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DESERT BREEZE

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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

JANUARY, 2007

FROM OUR COMMANDER

December was a good month for the Post. It is satisfying to see many of our winter-time members back and everyone is enjoying our social events.

Post 853 received a big "thank you" at the 22nd District meeting on December 10 for our participation in the collection of used printer cartridges and cell phones which are recycled and the proceeds go for student scholarships. So let's continue for this good cause.

Something new! Post 255 is also working with a school in the San Diego area which is collecting plastic bags for another cause. I'll be glad to take all of these materials to the District.

Post 731 is collecting used eyeglasses. We have some already and I will deliver those as well.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year 2007 to all!
Bob Juers

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Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's called "Ministers Do More Than Lay People."

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FROM OUR 1st Vice

Remember to pay your dues by Dec. 31st because we will have to send \$4.50 more out of your dues to National as of 8 January. We now send \$17.00, as of that date it will be \$21.50. We use the difference between for our post programs (Children & Youth-Boys State, our Cub Pack, Scholarships), Americanism (flags), Veterans Affairs-(Balboa, VA), Now National says they need more so we have to send more from each members dues. There are only 27 who owe dues as of today.

REMEMBER JANUARY 13TH IS OUR LAW AND ORDER AWARDS DINNER. AS OF THE

15TH, THE CUT OFF DATE, WE HAVE VALOR AWARDS GOING TO MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (AND HE IS A LEGIONNAIRE TOO), ONE FROM THE ANZA-BORRERO STATE PARK AND ONE FROM OCOTILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE EVENING STARTS WITH COCKTAILS 5-6PM, DINNER 6-7PM AND THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER. DINNER WILL BE LARRY'S SWISS STEAK, POTATOES, VEGETABLE, SALAD AND DESSERT FOR \$8.00. LET'S SHOW THESE PEOPLE HOW WE APPRECIATE WHAT THEY DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY COMING AND HONORING THEM. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BOOZE BASKET ON THE BACK BAR WILL HELP FINANCE THIS DINNER. WE GIVE EACH AWARDEE AND THEIR SUPERVISOR WHO COMES TO GIVE THE AWARDS TWO FREE TICKETS PLUS THE EXPENSE FOR THE MEDAL, RYBAR AND FRAMED CERTIFICATE AMOUNTS UP AND HOPEFULLY THIS WILL FUND THE MEAL WITH NO EXPENSE TO THE POST. THERE IS OVER \$100.00 IN GOODIES IN THIS BASKET SO IT'S A GOOD WIN.

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I also want to thank Danna and Dave for deep cleaning the kitchen and decorating the post for Christmas. The cleaning job isn't easy since everything in there has to be moved to clean under. Thanks for your time and loyalty. We appreciate you both!!! An hour or two from more of you would make it easier for those of us who cook so often. There's only a few of us who cook that cleans, swabs floors and wipes down after each meal and those that don't make it harder for us that do. Dirt accumulates fast. So please help where and when you can. This Post belongs to all of us!!!

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THANKS TO THE FIVE MEMBERS WHO STEPPED UP AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND

IMMEDIATELY LAID DOWN THE \$640.00 NEEDED TO REGISTER OUR CUB SCOUT PAC FOR 2007. THE \$1400 MADE FROM THEIR POPCORN SALE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE COMPANY MAILS THE CHECKS LATER IN JANUARY WHILE THE REGISTRATION HAS TO BE IN BY DECEMBER 31ST. THIS IS WHAT THE LEGION IS ALL ABOUT, HELPING THE COMMUNITY AND OUR VETERANS. THANKS TO YOU MEMBERS THE CUBS LOVE YOU AND WILL PUT UP MANY CHRISTMAS CIRCLE FLAGS FOR YOU.

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU TO KATHY LARA FOR THE GREAT JOB SHE DID MAKING THE CHAIR SEAT COVERS OUT ON THE PATIO. THEY SURE LOOK SHARP. THANKS KATHY, FROM ALL OF US.

JUST AN UPDATE ON OUR BALBOA FUND. WE ARE OVER \$1,200.00 NOW. WE PLAN ON GOING DOWN TO BALBOA IN JANUARY TO DELIVER A CHECK TO THE ARMED FORCES YMCA FOR WHATEVER THEY NEED TO USE THE MONEY FOR. 90 PER CENT OF THIS AMOUNT WAS BROUGHT IN BY D.J. CAIN AND KATHY LARA SELLING THE C.D'S THEY MADE. THIS THANK YOU COMES STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART--YOU LADIES ARE SUPER HEROES. WE LOVE YOU. MARIAN

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A transvestite is a guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.

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FROM OUR 2nd VICE

Again Mary and I would like to thank all of you for the HELP you have given us in the past year. The post has had a good Dec. with the dinner on 12/9/06 for Fay's boys at the hospital. The turn out for the Christmas party, the Christmas decorations by Dave and Dana and helpers. The Chili Cook Off and the help from Mary McMillan, Dana & Dave, Kenny and all the great cooks and Mary my support. It was great success. Thanks again and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Mac

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THERE WILL BE A GRAND CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR AT THE POST. \$15.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES A RIB EYE STEAK DINNER, FAVORS, CHAMPAGNE AT BOTH MIDNIGHTS (BORREGO SPINGS AND THE REGULAR), PLUS A LOT OF FRIENDSHIP. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE POST - WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE THERE. BEGINS AT 6:00 PM.

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The difference between the Pope and your boss...the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.

