



# NEVADA LEGION NEWS

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Department Convention
- ◆ New FY 300 Club
- ◆ Letters of Intent
- ◆ First female Commander
- ◆ 100 Miles for Hope
- ◆ Veterans & Children Foundation

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**POST 76 INVITED ME TO INSTALL THEIR FIRST EVER FEMALE COMMANDER!**

**ON 24 APRIL 2022 PRANAVA MOODY ASSUMED COMMAND OF POST 76 AND HER HUSBAND ALSO "VOLUNTEERED" TO BE SERGEANT AT ARMS!!**



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Richard Eberly



Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I know we are couple months away from starting a new year with new officers please make sure you get your information to the department so we can forward the information to our webmaster to make the changes so if someone looks you up through the department, we have the current contact information.

I have been blessed with all your support this year and appreciated all your feed back and information on your upcoming events hope each event have a great turn out and we continue to support one another in our events and working to make Nevada a great place for our Veterans and those who are still serving our country.

I hope to have a great turnout at our upcoming convention in Las Vegas looking forward to seeing and meeting those I did not get a chance to visit. I have seen a lot of Nevada that I can say I would not have visited if I was not commander this year and I'm grateful to have the chance to see what this great state has to offer, and the history of our state is impressive to say the least.

Have a great month of May and see you in June.



<https://www.legion.org/100miles/videos/PLHMR9MmnivfOuD-pHkwZ3LcOXgpFKazc-/4gNh0RHUqug>

Upcoming Events:

### ***From American Legion Paradise Post 149***

The VA has sent out a warning about pension poaching (yes, that's a thing) and how not to get scammed. Here's a link to information on how to protect yourself. <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/limitedincome/pension-poaching.pdf>

If you even have the slightest doubt about a solicitation, call or email us and we'll check it out.

**Elections for Officers will be held during the May 8 meeting. CLICK HERE for information on the positions, if interested in running, please send me a short bio, and why you'd like to be an officer that I can share that with the members.**

Our current Commander, Bob Benesko, is running again and our current 2nd Vice, Amanda Edens, has put her name in for 1st Vice. BR Black and Tracy Strong have submitted their names for Members at Large. Mr. Black is a 35-year member of the American Legion who recently transferred to our Post, and is looking to be more involved. Tracy is currently one of our Members at Large, whose term is ending this year, and would like to continue in his position.

The Post E-Board meets monthly on the last Wednesday of each month at 1800 hours. Everyone is welcome, if you'd like to see some of the inner workings of the Post. Come early for dinner.

### **On the RADAR Screen:**

**May 7: Iron Crossmen Vegas Mayhem Poker Run.** Registration from 0800-1000. [CLICK HERE](#) for run flyer. Leaving from the Leatherneck Club at 0800.

**May 7: Las Vegas 10-13 Club picnic.** Picnic and cornhole begins at 1100. Located at [Police Memorial Park, 3250 Police Memorial Way.](#)

**May 8: General Membership Meetings.** Join us for our monthly breakfast meetings at the Leatherneck Club (4360 Spring Mountain Rd). Doors open at 0830 for a light breakfast and the meeting begins at 0930ish. SAL meeting begins at 0830.

**May 14: Ride for our Troops 2022.** Join Randy Couture for the 14th annual Xtreme Couture GI Foundation charity motorcycle poker run. Registration from 0930-1030 at Red Rock Harley-Davidson. Preregister at [xcgif.org/events/RideForOurTroops/index.php](http://xcgif.org/events/RideForOurTroops/index.php). Leaving from the Leatherneck Club at 0900.

**May 19-22: Armed Forces Weekend Getaway.** Several of us are heading to Hawthorne, NV to celebrate Armed Forces Day. Hawthorne is home to the largest Armed Forces Day Parade, west of the Mississippi. Here's a link to lodging accommodations (<http://www.mineralcountychamber.com/foodlodge/>), and here is a link to the RV park we have reservations in (<http://whiskeyflats.net/>).

