



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026, Issue 17 NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS

Happy February Holidays and Observances

- February 1: National Freedom Day
- February 2: Army Nurse Corps Established (1901).
- February 3: Four Chaplains Day
- February 13: Marine Corps Women's Reserve Established (1943)
- February 14: **Valentines Day**
- February 14 (Week of): National Salute to Veteran Patients Week
- February 16: Presidents Day
- February 18: Ash Wednesday
- February 19: Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- February 23: Iwo Jima Flag Raising
- February 27: Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day



To my fellow Legionnaires in Nevada,

You are meeting at a very special time. Not just for The American Legion, but for our nation. On July 4th, America will officially celebrate its 250th birthday. This is a milestone that would not be occurring if not for the sacrifices of the men and women who have defended our freedom.

I encourage all who are attending this conference to sign up for the USA 250 Challenge. Anyone can participate. The challenge would be whatever you make of it. It could be walking 250 blocks, making 250 buddy checks or performing 250 hours of service to your community. The possibilities are endless. Participants will receive a special USA 250 Challenge shirt and proceeds will go to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation. You can register on our national website, www.legion.org.

Whether you are a Legionnaire, an Auxiliary member or a member of the Sons of The American Legion, please know that you are a vital part of The American Legion Family. The most successful posts, units, squadrons and American Legion Riders chapters are those that practice the ethos, "Better Together!"

I cannot overstate the importance of the service that our American Legion Family provides at the community level. The "local Legion" is often the first and lasting impression that veterans and nonveterans form about our organization. Even so, you can still have a national impact on policies that will improve the lives of our current military members, veterans and their families by expressing your support for our legislative priorities to Congress. We make this process easy. Just visit www.legion.org/action to read about important veterans issues and send an automated message to lawmakers.

During my time as national commander, I have met many veterans who have told me that our Be the One Mission has saved their lives. They are here because someone took the time to ask how they were doing. That is the purpose of our buddy checks. Ask, listen and remove the stigma. Be the one to save one. We must stop the national tragedy of veteran suicide. This remains our highest priority.

Thank you for all that you are doing for our American Legion Family.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive conference.

For God and Country,



Dan K. Wiley
National Commander

Legion Family,

Last week was a momentous week for The American Legion. On Monday, December 15, our Washington Office Director, Mario Marquez, and I were invited to breakfast with VA Secretary Collins who briefed us on structural changes within the Veterans Health Administration that will occur over the next 18-24 months. VA's goal is to reduce administrative bureaucracy while streamlining decision making and enhancing patient services. The American Legion will monitor this restructuring and provide feedback while demanding accountability to ensure veterans are provided the medical care they were promised and earned.

On Thursday, December 18, our Washington Office VA&R Director, Cole Lyle, and I attended a ceremony at the Oval Office where the President signed an Executive Order reclassifying Cannabis from a schedule 1 to schedule 3 drug. This will allow federal research on the effectiveness of cannabis treating conditions that disproportionately impact veterans, such as PTSD, TBI, depression and chronic pain. The American Legion National Executive Committee passed a resolution in 2016 advocating for this very change.

I would like to thank our Washington Office, and specifically Mario Marquez, for their hard work on these issues. Our voice in Washington is being heard and respected. The credit for this goes to Mario and his team in the Washington Office. They have done an excellent job creating contacts and opening doors that were previously closed.

I want to close by wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and season's greetings.

Whatever your beliefs may be this season, just know that I believe in you, and I believe in the work we are doing for our veterans and The American Legion Family. We are making a difference every day, and this difference is because of you.

I wish you a prosperous, healthy, and happy new year. Thank you for everything you do.

