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”
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

American Legion
Department of Nevada

For God and Country

September 13, 2016

Legionnaires & Sons of the Legion,

The Department Executive Committee Meeting is being held at the Nugget Casino Resort at 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, Nevada on Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5, 2016. Host for this Department Executive Committee meeting is Dat-So-La-Lee Post 12.

Lodging is recommended at the Nugget Casino Resort and the rate for Friday and Saturday evening is $83.15.00 (taxes included) per night. Check in time is after 3 PM and check out time is by 11 AM. For reservations, please call 1-800-843-2427 or 1-800-648-1177. Be sure to mention the code GAL when calling in for reservations. Ensure room reservation is made by October 25, 2016. The Nugget Casino Resort has free shuttle service to and from the Reno Tahoe International Airport.

Department Finance Committee (4:30 PM) members will meeting on Friday, November 4, 2016 in the Southern Pacific E Room at the Nugget Casino Resort. The Department Executive Committee Meeting (1:00 PM) will be on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in the Southern Pacific E Room at the Nugget Casino Resort. American Legion meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

The Legion Family Dinner will be held on at 7 PM on Friday, November 4, 2016, evening in the Poolside Terrace Room at the Nugget Casino Resort. The dinner will be a Buffet style dinner with a two meats and fish selection along with bread, salad, vegetables and dessert. There will be a no-host bar which opens at 6:30 PM. Cost of the dinner is $35.00 per person and payments can be sent to Dat-So-La-Lee Post 12, P.O. Box 17412, Reno, NV. 89511 and make check out to AL POST 12 and in the memo line place “Legion Family Dinner”.

We look forward to seeing all of you.
Well my friends it is time once again to let everyone know what is going on. Since my last article, I have traveled to Hawthorne to Post 19 to attend the District 4 meeting. Then traveled to Elko to attend a regular Post meeting at Post 7.

At both of the meetings, we discussed the fact that the Future of the American Legion is in everyone’s hands. It is no secret that The American Legion is losing members every day. Whether it is from some going to Post Everlasting, or because some feel that the Dues are too high. Whatever the reason if the numbers keep falling then we won’t have the numbers to get the representation in Washington that is needed to continue to get help for Veterans.

I know if this newsletter will be out before the Election and I sure hope everyone voted for the right person. The Presidential Election is this year, and it is very important to get everyone out to vote. Both Candidates are making a lot of promises as usual, so all I will say about that, is to vote for whoever you feel is the right choice for you.

Soon many Posts will be holding their Oratorical Contests in preparation for the Department Contest in February. The Department Oratorical Chair Jerry Finley requested the need for the names of the Post and District contacts. So at this time, I would ask that if those Posts that haven’t provided that information yet to please do so.

Soon, some of us will be traveling to Indianapolis for the Fall Meeting. I will be attending the meeting for Department Commanders and Adjutants along with Lionel. Later this month, the Department will have two Legionnaires going to National American Legion College. Congratulations to both. One more thing I might add, is the CPR’s, Consolidated Post Reports. It is very imperative that these reports are turned in. I will be talking about the CPR’s throughout the year.

Once again, I have rambled on about a lot of things that some don’t care about. And some don’t like to follow rules.

Thanks to all for Still Serving America and its Veterans.

Still Serving,
Bob Terhune
A California congressman wants to make it illegal to sell Purple Hearts as military collectibles, calling the practice disrespectful to the sacrifices of wounded troops. Republican Rep. Paul Cook introduced legislation last week which would make selling the medal punishable by fines and up to six months in prison. Online retailers price the military honors at several hundred dollars each, more if they can document who the original recipient was.

“These military collectors cheapen the Purple Heart by buying and selling this symbol of sacrifice like a pack of baseball cards,” said Cook, who served 26 years in the Marine Corps before joining Congress, rising to the rank of colonel and receiving two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained during the Vietnam War. “I’m committed to defending our veterans and that means preserving their symbols of honor like the Purple Heart. These medals belong with families or in museums, not on some collector’s auction block.”

Congress in recent years has made an effort to crack down on frauds by passing legislation making it illegal to claim unearned military honors, with those laws meeting mixed success in the courts. But Cook’s bill would place the Purple Heart into a new protected category, keeping it away from not just con artists but also memorabilia collectors. Officials from the Military Order of the Purple Heart applauded the idea.

"Purple Hearts that are lost or stolen belong with veterans and their survivors, period -- not floating around on the collectors' market,” said Hershel Gober, national commander of the group.

The Purple Heart is America’s oldest military decoration still in use. Originally established by George Washington as the Badge of Merit during the Revolutionary War, the honor is awarded to troops wounded or killed in action on the battlefield, or by an act of international terrorism.

Cook's legislation does not include exceptions for veterans who wish to sell their own medals, or for family members who want to sell the Purple Heart of a deceased relative.

