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February Contest Winner—Post 76

Sock 2 To Em donation at VA Hospital

For the second year Jack Ford Alt NEC, led our Post's participation in the "The Sock It 2 Em" Sock Campaign. On January 11th Post members 2nd VC Walter Cheatham; Alt. NEC Jack Ford; P.PC. Joel Forman; and Finance Officer Dennis Christiansen made the donation to Robert Johnson, Chief, Voluntary Services.

From the https://donatesocks.org/ website:

Socks are the #1 clothing need of those experiencing homelessness. The Sock It 2 Em Sock Campaign aims to put new socks on the feet of men, women and children experiencing homelessness and/or are in need.

People ask, "WHY SOCKS?" And our answer is: Socks are something that most of us never have to think twice about. When you go to get dressed, you open your drawer and pull out your most comfy, your warmest, or your favorite-colored socks. But for those who don't have a home, it often means walking on average up to 10 miles each and every day just to find basic necessities, and while wearing shoes that are not the correct size and with socks that are worn out, dirty, and stiff. There is nowhere to wash the socks, so after 2 to 3 days, the socks are worn through and must be thrown away.

It's not pretty, but it is reality.

One of the main reasons someone who is homeless goes to the emergency room is because of a foot ailment and the best way to prevent that is be able to wear clean dry socks on a regular basis. So, if we can offer a simple piece of clothing such as new, fresh socks, feet can be protected from getting cold, getting wet, and getting blisters or worse.

Our motto is, "We're making a social impact one pair of socks at a time!"

Donations can be made by cash or check processed by:

Dennis Christiansen, Post 76 Finance Officer. American Legion Nevada Post 76 PO Box 34012 Las Vegas, NV 89133-4012



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Richard Eberly

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I just wanted to follow-up with all our post in helping our fellow veterans a little help can prevent one of our own from committing suicide or going into a state of depression. Again, our veterans depend on our support it might not always mean that they need money. Maybe it is just a meal that free meal can make a big difference to some one that hadn't eaten in a couple days or a cup of coffee and conversation. Being treaded like a person and not a homeless person that does not exist.

We as an organization have and will continue to care and help one another in time of need remember the money we raise is not ours it belongs to our veterans, their families, and our community in support of our veterans needs. You might think that the food banks are giving them what they need before sending someone in that direction make a visit to your local food banks they are short and don't have the amount of goods needed to keep up with the amount of peoples needs. I didn't mean to make this letter a negative one, but we have a serious problem with hunger and need for our fellow veterans currently. Please reach out to your post members if your close visit them, talk see if they are ok or if they need help let them know you are not going to tell anyone that it is confidential just between you and them. When you get reimbursement by your post no names and no information on the family should be made public.

I wish all of you goodwill and a fruitful rest of the year So we may help mend our community and fellow veterans with their needs.

I have some events in the southern part of our great state please see below:

- **Feb 15: Legion Night at the Leatherneck.** Join us for our monthly get-together on Taco Tuesday. It's a great way to meet other members, not to mention that they have some great food besides tacos.
- Feb 19: Department Executive Committee Meeting. If interested, it's being held at Post 8 (733 Veterans Memorial Dr.) beginning at 0830.
- **Feb 26: Monthly breakfast ride.** Meet at the Leatherneck Club on the last Saturday of each month at 0800, and head out for a ride to breakfast. We'll decide where each month.
- Mar 13: General Membership Meetings. Join us for our monthly breakfast meetings at the Leatherneck Club (4360 Spring Mountain Rd). Doors open at 0830 for a light breakfast and the meeting begins at 0930ish. SAL meeting begins at 0830.
- Mar 15: Legion Night at the Leatherneck. Join us for our monthly get-together on Taco Tuesday. It's a great way to meet other members, not to mention that they have some great food besides tacos.
- **March 17-20: Cottonwood Cove Campout.** Join us on the shores for Lake Mohave for a weekend getaway. If you don't like camping, room are available at the Cottonwood Cove Resort.
- Mar 19: Shortbranch Saloon Poker Run Fundraiser. If you haven't heard, the Shortbranch Saloon in Crystal burned down recently, and due to financial issued due to the pandemic, the owner had no insurance. If you're not going camping at Cottonwood Cove, consider going on the poker run. Registration fro 0800-1000 at the Stateline Saloon, 4415 NV Route 373 in Amargosa. Biscuits and gravy will be served for breakfast.
- Mar 26: Rock the Troops XVII. We'll need all hands on deck to make this a successful fundraiser.
- Apr 2: Red Riderz Texas Hold 'em Poker Run: Always a fun little run. Registration from 1400-1500 at the Rum Runner (6658 Boulder Hwy).

