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NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS



FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR CEREMONY

Onofrio "NoNo" Zicari
Private First Class Army

Join us for the awarding of the French Legion of Honor Medal in the rank of Knight by French Consul General Adrien Frier. The medal is awarded for NoNo's service in France during WWII.

Master of Ceremony:
Fred Wagar
Director of Nevada Veterans Administration, Retired

Ceremony is open to the public

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Monday
January 6, 2025
2:00pm

Veil Pavilion
Silverton Casino
3333 Blue Diamond Rd.
Las Vegas, NV

Contact: Bob Reed
702-340-5716
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AMERICAN LEGION

Department Commander

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

I hope all of you had a great time spending time with family and friends. May the New Year bring health and prosperity to you and yours. Let's start the new year with renewed energy to accomplish all that you need to do in your personal lives and for The American Legion duties/activities.

In December, the District 3 Commander and I visited Post 15. Then the Detachment Commander and I went to Carson City to attend the Christmas Party for Commander Eberly's Post.

I did some home visits/made phone calls to those on hospice for Post 7.

My newly graduated Marine grandson came home from bootcamp. He shared some wild experiences! Lol.

I participated in the zoom meeting with the Western Region to answer one question; why the Departments did not hit their target date of 75%? One Department did, Hawaii. It seemed like all of the Departments were on the same page as to why not.

I held my monthly Commander's zoom meeting to share information. The Boys State website is up and running. The Department Membership Chair talked about membership, of course. The Department Adjutant explained how points work when a Department hits their target dates. Very interesting.

What does the month of January mean to The American Legion and to Department?

1st: Legacy Scholarship Application opens.

2nd-5th I will be in Billings, MT visiting family.

15th: NDVS Commanders Convening. District Commanders please send me the events in your District by January 14th. Target date of 80%.

16th: NDVS Commission Meeting.

18th: Legislative Summit in Sparks at 8 am.

20th: Martin Luther King, Jr Day

22nd: Department Commander's Monthly meeting. Membership included.

24th-25th Western Rendezvous in Las Vegas.

27th: Vietnam Cease Fire in 1973.

30th: Start of Tet Offensive in 1968.

Always in Service,

Brenda Horton
Department Commander
Every Voice Matters

Post 15 Visit:



Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Carson City Capitol



Post 56 Christmas Party. Check presentation to the Commanders Project



Department Auxiliary President

Greetings Members,

Hoping you all had a wonderful Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

I attended/volunteered at Unit 40's Craft Fair & Fundraiser, December 1st. Unit 40 President Victoria Hetey went above & beyond an outstanding job! Her fundraiser was for gifts for Veterans of Post 40 who can no longer attend the Post. What a fantastic idea. The Vendors were 3 times as many from the previous year and turnout was excellent.

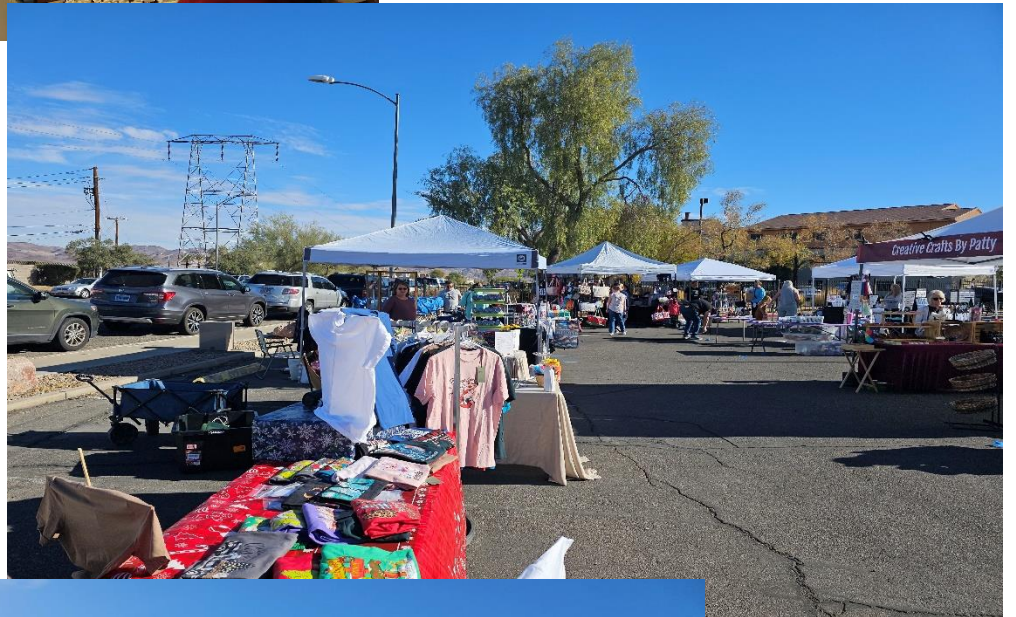
December 3rd at Post 8, we had toys picked up by the Sargent-Major in charge of toy delivery for Nellis Airforce Base. We adopted 2 families with a total of 5 children.

