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Health emergency forces cancellation of American Legion national convention



The American Legion's 102nd National Convention, originally scheduled for Louisville, Ky., Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2020, is canceled due to public-health concerns, ongoing restrictions and uncertainties related to the global coronavirus-COVID-19 pandemic.

"The safety of our members and compliance with state and federal public-health restrictions and guidelines made this decision not only prudent but necessary," American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford said. "The Commonwealth of Kentucky has taken emergency actions to prevent the spread of infections and to follow federal guidance that restrict public gatherings and urge social distancing. No one can say with any certainty when these measures will be lifted or in what manner."

The American Legion National Executive Committee approved a resolution Wednesday, April 8, by email to cancel the annual convention of wartime veterans and their families for the first time in history. The 2020 Sons of The American Legion National Convention is also canceled.

"Local American Legion services – such as Buddy Checks, blood drives, meal delivery and volunteer assistance – remain the top priority of the organization as we navigate these challenging waters," Oxford said. "Community efforts are now under way throughout the country and around the world, while many American Legion state and foreign departments are canceling or postponing their conventions and elections to protect public health in the midst of this pandemic. Normally, national convention delegates are appointed during department conventions. This year is anything but normal."

The 102nd National Convention is now scheduled for Aug. 27 – Sept. 2, 2021, in Phoenix. Terms of currently serving national officers, including National Commander Oxford, are extended until then, according to the resolution.

Commander's Corner

Jim Stewart



The month of March was very difficult for everyone and the month of April doesn't look any better, especially with the temporary closure of a lot of businesses, venues, and social gathering places. With our Legion Post halls closing their doors during this time of crisis, it has put a major strain on those Posts that rely on patronage of their members and the rental of their building as their source of income. However, please keep the faith and you will make it through these hard times. It is more important that we keep our members safe and well.

The message I would like to share during these difficult days is for everyone to conduct their **Buddy Checks**. However, don't just call our Legion Family members; you should **Buddy Check** your family and friends; **Buddy Check** the elderly in your neighborhoods; **Buddy Check** the veterans in your community; just **Buddy Check** everyone you know. When you call, let them know that we are here for them; tell them to be safe; and let them know that we care. We can all make it through these tough times.

Due to this COVID-19 outbreak, unfortunately I had to suspend my remaining Post visits this Spring. I do apologize to those Posts that I was not able to stop by and address your membership. Please let your membership know that I did not forget about them.

Additionally, due to the outbreak, along with the feedback from the Department Executive Committee, I decided to cancel this year's Nevada Boys State session in June. I apologize to all of those that had made the commitment to attend the session.

We have not, as of the date of this newsletter, decided on the status of this year's Nevada Legion Baseball season and tournament. If conditions change for the better by May 1st and we have players, teams, coaches, umpires, and fields, we will "Play Ball!"

Additionally, as of this newsletter, we have not decided on the status of the Department Convention, which will be hosted by the Fred W. Anderson Post 16 in Fallon at the end of June. We do have a lot of Department business that needs to be considered during the convention, so it would be difficult to cancel the event. While it is my desire to go forward with our convention plans if we can, if we are unable to continue, we will decide whether to cancel by May 15th, which should give everyone enough time to make any changes to their travel plans.

The important thing is that we all need to stay safe and to stay healthy. Like I said earlier, **Buddy Check** everyone. Besides, talking over the phone is a safe way to communicate. Take the time to look after your neighbors, friends, and family.

Please...Be Safe!

Always in Service,
Jim Stewart, Commander

1st Vice Commander Richard Eberly



April is Children & Youth Month



April is the month that The American Legion usually sets aside for designating it as Children & Youth Month. This year will mark 82 years. During this month American Legion Families are usually encouraged to show their local communities the Legion's commitment to children and youth by hosting activities or by becoming involved in programs and organizations that support our young people.

This year let's remember to raise more than attention to the American Legion programs and services for children and youth. Let's us remember that the American Legion is a service organization and all us working together will make it through these uncertain times.

As many families are facing things beyond their control let us as Legionnaires remember programs that are available to help these families facing hardships. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants provide immediate debt-free cash for military and veteran families with minor children at home when food, shelter, utilities, clothing or other basic needs cannot be obtained, due to hardships beyond their control. And this pandemic has been beyond anyone's control.

It is times like these that The American Legion Family does step up. Please during this month while being safe reach out to do your part to making this a month of hope. It could be something as simple as making a call to Post members or sending out an email.

