August every year is a busy time for most folks in the US. Summer is coming to an end, school is getting ready to convene, vacations are being taken, and the festivities associated with Labor Day are quickly coming together. However, for the American Legion it is even busier, for besides the above, there is the National Convention that’s on the horizon. And, for the 14th time, the Legacy Run will be “Front and Center” as part of the Convention. So, what is the Legacy Run.

In a nutshell, the Legacy Run is basically a group of American Legion Riders who gather and then ride for five days from a given location to the National Convention. Simplistic in words; however, in reality, it is a major undertaking with a powerful mission. Because these riders ride for the kids. They ride to guarantee for their fallen brothers and sisters that their children will have an opportunity to attend college and go on to a productive life serving our communities and country. As they journey along their route, they stop and pay tribute to fallen heroes, visit veterans in hospitals and veteran homes, attend memorial services for our heroes, collect money for the Legacy Foundation, and bring awareness to local communities of the need to support our troops and their families.

As a little history, the first Legacy run was conducted in 2006. The ride started in Indianapolis and ended at the Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. They rode for approximately 1900 miles in 5 days. They finished the run with 62 bikes and just under 100 people, which included back-setters (passengers) and support crew. They collected $170,000 for the Legacy Foundation. The ride was mostly on freeways, but they stopped in towns for meals, gas, memorial services, and to accept donations to the foundation.
One of my September visits included my own post home, Duby Reid Post 30 in Sparks. It was an interesting experience to stand before my own Post members and friends as their Department Commander. The last Department Commander from Duby Reid Post 30 was Calvin Dodson from 1956 to 1957, sixty three years ago. However, standing before my own post did not change the message I have been sharing to all of the posts within the Department, which is Membership and our Youth Programs. Post 30 has always been active in the youth programs, participating in the Oratorical Contest, JROTC program, Boys State, the Boy Scouts, and the Sons of The American Legion.

My next visit was in Fallon to attend the District 4 meeting held at Post 16. Interestingly, each Post Commander from District 4 was in attendance, making this a really great meeting. I was also pleased to see that a number of our Department Officers were in attendance; 1st Vice Commander Eberley, 2nd Vice Commander Schereuring, Department Membership Chair Horton, and Department Adjutant Motta.
Buddy Checks

As many may have noticed that fall is in the air. Fall or autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably. This is a time of year when many may be tackling many chores that need to be done before the winter sets in.

Why you may be asking do we care that fall is in the air? Well as you are beginning to prepare for the winter months have you taken the time to consider what can our Post do to assist with the upcoming transition of the seasons. This might be a good time to prepare for a Post Buddy Check drive.

As active Legionnaires, you and I have an important stake in our time-honored mission, services, and programs. Compassionate care for disabled veterans. Wholesome development of youth. Advocacy for a strong and appreciated military. Employment and education opportunities for those who have served in the U.S. armed forces. Effective response after natural disasters. Respect for the colors of our country. Noro for the fallen. And influence to advance the needs of veterans – and of a strong America. Without strong American Legion membership, values such as these go unfulfilled. To keep them front and center, we must work together now to make personal contact. This was the message that was provided last year when the Buddy Check call went out.

The Buddy Check was a resolution that was proposed and approved last year by our National Commander. The purpose of the Buddy Check was not intended as a tool to use for membership renewal or retrieval of Legionnaires whose memberships have expired. The intention was to reach out and to make personal contact to see how local veterans are doing and act accordingly if they need help. It was not a membership campaign but a comradeship campaign.

By conducting a Buddy Check it is a good time for the Post to coordinate a team to make contact with Legionnaires and former members to simply see how they are doing. It is a good time to ask if there is anything that you or the Post can do for them. Perhaps they have been sick, lost a spouse or just need to know someone cares. This is a good time for the Post to gather information to update the members contact information, to provide the member with a contact or contacts if they need help with something in the future and to let the members know about what the Post is doing.

Again the purpose of the Buddy Check phone calls is not about pushing membership but to check on the welfare of our members. Remember the Organization was formed a century ago around personal contact and engagement. This “Buddy Check” is about seeing how veterans are doing. To do this it does take personal engagement.

