National commander lists ways to build membership

By Cameran Richardson
MAY 09, 2018

Members of The American Legion’s National Executive Committee (NEC) gathered at National Headquarters in Indianapolis May 9 for the organization’s annual Spring Meetings. During her opening remarks to the NEC, National Commander Denise H. Rohan instilled a reminder that while The American Legion is the most influential veterans service organization in the country, it can’t be taken for granted that it will always be that way. Thus, “we have an even greater responsibility to build our membership,” Rohan said.

She highlighted the following membership tools and resources that are available on www.legion.org for Legion members at every level to use when recruiting:

- Elevator pitch. Have a two- to three-minute sound-bite on the importance and benefits of American Legion membership.
- American Legion mobile app. Download the free Legion mobile app to sign members up on the spot.
- Door hanger. Customize the Legion-branded membership door hanger to recruit potential new members at their home, even if they are not there.
- Applications. Keep a few membership applications on hand at all times. And have a supply of “Why You Should Belong” and “This is The American Legion” brochures for informational or recruiting events.
- MyLegion.org. Access your post’s expired members listing that can be found under the “Find Members in my Area” section on www.mylegion.org.
- Members. Recruit veterans of all war eras. “They are all equally important and diversity is a strength,” Rohan said.

For additional American Legion recruiting tools and resources, click here.

“These tips may seem very basic to many of us, but we should never lose sight of the fact that we are a community-based organization, even if we yield national influence,” Rohan said. “We can benefit from practicing these basic recruiting tips and our principles. Because it is our longtime Legionnaires who will pass on the traditions and principles of our great American Legion to the next generation of Legionnaires, who will advance that service into our second century.”

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School awards are a wonderful opportunity for Posts to interact with the youth of today as well as with the schools in their area. An advantage of this is to meet the principals and teachers and mention Boys State, Girls State, & Oratorical programs, and ask to come back at a later time to discuss these wonderful programs that The American Legion offers. This is also a chance to show and perhaps tell the teachers, parents and students who we are. These opportunities do not come up very often where we have a captive audience, per se.

Last evening I had volunteered to present a school medal for another military organization to which I belong. The school is not in our Post's area, but since my grandson is in the JROTC program at this school, I offered to help out. Another member of my Post was also a presenter for another Veteran organization to which she belongs.

The program was one of the best that I have participated in over the past 8 years. The Lt. Colonel in charge and his staff of 3 Sergeants were professional, adhered to military protocol and humorous, where appropriate. The program was also high-tech. The slide and video presentation was one of the best I have ever seen, it included animation. Each award was projected with the organizations logo, the qualifications for earning the award, the presenter(s) name(s) and finally the name of the recipient.

I did not expect them to display The American Legion logo, on the screen as I did not see any Legion caps on any of the presenters, and there were quite a few. The names of the presenters were the Lt. Colonel & one of the Sergeants.

They knew well in advance that this Post would not supply anybody to present The American Legion awards! I looked at the other member of my Post, and we just shook our heads. If a Post goes through the expense of purchasing the awards and folders and printing the certificates, but has no intention of presenting them in person, why bother?

This is neither the direction nor behavior Posts should be engaged in. We should be out in our communities, showing what we do, building our name recognition. I realize that some of the smaller Posts have limited manpower, but that is not the case with this particular Post.
For the past couple of months, I have been really busy, especially with the changes in Scouting. In February, as the Vice President of the Nevada Area Council, I had to give the Council membership status which included the national impact to Scouting with the departure of the LDS Church from the Venturing program and the introduction of girls into the Cub Scout program. I feel that the latter will have the most direct impact on The American Legion’s involvement in Scouting. With either the introduction of girls into an existing Legion Cub Scout Pack or the creation of a brand new Scout unit for an all girl Cub Scout Pack, we should see our membership numbers increase within our organization, nationwide. In 2019, we will have the opportunity of starting the all girl units for the older girls, similar to the Boy Scout Troops, so they would be able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The introduction of younger girls into our Legion Scouting Family will allow The American Legion to have more visibility within our communities and have more of an impact within the lives of our young people.

