



NEVADA LEGION NEWS

The American Legion, Department of Nevada

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO THE
AMERICAN LEGION



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

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Commander's Corner Valerie Scheuering—Hubbell



Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

My visitations in the 2nd District has begun. I attended the 2nd District Meeting hosted by Post 8. Meeting with the Post Commanders or Representatives who attended and hearing their reports, shows how much the Posts are having an effect on their communities and helping local veterans. I congratulated the posts on their hard work towards membership and explained the benefits of auto renewals. I discussed the importance of Buddy Checks, Post Donations and Legislative Action Alerts. The Department is still looking for a member to be the Legislative Rep to Congressman Horsford preferably from his District, questions on this can be directed to the Department Adjutant through your District Commander. CPR's were also talked about and knowing how hard our members work within their communities, I know we can have 100% completion this year. I asked that Post events in the coming months be given to Commander Doten to put in his Newsletter Article. **ALL** of the District Commanders should be receiving inputs from the Posts within their Districts to allow other members and the community the opportunity to attend the events. My visit at Post 8 ended with an invitation to join them at the S.A.L. Steak Night Fundraising Dinner...the food and the company was great. Post 22 in Pahrump has a BBQ every 3rd Saturday of the month from 11am to 2pm, visit their Post and get to know them. They're having a Meet and Greet on March 18th 11am - 2pm.



The Department held its D.E.C. and Oratorical at Western Nevada College on February 18th. The winner of the contest was Abigail Cook from Carson High School; Carson City, NV as with last year there was only one contestant, this needs to change. As Posts in the community that your in, you should show how important the youth are to The American Legion and the scholarships that are available. Contacting PTA's, School Boards, Home-school Students and Teachers is a great way to get the word out. The next Department Oratorical is scheduled for February 17, 2024 at the proposed location of The Fraternal Order of Eagles hall at 1601 E. Washington Ave.; Las Vegas, NV.

Boys State is approaching very quickly. It will be held at UNR from the June 18 - 24, 2023. Contact PDC Stewart if you have a Junior Boy interested in participating this year. The opening of the Department Convention on June 24, 2023 will be delayed a couple of hours to allow for commencement and award presentations at Boys State.

Post 76 is inviting everyone to celebrate the dedication of the new Veterans' Memorial at the Lake Sahara South Park on April 15, 2023 @ 11am.

I'm looking forward to visiting Posts and meeting their members. My proposed visitation schedule is as follows (barring weather):

1st District - All available Posts visited in previous months.

2nd District Visitations:

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
12 Post 149 & 51	1 Post 10
19 Post 76	2 Post 8
	15 Post 76 Monument Dedication
	18 Post 24
	19 Post 40
	20 Post 31, 26 & 22

Visitations Continued:

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>3rd District Visitations:</u>
4 Post 5	2 Post 27	
6 Post 15	10 Post 14	
8 Post 32	30 Post 60	

4th District Visitations:

Post 45 TBD



In closing, keep up the good work within your communities, stay healthy and safe. God Bless this Great Nation and The American Legion.



Department Membership Report

Greetings fellow Legionnaires! Spring is right around the corner. Hopefully the snow will let up soon. With warmer temperatures heading our way, hopefully we can get out to attend community events and promote membership.

At our last Department Membership Committee meeting; we talked about the National Commander's Pins and Awards.

Commanders please visit this website to see if your Post qualifies for any of these awards: <https://www.legion.org/commander/pin>

I am proud to announce that there are three Posts in District 2 that qualifies for the 103% Membership Award. The honors go to Post 27, Post 31, and Post 26. Congratulations!!!

Please continue to reach out to the members on your expired membership list.

The latest numbers from National: the Department is in 44th place (down from 43rd place) with 81.50% membership; slightly ahead of where we were last year at 81.29%. We are still in 9th place in the Western Region. The Western Region is still in last place.

March 15th is our next target date with 90% membership.

District 1:

They still in second place in membership with 81.46%. Post 6 and Post 12 are over 94% membership. Congratulations!!

District 2:

They are still in first place in membership with 84.6%. Post 22 is over 98% membership.

District 3:

They are still in third place in membership with 73.54%. Post 7 is at 81.25%.

