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- *American Legion brand
- * Homelessness
- * Office Depot/Max Discounts
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- *Photo Contest

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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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Richard Eberly



Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

This month I would like say thank you to all the Nevada Legionnaires and their families for doing what they do for their communities and our Veterans.

At this time, we are six months into the 2021 -2022 year and still have a long way to go in reaching the many goals set before us. As we come into the new year, I want to continue to encourage each and every Post to try to reach their membership goals. As we have heard and continue to hear that membership is the lifeline of the Legion. Without our members and what they do, we cannot continue to provide and uphold the time-honored values and programs of the American Legion.

Currently, the Department of Nevada has two programs that are going to be taking place over the next few months. The first is the Department Oratorical that is scheduled for February. Unfortunately, due to the challenges that are still being face due the pandemic the venue had to be move back up North. I encourage each and every Post to support this important program, as it is a way for the youth to participate in learning about the American Constitution and a great opportunity for them to earn some scholarship money. 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 that is set for a date to be determined in February.

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.

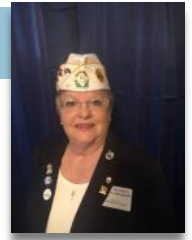
Let us remember that caring for one another is what put this organization together and what has kept us strong for over a hundred years. We need to stay strong to our mission, vision and values but to continue to seek out new and more family orientated ways for the American Legion to move forward for the next generation. As you move forward with building your posts, talk with your members and ask them what they like to do. 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. I want to wish each and every Legionnaire and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take care and be safe.

Commanders Challenge:

One of my goals for membership this year is RENTENTION. As an incentive I am challenging our four Districts with the following: the first post within each District to reach 90% retention by 12/31/21 will be presented with an award along with a \$100.00 check at next year's convention.

1st Vice Commander Valerie Scheuering



Happy Holidays Legionnaires The 80's and 90's for the Legion had so many milestones, that I can only scratch the surface. The reference to our history can be found on legion.org.

Lets begin...

1980's: August 1982 - The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

July 1983 - The Legion announces its sponsorship of an independent study on the effects of exposure to Agent Orange on Vietnam War veterans.

January 1989 - The Veterans Administration is elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Legion fought hard for the change.

October 1989 - The long-standing objective of the Legion to improve adjudication procedures for veterans claims is achieved when the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals becomes operational. Most of the provisions contained in the law creating the court were originally included in the Veterans Reassurance Act, written by the Legion and introduced in Congress in 1988.

1990's: August 1990 - The Legion files suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a Congressmandated study about the effects of Agent Orange on veterans who served in Vietnam.

October 1990 - The Legion creates the Family Support Network (FSN) to assist families of service members deployed for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Middle East. Today, FSN continues to assist families affected by military activation and deployment.

June 1991 - The Legion hosts the first Junior Shooting Sports National Air Rifle Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

American Legion Riders - The Beginning

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka" Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001. Currently, over 110,000 American Legion Riders meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.

There is so much to cover that I will continue with the American Legion Riders history and legacy in January 2022 along with the rest of the 1990's. As always stay safe and healthy, I'm wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



2nd Vice Commander, Robert Morris



New American Legion brand mark ready for market

The American Legion

NOV 08, 2021

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(INDIANAPOLIS)-- A new era of American Legion identity has begun.

The American Legion brand mark is now available for a variety of promotional uses – from social media channels to membership drives – and can be [downloaded here](#). The logo does not replace the 1919-patented official emblem of the organization, which remains in use for official documents, memorial observances, uniforms and post signage.

“The American Legion brand mark was created to modernize our image to appeal to a new generation of veterans,” American Legion Chief Marketing Officer Dean Kessel said. “We launched this vivid new design on the American Legion-sponsored 48 car during the 2021 NTT INDYCAR Racing Series, and millions of fans got to see it every race. It’s clear, sharp and effective, even at 225 mph. The design has gotten rave reviews, and now we are ready to advance it to all levels of The American Legion.”

The American Legion Marketing Division has established guidance to help departments and posts choose when to use the brand mark and when the official emblem is more appropriate.