Dan K. Wiley

American Legion National Commander



Greetings Members,

Here is hoping all had some great holidays with the family. I apologize for not having a newsletter for Jan, but like many others I managed to pick up the crud that was going around and it took about 2 weeks to get over it. Please be aware that it is still going around and to protect yourself from it! I was honored to attend the oratorical competition in Vegas and as usual the participants blew everyone away! It never ceases to amaze me how talented these young men and women are. Their commitment to the competition is so evident. I look forward to seeing the competition for the Department and sending our best to compete at National.

I want to take this time to remind everyone that Be The One is not just a slogan! When we interact with each other we need to tell ourselves that we do not know what this person has going on in their life and that how I conduct myself at this time and moment might be the difference in helping that person to cope or to trigger their PTSD. If we have a bad attitude, we need to check it at the door and remember why we are Legionnaire's in the first place. Some have medical issues, family issues, work issues and so on, please try to be there for your fellow veterans and be compassionate towards each other.

We have our DEC coming up and remember that it is on zoom and to get as many of your members to participate as possible. We do not operate in a vacuum and are accountable to our members to ensure they know what is going on in the state of NV and how it affects them.

Be mindful of how we conduct ourselves in the public and that someone is always watching what we do and how we are helping those within our communities. Remember that when we ask for support in the form of monies or volunteering, we need to be setting the example so that we ensure we get that support.

For God and Country,

Pam Walker

Department Commander



Department Auxiliary President

Greetings Members,

December 6th, I attended the American Legion Post 31 for a special “Thank you” to the Post by Mariah Torgesen, a 2025 Girls State attendee. How wonderful is that? She gave a speech talking about her experience at Girls State and to thank the Post for sending her there.

To be clear, Post 31 no longer has an Auxiliary Unit. Thank you, Jeff Mayer, for keeping the Auxiliary Mission going. Keep up the great work Post 31!



I attended Mission Training January 31st. I reconnected with friends and met new ones. I also learned new things. Stopped in during lunch break to the SAL Western Rendezvous as I attended it last year and said Hi to many. It was a great day!

Wishing everyone great Events and Unity as an American Legion Family.

For God and Country,
 Charmaine Meana
 ALA Department President
 AL Webmaster/Newsletter
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"American Legion Family - Be the Team!"

Greetings Legionnaires,

I would like to begin by offering my condolences to the family and friends of Raymond Perez, who has passed away. Raymond was our Congressional Liaison for Nevada Congressional District-3, and I appreciate everything he has done for the Nevada Legion.

I will be taking over the responsibilities for NV-3, as I am a constituent. Evelyn Pacheco, Commander of Budd M. Cote Post 51, and our newest Congressional Liaison, will be taking over the responsibility for NV-4, as she is a constituent. Thank you, Evelyn, for stepping up for the Nevada Legion.

The American Legion Grassroots Action Center is live with current legislation:

Scan the QR code, or go to:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.



Currently, there are four active campaigns:

- H.R.1004/S.410 - The Love Lives on Act.
 - Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen, Congresswoman Titus (NV-1), Congresswoman Lee (NV-3), & Congressman Horsford (NV-4) are co-sponsors.
- H.R.2102/S.1032 – The Major Richard Star Act.
 - Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen, Congresswoman Titus (NV-1), Congresswoman Lee (NV-3), & Congressman Horsford (NV-4) are co-sponsors.
- H.R.2605/S.1441 - The Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act.
 - Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen & Congresswoman Lee (NV-3) are co-sponsors.
- H.R.3151/S.1541 – The Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security (SHIPS) for America Act.
 - Congressman Amodei (NV-2) is a co-sponsor.

If your representative has not co-sponsored one of these bills, please contact them.

The 2026 Washington Legislative Conference is scheduled for Feb 28-Mar 5 at the Washington Hilton. The full agenda and hotel information can be found on the Legion website. Some important dates and events to note:



- March 2 – Legislative Commission Meeting and Commander’s Call.
- March 3 – ‘Know Before You Go’ briefs and Hill visits.
- March 4 – National Commander’s Testimony to Joint session of Congress.

