



# The American Legion

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## DESERT BREEZE

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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

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### **FROM OUR COMMANDER**

As summer disappears into the autumn season our programs and special events will be in full swing once again. Thanks to everyone who endured the summer heat and kept the Post going.

Please, volunteer to take charge of some of our programs -- one real need is a coordinator with the Cub Scout Pack. There are several other opportunities for people to become more actively involved, such as Children and Youth and Americanism. Marian Landis has done a super job with programs and has worked hard on all of them. Come forward to help out.

I shall be back in Borrego Springs in early September. See you then.

Bob Juers

### **FROM OUR 1<sup>st</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

From the 1st Vice corner: Keep your 2007 membership coming in. Department and District have given us a huge goal for this year. 100 over last years goal. We can do it if everyone pays their dues. 100% membership for Cdr. Bob again--only you can do this.

My thanks to D.J. Cain and Kathy for helping me on the dinner for 30 Amputee military that were riding bicycles from New York crosscountry to Temecula. These veterans are doing this for the third year as therapy since they were wounded in Iraq, Vietnam and Korea. We took the food up to Temecula to the VFW hall and combined our food with the VFW's and had a ton of food. It didn't turn out quite as planned, but we had a good time and met some super fine people. It goes to show how other veterans organizations can work together .

Remember our Balboa Hospital's program that we are doing--collecting funds for these Wounded Warriors. If we all pitch in with whatever amount you wish to donate, we can help so many of these kids during the worse times of their life. Just take or mail to the Post, attn: Marian

Please mark your calendar for the following special days:

October 13--USN 231st Birthday party at 6pm at Post.

Borrego Days Oct. 28-29: We will be having our special Beer Garden again. It has grown so we can have more seating. The Auxiliary will have their Lemonade stand and their usual bake sale.

November 11th: VETERANS DAY--Christmas Circle--11AM--Big flag ceremony with guest speakers, Cub Scouts as side boys, military music and snacks at the closing of ceremony.

AT SUNSET: (at Christmas Circle) the annual Legion Flag Retirement ceremony will be held so more local people can participate. Bring your tattered flags to the Post. After the flag retirement we will have a cake cutting ceremony honoring the 231st US Marine Corps Birthday. If you were a Marine please come and join us. You don't have to be a Legionnaire to be the youngest or oldest Marine present. It will be a busy day, but we want our local people to see what we do and how it is done to honor our veterans and our wonderful flags.

Watch your Breeze for our upcoming events. This is our busy time of the year.

Marian

### **HOW TO SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER PROPERLY**

The proper way to sign up a new member:::USING A MEMBERSHIP FORM (30-009 will be on the lower left corner) have the bartender or the member-to-be fill out the form, filling out all of the appropriate information and have the new member-to-be sign. The recruiter MUST sign on their line so that I can give credit to the recruiter. Phone number, date of time in the military, branch of service are all "necessities" since National must have this on record. Have the bartender check the application when done to make sure everything is filled out and LEGIBLE and that the correct amount of dues is attached (\$30.00). You MUST get a copy of their DD 214 or at least a photo

copy (you can do this in our office) of something stating they were in the military. If retired from military (retired ID), current military ID, or someone from the Post who can verify their time in the military (must have their signature and note on application that they are verifying this). We need membership more than ever, but they must be current or former members of our Armed Forces eligible for affiliation in The American Legion. Applications not correctly completed will be rejected.

When a female wishes to join the Auxiliary, before their application is accepted, the Post membership officer MUST (verify and sign where this verification line is printed on the bottom of said application) that the veteran whom they are coming in under is a member of AN American Legion Post. This is all on the front of the Auxiliary application and **MUST BE** filled out and accurate.

Marian

### **Message from our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**

I would like to thank all of our members that have been providing Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast, Tuesday meals and to our bartenders for their daily lunches. All of these people work hard for our benefit not theirs, so lets us support them.

Thanks Mac

### **WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS**

T. J. Nagle

Lyle A. Oehike

### **CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS**

This is the last Chaplain's Views we will receive from Howard Hind. He passed away August 14, 2006. We have also lost 5 other members the past couple of months. William Emling, John Feighan, Randolph Gillott, Charles McKee & Bobby Watt.

"Maker of all mankind, receive the soul's of our comrade's departed, and grant them entrance into your heavenly kingdom, where they may know the joy of everlasting life according to the promise of our savior Jesus Christ."

Amen

See you in Church  
Howard Hind

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Howard Hind will be held at the Post on Saturday September 16th at 12 noon. A memorial will be conducted by

members for Howard's family, friends and members with a luncheon following.

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"The difference between a smart person and a wise person is that a smart person knows what to say and a wise person knows whether or not to say it."

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### **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

#### ***Membership***

Membership dues for 2006-2007 are now due. 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.

#### ***Next Meeting***

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

### **WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS??**

Barbara Capron

Ann Adams Dermody

Kathleen Lara

Carleen Ness

#### **TRANSFER**

Barbara T. Smith

### **FROM THE S.A.L.'S**

2007 Memberships cards are in. To renew (**Sons of the American Legion ONLY**) send a check for \$ 25.00, made out to S.A.L. # 853, and mail to Ron Andersen P.O. Box 448 Borrego Springs, CA 92004.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 12, at 7pm, all S.A.L. members who live in the Borrego area please plan to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming events for the 10 months.

Our next BBQ Dinner will be in October.

Thanks Ron

Andersen

