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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Contest Winner January
- * Post 7 Happenings
- * Office Depot/Max Discounts
- * 300 Club
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CONGRATULATIONS to Vernon Robbins Post 5 in Winnemucca, for being the ONLY submission for the contest! The Nevada News Group published this article on the Post last month. Great job Commander and Adjutant and members of Post 5 for this fabulous community outreach effort! Thank you Commander Burke for submitting the article and photo! Your prize is on it's way! The rest of you can see page 5 for details on this contest! (YLW)

Students gifted copies of U.S. Constitution

Ashley Maden Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:00 AM

The American Legion, Vernon Robins Post 5 recently donated 300 copies of the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence to the Humboldt County School District, for one to be distributed to each senior student and the rest to be available in the school libraries for use.

"The American Legion actively supports teaching patriotism and American values, and hopes the students will become familiar with these key documents and why they help to make America a leading force for good in the world," said American Legion Post 5 Commander Sean Burke in an email.

This is the first time the American Legion Post 5 has donated copies of the Constitution to the school district and they also sponsor an annual scholarship for graduating seniors.

One of the missions of the American Legion is to promote American values and providing copies of the nation's founding documents is a part of that effort.



(left to right) American Legion Post 5 Adjunct Paul Schlehr, Humboldt County School District Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, American Legion Post 5 Commander Sean Burke.

Winnemucca's Vernon Robins Post 5 meets at the Veteran's Hall on Bengochea Circle at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month, and all veterans are invited to participate and learn more about the local Post and it's activities to support the local community.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Richard Eberly



Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

Happy New Year Nevada Legionnaires. Here is to hoping that everyone had a great holiday season making some great memories.

Now is the time for everyone to be moving forward with how to finish up this year by continuing to do what they do for their American Legion Posts, families and veterans. At this time, I am finalizing some travel plans to visit our Southern American Legion Posts. On February 19, 2022, Post 8 will be hosting the Department DEC. Two important guests are scheduled to speak from NVDS to talk on some important Veteran issues. Please I would like to see as many Post Commanders or a representative from their Post in attendance.

During the next few months, the Department of Nevada has two programs that they are focusing on. The first is the Department Oratorical that is scheduled for February 5, 2022 that will be at WNCC in Carson City at 9 a.m. Please if you have questions or need more information, reach out to the Oratorical Chair, Valerie Scheuering, for more information. On a side note, I challenge all the Posts that are in the local Northern area to come out and fill the seats for Department Oratorical.

The other program that the Department is currently in the planning stages is Boys State. Currently the Boys State committee is hard at work, establishing and setting up the program. Again, another great chance for the local youth to become involved in a great learning opportunity for growth and scholarships. Shortly you should be hearing from someone on the committee asking for volunteers to assist with getting out the information on the program to start getting applicants for this year's program. The committee has a big goal and would like to have over 100 boys participate. Please if anyone is interested in helping with this year's program reach out to Jim Stewart for information.

Please as you are moving forward this year try to focus on events that can bring both the post and families together. As members of one of the strongest veterans' organizations, we have the ability to make a difference in our communities as long as we stay strong and true to ourselves and our mission. The four pillars are there and a guide to keep and build a strong American Legion present here in Nevada. No one should have to ask what is the American Legion and what do you do. Let's get out there and show what the American Legion can do for both our community and our Veterans.

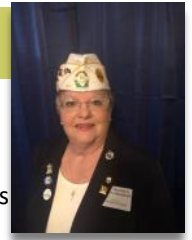
Again, thank you everyone for everything that you do. Take care and be safe.

Below are some pictures from my visit to Post 45 in Austin, NV in November, 2021. Thanks Austin for being such gracious hosts.

The Memorial that the Post help with getting put up at the Visitor's Center.



1st Vice Commander Valerie Scheuering



Happy New Year Legionnaires

To continue with the History and Traditions of The American Legion. We left off with The American Legion Riders history and will continue with the rest of the 1990's...

Riders in Iowa have formed and honor guard called The Five Star Freedom Riders, and Riders in Mulvane, Kan., founded the Patriot Guard to protect the sanctity of military funerals from protesters. Riders in all states have escorted military units returning home from combat tours overseas, conducted massive cross-country fundraising events for wounded warriors from all services, and have raised millions of dollars for countless local, state and national charities. Many Riders, supported by their departments, conduct annual statewide Legacy Runs in dire support of American Legion scholarship programs of Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW), supporting our wounded service members across the nation.

