



The American Legion

The World's Largest Veterans' Organization

DESERT BREEZE

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BORREGO SPRINGS POST 853

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FROM OUR COMMANDER

We are having some super-good meals again this season with Legion, Auxiliary and SAL's all participating in the cooking. Thanks to all you cooks for your hard work. We still have a couple of months to go before summer, so let's continue our efforts in providing good food. Also, a special thank you to all of you who work building and grounds projects and who work on our programs and projects.

Our Legionnaire-of-the Year selection committee is chaired by Marian Landis. If you have a recommendation for this award, please submit it during the first week of April. We'd like to wrap up this project as soon as possible.

At the Post meeting in April we will have first nominations officers for the 2007-2008 year. May will be a busy month with second nominations and elections, elementary school awards. Finally in June we have the Department convention in Palm Springs. We have housing request forms in the office, so if you plan to go, get a form and send it in soon.

Bob Juers

The number of divorces in this country proves that this is the land of the free.
The number of marriages proves that it is truly the home of the brave.

OUR 1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

We still have some delinquent members. As of April 1st, they will be taken off the Post's membership list of paid members. They have received letters and understand this. You will not be receiving our Breeze in the future. It was a pleasure having you as a member, but as in all organizations you must keep up your dues. If there is any way we can help you, please call the post, leave a message and I will call you

back. Thanks to all of those who have paid their 2007 dues.

After reading the Thursday Tribune about the couple who started a Heroes Appreciation Fund with their 4 ski mobiles for the Vets at Balboa Naval Hospital, it made me mighty proud to realize we are way ahead of them. We've been helping the wounded warriors and their families (Fisher House) for over a year. Our recent \$2,000.00 in cash and D.J.'s concert with tons of food for them makes this little post look mighty good. You can believe me, they appreciate everything that's done for them to break the monotony. POPPY days are coming (1-7 April). Please be generous because that's where Faye Nilsen wants the profits to go again this year.

Thanks to each and everyone of you who help us on these important programs. It can't be done with just Faye and myself, it takes all of us.

The ANNUAL POPPY DINNER to be held at the Post on April 7th will have chicken and pulled pork with all the trimmings plus deserts. There are many great raffle prizes to be given away. Check the calendar attached for cost and time. With the nice weather again here we can eat indoors, on the patio and the tables set up on the concrete, so there will be plenty of room for everyone. Come and support Faye in her important Veterans programs. She also needs help distributing (selling) poppies out in town from 1-7 April. Call her and give her an hour or so that week and any help she needs at the dinner on the 7th. Thanks.

I am sorry that we were unable to convince any of the Borrego High School Boys to attend our Annual Boys State program in June. It would have given a boy a week in Sacramento learning many things about government and a chance to possibly earn a trip to the White House later. We will have to find a way to encourage them next year. This is totally free for the boy, the

Post pays over \$400 for this session. It goes on their transcript for life and puts them on the same list as Tom Brokaw, Pres. Clinton and many major league baseball and football players. Its an honor, but we can't seem to break into this school. One boy went two years ago and loved every minute. We will try harder next year.

I want to personally thank B.J. Dennis for her loyal financial help she has given me on my project my Granddaughter, a Army Medic in Iraq, got me into. The Post also gave a check and I have my living room piled high with school supplies of all kinds and I am waiting for FEDEX to say they will do the shipping for free. As the medics finish their day out with the troops they still have to come back and do PR work with the local people. Hers is to visit the local schools and help the kids and she found they have no supplies to work with, so she wrote me. Its been quite a lesson doing this, but its been fun too. Its been a long time since I bought hundreds of erasers, pencils, pens, cases of paper and some clothes. Again, thank you B.J. and 853.

Just a brief note on Larry and my trip to Washington, D.C. last week. It was VERY COLD, windy and snowing, but we met with our Congressmen and Women from California and also had President Bush make a great speech. My Commission is Veterans Affairs and Rehab and they were right on top of the Walter Reed mess. We are establishing an office with paid staff at the facility to assist in the transition of wounded service members from the Dept. of Defense to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The agreement was signed on March 6, 2007 right there in front of over 1000 legion members. I did this for 10 years at the LaJolla VA and still help our Veterans when they need any paperwork done that will get them compensation or pension or into the VA system. This was one of the best Legislative sessions we have attended, even if the weather was nasty. Our heat here felt so good when we come home. These are some of the things that the Legion does that the average person doesn't hear about, but you can be proud of the Legion for being first to step up and take the first steps. Hopefully the VFW , DAV and others will follow.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting

MESSAGE FROM OUR 2nd VICE

The subject of the meeting was whether or not to purchase a CHANDELIER for the post.

