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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

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### **FROM OUR COMMANDER**

Our busy season has only just begun. This year I hope that we can have more member participation with our various programs -- Americanism, Children and Youth, and Community Service. Just ask, and we'll be happy to outline the various projects of each program.

One of our Community Service projects is the highway clean-up. The Auxiliary is coordinating this project, (Please look under Auxiliary Make a Difference Day In this News Letter.)

Also, more help is needed to put up and take down the flags on the designated days. A schedule is posted in the club room. Check it out and let our 2nd Vice Commander "Mac" know if you can help.

Do you want Tuesday meals? They have been well attended in the past, and I hope we will continue with them. But the same individuals kept them going last season. We can always use more help. Again, check in with "Mac"

We have a lot of planning to do and a lot of work to accomplish, so join us at our meetings and volunteer to help. Bob Juers

### *WILLIAM F. EMLING*

*Come celebrate the life of William (Bill) Emling at a Memorial Service on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Roadrunner Clubhouse, 1010 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA. Share memories with family and friends after the service.*

### **FROM OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is currently at 203 paid members. Since the District has raised our goal--we still have 90 members "NOT PAID" for 2007. We have lost 6 members to Post Everlasting--so we will be looking for at least six new members. Please read the Adjutants article on the cost of our per capita (\$'s we have to send to Department of California and National out of each members dues). Please help us by

paying your dues no later than December 30th. THANK YOU!!!. Marian- 1st Vice.

Post 853 gave our Chaplain Howard Hind and his wife June a great memorial service on September 16th. Outside under the pop-tents, in cool sunshine and blue skys. Rev. Alex Naby and Cdr. Bob led a service that made us proud. Many, many old friends and family attended. Darlene English, daughter of Howard shared her memories with us as did local friends.

A luncheon was served and everyone stayed and enjoyed an afternoon of memories and friendship.

I want to thank these members for all their work of setting up, taking down and putting away the pop-ups, tables, chairs and the kitchen I would like to thank the members that have helped with the duty. Without each of you this wouldn't have been possible.

Gary Matthews and Son, Harry Jones, Bob Juers, Mac MacDonald, Kenny Mickelson, Jim Cooper, Mary MacDonald, Lynne Aldous and Larry Johnson. THANK YOU---THANK YOU ALL.

Marian

D.J. Cain, our karaoke lady has made a fantastic C.D. of everyone's favorite songs titled " Let Freedom Sing", with the last song Lee Greenwoods "God Bless the USA" and dedicated to the amputees recuperating at Balboa Naval hospital. She made each C.D. at her own expense. These are for sale for \$10.00 each. If you want one mailed to you, just add \$2.00 for postage. 100% of this \$10.00 cost goes to Balboa. D.J. is doing this to help my Balboa program started a couple months ago. This money will go to them for everything (entertainment, clothes, hand held games, etc. to keep these injured (Iraq and Afghanistan) military occupied during their long,(often 18 month) recuperation time during retraining on their new prosthesis so they can re-enter a normal life again. We also need donations of VHS tapes, VCR's and hand held game players.

HELP us help those who gave so much. (I currently have \$300 from three members and DJ is doing good with her C.D.'s.) If you need information on the above, call DJ at 928-916-0354 or Marian at 760-767-1164. Thank you.

Marian

Dates to remember:::October 13, 2006--USN 231st Birthday party at post . 6PM

November 11, 11AM: Veterans day ceremony at Christmas Circle with a snack after the ceremony. All local clergy and guest speakers will take part. This is being held in town so the local people can join us.

At sundown that evening we will have our annual flag retirement ceremony at Christmas Circle. Bring your old, battered flags.

Then after the flag retirement we will have the 231st US Marine Corps Birthday party at the Circle with Legionnaires and local town people joining us. If you are here, please come and join us. It will be a busy day.

In November we will have our annual "FREE" dinner for our early bird members who have paid their dues.

**FROM OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE**

I would like to thank the members that have helped with the Saturday meals this Summer and hope you will continue your support.

I would like to encourage the help of our members that are coming back.

We are looking forward to Borrego Days and will need help with the Beer Garden and Bake Sale.

On Veterans Day we have planned a ceremony to honor our Vet, this will be held at Christmas Circle at the memorial.

We will retire the flags and ask that you bring your tattered flags that evening to the Circle and share this moving ceremony with the friends in town.

Thanks Mac

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A great many people think they are thinking when they are really just rearranging their prejudices.

-- William James

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**FROM OUR AUXILIARY**  
***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. We will have coffee to entice visitors to buy some goodies.

Jean Smith volunteered to oversee the lemonade stand. We have lemon juice squeezed at the Post as well as various freezers.

Please sign up to help for two hours on Saturday and Sunday. There are sign up sheets at the Post or Call BJ: 767-4667 or Darien: 767-5718.

It was decided not to participate in the parade this year. Many of us have not seen the parade in years and this may be a time to do it. The Post will have a color guard as usual.

