



# NEVADA LEGION NEWS

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Laborer's Union donation
- \* USS NEVADA found
- \* American Legion flags
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- \* Poppy Day 2020

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Laborers' Union, Local 169 presented 50 Raley's gift cards to the State Commanders of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Each card is valued at \$25, meaning each of the four veteran organizations will receive \$1,250 worth of grocery store gift cards for a total of \$5,000 in donations. Each organization will distribute the cards to veterans who could use a helping hand during these unprecedented times, due to the pandemic.





We made it through the month of April and I am confident that we will make it through the month of May as well. When we are allowed to open our State again, please be cautious and follow the established health protocols to minimize any further exposure to the COVID-19 virus when you do open your Post home and start gathering again.

I am still asking that every Post conduct their **Buddy Checks** to ensure that your membership, your next door neighbors, and your community are doing okay. It is always nice to hear a friendly voice and know that you care on how they are doing. Ask if there is anything you can do for them. There are several programs out there to assist people during these trying times.

By now you may have heard, we have officially canceled this year's Department Convention in Fallon. I do want to thank Fred W. Anderson Post 16 and PDC Ken Clausen for all of their hard work to try and provide us with a successful convention. I am so sorry that we had to cancel, but we had to take in consideration everyone's health and safety. It was not an easy decision to make. Along with canceling the Department Convention, we had to cancel our summer programs as well. So, the Nevada Boys State program and the Nevada Legion Baseball season are officially canceled. This action is in concert with the National Headquarters cancellation of this year's Boys Nation session and Legion Baseball World Series.

Even though we have to comply with the "Stay at Home" order by the Governor, we still are required to get our Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) and the Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR) turned in. These reports can easily be done online now. We are needing this information to let the National Headquarters and the U.S. Congress know what we are doing as Legionnaires. Please get your report in as soon as possible, it really means a lot and makes a difference.

We will be starting the **2020/2021 300 Club** raffle again this August. This is a fundraiser for the Department to assist with the Department budget. With a drop in members within our Department, this means there will be a drop in membership dues income and we need to make sure we have sufficient funds to operate our American Legion programs within our Department. For each raffle purchase, there are forty eight (48) opportunities for you to win. We draw four (4) tickets each month on the 15<sup>th</sup> from August to July for a **First Prize of \$250.00, Second Prize of \$125.00, Third Prize of \$75.00, and a Fourth Prize of \$50.00**. After the monthly drawings, those tickets are then placed back in the drum for the next monthly drawing. The nice thing is that you do not have to be present to win and the check will be mailed to you. Each raffle ticket can be purchased starting in June 2020 for \$50 with no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase, except that there are only 300 total tickets available for purchase, hence the name of the raffle, "**300 Club**". You must be at least 18 years old and a resident of Nevada to purchase a raffle ticket. Something to remember is that a Post can also purchase tickets and use any winnings for their programs. I am asking that each Post purchase at least two percent (2%) of their Post membership in tickets. So, if you have, let's say, 325 Post members...I am asking that the Post and/or its members purchase at least six (6) raffle tickets, which is 2% of 325, rounded down. However, any Post that is less than 100 members, I am asking that you purchase at least one (1) raffle ticket. I am also planning to challenge each District Commander for the highest percentage of Post involvement within their District. Remember, you will be helping out our Department with funding our programs and operations. Thank you. Please, everyone be safe and stay healthy. Let's also **Buddy Check** everyone.