Thank You
Richard Eberly
1st Vice Commander
American Legion Department of Nevada
Hello everyone. Well, Fall has come. Last month was Suicide Prevention Month, however we should think about it every month. Many Veterans struggle through the winter months, as the holidays approach. We need to remember our comrades may need us, so keep an eye on your friends, you may be the only one to notice a change in them and you can help point them in the right direction to save their lives. We are all one big family.

Tricare drug costs are going to increase. A 90 day supply of generic drugs received through Express Scripts Mail Order Pharmacy will go from $7.00 to $10.00 effective January 1, 2020. Check out the article at Military.com.

Starting January 2020, the VA will automatically share your health information with your community provider meaning you won’t have to sign a written authorization.

Free flu shots are being offered at your local Walgreens to Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system now through March 31, 2020. Now’s the time to get them.

The VA announced improvements to the Caregiver Support Program, expanding the program in accordance with the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans. Due to the enactment of Public Law 116-23, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, the VA will be mailing targeted outreach letters to Veterans and Survivors whose claims were previously denied without a current claim pending but who may now be eligible for VA Benefits based on the law.

If you’re looking for a job, contact your local Job Connect office.

The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation is designed to help people with disabilities become employed and to help those already employed perform more successfully through training, counseling and other support services. You can check out service locations at NVDETR.ORG.

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Less than 300 Legion anniversary three coin sets remain

BY: The American Legion  Sep 5, 2019

When The American Legion's 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin series went on sale March 14 by the U.S. Mint, 7,500 of the three coin proof set were available. As of now, less than 300 sets remain.

The three coin proof set includes all three coins — $5 gold coin, silver dollar and clad half dollar.

U.S. Mint Director David Ryder addressed delegates at the Legion's 101st National Convention in Indianapolis Aug. 27 about the coin series.

“The Mint is proud to have been a part of the Legion’s commemorative coin program that celebrates such an important milestone. You can be sure that veterans were involved in every step of the way with the development of this important program,” said Ryder, who said that the U.S. Mint has nearly 1,700 employees and veterans make up 35 percent of that workforce.

After Dec. 31, the U.S. Mint will no longer sell the Legion's commemorative coin series.

To make a purchase or for more information about the centennial coins, go to [www.legion.org/coin](http://www.legion.org/coin) or call 800-872-6468.
My next trip was to Alyeska, Alaska for the BSA Western Region Conference. This meeting gathers Scouters from the entire Western Region to discuss several issues concerning the Scouting program. Currently, I am the BSA Charter Partners Committee Chair and I represent the American Legion for the Boy Scouts of America. I was able to report the impact of the increase in Legion Scouting activity due to the LDS transition from the Scouting program. A number of our posts have stepped up to become chartered partners with the BSA. The Chief Scout Executive, Mike Surbaugh, was also in attendance and I had a great opportunity to personally discuss with the Chief about The American Legion’s role in the LDS transition as well as the introduction of girls into the Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. The Chief also conveyed to me some of the actions that is being taken by the National BSA organization to address some of the controversies facing the BSA.

I just returned from a two week cruise vacation and while I am trying to get my land legs back, I am ready to get back into the business of The American Legion. My next trip is back to Indianapolis for the Department Commander’s Conference. Indy seems to be my second home this year. I look forward to meeting my counterparts in the other Departments and the national staff.

The Fall DEC meeting is quickly approaching on Saturday, November 2nd. Our National Commander, Bill Oxford, will be in attendance and I highly encourage and recommend that all Posts in the Department be represented at this DEC meeting by sending their Post Commander to the meeting. The Fall DEC is being sponsored by Duby Reid Post 30 located at 730 Fourth Street, Sparks, NV 89432. The Saturday dinner will also be at Post 30 and the catered dinner will be free to all those who attend. Additionally, I highly recommend that you provide an advance head count for the dinner, which would be greatly appreciated. If you need lodging, a block of rooms has been established at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks at a reasonable rate.

Until next time, remember, “Our Legion Youth is Our Legion’s Future!”

Always in Service,
Jim Stewart
Commander
Greetings Comrades,

A reminder from my July article: As of 1 October, new legislation in our state affects 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.

The Public Information Office for the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety clarifies 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.