**May 21: May 21: M.A.D. Motorcycle Awareness Day at Full Throttle Law.** If you're not going to Hawthorne, please try to attend. Registration 9-9:45 am. The address is [1671 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy STE 200, Henderson, NV 89012](#)

**May 22: Charlie Gillessen's 90th birthday bash.** Charlie is a fellow Legionnaire and is still riding his motorcycle. The party is at 1430 at Post 40 in Henderson.

**May 28-30: Memorial Day Weekend Events.**

- May 28: Setting flags at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. Leaving from the Leatherneck Club at 0600. Afterwards we'll stop for breakfast in Boulder City.
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- May 29: Flags over the Dam. The annual motorcycle parade across Hoover Dam, ending in the Veterans Cemetery for a memorial by the Special Forces Association. Afterwards, we'll stop for lunch in Boulder City.
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- May 30: Memorial Day. Specific services to be announced.
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**Jun 7-10: North Rim Excursion.** We're doing a weekday camping trip at Jacob Lake for anyone who'd like to join us. We have a group site reserved so costs will be divided by the number of people who attend.

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For God and Country

Vic "Doc" Moss  
Adjutant, American Legion Paradise Post 149  
PO Box 70184

## **Post 76 southern Nevada Events:**

**Saturday, 28 May**, Information Table, Galleria Mall on Sunset, 11:00-15:00, setup time TBD.

**Monday, 30 May**, Memorial Day Service, Lake Sahara South Park, 09:00-11:00.

**Monday, 30 May**, Color Guard, Oakmont of the Lakes, 14:00.

**Saturday, 11 June**, Information Table, Pahrump Nugget Casino, 11:00-15:00.

**Monday 4 July**, Color Guard, Post 76 Legionnaires, and our sponsored Scouts march in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade. Gather at approximately 0730 for a parade step off at 0900.

**Saturday, 3 September**, Information Table, Silverton Casino, 11:00-15:00.

**Fri, Sat, Sun, 4-6 November**, Information Table, Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB, 09:00-16:00.

**Monday, 11 November**, TBD, Veterans Day.

**Saturday, 12 November**, Information Table, Galleria Mall on Sunset, 11:00-15:00.

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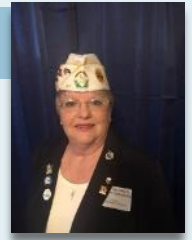
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The American Legion  
Department Commander  
Richard Eberly



## 1st Vice Commander Valerie Scheuering—Hubbell



Hello My Fellow Legionnaires

As we get closer to the convention, it is only fitting I finish the History of The American Legion with the 99th through the 102nd years since our beginning. The information in my article can be found on legion.org.

August 23, 2017 - President Donald J. Trump signs the Veterans Appeals and Modernization Act of 2017 onstage at the 99th American Legion National Convention, in Reno, NV. The measure offers three courses of action for veterans to appeal decisions on their disability benefits claims in an effort to reduce the number of pending appeals - at this point more than 470,000 nationwide - and speed up the process. It is the first time in history a U.S. president has used an American Legion National Convention stage to sign a bill into law.

August 2017 - Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin is elected national commander, the first woman to hold the role in the Legions' history.

Jan. 31, 2019 - The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program completes a record-breaking month of cash-grant disbursements. Of the \$1,030,163 delivered to military and veteran families, most is distributed to U.S. Coast Guard families with children at home who were affected by the 35-day federal government shutdown.

March 15-17, 2019 - The American Legion celebrates its 100th birthday in Paris, France, throughout the United States and around the world.

June 2019 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of The American Legion in its case to allow a 40-foot cross-shaped memorial in Prince George's County, MD., to stay on public property. The memorial was erected in 1925 by The American Legion and Gold Star Mothers to honor 49 who gave their lives fighting in World War I.

July 2019 - President Trump signs the Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service - the LEGION Act - which extends recognized wartime service to cover previously unrecognized periods of U.S. military conflict, back to World War II. More than 1,000 Americans were killed or wounded in armed hostilities during periods not previously recognized as wartime. The act allows veterans who served outside of the previously designated war eras to join The American Legion.