District 4:

They are still in fourth place in membership with 68.94%. Post 16 is over 97% membership.

Overall, Department has 190 new members with District 2 in the lead with 150 new members. There are 72 Post 100 transfers. We have 5,240 Post 100 members that need homes. Let's find them one.

District and Post Commanders, thank you for all of your hard work! Please continue to work with the Veterans in your communities.

Always in service,

Brenda Horton

Department Membership Chair

Department of Nevada

2023 Washington D.C. Conference

This year's "Walking the Halls of Congress" was held from February 27 to March 1st, concluding with the National Commander's Testimony in front of the Joint Veterans Affairs Committees. This was the first in-person return to Capital Hill since the COVID-19 shutdowns in 2020. Our Department of Nevada delegation consisted of PDC Richard Eberly, Department Sergeant at Arms Pam Walker, Department Historian Kimberly Eberly, Department Legislative Committeeman David Sousa, Post 149 Adjutant Vic Moss, Department Auxiliary Legislative Chair Maria Moss, and myself as the Delegation Chair.

On Sunday, February 26th, the Nevada delegation met with the Leading Candidate for National Commander, Dan Sechafer. This was a meet and greet with the Leading Candidate and to present him with a contribution check for his campaign.



On Monday, Richard, Pam, and Kim were all in National Committee and Commissions meetings. However, the rest of the Nevada delegation visited with Congressman Steven Horsford, Congressional District 4.



On Tuesday, the entire Nevada delegation began our "Walking the Halls of Congress" first thing in the morning with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto followed by Senator Jacky Rosen's Staff.



Following Senator Rosen's office, we were escorted to the Capital Complex to meet with Congressman Mark Amodei, Congressional District 2 in his office as the House Appropriations Committee Chair.

Following lunch, our next appointment was with Congresswoman Susie Lee, Congressional District 3. The American Legion National Visual Media Office sent a photographer to take pictures of our delegation while we were speaking with Congresswoman Lee's staff.



Our last appointment for the day was with Congresswoman Dina Titus, Congressional District 1. We were told that the Congresswoman's office was being renovated so we had to meet with her staff in a cafeteria.



After all of our appointments for the day, the entire Nevada delegation went to dinner to reflect on our meetings and enjoy each other's company.

On Wednesday, the entire Nevada delegation was invited to the Battle Born Breakfast hosted by both Senator Cortez-Masto and Senator Rosen. The event was held in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee Room.



Overall, this year's Washington D.C. Conference was a great success! We shared The American Legion's priorities with Congress in hopes of their support for our active duty personnel and for our veterans.



SGT AT ARMS

I was at our DEC and happened to be talking to Jennette Evans about my American Legion experience and she asked me to share so here goes. I was sitting next to a veteran on the way out and we passed the time flying talking about the American Legion. He asked where was headed and I told him to the American Legion College. We talked the whole way there about what we do at our post and how instrumental the Legion has been for our benefits thru the VA and education. His son was traveling with him and I explained how he could Join the Sons. Well to make a very long story short I had him signed up for the American Legion while we taxied in to our parking spot. Not only was he the highlight of my day getting him to sign up for the legion, but when I stood up to get my bad the man who had been sitting in front of me the whole time and thanked me for my service. That man was Mike Pence, so the moral of the story is you never know who is listening and what a difference you can make on those around you!! For God and Country Pam

1ST VICE CDR



Department of Nevada 104th Annual Convention

June 24th and 25th 2023

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**PDC Richard Eberly
Convention Chair
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Eberlyrichard1967@gmail.com**

Booster Page

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

Those Who Have Served Example

William Brown	US Army	2/1942 - 3/1947	Woodland, ME
Gerald Getts	US Army	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

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Department of Nevada 104th Annual Convention June 24th & 25th, 2023

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PACT ACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The Act **(1)** expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and **(2)** expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS CAN FILE CLAIMS FOR ALL CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE PACT ACT IMMEDIATELY.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma (diagnosed after service), Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis,

Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (hypertension).

How can Veterans apply for VA health care?

Apply **online** at [VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction](https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction).

Call our toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET.

Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ).

Bring a completed, signed VA Form 10-10EZ with you to your [nearest medical center or clinic](#) or get help through your [state's Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer](#).