***Make a Difference Day***

We have designated Saturday October 21 as Make a Difference Day and again we plan to clean up the highway in front of the Post. You may have noticed that signs are along Borrego Springs Road from La Casa to beyond the Post. The Auxiliary, Post, and Sal have all agreed to join the "Adopt a Highway" program and we will have orange bags, vests, to pick up the trash. We will meet at the Post at 9:00 AM and should be finished in an hour. Please come as it will be part of the clean up before Borrego Days.

***Meals***

There will be Salad and Sandwiches on **Sunday, October 8** at 4:00 PM at the Post. These will be prepared by members of the Auxiliary. Come Enjoy!

***November 11***

This will be a big event with a ceremonial flag raising at Christmas Circle. It will be held on **11/11 at 11:00 AM** with a moment of silence to remember all the veterans who have served our country. The auxiliary has been asked to bring cookies since the whole community will be invited.

That evening, **11/11 at 7:00 PM**, there will be a flag retirement ceremony where all the tattered flags will be burned.

***Membership***

Membership dues for 2006-2007 will be due beginning in July, 2006. 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 PO Box 138, Borrego Springs, 92004 or bring them to the September meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 5:00 PM here at the Post.

**LEMONADE STAND**

My thanks to all who squeezed and froze lemon juice during the past few months, now comes a plea for workers to cash in on the fun part. I'll need a number of energetic gals ready to turn that juice into a refreshing cooler during Borrego Days. I'll appreciate all who sign up to make the stand the most successful ever. I hope to see you at the October Auxiliary Meeting.

Jean Smith

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Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored. -- Aldous Huxley

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

2007 membership cards are available, to renew for S.A.L members only, please make check out for \$ 25.00, made out to the S.A.L. # 853, and mail to Ron Andersen P.O. Box 448 Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Renewals have been very slow, please renew as soon as possible, last year we had renewals come in as late as March, which is not good.

Our next BBQ will be on Saturday October 28 starting at 5pm. Dinner will be Tri Tip, beans, coleslaw and rolls all for \$ 10.00.

The S.A.L.s gave the legion \$2000.00 to help with the cost of repairs and new compressor for the walk-in refrigerator.

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

Christopher T. Pedersen

**FROM OUR ADJUTANT DUES**

When you pay your \$30.00 dues, the Post does not get to keep all that for our programs. \$17.00 must be sent to Department and National as per capita for their Programs.

During the National Convention in Salt Lake City, the National Headquarters proposed a \$4.50 increase in their per capita (they have not

had an increase in 10 years). Only 2 Departments, California and Colorado voted against it. We in California thought it was a little extravagant and really not necessary. However, as you can see, we were out voted.

The per capita increase does not begin until January 2007. So for those of you who have not paid your 2007 dues yet, we ask you to pay them prior to mid-December of this year so we can retain the maximum funds in the Post for our programs.

***RV STORAGE***

Since we now have so much space on the Post grounds, it has been decided that we will rent space for storage of RVs during the season at a nominal cost for non-members. An ad will be placed in the Borrego Sun to that effect.

***CLEAN UP***

Thanks go out to Gary Mathews, Mac, and rg for cleaning up the area and getting rid of the excess concrete. Also thanks to Chris Wells for use of her tractor to break up and transport the mess we had, We are gaining more space all the time which will be used for future development.

*WE'VE REPEATEDLY NOTICED*

**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.

**MOTORCYCE ENTHUSISTS**

Come out and enjoy the day with the "Borrego Bunch" We meet at 8:30 every Sunday morning at Desert Auto Service,755 Palm Canyon Drive 760-767-0800. Next to The True Value. We go have some breakfast and plan The ride for the day. Lots of fun and a real great Bunch Of fun loving folks. Everyone is welcome to ride with us. Come on out and have a good time!!!

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The way to avoid mistakes is experience. The way to get experience - Mistakes.

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*PLEASE 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.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents, and accidents in the back seat cause kids.

**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.

**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

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."  
-- Lou Holtz

**AMERICAN LEGION UNIFORM CAPS**

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

Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.  
-- George Burns  
A good friend can tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling.  
-- Arthur Brisbane

*All Legion Members*

**PLEASE RESPOND  
E-MAIL ADDRESS**

***This could save us up to \$350.00 per month, \$4,200.00 per year. Give it a try***  
Please supply our Post your e-mail address, so we can send The Desert Breeze and other notices to you by e-mail rather than snail-mail. Please write out your e-mail address and drop off at post, mail it, or better yet e-mail it to [turp@cableusa.com](mailto:turp@cableusa.com) subject: AL Breeze e-mail address.

**We now have 125 members receiving Breeze by E-Mail!**

**I must have your Ok to send your breeze by e-mail even if I already have your e-mail address.**

Thanx  
Claude Turpin  
Breeze Editor

*Seven more members requested Breeze by e-mail in September, we must have more than 125 members with a computer.*

*PLEASE RESPOND NOW!*

**CONTACT THE EDITOR**

Claude Turpin P.O. Box 123, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-0123 e-mail [turp@cableusa.com](mailto:turp@cableusa.com) or put in envelope marked for editor and leave at Post. **No Phone Calls PLEASE**

Breeze goes to printer on 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.

**MAKE SURE EDITOR HAS YOUR INPUT BY THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

**HOW TRUE THIS IS**

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

*PLEASE NOTE*

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