



NEVADA LEGION NEWS

The American Legion, Department of Nevada



Since our charter, the 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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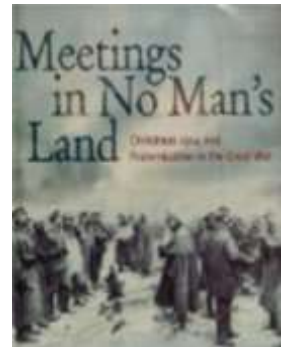
Commander's Corner

Valerie Scheuering—Hubbell

Happy Holidays Fellow Legionnaires



I know we try not to think about war at this time of year, however it happens. It brings to mind the Christmas Truce. “The truce which was a series of ceasefires along the Western Front of the First



World War around Christmas 1914. The truce occurred five months after hostilities had begun. Lulls occurred in the fighting as armies ran out of men and munitions and commanders reconsidered their strategies following the stalemate of the Race to the Sea and the indecisive result of the First Battle of Ypres. In the week leading up to 25 December, French, German and British soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into no man's land on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. There were joint burial ceremonies and prisoner swaps, while several meetings ended in carol-singing. Men played games of football with one another, creating one of the most memorable images of the truce. Hostilities continued in some sectors, while in others the sides settled on little more than arrangements to recover bodies. The following year, a few units arranged ceasefires but the truces were not nearly as widespread as in 1914”. Please remember our troops who are so far away from home and pray for their safe return.



This November a group of us attended the “Veterans Ball” in Elko, NV. It was a great event. I was asked to dance by a Korean War Veteran and at 84 yrs old he danced circles around me. I did however do my best impression of John Travolta.

From all of us in the Department, Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe New Year. As always, be healthy and safe.



Seasons Greetings fellow Legionnaires! Tis the season to spend time with friends and loved ones.

The Department of Nevada did not reach the target date of 75% membership. We were short 535 members. We are in 38th place with 66.92% membership. We are in 8th place in the Western Region.

December 31st is the target date for the Posts to reach 90% retention. One Post in each District to reach this will receive a plaque.

District 1: They have 360/588 members; 61.22% membership. They do not have any new members but have seven transfer members. None of the Posts reached 75% membership.

District 2: They have 2,492/3,654 members; 68.36% membership. They have 110 new members and 14 transfer members. There are two Posts that achieved over 75% membership.

District 3: They have 200/325 members; 61.53% membership. They have five new members and one transfer members. None of the Posts reached 75% membership.

District 4: They have 608/1,008 members; 60.31% membership. They have 21 new members and two transfer members. There is one Post that achieved over 75% membership.

Post 100: They have 660/890 members; 74.15% membership. They have three new members.

The total is 139 new members and 24 transfer members. The Department has 4,320/6,455 members.

I know all of you are working hard, but let's push members to renew for that 90% retention.

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

Always in service

Brenda Horton
Department Membership Chair
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Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Visits Southern Cemetery

On November 6, 2022, the Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary, Donald Remy visited the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) which allowed time for NDVS to address achievements and challenges facing veterans in Nevada. Scheduled the same day was a visit by National American Legion Commander Troiola that happened to coincide with the Deputy Secretary's visit. Both were given tours of the State Veterans Cemetery which allowed them to see the grounds, including the area that is to be expanded as approved by the VA.

Preparation for expansion of the cemetery is underway. The project will add approximately five acres and add more than 10,000 in-ground plots and columbarium wall niches. Superintendent Chris Naylor reinforced the fact that the SNVMC is the second busiest State Veterans Cemetery in the Nation; this expansion is desperately needed, and the VA's support of this project is greatly appreciated.

NDVS Director Wagar noted this visit not only gave NDVS a chance to show the cemetery, but also gave him a chance to address other achievements including the ongoing expansion of the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City, the initiation of the Nick Crombie Certified Nursing Assistant Academy and the creation of the Nevada Transition Assistance Program (NVTAP).