True to the Legion's grassroots tradition, each chapter manages its programs at the post level, where the best ideas are born. The Riders are part of many projects and events, Including:

- Rolling Thunder, the annual POW/MIA rally in Washington on Memorial Day weekend.
- Annual regional rides such as Operation Wounded Warrior, sponsored by Riders in Nevada, Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California and other Western states.
- Local charity events in support of The American Legion and local communities.
- Raising money for VA hospitals, women and children centers, children and youth centers, schools and other facilities.
- Sponsoring or participating in motorcycle runs to benefit numerous charities.
- Local memorial ceremonies and community parades.
- The American Legion Legacy Run, an annual cross-country fundraising ride from National Headquarters in Indianapolis to the national convention city.
- Riding to honor fallen military men and women, and protect the sanctity of their funerals from those who would dishonor their memory.
- Escorting military units to departure airfields and airports for combat tour overseas, and welcoming them home upon their return.

1990's continued:

Aug. 1994 - The Legion announces the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

Sept. 1994 - The American Legion announces partnership with the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum to develop and exhibit for the bomber Enola Gay.

Oct. 1995 - The Legion forms the Persian Gulf Task Force to aid veterans with illnesses from that war.

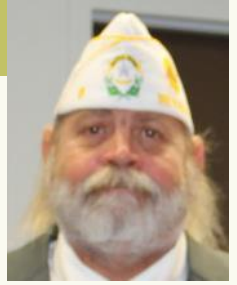
Sept. 1996 - The Legion awards a \$20,000 college scholarship to each of the 10 inaugural Samsung American Legion high school scholars.

Jun. 1997 - The National Emergency Fund surpasses the \$1 million mark in cash grants given to flood victims who belong to the Legion Family.

Sept. 1997 - The Legion presents its first National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award at the 79th National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Next month I'll begin the 2000's. All references for the Legions history come from Legion.org.

Have a health and safe New Year. God Bless the United States of America and The American Legion.



Imposter Scams

Here's how they work:

You get a call or an email. It might say you've won a prize. It might seem to come from a government official. Maybe it seems to be from someone you know – your grandchild, a relative or a friend. Or maybe it's from someone you *feel* like you know, but you haven't met in person – say, a person you met online who you've been writing to.

Whatever the story, the request is the same: wire money to pay taxes or fees, or to help someone you care about.

But is the person who you think it is? Is there an emergency or a prize? Judging by the complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the answer is no. The person calling you is pretending to be someone else.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out – before you wire money to anyone.** Call the person, the government agency, or someone else you trust. Get the real story. Then decide what to do. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have gotten one of these calls or emails, but the chances are you know someone who has.



Want to know more? Sign up for consumer alerts at ftc.gov/subscribe.

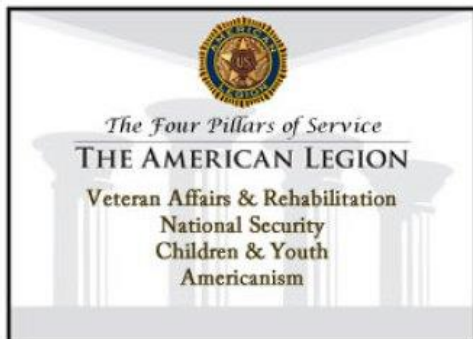
...PassItOn

Please Report Scams

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261
- Go online: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Your report can help protect other people. By reporting fraud, you can help the FTC's investigators identify the imposters and stop them before they can get someone's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.



OKAY FOLKS! It's time to spruce up this newsletter! We are sorely lacking in photos and stories or info from the various Posts, Units and Squadrons around the State. I know the Commander tries to highlight events but you all have to share that information first!

I'm soliciting photos and stories to go with them! Share with us what your Districts, Posts, Squadrons, Detachments and Units are doing! This is a family newsletter, so everybody join in!

I need 12 really awesome photos and stories! One for each month. I'm starting with January, so get to work looking for stories to share, upcoming events, past events, highlights of interesting people in your post...whatever you can come up with and be sure to submit some awesome photos too!