Currently, we have confirmed meetings with Senator Rosen, Senator Cortez-Masto, Congresswoman Titus (NV-1), and a representative for Congressman Amodei (NV-2). Congresswoman Lee (NV-3), and Congressman Horsford (NV-4) have committed to meeting with us, but no dates have been confirmed.

Below is the 2025 Voter Voice Engagement Summary:

The American Legion 2025 VoterVoice Engagement Summary

Top Campaigns

- Major Richard Star
Act: 22,299 messages
- Service Dogs Assisting Veterans
Act: 17,779 messages
- SHIPS for America
Act: 16,481 messages
- 2025 GI Bill Parity:
14,015 messages

Messages Sent to Congress:

102,873

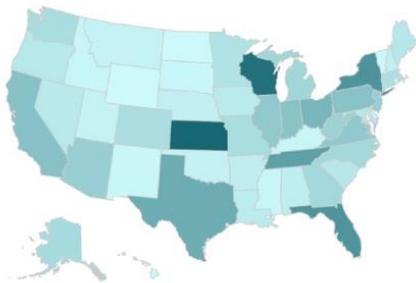
Total Advocates:

65,168

Survey Responses:

12,879

Engagement by State:



Top States:

- Kansas:** 8,842 actions
- Wisconsin:** 8,317 actions
- New York:** 6,221 actions
- Florida:** 6,177 actions
- Tennessee:** 5,483 actions

Always in Service,
Manny Garcia
Nevada Delegation Legislative Committee Chairman
National Legislative Council

Greetings,

Wrapping up 2025 was very exciting for me. With changing the way, I live to initiate a new and exciting format for conducting business within District 3. As many of you know my wife and I are now full time RV'ers. It is an opportunity to experience this great country of ours in a new way, without the constraints of time and distance. You get out of this lifestyle what you are willing to put into it. If you are looking at this lifestyle, I suggest you keep a journal of your activities, why? Because eventually one day will run into the next until you forget what, where and what you have done.

The knowledge that can be gained is beyond imaginable, by visiting different Posts their seems to be a common thread. In 95% of the Post is, how do we enlist younger veterans? The different ideas I have heard run the spectrum, all of which have had very little return on the amount of time invested. Another common response is I don't have the time or energy to invest in the American Legion, with my job and family. The other 5% (which is 2 Post) is to find out what they are interested in. Start with letting them talk about their interest, the key to this is allowing them to talk. Listen. Ask questions to clarify what you hear them saying. If you have a way to jot down some notes that is even better. Showing an interest in what they enjoy is the key. So, what is next? Telling them about your Post (you would think that is a good starting spot)? No! Rather ask them how you could participate, asking open-ended questions keeping the conversation going. You can follow it up with I never thought about that and then let them know that the Post could help also. They usually respond with how? This is where you talk about the benefits that the Post has to offer and how that activity can fit in. They now see you as a partner not just another vet wanting to increase the numbers in the Post.

