



NOVEMBER 2025, Issue 15 NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS

Happy November Holidays and Observances

- **National Veterans & Military Family Month:** The entire month of November is designated for this observance.
- **Marine Corps Birthday:** Monday, November 10th
- **Veterans Day:** Tuesday, November 11th
- **Happy Thanksgiving:** November 27th



What an exciting month. Novelt Mack Jr. and I visited Peter Gunn Post 10 for the Grand Reopening and Interpost. The remodel is beautiful and very welcoming and immediately makes you feel at home, everyone was welcoming and friendly and it has to be the most welcomed I've ever felt at a Post!! I was a guest speaker along with Dr. Wheatly who grew up across the street in the projects. He talked about how important the Post and its members who were so much a part of his upbringing. He talked about the Post feeding a single mother and her children, food at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. What an amazing story and an excellent speaker.



Randy Connors and I attended MCONN and spoke with everyone we could and made a number of contacts that not only the Department can benefit from but, also the various Posts throughout the state.

Unfortunately, the Legion trailer from National was unable to make the event, but we hope that next year they will be there as everyone said they were sorely missed.



I was invited to the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City, and was blown away at the number of attendees!! It had to be in the thousands. It was a great opportunity to interact with the community and the Capitol Post 4 Officers and members. It was truly awesome to have been invited and to participate.



As we go into the holidays, it is imperative that we are doing our buddy checks and inviting our members to our Posts and if you don't have a Post home invite Veterans for coffee or see if there is room at the table for one more. Loneliness and despair abound at this time and our Veterans move into crisis mode as well as an increase in suicide ideation becomes more prevalent. Remember only you can Be The One to Save the One!!

The National Commander will be at Post 30 Sparks on the 15th for the DEC and hope all who live in the area will attend in person if possible. The post is providing dinner at no cost on that evening and it provides an opportunity to talk to the National Commander one-on-one. Hope to see all of you there. If not, I wish all safe travels and Happy Holidays!!

For God and Country
Pam Walker
Department Commander



Department Auxiliary President

Greetings Members,

October 8th, I attended a meeting with Unit 149 President Allison & Unit Secretary Penny in regards to their Constitution and Bylaws. It was a productive meeting and their Unit is doing well.

October 11th, I attended the Post 60 Veterans Table Talk for the 2nd time this year. It is a very informative session for Veterans and their families. I again want to thank Tom Harwood for the invite and all of his hard work for putting the event together. I look forward to your next one.

October 12th, Post/Unit 14 held a Patriotic Movie & Hot Dogs at Post 8. It was held to bring about comradery within the American Legion Family, and all were welcome to attend. It is an awesome idea and I really enjoyed myself. I'd like to see more Post/Units host this style event.

Here we are again in November. I want to wish all Veterans a very Happy Veterans Day. I will be attending the Veterans Day Parade to cheer you all on in Las Vegas.

Post/Unit 8 will be hosting a free lunch after the Parade. Come on down and enjoy burgers, dogs and sides with raffles too.

Finally, Wishing all members and their families the Happiest and most Blessed Thanksgiving.

For God and Country,
Charmaine Meana
ALA Department President
AL Webmaster/Newsletter
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"American Legion Family - Be the Team!"



Greetings Legionnaires,

Nominations are now open for the Regional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Regional Firefighter of the Year awards. These awards are a way for our Legion Family to recognize the exceptional service and dedication of our law enforcement officers and firefighters. We know that it is important to celebrate the men and women that keep our loved ones and communities safe. These awards are a great way to show that the Legion Family appreciates our public servants. Please consider nominating an officer or firefighter who has demonstrated outstanding performance and commitment to their duties. Contact the Department Adjutant Randy Connors (775-410-6205) for a nomination package before January 16th.

The National Commander, Dan Wiley, will be visiting Post 30 on Saturday, November 15th. The Department Executive Committee will be meeting with the Commander as a guest at the Post. We encourage all Legionnaires to attend the meeting in-person or via Zoom. The details to connect to Zoom for the meeting are below. [District Commanders please share the invite with your posts.](#)

Post 30 invites all Nevada Legionnaires to also attend a free dinner that Saturday, November 15th at Post 30. Doors open at 5:30pm (17:30) and the buffet dinner starts at 6pm (1800). Please RSVP by message at the post phone number 775-331-5359, or call me at 775-410-6205.

