



NEVADA LEGION NEWS

The American Legion, Department of Nevada

National Commander visits D.E.C.



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

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving My Fellow Legionnaires:

Another busy month. When its said "You're Never Too Old To Learn Something New" the saying is right. I recently attended the Commanders/Adjutant's Conference in Indianapolis, the amount of information given was very enlightening, it covered visitation of National Officers, Membership, Support of Legion Programs and Protocol.

Each month I have been attending the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) "Commanders Convening" zoom. Commanders from all over Nevada call in. We discuss upcoming events, veterans suicide and programs important to veterans and their families. Each month I hold a District Commanders zoom and ask for input from them on what's happening with their Posts and Districts. If you have any events or programs you think veterans would be interested in, please give it to your Post Commander to forward to the District Commander so I can share the information with the other Department Commanders and the NDVS.

I was asked to join Post 4 and 56 in the Nevada Day Parade. The crowd this year was enormous. Seeing the love and support for Nevada and our Veterans was very moving. A lot of children and adults were decked out in costumes for Halloween.



November 4th, 5th and 6th the Department, District 2 and Post 60 hosted National Commander Vincent James "Jim" Troiola and his aide PDC Gary Schacher. We joined Post 60 for their "Friday Fish Fry" and was offered a choice of baked or fried fish, chicken or shrimp (the meal was delicious). On Saturday, the DEC was held, National Commander Troiola was presented with Nevada momentos, 2nd Vice Commander Horton was presented with a plaque for "Adjutant of the Year" and received the National Commanders Coin. National Commander Troiola spoke about the "Be The One" veterans suicide topic and the need for Posts, Districts and Departments to support Legion Programs through donations. A representative from Bergmann & Moore, Liz Hartman, spoke about the PACT Act and the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and the representation they can offer. That evening Post 60 hosted a buffet dinner at the Riverside Hotel and Casino, the banquet room had windows facing the river and Bullhead City, AZ it happened to be sunset, it was breathtaking. After dinner they had drawings for door prizes and centerpieces. National Commander Troiola presented me with The American Legion National Commanders Medallion, it was an honor. Everyone was sorry to see the evening end.

Coming up Next, I will be attending Veterans Day Dinners at Post 30 and 56 and the "All Veterans Day Dinner" in Elko.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our Legion Family a Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving. Please remember if you're feeling overwhelmed by the holiday's reach out and talk to somebody and if you can't cook a Thanksgiving Dinner many Posts are hosting them.

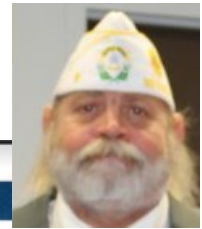
As always, God Bless this Great Nation, The American Legion Members and their Families and please pray for those affected by Hurricane Ian and the Tornado's in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

For God and Country

Valerie Scheuering-Hubbell



Robert Morris



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VASNHS LVR3 Master Gardner Course

Creating an environment where the Veterans can grow during treatment

By Brian Potts, VASNHS LVR3 Program Manager

This LVR3 gardening program has a lot of different missions that led to its initiation. The first was to create an environment where the Veterans have an opportunity to have experiences where they can foster growth that metaphorically represents their personal growth in recovery. As they progress through this program, those who chose to participate will have an opportunity to see growth outwardly in the garden as they simultaneously experience inner growth while in LVR3. The garden also fosters a sense of accountability and responsibility as they are taking ownership of the gardening, watering, planting, and cultivating of the plants throughout their participation in the group.

Another mission of the gardening course is to improve our community relations with some of our community partners. The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) has partnered with the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System to instruct these courses demonstrating their commitment to Veteran recovery and care. Once the Veterans graduate from the LVR3 program, they may subsequently transition to the UNR Master Gardener program allowing for more opportunities for community reintegration and the possibility of learning a new life skill. One of the instructors of the group; Lori Evans, Master Gardener, University of Nevada Reno, shared that she personally experienced the therapeutic benefits of the gardening course for Veterans as her husband, "A retiree with 31 years of service and her middle son, also a Veteran have experienced benefits from actively gardening." The UNR extension coordinators, Master Gardeners, have seen the benefits of programs like these benefitting individuals with disabling health conditions have led UNR instructors to their commitment in establishing this program with the VASNHS.