Director Wagar stated, "It is always beneficial when you can visit one - on - one with the VA leadership and have a chance to discuss achievements and challenges facing Veterans of Nevada."



Photo – Left to Right:

Dr. Everett Kelley, AFGE National President; Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs Donald Remy; NDVS Director Fred Wagar, National American Legion Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola; American Legion Past Nevada Department Commander Jim Stewart; Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery | Superintendent Chris Naylor

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Jeanette Evans



I hope everyone had a safe and filling Thanksgiving. And I wish everyone love, friendship during and happiness the rest of the holidays and a prosperous new year. On the Legion Legislative front this is what is currently happening: On Dec 1st, the House passed five veteran-related bills, including the DOULA for VA Act of 2022 (HR 2521), the Mark O'Brien VA Clothing Allowance Improvement Act (HR 4601), and the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act (HR 7158).

PACT ACT

On Nov. 17, U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) introduced American Legion-supported legislation that would cap the fees trial lawyers can charge in cases representing sick Marines and other individuals impacted by water contamination at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Less than two weeks later, on Nov. 30, Sullivan made a motion for unanimous consent for his newly introduced bill. S. 5130, the Protect Camp Lejeune Victims Ensnared by Trial-lawyers' Scams (VETS) Act, amends the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and caps legal fees at a maximum of 10% and ensures that attorneys are not paid before a veteran or family member as a result of any award made.

Sullivan cited specific American Legion support for the bill. He quoted directly from Resolution 15: Oversight of Camp Lejeune Justice Act, which was passed by The American Legion National Executive Committee during its 2022 Fall Meetings, reading, **"Whereas, predatory law firms charging exorbitant fees have engaged in aggressive marketing campaigns The American Legion urges Congress to provide the necessary oversight during the implementation of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act to ensure veterans receive fair consideration of their lawsuits and protections against predatory law firms."** veterans receive fair consideration of their lawsuits and protections against predatory law firms."

If you are interested in knowing more about the resolutions that were passed at the NEC Fall meetings 2022, you can follow the link below and go to the "archives" link in the article. Some of the resolution set operating policy for The American Legion and others become our Legislative Priorities for the upcoming Congressional Session.

<https://www.legion.org/library/257122/latest-nec-meeting-resolutions-digital-archive>

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

Sen. Tester (D-MT), on Nov 30th, held a hearing in the Veterans Affairs Committee focused on Native American veterans. Particularly about the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) delays in implementing a provision to waive copayments for VA health care for these veterans.

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The next afternoon, VA Secretary McDonough told reporters "we're working it very, very aggressively," and he is committed to getting it done before the end of the year. He acknowledged that the VA is late in implementing these regulations. McDonough would not comment on whether the rule would be made retroactive, with veterans receiving rebates.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE WEEK

In an effort to recognize the weekly accomplishments of our Legionnaires, The Legislative Division will spotlight an individual every week. These individuals demonstrate exceptional grassroots activism by meeting with/contacting their Congressional Representative/Senator to advocate for veterans. Efforts like these truly make a difference and give veterans a voice in Congress.

[Daniel Burks, Oregon](#)

We recognize Daniel Burks from the Department of Oregon for meeting with Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR) at the Veterans Memorial in Ontario, Oregon. The Congressman held an open forum with local veterans pertaining to a variety of different issues surrounding veterans up to and including the reasoning behind his voting against the PACT Act.

If you have made a grassroots effort and would like to be considered for next week's "Legionnaire of the Week," please fill out the Congressional Contact Report Form [here](#). You can also email me at

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PACT ACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The Act **(1)** expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and **(2)** expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS CAN FILE CLAIMS FOR ALL CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE PACT ACT IMMEDIATELY.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma (diagnosed after service), Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis,

Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (hypertension).

How can Veterans apply for VA health care?

Apply **online** at [VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction](https://va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction).