Get help filing your claim by working with an [accredited representative](#).

What are the PACT Act key components?



The Act **expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures** and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.



VA **will improve the decision-making process** for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.



Every enrolled Veteran will **receive an initial toxic exposure screening** and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.



VA health care staff and claims processors will receive **toxic exposure-related education and training**.



The Act requires **research studies** on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.



The Act will help VA **build a stronger, more skilled workforce** to meet the growing demand for benefits and services.



The Act authorizes **31 new medical facilities** across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

How can a Veteran file a claim?



Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.



To learn about standard VA disability claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more visit: [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file).

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, **Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim** are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.

VA



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Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
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Sons of the American Legion—Detachment Commander Shawn Horton



Membership is 85.71% placing us 26th in the nation, exceeding our 3/15 goal of 80% and on track for our 4/15 goal of 90%. We need 16 more members to hit target and I am certain that renewals can make that happen, there are 9 in Squadron 56 alone. Retention is at 66.02%, we need to get this up to the 90-95% range and each squadron has a list of expired members to call and renew. According to the rules, all non-renewed members are expired and not entitled to all the benefits of membership. There needs to be a strong focus on membership to succeed in achieving the “audacious” goal of 1 million members of the SAL by 2032.

We still have three new Squadrons in the works, 22, 76, and 32. We need two more to achieve the hardest part of the Triple Nickel Award. There is a discussion around a Squadron for Boys State and a discussion about both UNR and UNLV. If you are interested in helping organize a new Squadron, please contact me. We need to work together to make membership available to more people in Nevada.

Donations to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) stand at \$3,450 (\$9.66/member) and short of the CWF goal for the Detachment of Nevada of \$5500 (\$15.40/member). At the DEC meeting last month, we received donations of \$775 from Squadron 149, \$100 from Squadron 16, \$500 from Squadron 7, and an outstanding \$1,000 from Squadron 60. Donations for the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF) stand at \$2,600 (\$7.28/member) out of \$3,000(\$8.40/member) with donations of \$100 from Squadron 16, \$500 from Squadron 7, and an extremely generous \$2,000 from Auxiliary Unit 7 in the name of the Detachment of Nevada. Squadrons should continue to make VCF a focus to support the SAL National Commander Carlton’s goal for the Sons of The American Legion to be the largest contributor to the \$2M goal set by Commander Troiola. Donations for the National Emergency Fund (NEF) are \$600(\$1.68/member) of \$2000 (\$5.60/member) with Squadron 16 donating \$100 and Squadron 7 donating \$500. All the goals are subject to change based on how other Detachments are doing. The fundraising goal is to be the highest per-capita in the nation in all three fundraising areas.

I have not received any details for Flying Flags for Heroes, but I am aware that Squadron 7 placed 753(2.1/member) flags and our goal is 1500(4.2/member) flags. Please make certain that we have a strong push for Memorial Day again this year, we should be placing flags at both Veterans Cemeteries again this year. Please send me your flag counts so I can keep track of them.

The Detachment has been having monthly conference calls which are not well attended. There was a discussion at the Detachment Executive Meeting to discuss the low turnout and address the issue with the leadership. The meeting is the first Tuesday of each month and anyone may listen in. If you are interested and wish to use Teams, the following information is required:

Meeting ID: 272 911 810 647 Passcode: D3p5iB You can also join by phone: +1 775-393-9964 796 285 50#

Squadrons, please submit a short summary of any events held each month so they can be included in the quarterly DEC report.

I ask each of the Posts and Districts to help their Squadrons be successful in our efforts to support Veterans through our unique positions of Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans.

As always, I am available by email (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.

