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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

JULY, 2007

FROM OUR COMMANDER

As we begin another American Legion year I want to thank the past year's officers for their dedication and efforts to make Post 853 a GREAT Post, recognized as such in our community, District 22 and the Department of California. Another round of applause goes to the members of the Post, Auxiliary and SAL's who helped in so many and diverse ways to help us achieve our goals.

I look forward to working again in this new year with the officers and members. Our work is never done, but together we can accomplish whatever we decide to do and with our dedication we can overcome the obstacles which might be in our path.

A positive attitude is contagious, so let's all put our best foot forward to continue our good work. THANKS to all. Bob Juers

FROM OUR 1ST VICE

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER ; What counts in life is what we do for others.

Philippians 4:13 --- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

Pass it on to people whom you want to see blessed.

~~Freida~~

A message from our humble first vice:

My thanks to the post for the honor, being named Legionaire of the year. We have had a good week, with D.J. coming home, a great Fathers Day breakfast by Danna & Dave and drinks by B.J. Thanks for your support. We need

to have a good summer in recruiting new members, this is everybody's job. The post has decided that we will have a meal of some kind every Saturday. (or Kenny & Mac will have Hamburgers). Lets all help Kenny!

Member ship is my JOB this coming year and with your help I will do my best. I think that I'm up to it but if you have any question, suggestions or complaints, please give me a call and I will get you an answer.

Thanks to Marion for the great job she has been doing it will be hard to follow.

As always 1st in charge of VICE MAC

FROM OUR "PAST" 1ST VICE CDR

Thank you for being so good at paying your dues. You made my job MUCH easier. Mac will be doing the Membership this year, so please remember when you pay your dues on time we will not have to battle Department and National. If you have any problems, write, e-mail or call us. We will clear up any problems immediately. We are growing which makes this post stand out like it does. We need each and everyone of you. To those of you who we see every 6 months, please be careful and stay healthy, those from our area, come see us often. (Also-- if you have any VA claim problems, or you want to file or get your VA Card, call and I will help. I'm retired from the LaJolla VA and still help members on paperwork that has to be done.)

THANKS to everyone who attended our Memorial Day ceremony and lunch. You all braved the wind, the tied up balloon strings and the fastest balloon release in history. I believe they were in the Salton Sea before we played taps. But we tried, we sent our love to those lost and those serving. Maybe the wind was there to let us know our loved ones were up there watching and thanking us. I thank you for being there for this special day. Marian

SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS:

If you, as a member, sign up a new member-- this is what you must have to prove his eligibility: DD214, or Discharge paper or current military ID Card, Retired ID Card, current VA Card or anything proving they were in the military. Without these, their paperwork will not go out until actual proof is given. The person signing up the new member, please sign on the recruiter line. Records are kept on this. Double check to see if everything is filled out and signed AND THAT IT IS LEGIBLE. I have a couple laying here that I had returned by the Post Office, Undeliverable. They were written at the bar and the addresses were wrong, meanwhile our new member is waiting for his card. Lets do this right and have a happy new member. Thanks. Marian

FROM OUR ADJUTANT

Saturday Night Events - There will be food of some sort every Saturday Night at the Post. We don't know far in advance what it will be - It may be Steak, it may be Hamburgers, maybe Tostadas, but it will be something

We do have some specials coming up and we will try to get what it will be in the Breeze.

Our new Second Vice Commander, Kenny Mickelson is trying hard to round up cooks and events through the year. If you have a special meal you would like to show off - call Kenny and he will line it up - you know something like steak & eggs the last Sunday of the month, or a Fish Fry - whatever your specialty is. Kens is Liver & Onions - Umh - good.

Join your comrades and ladies at the Post and enjoy !!!!

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Daniel F. Devoe Mark R. Mobley

OUR CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

The Game of life!

If life were a video game, obviously to play the game successfully you must learn all the rules of the game as programmed by the author and developer of the game. If there were some are as of the game that you personally would have programmed differently, that's just too bad. The programmer rules. If there are some rules that you don't understand then get out the operator's manual that contains many examples of successful and failed game players.

Our God and creator is the Master Programmer of everything we know and understand as well as the vast amount of things we don't understand. He wrote the rules and parameters of our lives. The Bible, also known as God's Word, is the closest thing we will ever have to an operator's manual for our lives. It contains over two thousand years of the relationship that God had with mankind. God does not change! That's why His recorded decisions on what He approves or disapproves applies to us today. You don't like some of His rules? Get over it! The program is locked into permanent memory and if you refuse to play by His rules, you will lose at this "game" called life.

Ray

G.

