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The World's Largest Veterans' Organization

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BORREGO SPRINGS POST 853

JUNE, 2007

FROM OUR COMMANDER

A hearty thank you to members of Auxiliary, Legion and SAL's who assisted in the clean-up party at the Post. Everything from ceiling to carpets has been cleaned and once again it looks like someone really lives here. This effort was a Legion Family project thanks to D.J. Cain for organizing it. Now let us all try to keep the facility neat and clean. Bob Juers

15 Ways to Kill a Post (Author Unknown)

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure and leave before the meeting is over.
3. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside.
4. When at meetings, vote to do everything, but then do nothing to help.
5. The next day, find fault with your officers and fellow members.
6. Take no part in the Post's affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back and talk with another member. Nobody will notice.
8. Get all the organization will give, but give nothing in return.
9. Talk cooperation, but never cooperate.
10. Threaten to resign at every opportunity.
11. If you are asked to help, always say you haven't the time -- too busy.
12. Never read anything pertaining to the organization, you might learn too much.
13. Never accept an office; it is much easier to criticize than do things.
14. If appointed to a committee, never give any time to it; let the chairman do all the work.
15. Don't do anything more than you have to, and when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the cause, howl because the Post is being run by a clique. Bob

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Frederick A. Augusta	Fred R. Gramcko
Robert A. Kliest	Michael Porter
Garry D. Rollins	Belen M.
Sarwacinski Robert sarwacinski	Chad W. Stoll
Allen T. Tidwell	Michael W. Wray

NEW TRANSFER

Michael O. McEvoy

FROM OUR 1ST VICE

We will be honoring all our military members present and past on Memorial Day, May 28th. The Post will be furnishing hamburgers and hot dogs, members please bring a side dish. We will eat at noon, then at 2:45pm we will all form our circle around the flag pole to honor our large American Flag trifolded, during the National Anthem and the flag raising. THEN we will each take a balloon tied with red white and blue ribbon and let it loose in honor of a loved one. Also, add a red, white, or blue ribbon , in honor of someone you love, to our Poppy wreath on the tripod inside the side door and we will then put it out on the Post entrance until sundown. PLEASE stick around until the 3pm service. All across America taps will be played at 3pm in honor of those we want to remember. Hope to see all of you there.

All of our Post reports are complete and sent in for judging. Out of 540 statewide Posts Borrego Springs comes home with a whole bunch of awards for all the work we do in our community. Did you know that 853 spent \$7,637.00 on community service projects and \$4,724.00 on Children and Youth projects. A total of turned in volunteer hours were 2,037. More were done, but were either not sent in or received after the reports went in. As it is we really did great. Thanks to all who have made this such a great year. Marian Landis

Message from our 2nd Vice

We are looking forward to the elections this next Sat. We have a good slate of officers, they have a lot on their plate for the next year as do we all, they will need your support.

I want to thank the people that have fixed the meals this past year.

Some of the turn out has not been what we would have liked but the food has always been excellent.

The Mother's Day Brunch successes we were able to give the MOMs a beautiful Carnation. Champagne and fix your own omelet was a lot of fun. We made a \$2.00 profit.

Thanks to Meredith Pratt, Shirley Turpin, Jim Cooper, D.J. Caine and mostly to Kenny.

Thanks Again

Mac

In Charge of Vice

Our first stop as new recruits was the BARBER'S "Want to keep your sideburns" he asked. "Yes that would be fine," I said "OK I'll get you a sack to put them in".

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

The concept of "Faith" is based on past experiences. The concept of "Hope" always looks to the future. From my personal experience and from what I have read about the past, The sun came up every day in the past. Therefore, I have faith that it will continue to do so in the future. I sincerely hope so! Tomorrow morning I will find out if my faith and hope are based on a reliable foundation.

My faith in God comes from my personal past experiences and the study of a time when God played a more conspicuous role in the lives of men on this earth. Today I think that most people only have faith in their personal opinions of how they imagine things ought to be. Their hope for the future is without any basis in fact. Without faith and hope in your lives, how can anybody experience and believe in a loving God and Creator? God's Word says: Ask the right questions and you'll get the right answers; Knock on the right doors and doors will open for you; Earnestly seek God's Will in your lives and you will find the answers you need. This is one of those times when to continue to do nothing, is to actively do the wrong thing. It's your life!

FROM OUR AUXILIARY

Auxiliary News

Building Fund

Since the need for a new Post building is now a priority, the Auxiliary is pleased to report that we are increasing our monthly contribution to the building fund to \$500.

Poppy News

Faye Nilsen and her daughter Doris held another successful chowder night to benefit the poppy fund. We decided to contribute \$1,000 each to the Fisher House, Wave Program, Balboa YMCA/Naval Hospital and Drug Rehabilitation Program. Thanks, Faye!

Borrogo Days

The Auxiliary is donating \$250 to the Borrogo Days Committee and will therefore be recognized with a banner in the parade. At the next meeting we will be discussing whether to have a float or other type of parade entry as well, so please bring your creative ideas.

District Meeting

The next District meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Post 282, 8118 University Avenue, La Mesa. A hosted luncheon will follow, and attendees are asked to wear white. If you plan to attend and are interested in carpooling, please contact Karen Brown.

Father's Day

Danna Dempsey and crew will be organizing a Father's Day brunch on June 17, including a bloody mary. Menu and cost are yet to be determined, but please mark your calendar and stay tuned for details.

