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# NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS



 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA**

**LETTERS OF INTENT ARE BEING ACCEPTED**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT ELECTED POSITIONS**

***DEPARTMENT COMMANDER***

***DEPARTMENT 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER***

***DEPARTMENT 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER***

***DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS***

***NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2024 – 2026)***

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Greetings American Legion Family!

I am so excited for this Newsletters 1<sup>st</sup> Issue as the American Legion Family News. A giant Thank You to the Executive Committee for unanimously approving my request to merge the ALA Legionette Newsletter & The AL Department of Nevada Newsletter to The American Legion Family Newsletter. This is now an all-inclusive Department of Nevada Newsletter and ALL submissions are welcome.

I had the pleasure of attending Unit 76 High Tea luncheon which was a smashing success. Thank you, President Cynthia Ferris, for hosting this wonderful event. Next, I was invited to attend Unit 149 monthly Auxiliary meeting. I am truly stunned at how much amazing work these members do! They are in example to us all of dedication to the American Legion Family. Thank you, President Maria Moss for the invite, you have an outstanding Unit. Finally, I attended Post/Unit 14 in conjunction with Post/Unit 40 Military Family Appreciation Day BBQ. It was an outstanding event and I would like to give The American Legion Riders, Post 40 a giant Thank You for providing the food for the event. Also, thank you Unit 14 for bringing this to Unit 40 and for us all to be The American Legion Family: Being The Team!!! We had a special guest in attendance (pictured with me below). She is Christine Campbell, Ms. Senior United Nations Ambassador, 2024. She has strong ties to the American Legion Family; we thank her for taking time from her busy schedule to attend. If you would like to learn more about this very special & amazing woman: <https://christinecampbell.world/>

This is a big reminder: Register & send in your forms for the American Legion Department Convention, hosted by BMI Post 40. It is being held at Sunset Station Casino in Henderson, NV. June 28<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you will be reserving a room, please do so ASAP. The Casino will only hold our block of rooms till May 29<sup>th</sup>. For reservations: 1-888-786-7389, use code **SCIABMI** to ensure your discounted rate. Don't forget to place your ads for the Program no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>. Forms included at the end of Newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Just a reminder: If you know a creative Veteran, please have them register for the Southern Nevada Veterans Creative Arts Festival. There are over 150 categories to choose from. Such as: Dance, Sculpture, Paint by Number, and Kits to name a few. They only need to be a VA member to enter.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Please take pics and send them to me for the next Newsletter with info.

Remember to send me your upcoming events so that I can email the info to other Nevada Posts so that they too may attend or that it may be included in future Newsletters.

Hope our American Legion Family has a wonderful month of May!

For God and Country,  
 Charmaine Meana  
 ALA Department President  
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires,

Just over a week ago I had a reverse total shoulder replacement. Typing is difficult at best.

I will see you at the Department Convention at the end of June. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Always in service,

Brenda Horton  
Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

## 2nd Vice Commander

Greetings Members,

Many times, we get busy with our lives and forget or ignore that our fellow veterans are hurting in so many ways. From financial hardships to PTSD and everything in between. Our mission and focus is to Be The One and even though we may think what can one person do, you just might save a life by being there for that one person who is contemplating suicide. I know from personal experience that talking to someone and following thru with being there for that fellow vet can and do save lives. Many ask what does it entail "Being the One"? Well, it means knowing your fellow vets at your Post and in your community, recognizing that there is a change in behavior and how they talk. Being there as a sounding board and knowing that there are resources within our communities for mental health assistance. Then you must follow thru and continue to be there for them. Maybe going to the post to have coffee or a meal. Visiting with each other and letting that person know that you are truly there for them. Each of us possess the ability to be there for our fellow veterans in times of need and you only need to ask how are you doing and truly listen to that answer. If you don't know what is available resource wise in your community there are many in your post who have those answers or who can find out what is available. You can always call 988 press 1 and get resources for that person that way. My prayers are always with those who are hurting and my hope is that we will recognize that that person needs our help and we provide it!!

