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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- \* Hear Today, Learn Tomorrow
- \* Office Depot/Max Discounts
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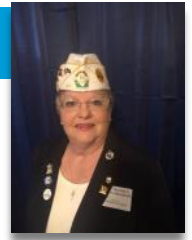
National Commander Paul Dillard visited the Department of Nevada DEC on 6 November in Reno, NV.

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Richard Eberly



**1st Vice Commander Valerie Scheuering**



Hello Legionnaires

Continuing with our history. (This information comes from Legion.org)

**1940's**

September 1942:

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word "War" is changed to "Wars."

December 1943:

Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights" - considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.

June 1944:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act, ushering in monumental changes in U.S. society.

**1950's**

May 1950:

The Legion votes to contribute funds to the field of mental health, thereby playing a key role in launching the National Association for Mental Health.

July 1954:

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is formed.

**1960's**

September 1966:

The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. Today, the Legion uses a full accounting of all POWs and troops missing in action.

August 1969:

The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of Hurricane Camille.

**1970's**

May 1972:

The Legion implements a Halloween safety program for children.

April 1975:

The Legion - sponsored Freedom Bell goes aboard the Freedom Train during its tour of the country in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. Six years later,, the bell is dedicated at its permanent home location in Columbus Plaza, opposite Union Station in Washington.

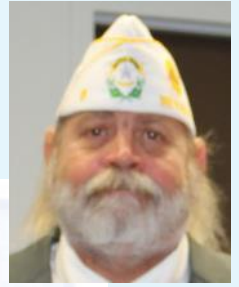
As always stay safe & healthy. God Bless The American Legion and our Great Nation.

For God and Country

Valerie Scheuering Department 1st Vice Commander



# 2nd Vice Commander, Robert Morris



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## HEROES FOR HEROES

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**"Serving Nevada's Heroes"**

**For Immediate Release**

November 2, 2021

Contact: [Press@CortezMasto.Senate.gov](mailto:Press@CortezMasto.Senate.gov)

## **Cortez Masto Announces Naming Initiative for Elko Veterans Cemetery**

**Washington, D.C.** –Today, U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) announced that the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is soliciting name recommendations from veterans and military organizations for the Elko veterans cemetery, which is set to begin construction this year. Senator Cortez Masto was instrumental in the approval of this rural national cemetery, which will for the first time provide burial benefits in the Elko region to approximately 3,700 Veterans and their eligible family members.

Name recommendations can be submitted to the NCA through December 17, 2021 and must help identify the location of the cemetery, have broad appeal to the veteran population, and be relevant to local history, geography, or other community features.

**Recommendations may be provided via email to [NCA.PacificDistrictOffice@va.gov](mailto:NCA.PacificDistrictOffice@va.gov) or to:**  
National Cemetery Administration Pacific Office  
1301 Clay Street, Suite 1230 N  
Oakland, California, 94612

**Nevadans can also reach out to Senator Cortez Masto’s office at (775) 686-5750 for additional guidance and assistance.**

Before being approved earlier this year, Elko had been under consideration for a veterans cemetery since 2011, when the VA’s *Rural Initiative* identified the area as in need of a National Veterans Burial Ground. The closest veterans cemeteries for regional veterans and their families are currently over 200 miles away – in either Fernley or Salt Lake City. Senator Cortez Masto’s efforts have been instrumental in speeding up the process and securing a final commitment from the VA to begin construction on the Elko site. She’s called on both the VA and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to support her efforts to create the Elko Veterans Cemetery, and she previously introduced legislation to authorize the creation of the burial ground.

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## Veterans Guest House History

The Veterans Guest House has a long history as the best kept secret in Reno. The “Home Away from Home” is the only facility of its kind in the country serving U.S. military veterans by providing accommodations for those veterans receiving medical/dental care in Reno. The veterans’ families are also provided with accommodations, The House is privately funded and receives no funding from the government.

In the early 1990s, a couple of veterans, Chuck Fulkerson and Dick Rhyno, were visiting the Veterans Administration Medical Center of the Sierra (VAMC) early one morning and noticed that windows of the cars in the parking lot were fogged up. This meant only one thing—someone had spent the night in their vehicle. As a woman was exiting one of these cars, the concerned veterans asked her about her situation. She explained that her husband was in the ICU at the VAMC. She and her children had spent the night in their car because they had no other option. These veterans said “never again on our watch will this occur.” And, thus, the idea of the guest house was born.