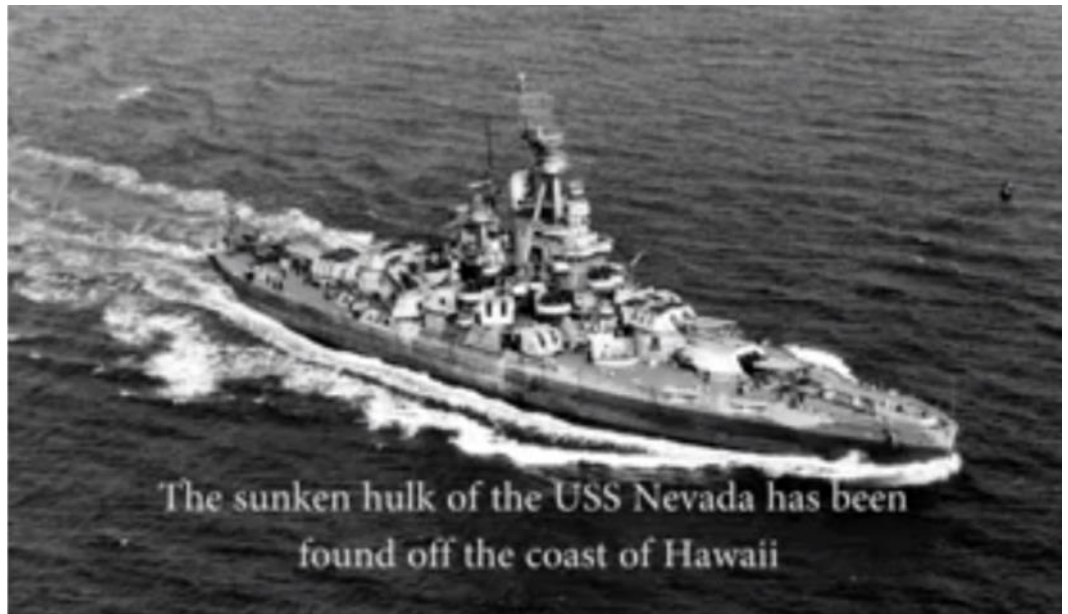
## Searchers find wreck of USS Nevada, the WWII battleship that endured bombs, torpedoes and nukes

By [WYATT OLSON](#) | STARS AND STRIPES | Published: May 11, 2020

The sunken hulk of the USS Nevada has been found off the coast of Hawaii, where the battleship — dubbed “unsinkable” for its endurance through World War II — lay since 1948.

Two private firms working together, Search Inc. and Ocean Infinity, discovered the Nevada almost three miles underwater and about 65 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu, the firms said in a statement Monday. Search Inc., a cultural resource management firm, specializes in archaeology; Ocean Infinity surveys the seabed with marine robotics, according to their websites.

The Nevada’s lifespan was exceptional, given the troubled waters in which it sailed. It stayed afloat through two world wars and two nuclear-bomb tests.



“Nevada is an iconic ship that speaks to American resilience and stubbornness,” James Delgado, the lead maritime archaeologist on the mission, said in the statement. “Rising from its watery grave after being sunk at Pearl Harbor, it survived torpedoes, bombs, shells and two atomic blasts. The physical reality of the ship, resting in the darkness of the great museum of the sea, reminds us not only of past events, but of those who took up the challenge of defending the United States in two global wars.”

Photos and video of the excursion show portions of the ship, such as an anti-aircraft gun and hatch for a 5-inch gun room, still intact. Portions of the hull number are visible, as are inscriptions in the steel, all preserved because of the lack of light and oxygen at the extreme depth.

The Nevada was commissioned in 1916 and headed to Great Britain during World War I, according to an account posted online by the Naval History and Heritage Command.

It spent the interwar years cruising everywhere from the Caribbean to Australia. In the late 1920s, the ship was modernized, including installation of new anti-aircraft guns and other beefed-up firepower.

After operating in the Pacific for most of the 1930s, the Nevada was moored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when the Japanese Imperial Navy launched a surprise attack on the Pacific Fleet on Oahu on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

The attacking aircraft concentrated on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor, sinking or crippling most of the ships, which had been moored closely together.

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***The American Legion***  
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## THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NATIONAL POPPY DAY®

### National Poppy Day® May 22, 2020

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

*All donations received will be used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families.*

## Poppy Day platform offers ideas, videos and products of honor

### The American Legion

MAY 07, 2020

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have regarded the red poppy as the official flower of remembrance for the nation's war dead for 100 years.

Inspired by the 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields" by Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae, The American Legion designated the symbolic flower by a resolution passed at its second national convention in 1920. The American Legion Auxiliary followed with a similar resolution at its first national convention in 1921.

The movement – popularized by New York professor Moina Michael immediately after the armistice that ended World War I in 1918 – would provide tens of millions of dollars to help disabled veterans, military personnel and their families over the next century.

National Poppy Day is May 22 this year, and an American Legion-American Legion Auxiliary web platform is available again – mindful of limitations that may be caused by the coronavirus pandemic – at [www.legion.org/poppyday](http://www.legion.org/poppyday). The platform offers easy access to the American Legion Emblem Sales Poppy Store online and an invitation to participate in a national Instagram campaign to collect images of poppies to share with a national audience.