Apr 7-10: 40&8 Great Western Prominade. Not sure what the 40**&**8 is, join us as a guest in Tombstone AZ for the weekend, and join the fun. To register, <u>CLICK HERE</u>. For info on the local 40**&**8, go to http://v306.org/

I appreciate all of you and what you do for our veterans in need. If you have any stories of helping veterans, I would like to hear them remember no names just the services your post or even you as a member did to help. Kim and I help with gas and food when we get calls for help and services. We try to keep it within a \$100.00 but with the price of fuel and if they are traveling to get back home or moving to live with family because they lost their home it is a call we have to make that sometimes \$100.00 doesn't cover it for a family of three or four so please keep that in mind and look at what your post will and will not cover. Keep up the good fight for homelessness and suicide prevention. Again thank you.

Ist Vice Commander Valerie Scheuering

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

We're finally entering this decade as far as the history and traditions of The American Legion. All information can be found on legion.org.



March 2000 - Senate Joint Resolution 14, the constitutional amendment that would return the people's right to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecrations, falls four votes short of the necessary 67 to override a presidential veto.

Sept. 2000 - The American Legion presents the first "Spirit of Service" Awards to active duty service members for their off-duty volunteer activities.

Aug. 28-30, 2001 - The American Legion passes resolution to rekindle Blue Star Service Banner program.

Sept. 2001 - The American Legion reactivates the Family Support Network following terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Oct. 10-11, 2001 - The American Legion creates the American Legacy Scholarship Fund for children of military members killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Sept. 11, 2002 - The American Legion takes lead on conducting "A Day To Remember" events to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the nation.

Nov. 2002 - The Legion launches the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from the V.A.

Oct. 2003 - American Legion efforts on Capitol Hill break the deadlock on the Disabled Veterans Tax when Congress creates a 10-year phase-in for service-connected disabled retirees to receive military retired pay and VA disability compensation without subtraction from either. Legion efforts also result in the passage of the Military Family Tax Relief Act.

Sept. 2004 - American Legion lobbying leads to more progress in elimination of the Disabled Veterans Tax with passage of PL 108-375 that eliminates the 10-year phase-in for 100% service-connected retires, allowing them to immediately begin receiving both retired pay and VA disability payments.

Sept. 2004 - The American Legion launches a national program, the Blue Star Salute, where posts across the country hold public events to recognize groups, their families and local businesses on Armed Forces Day.

Next month I will continue with the 2000's. Until then, please stay healthy and safe. As always...God Bless this great Nation and The American Legion.



2nd Vice Commander, Robert Morris



Charity Fraud



Here's how it works:

Someone contacts you asking for a donation to their charity. It sounds like a group you've heard of, it seems real, and you want to help.

How can you tell what charity is legitimate and what's a scam? Scammers want your money quickly. Charity scammers often pressure you to donate right away. They might ask for cash, and might even offer to send a courier or ask you to wire money. Scammers often refuse to send you information about the charity, give you details, or tell you how the money will be used. They might even thank you for a pledge you don't remember making.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Take your time. Tell callers to send you information by mail. For requests you get in the mail, do your research. Is it a real group? What percentage of your donation goes to the charity? Is your donation tax-deductible? How do they want you to pay? Rule out anyone who asks you to send cash or wire money. Chances are, that's a scam.
- Pass this information on to a friend. It's likely that nearly everyone you know gets charity solicitations. This information could help someone else spot a possible scam.



