The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities

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“Building for the Future by Veterans helping Veterans”
Happy Spring and Happy Easter Everyone. I certainly hope that you are able to enjoy what little bit of Spring that we have all witnessed so far. And, just think Easter is right around the corner, Bright Pretty Flowers, Green Grass, and Brightly Colored Easter Eggs waiting to be found.

Well now that I have gotten everyone all excited about Spring, it is my misfortune to have to remind everyone about our commitment on membership. For those that have heard my key message about membership, it’s all of ours job to promote membership. I know that it can be rather disheartening to keep asking people to join our wonderful organization. However, without members, we do not exist, we lose more and more of our benefits. Believe it or not, the politicians in Washington DC are very aware of who we are and how many members we have. If we continue to decrease in membership, then we will begin to see many of our benefits decrease as well. I’m not exactly sure on how we can increase the membership in our own Department, but we, not me or you, but all of us. We are currently around 412 members short of completing 95% by the 12th of April. Our next goal from there is 100% by May. I personally think it can be done. Remember in my Key Note, it says it’s in your hands. So let’s all roll up our sleeves and give a little more effort to sign up at least 1 member, or get that one member that hasn’t renewed yet to sign up and get their dues paid.

Now that I have muddied up the water with my stomping around about membership, I’ll let you know a little of what I have been up to since the last news article. By the time this article is due, I will have visited another 3 Posts, making a total of 20 Post visits. I also attended the Veterans Day Visit at the State Legislature. I had never done that before. I found it very interesting. I visited the Senate, and had many interesting conversation with many State Senators. I visited Post 4 in Carson City. I have attended the Mid-Winter Conference, Visited a VFW Post to see if perhaps we can start a new Post in that area. I also spent some time at a WWII Merchant Marine Convention. I was the Guest Speaker for their opening. Lord only knows why they asked me. I did give them a lot of information about The American Legion, and found that there were several there that are already members of the Legion. I have also attended a VA Town Hall in Ely. I’m afraid that the VA Reps out of Salt Lake City Utah were not ready for the angry opposition that they met. I honestly believe that they lost complete control of the meeting within the first five minutes. Well, time to quit complaining and get this in for printing. I also have to make some plans for another trip. Until next time, stay safe everyone, and have a Wonderful Easter Celebration.

Still Serving
Bob
Message from the NEC

VA Center For Medication Safety (VA MedSAFE)

Medication Disposal Safety Tips

To keep you and your family safe, get unwanted/unneeded medications out of your home! VA can help you safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs.

Why should I remove unwanted medications from my home?
If you remove these medications from your home, you reduce the chance of taking them by accident and poisoning, especially for children. Removing them also reduces the risk of taking the wrong drug by mistake.

How should I safely dispose of my unwanted medications?
Don't flush unwanted, unneeded drugs down toilets or drains or throw them out in the trash. This can harm the water supply and wildlife.
Your VA now has envelopes that you can use to mail your unwanted medications for disposal that is safe for the environment. These envelopes are free and do not require postage. Remember to read the directions and never place syringes in the envelope or receptacle.
Your VA may also have a receptacle where you can deposit your unwanted medications. If you accidentally place drugs in the receptacle, VA cannot retrieve them or return them to you. Check with your VA Pharmacist on which option is available at your VA facility.

Who can I talk to if I am unsure about how to properly dispose of medications that I don't need or want?
Ask your VA pharmacist how to safely dispose of your medications. If you are unsure of what drugs to dispose of, you can review your medications with your VA pharmacist to find out which medications you should no longer take.

Are you a Veteran or concerned about one? The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders. Veterans and their loved ones can anonymously:
• Call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1
• Chat online
• Send a text message to 838255
Confidential help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Ron
Department of Nevada 99th Annual Convention
July 14, 15, 16, 2017
Held at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th St. Ely, NV 89301
775-289-3720

Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and Auxiliary Members
The Department of Nevada 99th convention is being held at the Bristlecone Convention Center. Host for the convention is White Pine Post #3.

Lodging is recommended at the Hotel Nevada and Casino. Rates as follows: Thursday 7/13, $53.10, Friday and Saturday 7/14, 7/15 $62.10, Sunday 7/16 $53.10. Reservation Phone # 775-289-6665.