The site also offers guidance about how to participate in the May tradition of poppy distribution, opportunities to raise funds to help disabled veterans and learn history of the phenomenon and videos of American Legion Past National Commanders John P. "Jake" Comer and Denise M. Rohan reciting the inspirational poems, "In Flanders Fields" by McCrae and "We Shall Keep the Faith" by Michael.

The materials are meant to be shared, in the spirit of the original American Legion resolution, which was called "a symbol to perpetually remind us, and to unfailingly teach coming generations the value of the 'Light of Liberty' and our debt to those who helped to save it for us by paying the supreme sacrifice, and that we may not forget that:

In Flanders Fields, the poppies grow

Among the crosses – row on row."



Plant a virtual poppy day garden with The American Legion

Follow The American Legion National Headquarters on Instagram: [@theamericanlegion](https://www.instagram.com/theamericanlegion)

2: Post photos and videos to your page and tag us: [@theamericanlegion](https://www.instagram.com/theamericanlegion)

3: Use the hashtag: [#poppyday](https://www.instagram.com/poppyday)

Photos with [#poppyday](https://www.instagram.com/poppyday) will appear on the National Poppy Day page at [www.legion.org/poppyday](http://www.legion.org/poppyday) where additional resources can be found.



## 2nd Vice Commander, Valerie Scheuering

Hello Legionnaires,

I received the VAVS Annual Joint Review dated 04/27/20 from the Reno VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS) on the effectiveness of The American Legion, Legionnaire participation in the Voluntary Service Program. (N. Las Vegas VA Medical Center review will not be available until the September/October timeframe).

I know during these trying times it's difficult to volunteer. The timeframe for this review was 04/01/19-03/31/20. I would like to make you aware of just a few of the areas mentioned. We had 12 volunteers during this period down from 17, which meant the volunteer hours were down almost 300 hrs., no youth volunteers, occasional volunteer hours were 39 down from 48, making the number of total volunteer hours 1,168.5 down 299.5 hours, there were no monetary donations, however non-monetary donations were up by \$2,581.00 since the last review.

As you all know volunteering is so important to our local VA Medical Centers and the veterans they serve. Becoming escorts for patients, transportation or running errands as needed. But most of all interaction with the veterans waiting to be seen. I know from experience, a friendly hello sometimes means more than you may realize. As we all know The American Legion is a service organization of veterans helping veterans and their families. Many of the veterans seen at our local VA's have no family to speak of so we may be the only ones to listen to the conversations they might want to have.

I do hope we can put in a little extra effort to be there for our comrades and VA Medical Centers as volunteers. You can contact your local VA for more information on volunteering.

Mentioned in the review, that The American Legion continues to Provide World Class Care and Service to America's Heroes at the VASNHCS through Regular Service Volunteers, occasional hours and donations supporting their holiday programs.

The VA has asked us to meet some new goals for the timeframe of 04/01/20-03/31/21.

These new goals are:

1. Recruit 1 Regular Service Volunteer
2. Sponsor 1 Summer Youth Volunteer
3. Support the Spartan Pledge
4. All American Legion Regular Service Volunteers attend S.A.V.E.
5. All American Legion Regular Service Volunteers attend OTM

I truly believe we can meet and exceed these new goals because we are The American Legion.

Please stay healthy and safe. Until next time, God Bless.

For God and Country

Valerie Scheuering  
2nd Vice Commander  
Department of Nevada

## May is Military Appreciation Month

By: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Richard Eberly

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to encourage U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. It is meant to honor the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. It is a special month for both those in and out of the military.

The president will make a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important roles the US Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. The month of May was chosen because it already has many individual days set aside to recognize the U.S. military's achievements.

Below are six of the events that are associated with the month:

**Loyalty Day**, May 1<sup>st</sup> long celebration of day set aside for the the United States heritage of our Amer-

**Public Service Recognition** as federal, state, ment employees and is the best in the

**Victory in Europe Day**, when on May 8, 1945 the Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies. This day marked the end of World War II in Europe.

**Military Spouse Appreciation Day**, traditionally set for the Friday before Mother's Day. This is day recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe.

