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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Vehicle Donation Program
- * LIT Open Enrollment
- * American Legion flags
- * SAL Western Rendezvous

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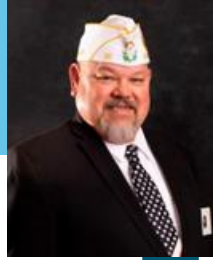
It's pretty quiet this month...

Are any Posts or Districts doing anything they would like to share?

Please send to
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

JIM STEWART



Well, I don't know about you, but I am so glad that 2020 is over and I am looking forward to 2021! The COVID-19 pandemic has changed a lot of things and how we do business. With our travel restrictions and gathering limitations, I have not been able to visit the Posts within our Department and meet all of you. The thing I really miss were all of the Post holiday parties my wife and I were invited to attend last year. Unfortunately, our new normal is to have virtual meetings. However, conference calls and Zoom meetings are not the same. While we can get the necessary business done, it is that interpersonal interaction that I really miss. Soon, I believe we will get back to a more normal environment and get to see each other.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on our Department membership. We haven't been able to conduct membership drives and setup membership booths at events. This is why I asked for the focus of our membership effort for 2020 to be on renewing our current members. With the restrictions by the Governor hopefully to be lifted soon, we can get back to setting up our booths and start recruiting new members for the 2021 year.

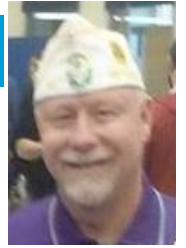
I am still asking that all Posts continue to make your **Buddy Checks** with all of your members, neighbors, and friends. Ask them how they are doing and see if there is anything we can do to assist them. The National Commander has made this an American Legion initiative. Besides if they see that we care, they may feel more inclined to a part of The American Legion.

Well, until next time, please stay healthy and stay safe.

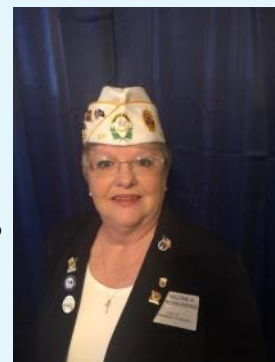
Always in Service,
Jim Stewart
Commander



Ist Vice Commander Richard Eberly



2nd Vice Commander, Valerie Scheuering



Hello Fellow Legionnaires

In the Vantage Blog this last week, it recently gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccine scams and how to avoid them. Now that the COVID-19 vaccine is becoming available, scammers are calling, texting and emailing Veterans with promises of vaccine availability and early access to vaccines. These promises are lies. The people sending these messages are identity thieves. They are after your sensitive personal information, such as Social Security Number, and your money.

Here's how the VA will contact you:

VA is beginning contact with Veterans to offer and administer COVID-19 vaccinations. You can sign up for vaccine updates by visiting (va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay informed). This is a valid and reliable source of information about VA's COVID-19 vaccine response.

What the VA will NEVER do:

VA will *never* request money or your full Social Security Number through phone, email or text messages.

VA will *never* ask for your personal health information through a vaccination request call.

VA will *never* include hyperlinks in text messages or emails that will take you to unofficial or non-secured web pages that ask for personal information.

VA will *never* require payment in exchange for providing the vaccine early and will not require payment to become eligible for the vaccine.

If you do receive a phone call from a VA medical center, you may be asked to provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number and date of birth. It is up to you if you choose to provide that information.

To be safe, it is recommended that you politely hang up and then call the medical center back so that you can be sure you are actually speaking with a real Veteran health provider. Use a number that you already have in your contacts or look up the facility closest to you.

Be at the top of your game. Stay alert to scams **DON'T** give out your personal information or Social Security Number and remember **DON'T** ever pay for the opportunity to receive a FREE vaccine from the VA.

On a lighter note...Those who donate blood or platelets in January will be automatically entered to win two tickets to next year's Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, in addition, those who come to give blood from Jan 1-20 will also be automatically entered to win a 65-inch television and a \$500 gift card. You can schedule an appointment to give blood today with the American Red Cross by visiting (redcrossblood.org), using the Red Cross Blood Donor App (redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app.html).