Jailhouse Hotel and Casino. Rate is $66.50 (with tax $74.81) Phone: 775-289-3033 or 800-841-5430

Four 7's Motel Rate is $45.00 (with tax $50.63) Phone: 775-289-4747

The “Cutoff Date” Is June 23, 2017 and mention American Legion.

Friday night dinner will be available at Postal Palace from 5:30 to 7 PM Saturday night Commanders Dinner will be at the Postal Palace and it will be a threecourse dinner choice of (chicken/beef) with sides, green salad and dessert.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM No host Cocktails
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM- 8:00 PM Guest Speaker
American Legion
White Pine Post #3
P.O. Box 150337, Ely, NV. 89315
775-289-5602

Convention Brochure AD Request Form

Full Page--------------------------$120.00
Half Page---------------------------$ 75.00
Quarter Page-----------------------$30.00
Booster Name----------------------$ 2.00 each
In Honor of Those Who Served--$ 2.00 each

We must receive your "Camera Ready" Ad and payment no later than June 16, 2017. No credit cards accepted. Ads will not be placed in program booklet until payment is received.

Checks should be made out to: American Legion White Pine Post #3 and in the memo section put the words: "Dept. Convention 2017"

Checks should be mailed to:
American Legion White Pine Post #3
Attn: 2017 Convention
P.O. Box 150337, Ely, NV. 89315

You can send a digital ad to: kencurto@hotmail.com and in the subject put Dept. Convention. Thank You For Your Support in the American Legion Department of Nevada.
April is the Month of the Military Child and The American Legion has recognized this for nearly 80 years. Whether Posts are hosting events for children or raising funds to support The Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) or Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) we have recognized those left at home during deployment. The littlest supporters are influenced the greatest by their parent’s sacrifice and we need to remember this!

The Child Welfare Foundation was started in 1954 to help ensure children are able to receive medical treatments and care they need. Thousands of grants are considered every year and without funding they must be denied. Please consider making your donation this month! Read more here:


The Temporary Financial Assistance program is a last chance opportunity for many Veterans with dependent children. This fund is only for Veterans with dependents and therefore limited in their ability to help. Without your donations the program cannot help everyone who deserves it. Need more information on the Temporary Financial Assistance program? Down load the brochure here:

https://www.legion.org/publications/160939/temporary-financial-assistance

If your Post is holding a special event this month please share the story with us! If you need ideas for this year or next you can download the pdf of the Legion’s “April is Children and Youth Month” brochure here: https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/April-is-Children-and-Youth-Month.pdf

I hope you all have a blessed Holiday season and the you get out and enjoy Spring! Summer will be here before you know it and we will be off to Ely for Department Convention and then Reno for the National Convention! I hope many of you are considering joining us at one or both of these events!

Yvette
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

2017 – 2018
LETTERS OF INTENT

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ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON

(2017 – 2019)

JOHN WARDEN POST 4

**** LETTERS OF INTENT AND ELIGIBILITY SOURCE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE ****
WASHINGTON -- Rep. Paul Cook, R-Apple Valley, announced Monday that the U.S. Senate has passed his bill, HR 244, the Hire Vets Act of 2017.
The bill already passed the House of Representatives in February. Cook had reintroduced this bipartisan bill earlier this year. It was introduced last Congress and passed the House with unanimous support, but was unable to pass the Senate before the end of the year. The bill now heads back to the House for final passage as the Senate made minor technical changes to it. This legislation would promote private sector recruiting, hiring and retaining of men and women who served honorably in the U.S. military through a voluntary and effective program, according to Cook's office.
Specifically, it would create an awards program recognizing the meaningful and verifiable efforts undertaken by employers to hire and retain veterans. The program is designed to be self-funded. "The HIRE Vets Act is an opportunity for Americans to see which companies truly live up to the employment promises they make to veterans," Cook said. "Veterans who serve this country honorably shouldn't struggle to find employment, and this bill creates an innovative system to encourage and recognize employers who make veterans a priority in their hiring practices. "I'm grateful this bipartisan bill has passed so resoundingly in both the House and the Senate. I expect it to quickly receive final approval from the House and look forward to it being signed into law soon."
Through the U.S. Department of Labor, the HIRE Vets Act would allow businesses to display "HIRE Vets Medallions" on products and marketing materials. These medallions would be awarded as part of a two-tiered system -- Gold and Platinum -- associated with specific hiring and retention goals each year.
The program also establishes similar tiered awards for small and mid-sized businesses with less than 500 employees. To ensure proper oversight, the Secretary of Labor would be required to provide Congress with annual reports on the success of the program with regard to veteran employment and retention results.
A member of the House Natural Resources, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs Committees, Cook served as an infantry officer and retired as a colonel after 26 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in combat, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He represents the 8th District, which includes all of the High Desert, in the House of Representatives.