The Veterans Hospital Foundation received its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS in 1992. In 1994 the Reno “Spouse House” was opened and it soon become apparent that veterans needed this support as well. The original VGH was a 1935-era bungalow located at the corner of Locust and Taylor (880 Locust St.) where it housed veterans and family members for the next ten years. The original house had 3-5 beds, and prior to it being razed, provided 800-900 guest nights of lodging a year.

In 2002, the organization changed its name to Veterans Guest House, Inc (VGH) and in 2004, with the help of the community, a new 12-bed home was built. As the number of guests grew, so did the house! In 2012, a second house was built adjacent to the existing one, bringing the bed total to 17. In 2013, occupancy numbers exceeded 5,200 guest nights. The two homes were full year-round. Thanks to a much-need expansion in 2018, the facility now has 33 beds.

IN 2019, the VGH served over 6,000 guests and experienced an occupancy rate of 82 percent. The VGH partners with local casinos to provide rooms for the veterans and their families when the VGH is full.

## Who stays at the Guest House?

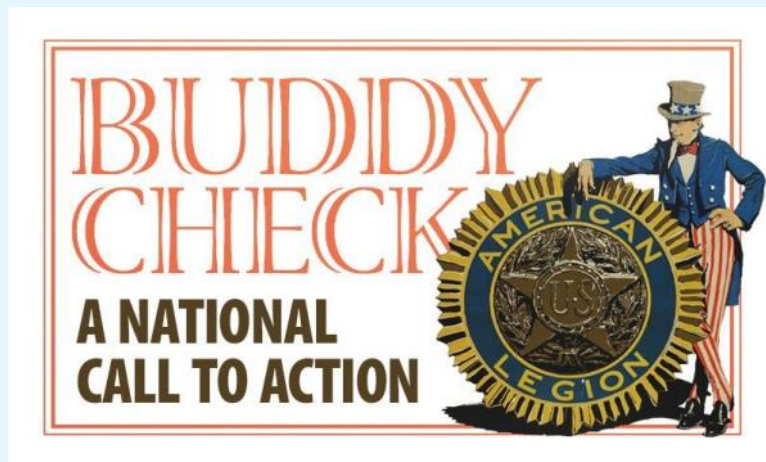
American veterans and their families span the globe and have served in WWII, Viet Nam to Iraq and Afghanistan. These veterans and their families are the guests at the VGH. The majority of guests receive treatment at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). The VAMC covers 100,000 square miles from Bishop to Auburn, California, Elko, and Ely Nevada. All veterans and their families are welcomed with open arms and a thank you for their service. Guests are asked to donate \$25.00 while staying at the Guest House, however, nobody is ever turned away for an inability to pay.



Original guest house



Newly Renovated Guest House (2018)





The American Legion's "Buddy Check" program has been a great tool for our membership, and we were proud to draft legislation that expands this program to VA. The Senate has approved legislation that would make this a national program. Now, let's make sure the House follows suit. If our Representatives don't act before Congress recesses next month, it could be at least three months before they consider this legislation again. Or it could be dropped altogether.

**[Join Our Action Campaign: Write Your Representative Now.](#)**

S. 544 would direct VA to establish a "Buddy Check Week," provide educational opportunities, materials, and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks, as well as require increased resources for the Veterans Crisis Line to handle any potential increased usage during the designated week. The bill is modeled after the American Legion's "[Buddy Check National Week of Calling](#)" to connect veterans to better ensure that they receive the care they need.

The American Legion launched "Buddy Check Week" in 2019. It has since been expanded and encourages Legionnaires to conduct veteran outreach as part of their daily routine. The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask.

We've seen [successful stories](#) arise out of buddy checks, before and during the pandemic. Thanks to these efforts, older veterans have received assistance in getting food and medicine, as well as having a comforting voice to talk with even for a few minutes.

Just think if that goodwill could receive the support of Congress and VA. The help veterans receive from buddy checks would skyrocket. You can help make this a reality by contacting your House representative to tell them to pass S. 544 today. It takes just a few moments by [visiting this link](#) ([Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](#)).

The American Legion proudly supports this legislation, and asks that you call on your Representative to pass S.544 today!