Right now blood and plasma are in great need, so every little bit helps to save lives.

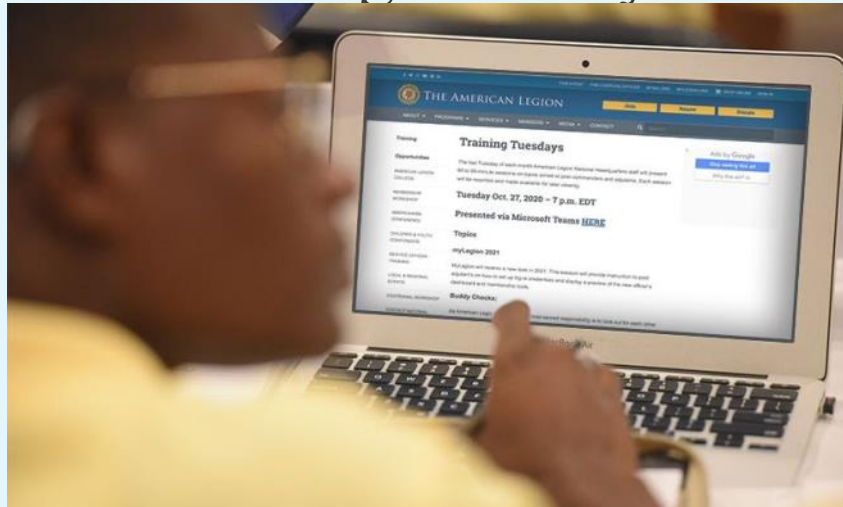
As always, please stay healthy and safe. God Bless this Great Nation and The American Legion.

For God and Country

Department 2nd Vice Commander
Valerie Scheuering



Training Tuesdays



The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

Upcoming Session

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2012—7p.m. EST

Representing The American Legion Brand

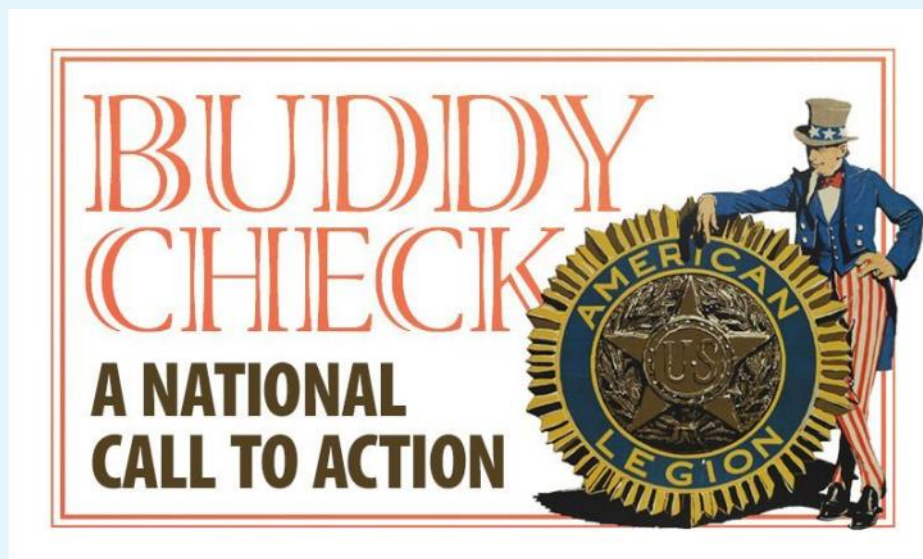
Future Session

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 – 7 p.m. EST

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HISTORIAN'S PAGE

Fred Doten, Historian



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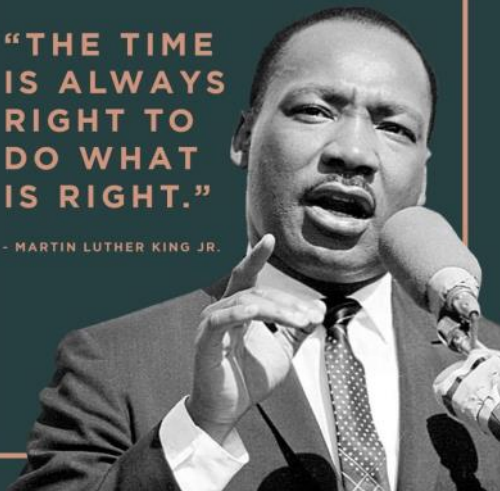


Event of Interest

1979 US President **Jimmy Carter** proposes Martin Luther King's birthday be a holiday

"THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



39th US President
Jimmy Carter



Civil Rights Activist
Martin Luther King Jr.



