Southern Nevada Veteran’s Legislative Summit, 12 January 2019, Photos: Gary Parriott, Post 76
There has not been much going on since the last Newsletter in December, other than the regular Holiday Season events. I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy season. Now it is time to get back to work, Legion wise.

We had another District Commander Conference call and I am glad to hear what is happening throughout the Department from the District Commanders. I do hope that more questions will be forthcoming in the January Call.

I and Adjutant Motta participated in another Conference Call hosted by our Western Region National Vice Commander, Jim Pisa along with the other Department officers from the western region. We were congratulated on reaching and surpassing our January membership goal of 80% and are well on our way to our February goal of 85%. It will become more and more difficult from here on to continue on making our goals without the help of everyone. Districts and Posts must be reminded to reach out to members who are on the verge of being marked "EXPIRED" as of 1 February, looking in Post 100 and DMS for possible new members to your posts, and going out in the communities and recruiting. As of this morning we need ~1050 members to appear in the "Paid" column.

I know we can all achieve our goal of 100% by 8 May if we work together and keep our lines of communication open. I and Department Membership Chairman Jack Ford are at your service to offer any stats, figures or help that anyone needs.

We currently have 7 Posts that have reached 100% of their goal and 3 in the 90's, 6 in the 80% and 7 in the 70%. All Posts should not discontinue their membership efforts upon reaching 100% but continue until the fiscal year is over to see how far over they can end with.

The District Oratorical contest was held on 15 December and two fine candidates verbally battled for 1st and 2nd place and both will be competing at the Department contest in February. The same day and time was the Wreaths Across America event in Boulder City and in Fernley. I still have not been able to work my schedule to be in more than one place at the same time...it is a work in progress.

I wish to thank all the officers and Legionnaires who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in Sparks for the new Northern Nevada Veterans Home. The Department was well represented.

This past Saturday was another day where I was required/invited to attend more than one ceremony at the same day and same time. A Fundraiser breakfast for the Fisher House, Swearing in ceremony for newly elected Congresswoman Susie Lee and The Veterans Legislative Summit at the V.A. Hospital, hosted by the NDVS. I attended the Legislative Summit and there was much information given. How the legislative process works, do's and don'ts for contacting legislators, bills proposed by NDVS, etc. etc. It was interesting to find out that only 8 of our legislators are Veterans. There is nothing wrong with introducing your self to these men and women as many will remember your face.. Much networking was done, many pictures were taken, acquaintances were renewed. I counted approximately 75 in attendance. It was mentioned that of all the Veteran Organizations in the State, only 3 Department or State Commanders were present. How proud we should all be that 18 of the 75 were members of The American Legion!! It was also mentioned to me that "Numbers mean a lot" and "Numbers show power". Keeping this in mind, the next Legislative Summit will be:

**January 26, 2019**
**Washoe County Senior Center**
**Main Multi-Purpose Room**
**1155 East 9th Street**
**Reno, Nevada**
**8:15 AM – Coffee and networking**
**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Please make every effort to spread the word to the Posts to attend and wear your uniform.

February will be a busy month with the DEC and later the Washington meetings.
I hope everyone had a great holiday season! At the end of November, Honor Flight Nevada was given an opportunity by Southwest Airlines for 50 round trip tickets for a special Honor Flight to Washington DC. This gave Honor Flight Nevada the opportunity to invite Gold Star Families and other veterans on this trip. I was asked if I was available to go on the trip and was led to believe that I would be an escort on the trip. Come to find out the evening before the trip, I was going on this trip as a participant. What an honor to be recognized in this manner. What really made this a very special trip was that ten Gold Star Families were on this trip. These are remarkable people who have endured the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. We had the honor of getting to know these great families and their loved ones. Since we had the extra day, we were given the opportunity to visit the White House and see all of the Christmas decorations, which included the Gold Star Tree (pictured below).

Additionally, we visited all of the service memorials in the area, the US Navy, the US Air Force, the US Marines, and the Tombs of the Unknown Soldier. We were honored to be allowed a special position to observe the Changing of the Sentinel and to have one of the Sentinels come and speak with us. While in Arlington Cemetery, we stopped at a special location that honors the Gold Star families with the Gold Star Tree (below left). We also stopped and witnessed a special ceremony at the Gold Star Memorial in Annapolis, Maryland (below right).

We visited the National Holocaust Museum and the Pentagon’s 9/11 Memorial. Additionally, we were given the opportunity to visit most of the memorials in the Mall area, the Vietnam Wall, the Korean War Memorial, the WWII Memorial, and Lincoln’s Memorial.

