



The American Legion

The World's Largest Veterans' Organization

DESERT BREEZE

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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

NOVEMBER, 2006

FROM OUR COMMANDER

Our Post area is looking good. Since the old buildings were demolished last summer the places they once stood have been cleared. Thanks to Gary, "Mac" and JR for working hard to make the place look 100% better.

We've only just begun our improvements. The groundwork for the electric service upgrade has begun with the application for permits. We've had much discussion about RV rental spaces, moving storage containers, building unit storage for rental. These are all great plans, but we need to prioritize each step.

November brings us to our Veterans Day celebration on the 11th at Christmas Circle Park and our flag retirement that same day, also at Christmas Circle. Encourage friends and neighbors to join us for these events.

Last but not least, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
Bob Juers

FROM OUR 1ST VICE

Post membership: After an absolute stop, membership has started coming in again since National sent out the September 19th statement. We have 70 members who haven't paid to date, please do so before December 15th so we can get them into Department before the fees the post pays National goes up on 1 January. We use the \$13.00 left from your dues after we send in our per capita to National for our Children & Youth, Americanism, Veterans programs and others. Thank you.

I promised a report on the dollars received from you for our Balboa Rehab Program: From members donations and the sale of D.J's CD's we have \$600.00. Please don't forget us. We will be going down in December or January and would like to have a goal of \$1,000 to present to them.
Thank You.

Marian

FREE DINNER ON 11-04-06: IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 2007 DUES ALREADY YOU ARE INVITED

TO A FREE MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES GRAVEY, VEGIES, BREAD, SALAD AND DESERT DINNER. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID, PAY BY THEN OR ON THAT NIGHT AND YOUR MEAL WILL BE FREE. IF YOU DON'T PAY THE DINNER WILL BE \$8.00 EACH. THIS IS FOR THE AUXILIARY AND POST MEMBERS. WE WILL HAVE YOUR 2007 CARDS THERE THAT NIGHT IF YOU WANT TO PAY THEN. YOU MUST SHOW YOUR CARD WHEN CONE IN SO THE CASHIER KNOWS YOU HAVE PAID OR NEED TO PAY. POST DUES IS \$30.00

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to our 1st Veterans day celebration to be held at Christmas Circle on November 11th at 11am. This will be quite a show. We will start with, hopefully, a flyover, a large flag carried open to the Amazing Grace bagpipers, most of the towns ministers will be taking part, a coronet player playing patriotic songs and taps, our Cub Scout Troop will be side-boys during the beginning flag carrying. Immediately following this ceremony we will have cookies and punch.

Then at sundown we will have our annual flag retirement ceremony, retiring all our old frayed flags by the proper process of burning. Everyone takes part in this after the permission is granted at the beginning of the ceremony.

Immediately following the flag retirement there will be a huge sheet cake cutting by the oldest and youngest Marine. Anyone in the crowd who was in the USMC will be considered when these two Marines are selected. You don't have to be a Legionnaire. These two will cut the cake and pass out the first pieces.

This is all being done at Christmas Circle so the Borrego Citizens can take part and see some of the things the Legion does for our Veterans. The school kids asked me last year if they could come to our Flag Retirement and this is the best place for them to watch and take part in such a powerful ceremony. If you are here, please help

us celebrate this special day and make it special for everyone here. Thank you Marian

RETIRED AND ANNUITANT PAY; COMBAT-RELATED COMPENSATION:

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs have finalized the plans to provide eligible retirees with their "complete" DOD military retirement entitlement to Combat-Related Special Compensation. Potential retroactive pay is due for more than 100,000 retiree accounts. Individual amounts will vary based on differences in disability amount, the length of retroactive period. Retirees entitled to additional money from the DFAS, CRSC, which became effective in June 2003, provides non-taxable benefits to veterans disabled resulting from a combat injury. CRDP taxable income is for veterans disabled while serving in the U.S. Armed forces (not necessarily in combat). Surviving spouses or deceased retirees' estates may also receive compensation.