For God and Country,

Pamela Walker Dept 2nd Vice Commander  
Richard Springston American Legion Post 60





The Detachment of Nevada is currently at 76.49% membership and did not meet the April 10<sup>th</sup> target of 90%. And are seriously behind on meeting the 100% goal on May 15<sup>th</sup> while lagging in 54<sup>th</sup> place nationally; we need to step up the membership efforts if we want to meet target. We need to get our membership back to an acceptable level after two years of over 100% membership. Let's strive to bring those members forward because they are no longer current and in jeopardy of losing their membership. Membership is key and helps support the amazing things that the SAL does. Let's keep recruiting and renewing.

Commander Hall has issued a Commander's Challenge to all Squadrons to support the four pillars and become a National Four Pillar Squadron. To do so, a Squadron needs to raise \$1/member for each of Operation Comfort Warrior (VA&R), CWF (Children and Youth), Department's Boys State (Americanism), and hold a blood drive (National Security). Achieving each of the above will result in an award for being a National Four Pillar Squadron. Forms have been sent to Squadron and Post leadership (if I have your information, hint, hint)

We are reviving Squadron 9999 for any potential member who doesn't have a local Squadron, much like Post 100 in The American Legion. I will send out more information as we get the Squadron into the national database. Squadron 9999 gives us the opportunity to expand membership in our rural areas and find a Squadron for those that are new to the area.

The re-engagement email went out, and we did get a response from a member that I will be forwarding on to the Department Commander for feedback. Please let me know if anyone reaches out to you because of the email and signs back up.

I will be introducing the National Sons of The American Legion University (SAL U) over the next few months. This is a new leadership program, and the SAL U is launching a leadership program in 2024, aiming to train SAL members in effective leadership. The upcoming session is a pilot to refine the course content. Participants will test the program and offer feedback for future sessions. As the programs are introduced, I will present them to you.

As in past years, I have CWF and other challenge coins and pins to raise money for CWF and VCF, etc. I am happy to take \$10-20 donations for various causes in exchange for these. Colorado has been making waves about their amazing fundraising abilities so let's continue the streak and bring home the per-capita awards again and take the opportunity to show Colorado how it is really done by raising \$30/member. The Detachment of Nevada is currently leading the nation in CWF fundraising on a per-capita basis with \$9.71/member followed by Arizona with \$6.93 member. As a side note, Arizona is also leading the nation in total fundraising with nearly \$60,000, my hat is off to them for their dedication to the CWF. I have it on good authority that Squadron 7 will be helping to push us over \$12/member so if anyone wants to push us even further, please do so ASAP.

There are no CSR forms sent in, please submit those ASAP.

I have confirmed that Eric Hoss will volunteer to improve the Nevada SAL web site (<https://nevadasal.org>). The current site is out of date and needs content. Contributors are always in need to keep web content engaging and relevant. Check out our social media as well @nevadasons on Facebook and @SALDetNV on Twitter.

Detachment EC meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 via Teams (when it cooperates).

Teams Meeting ID 272 911 810 647

Passcode D3p5ib

Phone in – 775-393-9964

Conference ID 796 285 50#

Please join us if you can.

Let's have an exciting 2023-2024 and don't forget your buddy checks and watch out for our entire Legion Family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Horton

