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

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THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD
FROM THE COMMANDER’S DESK

Well here it is time once again for another article. One thing I can attest to with this job, is that you certainly don’t have much of an opportunity to get bored. Between being Department Commander and my wife, I think I will need a vacation when my term is up. Not much chance to sit around and get bored.

I have now visited 17 Posts, and I am looking forward to visiting more, but not before I get the oil changed in my car for the 4th time since I started my visits. I just returned from the Washington Conference, where I found a few new changes this year. First NEC man Ron Michalski and I met with the National Commander and others, then we met with National Vice Commander Espinosa and the Western Caucus to discuss membership. All of those that were there were expected to give a report on what they are doing to achieve membership, and when they think they will hit the 100% mark. Let me assure you, I did not say when, or even if we as a Department would be able to accomplish such a feat as that. Considering how difficult it is getting to just try and make the percentages. I did however state that the Department would continue to work towards the 100% and if we made the 100 then we would not stop there, but continue to recruit more members.

The next day on Monday, I did learn some very interesting things about recruiting tactics in the Air Force, from the Colonel in charge of recruitment, and some very interesting facts from an Air Force General about the Islands that China is building out in the South China sea. Later that day, NEC man Michalski, PDC Evans and myself paid a visit to Congresswoman Rosen. While waiting in the outer office, Dave and I were shown just how fast Ron could jump off a couch. He can move really fast when he needs to.

On Tuesday, when we made our visits to Capitol Hill we were treated to some beautiful weather, until the end of the day. That is when we all needed an Umbrella because it was really raining at that time.

Once again, I was fortunate enough to be invited to attend a reception at the State Department. Each time that I go, I am thoroughly impressed with the furnishings that are there on the 8th floor. If I ever go again, I will take my better camera to take better pictures.

Well the DEC is coming up soon, and I hope that I will see many of you there. Also by the time that this newsletter is published, I will have visited 2 more posts, attended Veterans Day at the Legislature, and attended a Birthday Dinner at Post 1.

I think that I have rattled on enough, it’s time to get this in the mail. Happy American Legion Birthday everyone.

Still Serving
Bob
Message from the NEC

With our Romp to the Hill the following Legionnaires from Nevada visited our Congressional people in Washington: Ron Michalski, Bob Terhune, Dave Evans, Jeanette Evans, Glynis Seeley, Courtenay Burns Ph.D., Mike Brown. We had discussed several issues that were part of our Legislative program to bring to the hill. The below topic is on I think is important to most veterans along with Protection of our Flag.

ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE VA
Systematic failures in VA, including preventable deaths, delays in providing timely and quality health care, and failure to adjudicate claims in a timely manner, have too often been confirmed in recent years. In response, The American Legion approved a resolution at its 2016 national convention that supports legislation to give the VA secretary authority to hold all VA leadership officials accountable. The American Legion supports allowing the VA secretary to remove any employee who the secretary determines necessary based on performance. In addition, the secretary should have ability to easily transfer or demote individuals to General Schedule positions without any increased monetary benefit, should the need arise.

WHAT CAN CONGRESS DO?
Request a special prosecutor to investigate and vigorously enforce appropriate repercussions on any VA employee who engages in fraudulent practices in pursuit of bonuses or other awards.
Ensure that bonuses for VA senior executives are tied to qualitative and quantitative performance measures that are transparent to the public.
Continue to offer protections, and see to their enforcement, for whistleblowers who step forward to expose mismanagement and other practices that can harm veterans or their families.
Provide VA secretary the legal authority to better manage all employees, and hold them accountable when they fail to perform their duties in a manner befitting of a federal servant.

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
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POST 4

**** LETTERS OF INTENT AND ELIGIBILITY SOURCE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE ****
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 2017

Dear Editor:

The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington, Indiana, rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant. In only a few weeks, the community raised $100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. But the child died before an organ was found. Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using the funds they raised to help other transplant families. That was the beginning of COTA, and those volunteers were our first Miracle Makers.

Since that time COTA, with the help of the men and women of The American Legion Family, has assisted thousands of children and young adults by helping to raise funds for transplant-related expenses. Extensive volunteer networks across the nation are working to ensure that no child or young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded from a transplant waiting list due to a lack of funds.

