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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

JANUARY 2006

FROM THE COMMANDER

New Year's Greetings to all. When I look back at the accomplishments of Post 853 during 2005 I see improvements to our facility such as heat and air conditioning, deck enhancements, a new patio as well as changes in the bar area. But I also see an increased involvement in American Legion programs, District meetings and the Department convention, and we saw a larger number of members attending our meetings. All of this indicates that we are an active and vibrant Post. Thanks to all who helped make it so. Let's all of us join in to keep up the momentum and even accelerate it during 2006.

Post 255 in National City has initiated a "Soldiers for Soldiers" program to reach out to children who have lost a parent during the war on terror and they are asking for help from other Posts. It won't cost us a dime, but rather donations of empty inkjet cartridges and used cell phones. Each cartridge collected provides \$1. and each cell phone \$3. for the American Legion charities. If you have any of these items, bring them to our Post. For more information, check the notice on our bulletin board and visit www.legion.org online and click "Soldiers for Soldiers".

Bob Juers

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Phillip Bonwell Paul Byrnes Paul Picard
Maile Ragland Charles Taylor
James Underwood David Weisbach

CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

My God didn't promise me days without pain, or laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain. But my God did promise me strength for the day, comfort for the tears and a light for the way.

See you in church
Amen

Howard Hind

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was held on Saturday,

December 3rd. It was very successful with many members here and boxes of toys donated to the kids of Borrego Springs. Thanks to all who helped!

BJ's Christmas

BJ hosted a morning for the pre-school children at the Borrego Springs Elementary School. Twenty-four 4 year olds were shown all of her decorations by members of the Auxiliary and the Post. Their eyes were wide at all the animated, singing, Christmas creatures in every room. Mary and Mac McDonald were Mr. & Mrs. Santa and handed out bags of goodies and oranges provided by BJ. Darien took pictures of the children on Santa's lap. Thank you all for making this a special morning for those Children.

New Year's Eve

Darien will bring a ham for New Year's Eve dinner. Any one else who would like to come please bring a dish to share. We will begin about 5:00 PM and continue until all the food is gone. Come ring in the New Year, even if it is at Borrego Midnight!

Meals for January

Mitzi Seibert volunteered to serve hamburgers the second and fourth Tuesdays: January 10 and 24.

BJ and Darien will serve Italian Stew on Saturday, January 21.

Donations

Fay Nilsen donated the proceeds from her raffle and dinner to the Veteran's Hospital for Christmas gifts for the veterans, a total of \$1296. Well done Fay!

The Auxiliary voted to donate \$500 to the Naval Hospital to cover round trip tickets for disabled veterans. They also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Post for heaters for the Post patio.

Ill Members

Patti Ryan will be admitted on December 22 to the Mary Birch Women's Center which is associated with Sharp Hospital.

Karen Brown will have tests run at Kaiser

Hospital December 21 and 22 for tests and consultation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, January 9 at 5:00 PM at the Post.

Poppy Hat

"We will meet at 1:00 PM at the Post to make a Poppy Hat to take to the District meeting in February".

Breeze News

If you wish your Breeze news e-mailed to you, please email Claude at Turp@cableusa.com. He will send it to you post haste.

Membership Dues

The membership dues for the Auxiliary are still \$20.00 a year and are now due. Please bring them to the Post and put them in the envelope for Marie Tarango. You can also mail them to Marie at PO Box 138, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Hurry; let's meet our goals as set by the District.

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

The S.A.L.'s will be having a dinner on Saturday January 28th at 5 pm. Dinner will include Tri Tip, beans, cole slaw and rolls.

\$ 10.00 donation.

Please sign up so we don't run out.

Ron Andersen

DELINQUENT DUES

"DUES ARE DUE NOW. ANYONE WHO OWES THEIR 2006 DUES AND HASN'T PAID BY 31 JANUARY 2006 WILL BE DELINQUENT AND NOT ALLOWED TO COME INTO THE LEGION. These names will be posted on the bulletin board after 31 January. There aren't very many who owe their dues. Those who haven't paid, do so and you will be able to attend the FREE Dinner in January.

REFERENCE TACO TUESDAY

Bette Walker sends her apology to Post 853 Members regarding any confusion she may have caused not doing Taco's on Tuesdays.

She says her Mother (92) has fallen and broke her other hip and she must go back to Kentucky for her recovery.

She could use your prayers and best wishes,

LAST YARD SALE By DJ

DJ & Crew moved all the excess Yard Sale merchandise to the B.V.D. Building.

Thank you B.J., Mac, Gary, Bruce, Harley,

Kenny, Curt, Bob, Larry, Claude & John. 3Stars to BJ, 2Stars to Mac, 1Star each everyone else.

ALUMINUM CANS

Please save your aluminum cans and turn in at our post or put in Can Trailer at Center Market.

AUX. NEW MEMBERS & RENEWAL

Auxiliary new members and renewal forms, **please mail to** Marie Tarango, P. O. Box 138, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-0138
Phone 760.767.1156

WANTED

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

This could save our post up to \$350.00 per month, \$4,200.00 per year. Give it a try

WANTED: members to receive their Breeze by e-mail. We can send The Desert Breeze and other notices to you by e-mail rather than snail-mail. Please write out your e-mail address and drop off at post, mail it, or better yet e-mail it to turp@cableusa.com subject: AL Breeze e-mail address.

We now have 76 members receiving Breeze by E-Mail!

I must have your Ok to send your breeze by e-mail even if I already have your e-mail address.

Thanx
Claude Turpin
Breeze Editor

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VOLUNTEERS"
PLEASE TIP THEM GENEROUSLY**