Military Times
Vet's Purple Heart lies cost government $752,000, U.S. says

But staff said Cook’s bill is aimed at collectors and resellers, not veterans. The measure is named for Pvt. Corrado Piccoli, a World War II infantryman killed in action in 1944 whose Purple Heart was found for sale at an antique store in 2009. That discovery prompted the founding of Purple Hearts Reunited, a nonprofit which has so far recovered about 300 Purple Hearts and returned them to families of the veterans who earned them.

Cook's measure faces a difficult path to becoming law, given the short legislative schedule for the rest of this year. Lawmakers aren't expected back on Capitol Hill until after the November elections, and will face a host of appropriations and emergency funding issues in the few weeks before the end of 2016.

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
In 1920, during The American Legion National Convention in Cleveland, the organization went on record urging all American Legion men to become qualified voters. Since then, the organization has passed countless similar resolutions advocating Legionnaires to not only exercise their constitutional responsibility to vote, but to also encourage others to do the same.

Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. It was on this premise that The American Legion’s “Get Out the Vote” program was initiated shortly after the organization’s inception. Today it is as important as it was in elections past.

The Legion’s "Get Out the Vote" program encourages all Americans to register and vote in all elections. In addition, Legionnaires, posts, districts and departments are encouraged to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.

All Legionnaires are encouraged to renew their commitment for continued service to this country by being politically active as individuals. By working together as an organization we can make a difference by promoting an informed populace, participation in our government, and involvement in its electoral process. We cannot forget that in this country, our government is “of the people, by the people and for the people.” It cannot survive as a democratic republic unless the people participate. That is our task.

I hope everyone goes to their local voting location either on Election Day or during early voting if you can! Don’t forget you can vote absentee if you won’t be around your polling location on Election Day! This is your chance to pick the people who will lead us either locally or nationally. Every vote matters! If your Post is offering rides for people let me know and I will post it on Facebook!

Yvette
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA’S
300 CLUB RAFFLE

We shook and rolled the barrel to mix up those 300 poker chips. Unfortunately 1/2 of them are still in the unsold column. Congratulations to our one and only winner this month.

1st Prize - $250.00 - # 14 - Ron Michalski - Post 40

2nd Prize - $125.00 - # 273 - Unsold

3rd Prize - $75.00 - # 193 - Unsold

4th Prize - $50.00 - # 242 - Unsold

We still have 9 drawings (36 number, totaling $4,500.00) that can be lucky winners of the 300 Club. You can't win if you don't play.
From the 2nd Vice Commander

To continue with last month's article on VAVS (Veterans Affair Voluntary Service).

1. Decide if you want to be a regularly scheduled, occasional, special events or youth volunteer.
   a. Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteers work with VA on scheduled basis. RS volunteers are considered employees who work on a "without compensation" basis. These volunteers go through formal VA orientation and receive individual rewards for hours and service given.
   b. Occasional volunteers - represent the American Legion by volunteering on an infrequent, occasional basis. Match your availability with opportunities to serve and make a positive impact in the lives of fellow veterans.
   c. Special Events - VA has many annual events that volunteer support is needed. Homeless Stand Downs or Veterans Benefit Fairs, Blood Drives, Health Fairs in conjunction with Town Hall Meetings, Veteran Job Fairs, just to name a few.
   d. Youth Volunteers (VoluTeens)

2. Choose your Volunteer Location
   a. VA Medical Centers such as Hospital or Community Based Outpatient Clinics.
   b. Fisher Houses
   c. State Veterans Homes
   d. Veteran Centers or Transition Centers.

3. Choose your Assignment Preference
   a. Traditional Assignments such as patient escort, volunteer drivers, clerical positions, information desk, ambassador program, Chaplain service, pharmacy, nursing, guest relations program, outpatient assignment or caregiver positions.
   b. Non-Traditional Assignments such as virtual volunteers, fundraisers and recruiters, corporate representatives, trainers and educators, writers for newsletters or recruitment ads, community liaisons, or sporting events.

Asking at one of these facilities for permission for your Post to set up an information table can help the facility in their mission, the clients who use the facility and your Post. Have Legion information available, and information about what the Legion has done for Veterans, and how your Post is involved in the community. Be sure to have a supply of MDFs (Member Data Forms) and self addressed envelopes available also. Arriving early and familiarizing yourself with the facility will allow you to offer assistance for any client seeking directions.

Joel
November is the month we remember our Veterans and their service. But Veteran’s Day did not start out as a salute to all veterans. It was first known as Armistice Day, a day to commemorate and remember the end of the First World War on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11 a.m. in 1918. While the following years were observed as Armistice Day on November 11th, the United States Congress did not pass the congressional act to make Armistice Day a legal holiday until 1938. With the conclusion of World War II and the Korean War, there was a movement to recognize all service men and women that had served. So in 1954, Congress passed a bill replacing “Armistice” with the term ”Veterans” to honor all veterans that have served all of our armed services. While we celebrate this day by taking the day off and flying our US Flag, we should take the time to shake the hand of a veteran and thank them for their service. You wouldn’t believe how much it will mean to them.