Hospital Help Plan Overview

No matter what insurance you have, your share of a hospital bill can quickly add up to hundreds - or even thousands - of dollars.

Your American Legion Department Endorsed Hospital HELP Plan insurance pays cash benefits that will DOUBLE the longer your covered hospital stay.

The Hospital HELP plan starts accruing cash benefits on the first day of your covered hospital stay. That means:

- You can set up protection to give yourself (and your family) an extra stream of cash benefits...
- One that isn't tied to your medical insurance...
- Paying regardless of any other health plan...

Putting money back in your wallet if you were sick or hurt and ended up in the hospital.

That means **\$50.00 a day** paid from the first day you enter the hospital. Another \$50.00 on day two. Another \$50.00 on day three. \$50.00 each and every day for 14 full days.

Your cash benefits jump up to \$100.00 a day on day 15.

And they stay at that double-benefit \$100.00 level ... paying you \$100.00 day after day of your hospital stay... all the way through day 30.

It pays FOUR TIMES as much **\$200.00 a day**... starting on day 31. And those benefits do not go down. You stay at \$200.00 a day. Every single day of your hospital stay. All the way until day 365 if needed.

But what if you run into something really serious? Like cancer? Or a heart attack? Or a stay in the Intensive Care Unit? Medical bills can quickly escalate in those situations. Hospital HELP does, too.

Your cash benefit DOUBLES for each day you are hospitalized due to cancer or are confined in the cardiac care or intensive care unit. That means **\$100.00 a day** from day one. \$200.00 a day starting on day 15. \$400.00 a day from day 31.

These benefit payments are sent directly to you (unless you tell us otherwise).

Spend the money however you want. There will be no questions asked.

But maybe you're wondering what happens if you get your care in a VA hospital. Hospital HELP stands strong for VA care, too. You get **\$50.00 a day for days 1-14 and \$100 a day for days 15-30.** Even if your VA care costs you nothing at all.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY. YOU SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER A MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY BEFORE PURCHASING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE SUCH AS THIS OFFER.

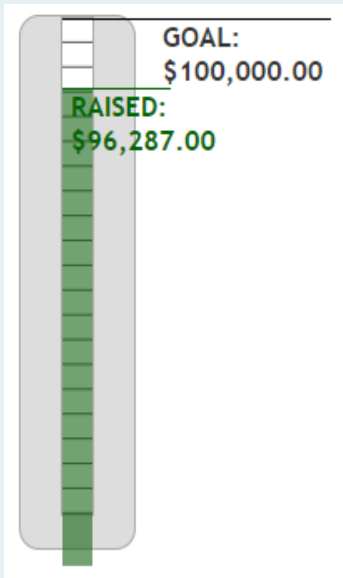
Securian Life Insurance Company, the provider of this coverage, is not connected with or endorsed by any government agency, including the U.S. Military or Veteran's Administration (CMS).

American Legion Riders



THE 2020 AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY RUN FUNDRAISER

With the coronavirus forcing social distancing and stay-at-home orders, all American Legion national events have been canceled throughout the summer. This includes what was going to be the 15th annual American Legion Legacy Run – the primary fundraiser for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Through the efforts of the American Legion Family, spearheaded by the Legion Riders – five of the previous six Legacy Runs have raised more than \$1 million for a fund that since 2004 has awarded \$3.6 million in aid to 401 military children of the fallen and disabled.



