Greetings to all, I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and that your New Year has started well and will remain the same. Let’s address a few items on membership. Starting off a new program that some may or may not be aware of and that is online processing of membership. So what does that mean to the individual posts? Let me put this in the simplest terms possible, the responsibility of processing and reporting your post membership will be up to each and every individual post. All of this will be done using the myLEGION.ORG program.

Does that mean that your District and the Department are out of the loop on membership? No, not completely. Both organizations will still have oversight of the membership programs within the Department and both will still be available for any assistance that the individual post may need. The National ITT division is in charge of this new program and will be putting out detailed information on how this program will be put into effect and when. The most important thing is all posts and districts must know how to use myLEGION.ORG. With that being said no post or district will be left out in the cold. You will have the full support of your Department staff through the transition process.

As we await this new process let’s look at just a few things each post can do to enhance its membership. Programs: new and old. No post can stand still. New programs are needed to maintain interest and especially to keep up with the times. Every new activity or program offers the opportunity to interest new people in joining the post. Inactive members can be turned into active members the same way. Let’s take another look at a way we may make our post more attractive to current members or potential members. Here are just a few ways to evaluate your post to see if it’s someplace you would want to be. Is it well thought of by the veteran and general community, is it a friendly place to be, are veterans needing help being helped, is the post a community center, is the post an asset to the community, are members interested and active and does the post have good programs? Just take a look around your post and see if this is what you want as a veteran.

In closing I want to congratulate all the posts that have made their 100% goal for the year, I encourage you all to pass on to the other posts what it is you have done to obtain your goal. We have other posts that are just a few % points from their goal so keep up the good work and my best to all. Mitch
Greetings Comrades,

January isn’t necessarily the best time to ride, but there are still events that could use your support. Post 60 in Laughlin is having a Snowbird Party on January 20th from 5:00-8:00. Dinner and raffle for $5. January 27th at noon, The Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Still too cold to ride? You can still plan ahead. The Department’s Mid-Winter Conference is at Tonopah Station beginning February 22nd. Post 149’s annual Rock The Troops is on April 7th at the Leatherneck Club in Vegas. The ALR’s Western Region ROMP is 1st weekend of June in Bellingham, WA.

Let us know if you have a function planned. We’d like to get the word out.

Keep the rubber side down,

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GREEN BAY, Wis. (WBAY) -- Veterans answered the call to serve their country and now scammers are calling them using their military service as a ploy.

A recent study looks at fraud aimed at veterans and uncovers just how vulnerable they are.

A recent survey by AARP found veterans are twice as likely to lose money to scams.

In the survey, nearly a quarter of veterans said they got ten or more suspicious calls a week and 78 percent said the pitches were related to their military service.

Veterans who fell victim said they trust people who said they served in the military and they're more likely to donate to charities that claim to support veteran services.

The goal of the study was to identify what makes vets vulnerable to fraud so education can be developed to warn them about how to avoid becoming a victim.

AARP came up with this new handbook on the Operation Veterans page. It tells veterans to avoid giving out personal information protecting their identity and to verify who is really calling.

https://www.facebook.com/TALDONV/
Election Year

By Joel Forman, Department First Vice Commander

Welcome to 2018! This year will be, among other things, an election year. Based on the amount of emails and snail mail brochures that I have received; there will be several hotly contested battles. Please be aware that The American Legion is a NON-PARTISAN veteran’s organization, at the Post, District and Department levels. If you are going to be with an announced candidate, it is important to remember not to wear your American Legion cap or logo. I have been involved with Legionnaires who have had their picture, in uniform, photo shopped into a political ad or brochure and the ensuing conversations with the candidates are not fun.

The appearance of The American Legion Logo in any political connotation implies that the National Organization supports that candidate, it does not.

The number of Posts who have signed on to myLegion.org has increased, but there are still too many Posts who have not yet bothered. There is a lot of useful information contained on myLegion.org and I hope all the Posts will put that information to good use in increasing membership.

I am sure you will hear that our National Commander, Denise Rohan, will be visiting our Department from 2 - 5 February 2018. She has a very busy itinerary planned. One of her stops will be to visit Post 76 in Las Vegas to attend their General meeting on Sunday, 4 February at the Durango Hills YMCA at 1330. All Department, District and Post members are cordially invited to attend this meeting and have the opportunity to "meet & greet" the current National Commander. Remember to wear your colors! Refreshments will be provided and you will be home in time for the Big Game, if you do not have recording ability.

