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### **FROM THE COMMANDER**

The Law and Order dinner and program was great! Special thanks to Marian Landis for all her hard work in preparing all the paperwork, contacting the various agencies, planning the dinner and program sending the invitations and printing the program. Thanks to Larry Johnson for his superb Swiss steak dinner, to all the kitchen helpers, the waitresses and not to forget, to those who helped rearrange the furniture before and after the dinner and transported the chairs from the church to the Post and back again.

Beginning in February our E-Board will meet at 8 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month with the Post meeting at 9 a.m. This will free up the second Saturday when we normally have had our E-Board meeting.

Bob Juers

### **FROM OUR 1<sup>st</sup> VICE**

Membership is coming in slowly. We still have quite a few members who owe their dues for 2007. We are now paying \$21.50 out of your \$30.00 to Department and National for those of you who haven't paid. Please send in your dues of \$30.00 soon as possible. The thing you have to remember is that after January 30th, if you haven't paid your dues you cannot come into the Post since you are no longer a paid member. The bar tenders will be checking everyone's cards to see if you are current, if you don't have your card they will have the updated roster. No 2007 card, no food or drinks. This will be strictly enforced, as per Legion and ABC rules. Marian

It seems like I am always saying "THANK YOU", but this is a big Thank You to a super bunch of people. Our 3rd Law and Order Awards Dinner turned out perfect. E-board members helped knock down tables, move tables out onto the porch and put up different tables, store chairs, go to church and get their folding chairs. DJ Cain helped me decorate and get the hall area set up and changed about half a dozen times to accommodate the 60 people coming.

Then in came Lynne Aldous, Faye Nilsen and DJ who served each of the courses with no room to breathe. June Fort was cashier and helper in every direction. Larry Johnson did the cooking with Kenny Mickelson, Larry & myself serving from the kitchen. Commander Bob MC'd the whole award ceremony without a tumble and when it was all over people came in, led by Chris, without being asked, and cleaned up, moving furniture out and others back in while we cleaned the kitchen, until we were all done. What a wonderful bunch to work with. A sit-down dinner for 60 people in our Post is hard because of our kitchen and the dining space, but we did it and it turned out perfect. Everyone was so complimentary. Lots of picture taking, laughing and some tears. These awards are received only after these officers have laid their lives on the line or worked many years to earn them. It's our pleasure and a part of the American Legions programs to thank the people who are there 24/7 to protect us. This was done unselfishly by these three officers, Deputy Medina, Chief Dan Johnson and Kathy Dice. It was our honor to award these people for their work. Watch the next Borrego Sun for their pictures taken during the ceremony. This is a program that takes three months to do from start to finish, but when everyone pitches in to help, it makes it worth every minute we spend making it a big success. A MILLION THANKS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU. I love each and every one of you!!!! Marian

The big booze basket that sat on the end of the bar during December was our fund raiser for the Law and Order dinner. Another THANKS to our members, we made \$423.00 and Alan Andermatt was the winner. Enough of our members attended the dinner, plus friends and co-workers of the awardees that we had a profit of \$413.00 to put into our Children & Youth and Americanism programs. This is the way we are able to fund our programs without taking money from the Post.

It was discussed , voted on and passed to add to our Children & Youth program at the Elementary school, by giving a new bicycle to the student who improved the most in all phases of his or her school work for the year . This student will be chosen by the principle and teachers and the presentation will be made at the close of school assembly in June.

Several of us will be going down to Balboa Naval Hospital the last week of January to present our \$1300.00 check to the hospital for the amputee's and other severely wounded military who are undergoing surgeries and therapies there. Most of this came from DJ Cains CD's she made of the favorite songs people request during her keroke nights. We will also be taking down about 100 movies and 3 DVD VCR's donated by Kathy Lara. We will be handcarrying a \$500.00 check to Fisher House which is located at the hospital for these wounded kids families. This check is from our Auxiliary Unit, thanks to Faye Nilsen and her Poppy program last year. A lot of work was put into this fund and a lot of the cost was taken by DJ. Three special members donated large checks for this earlier, THANKS TO members Charles B. Seybert, Harold H. Turner and Raymond P. Bolanos. We might be a small post but with members like all these that I have to THANK this month, we can only fly forward. Just look at the amount of help we have given to others. Thats what the Legion is for. God bless each and every one of you. Marian

**FROM OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE**

In charge of VICE

Due to time restraints this going to be short. Thanks to all of you that have helped this past month with meals ext.

We have got a plate full in the mounths to come and would incurge everbody's help.Rembering that the club officers here to help.

Thanks Mac

**WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS**

Michael E. Earl Jack Godwin George Harris  
Trevor K. Jones Armando Lucero  
Milo Prodanovich Jerry Wellnitz

**FROM THE AUXILIARY**

***Membership***

Membership dues for 2006-2007 will be due beginning in July, 2006. The Auxiliary year begins and ends in July, so that is when the

dues are really due. 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. ***Warner Springs***

The newest Unit in District will receive their charter and install their officers on **January 27 at 11:00 AM**. All Unit members are invited to attend and help them celebrate.

***Post 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

**March 10 will be our 10<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the founding of Post 853. A special celebration will be planned by the Post, the Unit and the SAL. Remember the date!

***Donation***

We voted and agreed to send \$500 to the YMCA at the Navy Hospital in San Diego. They do much to help wounded veterans make adjustments to their lives.

The auxiliary also voted to change the \$1000 we gave the Post last year for heaters which seem to be dangerous for the porch to help with the electrical system which needs to be overhauled.

***Box Lunch Auction***

It was decided to have a Box Lunch Auction on February 3. The men will bid on the baskets of food, and the winning person will share the lunch with the gal who made it. Of course, no one will know who made what, so it could be much fun.

***Poppy Events***

Many of us met at Fay's house to put together 200 holiday gift bags and cards to be given to the VA hospital in La Jolla. Then Faye, Lynn, Karen and granddaughters Kalyn & Daisy, Terry and his son, Cody all carpooled and met at the hospital to distribute the gifts. Thank you all for helping so much!

We will meet at the Post on **Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00 PM** at the Post to work together to make improvements in the Poppy Hat and to make corsages for the Naturalization Ceremony on February 22.

Faye announced that she plans a Kick-Off Dinner for the Poppy fund in early March.

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be a luncheon pot-luck on **Monday, February 12 at 5:00 PM** at the Post.