Squadron	2023 Target	2023	2022	2021
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0001		26		
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0004		1		
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0007		32		
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0008		39	30	20
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0016		20	16	2
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0019		14	3	
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0030		20		
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0037		4	7	
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0040		36	28	12
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0051		2	1	4
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0056			9	1
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0060		47	21	6
Sons of American Legion NV Squadron 0149		35	9	2
Nevada Squadron 0022		16		
Nevada Squadron 0076		12		
Total	357	304	124	47
Total at 40%/9%		357	40%	9%
105% of Target	105%	375		
Total at 55%/9%		376	55%	9%

Organization	2023 Donations	2023 Goal	2023 Per-Capita	2023 Per-Capita Goal
CWF	\$ 3,450	\$ 5,500	\$ 9.66	\$ 15.41
VCF	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,000	\$ 7.28	\$ 8.40
NEF	\$ 600	\$ 2,000	\$ 1.68	\$ 5.60
FFFH	753	1500	2.11	4.20

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Brenda Horton

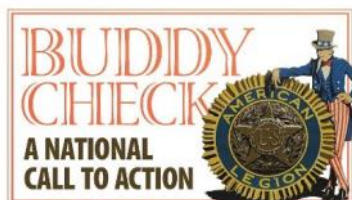
2022–2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/ NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 14, 2022	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 13, 2022	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 9, 2022	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 14, 2022	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 19, 2023	80%
PRESIDENTS DAY	FEBRUARY 15, 2023	85%
AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 15, 2023	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 19, 2023	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 17, 2023	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless a holiday falls on that day or at the beginning of that week. The February to May target dates moved to the third week to maximize end-of-year renewal notices.

Since Columbus Day falls on a Monday, the October target date will be on a Thursday.

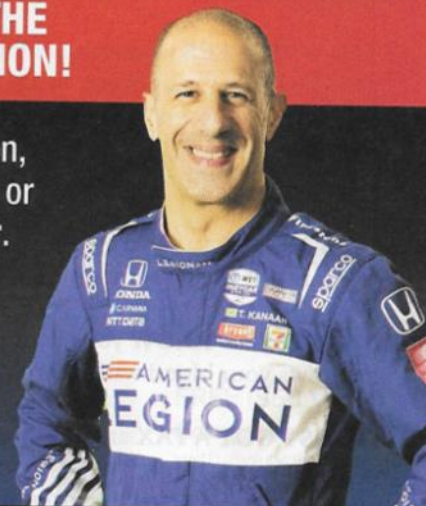
To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be the third Wednesday of the month due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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DISTRICT 1 – Commander Jack Edstrom

DISTRICT 1 HAPPENINGS

The District 1 Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18 at Post 30 in Sparks, at 1030 HRS. The last District Meeting in Lovelock was canceled due to questionable weather for travel. District 1 has been covered in snow since New Year's Eve.

Posts 6 and 12 have achieved 94 and 97 percent membership respectively, ahead of the deadline for March (90%) and April (95%). Post 1 and 30, the only two Sons of the Legion Squadron in District 1 have achieved 100% membership for 2023.

Thank you to Post Commanders Chuck Trousdale, Jim Stewart (PDC), Larry Rackley and Lionel Motta as well as Post 1 Adjutant Dave Cairns and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Shawn Horton for providing details for this report.

POST 1 RENO

In February, the Post held a fundraiser at PJ'S restaurant. It was a successful event as it has always been. Several military ball caps were sold and a number of membership applications and business cards were given to prospective members.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernley, at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial was canceled two weekends in a row due to snow and high winds. The ceremony is scheduled again for March 18 again, but the weather looks like it may push it up again.

March is the Legion birthday month, the Post will have a Legion Birthday dinner scheduled for the 25th, not the 10th as reported last month..

Post 1 members will notice a long awaited safety improvement to the Post building. New entrance doors have been purchased and installed.

POST 6 LOVELOCK

Post 6 was prepared to host the District 1 Executive meeting in January, but bad weather for travel in the Reno area caused the meeting to be canceled.

More notably Post 6 was the first Post in the District to break the 90th percentile in membership this month with 94%.

POST 12 RENO

Post 12 activities for March and part of April include:

- Contacting by mail and email, Post 12 members listed on the Post's Expired Membership Status Report. Post 6 is doing well with 94% membership as of this writing.
- Sending Birthday Cards to members who are celebrating birthdays in the next 30 days.
- Providing financial assistance to Post 12 members who are having challenges paying their 2023 Membership Dues.
- Ordering medals for presentations at High Schools JROTC Awards Ceremonies in April.
- Providing a flag box to the family of a Post member who has moved onto Post Everlasting.
- Several Post members will attend the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at The Lakes in Las Vegas.
- Establishing contact with High School counselors to remind them of this year's Department Boys State Program and about the online application.
- Order medals for presentations at High Schools JROTC Awards Ceremonies in April.
- Making contact with High School counselors to remind them of this year's Department Boys State Program and about the online application.

