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MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

#### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

JIM STEWART



Well, it's been one year under the governor's COVID restrictions and protocols. The American Legion and the Department of Nevada have survived through this pandemic. While our Posts have endured this dark period, the good work of our Legionnaires has continued. In the hopes that our state will open after May 1, we are planning to have our summer programs and activities again. However, I would like to ask that each Post continue to make their **Buddy Checks** and reach out to their community and members.

During the month of February, the Department of Nevada held their annual Oratorical Contest at the Western Nevada Community College in Carson City, hosted by Post 56. We had three wonderful contestants participate and while the winner of our contest will not be able to advance to the Nationals due to the cancellation of that contest, she will still receive a scholarship from National.



Membership is still a priority and we must reach out to our members in our Posts that have not renewed. Remind them of the good work that their membership brings to our communities, even through these difficult times. Those members that are in Post 100 should consider transferring to a local Post in their community. That way, they will have more impact with their own community.

With the restrictions hopefully lifted, we are planning to have our Department Convention go forward in Elko, hosted by Post 7, June 26 and 27. Please refer to the Convention packet and make your reservations today.

That's it for now. Everyone stay safe and be well!

**1st Vice Commander Richard Eberly** 

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#### Let's Celebrate: March 15<sup>th</sup> is the Legion's Birthday



March 15<sup>th</sup> is the designated birthday of The American Legion and will mark the beginning another year. This is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the date on which the Legion came to life.

Throughout the organization's history, local posts across the country have celebrated with festivities that have included the entire community. For the 20th birthday in 1939, Battle Mountain Post 71 in Hot Springs, S.D., brought out a 40-pound birthday cake - two pounds for every year of The American Legion's history. For the 38th birthday in 1957, Post 214 in Upper Darby, Pa., hosted an entire week's worth of events as part of American Legion Birthday Week, so proclaimed by the township's Board of Commissioners. Parties, dances and a two-act play were held at Post 214's clubhouse.

The American Legion has released a suggested speech to incorporate into your yearly celebration. Please share this speech with your members.

As written in the speech this is our American Legion Birthday and a time to reflect on the IOI years that have passed since the founding of our great organization. The American Legion's influence extends far beyond Washington. It is found in statehouses, city councils and campuses throughout the country. Our presence in the community makes a difference and is the true value of our membership. Remember you are in this organization not for yourself, but we are in this for our brothers and sisters-in-arms. We are in this for the husbands, wives and parents of those who served.

### 2nd Vice Commander, Valerie Scheuering

Hello Legionnaires

What a year for The American Legion National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Many schools are still using remote learning which made it tough on students to compete. With many Posts not meeting, having a Post to sponsor a student is difficult if not impossible.



On Saturday, February 20, 2021 we had three students travel to the Western Nevada College in Carson City, braving cold and icy weather to compete. Two from the Las Vegas area and one from Carson City. The 2nd District Commander, Fred Doten worked very closely with the Speech & Debate Director for the two contestants from the local high schools in their area. The Post 4 Commander, Robert Beckett worked very closely with the Speech & Debate Teacher from Carson High School. In spite of the weather all who attended and volunteered were in for a learning experience. The winner of the Department Contest was Eleanor (Ella) Reynolds, a Senior from Palo Verde High School, Las Vegas, with her oration titled "Civil Discourse in the Constitution".

The scholarship winners for the National Contest receive \$25,000, \$22,500 and \$20,000 respectively. This year, with only a few days till our contest, it was decided at National to cancel the National competition due to COVID concerns and the safety of the Orators and those who would attend. The National Organization did decide to award \$5,000 to all certified Department winners before March 15, 2021. It was heartbreaking to let our contestants and their parents know of the cancellation but they understood and couldn't wait to begin their orations. The second and third place winners are both eligible to compete next year because neither of them were seniors this year and both and their parents said they will compete again.

I want to thank all of my volunteers, the Western Nevada College for the use of their facility once again and the student volunteers. A special thanks to all of those who attended to support the students. The contest went off without a hitch and all of those who attended followed all State Mandates. Masks were worn, social distancing was adhered to and hand sanitizer flowed freely everywhere. The moms of the contestants felt so comfortable with all the precautions that they gave the Department permission allowing the awarding of the certificates and pictures with the Department Commander.

