The Challenge is On

By Historian Fred Doten

The fall Department Executive Board meeting is past; however, the challenge is on. At the meeting this year Commander Weigold threw out the gauntlet to the District Commanders and did it in a very interesting way. However, before we delve into that lets briefly summarize the meeting for those of you who were not in attendance.

The DEC in itself was your standard run of the mill meeting. The reports were well presented and gave one an understanding what has been happening within our department this year. A major thrust of the meeting was the responsibilities of the District staffs and their interaction with their Posts. The bottom line is Districts are the “Go To” organization for Posts when they need help or assistance. Department is not where Posts go for help. Adjutant Motta also facilitated training on membership Transmittals to Department. He covered the process of filling out the document and why it is important to get it right the first time. He also stressed the point that transmittal that are transmitted incomplete or incorrectly will be returned to the sender for revision. Adjutant Motta also offered to send the Districts a template that they could use in training the Post Adjutants.

And now for the Challenge. (Continued on page 2)

December Message

By Department Second Vice Commander Jim Stewart

December is a very special month. It is a time for us to think about eggnog, holiday parties, and family. It is also a time of being filled with the Christmas spirit. Take the time out of your busy schedule to slow down and enjoy those around you. Find it in your heart to reach out and help a veteran or your fellow neighbor during this holiday season. Visit the VA Hospital, a nursing home or a long term care facility and offer some holiday cheer and a smile. You would not believe how much it would mean to them. Also, please be aware of those who have lost someone recently, they usually have the hardest time during the holidays. That is when they miss them the most. If you know of someone who is in this situation and see them becoming withdrawn and quiet, reach out to them and involve them in your activities. God will bless you for caring. (continued on page 2).
Commander Weigold discussed at length membership and stressed the importance of a strong membership both for the financial stability at the Post through Department levels and having a strong voice before Congress and the State’s Legislation. She reiterated the theme of a “Department under Construction” and then followed it up with a demonstration on how she intended to track the success of the Districts in their drive to meet the Department’s goal of 90% that was made to National. Both she and the Mitch Roach, Department Membership Chair, donned their hard hats to demonstrate a common goal. This was followed by providing each District Commander with a hard hat for a photo op denoting their role as the Department’s “Construction Field Supervisors”. Commander Weigold, standing amongst construction aids showed how she was going to use the stepladder as the measure of each Districts success in making progress to the top of the ladder. It should be noted that the first step of the ladder denotes 50% and top 100%.

So, the challenge has been presented to the District Commanders and their staffs. The goal of 90% is achievable if all work towards making it happen. Nevada was “Born in Battle” and meeting this goal is just another battle that Post members can handle. Hopefully as the months go by we will see the District hats moving up one rung at a time.

For those that were not aware, the November DEC was held in Tonopah this year. The night before the DEC meeting, a number of us met at the Tonopah Brewery Tap Room to enjoy some great barbeque and fellowship and as you can see below, the Sons of The American Legion National Commander, Danny Smith and his wife, Donna, joined us. What a wonderful evening.

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday season and I will see you next year!

Always in Service,
Jim Stewart
2nd Vice Commander
Department of Nevada
Flag Advocacy

By Joel Forman, Department First Vice Commander

For those of you who did not see the Remembrance Walk Dedication, it is available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RNpnnRnPQ&sns=en. If there is a just cause, waged by the right people, it is possible to not only win the battle, but the war also.

Flag Advocacy is one of my areas to cover and perhaps it is time for a refresher from two great Americans. The first is from John Wayne, and the second from Red Skelton. I can't remember a lot of things these days, but I certainly can remember seeing both of these gentlemen doing each of these on television. John Wayne first did this in 1972. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jf3MQpffBc. Red Skelton did it first 14 Jan 1969. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZBTyTWQZCM

JOHN WAYNE
The Pledge Of Allegiance Lyrics

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS--ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag"

What do those words mean to you? To me they say, "Thank you, America, for your strength, your courage and your freedom...which has been a beacon to the world for two hundred years."

"Of the United States of America"

Whose bright stars are fifty states...each bearing its own stamp of individuality. People...two hundred million strong...people who have come to her from all corners of the earth.

"And to the republic for which it stands"

A land of laws...with an ingenious system of checks and balances that allows no man to become a tyrant...and lets no group prevail...if their power is not tempered with a real concern for the governed...A land where the right of dissent and of free speech is jealously guarded...where the ballot box is the sword...and the people its wielder.

