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”
Greetings my friends, it is indeed an honor. I say that, because my year as Department Commander is almost over. I believe that I am going to miss it, at least for a while. I think that all of us that have been the Department Commander goes through the same thing, and has the same feelings. On a more active note, I have now visited all the active posts within the Department, with the exception of one. It’s kind of sad that things are that way, but I suppose that is the way that they want it to be.

During this last month, I have been involved with 3 Honor Guard details for Military Funerals, Honor Guard detail for Memorial Day, aided in placing Flags and Crosses on more than 900 Veterans Graves.

During this month, I have visited 3 Posts, and sworn in the Post Officers for Post 37 in Fernley. I went to Carson on 10th of June to swear in the Officers for District 4 in Carson City. However, there wasn’t enough people there for a vote, so that didn’t happen. I know one thing for sure, I’m awfully glad that I visited all of the Posts in the South during the Winter Months instead of now. The weather is hot enough now in the Northern part of the State without having to deal with the Heat in the South. I guess that all goes with the perks and having to deal with the weather no matter where you live.

I think my car is really looking forward to the rest, and not making any of the long trips for a while. Of course I may have to put on a new set of tires before Winter.

I am kind of looking forward to Boys State, and the National Convention in Reno. I should be looking forward to the Department Convention here in Ely, but I’m not. I know that Commander Curto, and the rest of the Post members are doing a lot to get things done for a good convention. I hope that I will see as many of you there that can be there.

It will take the effort of all of you as well to make this and any Convention, or Conference a success. Without your participation, things have a way of failing.

The same goes for membership. Without everyone’s participation we will continue to lose members, and once they have left, it isn’t that easy to get them back into the fold as they say.

It’s kind of like getting involved with a raffle, or making a bet on a game. If you don’t get involved, you can’t win.

Just a reminder to everyone about the up-coming Department Convention. For those Post Commanders that don’t believe that they need to be there, then you need to read the Departments Constitution and By-Laws. Because it states that Commanders, or their Representative must attend the Convention to pick up their new membership cards and rosters.

Well, enough vetting for this time. I hope to see all of you in Ely for the Convention.

Still Serving
Bob
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.
Well, it’s almost that time again! Our Department Convention is right around the corner! If you haven’t already made your plans to attend you should get that registration form and hotel reservation made if you need it! The Convention is always a good time to catch up with folks from around the State that you might only get to see once a year! It’s also a great time for some learning experiences. If you want to see how the Legion works or find out more about what is happening with the programs in Nevada, this is the place to be!

The convention is being held in Ely this year. There are plenty of fun things to do. [https://travelnevada.com/](https://travelnevada.com/) especially if you are a history buff like me. I really want to get on that Nevada Northern Railway [http://www.nnry.com/pages/trainride.php](http://www.nnry.com/pages/trainride.php) one of these days! There’s also a train museum [http://www.nnry.com/](http://www.nnry.com/) and The White Pine public museum [http://www.wpmuseum.org/](http://www.wpmuseum.org/)

If you’d like to experience an old fashioned soda fountain (built in 1930), take a 12 mile trip north of Ely to McGill, NV where you will find the McGill drugstore museum [http://www.mcgilldrugstoremuseum.org/](http://www.mcgilldrugstoremuseum.org/) (Open for private tours only, call ahead to arrange it).

Well, hopefully I have given you some inspiration to head to Ely July 14-16 for the Department Convention. We’ll be having a dinner Saturday night where I hope to see many of you!

Next up is the National Convention which we are fortunate to be having in our very own backyard this year. Start making your plans to attend August 18 – 24, 2017 [https://www.legion.org/convention/236817/start-planning-reno-convention-now](https://www.legion.org/convention/236817/start-planning-reno-convention-now).

We’re still looking for volunteers to help with all convention tasks so if you just want to come check it out for a day or 2 please contact one of the Department Officers and let us know your availability. Don’t forget the parade [https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Parade%20Map.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Parade%20Map.pdf) and the after-party [https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Post%20Parade%20Party.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Post%20Parade%20Party.pdf) ! If you can’t make it for anything else, come to downtown Reno on Sunday afternoon and cheer on the entire American Legion as we parade through the city streets and let everyone see us show off our Legion pride!

Be sure to check out the Legion website for all the details. Lots of trips and tours [https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Post%20Parade%20Party.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2017%20Post%20Parade%20Party.pdf) happening around the area for family and friends you might bring with you or for your free time enjoyment!

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or both events this summer!

Yvette
From the 2nd Vice Commander

With the suspense date for the CPR reports fast approaching, your VAVS along with your VAVS hours, don't forget the mileage driven to and from your volunteer assignments. The IRS rates may change from year to year and the most recent rates are as follows for 2016 and 2017.

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The Department of Nevada does not pay for mileage, but in actual gasoline cost per receipts submitted.