Sadly, 22 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant. Every 10 minutes, someone is added to the national transplant waiting list. One organ donor can save eight lives. While 95% of U.S. adults support organ donation, only 54% actually register as donors. April is National Donate Life Month and COTA is asking everyone within The American Legion Family to register to be a donor by going to donatelife.net and registering to be an organ donor in your state.

You can become a COTA Miracle Maker. Find out how your Post, Unit, Squadron or Legion Riders can help a COTA family near you by visiting COTA.org and clicking on Find a COTA Family box at the top of the page.

Thank you,

Rod Porter
COTA Director of Marketing
rod@cota.org  800.366.2682

The Children’s Organ Transplant Association is a national charity dedicated to guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses. COTA’s priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant due to lack of funds. 100% of funds raised in honor of patients are used for transplant-related expenses.
1st Vice Commander

In honor of March being Women’s History Month I thought I would share some Women Veteran’s information. Did you know women veterans have been eligible to join the Legion since DAY 1? I don’t know why I assumed that was not the case, but according to the Legion brochure on women vets they were included from the beginning. You can download the brochure here: https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/WomenVeteransbrochure_07.pdf

It is estimated that more than 400 women disguised themselves as men in order to fight in the civil war. Many were nurses and spies but those who actually fought were not recognized formally until 2016. A list of 20 names of these women combat Soldiers was read at the Civil War Unknowns Monument on September 18, 2016. To learn more about the women and the monument click here: http://americanwomenveterans.org/home/2016/09/19/1530/ to read more about the women who fought click here: http://civilwarstudies.org/articles/Vol_5/deamons.shtm

During the British-Hessian attack on Fort Washington, Nov. 16, 1776 Margaret Corbin stood beside her husband handling ammunition for the cannon. When he was fatally wounded she stepped in and took his place. She was later wounded and disabled and the Continental Congress recognized her efforts and awarded her a pension in 1779. This technically makes her the first female Soldier. Read more about women Soldier’s history here: https://www.army.mil/women/history/

Women worked as nurses for the Navy as early as the American Civil War. The United States Navy Nurse Corps was officially established in 1908; it was all-female until 1965. After the establishment of the Nurse Corps in 1908 by an Act of Congress, twenty women were selected as the first members and assigned to the Naval Medical School Hospital in Washington, D.C. However, the navy did not provide room or board for them, and so the nurses rented their own house and provided their own meals. In time, the nurses would come to be known as "The Sacred Twenty" because they were the first women to serve formally as members of the Navy. The "Sacred Twenty" were Mary H. Du Bose; Adah M. Pendleton; Elizabeth M. Hewitt; Della V. Knight; Josephine Beatrice Bowman; Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee; Esther Voorhees Hasson, the first Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps, 1908–1911; Martha E. Pringle; Elizabeth J. Wells; Clare L. De Ceu.; Elizabeth Leonhardt; Estelle Hine; Ethel R. Parsons; Florence T. Milburn; Boniface T. Small; Victoria White; Isabelle Rose Roy;
Margaret D. Murray; Sara B. Myer; and Sara M. Cox. The Nurse Corps gradually expanded to 160 on the eve of World War I. For a few months in 1913, Navy nurses saw their first shipboard service, aboard Mayflower and Dolphin. Read more here: https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/diversity/women-in-the-navy.html

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha May Johnson is credited as the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918; during that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps. Read more about Women Marines here: https://www.womenmarines.org/wm-history

1918: Twin sisters Genevieve and Lucille Baker of the Naval Coastal Defense Reserve, becoming two of the first uniformed women to serve in the Coast Guard. Read more Coast Guard history here: https://www.uscg.mil/history/uscghist/womenchronology.asp

Esther McGowin Blake (1897–1979) was the first woman in the Air Force. She enlisted on the first minute of the first hour of the first day regular United States Air Force duty was authorized for women on 8 July 1948. Blake's active military career began in 1944 when she, a widow, joined her sons in uniform for the United States Army Air Forces. She closed her desk as a civilian employee at Miami Air Depot and joined the Women's Army Corps when she was notified her oldest son, a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, had been shot down over Belgium and was reported missing. Read more here: http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/today-in-1948-the-us-air-force-accepted-its-first-female-member-7671291/

