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”
FROM THE COMMANDER’S DESK

Happy Mothers' Day to all of those lovely ladies out there that are mothers, or mothers to be. Well here it is time for another news article. Just think, it won’t be that much longer that you will be reading articles by a new Commander. I know that I have said it before, but it is really amazing just how fast time flies by when your busy. Especially when things are starting to wind down for the year. So far, in my many travels and post visits, I have visited 22 of the active Posts throughout the Department and have plans to visit the rest. I must say, there are really a lot of interesting members throughout the Department, and many more that don’t belong to The American Legion. In one of my many travels, I met a gentleman that had no idea who the American Legion was, or the VFW. He said that he had never served in the military, and therefore had never heard of either one. After I had done public relations, he told me that he would have joined the American Legion had he been eligible. I asked if his father or grandfather had served, meaning that he would be eligible to join the SAL. He was rather saddened because they hadn’t either. I also talked to a young lady after a VA town Hall Meeting here in Ely, and she said that she didn’t know that she was eligible to be a member. I immediately handed her an application. After which, she said she would be more than happy to become a member.

Speaking about the VA. The VA out of Salt Lake decided that they were going to change the way that things were going to run at the Ely Clinic for Veterans with the Choice Program. They held a town hall type meeting with the veterans in Ely, and I must say they were lucky to get out of town in one piece. I really thought it was going to get ugly. However, cooler heads did prevail and there was a second meeting held and things went a lot smoother. I even had my own experience with the Choice Program, and let me tell you, I really did feel like a second class citizen after that appointment, not to mention that I had to travel to Elko twice and I still don’t know what the problem is. Now I know what it would be like if they ever privatized the VA Health Care. I think we all know that the VA wants to close 1100 health care facilities. From what I am being told by the Salt Lake VA, is that these facilities are under used. The VA Clinic that was opened in Elko was designed to care for 4,000 Veterans, but it is only being utilized by 500 Veterans. I was told by Christopher Scott out of Salt Lake VA that veterans that are enrolled in the system need to visit a Doctor at least once a year under the VA even if nothing is wrong. If veterans aren’t enrolled in the VA, then they need to get enrolled.

There again, we see just how important the numbers are to our very existence. Numbers are not just important to the existence of The American Legion and the Department of Nevada, but without the numbers and the participation in the VA and the American Legion, then we are going to lose everything that we have, or ever will have. How are we going to maintain the membership that we have now, or hope to have if we can’t keep what we have now. How do we going to encourage new Veterans to join our ranks if they don’t have any benefits coming to them.

Well, the soapbox time is over for this month. Time to get this in for printing. For those Posts that I have not visited yet, be assured I will be seeing you very soon.

Still Serving
Bob
Here it is the 2017 Baseball American Legion Nevada Baseball information:

Well we will have 32 teams in our American Legion play this year as we have 30 in the South plus 2 teams from Reno. The divisions consist of 11 Gold plus Reno, 8 Silver and 11 Bronze plus Reno. Rancho, Canyon Spring and Bishop Gorman Silver dropped out at the last minute.

If anyone is interested in the schedule you can go to the following web site for information: www.nybalegoinbaseball.org and click on the schedule for what division you would be interested in.

Our state tournament this year will be held once again at UNLV Wilson stadium July 22 thru the 29th. The winner will be going to Denver Colorado for the Western Division Regional and the dates are August 2 thru the 6th. The winner of the Western Division will be going the American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina from the 10th of August thru the 15th. You can watch the World Series on TV on ESPN 3 and ESPN U.

I hope to see you at a ball game or hopefully at the State Tournament. If anyone is interested in supporting the program thru a donation you can send it to me at my home address and making the check out to "NYBA- American Legion Baseball"

Also if anyone is interested or has someone who is interested in placing an AD in the State Tournament Program book, you can also send that to me with the Check made out the same way as above but put Baseball AD in the memo section of the check. Ad prices are $300 dollars for a full page, $200 Dollars for a Half of page and $100 Dollars for a quarter page.

Thank you all for your support of Legion Baseball

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
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.
This past weekend I attended the Daughters of the American Revolution, Valley of Fire Chapter, flag retirement ceremony. It was a very beautiful ceremony filled with tradition and respect. They honored every branch and all eras/wars. During the ceremony they had everyone recite “The American’s Creed”. I had never heard of this creed (what rock have I been living under?) but it sounded all too familiar. Here it is, see if you recognize it.