Greetings Comrades,

At the end of this month, a group of us will be travelling to the 6th Annual Western Region ROMP (Ride on Military Pride). We’ll make our way to Bellingham, WA for the fun on May 31 – June 3. The hosting Post can be found on Facebook at “American Legion Albert J Hamilton Post 7” and their website is http://www.bellinghamlegion.com/

My wife, Amanda, & I will be riding again this year in the American Legion Legacy Run. It’s an awesome opportunity to see the Country and support the Legion. Details for this year’s run are at https://www.legion.org/riders/legacyrun Wanna join us? Online registration is open at http://www.legion.org/riders/registration

This year we are encouraging any American Legion Riders and supporters who cannot attend the Legacy Run to register as a “Supporter” for $20.00. 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
(402) 740-2794
blackjackmac68@yahoo.com

The American Legion Riders today are important part of the Legion family in support of virtually all programs of The American Legion.
THEY RIDE FOR “THOSE WHO CAN’T”

As we approach Memorial Day and the Legion’s efforts to honor those who have defended and died for our Country I thought it only appropriate to discuss another event that will be on-going as the Department’s newsletter is distributed; and that is the “Run for the Wall”. Like many of us, I was not really aware of this event until I got involved with the Legion’s Riders. So, I thought it appropriate as we honor our fallen Heroes to add another dimension of how America and its many communities participate in a wonderful tribute to our fallen comrades.

As a short history Lesson, back in 1989 James Gregor and Bill Evans, two Vietnam Veterans, decided to travel across the Heartland of American on motorcycles. Their goal was to communicate with local radio station, TV, and newspapers about the thousands of Americans who were still unaccounted for from all the Wars that the US has participated in. Their ride was for “Those who Can’t”. Today, this event continues; however, it has grown into a major undertaken.

This year, the 30th year of this event, thousands of motorcycle riders will gather in Ontario, CA to ride for “those who can’t”. It should be noted that the ride is also considered a healing process for family members, friends and buddies who need closure from their experience with the Vietnam War. This includes participants as well as folks who meet the folks who make the ride.

This year, the group of individuals who participate will be divided into three groups and will ride from Ontario, CA to Washington D.C. They will stop in communities as they travel across American and communicate their reason why they ride. The communities, in turn, reciprocate by providing free meals, gasoline, media coverage and heartfelt thanks for remembering their fallen sons and daughters. Many Legion Posts participate in this Journey for “those that can’t”. They participate by having Riders involved, sharing their facilities for meals and overnight stays; and other needs as required.

As noted above, there are three routes that Riders can take on May 16th. They are the Southern Route, the Mid-way Route and the Central Route. The Southern Route basically travels Hwy 10 across the states, the Mid-Way Route follows Hwy 40, and the Central Route travels Hwy 80. All meet in Washington D.C. on 25 May. On 26 May they gather as a group at Lincoln Memorial and then walk to the wall and lay a wreath for our heroes. This officially ends the Run for the Wall, but many stay on for “Rolling Thunder”, which is a parade that starts at the Pentagon and ends at the Wall. It is a sight to behold, as 350,000 motorcycles parade through Washington D.C.

Participation in the Run is not limited to Veterans. Many participants, ranging in age from 8 to 80 are involved. They include wives, fathers, mothers, grandparents, friends, families, and Veterans from all our conflicts and wars. The bottom line is everyone is welcome to participate.

I would like to inform all that I will be participating in this year’s ride. I will be well chaperoned as I will have two daughters participating with me. One is a Legionnaire and the other an Auxiliary Member. Their job is to keep me out of trouble, and my job will be to avoid them at any cost.

So, in closing, I will be participating in this year’s Run for the Wall. If you are interested in more info on this event, I suggest that you contact our Post 60’s Facebook and/or our Blog writers. These folks are preparing to chronologically capture the essence of the ride. We at the Post 60 will keep you informed if you are interested; but in the mean time spend a little time online a learn about this coming together of our communities and citizens. I am sure you will enjoy it.
It has been a very busy month! I started out by installing the new officer’s at Post 76. Signed the charter for our newest post, 1775 in Silver Springs and had dinner with General Williams and General Edmunds from WIMSA.

My daughter and I then drove up to Austin for the Veterans Memorial dedication and Post meeting! It was great to meet Past Honorary Department Commander Skip Gruber!

I attended the UNLV AFROTC dining out! Went to the State Commander’s meeting at the VA and also made it out to Winnemucca for Post 5 meeting! I then presented awards at the UNLV AFROTC ceremony.

I’ve been back to Reno again this month to attend Fernley Post 37 meeting and installed their new officers.