Some of the officers wanted a vote on it. But one holdout opted for prudence.

"Before we spend money on a CHANDELIER." Shouldn't we find out if anyone can play the thing?

Again thanks for your support in the past month, and in the month to come as we are going to have some great meal coming up w/ the Sal's BBQ, Fay's BBQ and the, Cub Scout breakfast and Ray's FILL In on Mar. 24.

As All Ways In Charge of Vice.

Mac

The irony of life is that, by the time You're old enough to know your way Around, you're not going anywhere

**CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS
FOGGY THINKING**

Black & white, high & low, hot & cold are accepted as factual opposites. Others are friends & enemies, good & evil? Some believe there is only good & bad. Evil is only an old term that means real bad! Many folks believe in the existence of God but not Satan (lucifer the devil). When bad things happen in their lives, such people tend to blame our loving God for "Allowing" these harmful things to happen, instead of blaming the master of evil-Satan, our enemy. If you don't believe he exists, then it's that much easier for him to mess up your life. You won't defend your self against what you don't believe exists. Ray Graham

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer fore her first question

**FROM OUR 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 April meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

Poppy News

Faye will kick off her Poppy dinner on April 7th. She also reported that she netted \$257 on the recent chowder night. Watch for another chowder night next month.

Box Lunch Auction

Teresa Stigler and Barb Melvin will prepare for a box dinner silent auction of the baskets prepared by the Auxiliary on March 31 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. That is the night the SAL will have their barb-b-que so encourage everyone to attend and bring money for the baskets. They will be of various non-perishable treasures. All of the funds will be for the veterans.

Next Meeting

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

I was always taught to respect my elders,
But it keeps getting harder to find one.

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

The Sons of the American Legion will host our 4th Annual Luau on Saturday April 28th. Dinner will be served around 5pm. Dinner will include pigs and turkeys cooked in the deep pit, Pancit (noodle dish), Rice, Lumpia (deep fried egg rolls), Tropical Salsa, and Desserts by Shirley, and music by DJ. Dinner is \$ 15.00. So tell your friends and family, wear your best tropical outfits and come on down and spend the evening at the post. Bring your RV or trailer and camp at the post. This event is open to the public. It is our annual membership drive.

The S.A.L.s next meeting is Tuesday April 10th, at 7pm. All S.A.L. members are asked to attend, we will be discussing final plans for the Luau, and nominating new or old officers.

We are asking for ANY volunteers for both Friday evening April 27th, to help get the deep pit ready, and Saturday afternoon, and evening, the 28th to help cook, setup, and cleanup. We generally have about 15 people, but we could easily use 30 people. Please either attend the

Tuesday meeting or give Ron a call at 760-767-3471. Thanks Ron

Every morning is the dawn of a new error

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!!!

In America, we tax work, investment, employment, savings, and production, while we subsidize non-work, consumption, and debt. It's time we reverse this trend.
--Jack Kemp

4 x 4 TRIP

4X4 trip is being planned for Sunday April 15th to go to South Carrizo Gorge area, and down to the town of Ocotillo. This trip will be an all day trip so pack a lunch. A grill will be provided. We will meet at 8am and leave from post at 8:30am. We should be back to the post around 3pm. For more info call Ron 760-767-3471. E-mail ron@cablusa.com

FULL MOON CAMP OUT

."Attention campers: Bring your tent or RV to the Legion Friday and Saturday nights, March 30 and 31, enjoy the full moon, Friday karaoke and Saturday BBQ. Best of all, you won't need to drive home until Sunday morning!" Thanks.

PLEASE 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.

When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.
-- P. J. O'Rourke

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

Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.

WE ARE RESPONDING

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.

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 148 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

Do you realize how many holes there could be if people would just take the time to take the dirt out of them?

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The early bird may get the worm -- but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

HOW TRUE THIS IS

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

Definition of political correctness:

For those who are still searching for the objective definition of political correctness, allow me to offer this opinion: Political Correctness is a doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical liberal minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end.

-- Author unknown

OPENING NOTE

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

If Biblical Headlines were written by today's liberal media

ON THE BIRTH OF CHRIST:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple