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Happy April Holidays and Observances

- **Gold Star Spouses Day:** April 5th
- **Air Force Reserve Birthday:** April 14th
- **Purple Up! Day:** April 15th
- **Good Friday:** April 18th
- **Easter:** April 20th
- **Army Reserve Birthday:** April 23rd





**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA**

2025-2026

LETTERS OF INTENT

ARE TO BE SENT INTO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTED POSITIONS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT 1ST VICE COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARM

**ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2025-
2027)**



AMERICAN LEGION

Department Commander

Greetings fellow Legionnaires! Spring is here; let's hope it stays! Lol.

It's time to get out in the community to do membership drives. We did not hit our 90% target date. April 9th is the target date for 95% membership.

The month of March was busy. On March 8th, we held our DEC at Post 60 in Laughlin. Thank you Post 60 for providing lunch afterwards. There was a lot of participation from members and lots of laughter which is preferable than hearing members snore. Lol. District 2 Commander Benscko did an awesome job with the paperwork to cancel the charter for Post 76, thus we voted to cancel the charter. It will be sent to National.

We also voted on the subject of having a Department Be The One trainer. It was voted down until we have further guidance from National.

Here are the questions to ask if you are talking to someone thinking about committing suicide:

- i. Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?
- ii. Have you actually had any thoughts about killing yourself.

(if Yes to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, & 6. If no to 2, skip to question 6)

- iii. Have you been thinking about how you might do this?
- iv. Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them? (high risk)
- v. Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how you might kill yourself? Did you intend to carry out this plan? (high risk)
- vi. (Always ask Question 6) Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life? If yes, was this within the past 3 months? (high risk)

If yes to 2 or 3, seek behavioral healthcare for further evaluation. If the answer to 4, 5, or 6 is yes, get **immediate help!** Call or text 988, call 911 or go to the emergency room. Stay with them until they can be evaluated.

On March 10th, Department Adjutant Motta gave testimony in favor of AB145 in Carson City (Claim Sharks). There are regulations on this matter that are not being enforced. Emails about this were sent out.

On March 12th, Shawn and I attended The American Legion Birthday celebration dinner in Sparks at Post 30. Commander Stewart gave the 106th Legion Birthday speech. Over \$300 was raised for the Veterans Guest House that evening.

Post 1 hosted the Oratorical Contest on March 15th. Thank you Post Commander Harvey for hosting this event. The report is in the newsletter.

PDC, Jeanette Evans represented me at VAMDAL on March 19th in Carson City. My mother passed away on March 14, so I was taking a few mental health days. Thank you everyone who sent cards and expressed condolences. Very much appreciated!

On March 22nd and March 25th, I did some home visits to those Post 7 members home on hospice. One member that I visited on the 22nd, passed away the next day. R.I.P. soldier.

The month of April is Children and Youth Month. I'm sure many Posts are holding activities for the youth throughout Nevada. April 26th is American Legion Family Day.

In history

On April 1st, The Battle of Okinawa in 1945.

April 6th: The US enters WWI in 1917.

Always in Service,
Brenda Horton
Department Commander

“Every Voice Matters”

The logo for the American Legion, featuring a stylized American flag with three red and white stripes on the left, followed by the words "AMERICAN LEGION" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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BE **THE** ONE

Greetings Members,

March 8th, I was invited to attend the DEC meeting hosted by Post 60 in Laughlin. It was very informative. Thank you Post 60 for hosting and an awesome event and lunch.

March 16th, I attended Post/Unit 8 St. Patrick's Day CBC Lunch. Enjoyed excellent food and watching NASCAR running in Las Vegas.

March 27th was our Department Zoom meeting. We are desperately looking for Corporate Sponsors for 2025 Girls State. If you know of someone I can reach out to, please email me.

If you know of a girl that should attend Girls State, and not sure how to proceed, please reach out to me. Remember, you can register/pay for your girls or they may register/pay themselves at: nevadagirlsstate.net

If you have inquires you can direct an email to: NevadaGirlsState@gmail.com

April is the Military Child Month so Purple Up! on April 15th and support our Military Children.

Also, ALA Department Election time is coming. If you are interested in running, please submit your letter of intent to the Department at: NevadaAuxiliary@gmail.com

If you have upcoming events, please email me your flyers! I now have compiled an email that reaches every Post in Nevada. As always, the Newsletter needs your articles and pictures!

For God and Country,

Charmaine Meana
ALA Department President
AL Webmaster/Newsletter
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"American Legion Family - Be the Team!"

We had the privilege and honor to host The American Legion National Commander, James LaCoursiere, Jr., to the Department of Nevada at the end of February. The Department 1st Vice Commander, Pam Walker, and the Department Adjutant, Lionel Motta, accompanied me to escort the National Commander and his National Aide, Butch Hansen, around the Las Vegas area.

On the first day, we toured the Las Vegas Strip, Post 8, and the Department Headquarters. Lunch was at the historic Boulder Dam Hotel in Boulder City. We later met with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services Director, Mary Devine, to tour the Southern Nevada Veterans Home in Boulder City. Afterwards, we toured the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. We then drove to and viewed the Hoover Dam. Later that night, we attended the BMI Post 40 meeting in Henderson..



Las Vegas Strip



Las Vegas Post 8 Coffee Klatch



NDVS Southern Nevada Veterans Home



NDVS Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery



B.M.I. Post 40 Meeting

The next day, we started everything with a wonderful tour of the Fisher House and the VA Medical Center in North Las Vegas. The National Commander had the opportunity to visit with the Acting Director of the VA Hospital and ask him many questions concerning the VA and the new administration's many changes. The day ended with a long drive out to Pahrump, Nevada to attend the Post 22's meeting.



Fisher House Las Vegas



North Las Vegas VA Medical Center



Edward McDaniel Post 22 Meeting

The National Commander had to keep his trip short since he was enroute to Washington D.C. to prepare his testimony before the U.S. Congressional Joint Armed Services Committee the following week.

Always in Service,

Jim Stewart

National Executive Committeeman
Past Department Commander
Department of Nevada



Sons of the American Legion – Detachment Commander



The Detachment dropped from 48th place to 50th place in the nation with 74.34% membership, with 65.27% being renewals, we did not meet our March 12 target of 80%. We need 53 members to meet the 90% target by 4/9/2025, and it can be new members or renewals. If you have not renewed, please do so before the first of the year when we start getting into the grace, suspension, and termination periods. Please continue to focus on renewals as we can't be losing those who are already dedicating their time and efforts to the SAL. It is significantly harder to recruit someone new than it is to keep the members we have. If you know of someone on the fence about renewal, please, reach out to our membership chair, Pip Valentin, me, or any of the other officers for suggestions.

The National Emergency Fund (NEF) is an often overlooked charity of The American Legion and deserves the support of our membership. The NEF was started in 1969 as a one-time effort to help residents in the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Camille. In 1989, the American Legion brought the NEF back in response to Hurricane Hugo and after a pledge of \$25K, additional funds would be saved for future natural disasters. Since 1989, over \$10 million have been provided via direct financial assistance of up to \$3,000 to Legionnaires and Sons members as well as Legion Posts up to \$10,000. I have attached a small brochure explaining the NEF.



The NEF is currently assisting members and posts in the wake of the California wildfires. One of the requirements for receiving funds from the NEF is to have your membership active at the time of the disaster and time of the application. The benefits of the NEF are another way in which The American Legion looks after its entire family and should be mentioned as another reason to belong to and support The American Legion Family.

The American Legion Auxiliary has its own emergency fund, The American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) with similar goals and requirements.

Detachment EC meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 via Zoom, NOT TEAMS.

Topic: Detachment of Nevada EC Meeting
 Time: Feb 4, 2025 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Meeting ID: 839 1195 1466
 Passcode: 512302

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Please join us if you can.

It was my pleasure to be your Detachment Commander for the 2023-2024 year and don't forget your buddy checks and watch out for our entire Legion Family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Horton
 Commander, Detachment of Nevada
 #SALStrong
 #BeTheOne

2025 SAL Membership Report as of: March 26, 2025

#	DETACHMENT	2025 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 90% TARGET 4/9/2025	2025 ACTUAL MBRSHP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2025 RENEWAL %
1	LATIN AMERICA	40	-4	40	100.00%	51.28
2	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,716	-131	1,675	97.61%	82.96
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,985	-145	1,931	97.28%	86.66
4	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,467	-257	6,077	93.97%	83.80
5	HAWAII	134	-4	125	93.28%	89.39
6	VIRGINIA	4,558	-118	4,220	92.58%	78.72
7	FLORIDA	25,736	-657	23,819	92.55%	78.69
8	WISCONSIN	4,772	-75	4,370	91.58%	83.55
9	MARYLAND	17,777	-119	16,118	90.67%	82.18
10	OHIO	32,881	-204	29,797	90.62%	83.21
11	IDAHO	720	-2	650	90.28%	72.42
12	PENNSYLVANIA	64,916	844	57,580	88.70%	82.72
13	NORTH CAROLINA	2,904	46	2,568	88.43%	74.14
14	ILLINOIS	14,244	276	12,544	88.07%	81.54
15	INDIANA	38,183	754	33,611	88.03%	80.58
16	MONTANA	1,060	23	931	87.83%	81.98
17	NORTH DAKOTA	1,128	25	990	87.77%	81.29
18	LOUISIANA	1,869	47	1,635	87.48%	81.26
19	CONNECTICUT	2,027	53	1,771	87.37%	77.10
20	MISSISSIPPI	791	21	691	87.36%	73.82
21	MICHIGAN	28,189	753	24,617	87.33%	78.23
22	IOWA	5,264	146	4,592	87.23%	80.45
23	MINNESOTA	11,821	394	10,245	86.67%	79.85
24	ARIZONA	9,643	373	8,306	86.14%	72.56
25	TENNESSEE	1,852	85	1,582	85.42%	70.62
26	DELAWARE	2,708	129	2,308	85.23%	75.74
27	VERMONT	4,051	202	3,444	85.02%	79.19
28	NEBRASKA	7,080	356	6,016	84.97%	81.12
29	KANSAS	6,127	334	5,180	84.54%	77.84
30	NEW YORK	32,363	1,911	27,216	84.10%	78.16
31	WEST VIRGINIA	2,728	169	2,286	83.80%	73.38
32	NEW JERSEY	10,203	642	8,541	83.71%	76.20
33	WASHINGTON	2,876	181	2,407	83.69%	68.67
34	MASSACHUSETTS	5,758	363	4,819	83.69%	74.27
35	TEXAS	6,089	396	5,084	83.49%	69.27
36	GEORGIA	5,018	337	4,179	83.28%	74.41
37	MISSOURI	3,287	223	2,735	83.21%	74.92
38	WYOMING	1,289	104	1,056	81.92%	71.56
39	OREGON	1,683	139	1,376	81.76%	69.18
40	OKLAHOMA	1,303	110	1,063	81.58%	66.69
41	ALASKA	1,856	165	1,505	81.09%	69.35
42	FRANCE	179	16	145	81.01%	71.43
43	CALIFORNIA	11,696	1,086	9,440	80.71%	69.94
44	MAINE	2,888	306	2,293	79.40%	70.83
45	ALABAMA	2,170	232	1,721	79.31%	70.41
46	KENTUCKY	2,250	256	1,769	78.62%	69.21
47	PUERTO RICO	180	21	141	78.33%	76.27
48	COLORADO	3,095	395	2,391	77.25%	68.00
49	ARKANSAS	396	59	297	75.00%	56.62
50	NEVADA	339	53	252	74.34%	65.27
51	NEW MEXICO	1,986	319	1,468	73.92%	61.47
52	DIST OF COL	102	20	72	70.59%	54.90
53	UTAH	465	119	300	64.52%	57.74
54	RHODE ISLAND	373	104	232	62.20%	56.72
55	PHILIPPINES	48	22	21	43.75%	38.89
	Totals:	401,263	10,895	350,242	87.28%	78.84



ABOUT THE NEF

Natural disasters can strike anywhere at any time, often without any warning. When lives are turned upside down, The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF) is there to provide immediate financial grants to Legionnaires, Legion posts and Sons of The American Legion members.

While large-scale disasters such as Hurricanes Irma and Katrina or Superstorm Sandy grab headlines, NEF has also covered those who are affected by lesser-known emergencies. These have included flooding in a small Illinois town, tornadoes just outside a large Alabama city and wildfires in a mountainous region in Arizona.

HOW NEF HELPS

In the aftermath of tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters, eligible American Legion members can fill out a brief form to apply for immediate aid. Applicants must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a natural disaster.

Legionnaires and SAL members can receive up to \$3,000 in NEF grants, while Legion posts may receive up to \$10,000. The grants are intended to help individuals cover the cost of immediate needs such as food, hotel, clothes and other necessities wiped out by disaster.

To request a grant, download the form at www.legion.org/NEF

"Irma came through with some pretty strong winds. It didn't take our roof but caused us multiple leaks and damage so we had to fix the entire roof to repair the damage. The National Emergency Fund granted us \$8,000, which really helped because it saved us money that we're able to roll back into programs now."

- Tracy "Stretch" Spence,
Commander of Post 81, Melbourne, Fla.

Sons of the American Legion – Detachment Commander, Cont.



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

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

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

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

For military and veteran families in urgent need

For disabled veterans and their loved ones

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation is

A FOUNDATION OF HOPE



About The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation


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

About The American Legion

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

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

"When Courtney (VanZanten) became our Legion veteran service officer, it was just the difference between night and day. She'd fill out the papers, she knew what questions to ask. She worked very hard on my behalf."



Rodney Smith, a Brown Water Navy vet from the Vietnam War

"The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance grant establishes hope in someone ... We are extremely thankful and ... couldn't have been blessed more by getting into The American Legion and look forward to our future within the organization."

U.S. Marine Corps veteran **Walter Culberson**, whose family received a Temporary Financial Assistance grant to pay utilities until he got a new job after the COVID-19 pandemic put him out of work in April 2020.

TFA has distributed nearly \$2 million in cash grants since 2017.



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA



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Child Welfare Foundation



The purpose of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth; to aid progress in the field of child welfare; and to the sum total knowledge of children and youth through research, studies, surveys and projects, or in other ways, including but not limited to activities and programs benefiting the children and youth of this nation.

About The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country.

Thanks to your generosity, the foundation has awarded millions in grants since 1954 — giving youth-serving nonprofit organizations across this nation the means to promote and operate their programs, plus educate families and communities about the needs of children.

With your donation, the Foundation has provided grants that have produced fun activity letters for

kids with cancer, camps both virtual and in-person for those children who are medically-fragile, and found life-saving flights for pediatric patients to faraway medical facilities for treatment. Children with autism, juvenile diabetes, mental health and multiple sclerosis have also benefited from your kindness.

To that end, the Foundation considers hundreds of requests each year and allocates grants based on need. Unfortunately, many worthy projects are turned down due to a lack of funding.

Any youth-serving nonprofit believing their organization meets the criteria set forth by CWF is welcome to submit a grant proposal application.

Grant applications may be submitted beginning May 1 and must be received by July 15 of the current year to be considered.

Grants are awarded only to nonprofit, taxexempt organizations. They are never awarded directly or indirectly to an individual for personal use.

Grants are not for regular or day-to-day operating expenses, including office space costs, utilities, insurance, office equipment, advertising, salaries, benefits, fees and taxes.

Grants will not be given for brick-and-mortar construction of any type.

Grants will not be given to match government funds.

Grants must have the potential to help children nationally or at least in a large geographic area.

For more information, including the grant application, scan the QR code on the back.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

Please send me your events so we can get them online for others to see.

We need more engagement from the riders, it is well known that the Legion Riders events can be great membership opportunities. Always carry a packet of membership forms with you for the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary, you never know when they might be handy.



At the DEC and in recent weeks there have been questions about how the Department can give guidance on the Post ALR chapter. Nevada is one of the Departments where the ALR program is not chartered by the Department and every chapter is completely managed by the individual Post. That is not to say that there are no rules to be followed; there are a handful of rules as determined by National and summarized in Resolution 5 (<https://www.legion.org/getmedia/28a26a18-369e-47da-a82b-77100edcb32a/ALR-Resolution-5-2021.pdf>) that must be followed to be an ALR Chapter. While it would be nice to have uniformity between Chapters, the lack of a Department Charter is useful in allowing each Chapter to be operated in a way that works for their respective location. What works in the Las Vegas area may not work in Elko. I am always available if you need general guidance on developing your charter.

Starting last year, the Legion Riders Legacy Run donated all funds collected to the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) instead of the Legacy Fund. Please consider donating to the VCF instead of the Legacy Fund which is expected to be fully funded and sustainable into the future.

Please send feedback, what would you like to see in future newsletter articles? What would you like to see done differently by the Legion Riders?

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

Event Schedule		
Date	Where	What
April 26, 2025	Carlin, NV (Post 32)	ATV/UTV Ride

Greetings Legionnaires,

With all the new congress formalities behind us, it's time to get back on track with the American Legion's legislative agenda.

Because the last congress did so little, the Legion's legislative agenda is the same. With a new congress comes a new process. All of the American Legion legislation that never got a vote is closed. Our list remains the same, but they are all new legislations, needing a sponsor. No sponsor, no bill; and if there aren't enough co-sponsors, there's no vote. So, the objective hasn't changed; we need our congressional legislators to sponsor and co-sponsor veteran legislation.

The Major Richard Star Act has been reintroduced. Congressman Horsford was a co-sponsor.

Other bills that the Legion is actively seeking sponsors are:

- Copay Fairness for Veterans Act.
- Love Lives on Act: Support for Gold Star Spouses.
- No Wrong Door for Veterans Act.
- Pay Our Troops Act of 2025.
- Providing Veterans Essential Medications Act.
- Saving Our Veterans Lives Act.
- Standardizing Treatment and Referral Times Act.
- Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act.
- Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act.

The following bills have been sponsored, and are currently in committee:

- H.R. 658 - To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration.
- H.R. 1107 - Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025.
- H.R. 1336 - The Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act.

I hope everyone enjoys a happy & prosperous April.

Manny Garcia

Nevada Delegation Legislative Committee Chairman

National Legislative Council

Greetings from District 4!!

As of March 1st, I am the newly elected Commander for District 4. A little background from me. I am an Air Force Veteran. I have been with The American Legion for 8 years. I am also the Commander for Post 37 Fernley, finishing up my 2nd year in that position, with 1 more to go.

After being elected March 1st, we've hit the ground running this month. March 13th, I visited Post 56's General Membership meeting. I congratulated them on achieving 100% Membership and briefed them on the upcoming Department Convention in Fallon in June.

March 15th, I attended the Department Oratorical Contest that was held at Post 1 in Reno and served as a timekeeper for the event.

Coming up on March 31st, the District Adjutant and I will be going to Hawthorne Post 19 to help them with continuing Post revitalization efforts.

That's all for now, I look forward to seeing everyone in Fallon in June!

Respectfully,

Craig Schermerhorn

Commander, District 4, Department of Nevada

Commander, Post 37 Fernley Nevada



To all of my friends who understand that sacrifice can be a catalyst for growth.

This is a call to leadership, where service to others takes precedence over personal interests.

By putting service over self, we can unlock our potential and make a meaningful impact.