And to follow up on last month's article about the, then, upcoming US Vets Stand down here in Las Vegas, 740 homeless and Veterans in need, were helped during the one day event. 41 Veterans received housing, 19 were interviewed for jobs and 10 of those were hired on the spot. At our table 155 Veterans stopped by and were given socks, gloves, watch caps or boot laces. Congratulations to Posts 76, 14 and Post 14 Auxiliary and to newcomer Post 51 for helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters to make their lives just a little bit better.

Become involved, it makes everyone feel better.

Joel
As hard as we try to shake up and scramble the numbers, sometimes it just doesn't work out. We only had one winner this time. Congratulations.

1st Prize - $250.00 - # 261 - Unsold

2nd Prize - $125.00 - # 260 - Unsold

3rd Prize - $75.00 - # 83 - Brian Johnson - Post 1

4th Prize - $50.00 - # 281 - Unsold

Our thanks to all who are participating in the Legion lottery. Let's hope for a better draw next month.
This month, I wanted to discuss the sacrifices the members of our armed services must endure to keep our country safe from our enemies. These young men and women must travel to far off lands to do a job that no one else wants to do or are afraid to do, for wages that are not enough for the work that they do. They are removed from their family and friends for extended periods of time and must live in crowded and hostile conditions. Someone serving in our armed services is someone who has written a blank check made payable to the United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life. This is clearly the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our American way of life.

Lately, we have witnessed acts of kindness toward our service members being ridiculed by others. The Drexel University professor that stated that he was not happy after he witnessed a man give up his seat to a uniformed service member and that he was “trying not to vomit” is the latest of this outrageous rhetoric. First, how was this show of respect wrong? I am sure the soldier was very grateful for the act of kindness and the gentleman that gave up the seat probably felt he was doing something nice for someone who has sacrificed a lot. We need to respect these brave young men and women every day of our lives and strongly defend those who show them that respect and honor.

Another story that hit home with me was the article mentioned in our Daily News Clips of a gentleman who got out of his truck, in the pouring rain, to salute a fallen veteran during a funeral procession. Kenneth Varnes, a Fort Hood soldier, felt compelled to do something, so he pulled over, got out of his truck and saluted the veteran until the very last vehicle passed by. He stated, “I don’t care if they were 80 years old, they were in World War II, they were in Vietnam, they were in Iraq, I don’t care if they were 20, all that matters is that they served our country and that’s something that should be honored. It’s a brotherhood after all”.

Take the time to thank any active duty service member or any veteran for their service and shake their hand. We as Americans should be grateful for what they do for us. When someone does this for me, I respond to them by saying “Thank you for caring”. 

Jim
Right off the bat I want to congratulate post # 4 in Carson city for achieving 100% membership, only 28 more post to go!! I follow the membership reports from all levels very closely and as best I can tell there are some Post and Districts out there that have just given up, I see no increase in membership in the last 30 days and there are some that haven't even posted a transmittal in the last 60 days why is this?? 'I'm not normally pessimistic but all I can think of is that Commanders are not putting the right amount of influence where it needs to be on your Post / District membership. As we all know membership is not just for one person to do it is a group effort. With that being said just a quick comparison from this time last year we were at 89.67% and # 42 in the nation, we currently stand at 90.89% # 31 in the nation at this point in time we should be sitting at 95+. All I can say I'm not sure there is anything else I can say or do to motivate any Post / District to keep working on their membership program but it's not to late. Unlike last month let me see if I can get my figures right and that is we still need 836 either new or current members to get back on board and get there membership current, and of course as I and of course PDC Jack Ford and Paul Diefenbach have always said JUST ASK!!

On a couple of other matters that I know many are interested in, I will be going to Indianapolis in early May for the spring meetings and at that time will find out if there are any more requirements that need to be addressed for the National Convention. At that point I will be able to publish a list of areas and times that we will need assistance with for the convention. One area I was able to check on is for those of you that may be coming and bringing RV's there are numerous RV parks in the Reno Tahoe area. One of these is at the Grand Sierra Resort They have different size sites and prices available, the reason I mention this one is it is also a location from where you can catch a shuttle bus to and from the convention site. I suggest that you reserve your site early due this time of the year is very busy in the Reno area, You can go to this by going on line to the Grand Sierra Resort or calling 775-789-2147.

