Best wishes to Desert Oasis (Post 40) in the American Legion Baseball World Series Finals!

Nevada American Legion baseball is now [WWW.NEVADAALB.ORG](http://WWW.NEVADAALB.ORG)
Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I’m looking forward to another great year with the Department of Nevada. I have learned a lot in the past year and hope to learn more as I continue to serve our fellow veterans in the State of Nevada. I appreciate all your support.

Thank you

Richard Eberly
2nd Vice Commander
Department of Nevada
Busy getting ready for the 100th National Convention!
Fred is still celebrating the BIG ONE! Now that’s HISTORY for ya!
Americanism and Youth, two subjects we as Legionnaires must be aware of and participate in. It seems more often today that our youth does not get the same education that many of us received, about how our country was formed, and defended to this very day. I have found our American Legion Boys State Program to be one way I can help make a difference. This short article I wrote and it was put in the Department newsletter in 2015. I believe it is still worth reading again. It is written from the heart and still applies today. Thank you all for your support.

Hello fellow Legionnaires,

On June 21 2015, 2 buses left the American Legion Post 8 parking lot at 11:30 pm. With a load of young male high school students from Las Vegas, and many surrounding areas, headed for Reno and the campus of UNR. Little did I understand that in a matter of just a few days, those young students would change their attitude, their thinking, their mannerism’s and even in some cases, their posture would make a dramatic change that will last a lifetime. I had heard the stories but now I was going to see for myself if they were accurate.

This was my first experience with the Boys’ State week long program. I am happy to report, this was not my last trip. I cannot relate to you how amazing these kids truly are. They are intelligent, hard working, eager, and in every case I saw, respectful of the other delegates, their councilors, and to myself and my fellow Legionnaires. They were not only interested in the work they were doing for their respective cities, and soon to be elected positions, but they wanted to know, “what did you do in the service, where were you in the service, what did you learn, etc.” The other thing they always said was “Thank you for your service” and they truly meant it, and a plus, they called us “Sir or Mr.”. I was privileged to have meals with many of them and even when they were not performing their assigned duties, they were talking about how they were going to do things and invent programs for the positive effects on their cities and their state. Thinking, always thinking.

The comradeship these young people made in just a matter of hours and their ability to continue to function and adapt under stressful and in a very fatigued condition by the end of the week, convinced me that perhaps, our great country is going to be alright. We hear so many negative reports about our young people and usually we do not hear about the positive things and accomplishments that so many of them have made. I cannot tell you how many I spoke with that were, National Honor Society, President Student Council, JROTC members, Captain of various sports teams, musical awards, scholastic awards of many kinds, and the list could go on and on.

Was I impressed? No!! I was in awe. I have a new hope for the future and a much better understanding of the capabilities of our young men. If these are examples of what the next generation of our leaders will be, we should be just fine. The learning experience these delegates gained and the possibilities the have in their lives because of that learning not only was an inspiration to them but also to me. Many of them have applied to become councilors themselves in upcoming sessions. It left that “Oh Yeah” I’d do it again feeling with them.

I must recognize the Councilors from Boys State. They did an outstanding job and I was proud to be a part of the team. They knew how to handle different problems and adapt to changes very quickly so it seemed the program functioned without any pause or disruption in the daily events. A well deserved GREAT JOB and a huge THANK YOU for all you are doing.

As your new chairman of the Boys’ State program for our Post, I feel it is necessary to ask you for your help to further this program. I have not been so impressed by a group of young men in almost 45 years. This year we are planning to sponsor 10 young men again. The cost for our Post is $260.00 for each candidate. We have almost 400 paid members in our Post. Any and all donations are gratefully appreciated. If we can just donate the cost of a soda or cup of coffee, I think it is little to pay for an investment in our country’s future leaders.

I would like to tell you more about this experience but instead I invite you to get involved and attend this Legion Program. Our young people deserve it and we can help to further it by your personal involvement and financial backing. I’ll be happy to talk with any and all of you about this most appreciated experience.

Again Thanks,

Mike

Department Sergeant at Arms, Michael Shepheard
Commander’s Corner

By Joel Forman, Department Commander

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the recent Department Convention in Reno. I appreciate all the hard work and time that was donated to make it such a successful and enjoyable event.