A LOOK FORWARD: On October 20th we will be having our 10th anniversary party here at the Post. Its called 'DESERT DANCE'. We will have the outstanding 'WORKING COWBOY BAND" . The SAL's are fixing the meal. There will be a huge tent out in the camping area where the band and dancing will be set up. The Pop-up tents will be on the concrete for those who want to sit talk and eat away from the music. Oh-the beer wagon will be there for those of you who like ice cold draft.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We have a lot to celebrate--10 years worth.

FROM OUR AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary has been off to a great start for the summer, even the weather has been wonderful. June 3rd at the District meeting which was held in La Mesa awards were given to the Units for outstanding achievements this past year. Thanks to the teamwork of members Borrego Springs was noted for turning in 100% reporting which I am told is a great achievement; we received honorable mention for all the money raised from our Poppy Program. Thanks to Faye Nilsen's leadership and hard working volunteers, with great pride we were able to send \$1,000 each to The Fisher House, The Wave Program, The YMCA Balboa Hospital and Veteran Drug Rehabilitation Program all as a result of the Poppy Program fundraising efforts benefiting our Veterans! Congratulations to Marion Landis for her legislative report winning First Place in the

District! Elections were held and Pacita West is our new District President, Susie Tozier, 1st vice and June Coatney 2nd vice, installation will be July 7 at 10 a.m. in National City and all ALA members are welcome to attend. The memorial ceremony was heartfelt as each Unit representative was handed a red poppy representing a member lost to place upon the wreath, sadly Borrego Springs suffered the most loss in the District this year in loving memory, Shirley Andrews, Ruby Carmen, Barbara Dempsey, Mabel Hartman, Evelyn Rowland, Marie Taylor and Dianna Wilson. Junior member Kalyn Capito attended the meeting with me.

June 10th our meeting was well attended, including honored guests, Sandy Traverse, District Americanism Chair and Bee Mushet from the Julian Post and 1st Vice Mac MacDonald. Mac reported to our membership the plans for our *Post's Tenth Year Anniversary* which is set for **October 20th** so save the date it is going to be a spectacular event you won't want to miss! Plans include a gala dinner dance. He also asked for our help with summertime meals with emphasis on Saturday dinners if anyone can help please call the Post. We continued our discussion to get folding chairs for our dining area and Sandy Traverse responded to our plea and we are getting 30 chairs at a cost of \$5 each from Champagne Village in Escondido! Kalyn, Chloe and Daisy of our Junior Auxiliary were present and received certificates of appreciation for their work with the Poppy Program. The girls modeled the winning 'Poppy Hats' that Brenda donated her labor of love to. Thankfully we now have a Borrego Days Festival Committee Chairwoman, Meredith Pratt and we encourage your participation and excitement to make this the best Auxiliary presence in the history of Borrego Days! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities so join in the fun. Darien's appreciation luncheon was a successful event thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. Agnes Bushman presented Darien with a beautiful bouquet of roses from Kathy Pratt's garden, a collaboration of Meredith Pratt, Mary McMillian and Agnes on behalf of the Auxiliary. Wendy Quinn, secretary, read a glowing tribute of the Auxiliary accomplishments during Darien's presidency which Darien gave credit and thanks to the help of the many dedicated members.

Congratulations! June 14 our Junior Auxiliary member Ashley Peters graduated from Borrego Springs High the pride of her grandmother Jeri Melly! Get well Jeri we miss you. Best wishes to Ashley's future.

June 15th was a wonderful Army birthday celebration with chocolate cake followed by an enchanting evening of singing and dancing under the stars it was a party with members from San Diego, Salton City, Ocotillo Wells, Julian and Borrego Springs! Welcome home DJ. Father's Day was a huge success thanks to Danna Dempsey, her trusted kitchen crew and BJ Dennis, proceeds of the breakfast will go to the 'Building Fund' many thanks ladies your hard work was so worth it! The Post was filled with laughter and camaraderie, air conditioned and the luscious smells of huevos rancheros and cilantro. Crowd pleasing.

Our chaplain Bette Walker is in Paducah, Kentucky helping her mother. Until her return our 1st vice Lyn Benavides has graciously taken responsibility of chaplain should you need to make us aware of a member in need. Always remember your Auxiliary cares.

Well we delegates are off to Palm Springs for the American Legion Department of California Convention June 20-24 and hope to report good things when we return. Have a safe and happy summer full of joy and adventure! See you September 10th. Karen

Weds. July 11th @ 1 o'clock
Tea Time with Shirley

Learn to do hand made cards and enjoy good company in the cool comfort of the Post. Shirley will supply all but asks that you bring sharp scissors and some attitude...or just come to join in the chat.

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

There is a photo album at the post of pictures of our 4X4 runs and the Luau, next time your at the post take look at the pictures.

The S.A.L.'s will be dark for meetings and dinners July and August. Have a great summer, see you in September.

WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBER

Bruce M. Johnson

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.

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AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAPS

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

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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

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Thanx
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