Each month's winner will receive a prize and have their story published on the front page of this newsletter as well as be featured on our Department Facebook page.

All entries must fit onto this one page. Each story needs at least one photo. Please identify those in the pictures and have their permission to publish. If there is more than one entry per month I will be the sole judge to determine what goes in and who is the winner (LOL)!

If your entry is not selected for a month it will roll into the next month's submissions.

***Please email your entry to WEIGOLDY63@GMAIL.COM by the 10th of each month for consideration in this contest. (Yes, I will accept them any day of the month, just can only be considered for the current month if received by the 10th).**

*******SUBJECT LINE MUST READ: AL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY*******

Thanks for playing!

Newsletter Editor, Yvette



History: American Legion Oratorical Contest

One of the major programs that is supported by the American Legion under Family and Youth is the Oratorical Contest. It is a constitutional speech contest that has been around since 1938, which has and continues to develop knowledge and appreciation for the United States Constitution among high school students. For over 80 years, this constitutional speech contest has educated youth on our national's founding documents, with an emphasis on citizenship. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the contest.

This program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Over the years numerous politicians and prominent contestants have participated. Some of who were former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, national television commentator and talk radio host Lou Dobbs, and former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence.



For high school students looking to earn money for college this contest affords young orators a chance to participate in one of the most generous college scholarships available. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

Each American Legion Department is representative at the National Contest.

This year's Department Oratorical is going to be held on February 5, 2022 at 9 a.m. – Western Nevada College, Carson City, NV in Marlette Hall, Cedar Building. Please if you can stop by and let's show these amazing participants our support.

National Executive Committeeperson, Jeanette Rae Evans



Happy New Year - 2022

The VA has been rolling out a new initiative called "Whole Health". Reno VAMC is part of the phase 2 roll out and is now offering the program. If you are interested in the program, talk to your Primary Care Provider at the VA. Go here for more information: <https://www.va.gov/wholehealth/>

CWF Update: Last year the combined donations to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation totaled **\$503,223.42** from The American Legion family. June 1, 2021 started our new awards years and tracking.

Donations for the Awards year end on **May 31, 2022**. Presently we stand at **\$231,638.60** in donations for the 2021/22 year. At the October 2021 Board of Directors meeting granted **\$639,325.00** to 17 Children Organizations for the 2022 year.

The following are the present donations from **June 1, 2021 to December 30, 2021**. Each organization with the highest donation on **May 31, 2022** will be awarded the Garland Murphy Shadow Box award.

Below shows 1st to 3rd place in donations.

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1st place	Arizona	Kentucky	Ohio	Texas
Donations	\$721.00	\$5,020.00	\$13,650.90	\$12,531.00
2nd Place	California	South Dakota	Florida	Pennsylvania
Donations	\$651.00	\$2,166.82	\$10,704.00	\$10,852.91
3rd place	Florida	New York	California	Florida
Donations	\$386.00	\$1,325.75	\$2,913.00	\$6,730.00

All donations have to be in by **May 31, 2022** to qualify for the Garland Murphy and U.S. Udie Grant awards. Make all donations through your Department.

You are Not Alone in Seeking Treatment for PTSD

You may have questions, and here are answers to some of the most asked questions about PTSD treatment.

Where can I go for PTSD treatment?

First, you can find [PTSD treatment locations near you](#). If you are a Veteran looking for care outside of the VA, reach out to your doctor for a referral to a mental health care provider who specializes in PTSD treatment. You can also search for a [mental health provider in your local area](#).

Is it ever too late to seek PTSD treatment?

It's never too late. Treatment can help even if trauma happened years ago. Treatment for PTSD has gotten much better over the years so even if you tried treatment in the past and you're still having symptoms, it's a good idea to try again.

What if I don't feel ready for treatment?

You may never feel truly ready to get help for PTSD, but if you're having symptoms, it's better to get treatment now than to wait. Not wanting to talk or think about the trauma can be a symptom of PTSD. The sooner you get treatment, the sooner you can start to feel better.

[Find Help Now](#)

Sign up for American Legion Flag Alerts

Interested American Legion Family members, patriots, supporters and others are now able to subscribe to the organization's text alerts when the flag has been ordered to fly at half staff.