Commitment is the key that ignites trust, fostering a powerful bond built on mutual reliance and strengthened by our unwavering dedication.

This bond transforms intentions into tangible results, surpassing words alone and yielding remarkable outcomes.

By committing to our promises, we nurture their growth, cultivate resilience, and emerge stronger with each challenge we overcome.

Commitment is the synergy of faith, truth, care, responsibility, intention, and capability, culminating in a profound sense of empowerment.

When we commit, we not only unlock our potential but also cultivate thriving relationships and achieve remarkable milestones.

While commitment requires effort, sacrifice, and perseverance, it is a journey that yields incredible joy, growth, and transformation.

As we embark on this path, let us approach our commitments with thoughtful consideration, unwavering resolve, and unrelenting passion, for it is in these moments that we discover our greatest potential.

Author Mary Whitler Fisher
American Legion PUFL, NALC 2017
Henderson Post 40, VA&R Chairwoman

Respectfully,

Mary J. Fisher
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SELF SERVE
TACO BAR

EVENT

HOSTED BY
AMERICAN LEGION POST & ALA UNIT 10
FOR JACKIE ROBINSON

UNIT 252: Free
NON - MEMBERS: \$5
SATURDAY, APRIL 5,, 2025
@ 6:30pm

TOPPINGS

BEEF CHICKEN TACOS WITH ALL THE FIXINGS



**EASTER
EVENT**

HOSTED BY AMERICAN
LEGION POST &
ALA UNIT 10

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
9AM - 1PM

1905 H ST
Las Vegas, NV 89106



For more information visit
THE AMERICAN LEGION ABOVE

It has been an action-packed February for Unit 40! We had a visit from the American Legion Auxiliary National President, Trisha Ward, and several of the members from different units met up with the Madame President to go on a tour of the Fisher House and the VA Hospital followed by a dinner. She kicked off an amazing Mission Training held at the Tuscany Hotel. It was great to see all our friends from other Units and meet new ones, we learned so much throughout the day. Then, during the monthly member meeting, our Post received a visit from the American Legion National Commander, James A. Lacoursiere Jr.

Unit 40 member, Nancy Tatom and Department President, Charmaine Meana, and I, visited the Boulder City Veterans Home to deliver some fruit platters for their Valentine's Ice Cream Social. We visited with the residents and handed out homemade cards, sundaes and fruit bowls. We saw lots of smiles from happy Veterans and listened to a lovely band that sang Elvis and Top 10 tunes.

Our members sent a donation of \$500.00 to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency fund to help those affected by the California Fires and we posted the donation page from our fellow American Legion – Ronald Reagan Post 282 in Palisades, CA. Several members made individual donations.

Among some of the donations our Unit gave this month was to the Boulder City VA Clinic. The Auxiliary and the AL Riders both donated funds for coffee and snacks for their waiting room for the veterans.

C.A.R.E. for Our Heros told us about a deployed Army Squadron that had low morale, so we came together to send a care package and some letters. Our members gathered donations of snacks, personal hygiene items, playing cards and other small fun items for the deployed troop.

We have some events coming up that are open to the other Posts and Units as well as the community:

The Auxiliary always serves breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

On Sunday, April 27th – 3 pm to 5 pm, Unit 40 will be hosting along with the Post American Legion Family Day BBQ. The Riders will be cooking up burgers and hot dogs, All are welcome! Please RSVP by April 24th. RSVP to alabmiunit40events@gmail.com

We will be holding our annual POPPY TEA on Sunday, May 18th at 1:30 pm. Dress in your Sunday best and wear a hat, we are having tea... (and coffee too), sandwiches and desserts. Get your picture taken for the best hat decorated with Poppies. Donations go to our poppy fund. \$5 for Juniors and \$10 for Adults. RSVP by May 10th and you will get a decorative teacup. RSVP to alabmiunit40events@gmail.com

As we close this month out, we are excited to announce that we have reached 100 percent of our membership goal. On to a Marvelous March & April!