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DISTRICT 2 – Commander Fred Doten

As we swing into the 4th quarter, I am pleased to say District 2 is doing great. We lead in renewals and membership goals; and, overall, are very productive if what I heard at our District quarterly meeting this past Saturday. All the commanders who were in attendance talked about what was happening in their posts and better still what was coming up in the next few months. And when you hear this type of talk, you can understand why District 2 is leading in the number of new members with a total of 151. Its been said more than once that if you are out in the community people will want to be with you, and it looks like it is happening. So, thank you commanders and membership chairs for cashing in on your activities within the community.

For those of you who have not stopped by Post 8 in a while you need to do so. The place is looking very nice and according to Commander Morris their kitchen is back up and providing a lot of great food. Maybe that's why they are leading the Department with 36 new members. So, stop in if you get a chance.

Post 76 is flooding the wires with a major upcoming event. In case you have not heard they will be dedicating a Veterans' Memorial at The Lake Sahara South Park. This memorial is dedicated to the men and women of all military branches who served our county. It will be on Saturday, 15 April at 11am, so mark calendars and hope to see you there.

Just in case you have not heard, there is a project on going in Amargosa Valley to stand up a military village. Along with the village will be an effort to stand up a new Legion post at the vil-
lage. I will be providing more on this next month as more information becomes available.

As a last point, it is that time of the year when the district is looking for officers to lead us. I would be nice to have more than one person running for each position. Right now we have letters of intent for Commander, 1st Vice and 2nd Vice; but there is always room for more; so, if you are interested let me know. I should also mention it is that time of the year when you should be looking around your post for those individuals who have been doing the heavy lifting for the past year. Talk to your commander and recognize them by submitting their names in for either Department Legionnaire of the Year or Adjutant of the year.

So, in closing, I would like to thank all for keeping our District healthy and busy. Have a great month and enjoy the spring weather and desert flowers that will be blooming in abundance this year.

DISTRICT 3 – Commander Lincoln Litchfield

This has been a very difficult month emotionally with what I have been through in my personal life. Thank you to everyone that had words of encouragement and prayers.

District 3 has been very busy with shoveling snow and staying warm. The month of February has been a challenge with the weather we have experienced this year. However, it has been an encouraging and enlightening month.

DEC is always a good time to get with others across our Department. During this DEC I was given the honor to be asked to be a judge during the Department Oratorical contest. This needs to be a focus at the local (Post) level and should be promoted in every school.

On the Post level, I participated in a "Get To Know Your Presidents", this consisted of 46 questions of 46 questions one for each President. If anyone would like this for a future event please email me at lincoln.litchfield@gmail.com.

Activities that I am aware of in District 3 is:

March 17th Post 5 will be American Legion Birthday with a dinner with a guest speaker from NDVS.

March 18th there will be a training for officers at Stockman's in Elko at 10am. This is for any Post or District officer or anyone that is interested in being an officer in the future. It is our desire to be mentors for those that are coming up. It is always my desire to raise future leaders to take my position.

March 21st Post 32 is doing an event called "Welcome In Spring" (I know this spring it maybe wishful thinking). There is only 16 days until Spring and the temperature has not gotten over 32 for a night time low. Maybe they can tell the groundhog "NO" 6 weeks is way to long we want winter over NOW!

April 8th is the event that ATV/UTV/4 wheelers have been talking about since September. It will be called "Breaking Through The Mud". The hope for this event is a lot of mud, however this looks like there will be some snow to bust through also. The focus is to promote events that get us out of the four walls of the Post. Thank you Past Department Commander Eberly!

With closing I want to thank Joe and Cherly Shine for what they have added to District 3



American Legion Riders



I have received no information from any Riders Chapters. If you want to have your events included in the newsletter, please, email me. As an incentive to improve this newsletter article, I will donate \$100 to the Legacy Fund in the name of the Chapter that provides the most valuable input to the monthly newsletter between January and June. I will be the sole judge on the value so make it worthwhile. This is an opportunity to earn recognition for your Chapter and support a worthy cause.