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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).

Thanks for playing! Newsletter Editor, Yvette







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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2022 - 2024)

Have you ever wanted to know more about The American Legion?

Did you know that The American Legion hosts virtual training on a variety of subjects on the last Tuesday of each month? You can also connect to watch past training sessions. And – you can submit your suggestions for topics of future training programs.

Training conducted on Jan 25th was about The American Legion's Legislative Priorities. All Legionnaires should review this session so you have knowledge of the legislation The American Legion is supporting. Great talking points when recruiting or when you are asked to speak to a group. The training and accompanying materials are available at: Iraining Tuesdays | The American Legion

You can send your ideas and articles via email to memery@legion.org or LegionTrain-ing@legion.org.

Local Legislative Actions – time to get involved in our upcoming Session:

All Veterans and Advocates are invited to attend the 2022 Nevada Veterans Legislative Symposia coming up in March. You MUST register to attend.

The first of two symposia will be held in Las Vegas on Saturday, March 19 at the Dula Community Center, located at 451 East Bonanza Road in Las Vegas. (Register for the Las Vegas session <u>HERE</u>.)

The Reno session will be held a week later, on Saturday March 26th at the Washoe Senior Center, located at 1155 E. 9th Street in Reno. (Register for the Reno session <u>HERE</u>.)

Both events will be from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with coffee and mingling beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Reno and Las Vegas symposia serve as an important platform to identify and prioritize key legislative areas that will be presented to Nevada lawmakers for consideration in the next session of the Legislature. Federal issues will be presented to Nevada's Congressional delegation.

This event is conducted every other year (when the Nevada Legislature is not in session) in partnership with the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC). To learn more about the UVLC, CLICK HERE.

Have a great rest of the month, Jeanette Evans, NEC



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Membership Jerry Bootzin

Everyone who receives this article in the Department Newsletter may not be aware of where the Department stands in membership numbers as compared with other Departments. The fact is Nevada has dropped to 42nd place out of 55 Departments. With just a few more 2022 memberships processed we could jump to 34th place. There is only a difference of 0.2% between Nevada and the 34th place department. Nevada is also currently 7th out of 15 Western Region Departments. Just a few more memberships processed every week will make a tremendous difference toward our goals.

Our progress toward our latest goal of 85% of 2022 membership has not been reached by all Department Posts for a variety of reasons. Some of those reasons are related to smaller communities loosing their work force due to a primary employer having to close down and some related to the fatigue of Covid restrictions to name just two.

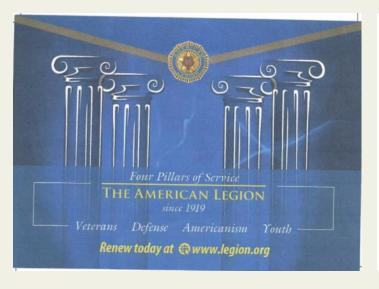
Despite the road blocks, we continue to slowly move forward. Post 10 in Las Vegas is still the only Post to surpass 100% of goal in the Entire Department. That was reached by Post 10 adding 31 new members. Other Posts who are over 80% of Goal are Post 24 in Mesquite; Post 27 in Sandy Valley; Post 149 in Las Vegas; Post 5 in Winnemucca; Post 32 in Carlin; Post 16 in Fallon and Post 37 in Fernley. **Do Not Give Up! I know many members have waited to for 2022 before they renew their memberships. A new push for those members to pay their dues now should yield some positive results.**

Every Post that has been successful have utilized the "Buddy Check" program to some degree. The MOST successful Posts use the "Buddy Check" program by "knocking-on-doors" and seeing their members face to face even if it requires wearing a mask. Obtaining a check for the renewal and the personal reward of making a member feel that someone cares about them is so important!

Find those Post active members that are willing and able to go to members homes to make those special "Buddy Checks"

National has just put out a postcard that is designed to get members to renew. The card will be available from the Nevada Department Adjutant very shortly. Place your order for the number of cards with the Department Adjutant. The initial number of cards available will be limited.