Whole Health has also been instrumental in terms of helping the program to establish the garden as they have worked closely with funding, support, logistical and operational coordination with UNR, as well as coordination with our nutrition services. Through the LVR3 gardening group, the Veterans participating in this program will have an opportunity to not only grow the fruits and vegetables in their garden beds but will also have an opportunity to learn to cook these items through an upcoming healthy teaching kitchen group facilitated by our Nutrition Services. It's this holistic focus on all aspects of the Veterans lifestyle and care that shows the VASNHS's commitment to whole health engagement. Finally, the project could not be possible without the donations provided by the Whole Health Program Manager, Charlene Degen. Also, without the financial contribution provided by Dr. Susil Sivaraman, Chief/Supervisory Hospitalist (internal Medicine), VASNHS; the gardening program started here would not be possible.



To get treatment in the LVR3, please talk with your medical or mental health provider about interest in the program.

- The medical or mental health provider will submit an LVR3 consult.
- Program staff will review the consult.
- An in-person or phone evaluation will be scheduled with the Veteran.

To find out more about the gardening program offered at the VASNHS LVR3 treatment clinic at the VAMC go to our website: <https://www.va.gov/southern-nevada-health-care/>



Department Membership Report

November 2022

District 1:

- Membership is at 52.39% membership.
- Three Posts are over 55% membership. Post 6 is at 68.57% membership.
- They have 0 new members and five transfers (Post 30 has five).
- They have 308/588 members.

District 2:

- Membership is at 60.46 % membership.
- Nine Posts are over 55% membership. Post 27 is at 79.16% membership.
- They have 81 new members (Post 40 has 25) and five transfers.
- They have 2204/3645 members.

District 3:

- Membership is at 53.84% membership.
- Two Posts are over 55% membership. Post 5 is at 65.71% membership.
- They have three new members (Post 32 has two) and one transfer.
- They have 175/325 members.

District 4:

- Membership is at 53.07% membership.
- One Post is over 55% membership. Post 19 is at 72.50% membership
- They have 13 new members (Post 16 has 9) and 0 transfers.
- They have 535/1008 members.

Post 100:

- Membership is at 68.2% membership.
- They have two new members.
- They have 607/890 members.

The Department is at 60.79% membership. We need 271 new/renewed members by November 9th to reach our 65% membership target goal. Nevada is number 32 on the National level up from 36th place and number six in the Western Region. Department has 3924/6455 members. Total of 99 new members and 11 transfers.

I have attended all of the District meetings. Handed out boxes of membership brochures to all of the District Commanders. Promoted "Be the One" program and handed out pins to the hosting Post Commanders. Talked mostly about retention, renewals, and expired members. Have offered to send out recruiting letters to Post 100 members and to expired members. Hold monthly Department Membership Committee Zoom conferences. Will be attending the All-Veterans Day Banquet on November 12th to promote membership.

A plaque will be given to each Post within their District who achieves 90% retention by December 31st.

Submitted by Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chair on November 5, 2022

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Pam Walker

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Happy Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, as we move into the month of November, we need to remember to involve our youth in our Veterans Day Ceremonies. We are doing a Veterans Day Ceremony at the grade school and the high school here in Laughlin. Hope you are as well.

We need to remember that as we move into the holiday season there are many children in our communities who will not experience the Thanksgiving Dinner Tradition with our help. Food boxes for Families are a great way to ensure they are fed over the holiday and many of us our cooking meals for our vets and families and they could be included in that way too! Remember the holidays just reinforce the difference between the families who barely manage to eat paycheck to paycheck.

As one of our pillars I hope you will make a difference in the lives of our youth within our communities.

For God and Country Pam Walker Sgt-At-Arms.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Jeanette Evans



Court rules that VA must reimburse veterans for emergency care at non-VA facilities

The American Legion
NOV 03, 2022

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit invalidated a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulation prohibiting VA from reimbursing veterans with health insurance for certain out-of-pocket expenses for emergency medical care at non-VA facilities.

The ruling marks the third time a court has invalidated a VA regulation prohibiting reimbursement of a veteran's liability to non-VA emergency health care providers for copays not covered by insurance.

The court determined that VA is required to reimburse veterans for insurance copays where the veteran would be responsible under their private insurance policies for emergency care. The ruling also dictated that VA must expedite the process of issuing a new rule, setting a deadline of Feb. 22, 2023.