Call our toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET.

Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ).

Bring a completed, signed VA Form 10-10EZ with you to your nearest medical center or clinic or get help through your state's Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer.

Get help filing your claim by working with an accredited representative.

What are the PACT Act key components?



The Act **expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures** and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.



VA **will improve the decision-making process** for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.



Every enrolled Veteran will **receive an initial toxic exposure screening** and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.



VA health care staff and claims processors will receive **toxic exposure-related education and training**.



The Act requires **research studies** on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.



The Act will help VA **build a stronger, more skilled workforce** to meet the growing demand for benefits and services.



The Act authorizes **31 new medical facilities** across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

How can a Veteran file a claim?



Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete **VA Form 21-526EZ** to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.



To learn about standard VA disability claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more visit: [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file](https://va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file).

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, **Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim** are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Learn more and sign up at [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT)
Download the VA Health and Benefits App
Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
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Sons of the American Legion—Detachment Commander Shawn Horton



Membership is 52.94% placing us at 22nd in the nation, well ahead of the 12/14 deadline of 45%. Our next target date is 60% (or 26 more members) by January 19, this is important as memberships expire at the end of December. We should be pushing for renewal before the expiration date; I know it is difficult to encourage people to pay ahead of their membership date. Emphasize how important membership is and consider options to encourage early renewal. As an incentive to renew before the end of the first-quarter of 2023 I plan to issue a challenge to



Oregon, the Detachment with the highest membership percentage on the first reporting date in April will be the winner. I will donate a gold splatter or cash donation to the CWF if Nevada loses. I don't like losing so I will need everyone behind this push for the first quarter. As a reminder, the goal for the Detachment of Nevada is 368 (103%) members by December 31, 2022. If we miss this goal the expectation is 393 (110%). There needs to be a strong focus on membership to succeed in achieving the "audacious" goal of 1 million members of the SAL by 2032.

We still have three new Squadrons in the works, 22, 76, and 32. We need two more to achieve the hardest part of the Triple Nickel Award. There is a discussion around a Squadron for Boys State and a discussion at both UNR and UNLV. If you are interested in helping organize a new Squadron, please contact me. We need to work together to make membership available to more people in Nevada.

There are officially no donations to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) I do know that Squadron 30 donated \$1000 at the November DEC. The CWF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$5500 (\$15.40/member).

No donations for the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF) have been received. The VCF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$3000 (\$8.40/member). Squadrons must make this a focus as SAL National Commander Carlton has set a goal for the Sons of The American Legion to be the largest contributor to the \$2M goal set by Commander Troiola.

No donations for the National Emergency Fund (NEF) have been received. The NEF goal for the Detachment of Nevada is \$2000 (\$5.60/member).

All the goals above are subject to change based on how other Detachments are doing. The overriding fundraising goal is to be the highest per-capita in the nation in all three fundraising areas.

The Detachment has been having monthly conference calls which are not well attended. There was a discussion at the Detachment Executive Meeting to discuss the low turnout and address the issue with the leadership.

Squadrons, please submit a short summary of any events held each month so they can be included in the quarterly DEC report.

I ask each of the Posts and Districts to help their Squadrons be successful in our efforts to support Veterans through our unique positions of Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans.

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Brenda Horton

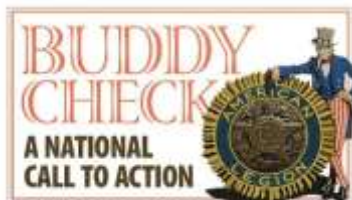
2022–2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/ NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 14, 2022	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 13, 2022	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 9, 2022	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 14, 2022	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 19, 2023	80%
PRESIDENTS DAY	FEBRUARY 15, 2023	85%
AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 15, 2023	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 19, 2023	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 17, 2023	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless a holiday falls on that day or at the beginning of that week. The February to May target dates moved to the third week to maximize end-of-year renewal notices.