The rest of the month was busy with out-of-town company & a trip to Cabo San Lucas. My favorite thing in Cabo was doing a 7 Zipline Park. This place is not for faint of heart with a lot of hiking and climbing. My 80-year-old companion barely finished. This was our 2nd time doing this., the first time was just before Covid. It was more difficult than even I remember.

May 2025 be better than 2024 ever thought of being! May we all work together to make the Nevada American Legion Family stronger than ever.

For God and Country,
Charmaine Meana
ALA Department President
American Legion Family – Be The Team!









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Room Rates to be Determined

SAL Rendezvous Reservation Code: Sons of the American Legion



**Social Gathering @ Pub 365,
Your Cost On Friday Night, January 24th, 2025**

**Leadership Training On Saturday, January 25th, 2025
Lunch Is Served During Lunch Break On Saturday**

**Saturday Night Dinner Planned at a Local Restaurant
(Your Cost)**

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$40

Contact Jim Stewart to Register for the event

664 SHEFFIELD COURT, SPARKS, NEVADA 89431

Contact: Jim Stewart: (775) 848-6072 | controller@bordertowncasino.com

Hello Members,

As we move in the New Year, I highly recommend that all Commanders take this time to review the Four Pillars of the American Legion. It is imperative that we never forget that the tenants provided for us all those years ago are as important today as they were when written over 100 years ago.

I know that sometimes we get busy and focus our attention on only some aspects or our pillars but we should be ensuring that our members are participating in all aspects of our organization. We can have members who pick one pillar and focus their attention that one while others focus on the others.

We also need to remember that we are all volunteers and we need to encourage members to focus their time on what they find fulfilling and meaningful. We all have

busy lives and this also is a time to renew our commitment to our members and ensure

that their voices and concerns are being heard and addressed.

We are about to get busy with the National Commanders visit as well as his address to Congress. We need to provide our volunteer numbers monthly so that each member has the most update information for reporting. I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you this coming year!

For God and Country,

1st Vice Commander

Pam Walker



Sons of the American Legion – Detachment Commander



The Detachment dropped from 17th place to 33rd place in the nation with 54.87% membership, with almost all being renewals (50.3%), behind the 60% goal target date of 1/15/2025. We only need 17 members to meet the target, and it can be new or renewals. If you have not renewed, please do so before the first of the year when we start getting into the grace, suspension, and termination periods. Please continue to focus on renewals as we can't be losing those who are already dedicating their time and efforts to the SAL. It is significantly harder to recruit someone new than it is to keep the members we have. If you know of someone on the fence about renewal, please, reach out to our membership chair, Pip Valentin, me, or any of the other officers for suggestions.

The Wild Willie's Western Rendezvous (WWWR) is coming soon, keep the end of January (24th and 25th) open. This event is a Department and Detachment of Nevada event and is an opportunity to share ideas for improving the SAL with members of the Western Region and possibly even past National Commanders.

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season with one more big event to go. Please remember the veterans and Legion family members in your life and make sure they are not having troubles. Holiday bills are coming due and this can be a stressful time for many. Let them know they are not forgotten!

