Happy Spring to everyone! Now is the time to shake off the "cabin Fever" and think about finishing this Legion year on a high note, and preparing for our next Legion year. Those Posts who took my suggestion about transferring members out of Post 100 and the DMS will be off to a good start on your membership beginning on 1 July.

Although we did make our Department goal of 90% in March, we fell short of our 95% April goal by 207 members. This is not really too bad, but if two of our larger Posts had the same number of members this year as last, we would have hit the 95% and be well on our way nearing 100%.. 13 Posts have met or exceeded their 100% goal so far, and there is still time for more Posts to reach 100%.

Looking at the latest figures from National this morning, our Department has 19 Posts behind in membership from this date last year. Only 8 Posts are ahead, and 3 are at the same number. If a Post needs some guidance and assistance in increasing membership, contact Department Membership Chairman Jack Ford, or me. We can provide you with names and contact info in your zip code areas of Legionnaires in Post 100 and DMS who are just waiting to be invited to attend your meetings or join your Post. There is one Post in the Department that has transferred in 55 new members since July, basically just by sending out emails! It can be done.

The District Commanders Conference call in March had a lot of useful and valuable information for the Commanders to relay to their Posts. I am sure that those commanders who dialed in found the information useful.

I was fortunate to be invited to attend the Military Academy Day at Rancho High School here in Vegas and had the opportunity to speak with representatives from our Federal Legislators as well as high school seniors and their parents. The Commanders Call meeting at the V.A. Hospital was director Kearns’ last meeting as she has opted to retire after 36 years serving the veterans community at seven different facilities throughout the United States. Many veterans will miss her and her open door policy as well as her leadership. On Tuesday, 2 April, Chairman Shepheard had his first Boys State conference call to give us all an update on this year’s upcoming program.

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On Wednesday 9, April I represented the Department at an information table at the Westgate Hotel next to the Las Vegas Convention Center at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) annual convention. This was the educational arm of the convention. We were invited by a Legionnaire from California who is the president of the organization who sets this up. All the National Television and many local Radio stations had booths around us and what a great opportunity to network and connect with those who can help us perhaps, with Public Service Announcements. Also many of the countries leading colleges and universities had recruitment booths set up and seven young men stopped over to us to tell us that they had attended Boys State in other departments, and how a life changing experience it was for them. And it showed, how they presented themselves, by their appearance and demeanor. Several parents also stopped by to thank us as their sons and daughters had participated in The Legion Oratorical contests as well. Everyone wanted pictures with us. My thanks to Post 76 Adjutant Tom Mahon for accompanying me as both of us were kept bust answering questions about our organization for the entire 6+ hours. And, we are already invited back next year! Perhaps, even to present the Colors at the opening ceremony in the main convention hall.

Speaking of conventions, I was also part of the Color Guard that presented the Colors at the opening of the ISCW convention at the Sands Convention Center the next day, in front of some 20,000 attendees. This was my fourth year doing that, and the producers of that convention make a very generous donation to the Legion for our efforts.

Yesterday I attended the farewell party for Director Kearns at the V.A. Hospital and was honored to present her with a handsome plaque and a Department Centennial coin thanking her for what she has done not only for the veterans, but for the Legionnaires in her care. Only the V.V.A. Chapter 17 and us presented her with plaques. Today and tomorrow I will be in the Color Guard representing the Department to honor the Quilts of Valor organization.
In the month of March, we celebrated The American Legion’s anniversary. It was on March 15th to 17th, 1919, the founders of The American Legion gathered in Paris, France to form a caucus that would establish an organization that would ensure that veterans of the Great War had a voice. While this gathering was largely attended by those soldiers of the AEF that were still in Europe, it was the first of such a gathering of veterans of the Great War. A second caucus had gathered in St. Louis, Missouri from May 8th to 10th, 1919 and following the fundamentals that were established at the Paris Caucus, the focus of the St. Louis Caucus was to determine the direction of the new organization and establish the first draft of what is now our Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. One of the other objectives during these caucuses was to determine when and where to hold the first National Convention. It was decided to hold the first convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, November 11th, 1919. For the Founding Convention, 684 delegates from all over the United States met to determine the premise and founding principles of our organization.

One of these principles is “To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism”. So, what is Americanism? Americanism is the love of our Country, the United States of America. How can we prove and show our Americanism? We can prove our loyalty to our Country by supporting our American way of life; supporting our Government and the Constitution of the United States, regardless of political affiliation; respecting our U.S. Flag with the proper display and reverence; defending our Country from all her enemies, foreign and domestic; and supporting and guiding our youth, who are our future.
NEVADA’S A ROMP’n

The American Legion Riders (ALR) Western Region Romp (Riding On Military Pride) will be held in Nevada this year. Each year at the ROMP the riders vote on where they want to ROMP next. At the Bellingham, WA event Post 60 in Laughlin, NV was the winner. So, the ROMP is being held in Laughlin from May 30th thru June 2nd.

