



The Post Journal

Quarterly Newsletter of The American Legion NV Post 76, "The Spirit of Freedom"

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

Post 76 held its annual elections during our regularly scheduled general meeting on 16 April 2023 at the Humana Community Center. Those elected include:

COMMANDER Joel M. Forman - will preside over all meetings of the post and have general supervision over post affairs.

1st VICE COMMANDER Michael Percival - will assume and discharge the duties of the Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Commander and will be Chairman of the Membership.

2nd VICE COMMANDER & COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN Walter Cheatham - will assume and discharge the duties of the 1st Vice Commander in the absence or disability of the 1st Vice Commander and plan, schedule, and prepare for Post and patriotic events.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Steven Paine - will be responsible for overseeing the set-up and tear-down as well as maintaining order at all meetings.

DIRECTORS - will be elected for a period of three (3) years and represent the interests of the general membership on the Executive Committee and shall have sufficient autonomy to deliberate and act in favor of the greater common good and national interests of the membership. The Directors for this year are:

3 year Director (Elected for 3 year term): Jack Ford

2 year Director (Elected for 2 year term): Larry Eisenberg

1 Year Director (Elected for 1 year term): Tony Mascari

The Commander appointed and were confirmed by the Executive Board. The Appointed officers for this year are:

ADJUTANT: Steve Daugherty

FINANCE: Frank Timbers

CHAPLAIN: Richard Hoffer

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Willie Barron

HISTORIAN: Gary Parriott

COMMUNICATIONS & NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Roger Henning

WEBMASTER AND GENERAL CONSULTANT (FINANCE, AUDIO VISUAL & COMPUTER): Dennis Christiansen

The **JUNIOR PAST POST COMMANDER** is **Pranava Moody**

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Join us for our **General Meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each Month** at the **Humana Community Center**
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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

What an honor is to have been elected Commander of Post 76, for the fifth time! Together, we will have another great year!

Our current Post adjutant is away for several months and until he returns and teaches a new adjutant his duties. I will be filling in as the Post Adjutant, as far as the paperwork portion of the job. Past Adjutant Roger will be acting Adjutant at the meetings as far as taking the minutes, and keeping me on the straight and narrow. Dr. Mike has already started to learn the basics of the position and will be prepared for the on the job training when Steve returns.

I have lined up an interesting and informative group of speakers for our upcoming meetings. I hope that many of our members will come and learn and ask questions.

Our Legion year ends on 30 June 2023. Dues for 2024 can be paid online beginning after midnight on 1 July 2023. Checks can be mailed to our Post Office Box, and of course, dues may be paid at our meetings by cash, check or credit card. If you receive a new membership card, please do not try to pay again. We have had an unusually high number of members who have sent us duplicate payments, and it is a lot of extra work for the Adjutant and Commander to contact them.

If you choose to send in a check for your dues, please update your contact information on the back of the renewal notice.

We will have Post 76 ball caps and tee shirts for sale at the meetings. And don't forget the 50/50 raffle at the end of each meeting along with refreshments provided by our host, Humana.

Joel M. Forman, Post 76 Commander

ZOOM MEETING UPDATE

- American Legion NV Post 76 is inviting you to a scheduled ZOOM meeting. The Zoom will be active before the formal meeting begins. The General Meeting begins at 1330 (1:30 PM) sharp, but we open the **ZOOM** to give everyone interested a chance to make sure they are online.

Topic: American Legion NV Post 76's Zoom Meeting
Time: 12:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSlBWUXBQc1loQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1926 3216
Passcode: 695407

POST 76 WEBSITE UPDATE

Our NEW Website is updated often. It is located at:

<https://www.nvpost76.com>



Scan this QR Code to access the ZOOM meeting with a camera equipped smartphone
QR codes give you quick access to websites without having to type or remember a web address. You can use the Camera app to scan a QR code.
How to scan a QR code with the Camera app

1. Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Center, or Lock Screen.
2. Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device recognizes the QR code and shows a notification.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



Which ONE ARE YOU?



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ADDITIONAL SELECTED POST 76 MEMBER ACTIVITIES



Well partners, it was time for the Three, minus One, Amigos to saddle up and head on out to the range, shooting range that is, to hone their fancy trick shots for the upcoming “José Doroteo Arango Arámbula (aka Pancho Villa) Festival.”