Victoria Hetey

Unit 40 Auxiliary President

American Legion BMI Post 40

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY BBQ



Hot Dogs & Burgers
FREE EVENT
FOR
MILITARY FAMILIES
For those currently serving and
have served.

Please RSVP by April 24 at
alabmiunit40events@gmail.com

American Legion BMI Post 40
425 E. Van Wagenen St.
Henderson, NV 89015
www.post40nv.org



27 April 2025

3 PM - 5 PM

BBQ

Time For Tea Party



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

National Poppy Day

\$5.00 for Juniors - \$10.00 Adults

Tea, Coffee, Tea Sandwiches and Desserts

Raffle Prizes -50/50

Dress your Sunday best and bring mom, daughter or friend!

Sunday, May 18th

AT 1:30 pm

AMERICAN LEGION BMI POST 40
425 E. VAN WAGENEN ST.,
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BY MAY 10th TO
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Hello members,

American Legion Auxiliary Paradise Unit 149 proudly participated in the USVets Standdown. We had over 170 Veterans stop by our table. They were able to get supplies which included toiletries, socks, blanket, books and more. Thank you to all who donated supplies and their time that enables us to continue our mission to support our Veterans.

In ongoing support of Project 150, American Legion Paradise Unit 149 donated a car full of clothes to help homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students. Pictured are Allison Urcelay President, Stacey Chapter from Project 150 and Melynda Flaggard Treasure.

Unit 149 President

Allison Urcelay



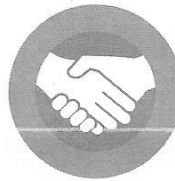
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AMERICAN LEGION

What The American Legion Does



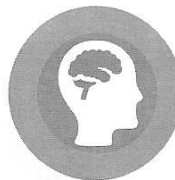
Provides cash assistance to needy military and Veteran families with children at home.



Provides volunteer hours and services at VA medical facilities at an estimated annual value of \$20 million.



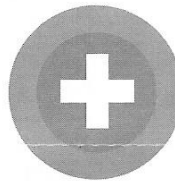
Awards college scholarships to children of post-9/11 Veterans who died on active duty or have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater.



Fulfills needs and provides firsthand support for Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury through a variety of therapeutic programs that are not dependent on prescription drugs.



Distributes urgent cash assistance to Veterans whose homes have been badly damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.



Purchases comfort items and recreational opportunities, from loose-fitting sweat suits for burn victims to amusement park tickets for families of hospitalized military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses.



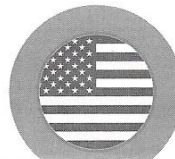
Distributes more than \$500,000 a year in grants to organizations that provide support for children in need.



Supports members, Veterans, service members, and others with tools to take action when they believe a Veteran is at risk in order to reduce the number of Veteran suicides through the Be The One initiative.



Provides relief, support, shelter, training, and compassion for homeless Veterans.



Delivers, free of charge, all U.S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries.

Our Impact

For over a century The American Legion has strengthened America and its veterans through programs, services, compassion and actions that have proven vital, timeless and life-changing.

As the nation's largest VSO, we relentlessly champion veterans and service members on Capitol Hill, support military families, and are dedicated to ending veteran suicide.

\$723,348	12,406
Amount in American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation contributions received during the program year, June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.	Number of Grassroots Action Center users in June to urge passage of legislation now before Congress, via the platform managed by the national Legislative Division.
197,500	5,831
Amount in American Legion National Oratorical Contest scholarships awarded to contestants from across the country, and beyond, after competition at Hillsdale College in Michigan May 18-19.	Members who took advantage of the multiyear option during May, raising the overall total to 26,673 by month's end.
1 Million	4,456
VA benefits claims processed by March 4, largely due to the influx of applications from veterans seeking care and relief made available through The American Legion-backed PACT Act.	Number of American Legion posts that conducted Buddy Check operations last year, according to the most recent Consolidated Post Report.

The mission of American Legion Charities is to raise money to help support patriotic programs and services for Veterans, youth, military personnel and communities.