Commander, Detachment of Nevada

#SALStrong

#BeTheOne



## 2024 SAL Membership Report: April 22, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 100% TARGET 5/15/2024	2024 ACTUAL MBRSH	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	LATIN AMERICA	33	-4	37	112.12%	62.50
2	PUERTO RICO	156	-17	173	110.90%	98.04
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-166	1,777	110.30%	90.23
4	HAWAII	120	-12	132	110.00%	89.92
5	FLORIDA	23,066	-691	23,757	103.00%	83.62
6	WISCONSIN	4,398	-77	4,475	101.75%	88.26
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-26	1,596	101.66%	83.29
8	ARIZONA	8,595	-131	8,726	101.52%	81.61
9	NEW MEXICO	1,582	-20	1,602	101.26%	77.27
10	RHODE ISLAND	348	-4	352	101.15%	85.19
11	IDAHO	659	-1	660	100.15%	72.97
12	OREGON	1,534	14	1,520	99.09%	80.16
13	CONNECTICUT	1,865	18	1,847	99.03%	85.01
14	DIST OF COL	91	1	90	98.90%	87.50
15	FRANCE	168	3	165	98.21%	85.54
16	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	25	1,050	97.67%	86.37
17	MARYLAND	16,803	392	16,411	97.67%	86.99
18	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	156	5,871	97.41%	84.32
19	MICHIGAN	26,236	719	25,517	97.26%	85.51
20	IOWA	4,914	165	4,749	96.64%	86.94
21	ILLINOIS	13,716	507	13,209	96.30%	87.49
22	NEW YORK	30,663	1,162	29,501	96.21%	86.69
23	MISSISSIPPI	736	29	707	96.06%	80.74
24	OHIO	31,690	1,287	30,403	95.94%	86.77
25	TEXAS	5,783	240	5,543	95.85%	79.77
26	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	117	2,653	95.78%	76.76
27	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	2,815	59,931	95.51%	87.36
28	WYOMING	1,248	62	1,186	95.03%	82.35
29	ALASKA	1,740	87	1,653	95.00%	77.22
30	NEW JERSEY	9,662	504	9,158	94.78%	83.48
31	DELAWARE	2,596	136	2,460	94.76%	82.92
32	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	311	5,121	94.27%	83.07
33	ALABAMA	2,100	123	1,977	94.14%	80.27
34	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	157	2,436	93.95%	80.08
35	MINNESOTA	11,435	694	10,741	93.93%	85.89
36	INDIANA	37,244	2,289	34,955	93.85%	85.10
37	MAINE	2,757	173	2,584	93.73%	81.79
38	VIRGINIA	4,367	291	4,076	93.34%	78.88
39	VERMONT	3,920	267	3,653	93.19%	85.59
40	WASHINGTON	2,682	184	2,498	93.14%	71.98
41	LOUISIANA	1,821	130	1,691	92.86%	84.71
42	NEBRASKA	6,992	503	6,489	92.81%	87.33
43	KANSAS	6,055	441	5,614	92.72%	84.19
44	TENNESSEE	1,792	139	1,653	92.24%	75.16
45	CALIFORNIA	11,292	951	10,341	91.58%	76.85
46	COLORADO	2,952	249	2,703	91.57%	76.92
47	UTAH	460	41	419	91.09%	75.00
48	GEORGIA	4,887	443	4,444	90.94%	77.78
49	MISSOURI	3,337	347	2,990	89.60%	79.28
50	ARKANSAS	406	52	354	87.19%	69.61
51	MONTANA	1,091	155	936	85.79%	79.46
52	KENTUCKY	2,399	368	2,031	84.66%	70.90
53	OKLAHOMA	1,430	224	1,206	84.34%	65.08
54	NEVADA	387	91	296	76.49%	64.99
55	PHILIPPINES	79	34	45	56.96%	54.43
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>382,111</b>	<b>15,947</b>	<b>366,164</b>	<b>95.83%</b>	<b>84.54</b>