DEC morning session

In-person at Post 30 730 4th Street, Sparks.

The post is next to the US Post Office at the corner of Prater Way and 4th Street.

Time: Nov 15, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To Join by Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87614325217?pwd=EI0ubvMEnqYpqUuNJOM3N9FzTCQ6ts.1>

Meeting ID: 876 1432 5217

Passcode: 993227

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Join instructions

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/87614325217/invitations?signature=45LoZh7TDeOHLJy1AB1fS982WB6NbWb6sB1AIsy0D1s>

DEC afternoon session

Time: Nov 15, 2025 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81120282428?pwd=MUZ59YEEcGnbogv2azUJ8b6aBGecbZ.1>

Meeting ID: 811 2028 2428

Passcode: 453498

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Join instructions

https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/81120282428/invitations?signature=muMQe_SvywRtbdJLTzn8jYMeEK8gTHNzxMegHhWEyAY

Any questions please call me at the number below.

Always in Service,

Randy Connors

Department of Nevada Adjutant - 775-410-6205

VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Introducing Daniel K. Wiley, American Legion National Commander.

Courtesy of the American Legion and Steven B. Brooks

An Air Force veteran, Dan Wiley is a retired state district court judge who raises cattle in Leavenworth, Kan. Following his Air Force service, Wiley obtained a bachelor's degree in business at the College of Great Falls in Montana. He returned to his hometown of Lawrence, Kan., and earned a law degree at the University of Kansas.

Wiley has held many leadership positions at The American Legion post, department (state) and national levels. He is a paid-up-for-life member of Byron H. Mehl American Legion Post 23 in Leavenworth and is a past department commander of Kansas. He also represented the state as a member of The American Legion's National Executive Committee.

Appointed by the Kansas governor as a district court judge in 2008, Wiley helped establish and preside over the Leavenworth County Veterans Treatment Court. He has been active in his community and is a past president of the Leavenworth / Lansing Chamber of Commerce, a past chairman of the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade Committee and a former member of the Unified School District 453 School Board.

As national commander, Wiley is a strong advocate for The American Legion's **Be the One** mission to prevent veteran suicide. He emphasizes inclusivity in the American Legion Family through the theme, Better Together!

Wiley's theme of "Better Together" focuses on the American Legion Family. "I am a big believer in the American Legion Family," he said. "Those posts that are successful are the ones that are inclusive and not exclusive. They're the ones that operate in unity with the units, squadrons, and chapters. Those are the successful posts: the ones that care about the mission and helping each other. Taking care of one another.

"But better together has an even deeper meaning. We use phrases like 'I got your 6' and 'I got your back'. Those are not just nice sayings. It's what we were trained to do when we served. It's human nature. It's who we are."

National Commander Wiley will be visiting Duby Reid American Legion Post 30 in Sparks, NV on November 15th and 16th. The post will be hosting the Department Executive Meeting and a dinner with Commander Wiley as guest. All Legionnaires are invited to the DEC meeting at 10am at the Sparks Post or via Zoom. The dinner is also open to all Legionnaires. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6pm.

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, the focus is on one campaign:

- H.R. 5401 - Pay Our Troops Act of 2026
- Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.

The bottom line is that nothing will happen until Speaker Johnson brings the House back in session.

I found the following article with information about our current situation.

Who gets paid during a government shutdown?

DATE: October 15, 2025

AUTHORS: Jacqueline Maffucci, Ph.D.

“As we end week two of the government shutdown, questions are swirling about which federal workers will miss a paycheck in the coming weeks.

While this might appear to be a simple question, the answer is more complex.

Determining federal employee status:

During a government shutdown, agencies must identify staff who are exempt—not affected by a lapse in appropriations—or funded by annual appropriations and subject to furlough—sent home without pay—or “excepted”—told to work without pay. During a shutdown, agencies will continue to assess workforce needs and may change who is furloughed or except

While pay dates can vary across the federal government, government employees who were affected by the shutdown received a partial paycheck on Oct. 10. If the shutdown continues, they will not receive their next paycheck, scheduled for issuance on Oct. 24.