Donations to the CWF and VCS are strongly encouraged, I can't stress enough the importance of these programs and the benefits they provide. For those who are curious, here is what the CWF is all about:



Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these children require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation.

With your donation, the Foundation has provided grants that have produced fun activity letters for kids with cancer, camps both virtual and in-person for those children who are medically-fragile, and found life-saving flights for pediatric patients to faraway medical facilities for treatment. Children with autism, juvenile diabetes, mental health and multiple sclerosis have also benefited from your kindness

Next month, I will cover more about the VCF. In addition to the tried and true programs that we have supported over the years, please consider a donation to the "new" Be The One charity that works to reduce veteran suicides, a problem that has probably touched every member of The American Legion Family in one way or another.

Detachment EC meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 via Teams (when it cooperates).

Teams Meeting ID 272 911 810 647

Passcode D3p5ib

Phone in – 775-393-9964

Conference ID 796 285 50#

Please join us if you can.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Horton
Commander, Detachment of Nevada
#SALStrong
#BeTheOne

Sons of the American Legion – Detachment Commander, Cont.

2025 SAL Membership Report as of: December 22, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2025 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 60% TARGET 1/15/2025	2025 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2025 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	134	-43	123	91.79%	87.88
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,985	-327	1,518	76.47%	70.13
3	WISCONSIN	4,772	-753	3,616	75.78%	70.70
4	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,716	-193	1,223	71.27%	62.23
5	MONTANA	1,060	-106	742	70.00%	65.58
6	LOUISIANA	1,869	-177	1,298	69.45%	65.92
7	ILLINOIS	14,244	-1,263	9,809	68.86%	64.55
8	IOWA	5,264	-411	3,569	67.80%	63.83
9	MARYLAND	17,777	-1,027	11,693	65.78%	60.40
10	MISSISSIPPI	791	-42	517	65.36%	58.02
11	IDAHO	720	-37	469	65.14%	52.37
12	TENNESSEE	1,852	-89	1,200	64.79%	54.62
13	NORTH CAROLINA	2,904	-119	1,861	64.08%	55.58
14	FLORIDA	25,736	-991	16,433	63.85%	55.67
15	GEORGIA	5,018	-175	3,186	63.49%	57.69
16	NORTH DAKOTA	1,128	-39	716	63.48%	61.08
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,467	-144	4,024	62.22%	56.95
18	OHIO	32,881	-449	20,178	61.37%	57.01
19	KANSAS	6,127	-76	3,752	61.24%	57.15
20	VIRGINIA	4,558	-54	2,789	61.19%	52.58
21	MINNESOTA	11,821	-128	7,221	61.09%	57.17
22	NEW YORK	32,363	-153	19,571	60.47%	56.78
23	ALABAMA	2,170	-9	1,311	60.41%	54.35
24	INDIANA	38,183	-155	23,065	60.41%	55.98
25	WYOMING	1,289	-5	778	60.36%	53.14
26	NEBRASKA	7,080	-3	4,251	60.04%	58.24
27	TEXAS	6,089	48	3,605	59.21%	49.90
28	DELAWARE	2,708	23	1,602	59.16%	53.16
29	OREGON	1,683	41	969	57.56%	48.29
30	MICHIGAN	28,189	926	15,987	56.71%	51.09
31	CONNECTICUT	2,027	77	1,139	56.19%	50.44
32	VERMONT	4,051	158	2,273	56.11%	52.94
33	NEVADA	339	17	186	54.87%	50.30
34	NEW JERSEY	10,203	537	5,585	54.74%	50.62
35	MISSOURI	3,287	187	1,785	54.30%	49.55
36	CALIFORNIA	11,696	727	6,291	53.79%	47.62
37	FRANCE	179	11	96	53.63%	47.13
38	WASHINGTON	2,876	204	1,522	52.92%	44.35
39	OKLAHOMA	1,303	95	687	52.72%	43.55
40	PENNSYLVANIA	64,916	4,827	34,123	52.56%	49.20
41	ARIZONA	9,643	896	4,890	50.71%	43.47
42	PUERTO RICO	180	17	91	50.56%	48.59
43	MASSACHUSETTS	5,758	620	2,835	49.24%	44.81
44	ALASKA	1,856	253	861	46.39%	40.72
45	UTAH	465	64	215	46.24%	40.89
46	ARKANSAS	396	55	183	46.21%	39.32
47	MAINE	2,888	414	1,319	45.67%	40.22
48	COLORADO	3,095	447	1,410	45.56%	40.05
49	KENTUCKY	2,250	379	971	43.16%	37.54
50	WEST VIRGINIA	2,728	480	1,157	42.41%	36.07
51	PHILIPPINES	48	9	20	41.67%	37.74
52	DIST OF COL	102	19	42	41.18%	26.47
53	RHODE ISLAND	373	74	150	40.21%	37.84
54	LATIN AMERICA	40	9	15	37.50%	20.51
55	NEW MEXICO	1,988	586	606	30.51%	24.85
Totals:		401,263	5,230	235,528	58.70%	53.70