"The court's ruling today is a huge victory for veterans and their families. It finally puts to rest any ambiguity regarding reimbursement of coinsurance expenses for emergency care at non-VA facilities," said National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) Co-Founder and Special Counsel Bart Stichman. "We greatly appreciate the court directing the VA to process claims during the rulemaking process. Veterans have waited long enough and endured great financial hardships waiting to be reimbursed for these expenses."

NVLSP, along with pro bono counsel Sidley Austin LLP, filed a petition on behalf of Joshua Kimmel and Amanda Wolfe challenging VA's regulation prohibiting reimbursement for emergency medical care expenses at non-VA facilities. This was the same regulation that was at issue in [Wolfe v. Wilkie](#).

"Based on prior VA estimates regarding compliance with *Wolfe v. Wilkie*, this ruling will require VA to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to veterans who file reimbursement claims for emergency medical care reimbursements," said Stichman.

The American Legion supports this change through [Resolution No. 182](#): Non-Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Care. Resolution No. 182 stipulates that The American Legion support legislation urging VA to promptly pay non-VA providers for emergency care furnished and that VA conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payments of claims for emergency medical care furnished by non-VA medical providers.

PACT ACT and CAMP LEJEUNE Justice Act

The American Legion and Bergmann & Moore have entered into a memorandum of understanding which the legal firm that provides veterans benefits consultation for accredited Legion service officers can help potential plaintiffs understand the Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA).

"Our goal is to make sure veterans and their family members do not settle for less than they deserve and that they have accurate information about the effect a settlement under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act could have on their VA disability benefits (and any other federal benefits)," a dedicated website for American Legion members states.

The dedicated website – <http://www.camplejeunelitigationteam.com/al/> – provides a secure online form for Legionnaires and their family members to explain their circumstances. The firm also has a 24-hour phone number – 800-898-9450 – for those who do not wish to use the web platform.

Veterans, family members and others potentially affected by contaminated water at Camp Lejeune are encouraged to consult American Legion accredited service officers about the lawsuit and or any other matters related to the PACT Act, which extends historic VA disability benefits relief for millions of veterans exposed to toxic contamination, from atomic cleanup sites to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Visit legion.org and click on FIND A SERVICE OFFICER to reach an accredited advocate, by ZIP code.



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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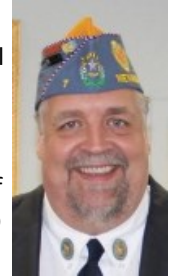
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Sons of the American Legion—Detachment Commander Shawn Horton



Membership is 31.37% placing us at an unacceptable 34th in the nation, with an additional 13 members needed to reach the 35% goal by November 9. We succeeded in our goal of 25% last month and we should be making a push for that 35% or higher. Our membership numbers need to be better and this will be a focus for the Membership Committee. The goal for the Detachment of Nevada is 368 (105%) members by December 31, 2022. If we miss this goal the expectation is 317 (110%). 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.



Paperwork for one new Squadron has been received from Post 22 in Pahrump. Post 76 has requested paperwork for a Squadron and there is an interest from Post 32 which may have 10 prospective members already. The goal is to form five new Squadrons and we are on track to meet this goal.

Donations received for pins and coins from the National Convention have raised over \$300 for the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and once the final checks are received the money will be turned in. The total amount should exceed \$1/member. The CWF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$5500 (\$15.40/member).

No donations for the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF) have been received. The VCF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$3000 (\$8.40/member). Squadrons must make this a focus as SAL National Commander Carlton has set a goal for the Sons of The American Legion to be the largest contributor to the \$2M goal set by Commander Troiola.

No donations for the National Emergency Fund (NEF) have been received. The NEF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$2000 (\$5.60/member).

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.

Commander Horton has been to all four District Meetings where he discussed “Be The One”, delivered pins, and requested donations for pins and coins.

Vice-Commanders Juoni and Eberly attended District 2 and 4 meeting respectively.

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.