American Legion Baseball 2020 Regular Season Guidelines

This communication is follow-up to the recent announcement regarding cancellation of eight 2020 American Legion Regional Tournaments and the 2020 American Legion World Series. The Americanism Commission formally voted to approve those cancellations in the interest of health and safety of youth and The American Legion Family this summer; and subsequently, in consultation with the national commander, announced the cancellations. The following information is provided to help clarify the policies and procedures for the remainder of the 2020 American Legion Baseball season.

Determination of a 2020 Regular Playing Season - In accordance with the Charter of The American Legion, National Constitution and By-laws, the National Organization does not possess the authority to administer department-level programs or operations. Any determination regarding regular season play within an American Legion department will come from department leadership and/or department baseball committee. Departments choosing not to sanction a regular playing season in 2020 will communicate to their teams in as much that the season is canceled and use of The American Legion name, emblem and baseball logo no longer be authorized the remainder of the 2020 calendar year.

Risk Management - Those team managers, coaches, and volunteer staff whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play are still required to complete background screening and abuse awareness training prior to any meetings, events, practices or games that involve youth participants.

Annual National Registration Fee – With cancellation of the 2020 American Legion World Series and eight regional tournaments the Americanism Commission has suspended assessing teams an annual national registration fee (\$50 for senior teams; \$25 for junior teams). Refunds for those teams having previously paid a national registration fee are automatically forthcoming – it is not necessary for a team to request that refund and those refunds will be received by teams no later than June 30th .

Administrative Fee – The administrative fee (\$35) assessed during the online registration process is non-refundable and will continue to be assessed for all teams during the online process. This fee offsets administrative costs that include, but not limited to, credit card processing fees, annual update and maintenance of the online registration system, and printing and shipping costs of the annual American Legion Baseball Rule Book.

Department Fees – Teams having already paid applicable department fees through the online registration process and whose department subsequently cancels their 2020 playing season must seek refund through their respective department baseball chairman. Teams whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play will continue to be assessed any applicable department fees during the online registration process.

Roster Deadline - The deadline of June 25th is suspended requiring teams to submit an 18-man roster in accordance with American Legion Baseball National Rule 6.E. due to cancellation of the 2020 national tournaments. Departments continuing with 2020 regular season play will determine and communicate their own roster deadline dates within their department.

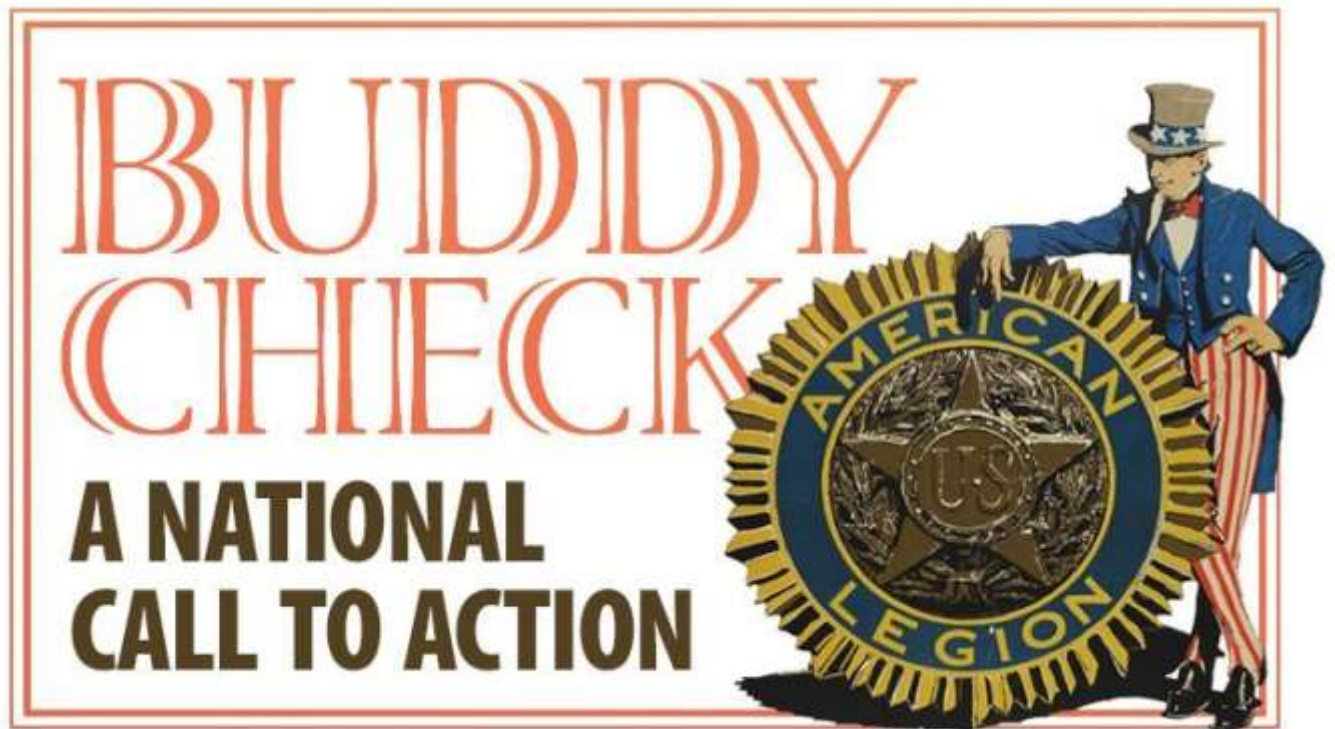
Insurance Purchase Process and Refunds – In accordance with American Legion Baseball National Rule 1.N. Teams must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from K&K Insurance by June 1st . Teams whose department has not canceled 2020 regular season play will continue to purchase mandatory insurance through the online registration process. For those teams who may fail to form, June 25th is the deadline for initiating a refund of insurance premiums. Any team seeking an insurance refund must contact their department baseball chairman, who will in turn contact K&K Insurance on their behalf to initiate that refund. K&K Insurance will not issue or sell American Legion Baseball insurance to teams whose departments are not sanctioning a 2020 regular playing season.