In checking the National website for career fairs in our state, the bad news is I find only one event listed. The good news is that it will be held Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 9:00am to 4:00pm during The National Convention at:

Reno-Sparks Convention Center

4590 South Virginia Street

Reno, NV 89502

United States
EVENT SCHEDULE

► 9 - 10:30 a.m.  |  American Legion Resume Workshop
► 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  |  American Legion Financial Literacy Workshop
► 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  |  Networking Reception
► 1 - 4 p.m.  |  Hiring Fair

REGISTRATION

► **Employers and Service Organizations:** [Click here](#) to register.

► **Job Seekers:** Registration for job seekers will open approximately two months before the event date.  
*Why register? Job seekers can upload their resumes to be viewed by employers ahead of the event.*

If you have any other questions, please visit our [FAQ page](#).

This American Legion-sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Nevada Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the Department of Labor Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion, NBC News, and other local partners.

Local job fairs for veterans are still out, there but it takes a bit of leg work to find them. One coming up in the Las Vegas area is at the Public Broadcasting Studio (PBS) on Wednesday, 28 June from 1100 to 1400 located at 3050 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121. If you are in need of employment or if you are just in the neighborhood, stop by and say "hello". Post 76 will be there to represent The American Legion and offer information and comradeship to our fellow brothers and sisters.

Joel
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

2017 – 2018
LETTERS OF INTENT

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POST 76

DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

JIM STEWART
POST 30

DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

RICHARD EBERLY
POST 56

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 ****
Today we had our Department 2nd Vice Commander Joel Forman conduct the drawing. We were excited when the first number out was a lower number, only to find out it was unsold. We need to fill in the blanks. But congratulations to our two winners this month.

1st Prize - $250.00 - # 108 - Unsold

2nd Prize - $125.00 - # 16 - Carl Lincoln - Post 7

3rd Prize - $75.00 - # 264 - Unsold

4th Prize - $50.00 - # 125 - Jim Stewart - Post 30

Don't forget, we still have another month before we kick off the 2017-2018 year. There are numbers left so try your luck and purchase one!
We are quickly coming to the end of this legion year's membership program. With that I would like to thank everyone for the efforts that have been put forth on behalf of the Department’s membership team this year. It looks like we will end up the year at 93%. Each post should be proud of what you have done. At the printing of this article it looks like we will have 9 Posts at 100% or better. We still have a little time to pick up a couple of more post so please don’t give up yet, I know there are few more out there that with just a little effort could reach that 100% goal. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Department Convention in Ely, and then on to the National Convention in Reno. This is a short article this month pretty much all has been said for this year except I do really want to thank everyone for the work everyone does for the veterans in the great state of Nevada.

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

Mitch
## Department of Nevada 2017 Membership Challenges

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HISTORIAN’S ARTICLE

WESTERN REGION WENT ROMPing

The American Legion Riders (ALR) Western Region Romp (Riding On Military Pride) was held from Thursday June 1 through Saturday June 4 in San Luis Obispo, CA. Post 66 hosted the event.

As a little history, the ROMP is a gathering of Legion Riders for the purpose of getting to know riders from other locations, having fun riding as a group and, above all, enjoying each other’s company and learning about riding in different locations and climates. This year was no exception.

As a little history, the ROMP was initially a National get-together; however, it was generally held in the east or Midwest. John Moffett, now the Western Regional Liaison, participated one year and much to his disappointment found only three riders from the west. They were all from his home state. After being appointed to the National Committee he queried members from the Western Region about having a regional ROMP. All the feedback said, “Go for it” so John made it happen. Although it may not be true, the Western Region claims the bragging rights of being the first region to have a Regional ROMP. Trust me, “it’s our story and we are sticking to it.”

This year was the 5th Western Region ROMP. The first was held in Pocatello, Idaho. It then was held in Livingston, Montana; Overgaard, Arizona; Seaside, Oregon; and this year in San Luis Obispo, California. The ROMP is always held during the first week of June as this time period appears to have less impact on State activates throughout the Region. The theme of the event is established by the Host Post. The basic criteria are good food, good rides, good activities, and great comradery. Post 66 meet all the requirements. At this year’s ROMP there were 250 registered attendees; however, looking at the crowd gathered at Post 66 there seemed to be more than that. Bikes were everywhere. There were two-wheelers, three wheelers and a group on home grown ones. It was a sight to behold; and when they all cranked engines there was no doubt that the ALR was in town.

Post 66 had events for all who attended. Thursday night had the Auxiliary manning the grills for those wanting hotdogs and hamburgers. For the more adventurous one, there was the San Luis Obispo Farmers Market downtown. Trolley cars made the circuit from Post 66 to downtown every 30 minutes. At the market, there was food, produce, entertainment, and a crowd in the thousands. Intermingled with the locals were riders and tourist. Nevada was well represented with ALR from Post 8, Post 60 and Post 149. There was at least one Post from northern Nevada; however, the specific number of Post represented is unknown. The group of Riders who traveled the furthest was from Alaska. The oldest participant was a gentleman who was 84 years young.

