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February - March 2005

Commander's Comments

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the American Legion, I made a decision in December to resign as the District 4 Commander. I resigned as District 4 Commander on Saturday, December 11, 2004. My decision was based on "for the good of the Legion", and personal reasons.

I would encourage our members to consider being an officer in District 4, with a letter of intent by May 1, 2005. The election will take place on June 11 at the District 4 Convention here in Carson City at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Our membership in Post 56 needs to grow. We have lost some of our members due to relocation to other areas, and demise. We are down in membership from last year, and we need to continue to grow in order to be strong and be able to help our fellow veterans, community and nation. Let's all work to bring in one new member each over the next two months.

Thank you to Brian O'Connell, for being our membership chairman for the aluminum can drive. Brian picks up cans from various people and ocations and turns them in for money for our Post. Great job Brian keep up the good work!

Thank you to Ken Janonis for being our chairman for the feeding of the homeless veteran and homeless. Ken & Rose, Ben and Donna Duncan and Carl Long are feeding our homeless veterans and homeless every Sunday morning at Mills park from 9-11am. We truly are appreciative of your devotion of mutual helpfulness for our Veterans and our homeless community.

Thank you for our members Ken & Rose, Ben & Donna Duncan, Kathy Doyle for attending the Stand Down for homeless veterans and the homeless in Reno. This was put on by the VA Hospital in Reno for the homeless veterans outreach program. There were 500 plus people attending this Stand Down. I was proud to be a part of this program which reaches out to our homeless veterans in need.

I am proud of all of our officers in our Post as well as our many members. We have come a long way from our beginning as a Post. Without you as our members we would not exist. Thank you everyone, for everything that you do, no matter how big or how small, it is because of our members that we are able to accomplish what we have.

Joseph Canyon, Commander

1st VICE COMMANDER, Brian O'Connell & ADJUTANT, Joe Hanus

The chart included in this issue shows that Post 56 membership is running below last year, Our goal this year was to reach 100 by the beginning of 2005. For those of you who have yet to re-up we really need your presence in this post. It will be your way of contributing to the welfare of needy veterans, By attending our monthly meetings you will know the activities in which we are involved. We have received recognition from Senator Reid and the past Mayor of Carson City for some of our activities. Please reconsider the value of your membership in Post 56.

Chaplains' Corner

Hello from the Chaplains corner:



Our Brother John York took time off to visit his friends in the hospital for a few days. He had to stay due to bleeding ulcers. John, that is a heck of a way to get off playing golf!!!! When I saw John last week he was on his way to recovery.

This is the only report on any members that were ill. Please call me if you know of anyone ill or there is a berveament in the Post.

Carl E. Long, Chaplain

SPECIAL NOTICE



Special Events

February	10	Post 56 and Aux Unit Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February	14	Valentine's Day	♥
February	21	President's Day	
February	23	Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux Unit	6:30 p.m.
		Forty and Eight to follow Executive Meeting	
March	10	Quarterly PotLuck \$6.00/person	6:00p.m.
		Reservations needed	
		Post 56/Aux Unit Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March	12	District 4 Meeting in Fallon	10:00a.m.
March	17	St. Patricks' Day	
March	23	Executive Meeting Post 56/Aux	6:30 p.m.
		Forty and Eight to follow Executive Meeting	
March	27	Easter Sunday	

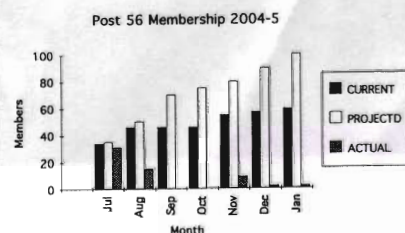
Reservations must be by calling Romona at 885-7585 or Blake 841-1369. for all special dinners Payment and reservations can be made at the December 9th meeting,



2nd VICE PRESIDENT, Mike Derrick

Happy New Year, be sure and give your 'honey' a nice Valentine surprise and don't forget to make your reservations for the March dinner.

Feb-05				
Membership Current and Projected (July-04 Jun-05)				
	CURRENT	PROJECTD	ACTUAL	NEEDED
	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	THIS MO.	THIS MO.
Jul	34	35	31	0
Aug	46	50	15	15
Sep	46	70	0	20
Oct	46	75	0	5
Nov	55	80	9	5
Dec	57	90	2	10
Jan	59	100	2	10
Feb			113	13
Mar			128	15



UNIT 56 AUXILIARY REPORT



Presidents Comments:

Thank you everyone who attended our annual Christmas Post and Auxiliary Party. We all had a wonderful time, fabulous food, and the ornament exchange was so much fun.

A special thank you for our Kitchen Queen, Ramona who does such a fabulous job of coordinating everything, without her expertise our Christmas Party would not go as smoothly. Our Auxiliary phone committee does a terrific job of letting our Post and Auxiliary members know of our special events. Thank you Rose and Pat.

