Department of Nevada 101st Convention
28—29 June 2019

Dept Commander Jim Stewart with Dr Komanduri, Guest Speaker

Dr Ramu Komanduri, VA Chief of Staff

Alt NEC Evans, Dept Cdr Stewart, Aux President Courtenay Burns, NEC Michalski
I am very proud to represent the Department of Nevada as your Commander for this year. This year will be a very busy year as we promote both our Legion programs and, of course, membership. In order for the Department to increase its membership, we must first recognize that we need to recruit from the largest population of veterans, the Global War on Terror veterans. However, in order for us to attract these younger veterans, we must offer them something for their families as well. For that reason, the theme for my year will be:

“Our Legion Youth is Our Legion’s Future”

Those that know me, know that I have always been an advocate for the youth of our communities. For that reason I will be promoting our Legion’s youth programs:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Nevada Boys State
- Oratorical Contest
- Legion Baseball
- ROTC
- Hear Today Learn Tomorrow
- Junior Shooting Sports
- Youth Cadet Law Enforcement
- Sons of The American Legion

If we promote these programs locally, we can exhibit to our communities that The American Legion is not only a veteran’s organization, but an organization that inspires and supports our youth. I am encouraging every post, if you are able, to participate in each of the youth programs. For example, even if you are unable to charter a local Scout unit, you can still assist a local Scout unit with service projects or help them pay for their summer camp. You can approach your local high school and recruit for the Nevada Boys State Program and the Oratorical Contest. You can provide your local JROTC program with The American Legion awards for Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence. If you have a local Youth Shooting Sports program, you can encourage them to participate in The American Legion Junior Shooting Championship. And finally, if your post has a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, give your Squadron a project to focus on. For example, it could be fundraising, the Legion Riders, Scouting, special events, or even post activities. It will be through their families that we can motivate these younger veterans to join our organization.

So, let’s make The American Legion Family just that, a veteran and family organization.

Jim Stewart
Commander
1st Vice Commander Richard Eberly

Just finished attending the 101st Department of Nevada’s Convention in Laughlin, Nevada. A big shot out and thanks to Richard Springston Post 60 for hosting this year’s event. Always forget how big the State of Nevada is but the drive down was uneventful and it was a pleasure to visit Laughlin.

I want to thank every American Legion Post and Department members for their continual support as I take my new position as Department of Nevada’s 1st Vice Commander. I look forward to serving with my fellow Departmental officers and to a year of continual learning as I make my way up to the next position.

In my position as 1st Vice Commander, I will be working closely with the Commander on ensuring that all American Legion Posts in Nevada continue to grow in membership. Over the last few years I have watched and seen struggling Posts and Districts continue to strive to get their membership numbers up. A great big thank you to each and every Legion member in Nevada that pushes on through their membership struggles.

Remember that membership is the lifeline of the American Legion. As this new year begins please take a moment and reflect on what membership in the Legion means to you and the future of our organization. As you step forward and begin recruiting new members remind people of your “why” and “why” the Legion is one of the strongest Veteran’s organization still in existence.

This year’s 2020 membership card is symbolic of the American Legion’s more than 100 years of service.
Allow me to introduce myself. I am Valerie Scheuering, the 4th District Past Commander, Post 37 Past Commander, the current Department Oratorical Chairman and a graduate of The National American Legion College. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as the 2nd Vice Commander for the Department of Nevada 2019-2020.

One of my responsibilities is to promote The American Legion Programs which are so vital to those we help. Giving our support to Boys' State, Comfort Warrior (CW), The National Emergency Fund (NEF), Hear Today/Learn Tomorrow (HT/LT) and The Legacy Fund help so many. When the National Organization sees how Nevada supports these programs, it shows our dedication to The American Legion, Veterans and their families as well as the Youth of America.

As you are probably aware, the NEF was depleted supporting the United States Coast Guard during the recent Government Shutdown. This is just one example of what we do as a Service Organization. The NEF needs to be replenished to be there if and when it's needed again. I ask, No I challenge each and every Post to donate to this and all of the Legion programs. Every donation, big or small, goes a long way.

As for our Youth, I encourage you to contact your local High School Administrators to reach out to their students about attending Boys' State or competing in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. When I attended Boys' State this year and conducted the Department Oratorical Contest it showed me how important our Youth are. These young men and women will be future Leaders, Businessmen and Women, Entrepreneurs, Medical Professionals and Researchers, well you get the idea.

Our Veterans and Youth are why we're here. The Department needs all of us to support the needs of those who need us the most. By supporting the Department through the 300 Club we help them also. It's a new year, let's hit the ground running and show everyone why we are the "Battle Born" State.

For God and Country

Department of Nevada, 2nd Vice Commander
Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag. The Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you, because you see, it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart—remember? What happened? I’m still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But now I don’t feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street and you just stand there with your hands in your pockets, I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see children running around and shouting, they don’t seem to know who I am.

I saw a man take his hat off, then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put it back on. And what about that night at the ball game, when they played the “Star Spangled Banner” and I waived so proudly in the breeze, but nobody bothered to sing? Oh, they stood up, all right, as sort of a mild patriotic gesture, but then they talked among themselves about the game and weather, but they did not sing. I felt hurt.

Is it a sin to be patriotic? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I’ve been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime, names of those who never came back—who gave their lives to keep this republic free.

One Nation under God. When you salute me, you are saluting them.

I may not be coming down your street for a long time, as it seems that patriotic parades are a thing of the past. But when I do, will you do me a big favor?

Stand up straight, place your right hand over your heart, and if they play the “Star Spangled Banner”, show me you remember.

I AM YOUR FLAG.