So, what has District 3 been up to, with wrapping up the year, Christmas Parties, planning the next year's events. Double checking to ensure everything is on track. One of the items I am most excited about and one of the most challenging is being the District Commander and conducting business while being 1800 miles away. I have learned some lessons with this, the first is without a strong support team it would be impossible to achieve the mission. The 2nd and more challenging is how to effectively communicate with the Posts and Executive Committee, that is where Zoom comes in. I discussed this idea with the Past District Officers and potential incoming officers about this idea. The 1st obstacle would be the District and Post would have to have in their Constitution and By-Laws the provision to conduct business through a means other than in person. The next is purchasing a Business Zoom account which allows for unlimited use. This was voted on and passed in a District Meeting. Then a list of the email addresses for District Executive Committee members, Post Commanders, Post 1st Vice and Post Adjutant, an email would be sent to each of them which they in turn would disseminate the information to their Post members. After this was accomplished, we passed on to each Post the ability to conduct their Post meetings on Zoom. All of this allows for more participation and more transparency across all levels of the District. Through this entire process I have become aware of different aspects to each of the different Zoom meetings that I felt needed to be addressed and corrected. Following a protocol which has been established, I started writing out the District Standing Rules for Zoom Meetings as each idea came to mind, I wrote it down (so you can imagine it did not flow but jumped from idea to idea with no rhyme or reason). That was the way I presented it during my most recent Commanders Monthly Call. Having emailed a copy to everyone before the meeting we as a team discussed it. With the suggestions from that meeting it was revised. We will be voting on it during the next District 3 meeting in May. I have since done the revisions and emailed a copy to everyone on the District email list and have asked for any comments or suggestions. I have also emailed the latest draft to Department Commander Walker and Department Adjutant Connors for their consideration, also. Our hope in the District is that we are able to increase participation within every Post and the District. This is all within our commitment this year to have total transparency and the easy flow of information to every member. If anyone would like a draft copy of the District Standing Rules for Zoom Meetings, please contact me at lincoln.litchfield@gmail.com.

Lincoln Litchfield

District 3 Commander

Happy New Year my fellow Legionnaires!!

Here's to a new year with wishes of good health and happiness.

District 3 has started something new this year. We have been conducting training via zoom once a month. Last month we went through how to navigate mylegion. Yes, everyone's favorite app. Complete with pdfs (screenshots) and instructions.

In December, we went through the duties of a Post Commander. The material came from the officers manual. Also included was what the book doesn't tell you. If you have been a Post Commander, you can imagine what those duties were. lol.

In January, PDC Valerie Scheuering will train us on how to conduct an Oratorical Contest. It will be on the 13th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these trainings.

Every year new Officers are elected. They are unsure of their duties and responsibilities so our District is stepping up to help mentor these new officers. Once a year our District has an in person training session on how to conduct a Post meeting along with parliamentary procedures. These have been well received by everyone that attended.

We are encouraged to train others to replace us. These zoom training sessions are a great way to do this. Past Detachment Commander Horton will make these available if you are interested.

Always in service.

Brenda Horton
Jr PDC
District 3 Adjutant



CHAPLAIN CORNOR**ED BROWN DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN**

INTRO: JANUARY IS THE TIME FOR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS. EPHESIANS 5:17—THEREFORE, DO NOT BE FOOLISH AND THOUGHTLESS, BUT UNDERSTAND AND FIRMLY GRASP WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS.

HOW CAN OUR RESOLUTION MAKE THE NEW YEAR BETTER? I HAVE FOUND 3 RESOLUTION THE WILL WORK FOR THE YEAR BUT ALSO WORK FOR THE POST THAT YOU ARE IN.

- 1. BE CAREFUL
 - 2. BE THOUGHTFUL
 - 3. BE THANKFUL
1. **BE CAREFUL**—BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE. BE WISE IN YOUR TIME AND BE CAREFUL IN HOW YOU TREAT OTHER PEOPLE. EPHESIANS 5:15—THEREFORE, SEE THAT YOU WALK CAREFULLY LIVING LIFE WITH HONOR, PURPOSE, AND COURAGE. WALK AS WISE SENSIBLE, INTELLIGENT, DISCERNING PEOPLE.
 2. **BE THOUGHTFUL**—THIS GOES ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION TRADITION OF CHECKING ON OTHERS. GALATIANS 6:2—CARRY ONE ANOTHER’S BURDENS AND IN THIS WAY, YOU WILL FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW OF CHRIST. THAT LAW OF CHRISTIAN LOVE. SOMETIMES WE GET TIRED OF HELPING OTHERS OR CHECKING ON THEM BUT GALATIANS 6:9—SAID LET US NOT GROW WEARY OR BECOME DISCOURAGED IN DOING GOOD.
 3. **BE THANKFUL**—SOMETIME THIS IS A HARD ONE TO DO BECAUSE THINGS DON’T TURN OUT THE WAY WE THINK THEY SHOULD. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18—IN EVERY SITUATION NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES BE THANKFUL. IN EVERYTHING WE DO AND EVERYTHING GOOD OR BAD THAT COMES OUR WAY BE THANKFUL. VERSE 16 OF THE SAME BOOK AND CHAPTER SAID REJOICE ALWAYS AND DELIGHT IN YOUR FAITH.