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Nationally appointed American Legion commission and committee chairpersons will also remain in their positions until the Fall 2021 meeting of the National Executive Committee.

The convention cancellation and extension of national officer terms are within the authority of the National Executive Committee, according to The American Legion's constitution and bylaws.

Also Wednesday, the NEC selected Louisville as the site of the 2026 American Legion National Convention, the first available date.



2nd Vice Commander, Valerie Scheuering



Hello Legionnaires,

In an article published the end of March 2020 titled "VA expands virtual services to support Veterans amid regional office closures due to COVID-19 pandemic" informs us on how the VA is continuing its services to Veterans and their families.

WASHINGTON - Veterans continue to receive benefits and services after the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) temporarily closed its 56 regional offices to the public, March 19, in response to COVID-19.

"The decision to close our offices to the general public, is part of the VA's to limit exposure to the vulnerable populations like our older Veterans and those with underlying medical conditions, as identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention." said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA is expanding existing technologies to remain accessible to Veterans, service members and their families."

Many in-person services are already available via the phone or online through virtual options like VA Video Connect. VBA has and continues to adjust to ensure the safety and well-being of its clients and staff.

I have recently began using Video Conferencing with my doctors. Staying in touch with the VA and not having to make unnecessary trips into Reno helps set my mind at ease in these tough times. As things unfold we all need to be mindful of our own health and safety as well as the health and safety of others.

Please stay healthy and safe, God Bless.

For God and Country

Valerie Scheuering
2nd Vice Commander
Department of Nevada



COVID-19

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION TIPS

Don't be scared, be prepared! Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand-sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Thorough cleaning with soap and water will remove most microorganisms.



Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces including: desks, tables, countertops, sinks, door handles, faucets, railings, phones, bathrooms and rooms. Cleaning removes germs from surfaces, while disinfecting kills germs on surfaces. Use alcohol-based products to disinfect surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. Call your doctor before going in to get checked so they are aware of your condition. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If a family member is sick, place them in a separate room and bathroom if possible.



Remember to stay calm and practice good hygiene. Reach out to your local health department or medical provider with any questions.

For more information please visit: <http://dphh.nv.gov/coronavirus/>



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HISTORIAN'S PAGE

Fred Doten, Historian



IT'S A FACT

As the District 2 Commander I have had the opportunity during the past few months to meet with members of the various post who are part of the district. And, as usual, you encounter people who bring interesting information to the table. During a trip to Amargosa Valley and after breakfast while setting at the table the question, "Did you know that there was a county in Nevada called Bullfrog County?" was asked. The answer was, "no way"; however, a quick search of the internet validated there was such a county; and, as a piece of Nevada history, I thought it might be of interest to some of the readers of our Department newsletter. If nothing else, it will get our minds off COVID-19.

Today, we periodically read in the news articles on Yucca Mountain and the efforts to utilize it as a repository for radioactive waste. Well, that was a major news subject in the mid-1980s. The Federal Government was pushing to make it happen back then and folks in Nevada, especially in Nye County, did not want it there.