March 16, 2020 - American Legion National Headquarters staff begin a period of social distancing and work-from-home procedures amid the deadly coronavirus pandemic. American Legion posts, departments and facilities worldwide are forced to temporarily close their doors to members and the public. The organization responds with hundreds of Buddy Check activities to assist older veterans; dozens of blood drives as need increases; food-delivery services; supplies for parents suddenly forced to home-school their children; protective mask making and distribution; and hundreds of other acts of community support. The pandemic leads to cancellation or postponement of national meeting, including the 101st National Convention, American Legion Baseball World Series and American Legion Boys Nation.

August 2021 - The American Legion celebrates the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, AZ., the first in-person convention since the 2019 100th Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

As with the present always remember where we have been and let everyone know what The American Legion stands for Veterans Serving Veterans. As always stay health and safe. God Bless the United States and The American Legion.

Valerie Scheuering-Hubbell

Department 1st Vice Commander

## Meaning of the Flag Folding as conducted by the Nevada Veterans Coalition

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform. In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nations honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but she is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women, who have made this country great, has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon. It glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.

After the thirteenth and final fold, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our Nation's motto "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

## Robert Morris, 2nd Vice Commander



Have you received a suspicious call from an organization claiming to represent or have affiliation with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)? Did the caller guarantee a lucrative payout for your disability compensation or pension claim for a “small fee”?

If so, you may be a target of a scammer. Recently, VA has seen an increase of fraudsters and non-accredited representatives who are targeting the pension benefits of elderly Veterans and their dependents and survivors.

VA is committed to defeating fraudsters, who target elderly Veterans, by educating them, their families, and all partners about the types of fraudulent tactics being used against them, including Pension Poaching.

Pension Poaching is the financial exploitation by an advisor who profits by artificially qualifying a claimant for VA pension benefits. The scheme often involves financial maneuvers such as advising claimants to hide their assets in trusts or annuity products sometimes resulting in lost investments and lucrative fees paid to the advisor. Pension Poaching is rapidly evolving as a preferred method used by criminals to defraud elderly Veterans, survivors, and their families who are eligible for VA benefits.

To avoid being a victim to these tactics, here are some helpful tips to remember when protecting yourself from fraud:


- Be suspicious if someone offers to shift your assets around to qualify for VA pension. You may be required to repay benefits to the government.
- NEVER share eBenefits, VA.GOV, or other VA login credentials with anyone.
- DO NOT deposit VA benefits directly into a third-party bank account unless the person is court appointed or a VA accredited fiduciary.
- Remember, VA does not charge for processing a claim or request a processing fee. Use VA accredited organizations to help file your claim.
- VA does not threaten or take adverse actions such as jail or lawsuits on claimants. If in doubt, call VA directly at 1-800-827-1000.


To report suspected activity, please contact the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) by calling 1-800-488-8244. You may also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by visiting [www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](http://www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov).


Protecting Veterans' benefits against fraudulent activity is one of the best things everyone can do to honor them, their service and sacrifice.





## Veterans & Children Foundation: Key Points


 The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, formerly known as The American Legion Endowment Fund, provides financial resources for the organization's Temporary Financial Assistance Program and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation support, including training for accredited service officers.


 The Temporary Financial Assistance Program helps military and veteran families with minor children at home when they are hit with unexpected financial hardships, from sudden health-care emergencies to delayed military pay. Funds are disbursed as cash grants solely to be used for essential household costs.


 Over \$6 million in Temporary Financial Assistance grants has been provided over the last decade alone.


 More than 3,000 trained American Legion service officers provide VA benefits representation and other forms of assistance to some 750,000 veterans at any one time, all the time, free of charge.


 American Legion service officers are directly responsible for veterans disability compensation of more than \$14 billion per year.

 The need for more service officers, and more accreditation training, is essential as a new generation of wartime veterans returns to civilian life and becomes eligible for state and federal disability and health-care services and benefits.

 The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation has provided tens of millions of dollars for disabled veterans and families since 1925, and funds must now be replenished in order to continue making life-changing differences in their lives.

 Charitable gifts to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation are 100% tax-deductible because the foundation is its own 501c3.

 Donors who make substantial contributions to the foundation may be recognized as members of the prestigious 1919 Society.

 The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation is carefully governed by its own non-profit endowment corporation, led by the national commander of The American Legion.