We have many events upcoming in the next few months. Please consider becoming an officer for the Auxiliary for the year 2005-2006. We will need a President, First Vice-president, Second vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at Arms, & Chaplain. These positions will be open and nomination and election of officers will take place in April.

In March we will be having an Auxiliary Pot luck dinner on March 10th. We will be talking about this and planning our meal at our next meeting on February 10th.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Please remember to save your sample size bottles of toiletries for our annual trip to the VA Hospital in Reno in May. Also, save those aluminum cans, the Post utilizes them for the various veterans programs including feeding homeless vets. We are still collecting paper back books for the for the veterans in the hospital.

Have a great week and see you at our meeting.

Blake Amsterdam-Canyon, President

1ST Vice President, Donna Duncan

American Legion High Desert Post 56 and Auxiliary were represented at the Homeless and Homeless Veterans' Stand Down at the Reno Convention Center on Tuesday, January 25. Hosting the Post 56 table were Ken and Rose Janonis. Also in attendance were Joseph Canyon and Ben and Donna Duncan.

There were booths representing the VA Health Care System, Washoe County Health Dept. and Dept. of Social Services, the State Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Vet's Center. Job information, clothing, haircuts, personal hygiene supplies, and drug and alcohol recovery information were available to persons requiring those types of assistance.

The Salvation Army provided lunch but the supply of food ran out before everyone had a chance to get his or her lunch.

A 5 P.M. dinner was provided by the Sportsmen Against Hunger organization. There were approximately 300 homeless persons attending the Stand Down.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Things have been very quiet this past 2 months but I sent a Get Well Card to our President Blake as she ended up in bed for several days with another flare-up. In December I sent out one birthday card and in January I sent out 3 birthday cards to members. Dolores Miller had a hip replacement on Jan. 26th so we want to wish her a speedy recovery even though we know it is a long healing process.

Please call me if you know of any illnesses or bereavements.

May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You.

Ramona Long, Chaplain



Secretary, Rose Janonis

No report this month.

The Kitchen Queen, Romona Long

Thursday, March 10th, we will have a potluck dinner prior to the regular meetings. Please bring a dish large enough to feed 12. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. sharp with a donation of \$6.00 each.

Any questions please contact Ramona Long at 885-7585.



Recipe of the Month **CALICO BEANS**

Brown: 1 pound hamburger
1 large onion chopped
1 clove of garlic chopped

Place in slow cooker and add:
2 cans Pork & Beans
1 can drained Kidney Beans
1 can drained Garbanzo Beans
1 can drained Black Beans

Mix in 1 cup Ketchup
¼ cup Brown Sugar
3 Tbs White vinegar
1 Tbs Liquid Smoke
Salt and Pepper to taste

Now add 1 can drained Butter Beans

Cook on High for 1 hour then on Low for 6 - 8 hours



"Happy Birthday To You"

Marge Derrick 2/12
Rose Janonis 2/12
Alice Early 2/26
Judy Malo 2/26

February 17, 2005

HELP! WE NEED YOUR - HELP !

Legionnaires,

You are alive - yes with and aches and pains and a story to tell, but alive ! Alive, to continue the fight. And fight we must!

Our war is over. We won. We survived. And we came home a blessing to our dear wives and children. Alive and determined to make a life for ourselves; and we did it.

Look, we see you as a proud survivor. You came to us in the Legion because somehow deep within your heart you knew that the fight was not over. You joined us to help us to continue the never ending fight.

Dammit we know you as a fighter! A damn good fighter!. Hell, any day I'd share a foxhole with any of you; or a bunk on a fighting ship ; or a gunner on a flying fortress.

Today you're in a different kind of bunker- a heated room, a TV, a couch, a snack, warm, complacent. You can't even hear the incoming.

Guys, it ain't over. Dammit, we need you. First, if you haven't renewed do it now. **NOW**. OK, so you've done it.

How about -

1) Breaking away and attending our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

2) Notifying you congressman of your stance on the

impending legislation. (See enclosure)

3) If your interest in keeping Post 56 is strong enough, we are asking you to submit your name as a candidate for any of the offices of Post 56 - Commander, 1st Vice Commander or 2nd Vice Commander. Or let us know if you want to be considered for the appointed job of the adjutant, the Chaplin, the finance officer or the sargeant-at-arms. Such elections will take place in May.

OK, we've got good guys running the show now. But you are important to us. Without you there's a loss. We lose your presence and the commaderie and the experience only you can bring to us.

Look, who else in your life outside your family can ever appreciate your service to our country other than guys who have done it? Blood brothers, scarred for life, battle worn, aching in a way few understand. You will be forever part of us. We will be forever part of you. As comrades in battle, we know you. Sure, you know us. Come see us. We hold you in a higher esteem as no other group. We miss your presence.

Come join the battle. You have great comrades at your side. With you we will win.

Get off your duff.

Re-up if you haven't done so.

Show up second Thursday (We'll even feed you)

Let your congressman know your stand on the current legislation.

Joe Hanus
Post 56 Adjutant

see enclosures