As a little history, the ROMP is a gathering of Legion Riders for the purpose of getting to know riders from other locations, having fun riding as a group and, above all, enjoying each other’s company and learning about riding in different locations and climates. This year will be no exception.

The ROMP was initially a National get-together; however, it was generally held in the east or Midwest. John Moffett, now the Past Western Regional Liaison, participated one year and much to his disappointment found only three riders from the west. They were all from his home state. After being appointed to the National Committee he queried members from the Western Region about having a regional ROMP. All the feedback said, “Go for it” so John made it happen. Although it may not be true, the Western Region claims the bragging rights of being the first region to have a Regional ROMP. Trust me, “it’s our story and we are sticking to it.”

The Western Region is made up of 9 states which includes Alaska and Hawaii. Folks from Alaska have already signed up; and one couple from China Post 1 is planning on being in Laughlin.

Last year was the 6th Western Region ROMP. The first was held in Pocatello, Idaho. It then was held in Livingston, Montana; Overgaard, Arizona; Seaside, Oregon; San Luis Obispo, California, Bellingham, WA. The ROMP is always held during the first week of June as this time period appears to have less impact on State activates throughout the Region. The theme of the event is established by the Host Post. The basic criteria for a ROMP are good food, good rides, good activities, and great comradery. Post 66 plans to meet all the requirements.

At last year’s ROMP there were 230 registered attendees; however, looking at the crowd gathered at Post 7 in Bellingham there seemed to be more than that. Bikes were everywhere. There were two-wheelers, three wheelers and a group on home grown ones. It was a sight to behold; and when they all cranked engines there was no doubt that the ALR was in town. Hopefully, the same will be true in Laughlin.

Post 60 is looking to have a bigger group of riders. Being in southern Nevada, and close to southern California and Arizona, there is the potential of having greater than 300 in town. The Riverside Resort and Casino has stepped up to be the host casino and are providing discounted rooms and an excellent menu for the Saturday night banquet. Post 60 is planning events for all attending this year. There will be two sponsored rides, and 8 to 10 other rides for individuals who want to ride on their own. One sponsored ride will include a ride into the Hualapai mountains; and the other will be riding the heat waves of the desert. All rides will be detailed in the program booklet being generated for event.

Post 60 will have a pig roast on Friday evening and a banquet on Saturday evening. The Riverside menu for the event is titled the “All American Buffet”.

There will be vendors at the Post plus lectures on subjects pertinent to the Laughlin area with emphasis on riding in the desert. The Post as well as the casinos are open 24/7 so there is no limit to the fun available.

In conclusion, if you have never been to a ROMP, put it on your bucket list and join us in Laughlin. You will have fun. Trust me, you will want to go back again next year.
April is the Month of the Military Child

Support Military Kids
Greetings Comrades,

Elko Post 7 ALR will be at the 2nd Annual “Ride for the Racks” Poker Run & Blessing of the Bikes on Sat. May 4th. A flyer is posted on their Facebook page at “American Legion Riders Post 7 Elko, Nevada”.

One Hero At A Time is holding their 7th annual event on Saturday, May 11th at the Virgin River Hotel & Casino in Mesquite. This year’s benefit honors Corporal Jeremy Joyner, US Army Veteran & his Family. There is a benefit “Out and Back” ride: Kick stands up 9:00am. All wheels welcome, line up behind the Virgin River at the backdoor of the Event Center Pavilion. Ride will be to Gunlock Reservoir and back. Party at the Pavilion after the ride. $20 suggested donation at the door. More details available on Facebook @OneHeroAtATime

Registration for this year’s ALR Western Region R.O.M.P. is open. The R.O.M.P. is May 30th – Jun 2nd. Registration is available through Facebook at “AmericanLegionRidersPost60”, on the web at www.riderspost60.com or follow the Facebook event at “American Legion Riders Western Romp 2019”.

Protecting Soldiers Rights Inc. will hold the 4th Annual VETLIFE Reunion on Fri. July 5th at VFW Post 9211 in Reno. They need our support. Contact their coordinator, Roz Parra (562) 805-1158 to learn more.

The starting point for the 2019 Legacy Run has been “ unofficially” released. The Run will begin at American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake FL.

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

Ride Safe,

Trevor McCall
ALR Program Liaison, Department of Nevada
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The American Legion Riders today are important part of the Legion family in support of virtually all programs of The American Legion.
We voted for them and now they don’t support us. Senate bill S.504, Legion Act, has 24 senators that have signed on for the bill and Not One from Nevada. This bill, if passed, would allow us to add members from the cold war period, 1947 until now. They would only have to serve 24 hours active duty and be eligible to become a Legion member. Call your Senators now and tell them to support this bill.