Sincerely,

Shawn Horton
Commander, Detachment of Nevada

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Brenda Horton

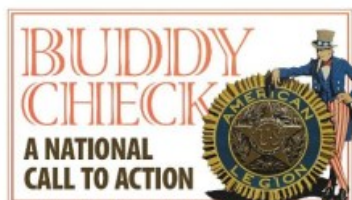
2022–2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

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

POST 1

Post 1 regularly attends the homecoming at Reno Tahoe International Airport for the arriving HONOR FLIGHT. Post 1 Commander Chuck Trousdale and Past Commander Richard Dickerson were on hand with Bill Waterman to welcome the flight on October 15. . Post 1 Adjutant Dave Cairns is scheduled to go on the next flight in November so another Post 1 WELCOME HOME will soon be in order. Nov 8-10, will see Post 1 members at the door to [Sam's Club](#) in Reno for our 10th year (except for COVID) of greeting SAMS customers, the Post provides information on the Legion mission and principles as well as providing membership outreach. Military caps are offered for donations and are very popular with customers who visit us from year to year.



The Post will participate with a float (really a decorated flatbed trailer) in the Downtown Reno Veterans Day parade . Afterwards there are plans to visit a local convalescent facility to provide Veterans residing there with some well wishes and camaraderie. They plan to provide the Vets with military ball caps.

December 10 at 1600 HRS, will see the Annual Christmas Dinner at Post 1 catered by a Famous Dave's Barbeque with food service by our very own BSA Scout Troop 1. Always a good time for members and friends to celebrate the season.

POST 12

Post 12 has several activities in NOVEMBER and the first part of DECEMBER. .

The first will involve providing the families of several deployed Veterans a full Thanksgiving dinner with all the "fixins".

Three Post 12 members will be volunteering at the Northern Nevada Food Bank preparing food boxes for deserving community families

Members will be visiting School Counselors at Damonte, Incline Village Galena and Wooster High Schools. Their mission will be to provide information on how their students can compete for scholarship opportunities associated with the American Legion Oratorical Contests sponsored by Post 12, District 1 and the Department of Nevada.

And sadly, to help and assist the spouse of a member who has passed away with the arrangements for a Celebration of Life event.

Post 30

Post 30 continues to support and guide three Scout units and recently held an Open House to develop interest and membership in their newest Scout endeavor of forming a Sea Scout Ship. In addition, Post 30 will be assuming four charters for Scout units currently sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Post Commander and Past Department Commander, Jim Stewart and his wife Barbara, also the Post 30 Auxiliary President, are avid supporters of Scouting and serve on National and Area Council Committees.

Squadron 30 of the Sons of the American Legion has met the 100 percent goal for membership for the year

The Post held a successful OctoberFest Dinner for Post members.. The event was catered with traditional German dishes. Members brought their favorite "Barley Pop" to share with others. The night was another opportunity for fun and Comradeship.

The Post will present a Veterans Day Dinner for the Veterans of the Sparks Community on 9 NOVEMBER. The affair will be catered featuring a complete turkey dinner. Department Commander Hubbell will be the guest speaker for the occasion. Hopefully Veterans from the Northern Nevada Veterans Home in Sparks will accept the invitation.

On 11 NOVEMBER Post 30 will be participating in the Reno Downtown Veterans Parade. Again, on 3 DECEMBER Post 30 will participate in the City of Sparks Hometown Christmas Parade.

10 DECEMBER is the date set for the Post Holiday Gathering for Post 30 members and their families at the Post Home.

DISTRICT 1

District 1 wishes all Nevada Legionnaires a Very Merry and Joyous Holiday season. Thank you to **Post Commanders Chuck Trousdale, Jim Stewart and Lionel Motta** for providing details for this report.

Jack Edstrom, Commander, District 1

DISTRICT 2 - Commander Fred Doten

Well, as I missed last month's deadline (wrong date on my Calendar) I guess I have a lot of catching up to do.

As I was going to mention last month, the temperatures are becoming reasonable again so Posts are coming out of summer hibernation; and you will find our Legion Riders back on the road again and Post gearing up for the holiday season.

As for the District, the Posts have been busy with fall events. On 22 October Post 40 had their open house and believe me they did it up right. Food, music, vendors, and a great crowd. I road up on my trike with one of my daughters in the back seat. Brought back fond memories of our ride together for the Run for the Wall back in 2018. Post 40, as of 1 November, has recorded 25 new members and I am inclined to believe the open house was a factor. So, you might want to consider an event to get people to your Post or a public location like a park.

Post 60 really had a big weekend this past week. They hosted the Department's executive committee meeting on the 5th and was the Premier Sponsor for the Community Achievement Awards hosted by the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce's Black-Tie Banquet held on the same day. They also had family members participating in the Annual Veterans Day parade that starts the Veterans Day festivities in the Tristate area.

