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NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS

Happy December Holidays and Observances

- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Sunday, December 7th
- U.S. National Guard Birthday: Saturday, December 13th
- National Wreaths Across America Day: Saturday, December 13th, (Dates may vary by State)
- U.S. Space Force Birthday: Saturday, December 20th
- Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th





Greetings Legionnaires,

Here is hoping all had a great Thanksgiving. This was a great month as we had a chance to show off our great state to our National Commander Dan Wiley. He attended our first DEC held on Zoom. Although attendance wasn't what I would have hoped it was successful.

Commander Wiley and several of us visited the National Guard Unit and it was very exciting to see the operations and the base, as well as a chance to talk up the Legion and get 3 new members for the Legion.

We then visited the Guest House and got to see the great facilities there and how they are serving the community. They manage to serve so many on so little funds. We then visited the home for Hospice care and was amazed at how nice the home is with a fully stocked kitchen and individual rooms with bathrooms and a nice yard for any visiting children and all at no cost to the Veteran! The amount of work being done by so many in the community is absolutely amazing and the amount of money raised to keep these facilities running is beyond belief. On more than one occasion it was stated how important the Legion is to the community and how hard they work to raise the funds to do whatever is necessary to meet the need.

At dinner we were so blessed to hear Lt. Col Susan Malone speak. What an amazing story she shared with us. From being in the military to the FBI to an aide to the Sec of State. She is an active member of the Legion and brings with her a knowledge most of us can only dream of. It was truly an honor meeting her.

As we move into December please remember those who may be alone and invite them to the post or to dinner at your home to ensure they feel welcome and wanted. Remember to work on those buddy checks as they should be done by now. Please remember to be safe and ensure that those who imbibe at Christmas Parties have a designated driver or get a cab home.

I wish all of you the best for the Holidays and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

For God and Country
Pam Walker
Department Commander



Department Auxiliary President

Greetings Members,

November 11th, I attended the Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade, and as always it was outstanding!



Department Auxiliary President, cont.



Department Auxiliary President, cont.

November 14th-17th, I attended the AL Department of Nevada DEC Meeting. I would like to Thank Department Commander Walker for the invitation. I would also like to Thank Department Adjutant Randy Connors for being our chauffer along with National Commander Wiley & his aid. Finally, I would like to Thank AL NEC Jim Stewart and his wife Barbara for their kindness and hospitality over the weekend. We had the DEC meeting on Saturday along with a beautifully catered dinner at DUBY REID POST 30 in Sparks. Post 30 also had a beautiful display of their members Service to our Country. I've highlighted two.



Jim Stewart

Army National Guard
19th Special Forces Group

US Army

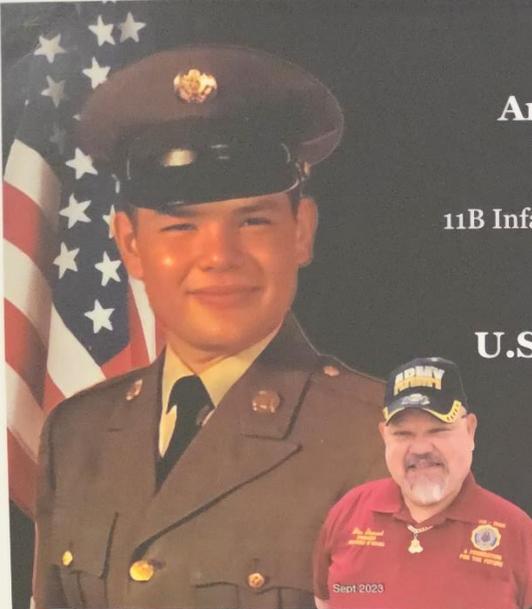
11B Infantryman - Battalion Top Gunner

National Guard
133rd Signal Battalion

U.S. Air Force Reserves



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



My father, **Clyde Stewart, TSGT (Ret), a U.S. Air Force E.O.D. "Master Blaster"** who served from 1955 to 1975 and served in country during the Vietnam conflict between 1964 to 1966 with the **5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**. My father can be found in the non-fiction accounting of the Vietnam War in the book "**Dateline: Vietnam**" by Jim Lucas. My father was also a proud Life Member of The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

My father's service impacted me so much that I also joined the military by first enlisting in 1975 in the **Utah Army National Guard 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)** as a **05B Radio Operator**.