Some Riders chapter is missing out on a free \$100 donation.

For all Riders chapters, remember that the ALR is a program of The American Legion and that your Post must approve all officer positions. You are allowed to vote on your officers and nominate them to your sponsoring Post and the Post approves the nominees via the Executive Committee or the Post membership vote.

If you are a chapter with a checking account, all monetary spending must be included in the minutes and reported to the Post.

The latest guidance on The American Legion Riders is Resolution No. 5 from May 5-6, 2021, please review and keep in mind that the Department of Nevada has determined that the American Legion Riders is a Post level organization and must abide by the individual Post Constitution and By-laws.

I can always be reached via email (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



POST 30 SPARKS

It being winter, Post 30 has had no real noteworthy activity for the month of February. The Post had a guest speaker from the Civil Air Patrol to inform us about the CAP program. The interesting thing that came up was that the CAP youth are interested in the Boys and Girls State programs and possibly the Oratorical Contest.

At the February DEC, the Post, through the efforts of our SAL Squadron 30, donated to the Child Welfare Foundation, the National Emergency Fund. The Legacy Fund, the Veterans & Children Foundation, and the Hear Today Learn Tomorrow program. In March, the Post, through the efforts of our SAL Squadron 30, will be donating to the Nevada Boys State program. This year, we will be donating funds to cover 15 delegates to the NBS session this summer.

At the regular meeting night in March, the Post will be celebrating the 104th Legion Birthday by having a Birthday Dinner for the Post members and their families.

Post 30 is working on the Post 30 membership and is currently at 79.5%. The Post is putting some effort toward assisting our elder members from the Vietnam War, Korean War, and World War II periods to pay their dues since they are on a fixed income.


The Post has also been actively working with the Boy Scouts of America with the new Sea Scout Ship 30, Cub Scout Pack 127, and three ScoutReach units. Our Post is also active on the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery Committee and are planning another Flying Flags for Heroes event over the Memorial Day weekend.

Post 30 is busy with normal Post functions and Boy Scout activities during this reporting period.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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State of Nevada and VA pilot initiative to improve access to health care for traveling Veterans

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev.— The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the State of Nevada launched a new pilot program to connect Veterans in rural areas with telehealth and mental health resources.

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) posted flyers at rest areas across Nevada to help connect Veterans to VA resources while they are traveling. The flyers share information about Veterans' telehealth options, the closest VA location, and the Veterans Crisis Line -- empowering Veterans to access care based on their emergent, urgent, or routine health care needs.

VA collaborated with the State of Nevada after seeing successful efforts in states across the Rocky Mountain region. As the country's seventh largest state, Nevada maintains more than 100,000 miles of roadways, to include the Interstate Highway System and State Highway System.

"We are excited to collaborate with the VA to share information about health care options for Veterans at more than 30 rest areas across the state," said NDOT Director Tracy Larkin Thomason. "As a major travel corridor for both the Southwest and Mountain West, we believe this is a unique opportunity to reach the thousands of individuals who utilize our rest areas on a daily basis. Many drivers and their family members could benefit from services like VA Telehealth, and we are proud to play a small part in getting the word out."

This effort is also a reflection of the importance VA places on collaborating with community and governmental organizations where Veterans receive care. The VA Southern Nevada Health Care System, headquartered in North Las Vegas, provides that care to Veterans in southern half of the state. The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, based in Reno, provides care in the northwestern portion of the state. The far northeastern area of Nevada is covered by the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System.

"We serve a growing Veteran population here in Nevada, and as a hub of tourism, we see even more Veterans visiting our communities every year," said VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System Executive Director William Caron. "We appreciate this collaboration with the State of Nevada to ensure all Veterans are aware of their care options when traveling through our great state."

Rural health care is often limited because of various challenges with funding, care requirements, and expansive geography. This campaign will help connect Veterans with VA resources and maintain their continuity of care within the VA health care system based upon the "Anywhere-to-Anywhere" Telehealth Practice Authority using VA Video Connect.

After rolling out the project in Nevada, VA plans to continue the initiative in other states.

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