Post 149 in their weekly upcoming events posting over the last month or so had a couple interesting events that need to be shared with all the veterans in the area.

One is the Kick-off of the 2022 Nellis/Creech Air Force Base Adopt-A-Family program during the up-coming holiday season. As Doc states, it is that time of the year to help a young airman who needs a little assistance. I am sure many of us remember struggling through our first couple years of service; so now is your opportunity as a Post or individual to extend a hand. For more information on the program, the following individuals can give you what you need.

- Nellis AFB: MSgt Eva Neuss (eva.neuss@us.af.mil, 702-218-1993)
- Nellis AFB: MSgt Samuel Tuggle (samuel.tuggle@us.af.mil, 702-236-8470)
- Creech AFB: MSgt Alexa Ormsby (alexa.ormsby@us.af.mil, 702-553-5355)

In this week's upcoming events posting Doc mentioned that on Thursday, November 17 the UNLV Wind Orchestra will be highlighting the American Veteran in their **President's Concert: Honoring America's Heroes**. Doc further notes that through a generous donation, several hundred tickets have been set aside for distribution to Veterans and active military members. **Tickets will be available for free at the Box Office when the code word "Reed" is used.** (Regular price is \$20.) [CLICH HERE](#) for a flyer.

By the time you read this, Veterans Day will have passed. I would like to thank all who participated in ceremonies commemorating our service members who paid the ultimate price for our country and generations to follow. They need to be honored and remembered. May they rest in peace knowing their sacrifice was not in vain.

And on a more joyous note, may you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving day with family and friends. See you next month.

DISTRICT 3 – Commander Lincoln Litchfield

The American Legion Riders Reed-Gregory Post 7 has created an initiative under the pillar of Children and Youth to help children in our area. We call it Vets for Kids. Funds raised will benefit kids of veterans and local community kids who need medical assistance, school supplies, clothing, etc. We held a chili feed and a country-music concert to kick off the initiative.

Article by Gary Mann, Chapter 7 Legion Riders Director



The American Legion Family of Reed-Gregory Post 7 participated in the Trunk or Treat event on October 31st at the Spring Creek Marina. This event, put on by the Spring Creek Association, is a safe way for the children in rural Spring Creek to celebrate Halloween. Local businesses, along with food and drink vendors, attended the event which attracts approximately 4,000 children each year.

Brenda Horton, Adjutant



Monthly Recap and Upcoming Events for District 4

Many are gearing up for the many events that they will hold during the next few months. Highlights to come.

Next District 4 meeting will be held in December hosted by Fernley, Post 37 at 10 a.m. Location will be announced in November.

District 4 does have a Facebook page and would like to invite all American Legion Posts to check out it for local and upcoming events.

Currently the District is at **53.07%** of its membership goals.

Post 4:

- Participated in the Nevada Day Parade on October 29
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- Preparing for their Post Oratorical and Department.
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- Participated in the Minden Air Races on October 4.
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- Planning annual Christmas Party.
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- Working on Membership
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Post 16:

- Preparing for Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas events.
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- Check out their Facebook page for more upcoming events.
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Post 18:

- **No contact.**
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Post 19:

- Continuing with the building repairs.
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- Planning and working on the putting on Thanksgiving dinner.
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Post 37:

- Planning on participating in Wreaths Across America in December.
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- Working on holiday events for the local area.
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Post 45:

- Nothing going on.
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Post 56:

- Hosting annual Thanksgiving for Post members.
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- Annual Christmas Party in December.
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- Will participate in local Veteran’s Day Events.

I was able to attend all four district meetings this quarter and met with a number of Riders Chapters. It is always a pleasure to see what each chapter is doing and the difference in what they do for the community. No matter the size and structure of each Chapter, they are all very visible to the public and can be one of the biggest recruitment tools for The American Legion. Remember, whenever you are out wearing your vest, you should have a handful of membership forms for the Legion, SAL, and For those Posts that do not have a chapter, it is extremely easy to start one, the post votes on the creation of a chapter and it is done. Most posts honor their first recruits as Charter Members, but there is no requirement to do so. There is no Department or National involvement, the Legion Riders are a Post program and governed as such. I only ask that you let Department and myself know so that we can include your chapter in communications. Membership in the Riders is governed by national and is very simple:

- Members must hold membership in and be in good standing with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.
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- Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.
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- All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.
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- All members must obey motor-vehicle laws in the state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.
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I am aware of the following chapters, if I missed one, please let me know which Post and the contact information for the Riders Director.

