# The American Legion

**The World's Largest Veterans' Organization**

# DESERT BREEZE

760-767-4001 BORREGO SPRINGS POST 853 MAY, 2006

## FROM THE COMMANDER

A plan for the future development of our Post is posted on the East wall of our club room. This plan is a new beginning. We must utilize our valuable acreage to make money by leasing some of the property, to build storage units for rent, and eventually to build a new Post home. Come out a take a look.

Second nominations and election of officers for the 2006-2007 year will take place at our May 20th meeting. Once again, I urge members to attend this important meeting. Installation will be May 27th at 10 a.m. with food following.

We will be putting up our flags along Palm Canyon Drive and around Christmas Circle three times during May -- May 8 (VE Day), May 20 (Armed Forces Day) and May 29 (Memorial Day).

The May Calendar has some good meal choices. On Memorial Day we will provide hot dogs and hamburgers free to members. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish. Mark your calendars and come out to enjoy.

Bob Juers

## WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Larry Dunlap
Leslie E. May
Edward Jackson Spaulding II
Mike Speratos
Gary White

## CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

My fellow veterans, what a wonderful "Easter Celebration" we had at our 853 Post.
The food was "Tops" in all respects and ample for all, in celebration of our Lord on this, his given day, for all of us.
God Bless our fellow veterans and may peace prevail.

Amen
See you all in church
Howard Hind

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

## FROM THE AUXILIARY

### *Auxiliary News*

### *Meals*

Eva reported she made $281 for her Lasagna Dinner that she organized for Sunday, April 9th. It was a great success thanks to all who helped and attended.

Fay Nilsen is planning a **Bar-B-Q dinner of ribs and chicken** for Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 PM. She is searching for donations from commercial businesses so this will be a true money maker. Fay needs help to prepare, serve, and clean up. Anyone who can help please let her know.

### *Girls State*

Karen Brown and her committee chose Ashley Peters to be our Girls State candidate. District 22 will offer bus transportation from Escondido.

### *Installation*

The officers of the Post, SAL, and Auxiliary will be installed on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 AM. It will be a pot luck Luncheon with all three organizations participating.

### *Convention Delegates*

The next Department of California convention will be in Fresno, CA from June 23 to June 26. The elected delegates are:

Darien Ainsley  BJ Dennis
Wendy Quinn  Marie Tarango

### *Poppies*

On April 19 at noon at the Post we will meet to help with the Poppy letters. Please all who can try to attend because the more we have the quicker it will be accomplished.

She is also decorating a window in town so look for it. It will be ready by May 1st.

### *Membership*

If you have not paid your membership dues of $20 by May 15 you will dropped from the roll and the Breeze will not be delivered to you.

Congratulations to all of you have paid your dues. We have the highest per cent of

membership in the District. We are 144% over goal! Thanks everyone!

***Borrego Days***

BJ again offered to manage the bake sale. It is always successful since you are all such superb bakers! The date is October 28-29. Dig out those recipes.

Jean Smith volunteered to oversee the lemonade stand. Please continue to squeeze those lemons. There will not be any lemons the end of October so we need to squeeze them now and freeze them.

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 8th at 5:00 here at the Post.

***Aux. Dinner Night***

Dave & Danna are doing the Auxiliary's dinner night on Cinco de Mayo (Mexican, of course) for $8.00. They will start serving at 5PM. This will also be Farwell to Jim & Barb night. They are heading back to Canada on Sunday, 5/7.

## WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER

Nancy Taylor

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

Our next BBQ dinner will be on Saturday May 20th at 5pm. Dinner will include Tri Tip Beef and Chicken along with beans, coleslaw and rolls, all for $ 12.00.

## MARIAN UPDATE

Our membership is in fantastic shape, thanks to all our renewed members and our new members. We have grown from last years ending membership of 261 to 291 currently. Thank you for your loyalty to the American Legion and to Borrego Post 853.

You will probably get an update on this from the Auxiliary, but I just wanted everyone to be on the lookout for those of us who will be distributing POPPIES during Poppy week, May 12-20th. We will be at the Center Market and the hardware with these famous flowers and every penny you spend for one will go into Faye's Veterans fund to be spent on Veterans and their families. With all our Marines from the San Diego Area that are in Iraq, when wounded they are sent back here to San Diego to be close to their families during rehabilitation. Faye will be using this money to help them whenever needed. Also those in the VA Hospital in LaJolla will be helped. So please be generous.

Those of you living elsewhere, if you see someone distributing Poppies for their Units, help them out and proudly wear your Poppy. We will also have a Poppy window display in the Borrego Appliance building just off Christmas Circle from May 2nd thru May 20th. Stop by and look at our display on Flanders Field where Poppies grew during WWI. We found an old WWI Army uniform in one of the out buildings, this will also be on display. We honor many at this time and want to share it with you. Its been an honor working with Faye on her many projects. We are doing some of these things for the first time in Borrego. We hope you enjoy each one. Marian Landis

***Easter Buffet***

We had a great Easter buffet with lots of delicious food. Every one had a good time. BUT---and I mean a BIG BUT!!!! When the day crew came in on Monday morning, the place was left absolutely filthy with dirty dishes, dirty table covers, etc. The SMALL group that set up the buffet did a super job. Why can't a few of you who sit around throughout the afternoon, pick up before you leave (at least clean off your table) and help those who have to work at the Post the next day. Its a very little part of volunteerism that means so much. Don't wait to be asked to have to do something, just DO IT and others will automatically join you. Take a little bit off the backs of those who are always doing a huge part to keep the Post going.

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If all the girls who attended the Yale prom were laid end to end, I wouldn't be a bit surprised.
-- Dorothy Parker

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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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When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty.'
--Theodore Roosevelt
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*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.

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"No diet will remove all the fat from your body because the brain is entirely fat. Without a brain you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office."
-- Will Rogers
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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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Our constitution protects aliens, drunks and U.S. Senators.
--Will Rogers
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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.

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Organized crime in America takes in over forty billion dollars a year and spends very little on office supplies.
--Woody Allen
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**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

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**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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Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
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**COMPARED TO THE PRICE**
**YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE**

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