November is also a time for us to take the time out of our busy schedule and go vote. On Tuesday, November 8th, we have a chance to make a difference in our political system. Regardless of your political affiliation, your lot in life, your economic condition, or your personal convictions, voting is your right and responsibility. We, as Americans, have a moral responsibility to select representatives of our local, state, and federal governments to make decisions on our behalf. The real meaning of this process is that at each political cycle we can change our minds on those candidates if these representatives have failed our trust. So, go and Vote! It is your Right!

With the holiday season now upon us, I wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday.

Jim
I would like to offer my congratulations to the 22 post that achieved the 55% goal set by National by the 12th of October. Our next goal is a jump of 10% to 65% by the November 16th I know that with a little work on our part we can reach and exceed this goal!! I have had the opportunity to do some traveling with the Department Commander and am proud of the way he is out and about presenting the American legion Family, he is a great advocate for our membership. It has been brought to my attention that some members have gone straight to National Headquarters asking questions dealing with and about membership. All I would ask is that you would give us a chance at District or Department level to get the answers to your questions. If you do this you will no doubt find that you get your answer in a more timely manner, Most of the time National will refer your question right back to the Department which just adds time in getting you the answers you need (thanks).

As some may or may not know I currently sit on the Americanism Council at National Headquarters, I have just returned from our fall meetings in Indianapolis Indiana at the National Headquarters. These were some very interesting sessions. We reviewed some 15 different Resolutions concerning with how the American Legion deals with activities ranging from Boys State, Children and Youth Activities, Legion Baseball right on down the line. The reason I bring this up I feel that it is important that all Legion members are aware of the work that is being done in support of Legion programs. These are the things that are needed to inform our current members and prospective members of what is being done by the American Legion. The American Legion programs are the back bone of this great organization and just may be what a prospective member is looking for to get involved and join or a current member to get active within your post or district. You can find out all about what the Americanism Commission does is go to (Legion.org) and find the link to the Commission, I feel you will be surprised how active the Legion is in America.

In closing I would remind you all that we are getting closer to the Department in hosting the National Convention in Reno. As we draw closer we will be asking for assistance in many and varied task that need to be done to make sure this is a successful convention, Again while in Indianapolis this past week I was able to sit in on the out brief on what was done for the Cincinnati convention. We will be publishing shortly specific task that will need to be done and the amount of people that it will take to accomplish this. This will allow members to work in an area that they may feel more comfortable in. I for one am looking forward to being able to show the rest of the Legion world what a great job the Department of Nevada Legion Family can do when they put there minds to it.

One final thought, wouldn't it be great to be able to have our Department Commander on stage this year and awarded a 100% membership plaque.
and this can happen with every post and district doing there part on the membership program. I hope every one has a safe and happy Halloween

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

Annually, at National’s Fall Meeting, the Department Historians gather to conduct a workshop on grading the annual histories and scrapbooks turned into National for their annual contest. In conjunction with the training, other historians are selected to do the judging of submitted books. This month’s article will provide a little insight on what documents are turned in to be judged.

For those not aware, the Department and National Historians have an association. This association is called “The National Association of Department Historians of the American Legion; or, as it is normally called “NADHAL”. The association was started in 1949 and has existed ever since. The dues to belong to this organization is $5.00 a year or $100 for a life time membership. You must have served as either a Department Historian or a National Historian to become a member.

At this year’s meeting 42 books were submitted by the 55 Departments. In reviewing the total books, there were 5 from Departments and the remainder was from individual posts. So, looking at the total picture very few Posts submit documents to be judged. It has been stated that some of the larger post hire professional to produce their documents; however, after reviewing the entries for this year, I believe all the books submitted were done by local Historians.

The judging of the books, as mentioned above, is done by Department Historians. Each judge is given a specific number of books to review and evaluate. The judging is conducted using a judge’s form that defines each item to be evaluated. This form also defines the maximum number of points that can be awarded for a given item. Once all the books are reviewed and judged, the top three are given to three experienced judges to review and grade. Based on this final judging, the winner is selected. All entries will receive a certificate of Participation.

In a review of the documents submitted, there is no perfect book. What this implies is that all our Post Historians have a chance to win. The judging criteria is provided to all the posts via the Officer’s manual and is available to all who want to take the time to put together a book.

It should be noted that books submitted to the Department Historian will be judged and a winner selected for submittal. In the past three years no books were prepared and submitted by the Department of Nevada. Let’s change this trend and be a participating Department. You owe it to your post and their hard work serving our Veterans and youth.

Fred
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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 24th & 25th, 2017 in North Las Vegas

Hosted by Post 51

Location To Be Determined

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99TH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JULY 14th, 15th, & 16th, 2017 in Ely

Hosted by Post 3

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