By the numbers: The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

In order to continue raising money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund during these times, The American Legion has created a tiered donation program to provide an alternative way for individual American Legion Family members to contribute to the fund. Donations start at \$15, signifying the 15th year of the Legacy Run, and will entitle the donor to various souvenirs from this year's altered Legacy Run, as has been the case for participants in and donors to previous rides. The tiered individual donation program is:

Tier 1 - \$15: Donors receive a thank-you card signed by the national commander and American Legion Riders chairman.

Tier 2 - \$25: Donors receive a 15th Annual challenge coin.

Tier 3 - \$50: Donors receive a 15th Annual Ride t-shirt.

Tier 4 - \$75: Donors receive a Legacy Run 15 years in review booklet, the ride's main patch and a "Quarantined 2020 Riding in Spirit" rocker.

Tier 5 - \$250: Donors receive all the above items.

Additionally, The American Legion maintains a reward program that recognizes \$500 and above donations made by individuals, posts or departments. These donations are either sent in to national, presented at the national convention or donated at stop points on the Legacy Run. The reward structure for those donations are:

The first \$500 donor receives a plaque with a Legacy Run coin affixed within. The plaque has five coin slots for consecutive years.

Each year after every \$500 or more donated, another coin is awarded (minimum donation amount received for all 5 years is \$2,500).

When the plaque is filled with five coins, another plaque is awarded and the reward program starts over.

To donate to the Legacy Fund through this program now through Dec. 31, use the link below.

[Donate to the Legacy Fund](#)

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to riding with all of you next year.

Mail-in Donations to:
 The American Legion Legacy Run
 PO Box 1055
 Indianapolis, IN 46206
 Attention: Internal Affairs & Membership Division
 Please include your shirt size



Record year for American Legion vehicle donation program

The American Legion

JAN 08, 2021

American Legion members helped establish a record year for the organization's vehicle donation program in 2020.

That year 275 vehicles were donated through Charitable Auto Rides Service Inc. (CARS), generating about \$141,500. Proceeds from each auction sale through CARS go to American Legion charities and programs.

In the first full year of using CARS, the Legion experienced rapid growth in the number of donated vehicles. For example, in December 2019, just eight vehicles were donated compared with 98 last month.

"First and foremost, CARS is an extremely proud ally of The American Legion," said Jim Strassburg, director of national business development at CARS. "We hold the mission of supporting our brave veterans, and advocating for patriotism, in very high regard. Our first year can only be seen as a very successful relationship."

Strassburg predicts that revenue generated from donated cars, trucks, boats, and RVs will continue to trend upward.

"We anticipate a tremendous year (2021) for The American Legion," he said. "We estimate volume and corresponding revenue to grow by up to 60 percent. With the vehicle donation market still strong, and additional promotions and marketing being implemented monthly, we anticipate this CARS program to be a significant revenue stream for The American Legion for years to come."

For more information, visit legion.careasy.org/home.



Membership

By Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chairman



Happy New Year fellow Legionnaires! Hoping that the new year will be better than 2020. If you have had COVID-19, I hope you are on the road to recovery.

Membership. The goal for Department is 7,627 members and we are at 5,669 members as of January 12, 2021. We have dropped down to number 45 on the National Level with a 74.328% membership. We are short 432 members to reach our goal of 80% by January 21st. In the Western Region we are 4th from the bottom.

Continue to reach out to Post members to renew their dues as well as reaching out to Post 100/expired members.

District 1:

They are at 62.29%.

They have transferred ten members from Post 100 to local Posts.

District 2:

They are at 67.92% membership.

They have transferred 136 members from Post 100 to local Posts.

District 3:

They are at 87.95% membership.

They have transferred 3 members from Post 100 to local Posts.

District 4:

They are at 86.45% membership.

They have transferred 56 members from Post 100 to local Posts.

District 5:

They are at 55.34% membership.

They have not transferred any members to local Posts.

Post 100 has 823 members. Let's find them a Post home.

Posts please sent your retention percentage to your District Commander so we can use this data to determine if we hit our Department goal of 90% retention by December 31, 2020. I will be scheduling a Department Membership Team teleconference in a couple of weeks, so please get this information sent in. Thank you!!

On our last teleconference we talked about retention. How to retain Post members.