It has been a busy first 15 days on the job as Department Commander, so far. I have represented the Department at the Fall Standdown meeting for Las Vegas, interment services for seven unaccompanied veterans at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, recognition ceremony at the Grant Sawyer Building for the D.A.V. Honor Guard as Veterans Support Group of the month, 80th birthday party for Department Historian Fred Doten at Post 60 in Laughlin. Participated in round table discussion at Las Vegas City Hall with other Veterans groups at the invitation of Congresswoman Dina Titus, and attended the monthly Commander’s meeting at the V.A. Hospital.

It is the responsibility of all Department Officers and the District Commanders to make themselves aware of events in their geographical area and endeavor to attend or send their representative to involve The American Legion, to show that "We Care".

In the next several weeks I will be going to Headquarters in Indianapolis for membership meetings and to find out our Department Goal. We will then send out each Post’s Challenge sheet goal for the 2018 - 2019 year.

Post Commanders and Adjutants should periodically check their Post websites for content. I notice that on some, content and dates are expired or no longer valid. If you are providing information to your members, it should be correct and current information.

While we are on this subject, I have noticed that the order or military service symbols is often displayed incorrectly.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE – UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES Authority: Title 10, USC 113b, 133(b); DOD Directive 1005.8 dated 31 OCT 1977, certified as current on 21 NOV 2003 until further notice FOR USE WHEN IN PARADE OR INSPECTION FORMATION AND FOR DISPLAY OF FLAGS, SEALS, EMBLEMS, INSIGNIA, ETC. NOTE:

United States Army
United States Marine Corps.
United States Navy
United States Air Force
United States Coast Guard
United States Merchant Marine

QUESTION: If the Navy observes its official birthday on 13 October 1775 and the Marine Corps observes its official birthday on 10 November 1775, and the Marine Corps is officially recognized as part of the Department of the Navy, why does the Marine Corps have precedence over the Navy in official formations and when their respective flags, seals, emblems, insignia, etc. are displayed? ANSWER: The Continental Congress officially authorized the already-existing standing Army in June, 1775. The Marine Corps was officially established on 10 November 1775, even though it was actually a force in readiness before the Army or the Navy. The first Captain of Marines was commissioned on 28 November 1775. Congress officially authorized the Navy by resolution in October 1775, however, the first commander-in-chief of the Navy was not commissioned until 22 December 1775. The process of procuring and outfitting ships and enlisting and commissioning personnel followed thereafter. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The U.S. Air Force has precedence over the U.S. Coast Guard, even though it was officially formed after the Coast Guard was authorized, because it was originally part of the U.S. Army and known as the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Joel Forman
Department Commander
At Wrigley Field on Thursday night, August 2, 2018, Chicago Cubs pitcher Brian Duensing and manager Joe Maddon were honored by American Legion Baseball. American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan presented the awards. Duensing received the American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year award, which honors a former Legion player who is currently playing in the Major Leagues for his character, leadership, playing abilities and community service. Individuals are recommended by their respective post. A standout for Post 374’s Millard South team in Omaha, Neb., Duensing has gone on to a 10-year Major League career and has spent much of that career doing community service, including sponsoring his old Legion team and running the Brian Duensing Foundation, which is “dedicated to providing hope and support to families battling cancer or serious illness.”

After receiving an ovation from the home crowd following the presentation, Duensing thanked Rohan and said, “I wouldn’t be here without American Legion Baseball.” In addition, Cubs manager Joe Maddon received a plaque with the inscription, “Presented to Joe Maddon of the Chicago Cubs in grateful appreciation for his continuous support of The American Legion, veterans and for upholding the core tenants of American Legion Baseball: citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty, team spirit, physical fitness and supporting the nation’s youth.” The Cubs skipper has an annual tradition of hosting an American Legion Week, where he partners with a local American Legion post to share the values with his club.

In addition, he asks the players to relax a little and play like they did when they played American Legion Baseball. He asks players to just show up and play loose and even joked he would take them out for ice cream after the games.

“All of our Americanism and youth program participants are part of our Legion Family,” Rohan said. “It is heartwarming when alumni move on to a successful career and find ways to give back to the nation and to the programs which are as much theirs as they are The American Legion’s.” “Legionnaires across the country should be proud of the difference we are making in the lives of our nation’s youth.”