Joel
This Explains it all

As we start 2018 and dwell on New Year resolutions, it is only appropriate to spend a brief period reflecting on the Preamble of The American Legion and maybe tie some of those resolutions to it. It should be noted that the Preamble was adopted at the first National Convention in November 1919. It has stood the passage of time as only one word has been changed in that document. The word “War” was changed to “Wars” at the National Convention in 1942. The words in this document are powerful, and the explanation of their meaning reflects why. The following explains the thought process behind each of the ten principles. The text below is verbatim from its American Legion source.

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America…”

The first of the 10 principles of The American Legion and Auxiliary is a sacred pledge of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. It is most appropriate that the first ideas presented in the Preamble be dedicated to the continued defense of our nation by those very persons who have either served in wartime or had a close relative who served. The pledge to uphold and defend America is the first obligation of every Legionnaire and Auxiliary member.

“To maintain law and order…”

Law and order must be maintained if freedom is to be maintained. Liberty is not license. Good government means that all citizens are secure in their lives and property. To this, the Legion and Auxiliary are pledged by the second principle stated in the Preamble.

“To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism…”

The term “Americanism” covers all of the things that have made the American nation great and the American people free. It implies qualities of character as well as principles of government. Under this Constitution’s principles, the Legion and Auxiliary have worked, and are continuing to work, to defeat the attempts of subversive organizations to undermine our system. We attempt to build loyalty to and confidence in American ideals, and to develop an American citizenship capable of making America’s free form of government a constantly greater success.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars…”

Every member of the Auxiliary has close personal associations with the sacrifice of war, be it World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf, Operation Desert Shield/Storm or the Gulf War/War on Terrorism. The associations and incidents of these struggles are to be remembered not only for their heroes, their victories for freedom, but also to remind us of the awful implications and inevitable tragedies accompanying war.

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation…”

The individual is the basis of the American nation. Unlike other ideas of government, the American ideal places the individual first. The nation belongs to the individual, not the individual to the nation. The government exists for the purpose of serving the individual, not the individual for the purpose of serving the nation. If this ideal is to survive, there must be a voluntary sense of obligation of the individual to the nation and its component parts, the community and state. The American citizen serves his community, state and nation, not as a driven slave, but as a free man guided by his own sense of duty. To inculcate this feeling among all Americans is one of the great purposes of the Legion and Auxiliary.

“To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses…”

If America is to remain “the land of the free,” the government must always be a government of all the people and for all the people. No classes are recognized in America. No masses of downtrodden people exist. Neither must be permitted to develop, but America must be kept the country of opportunity for all, where every citizen’s first allegiance is to the nation, not to some social or economic class or mass. Dominance must not be gained by any such grouping of Americans. This is another basic pledge of the Legion and Auxiliary.
“To make right the master of might…”
The American form of government guarantees equal rights to all citizens. The American Legion Auxiliary, born from a struggle against ruthless might, pledges their strength to a continued struggle to prevent invasion of the rights of any citizen by any force, no matter of what character.

“To promote peace and goodwill on earth…”
The men and women of the Legion and the women of the Auxiliary know well the ghastly futility of war. We know that war brings only misery to any nation, which engages in it, to the victor as well as the vanquished. With the lessons of war constantly in mind, we pledge ourselves to promote peace and goodwill among nations. We have worked steadily in the cause in the face of forces, which have sought to sow enmity and war throughout the world.

“To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy…”
These were the principles that inspired America’s great war efforts over the decades, and the Legion and Auxiliary stand determined that these principles should not be lost to America in time of peace. Following this pledge, the Legion and Auxiliary work to safeguard justice, freedom and democracy against the dangers of indifferent citizenship and undermining by their enemies. It strives to give understanding of and devotion to these principles to the younger generations of Americans so that they will endure for the future of the country.

“To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion…”
Thus, the Auxiliary pledges its full strength to the support of The American Legion, and affirm its character as an auxiliary to the Legion. It has always been faithful to this pledge, never developing programs or policies of its own, but directing all of its activities towards the “accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.”