I then enlisted in the **U.S. Army** and served as an **11B Infantryman**, where I earned the **Expert Infantryman's Badge**. I was also an **11H Heavy Anti-Tank TOW Gunner**, with the distinction of being the Battalion Top Gunner for four years in a row. At the end of my enlistment, I was selected as the **Brigade Commander's Personal Driver**, and then as a **Division Commander's Staff Driver**, where I was privileged to drive **5 Star General of the Army Omar Bradley**.



Clyde Stewart, U.S. Air Force

When I left the U.S. Army, I then enlisted in the **Illinois National Guard 133rd Signal Battalion** as a **72E Tactical Telecommunication Center NCO**.

After the Illinois National Guard, I enlisted into the **U.S. Air Force Reserves 13th Contingency Hospital, 932nd Aeromedical Wing** as an **Ophthalmology Specialist** until the end of the Gulf War.

My lovely wife of 42 years, Barbara, began her American Legion career as a Junior Auxiliary member and is currently serving as the Unit 30 President in Sparks, Nevada. She gained her initial eligibility through her father, Rowland Miller, who served in WWII in the Pacific Theater and her grandfather, Roland Miller, who served in WWI.

I have served in The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion in several capacities and at all levels. I am currently the TAL Alternate National Executive Committeeman, a Past Department Commander, the Department Finance Officer, the Department Boys State Chair, the Department Scouting Chair, the 1st District 2nd Vice Commander, the 1st District Finance Officer, the Post 30 Commander, the SAL Detachment of Nevada National Executive Committeeman, the SAL Detachment Adjutant, and the SAL Squadron 30 Commander in Sparks, Nevada.

I am very active as a volunteer with Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Cooties, the Association of the United States Army, the Patriot Guard Riders, the Comstock Civil War Reenactors, Best Buddies of Nevada, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

I am a proud Past Exalted Ruler of Reno Elks Lodge #597, a Past Grand Commander of the Cooties, a Past VFW National Aide de Camp, and I am currently serving as a member of the VFW National Scouting Team.

My other passion is the Boy Scouts of America. I have been involved in Scouting since 1967, when I started as a Cub Scout in the Transatlantic Council in Italy. I have served at all levels of Scouting for 54 years, from the unit level to the National level. I currently serve on the Nevada Area Council Board, the BSA National Service Territory 2, and the BSA National Committee.



Rowland Miller, WWII



Roland Miller, WWI

Randy Thomas Connors
US Air Force
Major
B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer
Deployed for Operation Desert Storm 1992
Years Served: 1981-1992
Hometown, Great Falls, Montana

Attended officer training school at age 22 after attending Montana State University
453rd Flying Training Squadron, Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
60th Bomb Squadron, Anderson AFB, Guam
46th Bomb Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, Grand Forks, North Dakota
328th Bomb Squadron, Castle AFB, Merced, CA
329th Bomb Squadron, Castle AFB, Merced, CA
93rd Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, Merced, CA

Recognition/medals: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal

Ribbons & Awards: Small Arms Marksmanship, National Defense Ribbon, AF Training Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Short Tour Ribbon

Randy with B 52 G bomber, Moron, Spain.

Randy with fellow Desert Storm bomber crew members at Moron, Spain.



On Sunday, we toured the Veterans House and Veterans Hospice Home. Two amazing places for our Veterans in Reno and it's privately funded through the great Citizens of Reno and the surrounding areas. We also toured The Northern Nevada State Veterans Home and the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno, NV.