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD SAID GRACE AT THE FAMILY DINNER ONE NIGHT. “DEAR GOD THANK YOU FOR THESE PANCAKES.” WHEN HE HAD CONCLUDED HIS PARENTS ASK HIM WHY HE THANK GOD FOR PANCAKES WHEN THEY WERE HAVING CHICKEN. HE SAID “I THOUGHT I SEE IF GOD WAS PAYING ATTENTION TONIGHT”

HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR AND REMEMBER BE CAREFUL, BE THOUGHTFUL, BE THANKFUL NO MATTER WHAT COMES YOUR WAY THIS YEAR.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

ED BROWN DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

WE FIND THAT FEBRUARY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE LOVE MONTH BECAUSE OF VALENTINE'S DAY

PAUL IN FIRST CORINTHIANS 13 TALKS ABOUT LOVE THIS CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS THE LOVE CHAPTER. HE TELLS US WHAT LOVE IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT.

VERSE 4—LOVE ENDURES WITH PATIENCE AND SERENITY—LOVE IS KIND AND THOUGHTFUL—LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR ENVOUS—LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT PROUD OR ARROGANT.

VERSE 5—LOVE IS NOT RUDE—LOVE IS NOT SELF-SEEKING—LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED NOR OVERLY SENSITIVE AND EASILY ANGERED; IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG EDURED.

VERSE 6—LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE AT INJUSTICE BUT REJOICE WITH THE TRUTH WHEN RIGHT AND TRUTH PREVAIL

VERSE 7—LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS REGARDLESS OF WHAT COMES—BELIEVES ALL THINGS—LOVE LOOKING FOR THE BEST IN EACH ONE—HOPES ALL THINGS—REMAINING STEADFAST DURING DIFFICULT TIMES—ENDURES ALL THINGS WITHOUT WEAKENING.

VERSE 8—LOVE NEVER FAILS—LOVE NEVER FADES NOR ENDS.

ONE OF THE NFL TEAM HAS ON THE BACK OF THEIR HELMETS CHOOSE LOVE. THAT WHAT WE NEED TO CHOOSE IS LOVE.

LOVE NOURISHES THE HEART—HATE HARDENS THE HEART.

HAVE A WONDERFUL MONTH



Chaplain's Corner JUST SHOW UP!

We are all members of a service organization: American Legion Auxiliary.

And, we do service projects. Maybe we visit the Boulder City Veterans home, or the Northern Nevada Veterans Home in Sparks.

Maybe we do projects for Children and Youth: going to schools and explaining what a veteran is. Or perhaps explaining why we celebrate Veterans Day or Memorial Day every year.

Some Units participate in Poppy Drives. They distribute poppies and ask for donations, and the money they raise is then donated to Veterans Organizations or even for Active-Duty troops – such as sending care packages to service members who are deployed or serving on a ship.

And there are many Auxiliary members who regularly attend meetings of their Units. Some meetings may feature a speaker; others are more like “business” meetings where they share reports about their activities and fund-raisers.

But are we really serving veterans and active-duty military members in our day-to-day lives as Auxiliary members?

My answer is yes.

Why? Because it is the little things that count.

When we greet our neighbor who we know is a veteran warmly, we are serving. When we go to our local Post (those of us who are in Units that are attached to a Post, that is), and talk to an American Legion member, we are serving. When we are kind to a co-worker who we know is a veteran, we are serving.

