pm Scholar Ship Award given by Unit 56 Auxiliary in the amount of \$100.00
2. May is Poppy Month.....May 1-31 Collect Donations for Poppy's money goes to Veterans programs
3. Installation of new Post/Aux Officers Saturday May 15th at Grandma Hattie's from 1-4, lunch is \$10 per person, includes gratuity. Auxiliary officers to be installed wear white.
4. Gun Show Saturday and Sunday May 8 & 9 at 9am. At the Community Center the Post will be there at a booth promoting the American Legion, High Desert Post 56, with information for veterans.
5. American Legion Info booth at Lampe Park on May 19th from 8am-1pm (Farmers Market in Gardnerville)
6. Saturday, May 22 trip to the VA Hospital to deliver toiletries to our Veterans and visit with them.
7. May 27 WW2 Luncheon at Pinon Plaza 11-1pm in conjunction with Post 56 honoring WW2 veterans.
This luncheon is FREE to WW2 Veterans. RSVP to Commander Canyon.
8. Memorial Day, May 31 Dayton Cemetery Memorial Service contact Commander at 9am. We will be in conjunction with Legion Post 53 of Dayton, and the VFW in Dayton. I encourage you to attend, as this is a very good ceremony honoring our deceased Veterans.
9. June 12 District #4 Convention in Carson @ Veterans Memorial Hall 2nd and Curry June 12 at 9am.
10. June 25-26-27 Dept NV Convention in Elko
11. Commander's BBQ July 4, 2004
12. Our first Post/Auxiliary Banquet will be on Saturday July 10th at 6pm-9pm. There will be a silent auction, raffles, 50/50. Dinner is eighteen dollars per person, includes gratuity. No host bar from 6-7pm
RSVP IS MANDATORY. Please, RSVP to Mike Derrick, at 782-6519.
. If you have a donation for the silent auction or raffle, please contact Mike Derrick at 782-6519.
RSVP. This is an important Fundraiser for the Post. I encourage everyone to please attend, invite your family and friends too. There will be awards presented to Post/Aux members this night.
13. Post 56 annual garage sale. Date and time to be announced.
14. Auxiliary annual garage sale will be in July. Date to be announced.