To receive text messages for the flag alerts follow the simple two-step process. First, to subscribe to the Flag Alerts, send the text "Flag" to 534466. You will be asked to verify with "Y". Once that is complete, you will receive the text alerts. For more information, text HELP to 534466. You may also subscribe to flag alert notifications via email. To subscribe to the Flag Alert and any of our other e-newsletters [visit this page](#).



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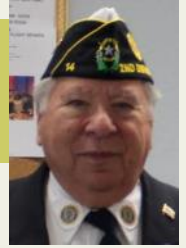
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Membership Jerry Bootzin



It is a new year and there are things in the Department of Nevada 2022 membership world for us to celebrate!

Post 10 in Las Vegas is the first Post in the Department to exceed 100% of 2022 Goal. Those Posts who lead the charge to 100% are Post 32 in Carlin at 93%; Post 27 Sandy Valley at 85%; Post 16 in Fallon at 83%; Post 37 Fernley at 80%; Post 5 in Winnemucca at 80%. All of these Posts with the exception of Fallon, would be considered our smaller Posts but certainly active ones. Of the larger Posts with goals exceeding 300 members, those Posts should also look at the positive in the numbers that they have. Although all of the larger Posts are mostly over 70% of goal their renewal rate reflect large numbers. Post 1 Reno has renewed 168 at a renewal rate (RR) of 72%; Post 8 renewed 451 at RR 74%; Post 40 Henderson renewed 575 at RR 78%; Post 60 Laughlin renewed 201 at RR at 80%; Post 76 Las Vegas renewed 401 at RR of 70%; Post 149 renewed 189 at RR75%; Post 4 Carson City 169 at RR79% . These are all big numbers.

Other Posts with high RR are Post 24 Mesquite RR 86%; Post 31 Boulder City RR 82%; Post 16 Fallon RR 80%.

Posts that have recruited new 2022 members beyond 1 or 2 are Post 16 Fallon 13 new members; Post 19 Hawthorn 5 new members; Post 8 Las Vegas 10 new members; Post 10 Las Vegas 26 new members; Post 40 Henderson 34 new members; Post 60 Laughlin 7 new members; Post 76 Las Vegas 21 new members and Post 149 Las Vegas 10 new members.

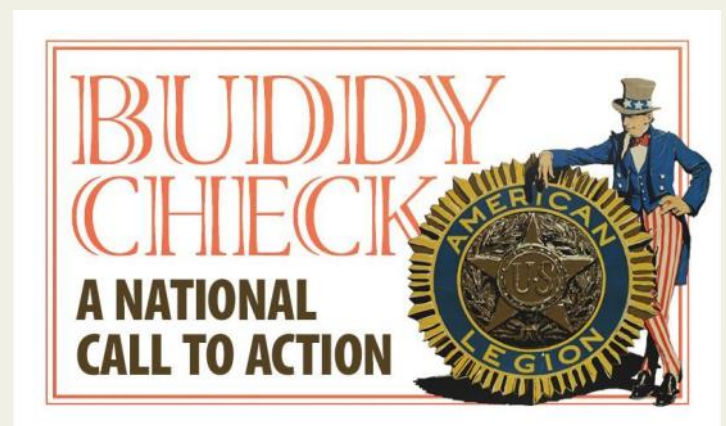
Every Post should be recognized for their efforts to bring in new members even those that have brought in 1 or 2 new members. When you meet a veteran who is not a member of the Legion, **JUST ASK them to join and carry an application with you.**

As we can see, there has been progress in all the Department Posts to achieve a 100% RR as soon as possible. There is good work being done but it is clear we can't give up our continuing efforts to get those renewals. If you want more ideas of how to be in contact with your past members, the Legion is loaded with ideas. **JUST ASK!! Look to My Legion Resources and/or your District's officers as the place to start.**

Use of DMS and Post 100 is encouraged to increase Post member numbers. Be sure you obtain consent to make the transfer to your post. The consent can be in writing, signature, email, text or phone call.

Engagement with individuals within Posts is the most powerful tool to make members feel they are important to the Post and the American Legion.

Think about WHY you joined the Legion and be ready to tell non-members what the Legion is and does.



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.