The concept that we need to be doing something big and grand – like serving meals in a hospital or retirement home, or driving a veteran to an appointment, or greeting troops returning from a deployment at the airport – is necessary in order to actually be making a difference, is a bit misguided, I think. Sure, it's great when we can do that, but we are also serving when we demonstrate small acts of kindness.

As someone once said: the presence of your presence is itself a valuable present. Being there is important. It provides “critical mass.” In other words:

JUST SHOW UP!

Laurie Diefenbach is the elected Chaplain of the ALA Department of Nevada.



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Race to
ERASE *22*



BIG **SUNDAY** *Watch Party*

Join us for a day of football,
food, friendship, family fun,
and games!

Fun for the whole family.
Can't wait to see you there!

Feb. 8, 2026 **American Legion Post 8**
3:00p - 8:00p **733 N Veterans Memorial Dr.**

Scan the QR code for more info and to register.



American Legion Post and Unit 14 Auxiliary Juniors & Sons of the Legion

What we have been up to:

December 4th

Donations for the 72nd MP Co: The kids voted to donate cookies and drinks for 100 soldiers of the 72nd MP Co for their Holiday drill event.



December 7th

Legion Family Holiday Party: Bread, Soup, and Memories!!!!



December 13th

Wreaths Across America: We were able to assist in placing wreaths on Veterans graves at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City Nv for National Wreaths Across America Day



Deployed Love: We assisted with the Deployed Love holiday party for children of a deployed parent. Santa is on our team!



December 18th

National Guard Reserves Donations: We donated toys, wrapping paper, and gift bags galore to be used at the Lunch with Santa event coming up!



December 20th

National Guard Reserves Lunch with Santa: Santa visited the kids of the families while the rest of our team assisted with the event itself! Such a rewarding and fun time for all of us!



Looking forward to what 2026 has in store for us!

Trishia Eubanks

ALA Unit 14 Jr's and Post 14 Sons Advisor
Dept of Nv Sgt at Arms
Dept of Nv. C&Y Chair

American Legion Nevada Post 76 Launches Campaign for America 250 Monument

Commemorating America's legacy—honoring those who keep freedom alive.



The American Legion Nevada Post 76, known as the “Spirit of Freedom,” has announced an ambitious campaign in support of the America 250 Project—an initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Post’s campaign aims to raise funds to install a new monument at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. The project is already guaranteed to be constructed because of loans made by individuals, so the schedule would not be impacted by funds not being fully committed by grant organizations. An ambitious completion date is May 7, 2026, to coincide with the DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony. If that date cannot be made, then the contingent would be July 4, 2026, the anniversary of the first signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The monument will be crafted from polished black granite and will feature a bronze casting of the Minuteman on one side and Molly Pitcher on the other. These historic figures embody the spirit of American courage and resilience, representing the men and women who have stood in defense of liberty throughout the nation’s history. The monument will be positioned at a forty-five-degree angle to allow visitors to view both sides clearly and appreciate the unity of purpose they symbolize.

Placement of the monument has been approved for a prominent location at the entrance of the Memorial Garden, just south of the Administration Building. This site was selected for its accessibility and its proximity to areas of reflection often visited by families and veterans alike.

Project Manager, Historian Gary Parriott, standing for Post 76, emphasized the project’s importance: “This monument is our gift to the future—a lasting tribute to those whose dedication and sacrifice have preserved our nation’s freedom for 250 years.”

To support the campaign, members of Post 76 are coordinating community events, donation drives, and partnerships with local organizations and civic groups. Contributions, large and small, are welcome, allowing Nevadans from all walks of life to take part in celebrating this historic milestone.

How to Contribute

The members of American Legion Nevada Post 76 invite individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations to join the Spirit of Freedom America 250 Campaign. Your contribution will help ensure that this monument stands as a permanent reminder of our nation's enduring legacy.

Several items are being supplied to recognize donors.