"One nation under God"

A land where freedom of worship is a cornerstone of her being...A land graced with temples and churches, synagogues and altars that rise in profusion to embrace all the religions of the world.

"Indivisible"

A land forged by the hot steel of raw courage...and formed forever...by the awful crucible of civil war.

"With liberty"

Where man in pursuit of an honest life will not be denied his chance...where her citizens move freely within her vast borders without hindrance or fear...A land brimming with opportunity...where freedom of choice is the guide for all.

"And justice"

The courts of our land are open to all. Its wheels of justice grind for all causes...all people. They look to every avenue for justice...every concern of the law...and they temper their reasoning with mercy...

"For all!"
The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on the Red Skelton Hour television show, January 14, 1969. He related the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day.

When I was a small boy in Vincennes, Indiana, I heard, I think, one of the most outstanding speeches I ever heard in my life. I think it compares with the Sermon on the Mount, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Socrates' Speech to the Students. We had just finished reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he [Mr. Lasswell, the Principal of Vincennes High School] called us all together, and he says, “Uh, boys and girls.

“I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?”

I, me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge, dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance, my love and my devotion.

To the flag, our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there’s respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody’s job!

United, that means that we have all come together.

States, individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that’s love for country.

And to the republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it’s from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands, one nation, meaning "so blessed by God"

Indivisible, incapable of being divided.

With liberty, which is freedom -- the right of power to live one’s own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice, the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all, which means, boys and girls, it’s as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the pledge of Allegiance... Would’t it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too?

God Bless America!
The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth’s Companion* on September 8, 1892.

In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added against Bellamy’s wishes, as he wanted the pledge to be used by any citizen of any country. At that time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, and fifty-two years after its original publication, President Dwight D. Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today.

The Pledge of Allegiance is a promise or oath of allegiance to the United States, and to its national flag. It is commonly recited in unison at public events, and especially in public school classrooms, where the Pledge is often a morning ritual. In its present form, the words of the Pledge are:

*I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

(36 U.S.C. § 172)

According to current U.S. custom, as codified by the United States Congress, persons are expected (but not legally required) to recite the Pledge as follows:

*by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.* (36 U.S.C. § 172)

Red (Richard) Skelton was born into a circus family on July 18, 1913 in Vincennes, Indiana. Sadly, it was a family without a father. Red’s father died just two months before Red was born. Later in life, Red would honor his father and the life of a clown with a poem entitled “The Circus”.

Red Skelton made his radio debut in 1936. In 1938 he aired his own radio show which ran for 15 years. In 1950 “The Red Skelton Show” was born and ran for 20 Consecutive years, never leaving the list of the country’s top ten shows. Additionally, Skelton appeared in 48 motion pictures, 22 in which he starred. Throughout his life of entertainment he performed before the Queen of England, eight US Presidents, and in three private showings for Popes.

Even though Mr. Skelton was best known as a pantomimist, he was a composer, artist and author as well. He composed 8,000 songs which include 5,000 musical selections, and wrote 64 symphonies which have been played and recorded by some of the world’s greatest orchestras. His paintings awarded him one of the highest honors an artist can receive, “The Footprints in the Sands of Time”. He also authored five books, and every day he wrote his beloved wife a love note and poem.

He died on September 17, 1997 after a lingering illness. Those who loved him mourn his passing. Though he entertained millions and made us all laugh, he never forgot the importance of God, country and family. He was one of a kind and no one can ever fill his shoes. Mr. Red Skelton, you are deeply missed and not forgotten.
Commander’s Travels

By Yvette Weigold Department Commander

Greetings Nevada Legionnaires!

In my first 100 days as Commander I have been busy, busy, busy! So far I have attended the black tie dinner for Citizen of the Year dinner in Laughlin where Post 60 was the premiere sponsor. 4 of their members, wearing full dress uniforms from their days in the service, acted as escorts to those being honored. I then flew to Indianapolis to attend the National Fall Meetings. We had a very fast paced 3 days and picked up a lot of information.

As soon as I returned home I attended the MGM Resorts Salute to the Troops dinner. The USO is a big sponsor/supporter of this event every year and so is American Airlines. They fly in wounded troops and their families and put them up for the weekend while entertaining them. The first night we were greeted by Mr. USO himself Wayne Newton. I gave him my Commander’s pin and told him I was the Department Commander for the Legion and he thanked us for all we do to support the troops! We also got to see the Terry Fator show where Operation Homefront presented the keys to a new house to a young injured troop. I was invited back the next night to also attend the dinner at Excalibur where we were entertained by the cast from the dinner show…. What a great event!

