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APRIL, 2006

FROM THE COMMANDER

Thanks to our Color Guard (Claude, Ken M. and "Mac") for serving at the Borrego Springs Little League opener on April 18.

Our scholarship committee is in place and will soon be delivering application forms to the high school. Each year we award two $1000. scholarships, one academic and one vocational) to high school seniors.

At our Post meeting on April 15 we will be accepting first nominations for next year's officers including Commander, First Vice, Second Vice, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms, Judge Advocate and four members of the executive committee.

Thanks to all of our members who attend the meetings. Post 853 is your Post and you input is valuable. We hope that more will attend.

Bob Juers

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Warren Kelly George W. Thompson, Jr.

CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

Remember my fellow "Vets"

Life is a battle, and to fight that battle heroically and well is the great purpose of every man's existence whom is worthy and fit to live at all.

Author Albert Rice See you all in Church

Amen

Howard Hind

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All that is necessary for the forces of evil to take root in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

Eva Emrich, Jeanne Mitchell, Ruby Carmin and Darien Ainsley met this week to read and evaluate the Americanism Essays written by the fourth and fifth grade students at the Borrego Springs Elementary School. They were impressed with the content of all of them. The first place winner will receive a check for $50, the second place winner will receive a check for $30 and the third place winner will receive one for $20. There will be three honorable mention awards. These awards are funded by the **Joan Ellen Adams Memorial Fund** that was established last year by Roy Adams in memory of his wife Joan Ellen Adams.

The following are the winners:

4th Grade:

1st Place: Eloisa Rodrigez
2nd Place: Calli Cragoe
3rd Place: Bretmee Schmaderer

5th Grade:

1st Place: Jessica Hamilton
2nd Place: Natalie Spieckerman
3rd Place: Yesenia Hernandez

Honorable Mention
Mallorie Wade
Maria Zavala

The awards and certificates will be presented at the flag ceremony on Friday, March 31st at 2:00 PM at Borrego Springs Elementary School.

Why We Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

By Jessica Hamilton, 5th grade

Why do you think the Pledge of Allegiance is important? I for one feel the pledge should be a daily routine at public schools. Although, no one can force you to say the pledge (based on your religion) most schools encourage it to be recited. I don't mind saying the pledge, but unlike me some people would like it banned for good.

The American flag represents many things. Such as liberty, freedom, the independence of our 50 states, and the hard work Ms. Betsy Ross put into creating our American Flag.

Our flag has 13 stripes, one for each of the original colonies. When the United States became a country there were only 13 states.

Our flag also has 50 stars, one star for each state. How might the flag change if another state joins the United States?

In case you don't already know a man wrote the pledge named Francis Bellamy. Bellamy was born in 1855 and died in 1932.

Originally the pledge was said with the right hand in the "Bellamy Salute", with the right hand resting first outward from the chest, then the arm extending out from the body. Once Hitler came to power in Europe, some Americans were concerned that this position of the arm and hand resembled the Nazi or Fascist salute. In 1942 Congress also established the current practice of rendering the pledge with the right hand over the heart.

The fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have originated in 1885.

The flag code specifies that any future changes to the pledge would have to be with the consent of the President.

Americans will always stay united.

Meals for April

Eva is planning a **Lasagna Dinner for Sunday, April 9th** at 5:00 PM. She will have Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and dessert for $8.00. So come one and all and enjoy Sunday with friends and good food!

Perhaps we can arrange a pot-luck for Easter Sunday, April 16th with the Sal, Post, and Auxiliary for all those who do not have company for that day.

Faye Nilsen is planning a **Bar-B-Q dinner of ribs and chicken** for Saturday, April 22 at 4:00pm $10.00. She is searching for donations from commercial businesses so this will be a true money maker and many items for Raffle.

Girls State

Karen Brown and her committee chose Ashley Peters to be our Girls State candidate. She is a Junior Member of the Auxiliary and her grades and activities are outstanding. She attended the last Auxiliary meeting and thanked us for our donation to the High School Literature Club's trip to Rome and Greece. She showed us pictures of the sights and told us about all the things they did. They certainly did a lot in 9 days!

Election

The following members were elected to office:

President: Darien Ainsley
1st Vice: Karen Brown
2nd Vice: B.J. Dennis
Secretary: Wendy Quinn
Treasurer: Shirley Turpin
Membership: Marie Tarango
Exe. Chair: Danna Dempsey
Chaplin: Lynn Benavides
Parliamentarian: Bette Walker

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, April 10th

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Barbara A. Capron Shelda Kelly Jan Trosin

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY TRANSFER

Barbara J. Smith

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All humans make mistakes

all leaders are but human.

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FROM THE S.A.L.'S

Saturday April 29th is our 3rd Annual Luau. We hope to make this bigger and better than last year. Please invite all of your friends and family. We will be putting in the Deep Pit 3 Pigs and 3 Large Turkeys. We will also be serving Lumpia, Rice and Pancit (noodle dish). Dinner is only $ 10.00. This is a great deal, so don't miss this one.

Thanks Ron Andersen

WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBERS

Tony J. Kotasek Edward W. Mathews

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Marriages are made in heaven. But, again, so are thunder, lightning, tornados and hail.

~Author Unknown~

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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!!!

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The challenge is to help couples turn "I Do" into "We Can." ~Scott Stanley~

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ATTA BOY

AttaBoy Gary Mathews for all of your hard work making the grounds look good.

AttaBoy Harry Lloyd for all of your hard work inside the post and restrooms.

AttaBoy Claude for all the hard workon the breeze every month.

LOOKING GOOD!!!

We love you all.

SPECIAL 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.

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.

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Gary Mathews THANK YOU so much for completing the front wall on the deck.

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

Please supply our Post your e-mail address, so 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 95 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 journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

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If you think nobody cares if you 're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

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HOW TRUE THIS IS

THE COST TO JOIN
IS NOTHING
COMPARED TO THE PRICE
YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE

SPECIAL NOTE

"YOUR BARTENDERS ARE VOLUNTEERS"
PLEASE TIP THEM GENEROUSLY