- America 250 Challenge Coins were created explicitly for student-age visitors to the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit, which focuses on the diverse people and places that shaped the birth of the United States.
- Other variations of these coins have since been produced as fundraising awards.
- Certificates of Appreciation and laser-etched plaques were developed for major donors and corporate-level sponsors.

Donations to American Legion Post 76 for this project are generally tax-deductible charitable contributions under the Internal Revenue Code. American Legion Posts qualify as war veterans' organizations under IRC § 170(c)(3) and 501(c)(19). The completed monument will be gifted to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a federal agency.

Contributions made to or for the use of the United States for public purposes are additionally.

deductible under IRC §170(c)(1). Donations may be made by check, payable to American Legion Post 76 – America 250 Monument Fund, or online through the post's official campaign portal. All contributions will directly support the design, casting, and installation of the monument.

Every donation—large or small—moves this project closer to completion. Together, we can honor America's 250 years of independence and pay tribute to the generations who have safeguarded our freedom. For more information, see the attached form, contact the Project Manager at garyparriott@gmail.com

America 250 Monument Fundraiser

Presented by American Legion Post 76 – Las Vegas, NV

Help us honor America’s founding by supporting the installation of a two sided granite monument at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Every donation helps preserve the memory of the patriots who secured our nation’s liberty.

Choose a recognition level below. All proceeds go directly to the America 250 Monument Project *Send “America250” donations by check to: Spirit of Freedom, Post 76 P.O. Box 34012, Las Vegas NV 89133-4012

\$20 – Silver-Like Challenge Coin



Receive a commemorative silver-finish challenge coin featuring Revolutionary War imagery

\$50 – Two-Color Enamel Challenge Coin



Show your support with a premium enamel coin

\$100, \$150, and \$350 donations - Certificate of Appreciation



Receive a handsome certificate honoring your contribution

\$500 & \$1000+ - Laser Etched Wood Plaque



Major donors will receive a custom recognition plaque

Celebrating the history of The American Legion during our 107th anniversary (shared by John B. Raughter)

One hundred and seven years ago, the world was recovering from its bloodiest war in history. Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States. Europe was in shambles. And a group of U.S. veterans serving in Paris, France, was forming the organization that we are celebrating today.

At about the time that The American Legion formed at the Paris Caucus in 1919, more than 300,000 soldiers with debilitating physical and mental disabilities were transitioning back to the United States. Having put unprecedented financial resources toward winning the war, the government paid little attention to the medical needs and rehabilitation of wounded veterans.

In the early days of The American Legion, Past National Commander Hanford MacNider wrote, “The first duty of The American Legion is to see that those men who came back from the service blind, maimed...broken in health and spirit...who must live through the war forever in their homes throughout the country...get a square deal from the Government they fought for.”

“A square deal” is what Teddy Junior’s father, President Theodore Roosevelt, promised all Americans more than a decade earlier.

Since 1919, The American Legion has led the charge for veterans health care and rehabilitation, patriotic youth programs, a strong national defense, and Americanism.

Through the Legion’s hard work and advocacy, The U.S. Veterans Bureau was created in 1921. It would serve as the forerunner of the Veterans Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

It was The American Legion that ensured returning World War II veterans would have unprecedented educational and home ownership opportunities through its creation of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944.

As impressive as our history is, The American Legion does not let past accomplishments define us. We are about advocacy for veterans.

The American Legion’s corps of accredited service officers obtained more than \$23 billion in benefits to veterans last year. The

American Legion Child Well-being Foundation awarded nearly \$853,000 in grants in 2025. And The American Legion delivered more than \$11 million in assistance to disaster victims since the creation of our National Emergency Fund.

The founders of The American Legion faced uncertainty about the future of our veterans with a sense of purpose. What began as a brotherhood and sisterhood of veterans grew into a national force for good that was dedicated to safeguarding the freedoms we cherish, and to building a brighter future for those who carry the flag forward.