**Armed Forces Day**, which is celebrated the third Saturday in May every year. A single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. This day honors all military branches.

**Memorial Day**, observed on the last Monday of the month. Memorial Day honors those select veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our country.

As your American Legion Post look to continue your military appreciation celebrations during these difficult times look at ways that can be done while remaining safe. There are many ways to celebrate while maintaining social distancing and staying safe. Some simple ways are to send letters or cards to deployed service members or veterans, fly the flag at your home or business, take out an ad in the local paper to thank the military and their families, or put together a care package for a local veteran or family (leave it on their doorstep), or host a virtual event to celebrate.



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which kicks off the month-military appreciation. It is a reaffirmation of loyalty to and to reflect on the proud ican Freedom

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May 8. This was back

## HISTORIAN'S PAGE

Fred Doten, Historian



### THERE WAS A "MERCITRAIN"

With our lives entangled with COVID-19 and its repercussions on the activities within the American Legion I thought it might be interesting to transgress into the past and look at an event that is probably today unknown except for a small few. This event is a highlight of what Americans can do; and, I am assuming many of these Americans were WWI and WW2 Vets.

So, the event was started by newspaper columnist Drew Pearson. Back in 1947 Pearson was disturbed by the conditions in France and Italy that he asked the American people to donate food, medical supplies, clothing and other personal items be collected and sent overseas to the devastated areas. His plan was to have a train cross America and pick up the donations at stops along the way. This train, called the "Friendship Train" left Los Angeles on 7 November 1947 and arrived in New York on 14 November. It started out with eight empty boxcars and arrived in New York with 700 boxcars loaded donated goods with a worth of \$40 million. These supplies were shipped to Europe for distribution in the devastated region.



Now, the flip side to the American's generosity was the response by the French. A French WWI veteran and railroad worker by the name of Andre Picard was so moved by the American's generosity, that he decided to reciprocate. He partnered with the French Veterans Association and they responded by sending to America boxcars loaded with mementos from French citizens. The train was called the "Merci Train", or the "Thankyou Train". This train arrived in the United States on 3 February 1949 with a total of 49 boxcars. The train in the US became known as the "Gratitude Train". This train crossed the nation and dropped off a boxcar in each state fully loaded with the gifts from France.

As a little more history, the boxcars sent were used during the wars to move troop across the warzone. They held 40 people and had no accommodations. The individuals had hardly enough room to sit and to sleep that arranged themselves in rows. The boxcars that arrived at each state was in itself an antique as all were build during the period from 1885 to 1901. Not sure how it happens but the Veterans of the era decided to make these boxcars a memorial in respect for those that road in them. The assumption made is the Legion was very involved with this effort at the local level.

Today, the Nevada boxcar sits in Carson City at the Nevada State Museum and was renovated back in 1995. The 40 and 8 Society, along with its affiliate, the National Boxcar Association, took the task to restore the boxcar and are instrumental in continuing its upkeep. There is also a movement on-going to possibly move the boxcar to the Nevada Railroad Museum located in Boulder City to give it the recognition it deserves. There will be more on this when the state opens up from the virus.

For those who would like more information the following URLs will help. <http://mercitrain.org/> or <http://mercitrain.org/Nevada/>.







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# American Legion Riders



Greetings Comrades,

A change from last month's article. This year's ALR Western R.O.M.P. has been cancelled. No news yet on the status of the 2021 run. The last few years, Dept. of Alaska had expressed interest in hosting & I for one hope that's still the case.

Not much happening in the ALR community, though National is still encouraging us all to continue our efforts where we can.

Look out for one another out there. If you or someone you know is struggling, there's no shame in asking for help. Several resources out there, but here's a couple: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/> or <https://www.nevada211.org/>

Be Safe,

Trevor McCall

ALR Program Liaison, Department of Nevada

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If you have an activity you'd like to share, please let us know.