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

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

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



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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Event Schedule		
Date	Where	What

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
May 5-6, 2021
Virtual**

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Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

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WHEREAS, All ALR members strive to maintain the image of The American Legion by upholding The American Legion name and brand which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The American Legion, through the ALR Advisory Committee, to review and amend from time to time such guidelines to provide more effective direction to The American Legion Riders programs in order to protect the trademarks, emblems and copyrights of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

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Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

As we say goodbye to 2024, we also say goodbye to the 118th Congress.

The 119th congress will be sworn in on January 03, 2025, and the Legion will have a legislative agenda by early 2025.

The 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 3, 2025. Our state legislature meets for four months every two years.

February 22-26, 2025 – The American Legion’s 65th Annual Washington Conference will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel. This conference provides an opportunity for Legionnaires to meet with their respective lawmakers and hear from members of Congress and VA leadership. The National Commander will also address attendees on legislative priorities during the National Commander’s Rally.

The Nevada legion still has a vacancy for a Congressional Liaison to represent Nevada’s #4 District. If you’re interested, please contact me.

I hope everyone enjoys a prosperous & successful 2025!

Manny Garcia

Vice-Chair, Nevada Delegation

National Legislative Council

Manny@Manny4Nevada.org

Hello Members,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible impact we can have on our community, especially our children and youth. The American Legion is proud to offer a variety of programs dedicated to supporting the youngest members of our society. These initiatives not only provide essential services but also embody the spirit of giving and community support that defines our organization.

Our commitment to child safety is unwavering. Through various initiatives, we educate families on important safety practices, from internet safety to preventing childhood injuries. These programs are designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for all children.

Partnering with organizations like the Children's Miracle Network and Ronald McDonald House Charities, we help provide medical care and support to children facing serious health challenges. These partnerships ensure that families have access to the resources they need during difficult times.

Addressing the critical issue of youth suicide, our prevention programs offer education and resources to help identify and support at-risk youth. By raising awareness and providing support, we aim to save lives and offer hope to those in need. This effort is closely tied to our Be The One program, which supports veterans by encouraging everyone to be the one to reach out and offer help. Our youth also need that same level of support and understanding, and together, we can make a difference.

Each of us can support these vital programs in our own way. Whether it's volunteering your time, making a donation, or simply spreading the word, your involvement makes a difference. As members of The American Legion, we have the power to shape the future by supporting the children and youth in our communities.

This January, let's come together to make a positive impact. Reach out to your local American Legion post to find out how you can get involved. Together, we can ensure that our children and youth have the support they need to thrive.

Pranava B. Moody

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Because of you, veterans and their families have found hope, stability, and a renewed sense of community.

We are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our American Legion family. Your generosity has provided critical resources You have shown our veterans that they are never forgotten.



We are looking forward to the challenges of the new year, knowing that with supporters like you, anything is possible. Thank you for making 2024 a year of impact and transformation for those who have served!

We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and prosperous new year!

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