Some additional complexities to consider:

- Agencies that had unobligated funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 could carry them over to support operations during this fiscal year. However, once those funds run out, the agency needs to fully implement its shutdown contingency plans. For example,

the Environmental Protection Agency and IRS relied on carryover funds at the start of this fiscal year.

- A partial shutdown that includes funding for certain parts of the government can mitigate workforce losses. For example, before the 2018-2019 shutdown, Congress passed five of the 12 annual appropriations bills. Agencies supported by the passed appropriations were not affected. This time around, the “One Big Beautiful Bill” passed in July funded certain government programs, generally within the departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

Employees outside the full-time civilian workforce may also be affected

Political appointees:

Senate-confirmed appointees and some non-Senate confirmed appointees get paid during a shutdown. Schedule C appointees are subject to furlough and do not get paid during a shutdown.

Active-duty military:

Servicemember pay generally depends on the annual appropriations process. Without annual appropriations, servicemembers will go without pay.

However, during the 2013 shutdown, Congress passed legislation to ensure the military was paid. Congress has yet to pass legislation to that effect during this shutdown, but President Donald Trump unilaterally directed Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth to repurpose about \$8 billion in funds to pay the military on its regular pay date of Oct. 15.

Shifting these funds—which Congress already approved for other purposes—may be an example of illegal executive overreach.

While military pay is generally a focal issue during any shutdown, it’s important to recognize the gravity of the larger issue at hand. The Constitution grants Congress the exclusive power to authorize government funding, and the legislative branch must focus on passing appropriations on time, every year. When Congress falls short, it is not doing its job, and the entire country suffers as a result.

Legislative branch employees and judges:

Members of Congress and federal judges continue to receive pay during a government shutdown, but their staff are subject to furlough or “excepted” status.

Federal contractors:

The impact of a government shutdown on federal contractors varies. Many contractors implement furloughs for their own employees, while contracts at times stall because federal workers are furloughed or the work of the contract does not fall under an “excepted” category.”

Summary of federal employee pay status during a government shutdown

Table with 2 columns and 8 rows. (column headers with buttons are sortable)

Federal worker group	Pay status during a shutdown*
Members of Congress	Continue to receive pay
Congressional staff	Subject to furlough or excepted status without pay
Executive Branch Political Appointees	Senate-confirmed and some non-confirmed continue to receive pay
Executive Branch Civilian Staff	Schedule C subject to furlough or excepted without pay
On-Duty Military	Subject to furlough or excepted without pay
Federal Judges	Excepted without pay
Judicial Staff	Continue to receive pay
	Subject to furlough or excepted without pay

VETERANS FIELD GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to provide quality, consistent care and services to Veterans, families, Caregivers, and Survivors. VA's mission allows no exception to this standard even when operations are limited by the absence of appropriations (commonly known as a "Government shutdown").



SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:

-  VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open as usual and providing all services.
-  VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.
-  Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.
-  The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.
-  Call Centers: VA's primary call center (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) will remain open 24/7.
-  Suicide prevention programs, homelessness services, and caregiver support will continue.



SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:

-  VA will cease providing transition program assistance and career counseling.
-  Call Centers: VA's GI Bill (1-888-GIBILL-1) and National Cemetery Applicant Assistance (1-800-697-6947) hotlines will be closed.
-  VA benefits regional offices will be closed.
-  Public Affairs and outreach to Veterans will cease, including social media, VetResources emails, and responses to press inquiries.
-  No grounds maintenance or placement of permanent headstones at VA cemeteries. Applications for pre-need burial at VA cemeteries will not be processed. No printing of new Presidential Memorial Certificates.
-  No outreach to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based, and community-based partners by VA Central Office.



HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!
 The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.
1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

In the event of a prolonged shutdown, VA will continue to review and update its plan in conjunction with the applicable legal requirements and circumstances. Please visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/ or www.va.gov for updated information.

Always in Service,
 Manny Garcia
 Nevada Delegation Legislative Committee Chairman
 National Legislative Council

Greetings,

Be The One mission. It's important for us to remember that it is a stand-alone phrase and should not be used as part of a theme or as a tagline. It should be reserved for use when it directly relates to suicide prevention. Ways we can focus on the Be the One mission are through participation in Buddy Checks and bringing greater awareness of the suicide problem and reducing the stigma associated with asking for help. We can take the Suicide Prevention Training offered online at no cost through the American Legion. Another area of focus is to increase our footprint in our volunteer service, both within and outside of VA facilities. Our Vice Chair, Pat Kranzow, has extensive expertise in this area and has shared some great information. We spent some time briefly addressing our external partnerships that include Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight, Quilts of Valor, the Military and Veteran Caregiver Network, and our most recently formalized alliance with Tragedy Assistance for Survivors, or TAPS. Suffice it to say that there are many ways to participate in the VA&R program and there is something for everyone! Then Department Chairs shared some of their ideas and successes in breakouts.