A copy of the card is attached. To this report.



THE AMERICAN LEGION The American Legion MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - PAST DUE PLACE National Headquarters P.O. Box 1055 STAMP Our records indicate we have not yet HERE Indianapolis, IN 46206 received your membership dues for this year. If your dues have been mailed, please disregard this notice. Membership is important not only to our post but also to the state and national organizations. Each year, the number of our Name members and programs for veterans and Street Address communities are reported to Congress. City, ST ZIP Truly, there is strength in numbers, positively affecting proposed legislation for veterans benefits. Stand up and show your support for our veterans, as well as the men and women currently serving, by renewing your membership today.

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.

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Dear TAL Department of Nevada members,

Happy February! It is important to uplift Black history every month, and February is the nationally recognized Black History Month. Take time to explore the resources below to learn what we weren't taught in school. Black Women in History on PBS

Oxford African American Studies Center

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Nevada Black History Project Archives

Learning for Justice

February is also American Heart Month. According to the CDC, heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States, accounting for about 1 in every 5 female deaths. One of the issues that heart disease can lead to is a heart attack, so it is important to be able to recognize the signs of a heart attack, which are different for women than for men.

To learn more, visit www.goredforwomen.org.

Sincerely, Coutenay

Courtenay Burns, PhD
President, ALA Department of Nevada



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

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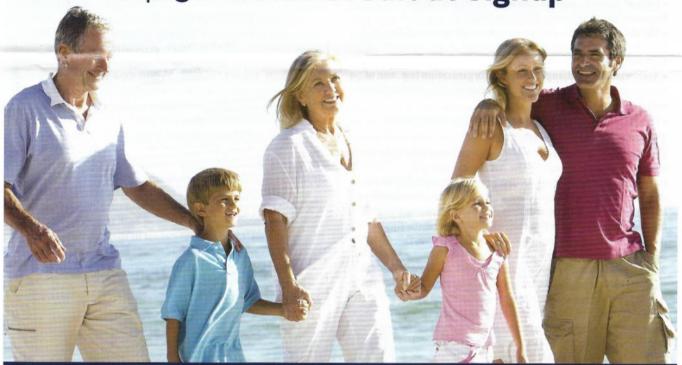
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Detachment Commander, Shawn Horton



In January I had the pleasure of attending the Western Rendezvous in Las Vegas to get some leadership

training sponsored by National Vice Commander Jim Stewart. While in the area I had a bit of time to visit Post 8 and meet a couple of SAL members. I had a wonderful time and want to thank them for their hospitality. This newsletter article includes some learnings from that meeting.

One of the key elements of leadership is having a shared vision. In some organizations that vision is shared from on high and pushed down. I believe that the Legion is more grassroots, and I want to have a meaningful discussion on vision. As a member, a Squadron Commander, officer, dual member, Legion Member, Rider, or Auxiliary member, what do you see as the vision for the Detachment of Nevada in 2022? Please email me at the address below and tell me what you think. I think that in 2022 we need to focus on membership and hitting 100% retention plus a 10% improvement from 2021. I know we can do it, we are almost 75% there and still have months to go to June. We should be honoring Veterans every day and that includes Flying Flags for Heroes as a way to accomplish that. I have included some information about upcoming Flying Flags for Heroes events in Reno and Carlin where we will be placing 6,300 flags. We can use all the help we can get, and your participation is greatly encouraged. Every member can contribute individually by placing just 10 flags on the graves of Veterans in your local cemetery, take pictures, and upload the photos and details to the https://flyingflagsforheroes.com site.

Speaking of Flags, I have 1,000 flags on the way that I am happy to share with others for FFFH events. Please, don't hesitate to call and I will get some to you.