*The American Legion Riders today are important part of the Legion family in support of virtually all programs of The American Legion.*



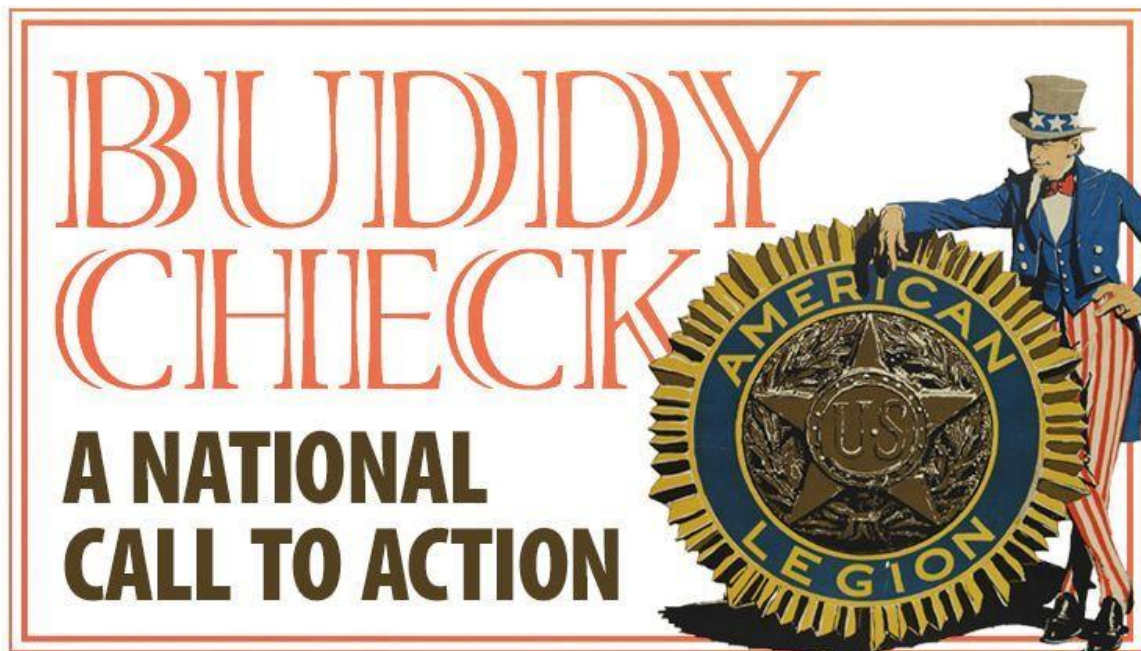
## National Executive Committeeman Ron Michalski



*I hope this finds all members and their families staying safe and being Healthy at this time of our lives with this pandemic that is going around the world. Why is this different? I sure don't know but for some reason it is as the flu has more fatalities than this virus. So we all have to follow the instructions that are given to us and with some prayer involved we will get out of this and resume our normal ways. This is a time however, to put our American Legion name out there by helping those in need and not by just saying that our post is closed.*

*We have a program that is unique to Nevada that is such an item and that is our Hear Today Learn Tomorrow program. As of today, I have not received any applications for this program and that is just a crying shame as I know there are children out there that need support. This program is not just for veteran or military families but for ANYONE that is under the age of 18 and they do not have to be a Legion Member. Look at the Flyer and promote this program with your members and most important your schools in your district.*

*Stay Safe, Healthy and we will all get through this crisis.*



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# Membership

By Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chairman



Hello everyone! I trust all of you are staying safe and healthy. Despite the limitations we have during this time of recruiting new members, the Department of Nevada has moved up the 51<sup>st</sup> spot out of 55 on the National Level!! Way to go Nevada!!! We are still next to last place in the Western Region but the Western Region is in first place. Keep up the good work of renewing Post membership, sending out recruiting letters to Post 100 members, and recruiting new members using creative ways such as the media, radio, newspaper ads, etc. We are 29 members ahead of where we were last year. The Department is at 83.797%.

District 3 is leading the way with 100.98%

District 4 is in second place with 97.48%

District 2 is in third place with 94.60%

District 5 is at 88.83%

District 1 is at 81.97%

The target date for 95% is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Kudos to the Districts/Posts that have reached this goal already.

I am really proud of all of you for the hard work you are doing!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call/email me.

