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BORRÉGO SPRINGS POST 853

AUGUST, 2007

FROM OUR COMMANDER

Though temps have risen and many of our members are off to cooler places for varying periods of time the work of the Post goes on.

Thanks to all of our dedicated cooks who continue to prepare weekday lunches, appetizers for Friday night karaoke, Saturday night dinners and yes, an occasional breakfast too. Summertime attendance at these events has been fairly steady. Watch your calendars for these events and come on out to enjoy.

Come September we'll be busy completing plans for our tenth anniversary celebration, Borrego Days and Veterans' Day.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer, wherever you may be. Bob Juers

Post 853 will be dark in August. We will not hold any regularly scheduled meetings.

COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

To all past Coast Guard members. Join us for Larry's swiss steak dinner and the first Coast Guard Birthday celebration at the Post on 4 August at 6PM. We will have the usual cake cutting by the youngest and oldest Guardsmen present. If you don't want to come to the dinner, please join us for the ceremony.

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Patrick Kilroy Mike Linnille Richard Stafford

FROM OUR 1st VICE

Hey Guys, this is another start of a calendar year when our DUES are due. I would like to get as many of them in before Mary and I leave on vacation ,if you get them in I will do my best to get them out. Thanks to Marian for the tutoring and help getting started.

We have had a great July starting with the 4th and a good time was had by all thanks to

Kenny and hamburgers and Hot dogs. He is doing a great job..

It seems that everybody is leaving in August, but never fear we shall return. I'am looking forward to our Anniversary Dance (October 20) it is going to take a lot of work by all of us, if you are ask to do something please do your best, Let's make it a SUCCESS.

Looking forward to seeing al of you when we get back.

As always IN CHARGE OF VICE.

"MAC"

FROM OUR 2nd VICE

I would like to thank everyone who brought side dishes for the Fourth of July luncheon. Also to those who set up and later cleaned up, Mac, Marian and DJ.

To all of you who came to our Liver and Onion dinner and Pancake breakfast, thanks. Its hard to know if we should have certain meals at this time of the year with so many people away, but you loyal members are making it a pleasure to fix these meals because so many are showing up we are replacing our funds in our Children & Youth, Americanism and VA&R projects faster than ever. A huge THANK YOU and a bigger pat on the back to each of you.

If you would like to sign up to fix a dinner or breakfast in September, please check the pass-thru at the bar and pick your date. It takes all of us to do a good job. So please help us out if you can. KENNY

CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

Often, I really get ticked off when an ATM machine instructs me in "english" to choose either english or spinach in order to continue the transaction. Really! In the U. S. of A. we speak ENGLISH and that should be the default language for everything in this, our country. A

simple programming change could fix this. As advanced as the computer technology has become in our time, the sheer multi-tasking computational power of the human brain will never be equalled, at least for women. Men are said to be equal to women , one task at a time, but when it comes to multiple tasks of mental computation, women generally have an advantage. Nevertheless, has it occurred to anyone that there is a "default mode" in the human brain? Lacking any other outside input, there is a starting/default mode for the conduct of all human beings that starts at a very early age and continues until death. That is unless and until a deliberate programming change takes place in your life. The reason for this default mode can be explained by the story of Adam and Eve. They blew it, and their error continued in the programming of each succeeding generation of mankind. The solution to this problem that the Master Programmer and Creator of our world has planned for us, is something we celebrate every year at Christmas time and especially the Easter celebration. You have nothing to lose by at least asking someone you trust in your church about what this can mean to you. Nobody can convince you of anything you don't want to accept in your life, so give it a shot!

Ray
G.

Ken Ankeney is out of the hospital and at his son's recuperating from an operation and a Stroke. We are all looking forward to your return to BS Ken.

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Thanks to your support, the American Legion Auxiliary has been able to provide 10 million hours of volunteer services over the past year. In communities around California and across the nation, our vital programs enrich the lives of our veterans, especially those hospitalized in 171 VA Medical Centers across the country.

Remember to renew your membership dues of \$25, so we can continue to serve veterans, their families and the youth of our nation. Thank you to the early bird members who have already sent in their dues; Lyn Benavides, Eva Emrich,

Dorothy Moore, Gail Reed, Jean Smith, Bette Walker, Dee O'Brien, and Mary MacDonald.

Your membership promotes patriotism, family values and community service. Because of your affiliation with the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, you are empowering volunteers to nurture tradition and foster change for the benefit of others!