If you can't join us, we hope this recap is helpful and we look forward to seeing you next time. Please share this information to your Unit members and Unit VA&R Chairman send me your Unit quarter middle year 2025 VA&R report to last date November 30th, 2025.

For more information you can reach the link below:

Wreaths Across America: www.wreathsassamerica.org

Quilts of Valor: www.govlorg

Military and Veterans Caregiver Network: www.redcross.org

I wish you all a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Maria Moss
ALA Department of Nevada
2nd Vice President
VA&R Chairman 2025-2026
Sgt at Arms ALA Paradise Unit 149
Phone: (702)-835-2982



October is over and the holiday season is fast approaching. Now would be a great time, if you have not already taken it, is the training for "Be The One". The next two months is a very trying times for Veterans and others that have endured a loss. With that being said ensure you are doing Buddy Checks. You just never know what a simple phone call or visit means. My wife and I are traveling this winter and discovering mean interesting and different areas that hold a historical value (much of what we are visiting and learning about is never taught in the schools).

One of these areas was in Indiana at the Battlefield of Tippecanoe. This battle was fought on November 7, 1811, between the Governor of the territory William Henry Harrison (yes, the very person that became the 9th President of the United States) and the Shawnee Indians. The United States were expanding West and land was being bought by the settlers; however, the Shawnee Indians did not want to part with what they considered their land. There was land purchased by settlers that according to the Indians was not the seller's property to sell. Tension and violence increased and not willing to give back the land and allow the Indians to live on the land that they had lived on for many years. Governor Harrison ordered the deployment of 1000 men to eliminate the uprising and secure the land. The Indian headquarters was called Prophetstown, and it was the objective of Harrison that it be burnt to the ground. In the early hours of Nov 7th the Indians attacked, within 2 hours the battle was over. This was a precursor to the Potawatomi "Trail of Death". We have visited other historical sites that have shaped our country both the good and the bad. Places like Wendover Air Base, Middle East Conflict Wall Memorial in Marseilles, IL, rebuilding of Utica, IL after a tornado struck the downtown, Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Ottawa, IL, Stone Rivers National Battlefield in Kentucky, Ft Knox and many more. You don't have to drive very far; you just have to be willing to slow down and smell the roses.

We have visited a number of American Legion Post such as: Post 537 in Oxford, IA, Post 33 in Ottawa, IL, Post 234 in Rushville, IN and Post 9 in Madison, IN. Everyone we visited we were welcomed with open arms and were able to hear what their Post was doing and I was able to share what we are doing. It was encouraging to know that when you need a welcome place there is an American Legion Post nearby.