As of the end of this year’s R.O.M.P., no location had been set for next year’s event. I’ve been contacted by Oregon’s Dept. ALR Director. Post 99 in Seaside, OR has taken the baton and will host 2020’s Western Region ROMP! Post 99 hosted in 2016 and it was a great time. I expect next years shindig to be even better. More details to follow as they are updated. Their website is www.seasidepost99.org

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

Ride Safe,

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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.
Information from the American Legion:

WIDOW’S TAX Under current federal law, if the surviving spouse of a military retiree is eligible to receive the monthly Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) annuity payment and also awarded a monthly Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefit by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the SBP annuity is offset, dollar-for-dollar, by the amount of DIC received. This offset is commonly referred to throughout the veterans’ community as the Military Widows’ Tax. The American Legion believes this offset is an injustice to surviving spouses of America’s heroes. Retired military service members are eligible to participate in the SBP. SBP is an optional annuity insurance plan designed to pay an eligible surviving spouse a monthly payment to help make up for the loss of the military retirement income. Those military retirees who choose to enroll in SBP have deductions made from their retired pay to purchase a survivor’s annuity. Under the plan, upon the military retiree’s death, the annuity is paid monthly to eligible beneficiaries. Among the earned benefits awarded by VA to service-connected disabled veterans and their survivors is the DIC program. DIC is an earned benefit awarded monthly to the eligible surviving spouse of a service-connected disabled veteran by a grateful nation. DIC is a tax-free benefit for the surviving spouse and dependent children. VA also adds a transitional benefit of $250 to the surviving spouse’s monthly DIC if there are children under age 18. The amount is based on a family unit, not individual children. It is paid for two years from the date that entitlement to DIC commences, but is discontinued earlier when there is no child under age 18 or no child on the surviving spouse’s DIC for any reason. Clearly, SBP is a personal financial decision made by a military retiree to provide some degree of financial security for the surviving spouse; whereas, DIC is an earned benefit awarded for a veteran’s death due to a service-connected medical condition. The American Legion believes that the VA indemnity compensation should be added to the SBP the retiree paid for, not subject to the dollar-for-dollar offset. SBP and DIC are two distinct and independent programs with unique eligibility criteria. SBP is optional only for military retirees and mandates financial contributions, whereas DIC is awarded only to survivors of service-connected disabled veterans. The American Legion fully supports corrective legislation – S. 260 as introduced by Senator Nelson (FL) and H.R. 178 introduced by Representative Wilson (SC-2) – to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans’ dependency and indemnity compensation.
Membership

By Brenda Horton, Department Membership Chairman

Another month has gone by working on membership. On September 14th, I attended a District 4 meeting in Fallon and on September 19th, I attended a meeting at Post 6 in Lovelock talking about membership and handing out membership brochures. Since I am the Commander of District 3, I cannot count that as a visit for their meeting on September 27th. I plan on attending District 1 meeting in December if the weather holds. Numerous emails to District officers and Post officers have gone out answering questions about membership.

Some Posts have reached out to me because they are not receiving emails from their Districts. It is ok that Posts contact me. Membership is my job! Also, keep District informed of any changes in your Post roster.

The 2020 TAL Daily Membership report came out a few days ago showing we were 83 members short of our 55% goal putting Nevada at 53.944%. Since the report has come out, there have been members who have been processed. Our next goal of 65% is Veterans Day on November 11th. This is a huge leap. Keep promoting TAL. For those Posts that have met their 55% goal and beyond, I commend you for your hard work! Let’s all bring something home this year!

Kudos to SAL member, Shawn Horton. His name was sent in for the National Commander’s Pin, for recruiting three new members. If any Post is turning in members for this pin, email me. I would love to put their names in the newsletter next month.

Posts please email me the survey questions I sent out. The surveys are coming in slowly, but I am getting a better understanding of each Post’s situation. I am looking for a common thread of why Posts cannot reach 100% membership. Once the obstacles are identified, we can try to find ways to overcome them. I am looking forward to the first teleconference with my Department Membership Committee on October 10th to share/problem solve together.

If you would like me to attend your Post/District meetings or membership drives, please email/call me-720-394-5969. Your District and Department are here to help you succeed!