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- Post 7
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- Post 8
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- Post 10
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- Post 149
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I am also aware that Post 60 is restarting their chapter and Post 16 is in the process of starting one. Again, let me know if I missed anyone.

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

I have not received any events to include in the newsletter, please send me a list of events each month and I can include it.

Sincerely,

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



The program will destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Why is this a priority right now?

Today, the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community is suicide, according to the [National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#). It is estimated that between 17 and 22 veterans or servicemembers take their lives each day. That's more than 6,000 annually. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults. As the Global War on Terrorism continues, there will be more veterans facing mental-health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

What will Be the One achieve?

At its core, The American Legion is activating a national platform to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. The Be the One campaign will:

Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunity for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need.

Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities.

Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

I'm a veteran. What can I do to support this initiative?

While this program is designed to help all veterans, we know that everyone responds differently to stresses, have different life experiences and have varying results in types of treatment. However, the following are guidelines intended to provide help before a [crisis situation](#) develops. The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to:

Talk with others about how you are feeling.

Ask for help when you know you need it.

Know there are millions of people ready to help you.

Remember your family and [friends](#) care.

I'm a spouse, partner, family member, caregiver, friend of a veteran, or interested civilian. What can I do to support this initiative?

The stigma associated with mental health issues is a barrier to veterans seeking assistance. They fear loss of their job, think they can handle their situation themselves, or don't believe others can understand their situation. Family members may be the first to recognize the signs that their loved one needs help, but they may lack the knowledge of how to approach the situation. If you have a family member, friend, business associate or have another connection with someone who is a veteran, The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to:

Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.

Listen when a veteran needs to talk.

Reach out when a veteran is struggling

What can my American Legion post do to help?

American Legion posts will be instrumental in the success of this campaign. They have the power to foster unity and [camaraderie](#), and get support quickly to veterans in crisis. In non-emergency situations, posts can also:

Educate members, other [veterans](#) and civilians about the campaign.

Display resources at your post or in your community.

Share events or success stories on the [legiontown.org](#) platform.

My post is conducting an event to raise awareness about PTSD and/or suicide prevention. Is there a brochure we can provide to attendees?

Yes, there is a brochure in development now that will be available for a free download soon. Check back for more information.

Where can I get more information?

Keep checking in for new resources, [stories](#) and other information at [legion.org/betheone](#). You can also sign up to receive email about new announcements.

What's the quickest way to get help in an emergency?

If you are a veteran in crisis, resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Call 988 and press 1

Text 838255

Visit the [VA Crisis Line website](#)

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United States Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation

The **Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)** began on July 31, 2001 with the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) implementation of Part B. Part E implementation began on October 28, 2004.

Part B of the EEOICPA provides lump-sum compensation of \$150,000 and medical benefits to current and former workers who have been diagnosed with cancers, beryllium disease, or chronic silicosis and whose illnesses were caused by exposure to radiation, beryllium, or silica while working directly for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), its contractors or subcontractors, a designated Atomic Weapons Employer, or a beryllium vendor. Under Part B, compensation of \$50,000 and payment of medical expenses from the date a claim is filed is available to uranium workers (or their survivors) previously awarded benefits by the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA).

Part E of the EEOICPA provides federal compensation and medical benefits to DOE contractor and subcontractor employees who worked at covered facilities and developed an illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances. Under Part E, monetary compensation of up to \$250,000 per employee may be available for the employee's whole-body impairment and/or wage loss due to an accepted condition.

Under the EEOICPA, if the employee is no longer living, survivors of qualified workers may also be entitled to benefits.

Contact a DEEOIC Resource Center

DOL established 11 Resource Centers nationwide to assist workers and their families apply for benefits under the EEOICPA. The Resource Center staff provides valuable information about the claims process to claimants and assists claimants in completing the necessary forms to file an EEOICPA claim. The Resource Center staff can provide assistance either in-person or over the telephone, and thus is able to assist individuals who are outside the immediate geographical area. You can find the complete list of Resource Centers, including regional jurisdictions, contact information, and toll-free numbers at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp/energy> or call toll-free at (866) 888-3322. The DEEOIC Resource Center to contact in your area is:

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