During the Legislative session in 1989 State Assemblyman, Paul May, drafted a bill to carve out a piece of Nye County that included Yucca Mountain to create the County of Bullfrog. This county was 12 miles square and was completely within the borders of Nye County. He drafted it with the idea that if the Federal Government did go through with declaring Yucca Mountain as the site for radioactive waste, then they would have to pay exorbitant fees to the state for the use of the land.

Unique features of this new county included,

- The only county in the United States to not have its county seat within the county – Located in Carson City.
- The only county in the United States with a population of zero. It had no roads, no buildings or businesses, no private property or government structure within its territory.
- Its Sheriff and county commissioners and staff were paid a dollar a year and were appointed by the Governor.
- The county was not assigned to any of the state's nine district courts and therefore had no district attorney whose office was within the borders of Bullfrog County. With no legal system or citizens for a jury, a felony committed in Bullfrog County could not be prosecuted making it a location for committing the "perfect Crime".
- The county was the second shortest lived county within the United States being abolished in 2 years – Beckham County, Kentucky holds the record.

During the two years of Bullfrog County's existence, the government of Nye county sued the state claiming the Law generating the county was unconstitutional. During October 1987, Nevada Attorney General stated that the state would not defend the Law in court. In February 1988, during a special hearing, Retired Nevada Supreme Court Justice David Zenoff found the law creating Bullfrog County to be unconstitutional. During the [Legislative session in 1989](#) Bullfrog County was abolished and the land retroceded back to Nye County.

In conclusion for this article, please be sure as you travel the state and visit with Legion Posts or other entities, push for stories from the local citizenry. You will be surprised with what you learn.



Hospital Help Plan Overview

No matter what insurance you have, your share of a hospital bill can quickly add up to hundreds - or even thousands - of dollars.

Your American Legion Department Endorsed Hospital HELP Plan insurance pays cash benefits that will DOUBLE the longer your covered hospital stay.

The Hospital HELP plan starts accruing cash benefits on the first day of your covered hospital stay. That means:

- You can set up protection to give yourself (and your family) an extra stream of cash benefits...
- One that isn't tied to your medical insurance...
- Paying regardless of any other health plan...

Putting money back in your wallet if you were sick or hurt and ended up in the hospital.

That means **\$50.00 a day** paid from the first day you enter the hospital. Another \$50.00 on day two. Another \$50.00 on day three. \$50.00 each and every day for 14 full days.

Your cash benefits jump up to \$100.00 a day on day 15.

And they stay at that double-benefit \$100.00 level ... paying you \$100.00 day after day of your hospital stay... all the way through day 30.

It pays FOUR TIMES as much **\$200.00 a day**... starting on day 31. And those benefits do not go down. You stay at \$200.00 a day. Every single day of your hospital stay. All the way until day 365 if needed.

But what if you run into something really serious? Like cancer? Or a heart attack? Or a stay in the Intensive Care Unit? Medical bills can quickly escalate in those situations. Hospital HELP does, too.

Your cash benefit DOUBLES for each day you are hospitalized due to cancer or are confined in the cardiac care or intensive care unit. That means **\$100.00 a day** from day one. \$200.00 a day starting on day 15. \$400.00 a day from day 31.

These benefit payments are sent directly to you (unless you tell us otherwise).

Spend the money however you want. There will be no questions asked.

But maybe you're wondering what happens if you get your care in a VA hospital. Hospital HELP stands strong for VA care, too. You get **\$50.00 a day for days 1-14 and \$100 a day for days 15-30.** Even if your VA care costs you nothing at all.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY. YOU SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER A MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY BEFORE PURCHASING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE SUCH AS THIS OFFER.

Securian Life Insurance Company, the provider of this coverage, is not connected with or endorsed by any government agency, including the U.S. Military or Veteran's Administration (CMS).

American Legion Riders



Greetings Comrades,

As of this writing, this year's ALR Western Region R.O.M.P. in Seaside, OR is *STILL ON*. The flyer, pre-registration, & discount lodging info is still available at <http://www.seasidepost99.org/index.php?id=40> Unfortunately, the 2020 Legacy Run has been cancelled due to concerns over coronavirus. For the first time in our organization, the National Convention is cancelled as well.

Please take time to reach out to your fellow Comrades & offer assistance if necessary. More info on the "how & why" can be found at: <https://www.legion.org/publications/248650/buddy-check-coronavirus-pandemic-assistance>

Be Safe,

If you have an activity you'd like to share, please let us know.

Ride Safe,

Trevor McCall

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The American Legion Riders today are important part of the Legion family in support of virtually all programs of The American Legion.



National Executive Committeeman Ron Michalski



National Cancels Convention, Regional and World Series Baseball!!

Members: Below is an E-mail that I sent out to all American Legion Baseball Coaches in Nevada with my concerns about our 2020 season.