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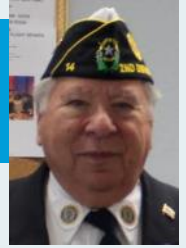
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## Membership Jerry Bootzin



**Membership Renewal numbers are improving across the Department with several Posts on track to meet or exceed National established Post's percentages based on specific dates. The November 12<sup>th</sup> date is 65% of each Post's 2022 Goal.**

**Continue to process 2021 and 2022 Membership Renewals on MyLegion! The ability to use MyLegion is improving. Processing of Transfers has also improved, IF THERE IS STILL A POST ADJUTANT WHO IS UNABLE TO PROCESS RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS, LET YOUR DISTRICT ADJUTANT AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN KNOW IMMEDIATELY!**

Thanks to the continuing improvement in the MyLegion Website,

The Department of Nevada is now showing a vast improvement in 2022 Membership:

<u>October Numbers</u>	<u>November 5<sup>th</sup> Numbers</u>
District 1 36.1%;	49.78%
District 2 48.1%;	53.96%
District 3 45.8%	59.81%
District 4 55.1%	59.96%

On a % basis, District 4 is in the lead by only .15%. Great Job!

Posts that have already reach and/or exceeded 65% of Goal are:

- Post 27 Sandy Valley
- Post 31 Boulder
- Post 5 Winnemucca
- Post 32 Carlin
- Post 16 Fallon
- Post 18 Hadley
- Post 37 Fernley

Posts that are over 60% but not at 65% as of today, are as follows:

- Post 24 Mesquite
- Post 149 Las Vegas
- Post 45 Austin
- Post 56 Carson City

Continue being proactive and contacting your membership. Every Post needs to involve several post members in the renewal effort. One or two members in the Post is not enough of a workforce to get the job done. Ask your membership to help. Give them a purpose to be part of the team. **The Department and National would be available for a Post revitalization effort. Let us help you. All you need do is ask,**

Membership is the life blood of the American Legion.

Buddy checks are still effective for making Post members feel they are part of the post. **Personal contacts provide the best results.** Telephone is the next best method followed by email. Buddy Check Scripts are available on the National Website under publications.

With the Afghanistan withdrawal, many of our veterans, active duty, National Guard and reservist need to feel and know they are appreciated. They need to talk about how they feel and know we support their devotion to Country and Duty. Be there for those who need it!

# 2021–2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 9, 2021	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 14, 2021	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 10, 2021	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 8, 2021	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 20, 2022	80%
PRESIDENTS DAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2022	85%
AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 9, 2022	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 13, 2022	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 11, 2022	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

**Target dates are the second Wednesday of the month** unless a holiday falls on that day or at the beginning of that week.

Since Labor Day and Columbus Day fall on a Monday, **the September and October target dates** 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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## 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

DO YOU OR A FRIEND NEED HELP IN OBTAINING HEARING AIDS  
 FOR A HEARING IMPAIRED CHILD?

**HEAR TODAY-LEARN TOMORROW**

**(IRS 501(c) Non -Profit)**

We issue grant funds to Audiologists to complete hearing aid funding!


OUR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: family must be Nevada residents; child is less than

18 years old; family needs funding help to obtain hearing aids.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES/ NEED MORE INFORMATION: Obtain an application from

Department of Nevada HQ's 702-382-2353

TALDON737@AOL.COM

 [Open Enrollment Is Happening Now!](#)

## WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



We are mailing **Cancer Care on November 10th.**

Quick reminder about Cancer Care Insurance:

- Helps pay for the treatment of Cancer
- The money is sent directly to the member. They can decide how they want to use it.
- Pays a dollar amount for various items like hospital stays, radiation and chemotherapy, prescription drugs.

Product may not be available in all states and may not mail all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit [www.TheLIT.com/Cancer-Care-Insurance](http://www.TheLIT.com/Cancer-Care-Insurance).



Here's what it will look like to  
most people who receive it.





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

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**Detachment Commander, Shawn Horton**





Nevada Department Membership Goal for 2022			
POST	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
District 1			
1	281	440	350
6	46	46	48
12	48	57	55
30	158	189	170
519	22	29	24
Total	555	761	647
District 2			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
8	760	1255	980
10	71	111	90
14	107	99	115
22	109	153	120
24	126	131	135
26	12	24	15
27	11	10	20
31	120	158	130
40	872	1185	1000
51	164	198	185
60	319	348	348
75	24	25	25
76	872	817	1000
149	310	327	327
Total	3877	4841	4490
District 3			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
5	66	62	68
7	120	106	125
15	11	15	12
32	31	31	33
3	67	89	78
Total	295	303	316
District 4			
	Current Total	2021 Goal	2022 Goal
4	313	290	315
9	40	58	50
16	236	227	240
19	56	95	70
37	124	122	126
56	126	160	145
18	29	90	32
45	28	27	30
Total	952	1069	1008
Net	5679	6974	6461
P-100	936	687	1,178
Gross	6615	7661	7639

# *The American Legion* **August 2021 - July 2022** **“300 Club” Lottery**

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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".