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF)  
DONATIONS REPORT**



Detachment	2023 Donations (revised-final)	2023 Membership (final)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,077	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 253.00	12.2%	\$ 0.12
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,767	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 103.00	5.8%	\$ 0.06
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,625	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 59,791.00	693.2%	\$ 6.93
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	405	\$ 405.00	\$ 600.00	148.1%	\$ 1.48
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,362	\$ 11,362.00	\$ 2,583.00	22.7%	\$ 0.23
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,985	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 16,892.49	565.9%	\$ 5.66
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 2,100.00	81.8%	\$ 0.82
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,326	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 19,031.00	81.6%	\$ 0.82
FR - FRANCE	\$ 400.00	166	\$ 166.00	\$ 250.00	150.6%	\$ 1.51
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,860	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 730.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	661	\$ 661.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,561	\$ 13,561.00	\$ 4,184.00	30.9%	\$ 0.31
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,477	\$ 36,477.00	\$ 1,900.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,900	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 955.38	19.5%	\$ 0.19
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,957	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 852.00	14.3%	\$ 0.14
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,378	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 500.00	21.0%	\$ 0.21
LT - LATIN AMERICA	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 1,973.00	110.0%	\$ 1.10
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,757	\$ 2,757.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,708	\$ 16,708.00	\$ 2,934.00	17.6%	\$ 0.18
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,372	\$ 5,372.00	\$ 5,876.29	109.4%	\$ 1.09
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,275	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 8,319.00	31.7%	\$ 0.32
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,311	\$ 11,311.00	\$ 7,855.50	69.5%	\$ 0.69
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	730	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,291.26	176.9%	\$ 1.77
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,368	\$ 3,368.00	\$ 250.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,071	\$ 1,071.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,926	\$ 6,926.00	\$ 5,565.00	80.3%	\$ 0.80
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,837.00	971.4%	\$ 9.71
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,154	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 3,445.82	56.0%	\$ 0.56
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,885	\$ 9,885.00	\$ 6,838.00	69.2%	\$ 0.69
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 4,930.00	1,642	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 1,100.00	67.0%	\$ 0.67
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,695	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 4,936.00	16.1%	\$ 0.16
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,720	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 3,515.50	129.2%	\$ 1.29
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,419	\$ 31,419.00	\$ 19,659.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,541	\$ 1,541.00	\$ 2,257.00	146.5%	\$ 1.46
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,403	\$ 62,403.00	\$ 25,894.77	41.5%	\$ 0.41
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	348	\$ 348.00	\$ 650.00	186.8%	\$ 1.87
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,578	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,407.00	152.5%	\$ 1.53
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 100.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,769	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 4,811.60	272.0%	\$ 2.72
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,669.14	5,769	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 9,640.00	167.1%	\$ 1.67
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,874	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 1,575.00	40.7%	\$ 0.41
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,384	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 14,284.46	325.8%	\$ 3.26
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,702	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 60.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,603	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 5,325.00	204.6%	\$ 2.05
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,358	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 907.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,236	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 875.00	70.8%	\$ 0.71
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 425,060.55</b>	<b>380,743</b>	<b>\$ 380,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 258,760.07</b>	<b>68.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>



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DONATIONS BY REGION**



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<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>						
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 2,100.00	81.8%	\$ 0.82
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 400.00	166	\$ 166.00	\$ 250.00	150.6%	\$ 1.51
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NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,695	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 4,936.00	16.1%	\$ 0.16
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VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,874	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 1,575.00	40.7%	\$ 0.41
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 88,498.50</b>	<b>142,883</b>	<b>\$ 142,883.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,499.88</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>\$ 0.38</b>

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>						
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,561	\$ 13,561.00	\$ 4,184.00	30.9%	\$ 0.31
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WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,358	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 907.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 101,087.99</b>	<b>128,382</b>	<b>\$ 128,382.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,649.50</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>\$ 0.38</b>

<b>WESTERN REGION</b>						
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ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	661	\$ 661.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LT - LATIN AMERICA (MEX)	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,071	\$ 1,071.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,837.00	971.4%	\$ 9.71
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WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,702	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 60.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,236	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 875.00	70.8%	\$ 0.71
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 110,731.76</b>	<b>34,673</b>	<b>\$ 34,673.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,831.49</b>	<b>253.3%</b>	<b>\$ 2.53</b>

Detachment	2023 Donations (revised-final)	2023 Membership (final)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
<b>SOUTHEAST REGION</b>						
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,077	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 253.00	12.2%	\$ 0.12
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	405	\$ 405.00	\$ 600.00	148.1%	\$ 1.48
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,326	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 19,031.00	81.6%	\$ 0.82
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,860	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 730.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 1,973.00	110.0%	\$ 1.10
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	730	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,291.26	176.9%	\$ 1.77
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,720	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 3,515.50	129.2%	\$ 1.29
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,578	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,407.00	152.6%	\$ 1.53
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,769	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 4,811.60	272.0%	\$ 2.72
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,669.14	5,769	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 9,640.00	167.1%	\$ 1.67
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,384	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 14,284.46	325.8%	\$ 3.26
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 102,120.73</b>	<b>49,564</b>	<b>\$ 49,564.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,536.82</b>	<b>118.1%</b>	<b>\$ 1.18</b>

<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>						
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,900	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 955.38	19.5%	\$ 0.19
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,957	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 852.00	14.3%	\$ 0.14
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,368	\$ 3,368.00	\$ 250.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,926	\$ 6,926.00	\$ 5,565.00	80.3%	\$ 0.80
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 100.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 17,946.66</b>	<b>26,241</b>	<b>\$ 26,241.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,744.38</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>\$ 0.31</b>

<b>NATIONAL HQ:</b>	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00		
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<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	\$ 425,060.55	300,743	\$ 300,743.00	\$ 250,760.07	60.0%	\$ 0.60
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**SAL DONATIONS AS OF: APRIL 12, 2024**

**2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 31, 2023 (FINAL)**





Please send me your events so we can get them online for others to see.