## Our Impact

### Free service for 750,000+ veterans

You see it in the news right now – toxic exposure to Agent Orange or burn pits, invisible wounds of war, unexplained illnesses and other conditions related to military service. These veterans who fought for our country now fight for care and accountability from the government they swore with their lives to defend. Navigating the VA benefits system can be complex. Veterans often give up, leaving them with debilitating conditions; or worse, they die before their claims applications are decided. This is where more than 3,000 American Legion service officers make all the difference.

Accredited American Legion service officers receive special training to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to any veteran or family member of a veteran looking for answers. They help veterans apply for VA disability benefits and assist with critical information, referrals and resources on education, training, employment, business, death benefits and more.

American Legion representatives secured an estimated \$14.25 billion in VA disability compensation and other benefits for veterans and their families in 2020 alone. Without service officers, these benefits would have gone unrealized.



### \$500K-\$1M distributed annually in Temporary Financial Assistance



The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program awards hundreds of cash grants a year to help minor children of military personnel and qualified veterans. These grants help families in crisis with needs like food, shelter, utilities and medical costs, to stabilize homes.

During the 2019 federal government shutdown, members of the U.S. Coast Guard went over a month without paychecks. The American Legion stepped in, delivering over \$1 million

in Temporary Financial Assistance to more than 1,700 junior enlisted personnel who had young children at home.

### Be there for a service member or veteran in need

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation directly provides:

- Necessary training for service officers who provide vital, free support.
- Grants that help active-duty military and veteran families with children during their time of need.
- Hope when it seems there is nowhere else to turn.

### About the Foundation

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation funds a vast network of service officers who provide free assistance to veterans applying for disability benefits they earned through military service. The foundation also extends a financial safety net for military and veteran families with children, who are facing unexpected financial hardships that threaten the stability of their homes.

*The American Legion delivers more than hope for America's veterans and military families. We deliver results.*

### Cases in Point

*Tennessee Legionnaire Walter Culberson lost his job when the pandemic hit.*

*The American Legion responded by providing him with a one-time grant that paid for two months of utilities, food and gas. It was the lifeline he needed until he got a new job and could provide for his family once again.*

*From June 2020 to April 2021, Oklahoma American Legion Post 88 anticipated the need for benefits assistance during the pandemic.*

*The post's team of service officers maintained regular socially distanced office hours and worked tirelessly from home on claims.*

*The result: nearly \$1.1 million in benefits for disabled veterans and their families in the local community.*

LEARN MORE ONLINE  
[LEGION.ORG/VCF](https://www.americanlegion.org/vcf)

Join your fellow American Legion members who support the Veterans & Children Foundation



**American Legion**  
**Department of Nevada District 2**  
*For God and Country*

April 5, 2022

Comrades,

The 103rd Annual Department of Nevada Convention is being hosted by Nevada District 2 , Southern Nevada on June 25-26 2022 in Las Vegas. The convention will be held at the Las Vegas Suncoast Resort Hotel and Casino located at 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV. 89145. The District 2 American Legion Family is looking forward to making sure all of you enjoy your stay in Las Vegas.

The Department Legion Family Banquet will be on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a no-host bar from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. The dinner will be buffet style and at the present time the menu has not been finalized. However, arrangements will be made for vegetarian and vegan meals. We expect the cost to be \$40 including tax and tip.. There will be a Convention Packet emailed to all Commanders and Adjutants within the week. This packet will provide you with all the information required to attend the convention.

Lodging has been secured at The Suncoast for Thursday, June 23rd at a special rate of \$100 including tax and resort fee; June 24th and 25th for \$141 per night . This includes tax and resort fees. See the attached package provided by the hotel for making your room reservations Be sure to mention ID: **AMLF22F** when calling in for reservations. **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK YOUR ROOM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** If you are thinking of coming, reserve a room as you can cancel anytime up until 24 hours before the date of Arrival.