The American's Creed

by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

–Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918

Well, I don’t know about you but that sounded enough like our Preamble to the Constitution that I decided to look into this a bit more. It turns out William Tyler Page never served in the military, he was too old when WWI broke out but his creed was accepted by the US House of Representatives after he entered it into a contest. He is descended from the 10th President, John Tyler and began working as a page with the Government at the age of 13. He served for 61 years. This creed was written in 1917 and the Legion began in 1919 after WWI veterans returned home to country unprepared to
deal with them. I don’t think it’s too much of a stretch to see that those founding Veterans knew the meaning of the American’s Creed and sought to emulate for Veterans what Page tried to say about all Americans. All of this occurred about the same time and based on our country’s actions in the war. What I like best about all of this is that later on, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt was working on the “New Deal” he turned to the American Legion for guidance and inspiration. If you read the 10th clause to our Preamble “To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness” you will see where this comes into play. Many programs the Legion had going were copied in the New Deal (social security, aid to families and children).

I thought it fitting to share this information with you this month, our Memorial Day month and to bring attention to the fact that ALL AMERICANS should be serving their country in one fashion or another. Memorial Day reminds us to honor all Veterans who died in service to the country but I think we can all take this time to remember what it requires to love this country. The American’s Creed is usually recited at naturalization ceremonies these days. That’s a good place for it, but we should all take a moment to think about these words. Not everyone can be a Veteran, but (nearly) everyone can be an American.

Here are some resources if you want to know more about The American’s Creed, William Tyler Page, the Preamble to our Constitution meaning, Legion history, Memorial Day/Decoration Day (video) and you can also download the Legion’s Citizenship Outreach Guide and a guide to the many Americanism Programs in the Legion.

http://www.ushistory.org/documents/creed.htm
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Legion
http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history

Yvette
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

2017 – 2018
LETTERS OF INTENT

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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 ****
From the 2nd Vice Commander

Congratulations to Fred Wagar on his appointment by Governor Brian Sandoval as the new Deputy Director of NDVS. Longtime member of many Veteran Organizations as well as The American Legion, Spirit of Freedom Post 76.

At Legion.org, one can find different listings for jobs all over Nevada. Simply click on Career Center then go to Job Search, by location. Or you can search Job Fairs, unfortunately any information for such events in Nevada are, at the moment, sparse and few between. Hopefully, that will change. Check with your local PBS station to find out if they are running and Veteran Job Fairs in your area, you may be surprised.

Before going on a job interview, you may want to take a closer look at your DD 214 and look at the separation codes. They are too numerous to list here but they can be found at: http://dd214.us/reference/SPN_Codes.pdf

April federal employment figures are out with good news for post-9/11 veterans: Employment is at an all-time high.

The unemployment rate for the youngest generation of veterans dipped from 5 percent in March to 3.9 percent last month -- the lowest since the federal government started tracking this group in 2008, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Overall veteran unemployment dropped to 3.7 percent, the lowest since last May, after two months of a 3.9 percent unemployment rate.

The record low for post-9/11 veterans comes after a slight uptick in unemployment between February and March. The volatility of the month-to-month figures is one reason critics of the monthly U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics unemployment data say not to put too much stock in the numbers. The data are based on a monthly Current Population Survey, which calculate the veteran unemployment rate from a much smaller sample size than the overall rate.

The unemployment rate for nonveterans in April was also 3.9 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The unemployment rate for Americans overall also dropped slightly, as the U.S. added a total of 211,000 jobs last month, primarily in the hospitality, food service and healthcare industries.

On 1 April, Post 76 was invited to set up an information table at the VA Hospital Health Fair. It is always a worthwhile project to do these over the course of the year. We offer advice for other services as well as information about The American Legion. We were able to sign up several new transferees from other Departments who have recently moved to Nevada and were visiting the hospital for the first time. It was nice to see Department 1st Vice Commander Weigold and Department Finance Officer Jakubik in attendance.

Joel
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA’S  
300 CLUB RAFFLE

We did our best to pick some winners. We batted at 50%, with 2 good ones. Congratulations.