On another note don't forget that we have the Department Convention coming up July 14th, 15th and 16th this will be held at the Bristlecone Convention center in Ely Nevada. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at this event, it should be a fun time for all. In closing I know we keep talking about what it takes to get and retain members. I also know as we near the end of the legion year how hard it is to do just that. So all I can say is give it your best shot and try your hardest to find those members that have not yet renewed. I hope everyone had a great Easter thanks for all you do.

**RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY**

Your annual dues help support programs in your community and across the nation. American Legion programs and services include: Troop Support, Child Welfare Foundation, Heroes to Hometowns, American Legion Baseball, Department Service Officers, Family Support Network, Flag Advocacy & Etiquette, Junior ROTC & ROTC, Operation Comfort Warriors, Scholarships, Veterans Job Fairs, and many others. Thank you for ensuring that The American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, service members, their families, and communities across the nation. - See more at: [http://www.legion.org/renew#sthash.DX0t4fN8.dpuf](http://www.legion.org/renew#sthash.DX0t4fN8.dpuf)
## Department of Nevada
### 2017 Membership Challenges

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**Totals**

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**Totals**

|                  | 251   | 130   | 52%    | 1         |               |

**District Totals**

|                  | 6,664 | 5,926 | 89%    |           |               |

**Post #100**

|                  | 1,118 | 1,020 | 91%    |           | 4/12/17       |

**Department Totals**

|                  | 7,782 | 6,946 | 89%    |           |               |

District Totals & Post 100: 8/22/16
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For those that follow Alpine skiing, the term “Combined” holds a specific meaning; however, this term can be applied to the Department’s DEC/Winter Conference held on 17 and 18 March at the Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada. It was a two-day event covering major activities associated with the Department.

Just as a little background, the “Combined” associated with the Olympics was introduced in 1936 and was the only Alpine Skiing event. It disappeared from the Olympics in 1950 and then re-introduced in 1988. The “Combined” was conducted over two days and consisted of a down-hill race of the first day and a Slalom race of the second day.

As for the Department, their “Combined” was to have the Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting late Friday afternoon and then the Winter Conference on Saturday morning. For those in attendance it made for a very busy two days when combined with traveling to/from Sparks from all parts of Nevada.

The DEC started at 1630hrs on Friday. Numerous reports were given which provided attendees an overview of the accomplishments of the Department along with its Districts and Posts. Awards were also distributed. Of significance was the salute to Posts who meet the 2016 100% membership goals. In the Past, Posts received plaques; however, this year banners, which attach to the Post’s Legion Flag, were given. Kudos to whoever came up with this idea as it will allow Posts to display to all during ceremonies and parades their participation in maintaining membership. Plaques are nice; however, those without Post Homes find them as a storage burden and of no value when trying to recruit new members. Seen and then forgotten…

The DEC was followed by a wonderful dinner. Food was plentiful and a tribute to the Nugget’s culinary staff. No one went away hungry. Western Region National Vice Commander Paul Espinoza was the guest speaker. A photo op with the Vice Commander was part of the evening’s event. Great time, comradery, and food – an excellent finish to a busy day.

The Conference on Saturday kicked off at 1000hrs. It was essentially a training session covering the State of Nevada Corporation requirements and Consolidated Post Reporting. Both subjects should be near and dear to every Post. Adjutant Lionel Motta did an outstanding job covering each of these subjects. The only issue was the majority of Post Commanders were not present, so the importance of the information passed will be lost to them. And speaking of Adjutant Motta, it should be noted that he keeps an eye glued to the Activities of the Posts, the Districts and the Department. Thank you, Lionel for keeping our Department running smoothly.

And for those that spend Saturday evening in Sparks, Post 1 had us over for a Pasta dinner. What a nice post and group of Legionnaires. The hospitality was great and after seeing the spread the ladies
provided, it's a wonder everyone doesn't weigh in at 300lbs. Thanks for a fun evening.
As a final word, this Combined was special. Veterans helping Veterans was evident throughout the two
days. It should make one proud to be in an organization joined for the betterment of God and Country.