I know some of you are concerned about American Legion Baseball so here it is, Legion baseball for Nevada, as I am the chairman, is governed by the Executive Board, The Commander and Adjutant of the Department. In order for me to change seasons around or summer schedule to fall I have to get prior permission from this body. We are also governed by our National organization.

Some of you don't like rules or regulations but that is what made and makes Legion baseball better than any other organization.

If we play this year in May or whenever you still have to register and pay your insurance. Insurance is good for one year from the date of purchase.

*To date, only 4 teams have registered and only one has paid the insurance. The deadlines for registration and insurance is June 1, 2020. I cannot change these dates as for an extension so if we were to have a fall league, **and I say if**, all this has to be accomplished.*

Your forms ones, Roster, will have to be done by June 23.

There is a team out there that still owes money from last year so you can see where I am coming from.

*I am going to make a decision by the 2nd of May if we will have a season or not and as it looks like now, we will most likely cancel the season completely **but this is not final**.*

I know there are coaches out there making up a schedule for us to play inter-organization games but I was never asked for any input on this.

I know it is a hard and a no sleep decision to make but it has to be done for the safety of our players, coaches, managers, volunteers, fans and family members.

As our Americanism Chairman, Richard Anderson, said, and I quote "These times are unparalleled. And while it is distressing to think of all those youth across the nation who are disappointed to learn of the cancellation of American Legion programs this year, it would be a much, much greater tragedy if even just one of those youth were to fall ill during a program." End quote.

I am always her for your input so if you have any, I don't mind reading them. I know some teams Always respond but others do not.

See the attached newsletter I received today from our National Headquarters.

*Stay Safe, Healthy and
God Bless America!!*

Ron Michalski
Baseball Chairman
Dept. of Nevada



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Membership

By Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chairman



Hello everyone! I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy during this time. With this quarantine it is hard to get out and hold membership drives. Continue to renew membership and recruit from Post 100. Congratulations to District 3 for achieving 100% membership!!! The deadlines for membership targets have been adjusted due to this virus. Here are the new target dates:

95% target date moved to May 13th. The certification form for Race to the Top is due to the National Headquarters by this date. District Commanders must qualify for this award by April 30th. The original date was March 31st and there may be some submission paperwork in the system on the way to National. Since the new date is April 30th District Commanders should still be working to ensure they can achieve all they can for the competition. If the paperwork needs to be amended let Department know.

O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy is based on the Flag Day membership report. This trophy shall be confined to the 52 departments within the limits of the U.S. which includes Puerto Rico and Washington, DC. The Flag Day report will be run on Monday, June 15th.

100% target date moved to June 17th. Gold and Silver Brigade, Department Recruiter of the Year, and National Recruiter of the Year certification forms are due by June 19th.

Department Commander of the Year and All-Target Date awards are based on the 100% target date. No certification form is required since these awards must qualify by this target date.

100% departments will receive their shadow box and a Culture of Growth plaque. Those departments who are first to qualify for the General Henri Gouraud Trophy in their category will receive a plaque.

\$5 incentive for transferring 2019 encumbered DMS members and renewing them at the local post for 2020 ends on June 1st.

Miscellaneous awards due by June 30th

1. District Commander New Post Achievement
2. District Commander Achievement Award w/District Honor Ribbon
3. Five Consecutive Years All-Time High
4. Pioneer Award
5. 100% District Commander Pin
6. Post/District Revitalization Recognition Letter
7. New Post Development Pin
8. Reconnect Forms
9. Post Membership Retention Award
10. Awards Points Spreadsheet

Brenda Horton
Department Membership Chair

"Battle Born, Battle Tested, Battle for Membership"



Help us observe Memorial Day virtually

The coronavirus pandemic already has led to the cancellation of Memorial Day events, including some coordinated by American Legion posts. As social distancing has become the best defense against the virus, more cancellations are expected, limiting how Americans can honor those who died while in service to our nation.

Because of that, The American Legion will provide a safe venue to observe Memorial Day: social media. We're asking our American Legion Family members – and those outside of the organization – to share with us the names of those you will honor and remember on Memorial Day. Our plan is to compile a list and then begin sharing them regularly via our social media channels over Memorial Day Weekend.

Here's what we need:

- The servicemember's name, along with the submitter's relationship to the servicemember;
- Year entering and year leaving the military;
- Branch of service; and
- A photo of the servicemember, either in uniform or civilian clothes.

Information can be submitted via Legiontown through the category [Virtual Memorial Day](#). Submissions will be shared via Facebook and Twitter starting May 22. Follow along either social media platform using the hashtag [#VirtualMemorialDay](#).