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WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Richard D. Burnham Lloyd E. Richard

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Money Hat

Cheers for Shirley who made the money hat and what a fund raiser it is! We gained about \$1200 during Borrego Days and another \$646 at Fay's Poppy Dinner. The winners of both donated the hat back to Shirley.

Membership

We now have 115 paid members and 4 Junior members. We made more than our goal last year, so those of you who haven't paid please do! The dues this year will go up to **\$25** since we have to send more to the District. You can mail them to Marie Tarango PO Box 138, Borrego Springs, 92004 or bring them to the November meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

Christmas

Because the Kiwanis, Fire Department and Coldwell Banker joined forces to donate money to needy families on Friday, December 15, it was decided to take the toys to St. Richard's Catholic Church for distribution on Sunday, December 21.

Corsages

We would like volunteers to help make corsages for the Naturalization Ceremony, February 22. They will be constructed from poppies and ribbon.

Coming Events

The Law & Order dinner will be on **January 13**. Tacos will be served by Wendy and Jim on **January 6**.

Meeting Dates

Auxiliary meeting: Monday, January 8, 2007 @ 5:00 at the Post

Area 5 meeting: January 20-21, 2007 at the Post in Brawley. Plan to come; it is great fun!

District 22 meeting: February 11, 2007 at Post 282, 8118 University Avenue, La Mesa. There will be a Poppy Hat contest. We won three prizes last year!

The following was misplaced by the Editor and did not make the December Breeze. SORRY!!!

SHIRLEY ANDREWS

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 853 held a lovely and warm memorial for Shirley Andrews on the deck with standing room only.

Chaplain Lyn Benavides introduced President Darien Ainsley who dedicated the memorial. Lyn then opened with a prayer. She then introduced Shirley's Children – Bonnie and her husband Jose, Kimberly, and Jimmie. They spoke with love and passion about the memories they had of their Mother. Friends from San Diego, Julian and our own members also shared their stories of the fun they had with Shirley and the happiness she had given them.

The Red Hat Society paid honor to Shirley by wearing their Red Hats and Purple Clothing. She had been a member since 2002. Her children were her whole life and they are certainly a wonderful family.

Shirley's request was to have Ave Maria played, after which Lyn closed with a prayer.

A luncheon was served and enjoyed by all. Our love and prayers go to her family and her partner Al Andermat.

My thanks go to all those who helped at this special occasion, Faye Nilson, Bette Walker, Darien Ainsley, Ruth Turner, Larry Johnson and Chuck Engebretson.

God Bless
Lyn

Benavides

Chaplain

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My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone.

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AUX. NEW MEMBERS & RENEWAL
AUXILIARY ONLY NO SALS OR LEGION

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

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The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

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FROM THE S.A.L.'S

Saturday January 27th 5pm we will have our first BBQ for 2007. Tri Tip, chicken, beans coleslaw, and rolls all for \$ 10.00.

Membership renewals for 2007 is poor. To renew with the Sal's please make a check out payable to the SAL #853 for \$ 25.00, and mail to Ron Andersen P.O. Box 448 Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Thanks
Ron

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It used to be only death and taxes were inevitable. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

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NOTES FROM bbofls

Dave and Dana M. we all thank you for totally housecleaning the kitchen inside and out, top to bottom before you did our wonderful Christmas party.

Our back yard is still tore up. Waiting for an inspection. It all started when we discovered the post needed a heavier electrical entrance before we could make any plans to expand--offices for the Army Corp of Engineers and/or camper spots--etc..

Sam Cimo and Gary Mathews took the bull by the horns along with Mark D. on the backhoe, Harry J. in the bottom of the ditch, Chuck E. lining up ditch diggers, Harley H. running for water line repairs, Ken M. and Curt C. only doing odds and ends.

Gary M. says THANK YOU ALL & MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

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MOTORCYCE ENTHUSISTS

Come out and enjoy the day with the Borrego Springs M.C. We meet on Christmas Circle at the veterans memorial between 8:00 and 8:30 Sunday mornings, fed, fueled and ready to go. Lots of fun and a great group of fun loving folks.

Everyone is welcome. Come on out and have a good time!!!

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Definition of a teenager? God's punishment for enjoying sex.

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NOTE

Remember to bring your used computer inkjet cartridges and cell phones to the Post. We will deliver these to District 22 for The American Legacy Scholarship which is receiving \$3. for every cell phone and \$1. for every cartridge turned in.

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A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

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ALUMINUM CANS

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

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A blonde said, "I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid."

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CALL YOUR POST AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK

CHECK ON SPECIAL FUNCTIONS THAT WERE SCHEDULED, SPUR OF THE MOMENT, AND NOT ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE A MAILING OR GET INTO THE NEWSLETTER.

AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAPS

If you would like to order a Legion Cap, see Bob Juers. Cost \$39.75

WE ARE RESERVATION

Please Note: *it is very important that you make reservations*, by the day before, if you plan on eating at post on special dinner nights. The person's putting on dinner, must know in advance, to make sure they have enough food.

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If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.

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All Legion Members

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We now have 138 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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HOW TRUE THIS IS

THE COST TO JOIN

**IS NOTHING
COMPARED TO THE PRICE
YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE**

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My neighbor was bit by a stray rabid dog. I went to see how he was and found him writing frantically on a piece of paper. I told him rabies could be treated, and he didn't have to worry about a Will. He said, "Will? What will? I'm making a list of the people I want to bite."

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PLEASE TIP THEM

**"YOUR BARTENDERS ARE
VOLUNTEERS"
PLEASE TIP THEM GENEROUSLY**