The rides offered by Post 66 varied in length from 70 to 170 miles. The rides varied in that some cruised the Pacific Coast while others cruised the inlands of the San Luis Obispo area. A high light of one ride was visiting the 1800 era Pozo saloon. Riders were given the option of riding in groups or heading out on their own. The ocean side trips included visiting Morro Bay, dining at the local restaurants, and watching the sea otters floating in the bay while holding hands so they would not drift apart. It was all there – otters, sea
lions, and even sea squirrels begging for food. And for us coming from the desert, it provided cool breezes and wonderful weather.

Saturday included, besides the rides, a pancake breakfast, an evening banquet with guest speakers, and music for dancing. Post 66 welcomed all and provided a hospitable environment for a fun time.

In conclusion, if you have never been to a ROMP, put it on your bucket list. You will have fun. Trust me, you will want to go back again.
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Nevada

What a GREAT year for the Detachment of Nevada. All of you have accomplished so much this year that it is hard to believe. However, numbers don’t lie!

Last year at our convention everyone said that my increase in membership goal of 11.2% was going to be hard to achieve. Well, we ended up with an increase in membership from 535 planned to 573. Nationally, we ended up with 106.3% of the goal set by them. There were six Squadrons that reached at least 100%. Congratulations! This should place our Detachment in fourth place in the Nation. Thank all of you for your hard work this year.

The Child Welfare Foundation was our big project this year. Our squadrons helped raise an amazing $10,050 which was $18.65 per member. That placed our Detachment in first place in the Nation. Next year we have set our goals even higher. We will also be making donations to the Endowment Fund as our back up project.

This coming year we will be striving to do even better than last year. I have set our goal at 609 members before June 30th, 2018. Another goal I have set for the Squadrons is to be at 100% renewal this year. We need all of the Squadrons to work together to help each and have every one reach their goals.

This coming year our Detachment has a great set of new officers being installed at our Detachment Convention in Ely. Our new team will consist of some of the old and some of the new. They are all looking forward to helping the Detachment succeed to new levels as well, as working with their Posts in recruiting new members and assisting wherever necessary. We would like to invite all Legionnaires and their guest to our Detachment Convention on Saturday, July 15th at 8:30 AM in the Juniper room at the Bristlecone Convention Center.

Our theme next year is COMMITMENT. Commitment to their members, their community, and their posts.

Thank you to all the Squadrons again for your hard work this past year on membership and fundraising events. I know that you will continue to grow and accomplish all your 2017-2018 goals.

Marco – Detachment 1st Vice Commander
Hello to all of Nevada’s American Legion family. Today I am excited to address you with a 2016 – 2017 year in review.

Last year the Department set the bar very high not just for ourselves but for the entire SAL national organization. I think our National Vice Commander Joe Keiser deserves one more round of applause for all that he did last year. It has not been easy to follow his success, but I am proud to report that as of today we are sitting at number two in membership for the continental United States with 573 members. Unfortunately, we did not manage to get the Detachment back to 100% renewals again this year, but we did clear our many of our lost and disconnected members so that next year should show a higher renewal rate. We did all that while growing the Detachment total membership by 34 members. That may not sound too impressive. Yet when you think that last year our membership was 539, and we have purged close to 100 of those members, we have had very strong growth to overcome that loss.

It is my goal and belief that we will be in first place for membership in the continental US come the National Convention in Reno.

Along with keeping our membership moving in the right direction we also ended the year in first place for per capita donations to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF).

As my official project for the year I am so thankful for the support and hard work of our Detachment in getting us to the finish line with total donations in excess of ten thousand dollars. Our Per Capita on May 31st was $18.65, a whole $2 more than the next closest Department. This could not have been done without the hard work and dedication of our Squadrons and Detachment officers. Once again when we are at National Convention, our Detachment will be recognized for this effort and accomplishment along with many others.

This year we had a presence at the National Convention in Cincinnati, The Washington Conference in DC, at all NEC meetings with both our NEC and Alt. NEC. In addition, we were joined by our Legion family members during the legislative session in supporting pro Veteran legislation, and have had representation at the Nevada Veterans Council and many other groups. Not to mention National Vice Commander Keiser graduated from the NMI program with the completion of NMI level 3 and I completed NMI level 2.

I know that the Detachment Convention is now only a few weeks away, but I hope to see as many Sons of the American Legion members who can attend there. We will be electing our new Detachment Officers at this meeting. Elections matter and we are always searching for good people who are willing to pick up the mantle and help move our organization forward.

So as I finish up this report for the Department newsletter and wrap up my term as the Detachment Commander I can say that it has been an honor to serve the men and women of this organization, and more importantly to serve those that have served us. As we enter a new year I ask that you all work to support our incoming officers, and as always, the blue cap members who make all of this possible.

Thank you all,

Stephen H. Silberkraus
Sons American Legion
Detachment Commander
Nevada