The brand mark is to be displayed in all marketing communications, such as:

- Advertising
- Lifestyle apparel (such as polo shirts and ball caps)
- Community service activities
- Fundraising
- Sponsorships
- Membership recruitment materials
- Digital media
- Social media
- Updated post signage
- Event announcements
- E-mail signature lines

The American Legion emblem is reserved for official organization communications, such as:

- Legal documents
- Policy statements
- Official reports
- Press releases
- Business cards
- Traditional post signage
- Financial documents
- Official letterhead

Kessel explained that brand marks are often successfully used to promote organizations and institutions that similarly have, and keep, time-honored seals, including all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion Marketing Division studied the effectiveness of those brand marks during a three-month design-development process that involved focus group input earlier in 2021.

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“When it comes to communications for events, recruitment and other marketing functions, the brand marks of the military branches are most familiar and positively recognized by the public, the official seals less so,” Kessel said. “This is fast proving true for The American Legion brand mark, which now appears on the national American Legion website, social media, e-newsletters and a growing number of promotional materials.”

Like the emblem, the brand mark is legally protected property of The American Legion National Headquarters. Any use outside of the organization – such as merchandising, marketing by groups unaffiliated with The American Legion or at political events – is legally restricted and requires authorization from the national adjutant.

The same rules of permission to use the official emblem apply to the brand mark. Those rules, along with an online application form, can be found at www.legion.org/emblem/request on the national American Legion website.

“Just like the emblem, the new brand mark should never be used in political rallies for candidates or to promote organizations and events unassociated with The American Legion, without prior written authorization,” Kessel said.

In the months ahead, new apparel, flags, signs and other materials adorned with the new brand mark will be available and promoted through Emblem Sales. The national portfolio of membership-recruitment media is also now being refreshed to display the new mark.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/254232/new-american-legion-brand-mark-ready-market>

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What programs are out there for suicide prevention?

“S.A.V.E. Course

Develop a general understanding of the problem of suicide in the U.S., understand how to identify a veteran who may be at risk for suicide; and know what to do if you identify a veteran at risk. PsychArmor courses are available with no registration required on YouTube S.A.V.E. and other training modules, or visit the PsychArmor website for the S.A.V.E. training course and click “Enroll Now”.

T.A.P.S. (The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)

TAPS offers compassionate care to all those grieving the loss of a loved one who died while serving in our Armed Forces or as a result of his or her service.

safeTALK, ASIST, and Gatekeeper Trainings

Learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support. A skilled, supportive trainer will guide you through the course, and a community resource will be on hand to support your safety and comfort.

Resources:

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255, Press 1, Vets 4 Warriors 1-855-838-8255, DHHS – OSP Survivors of Suicide Loss, Northern Nevada Resources, Southern Nevada Resources, Suicide Prevention Crisis Hotlines, Uniting for Suicide Postvention, Give an Hour, VA Mental Health Services, Online Resource Locator, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program.”

[\(https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention-resources/\)](https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention-resources/)

I urge all of you to take one of the above courses. I took the ASIST course and found it very informational and the role playing a unique experience.

Always in service.

Brenda Horton

Department Homeless Representative

History of Service while Serving

For many Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

As you look around during this time of year, it is also the most giving time of the year. Many communities pull together to ensure that those that are less fortunate are able to celebrate and enjoy the season.

While researching for material for this month's article, my inspiration came in the form of two programs that were put together by military service members to ensure that those that were less fortunate could enjoy the season.

Below is a short history on Toys for Tots, who have been making holiday magic for needy children for over 60 years. Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did.

The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children".



Since its inception 60 years ago, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has distributed more than 313 million toys to 151 million children. In addition, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented the collection of local campaigns over a 13-year life, providing more than 47.4 million toys valued at \$243 million, plus promotion and support materials valued at \$2.5 million.

The Department of Defense's longest-running humanitarian airlift operation is Operation Christmas Drop. The tradition began during the Christmas season in 1952 when a B-29 Superfortress aircrew saw islanders waving at them from the island of Kapingamarangi, 3,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. In the spirit of Christmas the aircrew dropped a bundle of supplies attached to a parachute to the islanders below, giving the operation its name. Today, air drop operations include more than 50 islands throughout the Pacific.