Yvette
From the 2nd Vice Commander

We were again fortunate to have been invited by our local PBS Station, Channel 10 here in Las Vegas to set up an information table and talk about The American Legion to those Veterans who came in search for employment. Several members of my Post volunteered to man the table, hand out literature, explain what we have done, what we are doing, and what we intend to accomplish in future. Of course, we know that Veterans who are there in search of a job are not going to stop at our table as a priority. We know how to spot someone who may be interested in hearing about The Legion. They may be of retirement age, they may be wearing or carrying some indication of their branch of service or war period. We learned long ago that if you are given an opportunity to have a table at any event, sitting behind the table accomplishes nothing. We stand in front of our table and we start the conversation. We have run into members from another state that have recently moved here, and have never thought of transferring to a local Post. Also; there is the career Veteran who has just retired or is going to do so in the near future and now has the time to volunteer with us. There is even the National Guardsman or Reservist who may be looking for that organization that helps Veterans. We have signed up all of the above, and many more by making it a point to know what is going on in our community that may affect Veterans, and being there support for other like thinking organizations.

The U.S. Vets Stand down is on 15 March, and we will be there. They are having a "Job Fair" for the first time. I applaud their initiative instead of referring clients to outside agencies on another day, the agencies will be here onsite.

"Volunteering" can be done in so many ways. Not only signing up to be an active volunteer, but by attending these events and offering your services during a slow time for your table, or to give someone a coffee break or a chance to go to the restroom.

Not only will they feel better, but you and The American Legion will feel better also.

Joel
Today we were a little more successful with our drawing. We managed 3 out of 4. Congratulations to all of our winners.

1st Prize - $250.00 - # 229 – Unsold
2nd Prize - $125.00 - # 110 - Jim Stewart - Post 30
3rd Prize - $75.00 - # 88 - Brian Johnson - Post 1
4th Prize - $50.00 - # 48 - Lionel Motta - Post 12

With a total of 25 numbers purchased ($1,250.00), Jim Stewart's name gets pulled quite often. But it only takes one number to be a winner in this drawing. Good luck to all next time.
In the month of March, we celebrated our organization’s anniversary on March 16th. It was 97 years ago that our founders gathered in Paris, France to form a caucus that would establish an organization that would ensure that veterans of the Great War had a voice. The focus of the caucus was to determine the direction of the new organization and establish the first draft of what is now our Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

One of these ideas is “To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism”. So, what is Americanism? Americanism is the love of our Country, the United States of America. How can we prove and show our Americanism? We can prove our loyalty to our Country by supporting our American way of life; supporting our Government and the Constitution of the United States, regardless of political affiliation; respecting our U.S. Flag with the proper display and reverence; defending our Country from all her enemies, foreign and domestic; and supporting and guiding our youth, who are our future.

For God and Country,

Jim
Well here we are another month in the books and I'm sorry to report we missed our goal for membership by some 80 people, we ended up this reporting period at 88.96 %. Our next reporting period ends April 12th and that is for 95%, enough said. Let me ask you what is it you tell people when asked about the American Legion?

The American legion is comprised of 55 state-level departments in each of the fifty states as well as the District of Columbia, France, Mexico, Philippines and Puerto Rico. There are approximately 13,000 local post throughout the state level.

The current national membership is roughly 2 million.

The American Legion is "still serving America" this is only part of what the American Legion post have done "for God and Country" in this last program year.

1. Donated more than 3.7 million hours of service to communities.
2. Post service officers handled more than 181,129 cases of veterans seeking benefits and just compensation from the Department of veterans Affairs
3. Devoted over 867,000 hours of volunteer service to Department of veterans Affairs hospitals.
4. Donated more than 80,000 pints of blood to collection centers nationwide making the American Legion the nations single largest blood donor.
5. Annually contributes nearly $40 million on programs benefiting children and youth.
6. Awarded more than 8,000 medals to Junior ROTC students.
7. Sponsored almost 19,000 American Legion Boys State Delegates.
8. Sponsored more than 2,500 Scouting units serving more than 64,000 youngsters.
9. Sponsored more than 2,000 American legion Baseball reams and an additional 1,500 youth baseball squads.
10. Awarded more than $4 million in college scholarships to deserving students.

