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### **FROM OUR COMMANDER**

Post 853 received six awards at Department convention in Fresno in the categories of Membership, Children and Youth and Publicity. The top publicity award was for Marian's fine work on the book of newspaper articles about Post activities. Thanks, Marian for all the work you do for our programs. The awards will be displayed at the Post in September.

While in Fresno we visited Post 509. Their building is relatively new, beautiful and functional. We remember when their former building burned and Post 853 sent funds to help rebuild.

I will be in the Midwest until early September. In the meantime, have a super summer.

Bob Juers

### **FROM OUR 1ST VICE COMMANDER:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is coming in at an amazing rate. Keep it up and I will be done early this year. Thanks to those who have paid. I always try to get your 2007 cards out by the next day.

Our Balboa Naval hospital amputee program has started out great. I have two good workers, D. J. Cain and Kathleen Lara, who are going to go over the complete Palm Springs area collecting for this special program. Anyone interested in helping--just send a check to the Post, ATTN: Marian.

We sure hope everyone has received last weeks Borrego Sun newspaper and saw the big color picture on the front page. Our little Cub Scout Troop 696, that we are sponsoring, decided to help us (at 6am) put up flags around Christmas Circle on July 4th. They did a great job and even came back at 6:30 that evening to help take them down. The paper put us front and center & in color.

Several members have asked how many flags are put out along the circle and Palm Canyon drive, so heres a quick rundown.

From the Chamber to Christmas Circle--28 American and 2 POW/MIA

Christmas Circle--24 American and 2 POW/MIA

Palm Canyon Drive North --30 American and 1 POW/MIA

Palm Canyon Drive South --33 American and 1 POW/MIA

Total 115 American, 6 POW/MIA all on 2 piece Poles.

We always welcome help on the 13 days the flags are put up. Also donations to help buy new flags and poles and for repairs.

Please say a prayer for our Chaplain -- Howard Hind. He has been ill and went to Winnimuca, NV with his Nephew. His wife is in a nursing home. Howard is expected to be home Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lynn Aldous and I worked at the San Diego Standdown Friday 14 July. We helped cook and feed 800 homeless veterans and families and 500 volunteers. Each homeless received dental care, medical care, showers, hair cuts, clothing, legal help, VA claim help, & job help. There was a big childrens toy tent and tents with 800 cots for them to sleep safe for 3 nights. Two tired women limped back to Borrego after 11 hours, but we sure felt like we helped those who needed help. This is held once a year in San Diego and the first day is totally funded and fun by the American Legion Posts in San Diego. San Diego held the first standdown 19 years ago and it has been a role model throughout the US ever since. Again Lynn, THANK YOU!!

### **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

#### ***Auxiliary News Fresno Convention***

Darien Ainsley, BJ Dennis, Wendy Quinn, Marie Tarango and Mary MacDonald were all at the Fresno Convention. We met many of the



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Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists?

-- Kelvin Throop III

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*FORUM*

**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.

**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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Thanx  
Claude Turpin  
Breeze Editor

**WE ONLY RECEIVED 2 NEW REQUESTS FOR BREEZE BY E-MAIL IN JULY**

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5,000 years ago Moses said, "Pick up your shovel, pack your ass, mount your camel and I shall lead you to the Promised Land."

200-plus years ago, George Washington said, "Get off your ass, use your shovel, clear the land, grow plants for camels and it will be the promised land."

Last week the Congress of the United States said "Si, Amigos, throw away your shovel, sit on your ass, light your Camels. We're giving you the promised land."

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When the politicians complain that TV turns the proceedings into a circus, it should be made clear that the circus was already there, and that TV has merely demonstrated that not all the performers are well trained.

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**HOW TRUE THIS IS**

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

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Q. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?  
A. In the Big Inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second, Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

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*NOTE*

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