More commonly known as the Three Legionnaires Frank Timbers (Calvera), Pete Cervantes (Tuco), and Steve Bickford (Gant) they went out the Desert Sportsman Rifle & Pistol Club on June 8th. Unfortunately Tuco had to back out at the last minute.

In order to keep up with the times the Two remaining Amigos traded in their Vaquero pistols for some more suitable modern versions.



The weather, while warm, was still better than the rain from the last time they went shooting.

Both Calvera and Gant brought their Bond Arms Senioritas. One in 9mm and the other in .380 ACP. Towards the end of the shooting session, a special guest appearance by a .40 S&W took center stage and capped off a most enjoyable event.

SCOUT CAMP

Post 76 Legionnaire Steve Bickford is a member of the [BSA Las Vegas Area Council's Shooting Sports Committee](#). The committee is involved with staffing many of the LVAC's shooting sports events. At the Cub Scout level, he along with others, help staff and run Day Camps that feature BB-Guns, Archery, and Wrist Rocket Sling Shots. Now that school is winding down Day Camps (typically two or three day events) are popping up throughout the month of June. Steve will be involved with two Day Camps and if you look closely you will probably find him on the BB-Gun or Sling Shot range yelling out “Bingo!”



Also, Steve works with Scouting BSA and Venture BSA scouts, looking to earn merit badges. Classes are every third Saturday of the month at the Clark County Shooting Complex where he assists in Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Muzzle Loading classes. You can find him serving as a Gopher, Co-Instructor, or one of the Range Safety Officers. These classes are run by the Silver State Shooting Sports Association, of which Steve is a member in good standing. Steve is a Rifle Merit Badge Counselor, NRA Certified Rifle Instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, and is currently working in becoming a NRA Certified Pistol Instructor.

AT THE RANGE DURING AN APRIL BSA DAY CAMP EVENT.



Fourteen Cub Scouts showed up for Day Camp on May 31st and June 1st. It was Archery on Wednesday and on Thursday they came back to the range for BB-Gun and Wrist Rocket Sling Shot.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 76 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The 21st Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Monday 29 May, 2023, solemnly and promptly at 9:30 AM at the Lake Sahara South Park [see map]

The American Legion NV Post 76, and Councilwoman Victoria Seaman, Ward 2, The City of Las Vegas, were pleased with the number of persons who joined us to celebrate the 21st Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at The Lakes. This Memorial Day Ceremony was dedicated to the people who served our country in the armed forces in all six of our military branches and lost their lives defending our freedom.

