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The World's Largest Veterans' Organization

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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

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FROM THE COMMANDER

As we begin a new American Legion year I want to thank the officers and E-Board members who worked with me last year. And I want to welcome the new officers and E-Board members. I am looking forward to working with you. We have many good ideas and I'm sure we can resolve unfinished business and continue with our progress to maintain our good reputation in District 22 and the Department of California.

Many of our members will be travelling this summer. Wherever you go and whatever you do, drive safely. Have a relaxing summer and keep cool!

Bob Juers

On Wednesday June 14 we had a party! There wasn't much of a celebration -- just a lot of work for the four of us. The carpet was cleaned, the kitchen walls, floor, counters and appliances polished, upright freezer cleaned out, window sills cleaned. What a mess and what a job to clean it! We need to schedule a clean-up party at least once per quarter during our busy season. Next time we'll give more notice so that more people can help. Thanks to Gary Matthews, Larry Johnson and Chuck Dashevsky who worked so hard. Let's ALL help to keep the place clean and neat and please remove old stuff from the refrigerator frequently.

Bob Juers

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Claudette Castillo Gerard F. Dermody
Richard Pettersson William E. Withrow

CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

Maker of all mankind receive the soul of our comrade William (Bill) Emling departed, and grant him entrance into your heavenly kingdom, where he may know the joy of everlasting life according to the promise of our savior Jesus Christ.

Amen

See you in Church
Howard Hind

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Auxiliary News

Poppies

Faye Nilsen was thanked by all for the terrific job she has done with the Poppies. She has been our first poppy chairman and was wonderfully successful with her raffles, dinner, the window at the Borrego Appliance store, and selling poppies at the grocery store and at True Value. She thanked all the people who helped her with all of the activities.

The District 22 President's report was full of pictures of our Unit when we wore the Poppy hats at the District meeting. Many members made the basic hat and Faye's daughters finished them. We won three awards for the hats.

Girls State

Ashley Peters, Jeri Melly's granddaughter will be our Girls State delegate. She will report to us in September on her experience in Fresno.

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 or bring them to the September meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

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.

Veterans Village of San Diego

The Veterans Village of San Diego is a facility for Homeless Veterans and their families. On June 30 from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM there will be a clothing drive in San Diego. D.J. Cain and

Lynne Aldous will drive to San Diego with all the donated clothing. Please bring clothing, shoes, socks, bath towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste or deodorant to the post before the week of June 30. The membership also voted to send \$500 to the Veterans Village from the Poppy fund.

Meals for July

July 9: Pot luck salad bar, Sunday, July 9th beginning at 4:00 PM.

July 23 & 30: "Cook your own omelet" hosted by D.J. on both Sundays.

July 11: D.J. will serve Tacos.

July 22: Wendy Quinn will serve dinner, probably lasagna.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2006 here at the Post.

Have a happy and relaxing summer!

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER

Ann A. Dermody

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

The S.A.L.s will be dark for the summer, next meeting and BBQ will be in September.

WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBERS

David J. Graciano Junior G. McDonald

FROM OUR FIRST VICE

The 2007 Membership cards will be picked up next week while I am at Convention in Fresno. To the new members and those who have already paid your 2007 dues, I will have your cards in the mail by the last week of June. Thanks for your patience.

HELP: Do you remember our huge project 2 years ago where we adopted the ship USS Rushmore? We have another one I want to get going that is even more important than the Rushmore. On our 3rd visit to the US Naval Hospital Balboa in San Diego on June 7th, we met over 30 of the most wonderful kids who are recovering from battle wounds and amputations. They sat down and talked to us, lots of hugs went around, even with our Commander Bob.

They want reassurance from us that we believe in what they are doing. Almost all want to go back to their companies in Iraq after they are discharged from the hospital.

We want to do whatever we can to help buy them clothing to wear in the hospital, healthy snacks, movie CD's ,an evening out (if they are able to physically leave the hospital) for pizza and a movie, special size shoes, phone cards and a multitude of other necessities. Clothing wise, they have nothing but a pair of cammies, everything else was left in the battlefield when they were evacuated.

Our project is to collect enough funds to take a big check down to the Armed Forces YMCA. They provide all these needed items and are located right there in the hospital. 100% of our donations go to the needs of the wounded, no overhead.

A real heart rendering afternoon while we visited them. Balboa is now the amputee center for the west coast and the average amputee will be there for 18 months. It is the cream of the crop for this type of care, paired with the VA in La Jolla for prosthesis repair and special work.

Please help us make this a GOING PROGRAM. Send your checks, etc. to the Post address: P.O. Box 2653, Borrego Springs, CA 92004, Attn: Marian. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you from the wounded patients and me!!!!

I will keep you updated each month. Marian

We are again sponsoring our Cub Pack 696 in Borrego Springs. Last year we had their flag (banner) made, gave them an American Flag and paid their starting up fees. This year we have taken care of all their initial fees to start over after all the parents dropped out last year. Good luck to our little guys.

Marian

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If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.

■ George Bernard Shaw

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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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A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

-- David Brinkley

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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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"The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think."

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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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Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

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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.

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

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Research shows the first five minutes of life can be the most risky.

Somehow I think that the last five minutes aren't so safe either.

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All Legion Members

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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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Smile: It'll Make The World Wonder What You're Up To!

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