All in all it was a great contest.

Until next year...

Stay health and safe. God Bless The American Legion, all of you and God Bless the United States of America.

Department 2nd Vice Commander Department Oratorical Chairwoman





#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR LADY LEGIONNAIRES



#### BOBI OATES RETIRED AIR FORCE SMSGT



Aircraft maintenance Senior Master Sergeant, 23 years of service (1976-1999). She was handpicked as one of four individuals to stand up the Air Force first Remote Piloted Aircraft Predator Squadron at Creech AFB. As Production Superintendent for the 11<sup>th</sup> Reconnais-sance Squadron she led the initial Air Force Cadre of Maintenance personnel thought training at the UAV training center at Fort Huachuca, AZ, then on to Taszer, Hungary for the first Air Force Deployment in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. During her Air Force career, she served at several overseas and stateside bases in various Aircraft Maintenance positions. She also deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort. After retiring from the Air Force, she was a Branch Manager for Armed Forces Bank at Nellis AFB for 9 years. Bobi has lived in Nevada for 27 years.

Bobi received her certification as a Nevada Advocate from the Nevada Department of Veteran Services on July 26, 2015. She served on the Governor's Women Veterans Advisory Committee 2014-2015 and was reappointed for a third term till 1 Jan 2022 and elected the Vice Chairwoman. She is a Board member of the Veterans Administration's Southern Nevada Community Engagement Board.

She is Vice President of the Women Veterans of Nevada and the Ceremonial team; she leads funeral services on Thursdays at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery for the unaccompanied Veterans. A life member of the Air Forces Association (AFA) and local chapter President, 3<sup>rd</sup> term as President Southwest Regional for AFA; a Charter Member of the Women in Military Service for America and the Nevada Ambassador for the Women's Memorial. American Legion Post 76; life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12101;, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, life member of the Women Veterans Alliance and member of the Military Women Across the Nation; life member of the Air Force Sergeants Association. Vice Chair of the United Veterans Legislature Council, Nevada. She was inducted in the Meadows Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution May 2017.

Bobi holds a BS in Business Management, AA in Aircraft Maintenance, AS in Law Enforcement, Certificates in Paralegal Studies and Banking. Her awards include Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 57<sup>th</sup> Wing, Nellis AFB and Resource Advisor of the Year Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB. She has been selected as the Nevada Veteran of the Month for December 2015.

She was awarded the Department of Nevada, VFW Women Veteran of the Year 2016-2017, recognized by Senator Heller in the Congressional Record Friday April 7, 2017 and lastly awarded the Air Force Association Medal of Merit for 2017

#### Kim Eberly

#### **Military History**

Started my Army military career in July 1988 where I completed basic training at Fort Dix, NJ and my advance military training in Fort Sam Houston, TX. Upon completion of my advance training as a 76J Medical Supply Specialist, I went on to my permanent duty station at Fort Campbell, KY. While at Fort Campbell, I was attached to the 86<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital Unit, which was support for the 101<sup>th</sup> Airborne. In October 1990, I spent six months in Saudi serving in Desert Storm. Was honorably discharge in July 1992, as a specialist (E-4).

#### Legion History

Joined the American Legion in 2014. While in the American Legion, I have attended the American Legion College back in 2019. I have been an active member of Post 56 where I have currently held the position of Post Adjutant for the last five years. When the National American Legion Convention was hosted in Reno, helped and participated in many of the events. Also actively worked with Post 56 when they hosted the State of Nevada convention. For the last two years, I have held the position of District 4 Adjutant.





15 March 2021

HISTORIAN'S PAGE

Fred Doten, Historian



#### IT WAS A DOUBLE HEADER DAY

Well, it wasn't baseball; however, we had a two-for-one day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month. Oratorical Contest in the morning and then followed by the Department's Executive Committee meeting after a short break. For those that could not make it, the weather was great in the Carson area, and both events were worth attending. I know our Department 2<sup>nd</sup> vice with be covering the department's Oratorical contest but i do want to discuss it briefly to cover a new future twist to recruiting participants to the Legion's oratorical program.