Completion of the Majority of payments is expected within six months. A toll free number is operational from 8am to 4:30pm (eastern) may be called Monday thru Friday to see if you qualify. 1-877-327-4457, I have the sheet from the Defense Finance & Acctg. Service. If you want a copy just call and leave your address so I can mail you a copy.

My # is 760-767-1164. Marian

FROM OUR 2ND VICE

I would like to thank everybody for a very good month we got a lot done, Our Scout car is ready to go, Gary Mathews, J.R. McDonald, Chuck Dashevsky and the help of the entire membership for there in put. Thanks for the help on Howard's and Shirley's Memorials. To all the people who provided meals and to the many who will be helping us with the parade, Marian, Joni, Harley, Kenny and Mac for helping as Color Guard. To all who will be helping with Beer Garden, setting it up and running it. We are looking forward to a busy November starting with our early bird dinner. Our Veterans day celebration, retiring the Flags and the Marine Corp. Birthday all on the same day. Look forward to Thanksgiving with a large Pot Luck Dinner With the Post furnishing the TURKEY.

Thanks again
Mac

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

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Lyle A. Oehike David D. Overton
James Overton JR. Robert J. Willis

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How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

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CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

"OH MY GOD"! is an expression that people use to express shock and other strong feelings.

One of the Ten Commandments from the Bible is; "DO NOT USE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN"! In other words; Do not use the name "GOD" in a disrespectful manner that has nothing to do with Him, or is not about Him. Using His name and His Son's name "Jesus" as swear-words is, of course, a direct insult to God.

This should also apply to those who claim to have evolved from slime-mold millions of years ago out of respect for their neighbor's beliefs.

Ray

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Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

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FROM THE 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 10:00 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 Soup, Salad and Sandwiches on **Sunday, November 12** at 4:00 PM at the Post. These will be prepared by members of the Auxiliary. Come Enjoy! \$5.00

November 11

This will be a big event with a ceremonial flag raising at Christmas Circle. It will be held on **November 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 5:30 PM**, there will be a flag retirement ceremony where all the tattered flags will be burned.

Membership

Membership dues for 2006-2007 were due 1 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 November meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a luncheon pot-luck on **Monday, November 13 at 11:00 AM**. The meeting will precede the luncheon. Our guest will be **June Hartin-Coatney**, our District 22 president. Please plan to attend!

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Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

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FROM THE S.A.L.'S

The S.A.L.s will not be hosting another BBQ till January due to the upcoming holidays.

S.A.L. members ONLY

2007 membership cards are in, to renew, make check payable to S.A.L. #853 for \$ 25.00, and mail to Ron Andersen, P.O. Box 448 Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Ron Andersen

WELCOME NEW S.A.L.'S MEMBER

Neil Rose

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When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice. -- Marquis de la Grange

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HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT AT POST

NOVEMBER 18th

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Behold the turtle: He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out.

--James Bryant Conant

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MOTORCYCE ENTHUSIASTS

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 only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others. --Doug Larson

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OPEN HOUSE

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.

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Why do you drive on the Parkway and park in the Driveway?

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ALUMINUM CANS

Please save your aluminum cans and turn in at our post or put in Can Trailer at Center Market.

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Times have not become more violent.
They have just become more televised.

-- Marilyn Manson

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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.

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There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.

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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

A BIG THANK YOU

TO ED PURVIS

This is just a note of thanks for the beautiful stove you donated to the post this past month. We have it hooked up and are using it and are in the process of getting a shelter built. The many raves we have gotten are from the heart. Thanks again.

From Post 853 American Legion,
Borrego Springs, Ca.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT

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 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 subject: AL Breeze e-mail address.

We now have 128 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

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People demand freedom of speech as compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.

-- Soren Kierkegaard

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HOW TRUE THIS IS

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

PLEASE TIP THEM

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