Since Columbus Day falls on a Monday, the October target date 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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DISTRICT 1 – Commander Jack Edstrom

POST 1

Post 1 has been busy in the month of December. Our annual outreach to the public and potential members at the exit to SAMS CLUB was again a success despite being snowed out on the first day. A number of Veterans were contacted and are potential recruits or transfers. SAMS shoppers were also enthusiastic to procure military ball caps for Holiday gifts. The rubber ducks in military uniform were the most sought after. During this community effort the Post 1 Adjutant Dave Cairns returned from his Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., and reported it was very worthwhile. He chose to have his son Pete, also a Veteran, accompany him as an aide. A great experience that all who are eligible should participate.



Post 1 entered the City of Reno Veterans Day Parade. Participation of Post members was high and everyone enjoyed the day together. Later on Veterans Day, Post 1 Officers journeyed to a local rehabilitation hospital to meet and greet resident Veterans. Military caps were presented to Veterans who were present and several who were unable to attend. A good day for all.

Post 1 Adjutant, Dave Cairns, returned from his Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., and reported it was a tremendous experience. He chose to have Pete, his Veteran son and Post 1 member, accompany him as an aide. A great experience that all who are eligible should participate.

A Christmas Dinner before Post members on December 10, at the Post Home.

POST 12

Post 12 will make the Post's quarterly visitation of PNC Miller's and 1st PDC Scrugham's gravesite to maintain upkeep.

Christmas gifts for two deceased members' children will be purchased and provided. In addition Holiday Season cards will be mailed to all Post members.

Regarding membership; letters will be mailed to the 5 (2021) expired members within the Post membership area.

Post 12 has several activities in NOVEMBER and the first part of DECEMBER.

Post 30

Post 30 continues to support the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Coalition to ensure the continuance of care for the facility.

Post 30 continues to support and sponsor three BSA units, with the possible assumption of four more units. The new Sea Scout Ship is on track for the new charter. Jim Stewart and Jim Pierce are the designated Chartered Organization Representatives for the Post.

The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadron 30 is still very active and thriving and have been fundraising for the Post's contributions to the Department and American Legion programs So far, Squadron 30 has raised \$1,000 for the Child Welfare Foundation and \$200 to the Veterans & Children Foundation.

Squadron 30's Membership is at 100%, reaching the 2023 membership deadline of December 31st, 2022.

Squadron Commander Jim Stewart also serves as the Detachment of Nevada as the Detachment Adjutant and as the Nevada SAL NEC. Jim also serves the SAL National Organization as the Chairman of the SAL NEC Liaison Committee.

On November 4th, Post 30 attended the Dedication Ceremony of the new Veterans Memorial at the Sparks Marina.

Post 30 held a Post dinner on November 9th to celebrate Veteran's Day for the Veterans of our community. The Department Commander was the Guest Speaker along with Dillon Moss, the Nevada Boys State representative to Boys Nation. We also had four residents of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home in Sparks attend.



On November 11th, Post 30 participated in the City of Reno Veterans Day Parade. On December 3rd, Post 30 is registered to participate in the City of Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade.

And finally, Post 30 will be having a Post Holiday Gathering on December 10th for the Post Members and their Family.

DISTRICT 1

District 1 wishes all Nevada Legionnaires a Very Merry and Joyous Holiday season. Thank you to **Post Commanders Chuck Trousdale, Jim Stewart and Lionel Motta** for providing details for this report.

Hello, fellow Legionnaires from District 3

November was a busy month for Post 7.

On Veterans Day we attended the All-Veterans Day Ball. We used this opportunity to recruit new members. We recruited one new member, one transfer member and one Auxiliary member. There were more but we are waiting for the applications to come in.

The Post will be having their Post Christmas Party on December 19th at Cooks in Elko. The price is \$36 a plate with a RSVP by December 12th. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

We will be kicking off the New Year with new member initiation. The Post will be initiating five transfer members and one new member. No the Post doesn't do swirlies. Lol. It is an exciting time for all members.

