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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

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### FROM OUR COMMANDER

August has come to a close rather swiftly it seems. Why does time go faster as we get older?

I am visiting family in the Chicago area and Minnesota. I am the proud grandpa of twin girls (Son James' family) and also another granddaughter (Son Steve' s family), all within 2 days so I am running errands and helping out where required. Mamas & girls are fine & the two older grandchildren are getting used to the additions.

I know the Post is alive and well, though many people are out of town. I look forward to returning in early September, and especially the October events.

Enjoy. Bob Juers

### WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

James Dennison Charles Maldonado

### TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS:

At the age most of us are approaching, its time husbands and wives sit down and share your information with each other. Where your bank accounts are, your credit cards, insurance policies, military DD214 or discharge papers, if you are military or civilian retired write out phone numbers of their personnel offices to call and stop retirement checks. This was always a wake-up for me when a wife would come into my office at the VA and didn't know where her husband banked, how much money, if any, was available to bury her husband, was there insurance or where she could bury him. This happened while we were at a Legion meeting last week in Visalia. This is cruel and it works both ways. This is why we keep a copy of a new members DD214 or discharge papers in the safe in the Post. These are absolutely necessary to have to give to the funeral home for burial in Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego or any other National cemetery. This saves having

to call St. Louis to rush a copy here or wherever you are.

Explain and write out necessary information for each other and put in a safe place.

I have, and will make more copies of "Things to Do when a Legionnaire dies." If you want one, leave a message for me at the Post with your Name and address and I will mail you a copy. This covers almost everything you need to know at a terrifying time when its hard to think right much less work out these problems. But, most important--keep each other informed.

Marian Landis--Service Officer Post 853

### FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

In the news lately, a woman claims to be both a Christian and a Muslim. The resulting debate was interesting with most people wanting to reach some kind of compromise between the two beliefs. Our American forefathers founded this country on Christian beliefs based on God's Word, the Bible. The American Legion supports and encourages the worship of God and Patriotism for our country. God's Word says: [Ephesians 4:5] "There is only One Lord, One faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, and one Spirit." [John 14:6] "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." [Matthew 12:30] "Anyone who is not with Me (Jesus) is against Me." There is no room for compromise here so you can't "sit on the fence" with one foot on the side of Muslim beliefs and the other foot on the side of Christian beliefs. Belief in one excludes the other. As the prophet Joshua said: [Joshua 24:15] "Chose for yourself today the one you will worship! As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.

Ray G.

### FROM LOUR AUXILIARY

This year our District 22 membership chair, Susie Tozier has chosen the Chargers as our membership drive theme so let's go for the early touchdown. Remember to renew your membership dues of \$25, so we can continue to serve veterans, their families and the youth of our nation. Welcome to our newest members Lori Stoll of Julian, Dottie Arganda of Vista, Kari Capito of Poway and Kristi Olsen of San Diego. 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!

Thank you to Earl and Doc Pratt for picking up our 60 folding chairs and bringing them to the Post! Plans for The Borrego Days Festival and the Post's Tenth Year Anniversary in October are progressing nicely and our chairs will be a welcome addition. For all you members coming home to Borrego Springs after your vacations you will see lots of activity at the Post. The Auxiliary is helping the Post's Tenth Year celebration by decorating for the Desert Dance as well as helping sell the raffle tickets and T shirts. Anyone interested in decorating please contact Lyn Benavides.

July 28<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary hosted the Saturday potluck dinner of Salads and Desserts for \$5 donation and made \$90 towards our building fund. Remember ladies when we host a fundraiser 'earmarked for the building fund' it is to go into the Auxiliary treasury to help satisfy our \$500 monthly pledge to the Post.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

On August 5<sup>th</sup> junior member Kalyn Capito and I attended the District 22 meeting in Escondido. Our new President Pacita West reported that Department President Shelby Hitch's theme for this year will be movies. Pacita chose the movie "Wizard of Oz" she will be Dorothy and I will be her understudy, our Unit

chairwomen will be the Munchkins. Our slogan this year is **"In Action to Honor and Serve"** serving our veterans, children and the community. With more troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan wounded, they need our support more than ever. She also asked that we support Shelby's special project, the Veteran's with mental disabilities, and the USO. Awards for the year were handed out and I will have a completed list for your review at our meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>. President Pacita would like to visit our Post in November and asked if we could consider meeting at a different day and time than our regular meeting. Please consider this request and we will vote on this at our September 10 meeting. Our Unit is scheduled to host the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla Bingo party and lunch on May 14<sup>th</sup>. In October at the District Meeting to be held in La mesa Post 282, we will once again be having a Poppy Hat contest and this year there will be a corsage contest to add to the fun! The District has offered to do a mini training session here in Borrego please let me know of your interest so we can schedule this.

Borrego Days chairwoman Meredith Pratt reported that we have lemons for the Lemonade stand and are asking for volunteers. Thank you to Agnes Bushman and her committee for procuring the lemons and squeezing! Chris Ann Wells has agreed to drive her truck for our Float for the parade and we thank her so much for this generous donation. Meredith needs volunteers to host the stands and decorate the float so please give her your help or attention however you can. We appreciate everyone and hope you join the fun alongside your Auxiliary sisters. BJ Dennis is asking all you super bakers to get ready as we want lots of homemade goodies to make our bake sale a continued success.

The summer has been busy with lots of District meetings to attend and I will give you the full report at our meeting. For those who braved the heat there were great times at the Post with lots of cool refreshments and great food, ice cream socials and karaoke including some crazy legs dancing. I look forward to seeing you and working with the committee's as we continue our

good deeds making American Legion Auxiliary Borrego Springs Unit 853 a wonderful organization to be proud members of. On the Agenda we have lots of business to discuss including setting our budget, and updating our Standing Rules and By-Laws for the coming year. The Auditing committee will have their findings to report as well.

Please if any members are in need we do care and want to help so let us know how. Karen Brown, 760- 767-3596; Lyn Benavides, 760-767-0116; 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Brown

You have been already mentioned above??

**WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Dottie Arganda    Kari Capito    Kristi Olsen  
Lori Stoll

**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 OUR S.A.L.'S**

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

The next meeting for the S.A.L.s will be Tuesday Sept. 11th @ 7pm. Any local members please attend, we will be discussing the Legion 10 year anniversary dinner which is Oct. 20th. This event will be big, and we will need extra help. Hope to see you there.

Thanks Ron

**WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBERS**

Joseph G. Jones                      Thomas F. Keyes  
Wayne E. Stoll

The following is our Post 853 Web Site  
As you can see it took a lot of work. A big thank  
you goes to Kat Gibson.

<http://ca853.org/>

Sorry, but has not been updated since June 06

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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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*All Legion Members*

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Thanx  
Claude Turpin  
Breeze Editor

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

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