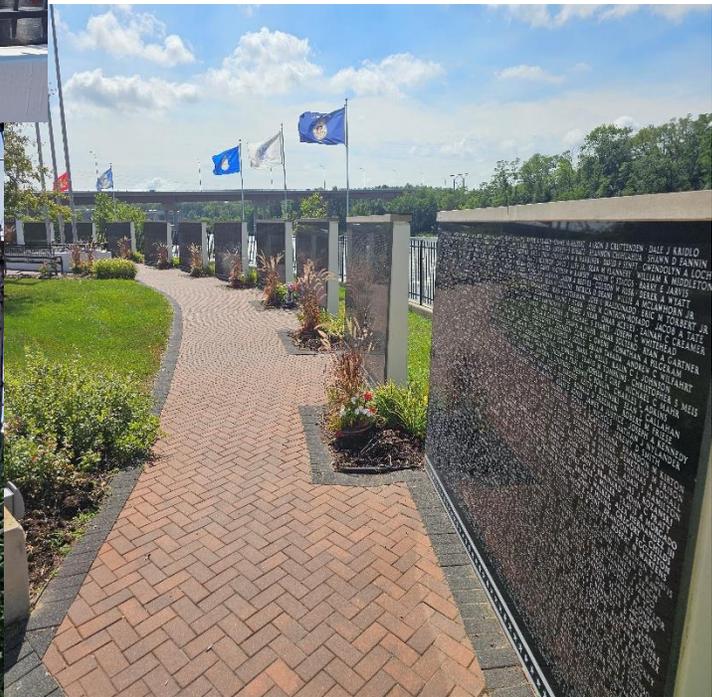
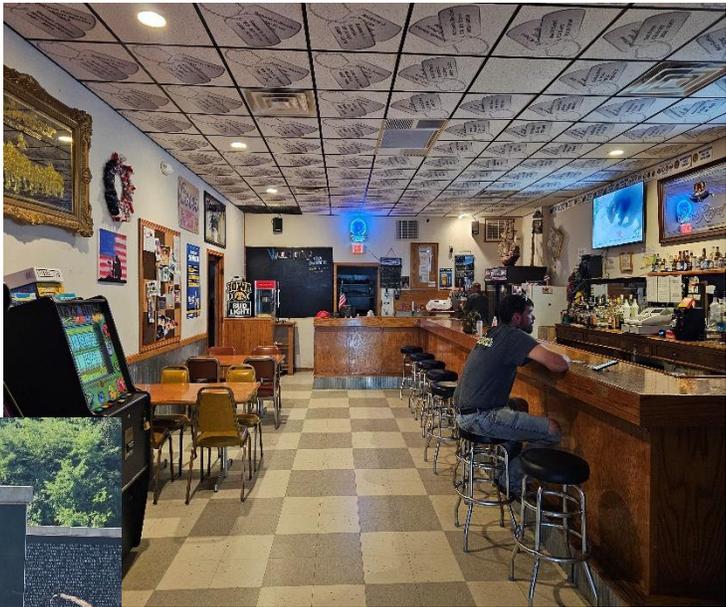
Everyone has been busy with a variety of projects. District Adjutant Horton has been busy with working with the schools concerning Oratorical and Boys State. Membership is being pushed with a focus on Retention. I have encouraged my Post Commanders to get with their Post during their meetings and have each member have a unique story that concerns why they are part of the American Legion. Encourage them also to take or retake the "Basic Training" course. That way when a member is talking to a potential new member it is very personal. We have also through a vote purchased a business Zoom account for the District.

This has allowed the District to conduct all of our business through Zoom. It also allows each Post to be able to partner with the District to be able to have their monthly Post meetings in person and via zoom, it furthers allows for monthly zoom meetings with the Post Commanders to discuss what their Post are doing and bounce ideas off the other Post Commanders. Following those meetings, I am able to meet with the 1st Vice to discuss membership. These meeting are for every Post Commander, 1st Vice and Adjutant, thus allowing for a mentorship to be established.

I will share more of my wife and mine adventures in future articles.