Recognition and a pat on the back go a long way with Officers and members. End of the year certificates/plaques presented at the Post meeting or District meeting. Let them know how much you appreciate what they do for the Post or District throughout the year. Continuous membership certificates with the appropriate pin tack presented to members during a Post meeting or at a Veterans Day Dinner. Legionnaire of the year plaque presented to a member at a Post meeting. If you have a newsletter, recognize them in it. The members will appreciate seeing their name in print. The American Legion is a volunteer organization so a little recognition goes a long way!

If you have any questions about membership. Please contact me.
For God and Country

Brenda Horton
Department Membership Chair
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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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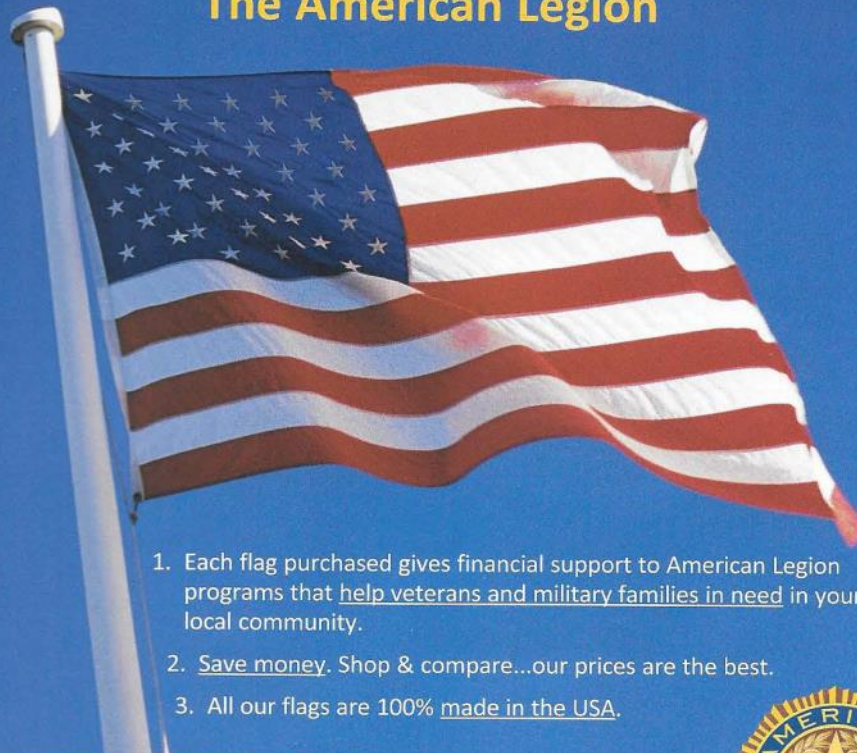
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Our aim as members of the Sons is to incorporate the family as a unified force and set new records in membership growth and contributions for the many projects we support. Your participation is instrumental and a must for the success of these objectives. The formula for growth is really very simple "Just Ask Somebody," if we each brought just one person into the family this year, we would have doubled in size. We can do it.

2021 Sons of the American Legion Western Rendezvous in Las Vegas on January 25th is still on!!!

This is a special time when representatives from the western 10 states get together and have a series of Team Building and Leadership Training sessions. The benefits are not measurable as you will walk away from this conference with an abundant exchange of ideas and support to take back to your Detachments, Districts and Squadrons. The social benefits of meeting other Sons from other states helps to solidify your camaraderie and expand your vision with the agenda and bigger family picture.

If you plan on attended please contact Ned Fox 1-916-531-1652 or William Williams 1-541-740-7145

Sincerely,

SFC David Sousa (Ret)
Past Commander 2014-2015
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The mission of Nevada's Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow Veterans, their Families and their communities.

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.



RED Friday Started in 2005. Beginning in 2005, military supporters across America started wearing red on **Fridays** to show support for the service members who protect our freedoms and way of life around the world. More specifically, it is for service members deployed as **RED** stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed".



The bottom section features three logos. On the left and right are identical logos with the text "ON FRIDAYS WE WEAR RED" in a stylized font. In the center is a circular logo with a star and the text "100 YEARS".