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## 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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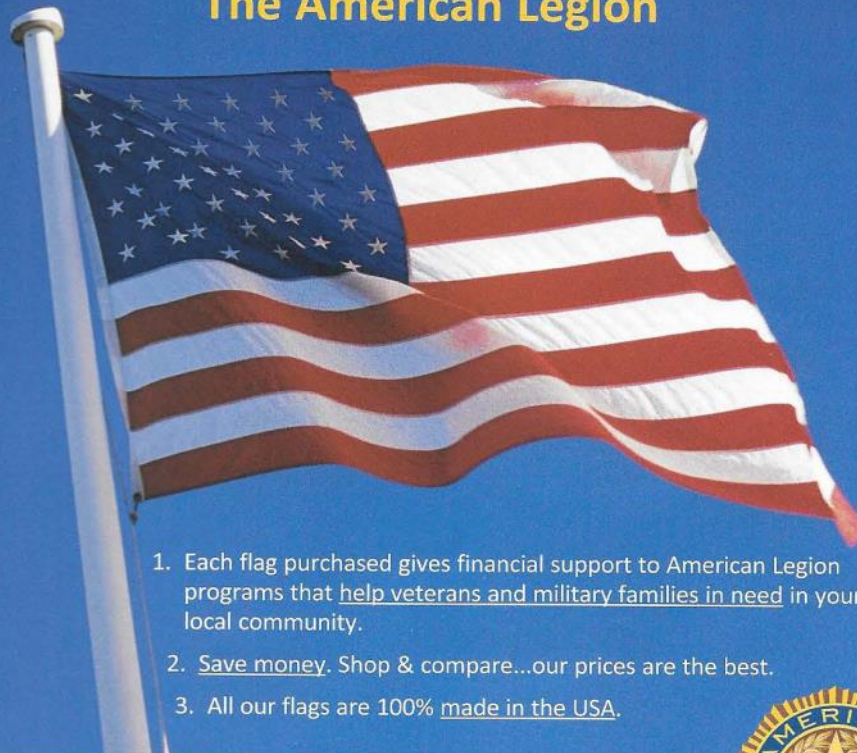
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COURTENAY BURNS**

**NO REPORT THIS MONTH**



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The Nevada took one torpedo and several bomb hits during the first of two attack waves. Moored at the end of Battleship Row, the Nevada took advantage of the lull after the first wave to get underway. But it had not made it to sea before the second wave of aircraft descended on the harbor, striking the ship with a half-dozen bombs.

The crew was forced to beach the sinking ship at the head of the channel.

After frenzied temporary repairs, the Nevada sailed on its own power to the U.S. West Coast in April 1942, where it spent the next year being repaired and overhauled.

It returned to combat during the Battle of Attu in the Aleutian Island in May 1943 and was then transferred to the Atlantic for the D-Day invasion in June 1944. It sailed back to the Pacific and became part of the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions in 1945. In the latter battle, the ship was hit by a kamikaze plane and an artillery shell.

It was preparing to be part of the invasion force on the Japanese mainland when the war ended in September 1945.

With the end of World War II, the Navy deemed the three-decade old battleship too ancient for the fleet.

Its final job was to serve as a target during two atomic bomb tests at Bikini in the Marshall Islands in 1946 – though even that dirty work left the ship only badly damaged and radioactive, not sunk.

The ship was decommissioned in August 1946, and two years later it was towed to sea off the Hawaiian islands and used for target practice for other Navy ships. Even that four-day pummeling didn't sink the battle-scarred ship. It was finally scuttled by an aerial torpedo.

Although the Navy was aware of the vicinity of the ship's sinking, its exact resting spot was unknown until now.

The search for the USS Nevada was conducted aboard Ocean Infinity's Pacific Constructor vessel, which had set sail for a range of tasks in early 2020, well before the coronavirus had morphed into a pandemic.

"As a result of the global health crisis, the ship has remained at sea on a range of taskings," Ocean Infinity said in the statement.

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## Emergency Assistance Plus (EA+)

Get the 24-hour emergency protection you and your loved ones deserve.

If you fall ill or become injured while traveling on the road or abroad, we understand that you'll want help right away. *Emergency Assistance Plus* gives you and your family the medical and emergency assistance you need when a crisis strikes. Here are some of the important services and features this protection has to offer Legionnaires:

### Medical Evacuation

**Emergency Medical Monitoring** by an *EA+* medical expert to make sure you get the best care in a medical emergency.

**Air Ambulance or Emergency Medical Evacuation** if deemed medically necessary to get you to a more appropriate medical facility quickly if your current facility can't properly treat your medical condition.

**Medical Specialist** sent to you if your condition can't be evaluated by phone and you cannot be moved and local treatment is unavailable.