Last spring, I had the opportunity to meet with Julie Roos, the Chair of the Golden Desert Speech and Debate Association. This association is associated with the National Speech and Debating Association and is affiliated with 25 plus high schools within the Clark County School District. This year for the first time, this association supported District 2's oratorical program. Although participation was low due to on-line schooling, there were two high School students who participated in the Association's oratorical contest. They then went on to Department where they took first and second place. The prognosis is there will be more students participating next year when classes return to the classrooms. Hopefully, this will make for a more robust district event. For this year's event, there were no Legion posts that sponsored an entry to the District contest.

As for the DEC, it was held at the same location as the Oratorical contest which made for a simple transition from one end of the campus to the other. The support provided the Legion by the college was outstanding. As for the event itself, plenty of information was provided to attendees. The use of Power Point presentations by the briefers are an added dimension to the presentations. Although the Legion, as a whole, was restricted in its operations because of the COVID virus, it is impressive the amount of support provided the citizens of our State. The Legion was there up front and still serving our communities and state.

A major theme through the meeting was membership. Both National and Department have renewals as a primary objective with the goal of every post attaining a 90% renewal rate. Be prepared to see District and Department officers being front and center working the issue. National will be involved and will be checking status weekly with the membership team.

In closing, the Double Header event will be something we see again. It consolidates resources, reduces costs, and hopefully will bring more folks to the meetings. Hope to see you in Elko in June. Looks like it will be a fun time and I know the folks coming up from the south will love the cool temperatures.







#### **Hospital Help Plan Overview**

#### No matter what insurance you have, your share of a hospital bill can quickly add up to hundreds - or even thousands - of dollars.

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- One that isn't tied to your medical insurance...
- Paying regardless of any other health plan...

Putting money back in your wallet if you were sick or hurt and ended up in the hospital.

That means **\$50.00 a day** paid from the first day you enter the hospital. Another \$50.00 on day two. Another \$50.00 on day three. \$50.00 each and every day for 14 full days.

Your cash benefits jump up to \$100.00 a day on day 15.

And they stay at that double-benefit \$100.00 level ... paying you \$100.00 day after day of your hospital stay... all the way through day 30.

It pays FOUR TIMES as much **\$200.00 a day**... starting on day 31. And those benefits do not go down. You stay at \$200.00 a day. Every single day of your hospital stay. All the way until day 365 if needed.

**But what if you run into something really serious?** Like cancer? Or a heart attack? Or a stay in the Intensive Care Unit? Medical bills can quickly escalate in those situations. Hospital HELP does, too.

Your cash benefit DOUBLES for each day you are hospitalized due to cancer or are confined in the cardiac care or intensive care unit. That means **\$100.00 a day** from day one. \$200.00 a day starting on day 15. \$400.00 a day from day 31.

#### These benefit payments are sent directly to you (unless you tell us otherwise).

#### Spend the money however you want. There will be no questions asked.

But maybe you're wondering what happens if you get your care in a VA hospital. Hospital HELP stands strong for VA care, too. You get **\$50.00 a day for days 1-14 and \$100 a day for days 15-30**. Even if your VA care costs you nothing at all.

#### NOTE: THIS IS NOT A MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY. YOU SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER A MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY BEFORE PURCHASING SUPPLE-MENTAL INSURANCE SUCH AS THIS OFFER.



### Peer Support

American Legion has its own peer-support program legislation to establish a peer-support program that would offer grants to place peer-support specialists known as the "Buddy Check" and urges Congress to pass legislation requiring VA to implement a similar transitions, mental health concerns and for those who wish to give back to their communities. The program. The American Legion also encourages in local posts of veterans service organizations. Studies show that peer support is mutually beneficial for people who are experiencing Resolution No. 364, 2016

## **Protect the American Flag**

allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration Code to codify multiple common patriotic customs an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would and practices as described in The American Legion Modernization Act of 2021 to amend the U.S. Flag The American Legion urges Congress to approve Legion urges Congress to pass the Flag Code Resolution No. 19: Flag Code Amendment. of the U.S. flag. Additionally, The American Resolution No. 19, 2016

# **Global War on Terrorism Memorial**

U.S. history; more than 2.8 million American service members have been deployed abroad. After tens of thousands of casualties and thousands of deaths, it is only fitting that we honor the sacrifices of service urges Congress to pass the Global War on Terrorism our nation's capital. The American Legion believes The Global War on Terrorism is the longest war in members and their families with a Global War on this memorial belongs on the National Mall and Terrorism Memorial in a place of prominence at Memorial Location Act.