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Veterans share 6 top insights for financial preparedness

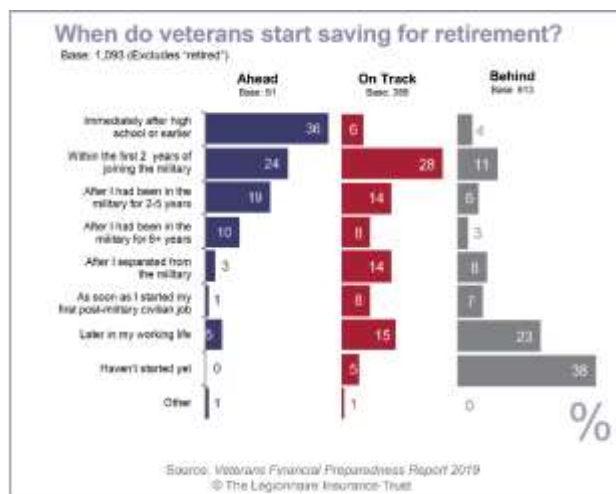
1,507 U.S. military veterans recently offered their best advice for active-duty servicemembers and veteran families regarding personal financial decisions. The survey was conducted for the newly released *Veterans Financial Preparedness Report 2019*, prepared by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust for the departments of The American Legion in celebration of the Legion's 100th anniversary.

A mantra of saving

The overwhelmingly most common advice veterans shared was, "Save, save, save!" The importance of saving to financial health and preparedness can't be underscored enough, but what does this mean in the context of veterans' daily lives? Many veterans gave insights in their top advice.

Start saving from Day One, paying yourself first.

Veterans who start saving early are more likely to be in a strong financial position, according to the *Veterans Financial Preparedness Report 2019*. In fact, the report found that 60% of veterans who say they are ahead in their financial plans for retirement started saving immediately after high school or within the first 2 years of joining the military.



In their advice, these veterans comment that it's not always easy to save, but it is well worth it in the long run:

"Start when it's still uncomfortable—you won't regret it later."

"If you wait, chances are you'll wait too long."

"Even \$10 [could] be worth hundreds by the time you retire because of compounding."

"You will always feel you are not making enough. Do not let that keep you from saving."

"Pay yourself first."

"Focus on saving as much as possible with each check—almost like it's a car payment or a requirement."

Save as much as possible.

The more you can save, especially early on, the better financially prepared you will be. That can mean making sacrifices to ensure you're saving enough.

"Beginning today, start putting money aside for your retirement years, and have it reviewed at least once per year. As your monthly paycheck goes up, so should your contributions to your own retirement."

"Save until it hurts. Be soldier-minded in regards to how you save—be minimalists like a soldier. Then afterward, you've achieved a seemingly impossible number."

"Start your Thrift Saving Plan (TSP) immediately, and put the maximum amount you can in."

"If you have a 401k, match what the company vests."

Don't spend money on things you don't need.

Veterans emphasize the importance of discipline in spending. Prioritizing your true needs and savings over things you would like to have is a key part of that.

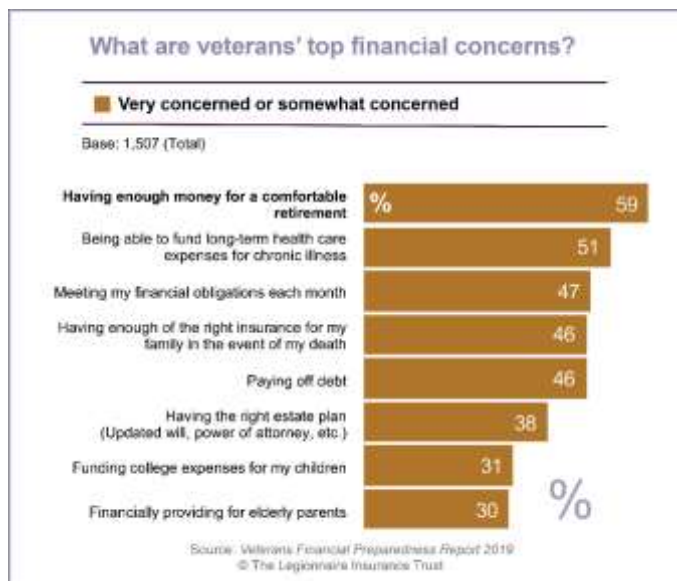
"Evaluate *need* versus *want* when buying expensive items."

"Save every penny you can. Material things are not important. Expensive cars, clothes and other things are not important. Saving for your future is important!"