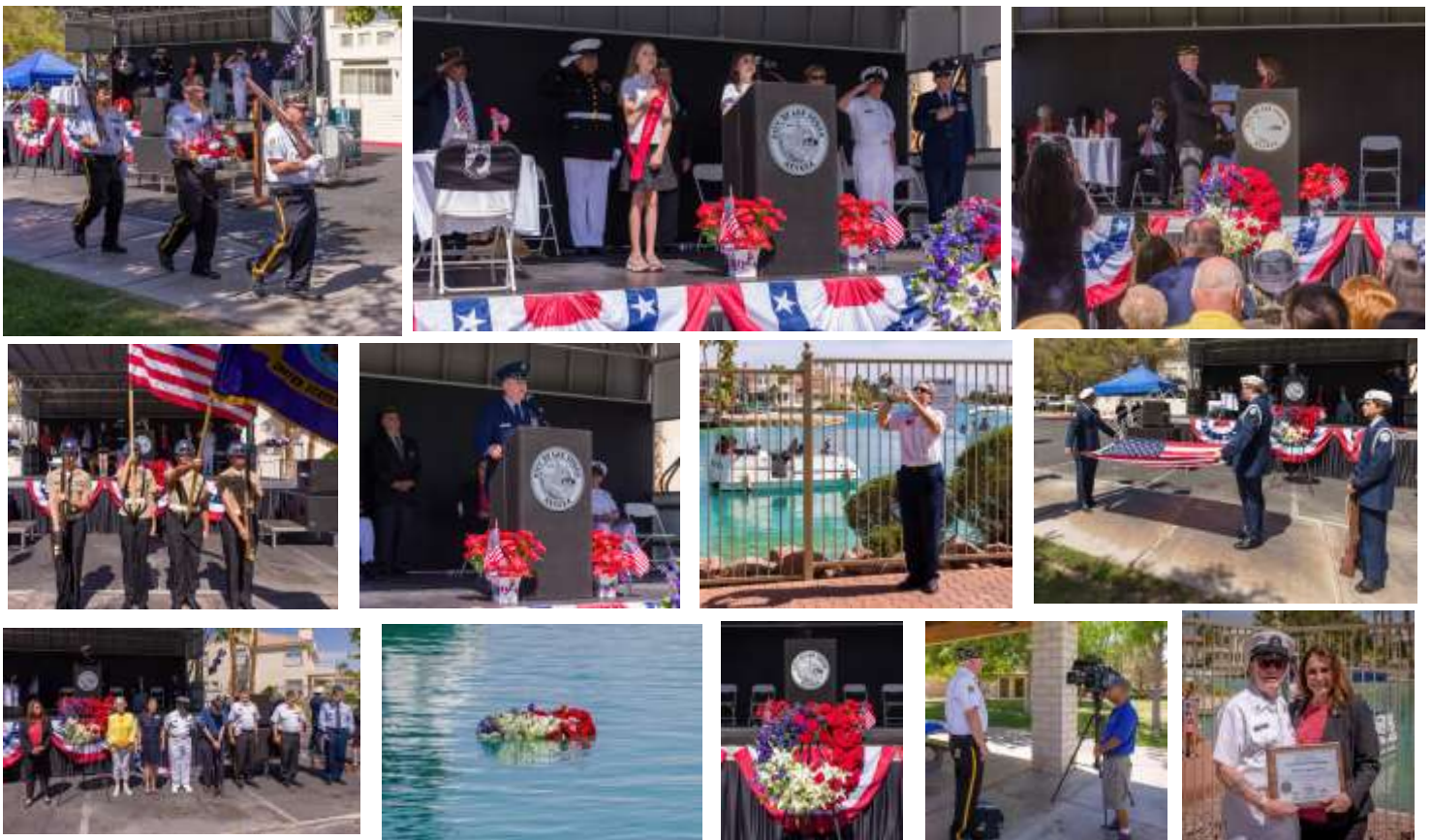
This ceremony has been made possible by the hard work of Christie Garnes (on behalf of Victoria Seaman Ward 2 – City of Las Vegas), American Legion NV Post 76, American Legion NV Post 14, Jimmy Leichter, JLC Lake Management, and . It would not have been able to come to fruition for the past 21 years without the consistent dedication of our Past Department of Nevada Commander and Post 76 Director, Jack Ford, USN [ret.].

Our Distinguished Guest Speakers this year included Susie Lee, U.S. Congress Representative — NV District 3 as well as our major sponsor—Victoria Seaman, City of Las Vegas —Ward 2 Councilwoman

The Keynote speaker talked about his “Reflection on Memorial Day”. Brigadier General Troy Havener, Assistant Adjutant General Nevada Air National Guard provided a heartfelt account of his personal loss of a comrade. It was observed that there were not too many dry eyes in the crowd during his account.

The Commander counted, from his most excellent advantage point of the riser of the stage, 273+ attended. That did not count the many runners, walkers, and dog and cat walkers that stopped to watch part of the ceremony. The attendance this year was amazing!

The Commander and Communications Officer can not count the number of people who came over to thank us for having this ceremony and how well it was put together. However, there is always room for suggestions to make it even better in the future. We are always open for ideas. We made a couple of changes/additions to the initial program, and they seemed to have worked well. Yes, there were some "glitches", as we are human and not perfect even though we strive to be.



RULES FOR SALUTING THE FLAG

What is the proper thing to do when the flag is passing in a parade or during the playing of the national anthem. Should you stand or salute? Are women required to remove their hats? Can you salute if you're not in uniform?



Conduct During the Passing of Colors

Here is the wording of 4 U.S. Code § 9 "Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag"

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Conduct During the National Anthem

Here is the wording of 36 U.S. Code § 301 "National anthem"

- (a) Designation.—The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.
- (b) Conduct During Playing.—During a rendition of the national anthem—
 - (1) when the flag is displayed—
 - (A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;
 - (B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and
 - (C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and
 - (2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Nellis Air Force Base is moving up its Aviation Nation show from its traditional November dates to April. The free air show is **now scheduled for 6 and 7 April 2025**.

