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## DESERT BREEZE

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BORRERO SPRINGS POST 853

DECEMBER, 2006

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### **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Thanks to all who participated in the Borrego Days festival -- planning, set-up, beer garden operations, tear-down and the parade -- and also to all who participated in the Veterans Day celebration and flag retirement ceremony. Our busy weekends have shown that we are indeed an active organization interested in serving our community.

Thanks also to all who serve meals and who work on projects at the Post.

Many Thanks to Cameron Brothers Construction for donating the use of their equipment for our trench-digging project, and to Mark Dedes who arranged for its use. Thanks to Mark for digging those trenches and to all who helped in any way. This project is finally underway and its completion will be a major improvement to our Post facility.

I wish all of the American Legion Post 853 family -- Legion, Auxiliary and SAL's -- a Very Merry Christmas.  
Bob Juers

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

Membership is slowly coming in. We are doing very good for this time of the year--theres only 37 delinquent members at this time. Please send in your dues for 2007 and we can sit back and enjoy the rest of the Legion Year.

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES:** What a wonderful showing we had for our day of honoring our current and past veterans. I'm sure they were looking down and saying "Thank You". From the 3 local pilots who did a double fly over to the six local Pastors, Frisbie on the coronet, our honorary Mayor Mark Jorgensen to our favorite little Cub Scouts, our ceremony was perfect. It took a lot of work to get this all planned, but when it turns out like it did, all the work was worth it. Then the flag retirement where we retired several hundred tattered flags before the fire department stopped us because of the high wind and to conclude this great day, the 231st birthday cake cutting by our youngest

and oldest Marines present--it was a great day. Watch for the next Borrego Sun, we should have a good write-up coming. Thanks to everyone who took part and for Commander Bob and our other officers taking part. The Auxiliary did a fantastic job of making hundreds of delicious cookies for our snack afterward. Hopefully, next year we have many, many more that will come out and see how the American Legion thanks its military for what they have done and are doing.

**Remember :** Mark your calendars for January 13, 2007. We will again be honoring our local sheriff, highway partol, Borrego Fire Department, Ranchita Fire Department, Anza-Borrego Park, Ocotillo Fire Department and the Border Patrol heroes. A lot of these officers don't get pats on the back for what they do and this is our way of Thanking them for protecting us. We will have Larry's cube steak dinner, then the awards ceremony out on the concrete patio under the pop up tents. Please plan on coming and helping us show our appreciation to these people.  
Marian

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

Again I want to thank all the members of the post for their cooperation in the past month. Things are going well with the clean up of the post and the improvements in the electrical up grades thanks to Sam Cimo. Again thanks to the people who have provided meals (are they not great). The Monday Night Football Chili and Hot Dog are also going well.

Again Thanks

Mac

### **FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER**

#### **CHANGE IN PRICES**

Due to the increased cost of products coupled with the levy of a fuel surcharge for each delivery of our suppliers, the Executive Committee approved a \$.25 increase across the board in the Club Room.

Many, Many Thanks to John Cameron for providing the machinery and especially to Mark

Dedes for all his work in digging trenches for the installation of new power lines into our Post property. Additionally Thanks to all of the members who assisted in the installation - especially Sam Cimo and Gary Mathews.

### **WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBER**

Don Klein Tom Neale Thomas Thompson

### **CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS**

#### **A MAXIM OF LAW!**

Truth which is not sufficiently defended is overpowered:

#### **Proverbs from the Bible:**

14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death.

13:10 Only by pride comes argument, but with those who take advice is wisdom.

Whatever we hold to be true and valid may not agree with your neighbor. But in this country we should continue to defend our right to disagree!

Ray G.

### **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

#### ***Borrego Days***

The Borrego Celebration was very successful. BJ Dennis reported that we earned \$655 selling the baked goods. Jean Smith sold \$557 one dollar lemonades. Laurie raffled the \$100 Hat and made \$1019. Congratulations to all who helped those two days!

#### ***Meals***

The Post will supply roast turkey for Thanksgiving on **November 23** and the Auxiliary and Sal will supply side dishes.

#### ***November 11***

The raising of the flag at 11:00 on Saturday at Christmas Circle was well attended.

The Flag Retirement was also well attended with the cub scouts helping to burn the flags.

#### ***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 November meeting, or just bring them to the Post.

#### ***Christmas Party***

The Christmas Party is scheduled to be on **December 16**. Cocktails will be available at the "No Host" bar at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00. The meal will be catered by Kendal's and the cost will be whatever they charge us. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a local child or teenager.

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

The next meeting will be a luncheon pot-luck on **Monday, December 11 at 5:00 PM** at the Post.

*Congratulations to Eva Emrich and Ron Neu who were married last month. Our very best wishes to them both.*

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Scheduled for Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Gather for cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered and served by Kendall's starting at 6:00 and ending at 7:00 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Reservations have to be in by Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> as we have to give Gary the number on Wednesday. Instead of a gift exchange, we ask that you bring an unwrapped toy for any age between 1 and 18. We look forward to seeing everyone.

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! DANNA*

#### **FAY'S DINNER**

Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> Fay will hold an Oriental food dinner to raise money for Christmas Presents for Vet's in the hospital.

This dinner will have a maximum of 60, so make sure you get signed up. Not signed up no food. 5pm Price \$10.00

### **WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Dorothy J. Cain Cheryl Gillott Lorinda Jones  
Linda Polese Cher L. Riker

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

The S.A.L.'s will not be having a dinner in December, our next BBQ will be Saturday January 27th. There will be no December meeting as well.

#### ***Happy Holidays from the Sons.***

2007 membership renewals are very slow. For those S.A.L. members who wish to continue their memberships please 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. Thanks Ron

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

Howard R. Lucas

**MOTORCYCE ENTHUSIASTS**

Come out and enjoy the day with the Borrego Springs M.C. We meet on Christmas Circle at the veterans memorial between 8:00 and 8:30 Sunday mornings, fed, fueled and ready to go. Lots of fun and a great group of fun loving folks.

Everyone is welcome. Come on out and have a good time!!!

*SPECIAL 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.

**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

*WEAL RECEPTION ACTION*

**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*

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Claude Turpin  
Breeze Editor

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**HOW TRUE THIS IS**

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

*SPECIAL NOTE*

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

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Fortune does not change men, it unmask them.  
-- Suzanne Necker

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