After being excused from jury duty on the 16th I was able to attend the Remembrance Walk dedication at Boulder City Veterans cemetery. Post 76 and the Women Veterans of Nevada did a wonderful job getting this stone in place in the cemetery.

My daughter and I then flew to Washington D.C. to attend the Women in Military Service for America Memorial 20th Anniversary event. This was part of the package I was honored to receive from Soldier’s Wish at the National Convention in Reno. We were able to enjoy the dinner at the Memorial with some very powerful women veterans. Many were the firsts in their branch or field. We visited many of the memorials and monuments in the city and our hotel overlooked the Pentagon and Arlington cemetery. We visited the 9/11 Pentagon memorial and I was very moved. I guess I had forgotten that a 2 year old baby had been killed as well. It was very sad to stand there. Pretty much how I felt on the trip to NYC and the 9/11 memorial there. We had a tour of Arlington (Yes, they are running out of space) and we made it to the National Archives (you should know by now I am a history geek) so we managed to see the Constitution, The Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence…. Just like National Treasure (no, we didn’t steal anything).

NEC Michalski and I have started our road trips to visit Posts in the South. We had a fun trip out to Overton to meet Post 75. We enjoyed dinner at a little restaurant there before the meeting and then were happy to see 9 members at the meeting. They are doing great things in
that little town and I can’t wait to go back and see the finished restoration of their building! I had a table at the VA’s breast and ovarian cancer event on the 25th. I did manage to get one person to transfer from out of state to Nevada since she lives here now! I spoke with a few other ladies who are thinking about joining the Legion too!

On the 26th we had our monthly membership call with NVC Stephenson and a couple other departments where we get to share ideas on membership. We are still using the “Under Construction” theme and if you attended the DEC in Tonopah you saw how serious we are about this theme! The DEC was hectic and fast paced as always. I hope some of you were able to use the training time to your advantage! Big thanks to Adjutant Motta for setting up and presenting training to help us all handle our business more efficiently.

On the 27th I attended the VA’s State Commander’s meeting where the VA shares upcoming events and information on the happenings around the VA. On the 1st they had an Open House to show off the new mobile center they received and on the 10th I went to the Car Show and BBQ they have every year for Veteran’s Day. I also presented certificates to 24 Veterans living at Atria Seville after being asked to attend an event by PDC Paul Diefenbach (Post 51). It turned out to be a really big deal and I was so honored to be a part of that day.

The Aviation Nation Air Show at Nellis AFB was amazing as always and so was the Las Vegas Veteran’s Day Parade. Great to see so many Legionnaires representing!

Back to our road trips with NEC Michalski. We rode out to Sandy Valley to visit Post 27. A place that is giving Ely a run for its money as darkest sky on Earth! It was good to visit with a Post that could acknowledge the need for help getting their affairs straight. We are always happy to help!

We have a lot of events and activities coming up this month and next and I look forward to visiting as many of you as possible! Please email me anytime to let me know about your upcoming events so I can try to attend some of them!
Climb the membership ladder!

Membership

By Mitch Roach Department Membership Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mesquite post #24 and Las Vegas post #76 on obtaining 100% membership, this is a great job in record time. If I was a post commander from any other post I would be contacting these two post to see just how they did it, membership is everyone’s responsibility and we need to use every tool in our tool box to obtain our membership goals.

Speaking of "tool box" the National Commander has put out some guidelines that she thinks just may assist this Department and it's Districts and post reach it membership goals. I will list these just as she has and I encourage each and every District and Post to utilize any and all of these to help you in your membership program.

1. Increase Retention Rates by 5%
2. Contact NOW the legionnaires who routinely pay after December 31, well before that date
   NOTE: The cost to National with Renewal notices cycle is approximately $250,000.00
3. Transfer members out of Holding Post into post homes
4. Apply for 100% Family Ribbons for reaching 100% membership
5. Report RECONNECT activity
6. Consolidated post reports (CPRs) 100% goal
7. Get involved with Yellow Ribbon Programs
8. Get involved with job fairs
9. Get involved with Transition Assistance Programs (active, Guard/Reserve)
10. Get to know your Family Readiness Group Leaders (active, Guard/Reserve)
11. If there are bases in your area get to know the Commander
12. Welcome everyone and Recruit for the entire American Legion family.