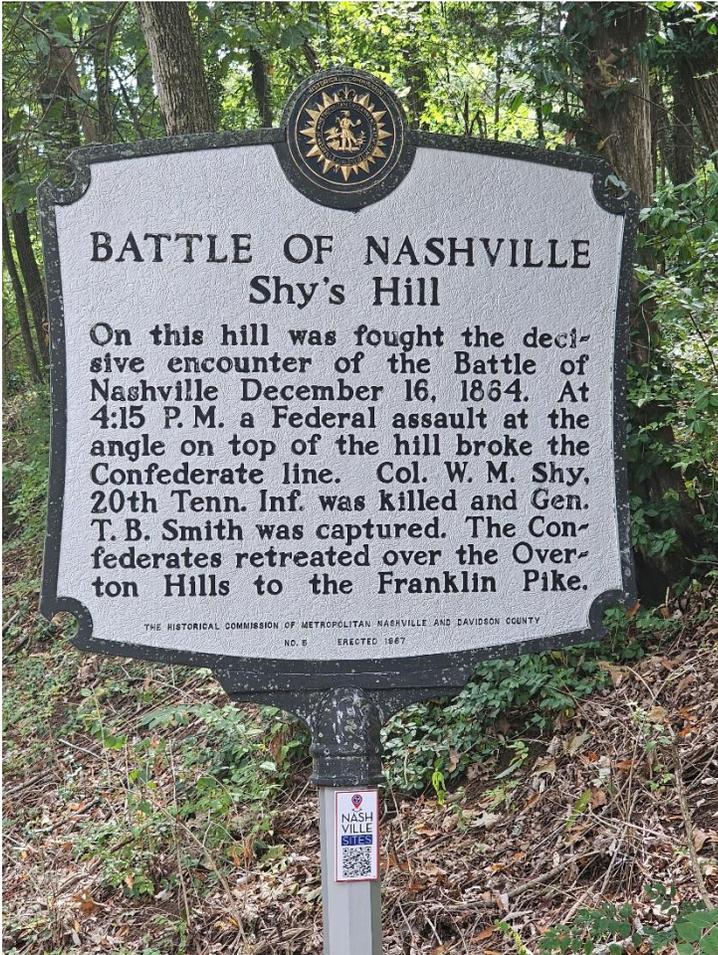
Lincoln Litchfield

District 3 Commander









Greetings fellow Legionnaires!

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to my Commander's Project for 2024-2025.

Fisher House was presented with a donation of \$4,904.72 by PDC Robert Morris.



The Veterans Guest House was presented with a donation of \$4,729.72 by Department Adjutant Lionel Motta.



These donations mean a lot to me and to the Veterans/families who stay at these facilities. There were a number of Posts who also donated by sending in checks or presented in person. Please continue to support these facilities for 2025-2026.

District 3 has been busy during the month of October. All of the schools in our District have been contacted and flyers were sent in regards to Oratorical Program and Boys/Girls State. Three District Officers will be attending the Career Fairs in Elko and Battle Mountain to talk to these teens in person. It has been quite some time since District 3 had representation. I am keeping my fingers crossed!!!!

Our District will have training via zoom in November on mylegion. New Officers need training so we are going to provide that. I will send a zoom link to other District Commanders in case anyone from their Districts would like to participate.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, please check on your members especially the ones who are alone during this time. Suicides rates are on the rise during holidays. Shawn and I usually invite members over for the holiday meal.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Always in service

Brenda Horton, Department Jr PDC

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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

ED BROWN DEPARTMENT CHAPLIN

WE FIND THAT NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THANKSGIVING.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 SAID—IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS.

WE FIND THAT THANKSGIVING IS A TIME OF HAPPENESS BUT IT ALSO A TIME OF LONLYNESS FOR SOME PEOPLE. WE THAT OUR A PART OF AMENCIAN LEGON POST NEED TO REMEMBER TO REACH OUT AND CHECK ON OTHERS.

WE FIND IN COLOSSIANS 3:12—TELL US HOW WE ARE TO REACH OUT—A HEART OF COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE WHICH HAS THE POWER TO ENDURE.

THANKSGIVING IS A TIME OF GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR LIFE AND FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE FRIENDS YOU HAVE, BUT IT IS ALSO THE TIME TO REACH OUT AND GIVE THANKS THAT YOU CAN HELP LIFT SOMEONE SPIRIT TO REJOICE WITH YOU.

HAVE A GREAT NOVEMBER AND A WONDERFUL TIME AT THANKSGIVING

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Greetings Members,

We participated in two Trunk or Treats October 25th. One was at the National Guard Readiness Center and the other one at Palm Mortuary on Boulder Highway.

We will be participating with Post 14 in the Veteran's Day Parade Downtown Las Vegas. The Parade begins at 10am, 4th Street and Garces Ave. and ends at Stewart Ave.

ALA Unit 14 Juniors will be hosting a Holiday Party December 14th from 3-6pm at Post 8. Proceeds to benefit Nevada Girls State.

Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with Family and Friends.

Rose Cirac
ALA Unit 14 President



Greeting from Fallon, Nevada. As summer winds down and the crisp air of fall arrives in Northern Nevada, Unit 16 has been busy with community events and meaningful service.

August began with a wonderful joint campout at Lake Lahontan, hosted alongside American Legion Post 16, VFW Post 1002, and the Marine Corps League High Desert Detachment. During the weekend, several members were honored with Quilts of Valor, and all enjoyed the beautiful weather and fellowship.

Unit 16 was also proudly represented by LaRae Sibley and Cheyenne Merritt at Community Day, where nearly 700 children received Back-to-School Goodie Bags. The event was such a success that plans are already underway for next year.