We need more engagement from the riders, it is well known that the Legion Riders events can be great membership opportunities. Always carry a packet of membership forms with you for the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary, you never know when they might be handy.

Please send feedback, what would you like to see in future newsletter articles? What would you like to see done differently by the Legion Riders?

I can always be reached via email ([commander@nevadasal.org](mailto:commander@nevadasal.org)) or phone (720-394-5965), just leave a message if I don't answer.

Sincerely,

Shawn Horton  
Commander, Detachment of Nevada  
American Legion Riders Department of Nevada Liaison

Event Schedule		
Date	Where	What
April 27, 2024	Carlin, NV	ATV/UTV/Off Road Poker Run
May 18, 2024	Elko, NV	Armed Forces Day Ride



Hello Members,

District 3 has accomplished a number of goals in the past years that I have been the District Commander. I want to thank all of the post members who performed many different functions. The many different events that were put on is a tribute to these posts that have very few members, though not from lack of trying. The many different events included American Legion Birthday, Memorial Day Service, Veterans Day Celebration, Funeral Services, Flag Retirements, Membership Drives, Legion Riders Poker Runs, ATV/UTV Poker Runs, Post Birthday Celebrations, Branch Birthday Celebrations and countless other events. There are still many items to be addressed and celebrated when accomplished. I want to thank everyone who helped me through being District Commander, the Post Commanders, Post Adjutants, District 1st Vice, District Adjutant (Brenda Horton), Department Adjutant (Lionel Motta), Department Commanders, Department Office (Glynis Morris) and many others. I have participated in Post visits, District Meetings, DEC Meetings and many events put on by the Post in District 3. Remaining events for this year are Memorial Day Services, District 3 Meeting and we as a District are looking to clean two different Cemeteries that have a number of veterans. Post 32 is participating in a Show-n-Shine for bikes, atv/utv's on June 8th in Carlin.

Lincoln Litchfield  
District 3 Commander



## VA Information

The [VA Health and Benefits mobile app](#) is modernizing how Veterans access and manage their health care and benefits information. The app surpassed 2 millionth downloads—a significant milestone in giving Veterans convenient access to their VA health care and benefits via their mobile devices.

This immediate access to vital health and benefits information is resonating strongly with Veterans, particularly those living in remote or rural areas where reaching VA facilities may be challenging. The app quickly became a lifeline for many.

With almost a million monthly active users who send over three hundred thousand secure messages and refill over a quarter of a million prescriptions—each month—the app’s strong adoption and Veteran-centered design have helped earn it a rating of 4.8 on the Apple Store and 4.6 on Google Play, on par with companies like USAA and Uber. Users are saying:

- “This is one of—if not the most—important app on my phone.”
- “This is a huge timesaver.”
- “Veterans can have an active part of engaging with VA at a higher tick... now it’s literally on your couch, and that just gives folks more sense of ownership and accessibility.”

### Putting Veterans at the center

As the app’s popularity and use continue to grow, VA’s Office of Information and Technology works with users to identify challenges with VA digital services so VA can incorporate their feedback and new features to improve the experience. These have led to enhancements like:

- The app’s integration of biometric options like fingerprint and facial recognition to streamline access
- A new one-touch feature that generates a [Proof of Veteran Status](#) screen when you log in to make it quick, easy, and more private for you to prove Veteran status to retailers and access your Veteran benefits.
- Crucial accessibility features for the 22 percent of users who leverage assistive technology—features such as the ability for [blinded Veterans to access and read their decision letters](#) through the app
- If you’re a Veteran, caregiver or dependent, [you can sign up to participate in online feedback sessions](#) related to the mobile app and other VA digital tools to enhance them for all Veterans.