Attention ALA Members. Want to serve on a national ALA committee? The application process for 2026-2027 national committee appointments is open through Jan. 1, 2026! National committee chairs and members are appointed annually and confirmed by the National Executive Committee to serve on a wide variety of ALA committees for you to explore. All members are eligible to apply. Learn more by reading the ALA blog: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Apply-today!-2026-2027-ALA-national-committee-appl>

Finally, Wishing all members and their families the Happiest and most Blessed Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

For God and Country,
Charmaine Meana
ALA Department President
AL Webmaster/Newsletter
charnvaux@gmail.com

"American Legion Family - Be the Team!"

Happy Holidays everyone! I wish all of you, **Peace on Earth**.

What a wonderful time for everyone to reflect on their relationships with their families, their friends, and their community. While it is the season to be merry, please take the time to bring the **Christmas Spirit** to those who do not have a lot to be merry about. Find it in your heart to reach out and help a veteran in need. Maybe you could visit a VA Hospital, a nursing home, or a long-term care facility and share your time and joy with the veteran residents. Please take the time to share the **Holiday Spirit** with those who are less fortunate.

Also, please be aware that the holiday season can be a time of sadness if someone has lost someone recently. That is a time when they will miss their loved one the most. If you know of someone who is in this situation and see them becoming withdrawn and quiet, reach out to them and involve them in your activities. Let's continue to do our **Buddy Checks** and remember to **Be The One!** God will bless you for caring.

Happy
Holidays

BE THE
ONE



Always in Service,

Jim Stewart

National Executive Committee
Past Department Commander
Department of Nevada

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Wishing all who are reading this a very healthy, happy Holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, or what you celebrate this time of year. Please continue to keep our Military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. They sacrifice time, energy, emotions, separation and sometimes blood, sweat and tears. Posts and Units are reporting many instances of "adopting" families or kids for the holidays making sure they have a full holiday meal, presents, gift cards, goody boxes. So many good deeds being made all over Nevada.

Unit members are reporting sending emails to Nevada elected representatives to advocate for our military, veterans and their families. Look up "Grassroots Action center" or Voter Voice.com under Legion.org/legislative to find out which bills need attention from us.

Membership is coming in, but slowly. It isn't just Nevada either. Maybe make some phone calls, emails, text message members that you know have usually renewed by now, but still haven't yet. Please don't forget members need current membership cards to get into some Posts.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the Mission Training, presented by National Chairs and Officers, at the Tuscan Suites Hotel and Casino: Jan 31st, 2026. Even if you have attended prior trainings things change so quickly updated information is always available at Mission Training, and they're fun. Hope to see you there.

While all the good deeds being done, emails sent, renewals submitted are very important to our individual Units if there isn't someone to report all those hours, miles driven, money donated, National headquarters doesn't get to see how hard-working Nevada really is. If you're not sure where to send all this information please send it to me, GlynisLVAux@yahoo.com and I can share it with the correct chair, and I will "cc" you with the email so you now know where it needs to go. Reporting is so important to National HQ because those hours all get reported to Congress to ensure we have the backing to support our Veterans. Elected officials want to hear from their constituents and being a member of the Legion family makes your voice nationwide, not just your area. Strength in numbers.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and good health in 2026

Glynis Morris
Alt NEC-Dept of NV

Greetings Legionnaires,

The American Legion Grassroots Action Center is live with current legislation:

Scan the QR code, or go to:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.