Brenda Horton
Department Membership Chair

"Battle Born, Battle Tested, Battle for Membership"

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There is more than one way to serve. Join The American Legion and become a part of our commitment to comrades, community and county.
In contrast, the 14\textsuperscript{th} Legacy Run started in Lady Lake, FL and ended in Indianapolis, IN. There were 314 registered people for the ride. When the ride started on day 1 there were 245 bikes with 47 backsetters making the run. The donations collected at the kickoff meeting the night prior to the ride totaled $100,000. The Run collected over $292,000 for the Legacy Foundation. Another $554K was donated from the floor during the convention.

Over the years, the Legacy Run has evolved into a true fundraising activity. The route now by-passes the major freeways and travels on state roads that take you through communities. The impact of this change provides a higher visibility factor for the Legion and allows the local citizens to become more aware of the mission of the ride. The length of the ride has shortened to approximately 1100 miles, which allows for more time to visit local events and memorial services. And the support provided by local communities is awesome.

As one travels with the Legacy Run the beauty of this country and its citizens bring a sense of calm to one’s soul. Legion Posts, town officials, police and firefighters were there to welcome us as we passed through. They supported with food, gas and comradeship. We were welcomed along the route with beeping horns, waving flags and children. For those of us who have made the ride, we will remember why the mission is so important. We hope you can join us next year and realize how blessed we are to live in the US of A. Hope to see you next August.

Photos courtesy of Fred Doten
The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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Dear Members of the American Legion Family,

Happy Autumn and welcome to the 2019-2020 membership year! As the year begins, I’m looking forward to all of our upcoming events. In particular, Nevada’s 155th birthday is coming up at the end of October.

I’d also like to take a moment to recognize the amazing work of Unit 60 at this year’s Department Convention and their generous donation of $521 to the ALA Department of Nevada. Thank You to all the members of Richard Springston Unit 60!

And, as always, thank you all for your service and your continued dedication.

Best,

Courtenay

Courtenay Burns, Ph.D.

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**This is only an outline of the plan’s features. Please read your EA+ Member Guide carefully to understand all the services available to you, as well as any rules and regulations. Washington state residents must be traveling more than 100 miles away from home to be eligible for EA+ services.

District 3 Upcoming Events:

October 26th: Honor Guard Training at 10 am at the Elko National Guard Armory sponsored by Post 7. RSVP if you are going to attend.

October 21st: Post 7 monthly meeting at 5 Licht Parkway in Spring Creek
October 23: Post 32 monthly meeting in Carlin
October 31st: Post 7 Trunk or Treat at the Spring Creek High School at 4 pm.

November 9th: Post 7 Veterans Day Dinner at Stockmans in Elko at 6 pm
November 11th: Post 7 Veterans Day Parade at 11 am at the Crystal Theater in Elko.
November 11th: Post 5 Veterans Day Parade at 11 am in Winnemucca.
November 11th: Post 5 Veterans Day Luncheon at 12 noon at the Humboldt General Hospital. RSVP if you are attending.

November 11th: Post 32 Veterans Day Dinner at Pacini Hall in Carlin at 6:30 pm
November 17th: District 3 Meeting at Post 5 at 2 pm. Officer training
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As I attend the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander’s conference in Indianapolis Indiana, I pause and reflect on how the Sons were created in 1932 and is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in the American Legion.

Regardless of where SAL members live or how active their squadron is, they can demonstrate being good citizens and promote Americanism in their communities in schools. Ideas on promoting Americanism and helping our community can be easy as:

- Learning proper flag etiquette and respect for the flag
- Learning the “Star-Spangled Banner”
- Participating in memorial day and Veterans Day programs.
- Entering an American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest (grades 3-12).
- Participating in the local Color Guard
- Promoting the blue star banner and gold star banner to honor all who are serving America or lost a relative in service.
- Assisting and blood drives
- Participating in and Adopt-a-Highway programs
- Organize a community food drive

All of these are just suggestions for you SAL to better serve and honor our patriotism. Remember we are all a family and working together with our legion and auxiliary partners to strive for the best.

Remember October is Nevada’s birth month and there will be a parade in Carson City on October 26.

Please take time to honor all veterans and thank them for their service.
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.

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