Resolution No. 16, 2017

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### <u>Leqislative</u> Americo Agenda Legion

for the 117th Congress, 1st Session

The American Legion is the voice of nearly 2 million U.S. military veterans and service members. A resolution-based organization, The American Legion's positions represent the views of its members, based on four pillars of service: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

# **Address Toxic Exposure & Burn Pits**

A disturbingly high percentage of post-9/11 veterans have been exposed to airborne toxic hazards, often the result of personal proximity to burn pits for extended times during service. The American Legion has fought for service-connected disability benefits for conditions linked to toxic exposures for decades and will continue to do so for this generation. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act of 2020 and supports further studies into conditions directly related to contaminants in order to establish a complete list of presumptive diseases caused by toxic exposure during service.

# Improve Health Care for Women Veterans

VA has an obligation to develop and expand healthcare services for women, the fastest-growing demographic in the veteran community. A high percentage of women veterans who are not enrolled in VA health care say lack of gender-specific services and lack of awareness about VA benefits are primary reasons. The American Legion urges Congress to diligently oversee implementation of recently passed VA pilot programs, research initiatives, and policy revisions to address this. Additionally, The American Legion encourages expansion of newborn care and gender-specific services at VA.

## Telehealth/Rural Health

Accessibility is often a barrier for veterans and caregivers when pursuing health services from VA. They should have consistent, quality access to care, regardless of location or availability of broadband networks. To address this, The American Legion has worked with VA to introduce a pilot program that provides telehealth sites in American Legion posts to serve rural areas, known as Project ATLAS. The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation that expands broadband capabilities and services for veterans in remote areas to better meet their needs. *Resolution No. 75, 2017* 

## **Address the Forever War**

Nearly two decades after 9/11, U.S. troops continue to wage war in Iraq, Afghanistan and other corners of the world, under the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMF). However, the global security environment the United States faces is no longer the same, with the rise of great-power competition and other threats. Too often, the use of military force, as opposed to diplomacy, is considered the primary instrument of national power. The American Legion urges the renewal of a proper constitutional balance to U.S. foreign policy decision-making by urging Congress to renew its warmaking oversight role beginning with repealing or replacing the outdated post-9/11 AUMFs and by properly resourcing civilian tools of diplomacy.

# **Citizenship for Honorable Service**

Many veteran immigrants say they have been deported after discharge because they failed to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge, to include reinstitution of the USCIS Naturalization at Basic Training Initiative, training for military recruiters and commands about the naturalization process, and the reopening all USCIS field offices abroad to serve servicemembers stationed overseas. *Resolution No. 15, 2018* 

## Pay the Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard personnel carry out daily missions vital to national security, but they serve in the only military branch forced to work without pay during government shutdowns, due to their status under the Department of Homeland Security. The repeated and all too common threat of government shutdowns brings severe hardship on Coast Guard men, women and families. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act, which would guarantee that Coast Guard personnel are paid without delay, even in the case of a government shutdown.

## **Close the 90/10 Loophole**

Proprietary schools offer students valuable education options, but some bad actors use a loophole in the 90-10 rule to evade a cap on federal financial aid by aggressively targeting veterans, service members, families and survivors for their education benefits. The American Legion is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families receive the highest quality of education when using the GI Bill and encourages legislation and federal action to provide higher quality and student outcomes for institutions approved for use of VA education benefits by adding Department of Defense and VA funds to the Title IV revenue sources calculation under the Higher Education Act.

# **Military Awards for Minority Veterans**

The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation lifting statutes of limitations and other obstacles that may impede proper investigation and expand the review of minority veterans from all wars and conflicts whose military records and official descriptions of combat actions support consideration for the Medal of Honor and other military citations or medals.

Resolution No. 17, 2020



Greetings fellow Legionnaires! It was great to see some of you at the DEC in February. For the past five weeks, the Department has participated in the National Membership Zoom meetings with the Western Region to share their progress on retention and Post 100 members.

**Membership** By Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chairman

March 10<sup>th</sup> was the target date for 90% membership. Nevada did not make this goal. We were short 673 members with 81.172% membership. We are number 48 out of 55 on the National Level and still third from the bottom in the Western Region. We are 159 members behind of where we were last year. We also have 759 expired members for 2020.