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Jerry Bootzin  
The American Legion  
Department of Nevada  
District 2 Commander



**103rd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

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

**E-Mail (Optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: (H)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All events will be held at the SunCoast Hotel Resort and Casino**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022**

**Hospitality Suite/Convention Registration from 3pm-10pm-Refreshments provided by District 2.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022**

**The American family Banquet \$40pp Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
6:00pm Cocktails-7:00pm Dinner

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022**

**Past Commander Breakfast Buffet \$25pp Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Legionnaire Registration Fee \$5pp Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SEND REGISTRATION AND FEES TO:**

**Nevada District 2  
PO Box 751144  
Las Vegas, NV 89136**

**REGISTRATION FORMS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE  
10, 2022\***

**\*Visa Am. Express, Discover and Mastercard can be used for a small 2.8% use fee  
Call Dennis Christiansen for use of Credit Cards 702-429-3724**

**NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT**



**Department of Nevada 103rd Annual Convention  
June 25 & 26, 2022**

## **Convention Brochure Ad Request Form**

**ALL AD PRICES ARE REDUCED BY 15% IF CAMERA READY AD AND PAYMENT ARE  
RECEIVED BY MAY 25, 2022**

**Full Page 8 ½ X 11 \$120.00 FULL PRICE WITH DISCOUNT \$102.**

**Half Page \$60.00 FULL PRICE WITH DISCOUNT \$51.00**

**Quarter Page \$30.00 FULL PRICE WITH DISCOUNT \$25.50**

**Business Card \$25.00 FULL PRICE WITH DISCOUNT \$20.00**

**Booster Signature \$2.00 No Discount**

**Those Who Served \$2.00 No Discount**

**Please submit no later than June 11, 2022 your "Camera Ready" ad and payment to:**

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P. O. BOX 751144  
Las Vegas, NV 89136**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans and programs.**

**For God and Country**

**Jerry Bootzin Commander  
American Legion  
Nevada District 2**

## BOOSTER PAGE EXAMPLE

<i>Bill Brown</i>	<i>John Hood</i>	<i>Carol Lambert</i>	<i>Charlie Shoemaker</i>
<i>Mary Brown</i>	<i>Eva Hood</i>	<i>Jun Hill</i>	<i>Leon Avery</i>
<i>Ken Brown</i>			<i>Barb Avery</i>

## 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	4/8/2012 – PRESENT	LAUGHLIN, NV
MARY JONES	US COAST GUARD	2/2/1996 – 1/31/2000	BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

**Please submit no later than June 11, 2022 your “Veteran” or “Booster” Information and payment to:**

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P. O. BOX 751144  
Las Vegas, NV 89136**

**Department of Nevada 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
June 25 & 26, 2022**

**Convention Brochure Ad Form.  
(See attached for pricing)**

Organization/Person placing AD \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Size Ad:(circle) Full Page ; ½ Page ; ¼ Page; Business Card Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Page: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$2.00

Those Who Served Page: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Military Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$2.00

Total Cost Submitted with this page \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**P. O. BOX 751144**  
Las Vegas, NV 89136

**For questions about the ad itself contact Fred Doten: 702-420-3871**

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**A 2.8% Credit Card Use Fee will apply.**



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA  
2022-2023  
LETTERS OF INTENT**

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

VALERIE SCHEUERING POST 37

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

ROBERT MORRIS POST 8

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

BRENDA HORTON POST 7

**DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

JERRY BOOTZIN POST 14

PAMELA WALKER POST 60

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2022 – 2024)**

JEANETTE EVANS POST 7

**ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2022-2023)**

JIM STEWART POST 30

JOEL FORMAN POST 76



## SPRING NEC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

All Resolutions of The American Legion including those discussed and voted on at these recent Spring Meetings can be found online at [www.archive.legion.org](http://www.archive.legion.org)

**Resolution #1** - Amendment to our Constitution and By Laws to allow for multi-year and rolling renewal dates and to change the date of renewal to the anniversary date each person joins (like your vehicle registration renews). With the passing of this resolution – the Finance Commission can now work out the nuts & bolts of exactly “HOW” this will all work. In addition, the Marketing Commission will begin an aggressive auto-renewal push on July 1.

**VCF** - First a little refresher, during the Fall National Executive Committee meetings in both 2018 and 2019 the NEC approved & supported “That The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation engage in a Twenty-Five Million Dollar (\$25,000,000.00) financial campaign doing business as “The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation to further increase The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.”