Baseball

It looks like we will have 31 teams in Southern Nevada for this year’s season which is an increase of 3 teams from last year. Most of the teams have not yet filled out their application but they have until May 13 to do so.

I am also looking at playing the Junior state tournament at UNLV field and this would be from the 18th of July until the 22nd. The season schedule has not yet been completed but I have high hopes that this will be the end product.

If you want to check out the schedule you can always go to our website which is nevadaalb.org and click on game schedules.

We need your support so don’t be afraid to donate to our program.

Thank You!!

Ron Michalski
Membership Questions

In a speech before the 2018 American Legion College class, David Wallace of Post 180 in Vienna, Virginia, shared some insights on engaging new members. David, a previous graduate of the College, said and I heartily agree that there is nothing worse than signing up a new member and that’s the end of it. We need to get them interested and involved in our organization.

Wallace shared the following five questions that can help us do this.

What is their family life? This creates potential for Legion family membership if they are married or have children. It also provides you a chance to show them opportunities for family involvement in post activities.

What is their vocation? Identify their skills and where that may apply within your post.

What is their passion or hobbies? This can help you identify what programs or events that they may want to be part of.

What did they do while in the service? This is an opportunity for mentoring. Pair them with a current post member who shares the same or similar service history to initiate mentorship and show the common bond they will have with other Legionnaires.

Why are they interested in The American Legion? They joined for a reason, so learn how they want to further their Legion experience.

Now while these are great ways to engage new members it is also a great way to engage those members you are calling for your Buddy Check or membership renewals. I would encourage you to “Just Ask”, show an interest in the individual, whether it’s while you are recruiting or just having a conversation with a fellow member. My wife constantly reminds me that everyone has a story. We just need to take the time to listen, help us go for “100-4-100”.

NEVADA LEGION NEWS
This month’s results were not available at time of publication. Please check with the Department office.

Good Luck
May The Odds Be Ever in Your Favor

The American Legion
TEAM 100
REWARDS

POSTS!
For every member who rejoins after membership expired in 2014, 2015 or 2016, you collect $5.

DEPARTMENTS!
Hit 100% of your target by May 8th and collect $2500. Collect an additional $5,000 if you reach 105% by delegate strength date.

Visit @www.legion.org/membership for more info.
The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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American Legion
Display them proudly

(INDIANAPOLIS, March 29, 2019) -- The leader of the nation's largest Veterans organization stated his "extreme displeasure" with certain members of Congress who chose to replace POW/MIA flags with transgender equality flags outside their Washington offices.

"According to several media reports, some members of Congress replaced POW/MIA flags that were displayed outside their Capitol Hill offices with Transgender Equality banners," American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad said. "We take no issue with members of Congress honoring additional groups, but it should be in addition to rather than instead of our heroes, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. These servicemen and servicewomen went missing while defending all Americans. Their flags should not go missing as well. The American Legion urges that every member of Congress honor these heroes by ensuring the POW/MIA flag is properly and permanently displayed outside their offices."

With a current membership of nearly two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, Veterans affairs, patriotic youth programs and Americanism. Legisla:naires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts worldwide. From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion is the most influential voice for America's veterans. The American Legion www.legion.org will be celebrating its centennial through Veterans Day.
The American Legion’s National Executive Committee passed Resolution No. 1 during Spring Meetings last year to clarify the rules and regulations governing use of the name and emblem of The American Legion. This resolution was passed to ensure that everyone is in compliance with all of the owned trademark symbols and emblems relating to The American Legion – these include The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Legion Riders, Legion Baseball, etc.

The following is a message from National Adjutant Daniel Wheeler, National Judge Advocate Kevin Bartlett and National Treasurer George Buskirk about correct usage and approval of American Legion emblems.

To: AMERICAN LEGION TEAM 100
From: National Adjutant, National Judge Advocate, National Treasurer
Re: American Legion Emblems and Trademarks

Greetings American Legion,

As we approach The American Legion’s 100th anniversary, the three of us wanted to collectively congratulate the entire organization. The numerous accomplishments in this first century of existence by this amazing veterans’ group is something we all can be proud of. We look forward to our next successful 100 years.

Now, as we move forward, everyone must continue to be mindful of legal restrictions regarding our emblem’s usage. Whether it is the circle gold emblem, the words “The American Legion,” the American Legion Riders emblems or even “Boys State,” the numerous trademarks are important to The American Legion and are patented.

All of The American Legion emblems are owned by the national organization and licensed for use by posts, departments and other organizations that request, in advance for review to National Headquarters, their use. Yet this license always requires pre-approval from the National Adjutant whenever there is any type of financial exchange.