State Convention

The American Legion Department of California Convention in Palm Springs is rapidly approaching, June 20 through 24, and the Auxiliary will be participating along with the Legion and SALs. Our delegates this year are Darien Ainsley, Karen Brown, B.J. Dennis and Wendy Quinn.

June Auxiliary Meeting

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JUNE AUXILIARY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED! Instead of our usual date/time (Monday, June 11 at 5:00), our business meeting has been scheduled for **SUNDAY, JUNE 10 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE BORREGO SPRINGS RESORT.** Following the meeting there will be no-host cocktails and a luncheon,

hosted by the Auxiliary, to thank Darien for her service as President.

E-Mail

As a result of our Secretary's recent computer crash, the Auxiliary E-mail list is being recreated but is still incomplete. If you did not receive the last Minutes via E-mail, please contact Wendy Quinn, quinns@cableusa.com, to be added to the list.

DJ's CORNER

The S.A.L.'s annual luau on Saturday, April 28th was a great success. We had a great group of people including quite a contingent from Lake Havasu. I'd like to thank everyone that helped in the set-up, cooking, serving, clean-up, etc. It was a fantastic group effort!

Hats off to Faye Nilsen and her daughter, Doris, for some mighty tasty corn and clam chowder on Wednesday, May 9th. No one went home hungry!

Mother's Day, May 13th, we had a champagne brunch with cook-your-own omelets and a carnation for every mom. Great job, Mac MacDonald and Kenny Mickelson!

Spring cleaning day at the Post was Tuesday, May 15th. We now have a SQUEAKY CLEAN Post. Thank you so much to John Breeza, Jim Cooper, Danna Dempsey, Janet Fortiner, Rita Hartman, Mary MacDonald, Dee O'Brien, Wendy Quinn and Mitzi Seibert for their time and elbow grease!

We're still having karaoke on Friday nights and great dinners on Saturday nights. Come and join us if you can.

Until next time . . . God Bless.

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

The S.A.L.s would like to thank everyone who came out to our 4th Annual Luau, overall we had a good turnout, though it was a little warmer than we would have liked. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people: Jerry and Judy Shannon who for the past 4 years have donated the money to purchase the pigs. Dan and Nancy Arnado from Lake Havasau, Dan brings with him about 20 people and makes the Pancit. Bob Herald from El Cajon, who is a Legion member of the post. Our good friend Jim Cooper who is our official pig puller. Faye and Chris Ann for helping in the

servicing line. Gary Mathews who was at the post all week before the event trying to help clean up the post. DJ for everything she did trying to coordinate the workers, bartenders, music, etc. Shirley for making the deserts. I know I have forgotten some people, so thank you everyone who helped, including the S.A.L. members. This year was easier working because of the extra help that we received, we hope to do this again next year. Again thanks everyone.

Ron

Andersen

Facts About the American Legion Post 853

Why is the American Legion Post 853 a "Private Non-profit Organization" allowing only eligible members? What constitutes eligible membership? Many members ask, "Can the American Legion Post 853 accept a tax-deductible donation?"

"It all fits together."

It is too common knowledge that philanthropic foundations do not know what 501(C)(19) veterans organizations do, and therefore have limited their contributions to 501(C)(3) charities. Often the key issue is whether or not a veterans organization meets the IRS criteria so that it can accept tax-deductible donations. Rest assured that the American Legion Post 853 complies fully with all the IRS criteria and is able to accept tax-deductible donations.

Below is a summary of what these IRS criteria are.

IRS Publication 3386 is the Tax Guide for Veterans Organizations. A detailed read of the guide shows that there are two IRC rulings that determine the tax status for a Veterans Organization.

First is IRC 501(C)(19), and the second is IRC 170(C)(3).

1. IRC 501(C)(19) specifies that a Veterans Organization is an "exempt" Organization if:

- a. (1) It is organized in the United States;
- (2) at least 75% of its members are Currently Serving or Veterans of the US Armed Forces, with no more than 2.5% of the balance of the membership who are not cadets, nor spouses, widows,

- widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of Veterans or cadets, and
- (3) no part of the Organization's net earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- b. It is operated exclusively for one or More of the following purposes:
- (1) To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased Veterans and members of the US Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors;
 - (2) To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature;
 - (3) To assist disabled and needy War Veterans and members of the US Armed Forces and the dependents, widows and orphans of deceased Veterans;
 - (4) To promote the social welfare of the community;
 - (5) To provide entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized Veterans or members of the US Armed Forces;
 - (6) To conduct programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes; and
 - (7) To provide social and recreational activities for its members.
2. IRC 170(C)(3) specifies that in order for a Veterans Organization to be eligible to receive tax deductible contributions, at least 90% of the members must be war Veterans. A war Veteran is a Veteran who served on active duty during one of the five war periods of WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, the first Gulf War, and all who have served on active duty in the Global War Against Terror. It is important to note that more than 98% of the members of the American Legion Post 853 are known to be classified as war Veterans, therefore exceeding the membership requirements of IRC 501(C)(19) and IRC 170(C)(3) discussed above. In addition, and EQUALLY

IMPORTANT, the Post exceeds the purpose requirements of IRC 501(C)(19) in paragraph b above by operating for all seven purposes.

All Legion Members

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Thanx
Claude Turpin
Breeze Editor

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