### Features and tools Veterans want.

- Quick and direct access to the VA Crisis Line for Veterans and their families
- Management of Health Care Appointments
- View Status of Claims and Appeals
- Read benefit decision letters
- Refill and Track VA Prescriptions
- Secure Message with Your VA Health Care Team
- Download Common VA Letters and Documents
- View VA Vaccine Records
- Locate VA Facilities
- One-touch Proof of Veteran Status
- Access Using Biometric Login

Upcoming 2024 features include health care appointment scheduling and check-ins, travel claim submissions and more.

If you’d like to learn more about the app or download it, you can explore the [VA Health and Benefits mobile app](#) page



A "for sale" sign sits in front of a foreclosed home on Oct. 13, 2011, in Miami, Fla. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images) Starting next month, [Veterans Affairs officials](#) will offer a “last-resort” program for tens of thousands of veterans in danger of losing their homes because of [post-pandemic](#) mortgage problems, leaders announced Wednesday.

The new Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase (VASP) program, which launches May 31, will allow the department to purchase [defaulted VA loans](#) from outside mortgage servicers, then modify the terms to allow financially strapped veterans to

avoid losing the properties.

Borrowers will be guaranteed a fixed 2.5% interest rate for the remainder of their loans.

“This program will help ensure that when a veteran goes into default, there is an additional affordable payment option that will work in a higher-interest rate environment, so they can keep their homes,” VA [Undersecretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs](#) said.

Department leaders estimate the new program will help about 40,000 veterans, troops and family members currently struggling with VA-backed home loans.

But the new program will only be open to veterans who have defaulted on their mortgages and not others who renegotiated higher, costly new mortgages over the last year. Those individuals will not be able to opt into the lower-rate VASP loans.

“This is not an incentive for default,” Jacobs said. “If other home-retention options like a loan modification or repayment plan will resolve the home loan delinquency, then this program will not be an option.”

When the coronavirus pandemic hit the United States in spring 2020, Congress approved a forbearance program allowing some individuals who lost their normal stream of income to skip mortgage payments for months.

But when that program ended in October 2022, thousands of veterans found they owed large payments on their homes, forcing some into default and others into unfavorable new home loans. [An NPR investigation in 2023](#) uncovered numerous families hurt by the gaps in support services.

VA last fall called on all mortgage companies to delay additional foreclosures until May 2024 while they set up the new support program. Under VASP, veterans will not need to apply to be included, but will instead have their mortgages purchased by VA if they qualify.

Jacobs said VA planners estimate that the new program will produce about \$1.5 billion in savings over the next decade by avoiding costs for housing vouchers, federal loan defaults, and other complications related to veterans homelessness.

The department is currently backing more than 3.7 million active home loans, including more than 400,000 new loans in 2023 alone.

Veterans facing problems with housing bills can contact VA at 877-827-3702, option 4, or visit [the VA home loans website](#).



The Post Family from Las Vegas Post 8 proudly hosted the Tunnel to Towers Foundation just before the "Big Game" in February. The Foundation came from New York to have a big BBQ for Veterans as well as making a HUGE announcement. They invited 15 NYC Firefighters, NFL players, actors, and even a NFL Hall of Famer. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation provides mortgage free adapted housing for disabled Veterans, and first responders. They also award college scholarships to fallen and injured firefighter's families as well as disabled Veterans children. The attached pictures show what fun we had.

The HUGE announcement is that they have purchased a parcel of land across the highway from the VA Hospital and the plan is to build a comprehensive home for Veterans experiencing homelessness. They have just opened the "prototype" facility in Texas. Mr. Frank Siler, brother of Stephen Siler-Fallen Firefighter perished on 9/11/01 running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel in full gear to race to the Towers made the announcement. We were honored to be a part of this worthwhile cause.

(Pic 1-Mr. Frank Siler serving free BBQ to Veterans; Pic 2-Official Logo)



(Pic 3-Home for Veterans-TX facility; Pic 4-Social Area; Pic 5-NYC Firefighters-all 9/11 survivors)



(Pic 6-Announcement, L to R: Dept Cmdr-Robert Morris, CEO T2T Foundation Mr Frank Siler, Miles Buress-former Oakland Raider, Hall of Fame Wide Receiver LA Rams-Isacc Bruce, Brad Hopkins 13 yr NFL Veteran Tennessee Titans)

(Pic 7-Auxiliary National Alt NEC, Unit 8 President Glynis Morris, Hall of Famer Isacc Bruce, Dept Commander Robert Morris

Pic 8-NYC Firefighters at Dinner, also in photo Miles Buress, Glynis Morris, and Dual Legionnaire/Auxiliary Member Alta Odom)

We were invited to the fundraiser dinner that evening at the JW Marriott. We will continue to be part of communication chain to provide updates.