"Don't get into debt. There's a big difference between want and need. The mistakes you make financially will follow you for decades."

Live within your means, avoiding debt.

In addition to having enough money for retirement, veterans' top financial concerns included more immediate financial needs, such as meeting financial obligations each month and paying off debt, according to the Legionnaire Insurance Trust report.



Veterans offered a number of recommendations for tackling these concerns, including:

“Follow the rule that unless it’s an emergency, if you can’t pay cash, then you can’t buy it.”

“Set a budget and communicate with your spouse. Talk about money—don’t ignore it.”

“If you don’t have a way to pay for something, don’t buy it (discipline).”

“No matter how much money you make, still make it a point to make that amount stretch as much as you can paycheck to paycheck.”

Start planning for retirement early.

Looking ahead and working from a concrete financial plan unique to your circumstances and goals is another key piece of advice from veterans.

“Don’t wait to start planning for the future. The earlier you start saving and thinking ahead, the better prepared you’ll be.”

“Write down your financial goals: short-term, medium-term and long-term.”

“Stick to your plans and goals.”

“Talk to other members and advisors about retirement early.”

Educate yourself.

A key component to successfully planning and saving that many veterans highlighted is making sure to build your knowledge of personal financial issues. The report found a strong tie between financial preparedness and knowledge: 91% of veterans who are ahead of schedule for retirement consider themselves knowledgeable about personal finances, while 75% of veterans who are behind say they are *not* knowledgeable.

“Use any and every opportunity and resource you can access or utilize.”

“Do your homework, and research every decision you make so you know exactly what you’re getting into.”

“Listen to and learn from every military pension presentation. So much value is given that I learned from them and continue to use what I learned.”

“Take advantage of classes that will prepare you financially for your time in the service and for when you are discharged. Learn about organizations that can help current and former military persons.”

Discover more insights from veterans

The *Veterans Financial Preparedness Report 2019* additional advice from the 1,507 veteran respondents as well as insights from a Certified Financial Planner™ with 16 years of military service, including three deployments. The report includes key findings about veterans' financial situations and shares 5 attributes of veterans who are financially prepared.

The free report is available to all veterans and their supporters at www.TheLIT.com.



The mission of Nevada's Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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American Legion Auxiliary President Courtenay Burns



Dear Members of the American Legion Family,

I hope you are all adjusting to our new normal as we Stay Home for Nevada.

During this pandemic there is a lot of bad information that is spread around. It is so important to make sure you are getting information from credible sources to help keep you safe as well as your friends and family. Here are some official resources that can help keep you up-to-date on information and resources available in our communities during this time:

The Governor's Office has established an official website for COVID-19 information and resources: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>

The Department of Health and Human Services have established a resources page: <http://dph.nv.gov/coronavirus/>

There is also Nevada 2-1-1. You can call Nevada 2-1-1 by simply dialing 2-1-1 from a cell or land line. You can also go to the website: Nevada211.org to search for resources and information you are looking for.

Free, online news agency in Nevada, the Nevada Independent, has a Coronavirus Live Blog: <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/coronavirus-live-blog-week-five>

Additionally, don't forget that you still have time to complete the census. All you have to do is go to www.My2020Census.gov – it takes about 10 minutes to answer 10 question and then you can forget about it for 10 more years. Everyone deserves to be counted!

Finally, we want to let know that, while no final decision has been made, we are anticipating having to cancel the 2020 Session of Nevada Girls State. Once a decision is made, we will let everyone know.

As always, thank you all for your continued dedication.

Best,
Courtenay

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LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST

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Emergency Assistance Plus (EA+)

Get the 24-hour emergency protection you and your loved ones deserve.

If you fall ill or become injured while traveling on the road or abroad, we understand that you'll want help right away. *Emergency Assistance Plus* gives you and your family the medical and emergency assistance you need when a crisis strikes. Here are some of the important services and features this protection has to offer Legionnaires:

Medical Evacuation

Emergency Medical Monitoring by an *EA+* medical expert to make sure you get the best care in a medical emergency.

Air Ambulance or Emergency Medical Evacuation if deemed medically necessary to get you to a more appropriate medical facility quickly if your current facility can't properly treat your medical condition.

Medical Specialist sent to you if your condition can't be evaluated by phone and you cannot be moved and local treatment is unavailable.

Continuous Updates to a designated family member and/or a physician to keep them informed during your medical emergency.

Medical Assistance

Transfer of Insurance Information to Medical Providers to assist with admission and to ensure your medical care is not delayed or denied.

Cash Advance for Medical Payments paid directly to the hospital or physician against your valid credit card to keep your medical care going.

Prescription Replacement Assistance if your medications are lost or stolen.