Operation Christmas Drop is a PACAF event which includes a partnership between the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan; the 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; 734th Air Mobility Squadron, Andersen AFB of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; the University of Guam; and the 'Operation Christmas Drop' private organization which leads the fundraising and donations for the operation. Andersen is used as a "base camp" to airlift the donated goods to islanders throughout Micronesia.



Months leading up to the drop dates volunteers create donation drop-off boxes and raise money from local businesses and citizens. A week before the drop, volunteer Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, civilians, contractors and families assist in picking up and sorting the donations. After the goods are sorted, riggers from Yokota and Andersen volunteers build dozens of boxes to hold the materials, most containing school supplies, clothing, rice, fishing equipment and toys.

Each year, the Christmas drops serve as a proving ground for the techniques used and shared with regional partners in preparation for response to natural disasters all too common across this region.



GRASSROOTS ALERT: OPEN THE VA TO ALL WWII VETERANS!

This Thursday, The American Legion National Headquarters sent out a grassroots alert to NLC members and Legislative Action Center subscribers encouraging members to call on their legislators to pass the *WWII Veterans Hospital and Medical Eligibility Act*. *The bill was introduced in both chambers, and it is important that it passes before the end of the year. All Legionnaires are encouraged to contact their legislators and share any testimonials with Legion staff for further highlighting.*

NDAA

Also on Tuesday, the House passed the negotiated version of the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Many provisions in the original versions of the bill were dropped to gain Republican support. These include no requirement for women to register with the Selective Service (even though it was in both the House and the Senate version); assurances of honorable discharges for COVID vaccine refusers; and fewer changes to the military justice system surrounding sexual assault and equity, among many other provisions. As a result, while the bill passed the House on a 363-70 vote, more Republicans voted for it than Democrats.

American Legion National Commander: VA maternity bill a good step in an ongoing journey

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 1, 2021) – American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard applauded Tuesday’s signing of the Protecting Moms Who Served Act which requires \$15 million in Department of Veterans Affairs investment to upgrade maternity care for women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

“The need to raise the standard of care for women at VA health-care facilities has been a high legislative priority for The American Legion for well over a decade, and this requirement is a step in the right direction,” Dillard said. “However, it is just one step in a journey that needs to vigorously continue, in support of the fastest-growing demographic of U.S. military veterans. Better coordination and service in prenatal, childbirth preparation and postnatal care are essential for women to feel confident in VA as the system evolves to better serve them. It is also important for VA to approach this opportunity to improve by building in a system of care that clearly considers the unique needs of women veterans who may have confronted such military-connected issues as burn-pit exposure. We look forward to working with Congress, the White House and VA to continue improving care for women veterans.”

[The American Legion](#), the nation’s largest veterans organization, is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Nearly 1.8 million members in about 12,000 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.



The American Legion's "Buddy Check" program has been a great tool for our membership, and we were proud to draft legislation that expands this program to VA. The Senate has approved legislation that would make this a national program. Now, let's make sure the House follows suit. If our Representatives don't act before Congress recesses next month, it could be at least three months before they consider this legislation again. Or it could be dropped altogether.

[Join Our Action Campaign: Write Your Representative Now.](#)

S. 544 would direct VA to establish a "Buddy Check Week," provide educational opportunities, materials, and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks, as well as require increased resources for the Veterans Crisis Line to handle any potential increased usage during the designated week. The bill is modeled after the American Legion's "[Buddy Check National Week of Calling](#)" to connect veterans to better ensure that they receive the care they need.

The American Legion launched "Buddy Check Week" in 2019. It has since been expanded and encourages Legionnaires to conduct veteran outreach as part of their daily routine. The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask.

We've seen [successful stories](#) arise out of buddy checks, before and during the pandemic. Thanks to these efforts, older veterans have received assistance in getting food and medicine, as well as having a comforting voice to talk with even for a few minutes.