Currently, there are seven active campaigns:

- H.R. 1004 & S. 410 - Love Lives On Act of 2025.
 - Senators Cortez-Masto, & Rosen, along with Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.
- **H.R. 1423 & S. 649 - GI Bill Parity Act of 2025.**
 - **No Nevada Legislator has co-sponsored.**
- H.R. 2102 & S. 1032 - Major Richard Star Act of 2025.
 - Senators Cortez-Masto, & Rosen, along with Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.
- H.R. 2605 & S. 1441 - The Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES).
 - Senators Cortez-Masto, & Rosen, along with Representative Lee are co-sponsors.
- H.R. 3151 & S. 1536 - SHIPS for America Act of 2025.
 - Representative Amodei is a co-sponsor.
- H.R. 3838 - National Defense Authorization Act of 2026.
 - Section 1092 - Chaplains Hill Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.
 - The 2026 NDA has passed the house without amendment section 1092.
- H.R.5401 - Pay Our Troops Act of 2026.
 - Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.

With 70 out of 82 days out of session, Congress hasn't gotten much done and now come the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.

The government was funded and reopened after a record setting 43-day shutdown.



Congressman Horsford sponsored three pieces of veteran legislation, during the shutdown recess. They have been forwarded to the Legion National Headquarters for review. They are:

- H.R. 6032 - Headstones for Honor Act:
- H.R. 6033 - Strengthening Transparent Reporting to Improve Veteran Equality (STRIVE) Act:
- H.R. 6034 - Veterans Education and Transfer (VET) Extension Act:

Your elected representatives are:

Senator Cortez-Masto: Nevada Senator - <https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/>

Senator Rosen: Nevada Senator - <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/>

Congresswoman Titus: Nevada's 1st Congressional District - <https://titus.house.gov/>

Congressman Amodei: Nevada's 2nd Congressional District - <https://amodei.house.gov/>

Congresswoman Lee: Nevada's 3rd Congressional District - <https://susielee.house.gov/>

Congressman Horsford: Nevada's 4th Congressional District - <https://horsford.house.gov/>

Always in Service,

Manny Garcia
Nevada Delegation Legislative Committee Chairman
National Legislative Council

Season's Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

District 3 participated in the Career Fair in Elko at the Convention Center on November 4th. We were promoting the Oratorical Program and Girls/Boys State. There were students from West Wendover, Jackpot, Wells, Owyhee, Spring Creek, the Battle Born Youth Challenge Academy, and Elko. The students were really nice about what we had to say.

On November 5th, we also attended the Career Fair in Battle Mountain. We had a lot of fun talking to the students.

Please continue to promote these programs.

Always in service.

Brenda Horton
JR PDC
District 3 Adjutant



CHAPLAIN CORNOR

ED BROWN DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

WE FIND THAT DECEMBER IS A BUSY WITH DECORATION, BUYING CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND WRAPPING THEM AS SOME OF US PREPARE FOR SANTA CLAUS.

THERE IS ONE THING THAT WE MISS AND IT SAID IT IN THE BIBLE.

ACTS 20:35

IT IS MORE BLESSED AND BRINGS GREATER JOY TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

WE FIND THAT GOD GAVE THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

JOHN 3:16

“SAID FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.”

HE WAS NOT BORN IN A HOSPITAL- HE WAS BORN IN A BARN. HE SLEPT IN A FEED TROUGH. HE WAS WRAPPED IN RAGS. HIS FIRST VISITORS WERE SHEPHERDS WHO WERE OUTCAST FROM THE COMMUNITY. JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON BECAUSE HE WAS A GIFT TO US TO BRING US JOY AND HOPE.

I FOUND THIS CHRISTMAS PRAYER (NO AUTHOR)

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BRING HAPPINESS INTO OUR HOMES,

PEACE WITHIN OUR LIVES AND JESUS INTO OUR HEARTS. HELP US

REMEMBER THIS SEASON IS ABOUT THE BIRTH OF YOUR SON AND HIS

LOVE FOR US. WE ASK FOR YOU TO HUMBLE OUR HEARTS AND

BLESS US THIS CHRISTMAS.