Last, but not least this month my daughter and I made another road trip to Ely where we visited with Post 3 while it SNOWED!
American Legion
High Desert Post 56
961 Desert Court, Carson City, NV 89701-8089

For God and Country

Comrades,

The 100th Annual Department of Nevada Convention is being hosted by High Desert Post 56 in Reno, NV on July 13th thru July 15th 2018. The convention will be held at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel located at 345 North Arlington Avenue. Post 56 Legionnaires, Unit 56 Auxiliary, and Squadron 56 members are looking forward to making sure all of you enjoy your stay in Reno.

We are planning a hospitality room where you can relax and enjoy coffee and rolls in the morning before the meetings begin and again in the afternoon with refreshments and snacks before going to dinner. The hospitality room will be in the Atrium Lounge located directly behind the registration table on the second floor. Donations are gladly accepted in the hospitality room.

The Department Commander’s Banquet will be on Saturday, July 14th. There will be no-host cocktails served from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM. You will have a choice of Filet Mignon or Roasted Salmon for $35.00 each which will include salad, rolls, dessert, and drink. Please circle your choice on the registration form.

The Past Commander’s breakfast will be on Sunday morning at 7:30 AM. The cost will be $15.00 per person. This will be a sit down breakfast.

Lodging has been secured at the Sands Regency for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. The rate for Thursday, including all of the taxes, will be $58.61. Friday and Saturday rates, including all of the taxes, will be $99.47. For reservations, please call 1-800-233-4939. Be sure to mention American Legion 100th when calling in for reservations. Rooms not reserved by July 1st will be released.

Each Post is required to pay their delegation fee prior to the Post’s delegation being able to vote at the convention. Each delegate is required to pay a $2.00
**American Legion**
High Desert Post 56
P.O. Box 2848
Carson City, Nevada 89702-2848

**100th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA CONVENTION**
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SEND REGISTRATION AND FEES TO:
HIGH DESERT POST 56
961 DESERT COURT-CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89705-8089

REGISTRATIONS FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST
Convention Brochure Ad Request Form

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You must have your “Camera Ready” ad and payment in no later than July 1st, 2018! No ad will be placed in the brochure until full payment is received.

Please make your checks out to High Desert Post 56 and put “Department Convention 2018” in the memo section.

Mail your check to the address listed above.

You can send your digital ad to: vrhorton@charter.net and in the subject section, put “Department Convention”.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Department of Nevada’s 100th Convention.
Membership

Well folks we are at the end of the official membership year for the American legion and I want to thank each and every one of you for the efforts that you have put in for this year’s membership program. We ended up the official year at 93+% of our goal. I do want to remind you even given the fact that the official counting year is over getting new members is an ever on-going process if we want to keep this organization moving forward and assisting our nations veterans. If you want to maybe make yourself feel a little better only three Departments made their 100% goal so over all we ended up number 29 in the nation. We had 12 post that made their 100% goal my hats off to them and to District # 4 great job as the only District to reach 100% Again THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK>

For those of you that have had the privilege and opportunity to sit in on one of the Department Commander’s post visits, you will be reminded of the portion where she speaks of her (WHY) as she tells us we all have a WHY. Think about it why did you ever do anything? Why did you join the military in the first place; Why did you choose the things you have done in your life? Why did you join the American Legion and again why did you continue your membership? So if someone asks you WHY should they join the Legion, it would be a positive if you could explain to them Why you joined and then maybe just maybe you would give them the little incentive for them to join. Just sayin’ you will never know what it takes to get someone to step up and become a Legionnaire.

In closing I look forward to see each and every one of you at the Department Convention in July, I know post # 56 has spent a lot of time and effort to make this year’s convention a great success. They can only do that with your participation, so come on down and enjoy the company of your fellow Department Legionnaires. One final thing and that is our Boys State program is quickly approaching and I know the boys would be so happy to see the seats filled with an American Legion members observing their efforts. I also know from past experience that you would walk away with a new appreciation for the boys, the staff and the program. Well again thanks and I will be seeing you all at the convention. Mitch
Lightning struck again at Department Headquarters!
Congratulations to our 4 winners!