24-Hour Doctor/ER/Dentist/Attorney Locator Assistance to help you quickly find a professional no matter where you are in the world.

Assistance For Companions

One Round-Trip Economy-Class Airline Ticket to bring a loved one to your bedside if you're traveling alone and become hospitalized.

Airfare Home for Dependent Children or Grandchildren who are left unattended if you're unable to care for them due to your hospitalization.

Emergency Message Forwarding Assistance if you are unable to reach a family member or traveling companion during an emergency.

Pet Care and Return Home Assistance if you're traveling with a pet and cannot care for them due to an accident or illness.

Ticket Home for a Traveling Companion if you are evacuated, transported home or pass away while away from home. country and require translation assistance for medical emergencies.

Assistance Making Flight Arrangements, securing visas, and with other logistics if you decide to leave a threatening situation.

Transportation Home

Transportation Home after hospitalization via a one-way airline ticket, coordinated and provided by *EA+*.

Nurse Escort provided if deemed medically necessary to help ensure you get proper medical care during your trip home.

Return of Deceased Remains service to bring your body home if you pass away while traveling.

Vehicle Return if you can't drive your vehicle back home because your medical condition prohibits it AND your companion can't drive it either.

Other Vital Travel Assistance Available to EA+ Members Includes:

Destination Intelligence regarding weather, travel, health, inoculations, travel restrictions, and special events.

Real-time Security Intelligence in the event you feel threatened by political unrest, social instability, weather conditions, or health hazards.

No-Limit Emergency Cash Transfer Assistance (against your valid credit card) if cash, credit cards, or traveler's checks are lost or stolen.

Lost Luggage Assistance helps you track down any lost luggage, personal items or documents.

Document Replacement Assistance if important documents like your passport, driver's license, or birth certificate are lost or stolen during your trip.

Language Interpretation Assistance to connect you with an interpreter over the phone if you're traveling in a foreign

**This is only an outline of the plan's features. Please read your [EA+ Member Guide](#) carefully to understand all the services available to you, as well as any rules and regulations. Washington state residents must be traveling more than 100 miles away from home to be eligible for *EA+* services.



Legionnaire Benefits

As a Member of the Legion Family, You Know How Important It Is to Help Protect Those in Need ...

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- Hospital HELP Plan
- Cancer Care
- Accidental Death Protection
- On-The-Move Travel Accident
- Emergency Assistance Plus
- Medicare Supplement Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Long-Term Care
- Lifeline Medical Alert Service



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- **Hospital HELP Plan** — Provides benefits for hospital stays including intensive care, cardiac care, care for cancer, rehabilitative facilities, and V.A. hospitals.*
- **Cancer Care** — Provides important protection and a daily benefit if you are hospitalized due to cancer.*
- **Accidental Death** — Helps provide financial protection for you and your family. Up to \$5,000.00 LegionCare AD coverage at no cost to Legionnaires is available. (activation required).* You can also purchase additional Accident coverage up to \$100,000.00.
- **On-The-Move Travel Accident** — Provides up to \$200,000.00 coverage when fatally injured in a covered accident while traveling, plus \$500.00 per day if a covered accident lands you in the hospital.*
- **Emergency Assistance Plus** — Provides you with 24/7 emergency medical and travel assistance services should something happen to you or your family while traveling away from home.
- **Medicare Supplement Insurance** — Supplements your Medicare Coverage at group rates.
- **Health & Dental Insurance** — Request a quote on various Health & Dental Insurance Plans designed with you in mind.
- **Long-Term Care** — Can help provide home health care, supervised adult care, and more.
- **Lifeline Medical Alert Service** — Provides fast access to help in the event of a fall or medical emergency so you can live confidently and independently.

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For Questions Call 1-800-235-6943

*The Accidental Death, Cancer Care, Hospital Help Plan, and On-The-Move Accident Insurance Plans are underwritten by Securian Life Insurance Company, St. Paul, MN. Plans may not be available in all states. These policies contain limitations and exclusions. Please visit www.TheLIT.com to review plan details.



Sons of the American Legion
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The mission of Nevada's Legionnaires is

to provide services to fellow Veterans,
their Families and their communities.

Since our charter, our American Legion Department of Nevada has been welcoming VETERANS from all branches of our Armed Forces. Today, we continue to welcome all military personnel serving our country. Joining a Post in our State enables you to continue serving your God, Country and Community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our preamble.



RED Friday Started in 2005. Beginning in 2005, military supporters across America started wearing red on Fridays to show support for the service members who protect our freedoms and way of life around the world. More specifically, it is for service members deployed as RED stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed".

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