SEND A NOTE TO SOMEONE THAT IS LONELY. INVITE SOMEONE THAT HAS NO OTHER PERSON TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH TO JOIN YOU IN YOUR CHRISTMAS MEAL. SMILE WHEN YOU SHOP AND SAY A CHEERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

GOD GAVE THE BEST AND WE CAN GIVE WHAT WE HAVE TO CHEER SOMEONE ELSE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings Members,

Post 30 was very lucky and received a grant for some upgrades including painting. We had about 20 Team Depot members (Home Depot employees) who painted our hall last week. They did a great job! Remember to apply for grants. Great things can happen at your Post too!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Always in Service,

Randy Connors

Adjutant

Department of Nevada

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VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA





Greetings Members,

Wishing everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Don't forget our Holiday Party December 14th. Held at Post 8, 733 N. Veterans Memorial Drive 3p till 6p.

All family members invited

Rose Cirac

Unit 14 President

Join us for our fund-raising event for Girl State and enjoy making new Legion family friends!!!!



American Legion Post/Unit 14 Auxiliary Juniors & Sons of the Legion

What we have been up to:

Sunday Oct 12 2025 Family Day

Movies, Popcorn. and Hot dogs what more fun can we ask for!



October 2025 Trunk or Treats

We participated in 3 different Trunk or Treats supporting The National Guard Reserves, Palm Mortuary Boulder, and Keller Williams!



Sunday Nov 9 2025 Jr & SAL Meeting: We had our monthly meeting and made thumbprint cards to hand out on Veterans Day



Tuesday Nov 11 2025 Veterans Day Parade: We enjoyed marching in the parade Honoring all who have served!



Saturday Nov 22 2025 Floral Making Day: The Kids annual fund-raising event is taking pre-orders and then making Floral arrangements for Thanksgiving! It's fun and gets them all working together!



Happy Holidays,
Trisha Eubanks
ALA Juniors President

On November 1, I assisted the Marine Riders at their annual Toys for Tots Poker Run.



November 11th, Post and Unit 149 along with our Scouts participated in the Veterans Day parade.





November 10th, I volunteered at a birthday party at the Leatherneck club that was sponsored by the Marine detachment. November 15th some members supported the Honor Flight pancake breakfast fundraiser. I volunteered at the Marine Birthday Ball at the Orleans.







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The Matthew Axelson Foundation under the umbrella of the non-profit Cupertino Veterans Memorial Corporation (www.cupertinoveteransmemorial.org) is in the middle of a campaign to raise funds to support veterans' organizations. An important fundraising event is our golf tournament on **June 28, 2026** at Genoa Lakes Ranch Course.

Who is Matthew Axelson? Matthew "Axe" Axelson was a United States Navy SEAL who was killed in the War in Afghanistan. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the highest award the Navy can give, for his actions during Operation Red Wings, in which he was killed. His story and that of his teammates is told in the book and movie *Lone Survivor*. Operation Red Wings, June 27-28, 2005, was the most highly decorated small team action in naval history. Awards bestowed include: one Medal of Honor, 3 Navy Crosses, 16 Bronze Stars, 20 Purple Hearts.

This tournament is a wonderful way to interact with our military players (active duty & retired) and show them how much we appreciate their service. The money we raise each year goes to various military organizations.

- **SEAL Family Foundation** (<https://sealfamilyfoundation.org>) provides support for individual and family readiness through an array of programs specifically targeted to assist the Naval Special Warfare community in maintaining a resilient, sustainable, and healthy force in this era of persistent conflict and frequent deployments.
- **Special Operations Warrior Foundation** (www.specialops.org) provides a post-secondary education to the surviving children of fallen special operations service members. Special Operations Warrior Foundation supports America's Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel.
- **De Anza Veterans Program** (www.deanza.edu/veterans/) is dedicated to providing student-veterans and their dependents with services that support the attainment of their academic and career goals.

Thank you,
Donna Axelson, Gold Star Mom

Golf Tournament Chair

For more information call (408) 821-9436.

Please look at our website <https://matthewaxelsonfoundation.org/>

Matthew Axelson Foundation



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