Welcome to
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Department of Nevada Children and Youth Program



Julia Edie, 5, received hearing aids thanks to the Department of Nevada's Hear Today - Learn Tomorrow program, on Friday, March 25, 2016. Photo by Lucas Carter/The American Legion

**DO YOU OR A FRIEND NEED HELP IN OBTAINING HEARING AIDS
FOR A HEARING IMPAIRED CHILD?**

HEAR TODAY-LEARN TOMORROW

(IRS 501(c) Non -Profit)

We issue grant funds to Audiologists to complete hearing aid funding!

OUR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: family must be Nevada residents; child is less than

18 years old: family needs funding help to obtain hearing aids.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES/ NEED MORE INFORMATION: Obtain an application from

Department of Nevada HQ's 702-382-2353

TALDON737@AOL.COM

The American Legion **August 2021 - July 2022** **“300 Club” Lottery**

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2022 Dates

Jan. 29 - Las Vegas
Feb. 12 - Orlando
Feb. 19 - Indianapolis
March 26 - Baltimore
April 2 - Omaha



Las Vegas, Nevada
Saturday, January 29, 2022
Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino
233 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89169

For Las Vegas, the following dates and fees will apply: If you register by December 10, the early bird discounted rate is \$55. If you register by the registration deadline (January 17), the registration fee is \$65. After January 17 and for on-site registration, the fee is \$70. There are no refunds after January 17.

Mission Development Training 201

Mission Development Training 201 will help members overcome common hurdles in mission delivery. The underlying belief in this training is that improving the member engagement experience will also drive membership.

During this one-day training, learn how to:

- Identify and engage volunteers – members and non-members
- Determine the needs in your community
- Solve roadblocks
- Construct specific volunteer menu opportunities in your community

Who should attend Mission Development Training 201?

Active members looking to welcome and engage other ALA members and supporters in our mission. Attendees should have a basic concept of mission delivery.

National Junior Meeting

Junior members who have celebrated their 8th birthday or older may attend the national Junior meetings. Many activities will be taking place that are fun and interactive. We hope by bringing the meeting closer to our Juniors, that many more will be able to attend this one-day meeting over a weekend.

Is the Junior meeting right for your Junior?

- Yes – if they are interested in meeting other Junior members and national leaders outside of their local area who share their passion for helping veterans!
- Yes – if they want to share great ideas with other Junior members across the country and learn more about what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary!



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

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Detachment Commander, Shawn Horton



I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is ready to start off 2022 with passion and a sense of urgency. I know I am looking forward to the great things we can accomplish in the new year. This month's article is short as I took more time off and didn't communicate like I should have in December. I will do better in the coming months.

Looking into the first quarter of 2022 we have two meetings that I would like to see more people attend, the Western Rendezvous (Jan 28/29 in Las Vegas) and the DEC Meeting (Feb 19 in Las Vegas). At the last DEC we had an informal meeting with all the Sons that were present to discuss the state of the Detachment and Squadrons, I would like to do the same for February. If you plan on attending either event, please contact me.

We didn't make our goal of 100% membership for the end of 2021 but did manage to achieve 51.5% renewal by the end of the year. Congratulations on the effort, it does not go unnoticed. Every member we sign up is one more person that is out there helping Veterans and is a success we should be proud of.

Squadrons 1, 4, 8, 18, 19, 30, 40, 51, 56, and 60, I need your dues amounts (including Detachment and Squadron) before any online renewals can happen. This should be in the form of a Squadron Data Report that is sent in annually. The word has come down from above, until 90% of Squadrons are in the system no Squadrons can use the online (mysal.org) system. Please don't be reason we can't streamline membership. If you have sent in your documentation and you are in the list above, please let me know with a copy of your SDR.

Successes:

- A significant monetary donation to the Detachment was made in December by a SAL member and AL wife team. The donation will be announced at the DEC;
- Membership at 51.5% for the end of December, and
- I was invited to speak about the Sons of The American Legion at the District 3 Executive Committee meeting held in Carlin. I would like to attend each District EC meeting in the next 2 quarters. I will be reaching out to the District Commanders to schedule.