Wednesday, July 11th a special Auxiliary meeting was called because of a time sensitive need to help sponsor a local high school youth, Jesse Warren with his tuition for The Idyllwild Creative Arts Academy. Jesse's acceptance to the academy is a great accomplishment. Mary MacDonald, Children and Youth Chairman contacted the family and presented the information to the members present. A discussion followed and a unanimous vote was passed to give \$500. Thank you to Beth Hart and Danna Dempsey for bringing this info to our attention. Jesse's grandfather was a WWII veteran.

National Stand Down 2007 in San Diego was a great success. Twenty years of providing a safe and healthy environment for homeless veteran's for one week end a year. This event was started in San Diego and has grown to 200 cities nationwide. During Stand Down volunteers donate services from medical to legal with emphasis on helping them back on their own. All participants must prove they are indeed a veteran and many return as volunteers. It's a beautiful thing to witness this safe place that they can rest, have a shower, get a haircut, full beauty service, fresh clothing of their choice, full medical care including dental and optometry, rehabilitation resources, full meals, a fun center for the children and entertainment for all. Many will find employment and housing to go to when they leave Stand Down. Borrego Springs Unit 853 Auxiliary proudly volunteered 20 hours along with many District 22 American Legion and Auxiliary members serving meals on Friday, July 13 to homeless veteran men, women and their children. We walk away tired but very proud to be a part of this wonderful American Legion organization and resolved to take part in this worthy cause again next year.

Karen Brown

Shirley Turpin's Tea Time handmade card class on Wednesday, July 11th was well attended and everyone was asking for another class. Thank you Shirley it was fun and rewarding. There is discussion of doing a class for the holiday giving.

Thank you DJ the Post now has Tejava iced tea to refresh us on these hot summer afternoons.

Update: we will be getting 60 comfortable folding chairs for the Post the week of July 30th thanks to collaboration with our S.A.L.'s! Plans for The Borrego Days Festival and the Post's Tenth Year Anniversary in October are progressing nicely.

July 28th the Auxiliary is hosting the Saturday potluck dinner of Salads and Desserts for \$5 donation so please come and be a part of the summertime fun at the Post. Hope to see many of you there.

August 11th Wendy and Jim Quinn are hosting a Taco Salad Dinner. August 18th DJ Cain is hosting barbecue ribs dinner. On August 25th Auxiliary member Dee O'Brien and her husband Terry are hosting a spaghetti dinner. Thank you so much and the Auxiliary has helped the Post make their summertime goal of a dinner every Saturday night!

Is it possible to shiver in 104 degree desert air? Yes say the children that Auxiliary member and former Junior Olympics swimmer, Gwenn Marie volunteers her time to teach swimming lessons. The high school pool is a great oasis to exercise and cool off during the dog days of summer, many thanks to Gwenn Marie, Nick and his lifeguards.

It is good to see Jeri Melly finally out and about and looking so good now. Our heartfelt hugs and good thoughts go out to Kat Gibson and JD Robison; and also to Patti Ryan who is home from the hospital now. Your Auxiliary and friends miss you and care about your well being. Please if any members are in need we do care and want to help let us know how. Karen Brown, 760- 767-3596; Lyn Benavides, 760-767-0043; Marie Tarango, 760-767-1156 or leave a message at the Post.

"In Action to Honor and Serve Our Veterans" See you when we meet on September 10th.

**AUX. NEW MEMBERS & RENEWAL
AUXILIARY ONLY NO SALS OR LEGION**

Auxiliary new members and renewal forms, **please mail to** Marie Tarango, P. O. Box 138, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-0138
Phone 760.767.1156

FROM THE S.A.L.'S

2008 membership cards are in. To renew your membership ***S.A.L. Members only***, send a check for \$ 25.00, payable to S.A.L. # 853, and mail it to Ron Andersen P.O. Box 448 Borrego Springs, CA 92004.

OCTOBER 20, 2007--Mark this date on your calendars--"The Desert Dance", the American Legion, Post 853's 10th Anniversary party.

It will be **BIG==**"The Working Cowboys Band"--The big tent with dance floor and plenty of tables--deep pit barbeque and of course more entertainment and dancing to be planned.

The 10th anniversary committee, Larry Johnson, Bob Juers, Marian Landis, Kenny Mickelson and Jim Cooper are working hard to provide a great entertainment venu and to involve all of Borrego Springs to celebrate this event.

Any questions, suggestions, volunteer help or just ideas--please contact one of the committee members--we all need help.

This can be one of the top events of the season--we want to have all members, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion involved.

NOTE TO 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.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAPS

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

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

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

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

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Thanx
Claude Turpin
Breeze Editor

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PLEASE TIP THEM GENEROUSLY**

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