(Author Unknown)
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**WHEN**

Start: August 3, 2019
Signup - 8AM
Start - 9 AM
VFW BBQ: 1:30 PM
Donations Accepted

**START**

VFW Post 2350
731 VFW Drive
Elko, NV

**END**

VFW Post 2350
731 VFW Drive
Elko, NV

**COST**

$20 per entry
Free patch for 1st 50 entries
Riding T-Shirt $25
Greetings Comrades,

As of 1 October, new legislation in our state will affect many of our 3-wheeled riders. NRS 486-231 has changed to include helmet requirements for trikes. The verbiage is confusing as to which 3-wheeled or “trimobile” vehicles require headgear.

Some clarification has been provided by the Public Information Office for the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety in the trimobile definition as:
1) 3 wheels (regardless of 2 in front or rear)
2) having handlebars
3) having saddle seats.
These riders & passengers are required to wear a helmet.

The defining GO/NO-GO gauge for helmets seems to come down to seating & control configurations. Steering wheels + bucket seats = no helmets. (Slingshot, Talon, Vanderhall, etc.)
Handlebars + saddle seat = helmets. (Lehman kits, Champion kits, Tilting Motor Works kits, etc.)

Please help spread the word to our fellow riders.

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.
Role of the Post Commander

The Department of Nevada just finished our 101st Department convention in Laughlin Nevada.

It was very disappointing that almost half of the posts did not show or have a representative. When taking on the position of Post Commander there are many responsibilities that one should be aware of.

One of the most important responsibilities being is that of on the proper procedure on how to run a post meeting. This is outlined in the Officers guide and easy to follow. Make sure you have an agenda that is attractive to all members and guests. A suitable guest speaker should always be welcome a long with a member or members of the community.

District and or Department meetings or conventions.

The following is out of the Post Officers Guide: “While your post could continue to operate without the district, department or national organization, it is more effective as a part of a team. You may have an idea to be developed and expanded beyond your post. Certainly you want your post to have a voice in the future programs and direction of the Legion. District, departments and national conventions are where Legion policy is determined. Be certain that your post is represented by properly elected delegates, particularly on the district and department level.”

The Officers guide is there for you and should be carefully followed along with the Post Adjutant manual.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your district or department.

Ron Michalski

N.E.C. Department of Nevada
Hello! My name is Brenda Horton. I was born in Michigan City, Indiana and lived all over and finally settled in Spring Creek, Nevada. I joined The American Legion in 2014 where I served as Adjutant in Post 206 in Aurora, Colorado (all female Post) and District 5 Adjutant. My husband, Shawn, and I moved here in 2016 and joined Post 7 in Elko, Nevada where I served as Sr. Vice Commander and Commander (two years); currently serving my second term as District 3 Commander and Post 7 Adjutant.

My heart is in membership! Can you imagine my surprise when I was asked to serve as Department Membership Chairman? What an honor!!! With all of your help and support, we will do our best to achieve 100% membership for Nevada! I look forward to traveling around Nevada and attending District meetings.

To kick off my duties, I participated in the 4th of July Parade in Spring Creek. I had the honor of putting Jim Stewart’s pin on the hat of a new recruit. There were several of us on the float waving to the crowd and throwing candy to the children. We were honored to have the Department Adjutant, Lionel Motta, and his lovely wife, Robyn, participate in the parade. The Grand Marshall was Thomas Mowry, a 96-year-old WWII Veteran.

This year’s theme “Battle Born, Battle Tested, Battle for Membership!”

Sincerely,
Brenda Horton
This month’s results were not available at time of publication. Please check with the Department office.
The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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Dear American Legion Family Members,

I am extremely excited and honored to serve as the ALA Department of Nevada President. I know that together we’re going to have an excellent year!

To start off the year, I’d just like to take the opportunity to say Thank You all for your dedication to our active duty military, veterans, and their families. You are outstanding people who selflessly dedicate yourselves to the service of others and I look forward to working with all of you to make our American Legion Family stronger.

See you at National Convention!

Sincerely,
Courtenay Burns
Department President
The American Legion
August 2019 - July 2020
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Hello all,

I’m truly honored to be elected as the 2019-2020 Detachment Commander for the Sons of the American Legion for Nevada. I hope to serve you all with honor and distinction as we move this great organization forward.

As some of you know and I again give my apologies that I did not attend the Detachment convention on June 29, 2019. I had another commitment as I serve on the board for the Gold Star Family Memorial Nevada and we unveiled our first Gold Star Family Memorial in Sparks, Nevada. This memorial was a vision from Medal of Honor Recipient WWII Iwo Jima Marine Hershel “Woody” Williams to honor the Gold Star Families and their Relatives. It was surely a powerful and momentous event with over 70 Gold Star Families in attendance. The memorial is on the site of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home at 36 Battle Born Way in Sparks, Nevada. Please, when you are in town come and visit this work of art honoring the Gold Star Families. We are looking for interested parties to assist in raising funds for the next memorial in Clark County and in the city of Elko. Please visit goldstarmemorialnv.org for more information.

The Sons of the American Legion was formed in 1932 made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United State military. We are a great part of the Legion family with all working as one to preserve our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation’s children, caring for veterans and their families, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. A reminder that Sons do not have to be members of the Legion or Auxiliary.

It is with each Post, Auxiliary and Detachment to help recruit qualified applicants to build our Legion Family. As we promote each others programs the Sons have opportunity’s to help our volunteer efforts at our local VA facility. Along with the State Veterans home in Boulder City and the new State home in Sparks our work assisting our veterans is needed more and more.

As I’m very proud and honored to serve as the Detachment Commander supporting our Commander Jim Stewart and Auxiliary President Courtenay Burns. We have a great task on this path we laid for all to work on building our Legion Family.
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# Legion Baseball in Las Vegas

**Location:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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**Concession Stand Operator:** Post 60

**Open during all games**

Photos courtesy of Fred Doten
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.