All uses may not be approved – for example, adding a different color or changing the emblem’s design. The design of a new logo with the additional use of a current logo may not be legal, either. Additionally, The American Legion does not want any emblem to appear on tobacco, beer and alcohol products because such placement does not help our public image. Most important to remember is that the non-approved use of any American Legion-owned emblem is illegal and will not be tolerated.

This advisory does not, of course, preclude posts, counties, districts or departments from normal promotions of American Legion activities, such as events to celebrate the centennial, nor does it mean that respectful commercial uses of the emblem will always be denied. The key questions to ask when emblem use is desired or requested can be found in Resolution 1: Rules and Regulations Governing Use of the Name and Emblem of The American Legion, passed by the National Executive Committee May 9-10, 2018. Those questions are:

1. Is the request of use for commercial purpose, outside normal post event promotion?
2. Does the request involve, in any way, reproduction of the name or trademarked emblems for commercial use by any entity other than the American Legion post?
3. If the emblem, other American Legion-trademarked logos and/or the words “The American Legion” or “American Legion” involve sale of any merchandise, does my post, district or department have prior written permission from the National Adjutant or the National Adjutant’s designated representative, specific to that use?

Everyone in The American Legion is excited about the centennial and all the opportunities the organization has to brand itself this year and in the future. Unfortunately, the opportunity also exists for The American Legion’s brand to be misused, exploited and even modified for the benefit of others outside the organization, occasionally for their financial gain. The American Legion has spent a century making itself one of the most trusted brands in U.S. history. Let’s be sure to keep it that way as we enter a second century of service to veterans, servicemembers, families and communities worldwide.
The United States Mint will begin accepting orders for the 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program on March 14 at 12 pm EST. Product options and pricing are below while images are attached.

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The US Mint is pricing the gold coins according to its “Pricing of Numismatic Gold, Commemorative Gold, and Platinum Products” table at https://catalog.usmint.gov/coins/gold-coins/. Introductory prices are in effect until April 15, 2019 at 3: P.M EST, after which regular pricing will take effect. Orders for the gold coins will be limited to two per household for the first 24-hours of sales.

Later this year, the Mint will offer a limited edition American Legion Silver Dollar and American Veterans Medal Set (product code 19CQ) consisting of one American Legion Proof Silver Dollar and one 99.9% American Veterans silver medal. This set is limited to 10,000 units. The medal in this set will be struck in silver only for this set and will not be struck in silver again. A bronze version of the medal will be available in the future. More information regarding the Veterans Medal set will be sent out later this year.

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 115–65) authorizes the United States Mint to strike and issue up to 50,000 $5 Gold Coins, 400,000 Silver Dollar Coins, and 750,000 Clad Half Dollar Coins. Coin prices include surcharges of $35 for each gold coin, $10 for each $1 silver coin and $5 for each half-dollar coin. The law requires the Mint to pay the surcharges collected from sales to The American Legion to support the Legion’s programs for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and other purposes specified by the authorizing legislation.

Starting on March 14 at 12 pm EST, please visit www.legion.org/coin or call 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468) to order your coins. I have also attached a fact sheet that provides additional details for each coin. If you have additional questions, please contact Scott Miller, Marketing Director, atmiller@legion.org.
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Comrades,

The 101st Annual Department of Nevada Convention is being hosted by Richard Springston Post 60 in Laughlin, NV on June 29-30, 2019. The convention will be held at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino located at 1650 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV. The Richard Springston Family is looking forward to making sure all of you enjoy your stay in Laughlin.

The Department Commander's Banquet will be on Saturday, June 29th. There will be a no-host bar from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. The dinner will be buffet style and at the present time the menu has not been finalized. We expect it to be in the $30 range. There will be a Convention Packet emailed to all Commanders and Adjutants within the week. This packet will also be posted on the Post's webpage. This packet will provide you with all the information required to attend the convention.

Lodging has been secured at the Riverside for the 2-days prior to and the 2-days after the convention. The rate for Sunday through Thursday is $49. Friday and Saturday rates are $69. This does not include the tax which is 12.5%. For reservations, please call 1-800-227-3849 or 702-298-2535. Be sure to mention C/ALDC when calling in for reservations. Rooms not reserved by MAY 27, 2013 will be released. If you are thinking of coming, reserve a room as you can cancel anytime up until 96 hours before the date of Arrival.

American Legion Richard Springston Post 60 is looking forward to providing you a great convention.

Terral Tinnell,
Post 60 Commander/Convention Chair
The American Legion
Department of Nevada

Happy 100th Birthday
American Legion
March 15, 1919
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.

The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow Veterans, their Families and their communities.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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".