For God and Country,  
Glynis Seeley-Morris, ALA Unit 8 President  
ALA Department Alt NEC

Hello Members,

With deepest sorrow Unit 14 lost our member Hazel Lockhart. She and her late husband-chartered 1st the Post December 19, 1983 and then the Auxiliary January 16, 1984. She worked very hard recruiting members and supporting Veterans, military and their families. Her service was held April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

Our juniors made cards welcoming home the Honor Flight and greeted them on their return April 21<sup>st</sup>. Two of our members were aboard this Flight, Judy and Jerry Bootzin.

Unit 76 held their Annual High Tea April 13th. Eight from Unit 14 attended, Samantha Hook, Dianne Hook, MJ Cole, Debbie Milohnick, Elaine Siegel, Judy Bootzin, Rose Cirac and friend Minda Beckwith.

AL Military Family Appreciation Day was held April 27<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm. Post/Unit 14 and Post/Unit 40 co-hosted a BBQ for Veterans and Military Families at Post 40 in Henderson. FOOD, FUN, FAMILY & Games for the children. It was a wonderful event and we would like to thank the ALR Post 40 for sponsoring the food.

Rose Cirac  
ALA Unit 14, President



**Southern Nevada  
Veterans Creative Arts Competition**  
**Sept. 14, 2024**

North Las Vegas VA Medical Center  
6900 North Pecos Road  
North Las Vegas, NV 89086

Over 130 categories including visual fine art, creative writing, dance, drama, and vocal and instrumental music. Veterans must be enrolled to receive care at a VA medical facility before entering a local competition. The top entry in each category will be submitted to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Each Veteran can enter up to 3 works in different categories.

To sign up, send your submission to [vhalaspao@va.gov](mailto:vhalaspao@va.gov) or Cynthia Ferris - [ala76president@gmail.com](mailto:ala76president@gmail.com) and add "SNVCAC sign ups" to the subject line

**NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL**

CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
Discover the Arts

**UNIT 76**  
Spirit of Freedom

**VA** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Southern Nevada Healthcare System

Greetings All,

American Legion Paradise Unit 149 is a small Unit for the Department of Nevada. Some of our members live in other States or as a book member. We are in active Unit always working together with the American Legion Paradise Post 149 Family to support Veterans, the troops, their families, and the community.

Unit 149 conducted our regular monthly meeting together at opening ceremony with the Post and the Sons of the American Legion Post 149. After that, the Auxiliary is excused to do the Unit's business. We provide a zoom meeting as well to make it easier for the Unit members who can't attend, but can participate in the meeting via zoom. We are also doing Buddy Checks for our Unit members and Post members. We visited a member who sick and staying in the hospital as well. We send them get well & Birthday cards, call to say hello, and check in on them to see how they are doing. Some of our members are day givers, volunteering at the hospice, the VA Clinic and Fisher House. Once a month our Executive Officers and members participate in the Legion night social night. We also attend the Post E-board meeting to talk about plans within our American Legion Family and helping each other with the Be the One Program with interest to the organization as American Legion Family.

We support the following programs with thoughtful donation:

**Veterans Organizations:**

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services ( VAVS )  
 Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation ( VA&R )  
 Fisher House  
 NV State Veterans Home Boulder City  
 US Vet's ( Veterans Standdown, Food Drive )  
 Honor Flights ( Welcome Home Veterans )

**Community Outreach:**

Project 150  
 Toys for Tots  
 NV Energy Christmas Drive  
 Ronald McDonald House  
 Hospice  
 Day giver  
 Yard sale  
 Veterans News Paper  
 Buck Dedard Outdoor Foundation Banquet  
 ALA Paradise Unit 149 Facebook  
 American Legion Paradise Post 149 Newsletter [www.post149.org](http://www.post149.org) (<http://www.post149.org>)