HOW YOU HELP VETERANS IN NEED



92%

OF GUESTS REPORT THAT VGH MADE
ACCESSING MEDICAL CARE POSSIBLE

\$1.7 million

AMOUNT VETERANS SAVED



AVERAGE
LENGTH
OF STAY

3

NIGHTS



NUMBER OF GUEST NIGHTS

8,069



AVERAGE AGE

71

YEARS OLD

HOSTED
DINNERS

312



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1,420

EQUAL
TO

\$47,556

FOUR LEGGED
FRIENDS



51

*More Than Just a
Safe Place to Stay*

Veterans Guest House (VGH) was founded over 50 years ago when it was discovered that veterans and their families would sleep in their cars or forgo medical treatment because they couldn't afford the cost of a motel room. With a focus on removing barriers to accessing healthcare, your support ensures that our nation's heroes are not faced with logistical or financial burdens they cannot overcome.

Thanks to you, what started as a small home for veteran spouses has evolved into a lifeline for thousands of veteran families seeking medical care in Reno, providing lodging, meals, transportation, post-operative care, and help with basic needs—all at no cost.

Because of you, veteran families have the support they need when the unthinkable happens. Thank you for creating a healthier veteran community by providing services to veterans in times of medical need.

Patrice Klaich, Director of Development | patrice@veteransguesthouse.org | (775) 324-6958 ext. 11

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2025 POST 76 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



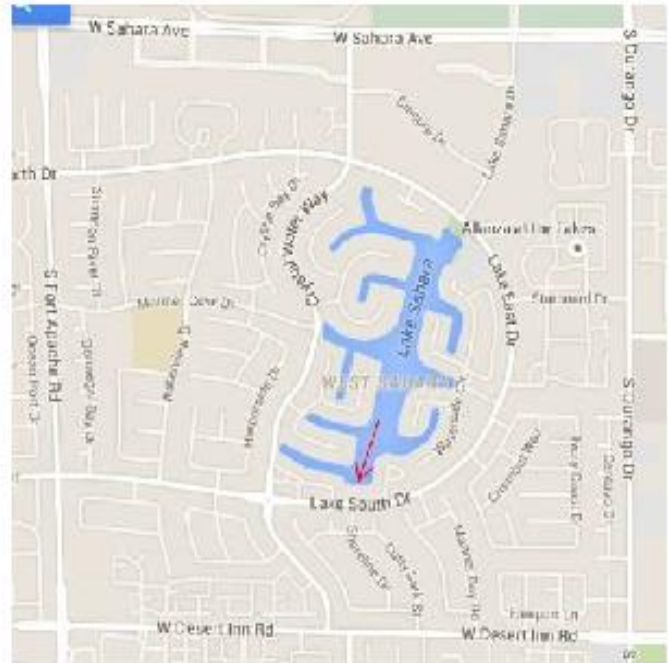
**Please Attend the
22nd Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday 26 May 2025
Solemnly and Promptly at 9:30 AM**

Held at The Lake Sahara South Park
[APPROXIMATELY 3300 Lake South Drive] [between Sahara / Desert Inn North-South and Durango / Ft. Apache East - West]

Sahara West Association, The Lakes Association, and the City of Las Vegas provided facilities and support.

Because of the generosity of Victoria Seaman, Councilwoman Ward 2, City of Las Vegas, we will have chairs, additional on-street reserved parking, our memorial wreath, a large stage with a professional audio setup, and refreshments.

On Memorial Day, we remember and honor our fallen heroes.



Join Nevada Post 76 Spirit of Freedom Legionnaires, JROTC Students from Centennial and Palo Verde High Schools, our neighbors from Sahara West, The Lakes, The City of Las Vegas, representatives of those who have lost those who paid the ultimate price, and our distinguished speakers on this remembrance ceremony of the important National Holiday to honor those who gave all to defend the way of life for us.



CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

PALO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL



Sahara West

The Lakes Association