1st Prize - $250 - #9 — Dave Cairns — Post #1
2nd Prize - $125 - #89 — Yvette Weigold — Post 51
3rd Prize — $75 — #48 — Jim Stewart — Post 30
4th Prize — $50 — #77 — John Pantages — Post 60

Don’t forget to get your application in for next year’s drawing!
Adjutant Motta,
Lionel

National Commander...continued

Membership and Post Activities Committee Chairman Randy Goodman of Georgia reported to the NEC that the Departments of France, Mexico and West Virginia exceeded 100 percent of their 2018 membership goal. And six departments achieved over 95 percent of their membership goal — Wisconsin, New Jersey, Idaho, South Carolina, Montana and Minnesota.

Goodman also reminded everyone in attendance that departments have access to acquired DMS members through www.mylegion.org. An incentive to transfer those members into a local post as part of a revitalization effort is that they count toward the department's membership goal. Through revitalization efforts over the past 10 years, about 727,000 DMS members have been transferred to a local post.

"Many Legionnaires do not feel comfortable recruiting new members. That's where training comes in place and where Legionnaires need to be taught some of the basic (recruiting) items that we may take for granted," Goodman said. "We want them to feel at ease and know how to sell The American Legion."
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Spring Meetings Information

The American Legion Spring meetings were held on May 5th thru the 10th.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

Nevada has a member being nominated for National Historian!!!! Congratulations!!

Scholarship donations for 2017 exceeded $944,000.

Reno convention rated in the top 5 for a money maker, thanks to all that participated and assisted in making this a Great event!!

Two prints commissioned by the Internal Affairs Commission, to task Matt Hull to produce for the National Executive Committee room, his concept for the Global War on Terrorism and on the 100th Anniversary. The prints were outstanding. Go to our Facebook page, Nevada Legion, to view the prints.

Fairfield, CA has been awarded the Region 8 baseball site for the Western Regional for 2019 and 2020.

There were 35 resolutions presented to the NEC. 34 passed and one went back to the commissions for further study. You can view these resolutions by going to the Legion website at www.legion.org and then click on ABOUT. Under ABOUT you will find Resolutions and there you are.

The Youth Cadet Program is rising fast and our National officers are requesting that all Departments take a hard look at this to see if one can be implemented in theirs. Any Nevada member interested in this program please feel free to contact me.
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DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

2018-2019

LETTERS OF INTENT

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JOEL FORMAN
POST 76

DEPARTMENT 1ST VICE COMMANDER

JIM STEWART
POST 30

DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

RICHARD EBERLY
POST 56

DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

MICHAEL SHEPHEARD
POST 76

VALERIE SCHEUERING
POST 37

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2018 – 2020)

RON MICHALSKI
POST 40
The mission of Nevada’s Legioinaires 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.

With only a month and a half left in the year, our membership is still a BIG question mark. It appears to me that there is no urgency in any of the squadrons that have not already achieved 100% to work on renewals or getting any new members. The Western Regional Vice Commander and I have exchanged several e-mails and he is abreast of our problem with two of our largest squadrons. Post Commanders that have a squadron should be working with their squadron commanders and monitoring the activities of their squadrons. Apparently that is not happening in these squadrons.

Our convention is rapidly approaching in Reno on July 14th at 8:00 AM. Next month I will be sending out the agenda as well as the location of the meeting. You should ask your post Adjutant for a copy of the registration form if you plan on attending the Commanders Banquet on Saturday evening. Reservations must be turned in no later than the last day in June. There will be no dinner tickets available at the door.

If you plan on staying at the Sands, I suggest that you make your room reservations early because the rooms are limited. When you call in the number is 1-800-233-4939 and mention AMERICAN LEGION 100TH in order to get the reduced rates. Thursday is $58.61 and Friday and Saturday is $99.47. These rates include all taxes.

The Sons of the American Legion Consolidated Squadron Reports will be due shortly. Your Adjutant should be keeping track of all of the squadron activities as well as donations to help him complete the form. You should be receiving the form shortly from National. The completed form will need to be mailed to the Department office in Las Vegas.

We need all of our members to step up and take an active role in the detachment. We will be electing new officers for the upcoming year at our convention in Reno. So far we have received only one letter of intent for Detachment Commander. We need to fill the Senior Vice Commander, North Junior Vice Commander, South Junior Vice Commander, and Sgt - at - Arms positions. Almost more important than the commander is the Detachment Adjutant position. This is an appointed position and any volunteers for this position will need to talk to the incoming commander.

Lastly, I have given up on the monthly phone conference calls. Mainly because only one or two of you would call in. That makes it difficult to get information out to you since several commander’s and adjutant’s information on hand is out dated due to change in officers and or e-mail addresses.