**American Legion Post 149/American Legion Auxiliary Programs:**

ROTC, American Legion Base Ball  
 American Legion/son of the Legion Whisky Wagon ( SAL Paradise Post 149 )  
 American Legion ROMP ( Riding On Military Pride )  
 Children Welfare Relief Fund, Christmas & Hanukah Party  
 Walker Furniture " Helps For Heroes "  
 Rock the Troops, Memorial Day  
 Americanism ( Flag Day ), Children & Youth  
 Community Service Constitution & Bylaws  
 Education, Membership, NV Girls State  
 National Emergency Fund ( NEF )  
 Poppy Program

For God and Country,  
 Maria Moss  
 President  
 ALA Paradise Unit 149

# ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**



Please Join Palm Boulder Highway  
Mortuary In Henderson,  
As We Honor And Commemorate  
Our Nations Fallen Heroes.

**Where:** Palm Boulder Highway Mortuary  
800 South Boulder Highway  
Henderson, NV 89015



**Time:** 10:00 AM – Outdoor Memorial Event

11:00 AM – Complimentary Refreshments and Veteran Fair





# AMERICAN LEGION



Comrades,

The 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Nevada Convention is being hosted by BMI Post 40 in Henderson, NV on June 29 and 30, 2024. The convention will be held at the Sunset Casino located at 1301 W Sunset Rd, Henderson NV, 89014.

There will be a meet and greet set up in the main banquet hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Starting at 5pm. There will be snacks, drinks (cash bar) and great conversations. You will also be able to pick up your pre-convention packets and swag bags at this time.

The American Legion Family Dinner will be on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no-host cocktails served from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. Dinner will be Buffet Style \$55.00 per person.

Commander's Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am, \$35.00 per person.

Lodging has been secured at the Sunset Casino for Friday (\$120) and Saturday (\$130) nights plus taxes and registration fees. For reservations, please call **1-888-786-7389**. Be sure to use the code **SCIABMI** to ensure the American Legion discounted rate. Rooms not reserved by May 29<sup>th</sup> will be released.

American Legion BMI Post 40 is looking forward to providing you a great convention.

Sincerely,

John Towsley

The American Legion

BMI Post 40

Commander

# The American Legion



## 105<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post / Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All convention events will be held at the Sunset Casino

### Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Dinner on your own

### Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

American Legion Family Dinner

\$55.00 per person

6:00pm Cocktails – 7:00 Dinner (Buffet)

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Past Commander Breakfast

\$35.00 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SEND REGISTRATION AND FEES TO:

American Legion Post 40  
425 E Vanwageningen St  
Henderson, NV 89015

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT



# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA



## 2024 Annual Department Convention Brochure Ad Request Information

<b>Full Page:</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Half Page:</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Quarter Page:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Business Card:</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Booster Signature or Those Who Served:</b>	<b>\$2 per name</b>

BOOSTERS EXAMPLE			
Bill Brown	John Hood	Carol Lambert	Charlie Shoemaker
Mary Brown	Eva Hood	Jun Hill	Leon Avery
Ken Brown			Barb Avery

THOSE WHO SERVED EXAMPLE			
WILLIAM BROWN	US Army	2/1942 - 3/1947	WOODLAND, ME
GERALD GETTS	US Navy	4/1953 - 3/1962	BROWNVILLE, TX
JOHN HENRY	US Marines	2/1916 - 1/1919	BIDDERFORD, CA
CHUCK HANSON	US Air Force	4/2012 - Present	LAUGHLIN, NV
MARY JONES	US Coast Guard	2/1996 - 1/2000	BULLHEAD, AZ

**Ads AND Payments must be received no later than 5 June 2024:**

**Email DIGITAL ad to:**  
NevadaAuxiliary@gmail.com  
Subject: AL Convention Ad

**Send payment to:**  
Dr. Courtenay Burns  
attn: Convention Book Office  
4030 Bobolink Cir  
Reno, NV 89508

*DO NOT REQUIRE SIGNATURE FOR DELIVERY*

*Questions or Concerns? Contact Us!*  
Courtenay Burns  
775-513-4681  
NevadaAuxiliary@gmail.com



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full Page	# _____	\$ _____
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Business Card	# _____	\$ _____
Booster ( <i>see below</i> )	# _____	\$ _____
Those Who Served ( <i>see below</i> )	# _____	\$ _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Those Who Served Information (if purchased):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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