Along with this the National Vice Commander offers some additional advice.

   Outreach events tied with District meetings
   Include all of American Legion Family
   Work with other veteran service organizations and non-profits
   Work the four pillars
   Have fun events
   Promote with local media
   Find relevant interest with target group
   Use Department Service Officers
   Reach out to the military total force (Active, National Guard and Reserve)
   Reach out to local Military recruiters
   Reach out to Student Veteran Organizations
   Increase media relations and awareness in communities
   Come up with fresh ideas
   Educate members
   Educate community

These are just a few things that any District and Post can do to increase their membership, I know they are not all inclusive so put on your thinking caps and go to work, I know if two post can be 100% there has to be more out there that can't be to far behind. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and of course what does it take to get your membership program working (JUST ASK)

Nevada Legion News
Today we had the pleasure of having our 1st Vice Commander Joel Forman select 4 poker chips from the barrel. He winced every time he drew his hand out, hoping for his own winning number. I know you did your best, but no banana! Congratulations to Jim Stewart who had the first 2 numbers being pulled.

1st Prize - $250 - #132 - Jim Stewart - Post 30
2nd Prize - $125 - #165 - Jim Stewart - Post 30
3rd Prize - $75 - #290 - UNSOLD
4th Prize - $50 - #188 - UNSOLD

I took all the chips out and stacked them in order just to make sure there were numbers 1 through 300. YEP! They were all still in there! Just wait until next month!

Adjutant Motta,
Lionel

American Legion Department of Nevada
For God and Country
Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion

The Department Mid - Winter Conference is being held at Tonopah Station at 1137 Erie St, Tonopah, NV on THURSDAY, 22 February, 2018. Host for the Department Mid - Winter Conference is the Department of Nevada.

Lodging is recommended at the Tonopah Station and the rate for

Wednesday evening is $79.03 (taxes included) per night. Check-in time is after 3PM and check out time is by 11 AM. For reservations, please call 1 - 775 - 482-9777. Be sure to mention you are attending The American Legion Dept. of Nevada’s meeting when calling in for reservations. Ensure room reservation is made by February 1st.

The Department Executive Committee meeting will be at 10:30 AM on Thursday, 22 February, 2018 in the main floor meeting room at the Tonopah Station. The Winter Conference will start immediately after the Department Executive Committee meeting. American Legion meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. We look forward to seeing all of you!
The mission of Nevada’s Legionnaires is to provide services to fellow veterans, their families and their communities.

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Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capitol, and each year I take some special memories back with me.

This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II.

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial.

I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer, he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin.

'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.'

(It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up.

I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

"My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

"Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) "You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend. Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

"The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country'. He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead, he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

"The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who
lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You’re a hero.' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

"So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

"The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19.
When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

"The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

"You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a Navymedic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

"When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

"So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time."

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is . . . that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13.

When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.

(Source: Michael T. Powers quoting talk by James Bradley. 2000)
# Department of Nevada

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**District Totals**: 6,307

**Post #100**: 1,043

**DEPARTMENT TOTALS**: 7,350
Happy Holidays!

The Detachment is off on a great start. Our membership is on track and our donation efforts are doing well. At the October meeting of the National Executive Committee, on behalf of Squadron 30, Duby Reid Post 30, Detachment of Nevada, Department of Nevada, I presented an $8,000.00 check to the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion for benefit of the Child Welfare Foundation, which represented the proceeds received for the Sons National Convention last August. The proceeds were from the Friday Night Dinner sponsored by Squadron 30 as well as the sale of the National Commander Jeff Frain’s National Convention pin. Thank you to all that helped and volunteered to make the National Convention a great event and showing the rest of our organization what Nevada has to offer.

At the November DEC, the Sons National Commander, Danny Smith, attended along with his wife Donna. Commander Smith talked about his theme for the year “Following in Their Footsteps…Making History”. He also mentioned that his charity of choice this year is the National Emergency Fund because of all of the devastating hurricanes this year. While our other programs are important, we must refill the coffers of the NEF which has been tapped during the year. As the National Commander stated, we should consider this as an investment into our organization rather than a donation to a charity. I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Since our charter, our American Legion Department of Nevada has been welcoming VETERANS from all branches of our Armed Forces. Today, we continue to welcome all military personnel serving our country. Joining a Post in our state enables you to continue serving your God, Country and Community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our preamble.

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