“To consecrate and sanctify our association by devotion to mutual helpfulness.”
In this final phrase of the Preamble is set forth the purpose which has guided the Legion and Auxiliary in all of their vast rehabilitation and youth work; in everything they have done to lighten the burden for those suffering from the results of wars; and to bring full justice to those paying the human price for America’s victory. In this work of mercy and relief, the Auxiliary has made great contributions toward the achievement of the Legion’s purpose.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who completed my challenge for BASIC TRAINING! I have passed out all 10 pins I promised, but that doesn’t mean you can’t still take the course! There’s always something more we can learn and I hope you’ll take up the challenge. Remember, you don’t have to do it all at once! Here’s the link so you can check it out!  https://www.legion.org/alei

Speaking of challenges, let’s not forget about the National Commander’s membership challenge. It just takes signing up 3 Legion family members. Any combination of Legion, Sons or Auxiliary will count. Ask your District Commander for the form so you can get credit and so can our State! You’ll receive this cool pin too!
I finished up the Christmas visits and ended the month on a cold, high note with a trip to Lovelock Correctional Center. The Adjutant, PDC Roach, NEC Michalski and I all were invited to visit with the officers of the up and coming Post there! On the day we visited they were holding a fundraiser to get the funds to cover their membership dues and required filing fees. We were treated to a tour of the facility, a demonstration by the Structured Living Platoon, pulled pork BBQ lunch with the “Post” and others who participated! We were able to see the office they have set up and we got to spend some time with Officers and discuss their vision for their Post. Our day concluded with the Post presenting me with a “bouquet” of flowers! Rather impressive creation considering it was made only of paper!
On New Year’s Eve my youngest and I set out for a day at Death Valley! Low and behold we came across Post 26 in Amargosa Valley! It was a quick stop at the California/Nevada line! Next month I hope to get there for an actual meeting!

Next week we have the Son’s event happening at the Tuscany! I’m sure I will see some of you there!

Well, the National Commander will be visiting soon and I am so excited to have her here! We have more Post visits coming up in February and I hope to see more Legionnaires along the way!

The DEC will be coming up soon and then some of us will be headed off to Washington D.C. to spend some time on Legislative affairs. Thanks for all of your hard work and helping us to make all the membership goals so far!

Yvette

The membership chair and I look forward to having breakfast with any Post Commanders, Post Adjutants and District Commander’s or Adjutants who plan to be at the DEC. and have reached the 90% membership goal. PLEASE RSVP to my personal email: WEIGOLDY63@GMAIL.COM

So far the following are eligible to attend: Post 6 Post 12, Post 14, Post 24, Post 60, Post 76, Post 5, Post 15, Post 4, Post 9, Post 16, Post 37 AND DISTRICT 4! Others are very close, so I expect to hear from a few more of you by the DEC!

HINT HINT: PAY ATTENTION TO THIS PICTURE!
Greetings from the 4th District. With the New Year just beginning, the District is off and running. The Posts are gearing up for the upcoming Spring/Summer Fund Raisers. The 4th District High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest was held January 6, 2018, with the 1st Place winner as Lea Gifford of Douglas High School in Carson City and the 2nd Place winner as Sara Miller of Fernley High School. Both students did an outstanding job.

Hawthorne Post 19, sponsors State Service and Department of Education/Rehabilitation Representatives the 1st Thursday of each Month from 10 am - 2 pm. Fernley Post 37 members have a Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 12 pm, weather permitting. Also at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, with Post 37 members of the Nevada Veterans Coalition Honor/Color Guard conduct services for The Missing in Nevada Veterans, who have remained unclaimed in local funeral homes, on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2 pm, with the next one scheduled February 9, 2018. Services for Unaccompanied Veterans are conducted on the 4th Thursday of each Month at 3 pm. All Legionnaires and their Family’s are invited to show their support and respect to our fallen Comrades. The Wreath Pick-up from Wreaths Across America at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, is scheduled for January 22, 2018 beginning at 9 am until completed. Carson City Post 56’s Honor/Color Guard continues to provide support for Carson City, Community Events and Funerals. They will also be hosting the 100th Department of Nevada Convention in Reno, NV. The next 4th District Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2018, 10 am at Carson City Post 56.

Valerie Scheuering
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It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic.

Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin. "Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked! "To get my gloves," Mahoney replied. "Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer. "I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied. "Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs." It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more life jackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later call it "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again.
American Legion National Legislative Division Director Matthew Shuman testifies before Congress on Jan. 9 at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Photo by Faith Vander Voort.