Goals for 2022:

- Be ready to discuss membership and donation goals at the DEC, if nobody from your Squadron is attending please send information via e-mail or your Legion DEC representative, and
- For 2022 I have set a goal of 200% per-capita for the CWF and 150% per-capita for the VCF. We are already 90% of the way for the CWF.

Opportunities:

- Communication remains an opportunity to be pursued. Squadrons tend to be insulated and not involved with each other or the Detachment, this must change;
- Squadrons need to engage their members to find leaders, just having a Commander and Adjutant is not enough;
- The SAL has an opportunity to meet as a group for training, planning, and strategy. After the Western Rendezvous there will be a meeting in Tonopah or somewhere central, and
- Place flags for Flying Flags for Heroes. National commander is pledging 2 flags/SAL member, Nevada would like to see 5/member at a minimum.



News from Post 7



ELKO – Elko City Cemetery was one of an estimated 2,700 locations nationwide that participated in National Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 18. Ruby Mountain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution organized the event with the assistance of Leonard Swenarski, VFW Post 2350, American Legion, and POW/MIA groups. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded in 2007. Their mission is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families, and teach future generations the value of freedom. More than 100 volunteers helped prepare for the event and place over 680 wreaths on veterans' graves. Youth groups that volunteered their time were Battle Born Youth Academy, Elko High School Honor Society, Elko Key Club, and Girl Scouts. Ceremonial veterans wreaths are on display in front of Elko County Courthouse. Businesses and organizations that sponsored wreaths were Elko Lions Club, Raymond James Financial, Nevada Bank and Trust, Telescope Lanes, Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary, Edward Jones-Tim Hatch, VFW Post 2350, McMullen McPhee, Elko Realty, Brent Stokes Insurance, POW/MIA, Elks Club, and VFW Auxiliary. www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/NV0114, or email rmc.nv.dar@gmail.com. In-person donations can also be made at Nevada Bank and Trust at 852 Idaho St. The Elko Daily Free Press, 23 Dec 2021



The Post 7 American Legion Riders presented Sara and Joshua Draves of Spring Creek a Blue Star Banner. They are super proud of their son Garrett. Garrett Draves is an Airman in the United States Air Force and is attending Technical School to be an Aviation hydraulics Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tx. When finished with School AMN Draves will be stationed at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington. While in Basic Training he was awarded the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. We wish them all well look forward to meeting Airman Draves the next time he comes home on leave.



ELKO — This year's Festival of Trees auction raised \$31,110 which was distributed to the four Charity Partners selected by the Elko Convention & Visitors Authority board of directors. The 2021 Charity Partners — Elko Hockey Club, Elite FC, Zero Suicides Elko County and the Community Foundation of Elko County — were each awarded \$7,777.50 this week. The continued support and generosity of area residents, business owners and service organizations made the Annual Festival of Trees a tremendous success, stated the ECVA. The board extended its gratitude to all who participated by donating items for auction or making purchases. "The Festival of Trees never disappoints," said Katie Neddenriep, executive director of the ECVA. "The community came out bigger than last year, contributing 129 items to the auction. We had over 473 active bidders, more than double the previous year, who brought event proceeds back to near pre-pandemic levels." The Conference Center had several school groups come through and steady visitation throughout the four days of the event.

"It was nice to not have the restrictions we faced last year, and the ECVA team did a fantastic job presenting a hugely successful event," said Neddenriep.

This year's theme was My Favorite Things. Auction items were available for in-person and online viewing Dec. 1-4. While no gathering restrictions were in place, there was still uncertainty around how many items would be contributed to the auction and the amount of funds to be raised. Based on these factors, and a desire to provide impactful funding for programming and services in the community, the ECVA Board selected only four charity partners, same as 2020, though fewer than previous years.

The ECVA is encouraging the community to participate in the 2022 Festival of Trees at the Elko Conference Center. A theme hasn't yet been determined and updates will be communicated as additional plans are made. Visit www.ExploreElko.com and follow the Elko Convention & Visitors Authority on Facebook and/or Instagram @ExploreElko for updates and more information. The Elko Daily Free Press, 23 Dec 2021.





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Since our charter, our 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.



RED Friday Started in 2005. Beginning in 2005, military supporters across America started wearing **red** on **Fridays** to show support for the service members who protect our freedoms and way of life around the world. More specifically, it is for service members deployed as **RED** stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed".