The increased trust fund earnings will be used to exclusively, and only support programs of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, including service officer training, and the Temporary Financial Assistance Program of Americanism Commission's Children & Youth Committee. Each Department was asked to pledge and raise 25 cents per member making Nevada's goal \$11,882.50.



Results for the Half-way mark - Congratulations (and thank you) to the Department of France for being 100% and to Alaska, Massachusetts, Maryland, Nevada, and Wyoming for being over 50% of the goal. These Department will have the Urns in place during the Spring meetings. (These numbers include donations from all levels within the Departments.)

NV Nevada 6,469.00 - actual to date / 5,941.25 – needed for 1<sup>st</sup> urn / 11,882.50 – total. We need to nominate a person to act as Department Chair to ensure Nevada reaches its goal.

**Resolution #5 TFA** – Policy changes were made to the TFA program.

**Resolution #6** – Creation of American Legion 1919 Society. Membership in this “giving society” is determined by monetary donations at various levels.

Bronze - \$1,000 - \$2,499 – lapel pin

Silver - \$2,500 - \$4,999 – wall plaque

Gold - \$5,000 - \$9,999 – access to 1919 Society Lounge at Nat'l Convention

Platinum - \$10,000 + - new inductee's receive invitation to National Commander's head table reception

**Buddy Checks** – Recognizing that a personal birthday wish can do a lot for a personal well-being, It was recommended that we also use Buddy Checks to contact members on their birthday. As part of the newly implemented “Be the One” Campaign, National Commander Dillard suggested we need to use the means of communication that relate to the generation we are trying to reach. For the tech savvy group – Use a text message to remind of renewal or to wish Happy Birthday instead of a phone call. And for more senior members – use a phone call or email or snail mail – whichever means that person is more likely to respond to.

**Resolution #8** - Changes to the National Convention Delegate Registration fees. Fees will increase by \$10 effective with the 2023 National Convention to \$35 per delegate and guest.

### Future National Conventions:

Milwaukee, WI Aug 26 – Sep 1, 2022

Charlotte, NC Aug 25 – 31, 2023

New Orleans, LA Aug 23 – 29, 2024

Tampa Bay, FL Aug 22 – 28, 2025

Louisville, KY Aug 28 – Sep 3, 2026

Tentative award for Kansas City for 2027 and there are 2 bids for 2028 from Ohio and Oklahoma.

**Don't forget Training Tuesday – the last Tuesday of each month** [www.legion.org/training/training-Tesdays](http://www.legion.org/training/training-Tesdays)





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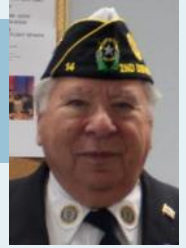
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## Membership Chair

Jerry Bootzin



Last Month I discussed the National Initiative for every Post in the American Legion to increase their membership by 8 members per month through June, 2022. This could be through new members, Renewals and Transfers.

I am happy to report that the Department had added an average of 6.22 members per Post over the month of April. The total was 199 Members (29 New members, 142 Renewals and 38 Transfers.)

The Posts in the Department that have added 2022 members during April and have also met or exceed the goal of 8 members per month are as Follows:

Post #	Post Name/Location	Dist#	Members Added
40	Basic Magnesium Inc/Henderson	2	29
76	Spirit of Freedom/Las Vegas	2	29
1	Darrell Dunkle/Reno	1	15
8	Las Vegas Inc/Las Vegas	2	14
30	Duby Reid Inc	1	14
4	Capitol/Carson City	4	10

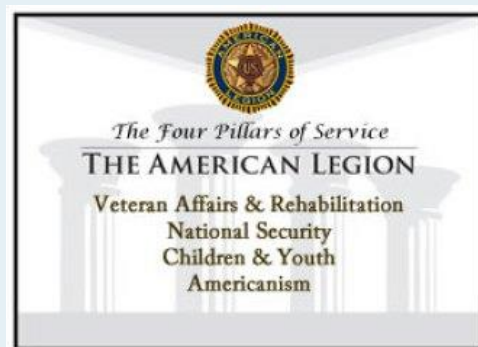
Most other of the Nevada Department Posts have added anywhere from 1 to 7 new members. Still shows a great effort.