In September, our members supported the 9/11 Ceremony at the Fallon 9/11 Memorial. To help make the event special, Unit 16 baked and decorated more than 300 sugar cookies—complete with plenty of festive sprinkles!

While our service to the community remains strong, we now face a critical need at home. The Legion Hall, which has stood for more than 105 years, requires a new roof. Our Legion Family has worked hard to raise enough funds to cover the roof replacement itself. However, inspections revealed significant asbestos that must be removed before the new roof can be installed. The cost of this remediation will drain the resources of all four entities within our Legion Family.

We are actively applying for grants and seeking donations, but we cannot do this alone. Time is short—we must secure funds quickly to honor our quotes and complete the project before winter sets in.

We humbly ask for your support in helping us preserve our historic Hall, the home where our Legion Family gathers to serve veterans and our community. Every donation, large or small, brings us closer to our goal. Together, we can protect and preserve this cornerstone of service for generations to come.

Kelsey Hurlburt
Unit 16 President

SUN. NOV 9TH

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR



Lots of Vendor Booths

Local Vendor Booths
From 12:00 pm -5:00 pm.



NEW Location:

Firelight Barn

526 S. Boulder Hwy,

Henderson NV 89015

Hello members,

American Legion Post and Auxiliary 149 participated in Post 60 (Laughlin) 1st Annual poker run fundraising event.



American Legion Post and Auxiliary 149 were at Harry Reid International Airport to welcome home our Veterans from their Honor Flight on October 19th.





Unit 149 held a Bingo Session at Boulder City Veterans Home.



On October 12 the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 149 supported the Post in their socks and sweats for Vets event. It was a great success as many other groups came out to support the cause.






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 BE THE ONE


Your guide to a successful Be the One event

If you are coordinating an event at your post, district or department related to Be the One, there are resources and materials to assist you. Below is a sampling of items that will help you get started. These and others are all available at legion.org/betheone/resources

How to get started: Video series

For an outreach activity: An experienced event coordinator explains how to get started and put on a successful event.

For a walk: Key steps to host a successful Be the One walk or similar activities.

Engage your community

Videos: A step by step guide on how to bring other organizations into your event.

Brochure: A Be the One trifold is intentionally left blank inside so you can customize it with local resources and share with your community.

Video: A Legionnaire explains how to customize and use the Be the One trifold.

Reach out to media

Sample media advisory: Customize and invite your local media to cover an upcoming event.

Sample press release: Customize and send a press release so your local media can help promote the event to the community.

How to-video: Best practices on how to engage local media.

Get social

Social media: Ready-to-use graphics can easily be adapted or shared as is on your social media channels.

Use physical displays

Materials: There are print-ready pop-up banners, flags, posters, table covers and more items available for your event. Visit the resource page, download the items you want and then order them from a local print shop.

Post activation kit: View the video to learn how a post did a special order from Emblem Sales for a successful event.





1. The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) delivers needed aid for military and veteran parents who face unexpected financial hardships that threaten the stability of their homes. These one-time Temporary Financial Assistance grants are used to cover housing, utilities, food and other basic needs for families with minor children at home.

2. The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation also trains the organization's department and post-level accredited veteran service officers who are continuously working more than 750,000 benefits claims for disabled veterans and their families, free of charge.

Your Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Men and Women Who Have Sworn to Protect Our Nation and Their Children.

Safe, secure, tax-deductible contributions can be made online at: legion.org/donate

For military and veteran families in urgent need

For disabled veterans and their loved ones

**The American Legion
Veterans & Children Foundation is**

**A FOUNDATION OF
HOPE**



**About The American Legion
Veterans & Children Foundation**

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation was established in 1925 as the American Legion Endowment Fund. Since then, the donation-driven fund has helped millions of disabled veterans and military/veteran families facing unexpected, threatening challenges. The foundation is a separate tax-deductible nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a dedicated board of directors and national steering committee. It was renamed The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation in 2019 to better reflect those it serves.

About The American Legion

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization. Founded by World War I veterans in 1919, it has grown to include all who have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces since Dec. 7, 1941, veterans and active-duty men and women alike. The American Legion Family consists of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American and American Legion Riders. The combined membership of those groups exceeds 3 million.