Just think if that goodwill could receive the support of Congress and VA. The help veterans receive from buddy checks would skyrocket. You can help make this a reality by contacting your House representative to tell them to pass S. 544 today. It takes just a few moments by [visiting this link](#) ([Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](#)).

The American Legion proudly supports this legislation, and asks that you call on your Representative to pass S.544 today!



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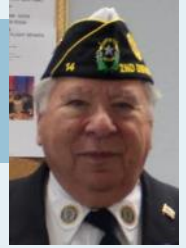
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Nevada Department Membership Goal for 2022			
POST	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
District 1			
1	281	440	350
6	46	46	48
12	48	57	55
30	158	189	170
519	22	29	24
Total	555	761	647
District 2			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
8	760	1255	980
10	71	111	90
14	107	99	115
22	109	153	120
24	126	131	135
26	12	24	15
27	11	10	20
31	120	158	130
40	872	1185	1000
51	164	198	185
60	319	348	348
75	24	25	25
76	872	817	1000
149	310	327	327
Total	3877	4841	4490
District 3			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
5	66	62	68
7	120	106	125
15	11	15	12
32	31	31	33
3	67	89	78
Total	295	303	316
District 4			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
4	313	290	315
9	40	58	50
16	236	227	240
19	56	95	70
37	124	122	126
56	126	160	145
18	29	90	32
45	28	27	30
Total	952	1069	1008
Net	5679	6974	6461
P-100	936	687	1,178
Gross	6615	7661	7639

Membership Jerry Bootzin

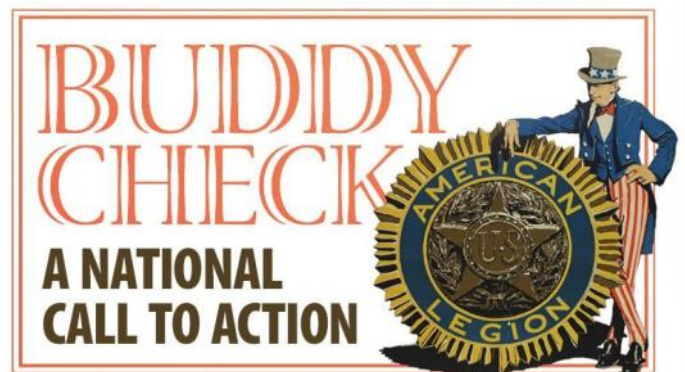


Membership Renewal Percent expectation for December is to reach 75% of goal. Unfortunately a number of our Department Posts have not been able to reach this interim goal. In District 2, Posts 10 in North Las Vegas and Post 27 are at exceed the goal for their posts. In District 3, Post 5 in Winnemucca and Post 32 in Carlin have exceeded expectations. In District 4 we have Post 16 in Fallon exceeding the Post goal to date. Post 32 Carlin Leads the Department with 93.94% with Post 10 at 88.89% of 2022 goal. Unfortunately, the Department is at 68.46% of 2022 Goal.

We still have work to do. Keep in mind that a member who does not renew prior to December 2022, is no longer a member of the Post on January 1, 2022. Those members cannot be counted as part of the required quorum and they may not vote until they renew their membership as 2022 members of the American Legion.

Our National Membership Chairman has written an excellent letter to be sent to all 2021 and 2020 members who have not renewed for 2022. I would recommend it to be used immediately. I have attached a copy of the letter to my report. (See page 17) Copy and get those letters out. Continue to use Buddy checks and other methods your Post uses to make your non-renewed members feel you care about them.

The MyLegion Website is still under construction. If you are still having issues with the site. Tell your District Commanders. If we do not hear from you, we have to assume that your issues have been resolved. Remember the squeaky wheel gets the oil.



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
The American Legion
 The World's Largest Veterans Organization

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**

FILL OUT THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT

YOUR LOTTERY NUMBER (S) FOR THE “300 CLUB”
WILL BE ISSUED IN THE ORDER THEY ARE RECEIVED

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Post # _____

Quantity of Numbers : _____ @ \$50.00 Each = \$ _____

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2nd # Drawn = \$125.00

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Dear Members of the American Legion Family,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 75th Annual Session of Nevada Girls State will take place June 12-18, 2022 at the UNR 4-H Facility in Stateline, Nevada (Lake Tahoe).