Desert Oasis wins State Tournament! Desert Oasis beat Basic, defending world series champions. Update. Desert Oasis sweeps Western Regional and now going to Shelby for the World Series. Congratulations!! Log on to Legion.org and watch the series Live Desert Oasis Gold II team won the state tournament also along with Centennial winning the Junior division.

Thanks to all that contributed to the baseball program this year and hopefully we can produce a bigger Gold division next year.

Ron Michalski
MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION FROM 2017—2018 YEAR

Email received from National Vice Commander Stepheson:

Great competitors and great efforts by both Departments. Yes, Nevada reached 102% by the March Target date (Trad + DMS), but in the West, it is hard to beat the orange cones all over the roads and Nevada’s "reconstruction" efforts. New Mexico will be hard to beat in 2019. The West is still the Best!!!! See you in Minneapolis!

Paula R. Stephenson
National Vice Commander
The American Legion

-----Original Message-----
From: Steinmetz, Michele S. [mailto:msteinmetz@legion.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Adjutant-Dept. of New Mexico; Dept. of Nevada; Dept. of New Mexico; Commander-Dept. of New Mexico; Commander-Dept. of Nevada
Cc: Stephenson, Paula; Herndon, Matthew E.
Subject: 2017-2018 Department Membership Challenge

Nevada & New Mexico:

Attached is your Department Membership Challenge issued at the 2017 Fall Meetings. Based on the attached, it appears that the Department of Nevada is the winner of this challenge, having been the first to achieve 100% first on the March 15, 2018 Target Date...

Congratulations Nevada! Enjoy your basket of goodies on New Mexico! See you in the Twin Cities!

Michele
Today, Glynis and Jack took turns pulling the poker chips out of the barrel, after shaking it up pretty well. We have already sold 205 total numbers spanning the entire 300 range. Only 95 unsold blanks that are left, somewhere between #108 and #237. The rest are all spoken for. Congratulations to our 3 lucky winners.

1st Prize - $250 - #19—Dave Evans (Post 12)
2nd Prize - $125 - #27 — Lou Lusardi (Post 6)
3rd Prize - $75 - #112 - UNSOLD
4th Prize - $50 - #93 - Ken Clasen (Post 16)

Adjutant Motta, Lionel

Remember there are still 44 chances left to win. Get your money in today for the next drawing in September.

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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To take the Legion Basic Training course
Go to www.Legion.org/ALEI
Greetings Comrades,

As of this writing, my wife Amanda & I have begun our journey to the 2018 American Legion Legacy Run. American Legion Riders from across the country will ride on August 19th - 23rd, from Hutchinson, KS to Minneapolis, MN in order to raise awareness. The fund provides college assistance for the children of U.S. military personnel killed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, as well as children of post 9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50% or greater.

This year, we’re encouraging any American Legion Riders and supporters who cannot attend the Legacy Run to register as a “supporter” for $20. All Supporter registrants will receive a specially minted 2018-2019 Centennial Legacy Run pin, patch set, and some surprises!

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 an important part of the Legion Family in support of virtually all programs of The American Legion.
Comrades,

The 2018-2019 year ahead is looking to be a very good one for several reasons. First, our membership numbers will be inline and achievable. Squadron communications and responses have been quick and accurate with few exceptions. The attitudes of the commanders and adjutants were positive within the squadrons and for the improvement of the Detachment. In transitioning from Senior Vice Commander to Commander I couldn’t have felt more reassured after squadron alignment and finding an able and willing adjutant, in Dave Dagang, to replace outgoing adjutant Joseph Keiser.

For the first time in several years we have a full slate of officers, right down to Sgt. at Arms. It wasn’t without some worry two weeks prior to convention without an adjutant and adding our Sgt. at Arms just minutes before installation. I am proud of all of you who have taken officer positions at both the squadron and detachment level. I am honored to be your commander.

Having moved from dysfunctional to functional, we should meet membership goals this year as well as maintain being the leading per capita detachment nationwide for the Child Welfare Fund. Here’s to stepping up and moving up.

For God and Country,

Ben Casad