Legion testifies on the Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017

By Johnathon Clinkscales

American Legion National Legislative Division Director Matthew Shuman appeared before the House Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee on Jan. 9 to testify on House Resolution (H.R.) 2683, the Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017. The hearing was at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C., and was part of a discussion focused on legislative proposals for a more efficient federal financial regulatory regime.

Shuman based his testimony on an Army veteran from Missouri, Frankie Adams, who was charged to pay a $300 balance on a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) approved outpatient procedure in 2016.

“He was not instructed by the VA to pay, but rather the civilian non-VA doctor who couldn’t get paid from the VA because it was taking several months,” Shuman said. “So, the doctor charged Mr. Adams. His private insurance covered the majority of the $1,800 bill, minus the $300.”

Despite believing that VA was responsible for the cost of his procedure, Shuman said Adams had to pay the debt or it would be reported to a credit collector and negatively impact his personal credit history.

“The story I told is a story that many veterans have lived. The small difference is that Mr. Adams had the means to pay the charges,” Shuman said. “The simple reality is no veteran should ever have to pay for services that the VA is responsible for.”

If passed, H.R. 2683 will give necessary protections for veterans by amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act. This potential law would exclude, for one year, information related to their VA medical debt from being reflected in their credit report, according to Shuman.

“This common-sense bill will also provide veterans with the necessary tools to dispute VA medical debt information reported to credit reporting agencies,” he said. “Bottom line: veterans will no longer require assistance from attorneys and pay fees to resolve an issue that they had no role in creating.”

Shuman’s testimony also included a brief discussion about VA’s Choice program. He referenced the 2014 wait time scandal, which made national news amid controversy of an overworked and understaffed VA medical system.

Shuman said veterans have been dealing with the consequences of VA’s actions even prior to the implementation of the Choice Program. An important solution to the wait time scandal was allowing veterans to receive care in the community at the government’s expense.

Although the Legion supports H.R. 2683, Shuman shared a few recommendations to the committee that would help make the bill even stronger. He suggested that:

- Credit Reporting Agencies (CRAs) will need a mechanism to validate if someone is a veteran in order to process their claim;
- CRAs will also need to validate that the debt in question is a VA-approved service; and
- Congress should pass legislation directing VA to adhere to the Prompt Payment Act, which will assist veterans who have selflessly served the nation.

“Veterans like Mr. Adams deserve the best,” Shuman said. “The American Legion stands ready to assist in doing just that.”
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#### 2018 Membership Challenges

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JOEL FORMAN
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RICHARD EBERLY
POST 56

DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2018 – 2020)
RON MICHALSKI
POST 40
Happy New Year! I bring greetings to the American Legion family from the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Nevada. We wish all our members a very Happy and wish you all a very productive year. I am very excited for our Detachment this year as we have some great events coming up. The 1st event is our 5th annual western get-together of the west Region. It is going to be held on the 20th of January at the Tuscany hotel here in Las Vegas. It will get started that day at 9 am if anyone would like to stop by and join us you are all welcome to do so, and this year we will be having our National Liaison Mr. Paul Brown in attendance good to have him coming this year.

The 2nd event will be our mid-winter DEC meeting to be held in Tonopah, NV on Feb 22nd. I will be sending out a call-in letter concerning this in the next few weeks. The recommended lodging will be the Tonopah Station Casino. We need to have as many S.A.L members who can attend this event to try to do so.

The next big thing after the DEC meeting will be the American Legion Birthday in March. This is when our Detachment should be at 100% of our membership goal, and I know that it can be done because we have done it before!! We are doing OK with our membership we continue to make the membership target dates put out by National, but we need a few of our Squadrons to really work on getting the word out and let’s get those renewals in to Department. I know 2 years ago this Detachment achieved 100% in renewals so again I know that we can accomplish this.

The next and last thing that I would like to mention will be our Detachment Convention that will be held in July in Reno. Please make plans to attend this event as this will be when we will be conducting and finishing up all our Detachment business for the year. This is also the time where we will be holding our annual elections to fill our officer positions for the year. All positions are available this year with the exceptions of NEC and Alt NEC those offices still have 1 more year. If anyone as an interest in filling an office, please put together a letter of intent and email it to myself or the Detachment Commander.

That will conclude this month’s update for the Detachment just a reminder we still conduct our monthly phone conference calls on the 3rd Thursday of every month and they are open for anyone to join us.