On December 17th, I was present for the new Northern Nevada State Veterans Home ribbon cutting ceremony in Sparks, Nevada. This state of the art facility offers highly skilled care and will offer several amenities to make the residents feel at home. Governor Brian Sandoval was the keynote speaker for this event and was also present for the ceremony that dedicated the facility’s chapel to his father, Ron Sandoval. This new veteran’s home is a much needed facility for the aging veterans living in the Northern Nevada area.

Always in Service,
Jim Stewart
1st Vice Commander
Department of Nevada
PUFLs TAKE HEED

Every once in a while something pops up and we say, “I didn’t know that”. This is not the same answer by all, but for those that have said this, I would like to cover a subject that is applicable to PUFL members and something worth remembering by all of us.

First off, I would like to discuss briefly the PUFL Trust fund. I should note I am not an expert on this subject; however, the few facts that I do understand is pertinent to the subject I want to discuss. As a starter, the PUFL Trust fund is utilized solely to pay the dues of PUFL members. Its rules for dispensing money are very strict. One such rule is that money will not be dispensed for a member whose membership is in question. A good example is a member who has an address annotated as “undeliverable”. This raises the question, “Is the member still alive?” and since the member’s status is unknown no funds will be dispensed in support of the individual’s membership.

The issue I would like to bring to everyone’s attention is “Mail Forwarding” and how it can impact the membership of a PUFL member. Just as a refresher, the Post Office does have a policy on forwarding mail. Specifically, they will forward only first Class mail and packages for 12 months; however, they only forward newspapers and magazines for 60 days. This is where PUFL members can get into trouble with their membership. If your mail is being forwarded for periods longer than 2 months, your Legion magazine will be returned to National with a yellow tag indicating that your mail was not deliverable. This will cause your membership to be flagged as undeliverable and will cause the PUFL Trust Fund to stop all fund distributions on your behalf.

At the present time there are approximately 1600+ Legion PUFL members with a flagged address. National does send out a notice to the member’s Post Adjutant reference your flagged address; however, it should not be the Adjutant’s responsibility to correct the flagged address. This is the individual’s responsibility; however, in many cases the member might not be aware that their address is flagged. There is a known case where a PUFL member got his 2016 card through the mail; however, his dues had not been paid by the PFUL Trust Fund.

So, what are the solutions available to PUFL members who spend a lot of time living on the road or at a second home? Possible solutions include:

- If you don’t read the magazine, have National remove you from their distribution list for the magazine. It is very easy to do; and it will stop the potential of getting a flagged address.

- Do a change of address with the American Legion to have your mail sent to the forwarding address; thereby eliminating your magazines from being returned to National. This will require a change of address when you return back to your home.

For those of you that are not a PUFL your membership will not be impacted as long as you renew each year. If you have a flagged address all it means is that you will not ever receive any mail from National. This could be good news for some of you, but really not a wise choice.

As a closing point, sign up at MyLegion.org if you have internet. This allows you to review your membership records and correct errors as they pop up. Remember, your record at National is where your Adjutant goes to confirm data on you. Make their life easier by having a current file.
THE AMERICAN LEGION  DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA  BOYS STATE June 16 – 22, 2019

INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS

This is a short synopsis of what is recommended for those of you who have never attended the week long program held in Reno, NV., at The University of Nevada, Reno. We hope this information will make it easier for all of you to understand and participate in this program.

This program is jointly administered by The American Legion, Department of Nevada, Boys State Committee, and Nevada Boys' State.org. Both of these groups work together to provide the best learning, and hands on experience for our young adults. Each of our 2 groups have specific duties that they attend to throughout the year in preparation for the week long program in Reno. Rather than try to go into detail about the duties of the two groups, you will be more interested in “what will I be doing?”

Each year, there are fictitious cities set up by the Boys State .org group. In the past several years, there have been 5 cities. In round numbers, they have an average of 20-30 delegates and 4-6 Councilors. The Councilors are there to give advice and help organize. The delegates actually do all of the hands on work to provide the administration and government of their city. We feel that if you have not been involved with the program in the past, it is best for you to be assigned a City and “tag along” to visually observe the day to day functions these young people set up, and make work for their Government and their State. There are campaigns, elections, debates, presentations, and the list goes on and on. The elections range from City animal control, police departments all the way thru to the State Supreme Court and the Governor of the fictitious State.