As you all know Nevada Girls State is a fast-paced, academic program presented by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). This week-long program teaches young women about state and local government through hands-on experience. Delegates participate in mock elections to become city, county, and state government, write legislation about topics important to them, and act as a state legislature at the end of the week to debate and vote on their legislation.

Each summer, approximately 20,000 young women participate in American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs across the country. One of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs in the United States, every ALA Girls State program operates with the same patriotic values through a non-partisan curriculum. The program epitomizes the ALA's mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom through its enduring commitment to developing young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism.

Nevada Girls State is open to all young women in the summer before their Senior year in high school. The cost for a student to attend is \$250 plus a \$40 materials fee and a \$75 transportation fee for anyone taking our buses from points south of Silver Springs (including the greater Las Vegas area).

For more information, please visit our website: www.NevadaGirlsState.net

If you'd like to help us recruit, if you would like to sponsor a delegate, or if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (775) 513-4681.

Best,
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Courtenay Burns, Ph.D.
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Detachment Commander, Shawn Horton



The Detachment is looking at 2022 as a year to rebuild, refocus, and re-engage with our membership and programs. In the Western Region, Vice-Commander Stewart and Membership Chair Youngs have challenged the Detachments in the region to achieve 100% membership by the end of the year with substantial monetary donations to the Child Welfare Foundation in the Detachment's name.

Successes:

- Detachment Adjutant Jim Stewart, NEC Joseph Keiser, ANEC David Sousa;
- Updated contact information for each Squadron so the leadership can be informed regarding activities in the state and nation as well as a better communication regarding expectations from the national headquarters;
- Detachment Facebook page created and being used;
- Detachment email, Teams, and SharePoint site purchased for the year;
- Met the 25% membership renewal prior to deadline, and
- Currently less than 5% below the 45% deadline for December.

Goals for 2021:

- December will be a push to meet 100% Detachment renewal and if Nevada is the next to target there is a \$334 donation pledged to the CWF, and
- Overall Goal for 2021 is to meet the 100% renewal rate before December 31.

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;
- 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;

Squadrons:

- Squadron 1
 - Two active members, and
 - Working hard on rebuilding and getting members interested in helping
- Squadron 7
 - Commander and Adjutant switched places;
 - New Finance Officer and Post Advisor appointed;
 - Flying Flags for Heroes event on 10/30 in Elko where 96 flags were placed, and
- Squadron 30
 - Planning to pay for a full Veterans Day turkey dinner for all Post 30 members, families, and friends;
 - Planning Holiday Party for Post 30 members, families, and friends;
 - Flying Flags for Heroes event expected in the next couple of months, and
 - Fundraising for CWF, VCF, NEF, Legacy Fund, Hear Today Learn Tomorrow, and Boys State
- Squadron 37
 - Squadron and Post raised \$1635 and 10 toys during fundraiser for Christmas for Kids;
 - Handing out flyers to support the community Thanksgiving food drive and received \$125 plus 6 shopping carts of non-perishable foods for their effort, and 2021 membership was 9, currently 7 for 2022 with 3 being sent manually.
- Squadron 149
 - 2021 membership of 39, with 22 paid for 2022 as of October 10. 2022 membership goal of 45.

The Western Rendezvous VII will be held in Vegas on January 28-29, this is a good opportunity for training and networking. The Detachment needs a couple of Vice-Commanders and looking hard for volunteers.

Shawn Horton

Commander, Detachment of Nevada



Date: 23 November, 2021

Fellow Legionnaire,

Thank you for your continued support of veterans, their families and our youth. It is only through a strong membership that our collective voices related to veteran issues are heard at the state and national levels.

Have you renewed your commitment through membership for 2022? If so, thanks again for your continued support. If not, why are you waiting? It has been said many times that “Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion!” This statement is as true today as it was more than 100 years ago when our forefathers met in Paris and the largest and greatest veterans service organization was born.