1st Prize - $250.00 - # 175 - Unsold

2nd Prize - $125.00 - # 25 - Kathleen Whitehead - Post 60

3rd Prize - $75.00 - # 245 - Unsold

4th Prize - $50.00 - # 73 - Ken Carrothers - Post 19

We still have June and July to go. Don't forget to get your new numbers for next year's drawings.
I hope all the Legion Mothers had a great Mothers day. Let me give you a short rundown on just how we stand at this point in time on membership. Currently we are # 32 in the nation at 91.76 % we should be at 100% at this time we still need 641 to meet our 100%goal. This time last year we were # 40 in the nation at 90.76% and needed 748 to meet 100%. So given everything being equal we are a little ahead of last year but still short of our expected goal.

This past month I did have the privilege of joining the District # 3 Commander and 1st Vice in doing a revitalization effort in Battle Mountain Post # 15, All went well I am very confident that in the very near future with their continued effort we will have Post #15 back on line and another active post. With that being said I would encourage each and every district to work on starting a new post within your districts.

While in Indianapolis at the National Headquarters this past week I did have a chance to sit down with the membership leadership and get some questions that I and many of you had answered. In the upcoming newsletters I will be passing on some of this information that I hope will make the upcoming membership year a little more productive.

Now let me put on one of my other caps and give a run down on what I know about the National Convention. As some of you may or may not know I was tasked with working on volunteers for the convention. Well here is what I can tell you as of now what I know. The biggest area that it looks like we will need assistance is in the Badges and Packets area. As it stands right now we will be working on that starting on the 15th of August and this will run through the 20th of August. We will need anywhere from 20+ to 5 people each day to help deliver and maintain a station at convention headquarters. Later this week I will be sending each post a roster that I would like filled out and turned into me at the Department Convention with dates and times you would like to work. I will do my best to schedule you all for the dates and times you desire. Along with this we will also need personnel to work on the parade and after party that will take place on that Sunday August 20th there will also be more information to follow on this. I know it seems like we are lacking on information but some of this cannot be finalized until we are closer to convention time, the best I can say is we will need most of our volunteer force from the 15th to the 21st of August so please plan you time accordingly.

In closing I hope everyone is still working there membership plans and I do believe with the right effort put in by each and every member we could still hit that 100% by the first of July 2017. Thanks for all the effort that you have already put in and I hope to see you all at the Department Convention.

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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**4/26/17**
HISTORIAN’S ARTICLE

IT’s REAL

Ok, what’s real? Just as a little history, back in 2005 Congress, based on the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission, passed a Federal Law, titled “REAL ID ACT of 2005” (The Act). What this law did was set forth requirement for state driver’s licenses and ID cards which would be accepted by the Federal Government for “official purposes”. The Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) establishes these “official purposes, which to date are defined as boarding commercially operated airline flights and entering federal buildings and nuclear power plants. The law also gives the Secretary the unlimited authority to require a "federal identification" for any other purposes. This article will be limited to Real Driver’s Licenses.

The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. As of now, Nevada has established a program that meets the federally mandated requirements.

Starting in October 10, 2015, visitors seeking access to military bases and almost all Federal facilities using their state-issued driver’s licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension. Now, starting on January 22, 2018 passengers who have driver’s licenses issued by a state that is not yet compliant with REAL ID and that has not received an extension will need to show an alternative form of acceptable identification for domestic air travel. So, if you plan on taking an airplane for a vacation and/or visit family you will need to check in with DHS to determine what acceptable ID is required if you don’t have a REAL Driver’s License. The BIG date is October 1, 2020. Because on this date every air traveler will need to present a REAL ID-compliant license, or another acceptable form of identification for domestic air travel.

As noted above, Nevada is compliant with the new ID law; therefore, you can get a REAL ID Driver’s License when you have to renew your license. In the mean time you can continue to use your old driver’s license or ID card. So, what does it take to get one of these new cards?

First off, you will need to go to the DMV to get a REAL License. You cannot do it on line or via mail. When you go, you personally will need to present proof of identity, proof of Social Security number and two residency documents in person. If you are a female and got married you will need to show proof of your name change (marriage License). You must present all of the following:

- one document for proof of identity AND
- if you have changed your name, proof of all name change(s) AND
- one document for proof of Social Security number AND
- two documents to prove your Nevada residential address AND
- a completed Application for Driving Privileges or ID Card (DMV 002)

A Real ID driver's license or ID card has a gold circle with a star cutout in the upper right-hand corner.

How this law will play out in 2010 is anyone’s guess. So, be prepared and get your REAL Driver’s license when it comes up for renewal.