The February DEC is scheduled for February 19, 2022 @9:30am at Post 8 in Las Vegas. I encourage anyone who can attend to please come. If there is interest, I will be meeting with interested Sons at 8:30am to discuss anything of concern. We did something similar at the last DEC and had some positive discussions. Squadron Commanders, I need an update on activities since November 6 and plans through the rest of 2022. I want to have 100% of the Squadrons reporting and I will be sending an email reminder. We can't get help from Department if we don't keep them informed. Details on fundraisers, FFFH events, Veterans Outreach events, and anything Legion related should be included. Details on money raised for CWF or other Legion programs should be noted.

Last, but not least, at the DEC there will be an exciting announcement about a significant donation made to the Detachment of Nevada.

As always, I am available by email (commander@nevadasal.org) or telephone (720-394-5965), I don't always answer numbers I don't recognize but leave a message and I will get back to you.

Sincerely,

Shawn Horton
Commander, Detachment of Nevada

Commander Horton,

I have arranged with Nevada Department of Veteran's Services (NDVS) to conduct a Flying Flags For Heroes event on Saturday, May 28th, 2022 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. The plan is to place a flag on **5,900** gravesites prior to the Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 30th, 2022. When people arrive on Memorial Day, they will see a sea of US Flags across the entire cemetery. I will be organizing the volunteers by including the entire Legion Family; Legionnaires, Legion Auxiliary, Legions Riders, SAL, and Legion Scouts. My hope is to involve everyone.

I am also conducting an FFFH event during the Nevada Boys State, June 12th to June 18th, 2022 at the University of Nevada-in Reno. Next to the University campus is a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) cemetery. As the Boys State Program Chair, I have scheduled a field trip to the cemetery to place flags on **300** gravesites there. I will have Squadron 1 and Squadron 30 involved, along with the new SAL members we be recruiting during the NBS session.

I also propose that the flag ceremony Post 32 conducts in Carlin, Nevada on Memorial Day be a FFFH event. If remember correctly, there are over **100** gravesites that they honor.

With all of these events, we should be over <u>6,300</u> FFFH flags for Nevada which will be well over our quota of flags. I have included Tim Aboudara on this email to inform him of our upcoming events so far.

Always in Service,

National Vice Commander Western Region

Jim Stewart

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires! If you know of anyone exhibiting these signs please contact the numbers in this article.

If you're a Veteran in a mental health crisis and you're thinking about hurting yourself—or you know a Veteran who's considering this—get help right away. You're not alone.

What are the signs that someone may be considering suicide?

Many Veterans don't show any signs of an urge to harm themselves before doing so. But some may show signs of depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, or hopelessness, like:

Seeming sad, depressed, anxious, or agitated most of the time

Sleeping either all the time or not much at all

Not caring about what they look like or what happens to them

Pulling away from friends, family, and society

Losing interest in hobbies, work, school, or other things they used to care about

Expressing feelings of excessive guilt or shame, failure, lack of purpose in life, or being trapped

They may also change the way they act, and start to:

Perform poorly at work or school

Act violently or take risks (like driving fast or running red lights)

Do things to prepare for a suicide (like giving away special personal items, making a will, or seeking access to guns or pills)

Source: https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/mental-health/suicide-prevention/

These signs require immediate attention. If you are experiencing any of these and need medical attention, call 911 now. For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1.

Thinking about hurting or killing yourself

Looking for ways to kill yourself

Talking about death, dying, or suicide

Self-destructive behavior, such as drug abuse, risky use of weapons, etc.

These signs may indicate that a Veteran needs help. If you or a Veteran you know is experiencing any of these, call the Veterans Crisis Line now at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1.

Appearing sad or depressed most of the time

Hopelessness

Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings

Feeling as if there is no reason to live

Feeling excessive guilt, shame, or sense of failure

Rage or anger

Engaging in risky activities without thinking

Increasing alcohol or drug misuse

Losing interest in hobbies, work, or school

Neglecting personal welfare and appearance

Withdrawing from family and friends

Showing violent behavior, like punching a hole in the wall or getting into fights

Giving away prized possessions

Getting affairs in order, tying up loose ends, or writing a will

Source: https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/signs-of-crisis/



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