These along with the many programs that each and every individual post and district do is just what people in your local community need to know about your American legion. We are currently are some 450 short of our goal of 100% I figure if we could just get each post to pick up 15 more new members or renewals we could make it. With that I will close with what I always say if we want to be the organization we know we can be, all you have to do is JUST ASK!!

Have a great month and don't forget the National Convention is just around the corner.

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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## District #5

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## District Totals

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Almost 2.5 years ago an effort was started to rename the VA Clinic in Laughlin after a deserving Veteran. Congressman Heck felt that the Clinic needed to be renamed to honor one of our local Veterans. His staff contacted Post 60 and asked if such a Veteran existed. The Post 60 membership was asked who would be worthy of having the facility named after them. Almost instantaneously Jesse Dean’s name was repeated several times. A vote was taken and Jesse’s name was forwarded to Congressman Heck’s office. This started the ball rolling; however, nothing is easy when dealing with the US Government. Letters of approval were needed from the local Veteran organizations. These same approvals were needed at the state level and then it went to our Washington, D.C Congressional Representatives. Once it was approved at the Nevada level it started its journey through Congress. Congressman Heck introduced the bill to the House of Representatives where it passed. From there it went to the Senate; and Senator Reid was instrumental in getting it passed in the Senate. Once approved, the Bill made its way to President Obama who signed it.

Post 60 has played a significant role in having a VA Clinic in Laughlin. During its first two years of operation, the Clinic was temporarily located at Post 60. The clinic had two trailers parked at the Post as patient rooms and utilized the Post’s Annex as a receptionist’s office and a waiting room. During this period Jesse Dean Sr. catered to all the clinic’s logistical needs. The Post supported the opening of the permanent clinic and participated in the renaming ceremony. During the renaming, Post 60 provided a Flag Line, the Color Guard and refreshments for attendees. The Color Guard was unique in that the Post assembled a female Color Guard – a first for Post 60.

Jesse Dean Jr. in his comments at the ceremony included excerpts from efficiency reports from past ship commanders. As Jesse Jr. noted, Jesse’s Commander on the USS Nimitz described him best. The report stated that “Master Chief’s Dean’s relentless drive, devotion to duty, and professionalism are unmatched. His appearance is that of a poster sailor. He possesses tremendous physical strength and stamina. His totally positive attitude is a superb influence on his men. He strives for perfection and will accept nothing less than top performance.”

At the event, Congressman Heck presented Post 60 with a First Page copy of the Congressional Bill signed by President Obama. Also, Mr. John Stelsel, Acting Associate Director, presented the Post with a copy of the framed picture of the Bio and photo of Jesse that will hang in the VA Clinic. The Post’s copy of these two documents now hangs over the door next to the Hero’s Wall. There is now a new sign at the VA Clinic honoring Jesse. If you ever get to Laughlin, stop at the Post and see their Heroes Wall and give a thumbs-up to an inspirational Nevada Veteran.
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Master Chief Petty Officer Jesse Dean
VA Clinic
Laughlin
VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System
Department of Nevada 99th Annual Convention
July 14, 15, 16, 2017
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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. All room rates are plus tax and the “Cutoff Date” is June 23, 2017.

Reservation Phone # 775-289-6665, 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 three course 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

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99th Department of Nevada Registration Form

Name:_________________________              Post/Unit/Squadron#____________
Address:_______________________________________________________
City____________________State__________Zip Code___________
E-Mail:______________________________________________________

Home Phone:________________________
Cell Phone________________________

Friday Night Dinner at Postal Palace ($30.00) # of attending______________________

Saturday Night Dinner(Chicken/Beef) $40.00 _________# of attending___________

Past Commanders Breakfast ($25.00) at Postal Palace # of attending_____________

Legionnaire Registration Fee $2.00 _______________________________________

Total $________________________________

Send Registration and Fees to :
American Legion White Pine Post #3
P.O. Box 150337
Ely, Nevada 89315
Attn: 2017 Convention

(Checks Made out to: American Legion White Pine Post #3 )
Memo section Dept. Convention/ Registration
Form must be received by June 23, 2017

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