By being with a particular City, you will begin each day as the delegates do with breakfast and daily honors along with the members of that City and their Councilors. We Legion members are there to answer questions when asked regarding our service, and how did it affect us in our adult lives. Believe me, there are plenty of questions asked by the delegates. This is also part of their learning experience. During the day, each City has its own agenda set out by Nevada Boys' State Staff and the Councilors. The delegates will be given suggestions of what and how certain items should be done, but ultimately, it is their decisions that will usually be used for their tasks. Learning to work as a team and putting aside the “what is good for me alone” thought process and what is best for the team thought process becomes very real to them. I'll give you some information and where to find it so you are able to go on the web sites that pertain to our program. These sites are a very valuable tool. I highly suggest and recommend each of you to spend a few hours researching the information given on them.

On our American Legion National web site, www.americanlegion.org you will find videos and links to various sites to help you navigate your questions to the correct places. It also lets you know about other states and how they present their program.

In the Nevada Boys' State web site www.nevadaboysstate.org you will find more information than I could possibly try to cover. There is a delegate manual which you should print out and keep a copy. It covers most of the basics and gives instructions on what to bring if you are staying. Anyone attending any portion of Nevada Boy’s State must pass a background check. This is provided by the Department and can be accessed via our website www.nevadalegion.org under the Boys State tab.

We realize not everyone will be spending the entire week as several of us do, but we suggest you have at least a member or two from each Post in the Department to spend a day or two to show our support and learn about the program. This has been an overlooked item for quite some time and must be addressed.

As I mentioned in the beginning, you will still have many questions, I still do and I learn something new every year. Many of your questions will be answered at our meals and our free time. We do have some free time. The delegates really don’t, they are very busy well into the night. They are not allowed to leave the dorm or campus during the entire week except with a Councilor. This is an experience that really shows why the slogan for Boys State is “A week that shapes a lifetime”. We welcome all who will take a few hours or days to have a learning experience that you will not forget. We hope to see you there. If you would like to attend some or just a part of the program, please call the numbers or emails shown on the Department of Nevada web site. They are listed under the Boys State section.

Thanks in advance, Mike Shepheard
Department Oratorical Contest
Saturday, February 9, 2019 / 10:00AM
Being held at Western Nevada College,
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV
Contact Information: Valerie Scheuering
775-722-6515

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The Department Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2019 / 09:00AM
Being held at the Sand Regency hotel and casino,
345 N Arlington Ave, Reno, NV
Lodging is recommended at the Sands Regency.
Rates as follows: Friday and Saturday February 9 & 10 is $69.99. The “Cutoff Date” is February 1, 2019
Reservation Phone # 866-386-7829 and mention American Legion Convention.

***WESTERN REGION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER***
JAMES E. PISA
(Department of Alaska)
Will be attending the Department Oratorical Contest
And
Will be Guest Speaker at the Department Executive Committee Meeting
As many of you know, the government shutdown has created a critical need of monetary assistance for our active duty United States Coast Guard (USCG) veterans. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program allows assistance to children of active duty service members, regardless of whether a service member has membership in The American Legion.

As per Resolution No. 8: Restructure of Temporary Financial Assistance Statement of Policy (link below):
A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, or any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion.

To provide expedited assistance, National Headquarters has authorized the use of the attached abbreviated Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) application for use with active duty USCG only and only for the duration of the current government shutdown.

As verification that USCG active members are not getting paid during the shutdown is well documented already, National will also waive the requirement for supporting documentation to prove that these veterans have exhausted all other means of assistance, again, just for the duration of this government shutdown.

Please expedite any USCG applications your departments receive by either faxing to 317-630-1377 or scanning to tfa@legion.org. In order to expedite assistance to USCG active duty veterans in need, National will overnight approved TFA checks to those veterans directly instead of mailing them to Department Adjutants for delivery as we normally do.

Baseball Update:
A meeting was held on January 8th with Melissa Harkavy, VP Aviators Baseball, and Larry Brown, County Commissioner for Summerlin. Along with myself was my Chief umpire for Legion baseball, Jesse Reynosa. The meeting still has me very excited but we will not know anything about using the New Las Vegas ballpark until our next meeting in February as they have to figure out the cost of opening the gates and turning on the lights. I will keep you all informed as I receive the facts and figures!!
# Department of Nevada
## 2019 Membership Challenges

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| Post #100       | | 772  | 1,043 | 78% | 1/11/19 |
| DEPARTMENT TOTALS| | 5,733 | 7,389 | 78% | - |

* Posts have Temporary Charters and are not eligible for Department Membership Awards
Happy New Year to one and all. We're off to a good start with 4 winners for the month of January.