Despite these depressing figures our Districts and Posts continue to grow.

#### **District 1:** 70.04% membership.

Three Posts are over 80% membership. Post 0519 (prison Post) renewed four members.

Post 30 ended with 142 members for 2020. Right now they have 156 for 2021. Congratulations!

The District has 18 Post 100 transfers. Post 30 has 11 of them. For 2020 they had 8 Post 100 members that transferred.

#### District 2: 75.19% membership.

Three Posts are over 80% membership.

Three Posts are over 90% membership.

Post 27 ended with three members for 2020. Right now they have seven members for 2021. Congratulations! Post 76 ended with 698 members for 2020. Right now they have 783 members for 2021. Last year they transferred 111 Post 100

members. For 2021 they transferred 159 Post 100 members. Congratulations!

Post 149 ended with 288 members for 2020. Right now they have 289 members for 2021. Congratulations! The District has a total of 201 Post 100 member transfers with Post 76 having 159 of them. For 2020 they had 139 members that transferred.

#### District 3: 96.88% membership.

One Post is at 100% membership.

Two Posts are over 100% membership.

Post 5 ended with 59 members for 2020. Right now they have 64 members 2021. They attempted to follow up with 11 expired members.

Post 7 ended with 104 members for 2020. Right now they have 111 members for 2021. Congratulations! They are at 89% retention. Nineteen letters went out to expired members from 2018-2020.

Post 15 ended with eight members for 2020. Right now they have 11 members for 2021. Congratulations!

The District has a total of 4 Post 100 transfers with Post 7 having three of them.

The District needs six members for 100% membership.

The District ended with 198 members for 2020. Right now they have 217 members for 2021.

The District Commander sent out Post 100/expired lists to all the Posts, has sent Post 100 letters for two of the Posts, and followed up with phone calls. Two members transferred into one of the Posts.

District 4: 91.91% membership.

Two Posts have over 100% membership. Congratulations!

One Post is at 100% membership. Congratulations!

One Post is over 90% membership. Congratulations!

Post 4 ended with 280 members for 2020. Right now they have 304 members for 2021. Congratulations!

Post 16 ended with 216 members for 2020. Right now they have 233 members for 2021. They transferred two Post 100 members for 2020. They transferred nine members for 2021. Congratulations!

The District ended with 864 members for 2020. Right now they have 875 members. Congratulations!

The District transferred four Post 100 members for 2020. They transferred 59 members for 2021 with Post 4 having 47 of them. Congratulations!

#### District 5: 58.25% membership.

One Post is over 90% membership.

The District 3 Commander sent expired lists to the Posts from 2018-2020. The District 3 Commander sent five letters out to Post 100 members for one Post with the Post Adjutant conducting follow up phone calls.

**Post 100:** 126.20% membership. This Post has 867 members that need Post homes.

Why all of the statistics you ask? Despite COVID-19, the Posts and Districts are growing. They are exceeding last year's numbers.

#### "Battle Born, Battle Tested, Battle for Membership"



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

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#### WHAT IF AN EMERGENCY STRUCK YOU OR YOUR FAMILY

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH and COTA's 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MONTH

Dear Editor:

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington, Indiana, rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant. In less than eight weeks, the community raised more than \$100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. But he died before an organ was found. Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using those funds to help other transplant families. That was the beginning of COTA and those volunteers were our first Miracle Makers.

For 35 years, thanks to the help of the men and women of The American Legion Family, COTA has assisted thousands of children and young adults by helping to raise funds for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses. Extensive volunteer networks across the nation are working to ensure that no child or young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

#### We need your help today to make sure that tragedies, like the one that was the catalyst in founding COTA 35 years ago, are not repeated.

Sadly, 20 people in the United States die each day waiting for an organ transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives. April is National Donate Life Month and COTA is asking everyone within The American Legion Family to go to <u>www.RegisterMe.org</u> and register to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor.

You can become a COTA Miracle Maker. Find out how your Post, Unit, Squadron or Legion Riders can help a COTA transplant family near you by visiting COTA.org/Legion.

Sincerely,

Rick Lofgren, President rick@cota.org

> COTA's priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a waiting list due to lack of funds. 100% of funds raised in honor of patients assist with a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.



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