ARE YOU RECEIVING EMAIL FROM POST 76?

A recent change in how mass emails are handled by most receiving email service providers has impacted how mail sent by us is delivered to you. As a result, we needed to change our free email delivery service.

We do not have valid email addresses for many of our members. It could be transcription typos because the area on the application is so small to handwrite the address, or you have chosen not to provide us with one on your renewals. We only have email addresses from about 500 of our over 1000 members on our roster. Whereas we only had a few that were rejected in 2022, this year, we have had 75 that "bounced", either because the address was invalid or the mailbox was full.

In the next few months, our Chaplain will be making "buddy check" calls, the purpose of which is just to check on your well being, **not to solicit anything else**. If he could check to see if you have a valid email address, that would help us immensely keep in touch with you. Otherwise, if you did not receive any email recently from us, send us an email to **NVPost76@gmail.com**. We promise that the number of emails per month will be three or less, not spam or sales but information on meetings, important veteran information, or special events.

In Honor of Those Who Served...

Our brothers' names shall be the evidence they were America's best.

Many did not come home to be laid to rest.

They did their duty in a distant land, a place forever remembered as just "Nam".

We also served like many others, young warriors, a band of brothers.

We have since aged and have hair now stained with grey.

Like many others of yesterday, the war ghosts would not stay away.

Mounted in a wooden chest, many have hearts of purple and other medals to remind us we did our very best.

Some of us have a family, a wife, a son, and a daughter or two.

We have taught them courage, strength and about happiness too.

We have fought a personal battle here at home, one that we had to fight at times all alone.



We will never forget the names etched upon the wall of stone.

They will be missed and forever loved.

For they still serve high above, forever guarding Heaven's scenes with other fellow Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines.

Written by:

Dr. Michael J. Romero

(SSgt. – USMC Veteran)

SCOUTING UPDATE

Our Scouts attended SEABASE in the Bahamas in early June. Three leaders took nine scouts ages Thirteen to sixteen to the Bahamas and were on a working vessel for a week.

Everyone cleaned up on the ocean floor, snorkeled every day, saw the last working manual lighthouse in the world, spent time at a memorial dedicated to the loss experienced due to Hurricane Dorian, and slept on the deck of the boat.

The weather was great with some intermittent thunderstorms waking everyone up in the middle of the night.



COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard has been very active this quarter either as Color Guard and/or manning an Information table. Just as examples, they have been at Veterans and Families BBQ and get together, Kline Foundation Car Show, and Patriotic Parade, Veterans Festival honoring

Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans, Hearts of Gold Gala for Veterans LYFE Services, and most importantly, providing a color guard and aiding in pinning ceremonies for the NDVS VIC Program, which has a mission to reach out to all skilled care facilities, residential care/assisted living facilities, and outreach to over 400 providers in the state. They provided a Veterans Resource and Information table for NDVS at the Aliante Library





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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

GENERAL MEETING — 16 July 2023, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

GENERAL MEETING — 20 August 2023, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

GENERAL MEETING — 17 September 2023, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

Upcoming E Board Meetings this quarter are expected to be at the Trails Center. The meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1630 (4:30 PM)

FOR MORE EVENTS USE THIS LINK TO WEBPAGE CALENDAR —> <https://www.nvpost76.com/events>



If interested in **breakfast or just coffee with Post 76 legionnaires**, we usually meet every Wednesday at the **Harvest Cafe** at 0930 hrs. If interested, contact Director Forman to be added to his email list. It has gotten very popular; he needs to know who may be coming to let the Café know how many tables and chairs we may need to stay together.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED FOR 2023, THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from 1 January to 31 December

IF You have not yet paid 2023 dues, as of 1 January 2023, you are now expired. By paying your dues, you help our Post have the resources to support programs that benefit both veterans and families in our area.

Our Fiscal Year is July—June of each year. If you have not renewed, You MAY continue to receive notices to “please renew for Fiscal Year 2023”. If you have already renewed and receive a notice, ignore it.