1st Prize - $250 - # 283 - Fred Doten - Post 60
2nd Prize - $125 - # 130 - Jim Stewart - Post 30
3rd Prize - $75 - # 27 - Lou Lisardi - Post 6
4th Prize - $50 - # 96 - Ed Kraker - Post 8

Congratulations and next time may your lucky number come up. Until then........
The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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Transition Service Fair & VA Town Hall

VA Medical Center
6900 N. Pecos Rd, North Las Vegas, 89086
Saturday February 2nd, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Numerous Federal State, Local Agencies & Community Partners will be on site to provide information and assistance to Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve members, families and caregivers.

**VCEB Transition Service Fair: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**VA Town Hall: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Medical Center Auditorium)**

Event is Co-hosted by the Southern Nevada Veterans Community Engagement Board and the Department of Veterans Affairs

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*Veterans Health Administration*
*S Southern Nevada Healthcare System*
Baby, it’s cold outside. While we still have good riding in the southern part of the state, it isn’t “riding season” everywhere in Nevada. So, if you’re not riding, you might be reading about it. This month’s ALR e-newsletter has some good stuff. If you’re not subscribed, doing so is easy... logon to www.legion.org/newsletters and follow the prompts.

If you haven’t shopped Emblem Sales in a while, they have lots of new stuff & good clearance items too. Give them a look at www.emblem.legion.org

Details for 2019’s ALR Western Region R.O.M.P. are coming together. This year’s R.O.M.P. is May 30th – Jun 2nd. Follow on Facebook at “Riders of Richard Springston American Legion Post 60 Laughlin NV” or on the Facebook event at “American Legion Riders Western Romp 2019”.

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

Ride Safe,

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The richest I ever was, was when I could tie everything I own to the handlebars of my motorcycle. I will never be that rich again.
– author unknown –
The American Legion

August 2018 - July 2019

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Dear Veterans and Stakeholders,

We recognize that many of our fellow Veterans, who are also government employees impacted by the partial federal government shutdown, may be experiencing personal and financial stress right now. Not only is VA still open for business, but we are actively working to provide furloughed Veteran federal employees affected with much needed support and relief.

We put together a detailed list of VA benefits and points of contact for assistance. You can find the list here:

https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/55619/

This list also provides programs and assistance by other federal agencies and organizations to support furloughed government employees.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service, especially during these difficult times. We will continue to work with our entire network of VA partners to support you in the best way possible to fulfill our vital mission.

Sincerely,

Veterans Benefits Administration
SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM REPORTED

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has been getting a large number of reports about people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) who are trying to get social security numbers and money. We have heard terrible stories about people losing lots of money because the scammers claim their social security numbers have been linked to crimes and the consumers need to move money out of their bank accounts. Of course, the scammer will help – for a fee. Please talk about this scam in your community and help people know these calls are fake. If people are concerned, they can call the SSA directly at 1-800-772-1213. But, no one should respond to a call about their social security number without confirming it is legitimate, even if the caller ID says SSA or displays that number.

- The SSA will never (ever) call and ask for your Social Security number. It won’t ask you to pay anything. And it won’t call to threaten your benefits.
- Your caller ID might show the SSA’s real phone number (1-800-772-1213), but that’s not the real SSA calling. Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. You can’t trust what you see there.
- Never give your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. Don’t confirm the last 4 digits. And don’t give a bank account or credit card number – ever – to anybody who contacts you asking for it.
- Remember that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is a scammer. Always. No matter who they say they are.
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: Detachment Commander Ben Casad

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday season.

The old year passed with our Detachment keeping our numbers growing and meeting all the months’ national membership goals. The November DEC in Las Vegas was informative, supportive and is adding a new member.

The DEC was hosted by the City of North Las Vegas at their new VA Medical Center. Councilman Richard Cherchio spoke of the many ways in which the city supports veterans and their families beside the medical center. From streets with veteran related names to community involvement and support the City of North Las Vegas does an outstanding job for veterans. Richard is also working on becoming our newest member. The Western Regions Child Welfare Fund coin sales fund raiser was helped by NEC Jim Stewart and Alternate NEC Joe Keiser. Contact Jim, Joe or myself if you would like to purchase a collectable coin and help the CWF. They are $10.00 each.

Our Detachment, after meeting all membership goals last year, is continuing with good membership support this year. We are ahead of January’s 60% membership goal. Congratulations to Squadron 149 for reaching 112%! Keep up the good work. There still needs to be membership work by the four of our squadrons who have not reached their charter membership number.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the February DEC in Reno. The February DEC is being held at the Sand Regency hotel and casino, 345 N ARLINGTON AVE, RENO, NV Lodging is recommended at the Sands Regency. Rates as follows: Friday and Saturday February 9 & 10 is $69.99. The “Cutoff Date” is February 1, 2019 Reservation Phone # 866-386-7829 and mention American Legion Convention.