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### **FROM THE COMMANDER**

We received a thank you letter from the San Diego Armed Services YMCA for our donation to the Naval Medical Center. The donation will be used in support of Marines and Sailors treated at the hospital.

The elementary school staff and students appreciated our visit at their January assembly when we presented them with an American flag and a California flag for the assembly room as part of our Americanism and Children and Youth services. Many of the students came up to us, shook our hands and thanked us personally.

The March calendar once again contains opportunities for some good lunches, Tuesday evening and Saturday meals. The third annual Law and Order dinner will be held on March 25. Come out and enjoy the good food.

Bob Juers

### **WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS**

Victor Capron William Johnson Bill Lewis

### **CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS**

My fellow veterans we have so many things to be thankful for. This news letter isn't thick enough to tell the whole story! "But this I know" He that can have patience can have what he will.

I'd like to see you in church

Amen

Howard Hind

### **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

Workshop Opportunity

Sandy Traverse, our District 22 President will meet with us at the Post on Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 AM to Noon. We will have coffee, tea, juice and rolls to nibble on while we learn how to do the reports as well as clarifying the goals of the Auxiliary. This will be a luncheon pot luck. Please plan to attend! It will be fun for all of us to meet, nosh, and learn.

### **High School Request**

The High School students requested that we donate funds to help the Juniors and Seniors make their spring trip to Washington, DC. This was approved by all members to send \$500 to help them achieve their goal.

### **W.A.V.E. Clinic**

This is a program to help homeless veterans get back on their feet and into the work force again. It was voted to send \$300 to help support the clinic.

### **Easter Baskets**

It was voted to send Shannon McCleerey money to make it possible for her to make Easter baskets for the children of Mississippi who have been deprived of their homes and toys by the hurricanes.

### **Girls State**

The Girls State program will be in Fresno this year. It was voted to spend up to \$300 for transportation and \$50 spending money for the Junior student chosen to attend.

### **Meals**

Saturday, March 11 the auxiliary will serve Italian Stew and Shirley Turpin will prepare the desert.

Saturday, April 8 Fay Nielson will prepare ribs and bar-b-q chicken for \$10.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, March 8: 9:00 to Noon: Workshop given by District Officers and pot luck lunch at the Post.

Monday, March 13: our regular meeting at 5:00 PM also at the Post.

### **FROM THE S.A.L.'S**

Saturday March 25th will be the Law and Order Dinner, and all members are invited. We will be serving dinner at 6pm. First we will be

serving the participants of the Law and Order and then we will serve the Legion members, so we ask our members to be patient while we serve our guests first. We hope to have a great turn out, so come out and show our guests how much we appreciate their service to our community. The menu will be Chicken, Tri Tip, beans, tossed salad and rolls.

Our third annual Luau will be Saturday April 29th.  
Ron Andersen

### **WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBER**

Raymond E. Bolanos

### **MOTORCYCE ENTHUSISTS**

Come out and enjoy the day with the "Borrego Bunch" We meet at 8:30 every Sunday morning at Desert Auto Service, 755 Palm Canyon Drive 760-767-0800. Next to The True Value. We go have some breakfast and plan The ride for the day. Lots of fun and a real great Bunch Of fun loving folks. Everyone is welcome to ride with us. Come on out and have a good time!!!

### **Borrego Veterans Detachment Building**

D.J. and Crew finalized the total cleanup of the BVD building so that it is ready to rent or sell. We have a portapotty for sale for \$50.00 or OBO. Special thanks to Bob J., John B. Mac M., Gene S., Chuck D., Curt C. and Larry J. Harry L. whom supervised the unloading of the valuables at the post.

### **UPDATE FROM MARIAN**

The yard around the Post is looking better and better thanks to many Post members. It had been a cluttered mess with broken down autos and parts, motorcycles and parts, broken appliances and exercise equipment, wagons, etc. It has been cleaned up by Post members but at a considerable financial cost - \$1,041.00 for the last roll on load, which was 5.27 tons of trash. Fortunately, D.J. Cain was able to salvage some material (some peoples junk or peoples treasures) and sold them for a total of about \$700.00 which she turned over to the Post to help pay for the cost of cleaning up the rest of the area. Many thanks to D.J. and Curt.

Our newly acquired building at 787 Avenida Sureste has been rented to Dann Perry. It was completely cleaned out by Post members. The

flags and accessories have been moved to storage on the Post grounds - along with the Lemonade Stand.

**Membership :** Letters have been sent out to members who are delinquent in their membership for 2006. Please send in your membership dues as soon as possible. Like we explained in the letter, your continued membership in the American Legion helps build the numerical strength needed since our Representatives and Senators heed the strength of numbers which is our voice in Congress. We have a lot of necessary benefits that are on the verge of being cut for Veterans. This is our way of making sure these Representatives know we are here with the intention of being heard. Larry and I are among the ten Legionnaires from California called to Washington from Feb. 26-March 1 to visit with each of our California Congressmen and women to explain in detail which bills to vote for to give our Veterans the medical care, pay and the multitude of other benefits they deserve, to assure these benefits are set in concrete, not cut. You are able to help us by paying your dues. When an organization has almost 3,000,000 members , Congress listens. These are voters talking, voters that keep them in office.

We will, hopefully, be interviewing Borrego High Junior Boys for our Boys State Program in March. We have one slot out of the 54 for San Diego to fill from Borrego. Last years boy had a fantastic week in Sacramento learning all about government. This is an "all expense paid" trip out of our Children and Youth program which you, our members, have made it possible by coming to our dinners. All profits go to this and our other programs for the community.

Remember we are working on the project to help the wounded Navy & Marine Corps troops going through therapy, surgery, etc. at the US Naval Hospital in Balboa. We also want to help stock the Fisher House kitchen for the families of these wounded when they stay there to be close to their kids that are undergoing this care at the Navy Hospital. This fantastic house is at the end of the drive coming from their hospital area and helps families spend time with these kids at no cost. The families can cook their own meals in the huge modern kitchen to save money during this trying time.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Our 3rd Annual Law and Order Dinner and Awards ceremony. The SAL's will cook the usual delicious dinner. Cocktails are from 5-6PM; dinner from 6-7PM with the awards immediately following dinner. We hope to be awarding medals, rybars and certificates to the Borrego Fire Department, Borrego Sheriff's Dept., Borrego highway patrol, Anza-Borrego Park Department, Ocotillo Fire Department. This is our one time of the year that we can thank these people for all they do for us, so come and Help us thank them.

Thanks!  
Marian

### *OPEN MAIL 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.

### **DOGS**

There has been a recent occasion of people being nipped or bitten by a dog. This is to re-enforce the policy of the Post that prohibits dogs on the porch of the Post. In particular those dogs who bite first and wag their tails later. All Dogs must be tied up to or around their owners vehicle or left at home - preferably left at home. We all love animals here in Borrego, but no one likes to be bitten.

### **ALUMINUM CANS**

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

### **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.

(HAVING A LOT OF THESE LATELY. THANKX!)

### **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

### **AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAPS**

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

### *All Legion Members*

### *PLEASE RESPOND*

#### **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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

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**We now have 88 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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**THE COST TO JOIN  
IS NOTHING  
COMPARED TO THE PRICE  
YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE**

### *OPEN MAIL NOTE*

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