Here are a few advantages to renewing your membership now:

- No more renewal notices will be sent reminding you to renew. The money saved by not sending renewal notices can be used to help a veteran in need and continue to support our great programs.
- Your membership is **NOT** cut short by renewing now. Renewing now will ensure your membership is current through the end of December 2022.
- Your magazine subscription will not lapse.

You are ensured continued eligibility for the National Emergency Fund, a benefit we pray you will never need, but knowing it is there should you need it can be a huge comfort.

There are several other advantages to renewing now, but I think you get the message. Now here are the disadvantages to renewing now:

NONE!

It is VERY easy to renew. You can send your renewal to your post with a check, money order, or cash, or you can go online at legion.org and click on the “**Renew**” button at the top right side of the page and follow the directions. If you can’t find the renewal notice recently mailed, or you can’t find your membership number, no problem. Just contact your post or department leadership and they can look it up. Or you can mail your renewal without the notice included. All you need to do is send the dues with your full name and membership ID number.

It is simple, easy and EXTREMELY important we get your renewal as soon as possible. Now the rest is up to you. Please help us continue our work so we can ensure there is “No Veteran Left Behind!” Renew now and let’s keep our voices strong and heard in every capital building in this great country in which we live!

For God and Country,

Jay Bowen
Chairman, Membership and Post Activities
The American Legion

Seasons Greetings fellow Legionnaires,



“Suicide is a national public health issue that affects people from all walks of life. Suicide is a complex issue with no single cause and we are committed to ending Veteran suicide.

White Veterans continue to exhibit the highest unadjusted rates, followed by American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, or Other Pacific Islanders; followed by Black/African American Veterans.

Firearms accounted for 70.2% of male Veteran suicides in 2019 (up from 69.6% in 2018) and 49.8% of female Veteran suicides in 2019 (up from 41.1% in 2018).

According to the Veteran Suicide Data Sheet, 2019:

115 Veterans died by suicide in Nevada in 2019

After accounting for age differences, the Veteran suicide rate in Nevada:

Was significantly higher than the national Veteran suicide rate

Was significantly higher than the national general population suicide rate

Suicide rates for those engaged in VHA care decreased from 2017 to 2018.

- From 2005 to 2018, age- and sex-adjusted suicide rates increased by 25.6% for Veterans with recent VHA use and 57.0% for Veterans without recent VHA use. Between 2017 and 2018, the age- and sex-adjusted suicide rate among Veterans with recent VHA use decreased by 2.4%, while among Veterans who did not use VHA care the rate increased by 2.5%.¹¹

- Among women Veterans in VHA care, suicide counts decreased from 94 in 2017 to 81 in 2018 and age-adjusted rates decreased from 15.7 per 100,000 to 14.0.¹² Both years' counts and rates represent an increase over the count (56) and rate (13.8 per 100,000) in 2005.”

(NVDS: <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention-statistics/>)

“Nevada has the 11th highest rate in the nation

Suicide is the 8th leading cause of death in Nevada.

Female Nevada Veterans are three times more likely to die of suicide than the general Nevada woman.

Veterans comprise of an estimated 23% of all completed suicides in Nevada.”

(<https://suicideprevention.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/suicideprevention.nv.gov/content/Resources/Reports/2017NevadaFactSheet.pdf>)

What can we do to prevent suicide among Veterans? If they are Post members, please do Buddy checks more than once a year. More so around the holidays. If there is a Veteran that is going to be alone for the holidays, please invite them over to share your meal. Let them know you care.

If they are talking about suicide please have this number available: 1-800-273-8255 and PRESS 1. Or Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 press 1.

“Goal: To reduce and ultimately end Veteran suicide.

Vision: Giving Veterans purpose by connecting them to other Veterans, community providers, and resources in meaningful ways to enrich their lives.

Nevadans across the state work together to identify Service Members, Veterans, and their Family Members (SMVF) at risk for suicide, understand the underlying risk factors for suicide, expedite help, and implement protective factors broadly.”

(<https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/suicide-prevention/>) (continued on page 5)



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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".