The American Legion works every day in Washington D.C., across the country and around the world on behalf of veterans, U.S. military personnel, young people and patriotic communities. Through "individual obligation to community, state and nation," The American Legion is committed to fulfill the words of its official motto:

VETERANS STRENGTH

Supporting Veterans with Products Designed for Their Needs



As the official Medicare Advantage Provider of The American Legion, we're proud to help our nation's veterans maximize their health benefits. During the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period, which begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7, we can help you review your current coverage, discuss your options, and choose a plan that has all of the benefits you need.

Wellcare plans are designed to work alongside your VA benefits to give you additional coverage for the care that matters most to you and your family. Having both Wellcare and VA healthcare can offer you more coverage and benefits, more flexibility in choosing the doctors you want to see, lower copayments, and less wait times to see your doctor.

Wellcare offers many other benefits, including:

- **Expanded dental benefits:** Our dental coverage goes beyond Original Medicare. With our plans, you pay nothing for preventive care like cleanings, exams, X-rays, and fluoride treatment. There's also coverage for comprehensive services like fillings and extractions.
- **Vision and hearing benefits:** Coverage includes a yearly exam and an allowance for glasses, frames, or contact lenses and hearing aids.
- **Emergency benefits:** Worldwide emergency services are covered on all Wellcare plans and you won't need to go to a VA hospital to receive covered emergency care.
- **My Wellcare Rewards:** This program pays you for your healthy choices. Complete an eligible activity and get rewarded with a gift card or redeem your earned rewards toward your Legion membership dues.
- **More benefits** include over-the-counter items, fitness, transportation, 24/7 Nurse Advice Line, and Community Connections Health Line.

To learn more about Wellcare Medicare Advantage plans:

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- Call **844-599-0128 (TTY: 711)**
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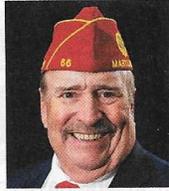
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2025-2026 national officers



Ben Headen
National Vice
Commander
Home:
Tombstone,
Ariz.
**Service
branch:**
Air Force

Membership: Post 24, 15 years
Region: Alaska, Arizona,
California, Colorado, Hawaii,
Idaho, Latin America, Montana,
Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon,
Philippines, Utah, Washington,
Wyoming



Jan D. Larson
National Vice
Commander
Home: Cape
Coral, Fla.
**Service
branch:**
Coast Guard

Membership: Post 66
(Maryland), 34 years
Region: Alabama, Arkansas,
Florida, Georgia, Louisiana,
Maryland, Mississippi, North
Carolina, Puerto Rico, South
Carolina, Texas, Virginia



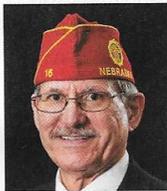
**David W.
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National
Historian
Home:
Hadley, N.Y.
**Service
branch:** Army

Membership: Post 533, 26 years



**Gaylord K.
Sanneman**
National
Sergeant-at-
Arms
Home:
Newton,
Kan.

Service branch: Air Force
Membership: Post 253,
58 years



**Jerry
Landkamer**
National Vice
Commander
Home:
Norfolk, Neb.
**Service
branch:** Navy

Membership: Post 16, 51 years
Region: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota,
Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota,
Oklahoma, South Dakota



**Stephen T.
Weismann**
National Vice
Commander
Home:
Collinwood,
Tenn.
Service

branch: Air Force
Membership: Post 254, 25 years
Region: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky,
Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, West
Virginia, Wisconsin

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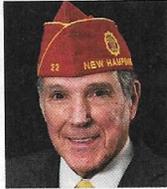


Pam Ray
National
President
Membership:
Unit 71,
Urbana, Ill.,
69 years
Eligibility:
Father



Ron LaRose
National Vice
Commander
Home:
Bristol, Vt.
**Service
branch:** Army,
Army National
Guard

Membership: Post 19, 58 years
Region: Connecticut, Delaware,
District of Columbia, France,
Maine, Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, New Jersey, New York,
Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
Vermont



**Michael
Pollitt**
National
Chaplain
Home:
Canaan, N.H.
**Service
branch:** Army

Membership: Post 22, 33 years

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Bill Clancy III
National
Commander
Membership:
Squadron 156,
City Island,
N.Y.,
35 years

Eligibility: Father, grandfather

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