When the Ku Klux Klan was at the height of its power, The American Legion passed Resolution 407 in 1923. It declared that groups fostering racial, religious or class strife were “un-American, a menace to our liberties,” and “inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of The American Legion.”

In 1944, Harry W. Colmery (Comb ery), a Legion past national commander, wrote the first draft of what later became the "GI Bill of Rights," the Legion's greatest legislative achievement. It made college educations, home and business loans available to millions of veterans and literally rejuvenated the American economy.

Later, The American Legion would continue to champion the rights of Global War on Terrorism veterans with a GI Bill that was even more comprehensive than the original.

The American Legion has thrived for 107 years because, while our organization continues to preserve the memories of those who have made great sacrifice, we serve the future of our nation.

We honor the principle espoused by America’s first president when he said in his first annual address to Congress, quote – "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. " -unquote.

For the past 107 years, the men and women of The American Legion have been 100 percent committed to preserving the peace that George Washington sought.

With your help and the service of future generations of Legionnaires, America will still represent the world’s greatest hope and put service before self.

Thank you, God Bless America, and God Bless The American Legion

join us to celebrate
10 YEARS *of*

FISHER HOUSE
LAS VEGAS



Please join us for a special Open House celebration as we honor this meaningful milestone and the community that made it possible.

Open House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

6900 N Pecos Rd. Building 8
North Las Vegas, NV 89086





CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL



Sunday, February 22nd At 2:00 PM

Please Join Us in Celebrating Our Beloved American Legion Family
Member and Friends who have passed in 2024



American Legion BMI Post 40 - Legion Hall
425 E. Van Wagenen St.
Henderson, NV 89015



Annual Conference

Stronger Together: Community and Connection

Nevada State Legislature Complex Building

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The Matthew Axelson Foundation under the umbrella of the non-profit Cupertino Veterans Memorial Corporation (www.cupertinoveteransmemorial.org) is in the middle of a campaign to raise funds to support veterans' organizations. An important fundraising event is our golf tournament on **June 28, 2026** at Genoa Lakes Ranch Course.

Who is Matthew Axelson? Matthew "Axe" Axelson was a United States Navy SEAL who was killed in the War in Afghanistan. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the highest award the Navy can give, for his actions during Operation Red Wings, in which he was killed. His story and that of his teammates is told in the book and movie *Lone Survivor*. Operation Red Wings, June 27-28, 2005, was the most highly decorated small team action in naval history. Awards bestowed include: one Medal of Honor, 3 Navy Crosses, 16 Bronze Stars, 20 Purple Hearts.

This tournament is a wonderful way to interact with our military players (active duty & retired) and show them how much we appreciate their service. The money we raise each year goes to various military organizations.

- **SEAL Family Foundation** (<https://sealfamilyfoundation.org>) provides support for individual and family readiness through an array of programs specifically targeted to assist the Naval Special Warfare community in maintaining a resilient, sustainable, and healthy force in this era of persistent conflict and frequent deployments.
- **Special Operations Warrior Foundation** (www.specialops.org) provides a post-secondary education to the surviving children of fallen special operations service members. Special Operations Warrior Foundation supports America's Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel.
- **De Anza Veterans Program** (www.deanza.edu/veterans/) is dedicated to providing student-veterans and their dependents with services that support the attainment of their academic and career goals.

Thank you,
Donna Axelson, Gold Star Mom

Golf Tournament Chair

For more information call (408) 821-9436.

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Golf Tournament Hole Sponsor

\$250.00

The part played by our Hole Sponsors is an important fund-raising aspect of the Matthew Axelson Foundation Golf Tournament (6/28/2026) plus it is an excellent PR opportunity. Your tax-deductible donation will be recognized in the Tournament Program and on our website. Thank you for including the Matthew Axelson Foundation in your charitable plans.

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Name as you want it to appear on the hole sign, in the program, and on our website:

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