**Continuous Updates** to a designated family member and/or a physician to keep them informed during your medical emergency.

### Medical Assistance

**Transfer of Insurance Information to Medical Providers** to assist with admission and to ensure your medical care is not delayed or denied.

**Cash Advance for Medical Payments** paid directly to the hospital or physician against your valid credit card to keep your medical care going.

**Prescription Replacement Assistance** if your medications are lost or stolen.

**24-Hour Doctor/ER/Dentist/Attorney Locator Assistance** to help you quickly find a professional no matter where you are in the world.

### Assistance For Companions

**One Round-Trip Economy-Class Airline Ticket** to bring a loved one to your bedside if you're traveling alone and become hospitalized.

**Airfare Home for Dependent Children or Grandchildren** who are left unattended if you're unable to care for them due to your hospitalization.

**Emergency Message Forwarding Assistance** if you are unable to reach a family member or traveling companion during an emergency.

**Pet Care and Return Home Assistance** if you're traveling with a pet and cannot care for them due to an accident or illness.

**Ticket Home for a Traveling Companion** if you are evacuated, transported home or pass away while away from home. country and require translation assistance for medical emergencies.

**Assistance Making Flight Arrangements**, securing visas, and with other logistics if you decide to leave a threatening situation.

## Transportation Home

**Transportation Home** after hospitalization via a one-way airline ticket, coordinated and provided by *EA+*.

**Nurse Escort** provided if deemed medically necessary to help ensure you get proper medical care during your trip home.

**Return of Deceased Remains** service to bring your body home if you pass away while traveling.

**Vehicle Return** if you can't drive your vehicle back home because your medical condition prohibits it AND your companion can't drive it either.

## Other Vital Travel Assistance Available to EA+ Members Includes:

**Destination Intelligence** regarding weather, travel, health, inoculations, travel restrictions, and special events.

**Real-time Security Intelligence** in the event you feel threatened by political unrest, social instability, weather conditions, or health hazards.

**No-Limit Emergency Cash Transfer Assistance** (against your valid credit card) if cash, credit cards, or traveler's checks are lost or stolen.

**Lost Luggage Assistance** helps you track down any lost luggage, personal items or documents.

**Document Replacement Assistance** if important documents like your passport, driver's license, or birth certificate are lost or stolen during your trip.

**Language Interpretation Assistance** to connect you with an interpreter over the phone if you're traveling in a foreign

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## Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander David Sousa



Hello from Your Detachment Commander David Sousa!

As we move thru these difficult times it's time we keep our family and friends close as their camaraderie will get us through it. Take the time to contact your members to check on their well- being to let them know we are there for them.

With the announcement of the cancellation of our National Convention and all Detachment Officers staying in place for another year. I want to congratulate David Meyers from Squadron 149 for the dedication to our American Legion family thru his volunteer hours at Post 149. I look forward in having him serve on the Detachment level as the Vice commander for the Detachment of Nevada. He will be an asset for our future.

As the State of Nevada will not have any official Memorial Day activities I encourage our members to come together even if only in mind and spirit to honor the many sacrifices made for our freedom. I request in cemeteries across Nevada to pause to spread flowers on the graves of those lost in war. We should be thankful that such brave men and women have lived, and to pay tribute to those heroic patriots who bravely rose up and fought for something greater than themselves, protecting a home to which they never returned.

Live the American they died for, A country of freedom, equality, opportunity, and unlimited promise.

Live filled with hope, hope that what they gave us will last forever, and that freedom and opportunity will find all who seek it.

Live to preserve their legacy, educating all who believe Memorial Day is just another Holiday, and passing along our knowledge to the next generation so they may do the same. We must ensure that the youth of tomorrow understand the true cost of freedom.

They gave up their todays for our tomorrows, and now we must carry their message of dedications and determination to the generation in uniform today, and to the generations who will serve tomorrow because there is no greater way to honor their memory of these who have secured it.

Please take the time with your American Legion Family (Post, Auxiliary and Squadrons) to honor our Armed Forces this month, Armed Forces Day is May 16, 2020, and Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2020.

Thank You for your continued dedication to your squadrons and the Nevada Detachment.

Always here to serve,

David Sousa  
Detachment Commander  
Nevada 2019-2021





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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.*



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