Post 32 participated in Veterans Day Dinner put on by the Auxiliary.

The Post finalized their calendar for next year.

There will be a Welcome to the New Year at the Post on January 1st from 3 pm-6pm.





I have received no information from any Riders Chapters. If you want to have your events included in the newsletter, please, email me. **As an incentive to improve this newsletter article, I will donate \$100 to the Legacy Fund in the name of the Chapter that provides the most valuable input to the monthly newsletter between January and June.** I will be the sole judge on the value so make it worthwhile. This is an opportunity to earn recognition for your Chapter and support a worthy cause. I have looked at the latest headlines from the National ALR website, here are some interesting ideas that we might draw inspiration from:

Larry Hartz, an American Legion Rider of Chapter 241 in Le Mars, Iowa, created a bracelet to help people who encounter a veteran in crisis quickly remember the suicide prevention hotline number so veterans know they are not alone.

The bracelet's message is: Call 988 Option 1 – UR NEVER ALONE.

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

***** I am donating \$100 to the Legacy Fund in the name of the ALR Chapter that provides the most valuable contribution to the **newsletter article** between January and June.



The Preamble to the Constitution

As a Legionnaire and at the beginning of every meeting, "The Preamble to the Constitution" is recited. The American Legion Preamble has been the beacon light of The American Legion for more than 100 years. The preamble has only been amended twice. The last amendment consisted of removing reference to the "The Great" and adding the "All". It makes the Preamble read today "All Wars," so as to embrace all wars.

Below is the preamble interpretation (as copied from the American Legion website):

THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Each of the 10 clauses of the Preamble, though brief, has a world of meaning.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER...This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors-and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

- 1. TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...**The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore armswent to wars-to defend and uphold this document of freedom.
- 2. TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...**Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!
- 3. TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM...**Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.
- 4. TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN ALL WARS...**Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the un-erasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- 5. TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION...**Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward, are never finished.

End of Part 1 of 2 parts.

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

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The American Legion **August 2022 - July 2023** **“300 Club” Lottery**

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2nd # Drawn = \$125.00 4th # Drawn = \$50.00

Send Check or Money Order
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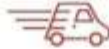
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United States Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation

The **Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)** began on July 31, 2001 with the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) implementation of Part B. Part E implementation began on October 28, 2004.

Part B of the EEOICPA provides lump-sum compensation of \$150,000 and medical benefits to current and former workers who have been diagnosed with cancers, beryllium disease, or chronic silicosis and whose illnesses were caused by exposure to radiation, beryllium, or silica while working directly for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), its contractors or subcontractors, a designated Atomic Weapons Employer, or a beryllium vendor. Under Part B, compensation of \$50,000 and payment of medical expenses from the date a claim is filed is available to uranium workers (or their survivors) previously awarded benefits by the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA).

Part E of the EEOICPA provides federal compensation and medical benefits to DOE contractor and subcontractor employees who worked at covered facilities and developed an illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances. Under Part E, monetary compensation of up to \$250,000 per employee may be available for the employee's whole-body impairment and/or wage loss due to an accepted condition.

Under the EEOICPA, if the employee is no longer living, survivors of qualified workers may also be entitled to benefits.

Contact a DEEOIC Resource Center

DOL established 11 Resource Centers nationwide to assist workers and their families apply for benefits under the EEOICPA. The Resource Center staff provides valuable information about the claims process to claimants and assists claimants in completing the necessary forms to file an EEOICPA claim. The Resource Center staff can provide assistance either in-person or over the telephone, and thus is able to assist individuals who are outside the immediate geographical area. You can find the complete list of Resource Centers, including regional jurisdictions, contact information, and toll-free numbers at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp/energy> or call toll-free at (866) 888-3322. The DEEOIC Resource Center to contact in your area is:

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