We added another Post that reached 100% of Goal this last month. I is Post 15 in Battle Mountain, District 3.

The Department of Nevada is holding our 42<sup>nd</sup> place in National List of Departments for Departments reaching 2022 Membership Goals.

**KEEP UP YOUR EFFORTS! LETS MAKE MAY EVEN BETTER.**

**Keep in mind that the life blood of the American Legion is the members. Without the support of our members through their membership, we will not be able to succeed in any of our goals and purposes.**



# 2021–2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 9, 2021	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 14, 2021	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 10, 2021	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 8, 2021	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 20, 2022	80%
PRESIDENTS DAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2022	85%
AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 9, 2022	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 13, 2022	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 11, 2022	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

**Target dates are the second Wednesday of the month** unless a holiday falls on that day or at the beginning of that week.

Since Labor Day and Columbus Day fall on a Monday, **the September and October target dates** will be on a Thursday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, **the January target date** will be the third Wednesday of the month due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Detachment Commander, Shawn Horton**



It is the start of May already and our membership should be at well over 90% with a goal of 100% by May 11, 2022. I am pleased to report that as of May 5, 2022 we are at 95.21%. I want to thank everyone who has renewed, we have come a long way in less than a year. We are only 16 members short of our 100% goal. While we might not reach 100% on the 11<sup>th</sup>, I am positive that we can hit it before the end of June. Our membership numbers give the American Legion strength when talking to Congress and it gives the Detachment of Nevada strength when it comes to our influence nationally inside the SAL. Membership is an important part of our success. Never stop pushing for more members.

We are looking for volunteers to place flags at the NNVMC in Fernley on May 28, 2022 at 8am. This event is our way of honoring all veterans. If you can't make it to Fernley, please do something at your local cemetery to honor our deceased veterans.

Membership by Squadron looks good. We still have 7 Squadrons at or above 100% and now have 4 Squadrons at 90% or higher and need only 1-5 members to reach 100. We are so close, let's move past 100%. Squadrons 51 and 60, please, reach out if you are having problems, I will be reaching out to you this week. Your numbers are not far off, we just need to make that last push to 100%.

Your donations to the CWF are making a difference. Nevada ranks #1 in the nation for per-capita donations at \$9.48/member. I think we can do even better. Put out the CWF Piggy Banks at all events, ask for donations at your meetings. Imagine breaking the \$10/member mark and making sure that the CWF can help just one more child. At the end of April, The Sons of The American Legion have raised over \$9 Million for the CWF since 1998 and are shooting for a Perfect 10.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans.

As always, I am available by email ([commander@nevadasal.org](mailto:commander@nevadasal.org)) or telephone (720-394-5965), I don't always answer numbers I don't recognize but leave a message and I will get back to you.

Sincerely,

Shawn Horton  
 Commander, Detachment of Nevada

Squadron	Name	Location	New	Renewal	Totals	Goal	% of Goal	Members to 100%
NV-0001	Darrell Dunkle	Reno	0	27	27	28	96%	1
NV-0004	Capitol	Carson City	0	1	1	1	100%	0
NV-0007	Reed-Gregory	Elko	7	19	26	20	130%	0
NV-0008	Las Vegas	Las Vegas	17	29	46	48	96%	2
NV-0016	Fred W Anderson	Fallon	1	27	28	26	108%	0
NV-0019	Mineral County	Hawthorne	2	11	13	11	118%	0
NV-0030	Duby Reid	Sparks	0	20	20	20	100%	0
NV-0037	Gerald C Daniel	Fernley	1	10	11	6	183%	0
NV-0040	Basic Magnesium	Henderson	6	49	55	60	92%	5
NV-0051	Lance Corporal Budd M	N Las Vegas	0	2	2	8	25%	6
NV-0056	High Desert	Carson City	0	9	9	10	90%	1
NV-0060	Richard Springston	Laughlin	3	45	48	66	73%	18
NV-0149	Paradise	Las Vegas	4	28	32	30	107%	0
NV-9999	Sal Holding Sqdn	Las Vegas	0	0	0	0	0%	0
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>16</b>





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