



## JUNE 2025, Issue 12

# NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS

### Happy June Holidays and Observances

- **D-Day:** June 6
- **National Flag Week** is observed from June 8 to June 14
- **Flag Day:** June 14
- **Army Birthday:** June 14
- **Juneteenth National Independence Day:** June 19
- **Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday:** June 23
- **National PTSD Awareness Day:** June 27
- **American Legion Family Department of Nevada Convention:** June 27 - 29



D-Day



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA**

**2025-2026**

**LETTERS OF INTENT**

**ARE TO BE SENT INTO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTED POSITIONS**

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

**DEPARTMENT 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

**DEPARTMENT 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

**DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARM**

**ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON (2025-  
2027)**



## Department Auxiliary President

Greetings Members,

First, I need to apologize for the miscommunication in my article last month, it said there was no July or September newsletters in the first paragraph due to Conventions & in the next paragraph it said there was no June or September newsletter. So, this will be a shorter newsletter due to lack of submissions. There are no July or September newsletters every year.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, I attended Department Leadership National Conference (DLNC) in Indianapolis, with ALA Department Secretary Daela Gibson. It was packed full of great training and information. Daela & I are working together to bring training to our Units. Details are being worked out.

May 8<sup>th</sup>, I attended Post 8's Quilts of Valor. At that time, all persons were not in attendance and the last 3 were awarded on Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Commander Robert Morris, Alta Odom, Ward Hall, Rodney Mahabir. Congratulations to Rob Bitterman, Walter Manecke and Tx Vogler.

May 24<sup>th</sup>, I did Flag Placement at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Approximately 39,000 Flags were placed in about 45 minutes. Thank you to all who were there to help. After Flag placement, I attended Palm Mortuary/Post 40's Fallen Hero's Ceremony and Veterans Fair. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year for this event. It is a definite must attend event after Flag Placement. Thank you to Palm Mortuary Director Phil Webb for another outstanding ceremony. This was also simulcast to Boulder City Veterans Home.

May 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended Palm Mortuary/Post 8's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service and placed the Auxiliary Wreath. This is another must attend Service. Guest speakers were: Mayor Shelley Berkley, US Congressman Steven Horsford and Congresswoman Dina Titus. Thank you to our other guest speakers and thank you also to Palm Mortuary General Sales Manager John Crocker and Post 8 Commander Robert Morris for another beautiful ceremony.

I then attended the Post 8 lunch. Thank you to all who helped. I then attended the Post 40 dinner and thank you to all that helped there as well.



If you know of a girl that should attend Girls State, and not sure how to proceed, please reach out to me. Remember, you can register/pay for your girls or they may register/pay themselves at: [nevadagirlsstate.net](http://nevadagirlsstate.net)

If you have inquires you can direct an email to: [NevadaGirlsState@gmail.com](mailto:NevadaGirlsState@gmail.com)

ALA Department Election time is close at hand. If you are interested in running, please submit your letter of intent to the Department no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> at: [NevadaAuxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:NevadaAuxiliary@gmail.com) Attn: Daela Gibson

If you have upcoming events, please email me your flyers! I now have compiled an email that reaches every Post in Nevada. As always, the Newsletter needs your articles and pictures!

**No articles are due in June.**

For God and Country,

Charmaine Meana  
ALA Department President  
AL Webmaster/Newsletter  
[charnvaux@gmail.com](mailto:charnvaux@gmail.com)

***"American Legion Family - Be the Team!"***



### **Post 8 – Quilts of Valor**

Alta Odom, Rodney Mahabir, Ward Hall, Robert Morris, Rob Bitterman, Tx Vogler and Walter Mane



**Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery**





60<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service - Palm Mortuary / Post 8





Greetings Legionnaires,

The American Legion Grassroots Action Center is live with current legislation:

Scan the QR code, or go to:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.



Currently, there are four active campaigns:

- H.R. 1004 & S. 410 - Love Lives On Act of 2025.
  - Senators Cortez-Masto, & Rosen, along with Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.
- **H.R. 1423 & S. 649 - GI Bill Parity Act of 2025.**
  - **No Nevada Legislator has co-sponsored.**
- H.R. 2102 & S. 1032 - Major Richard Star Act of 2025.
  - Senators Cortez-Masto, & Rosen, along with Representatives Horsford, Lee, & Titus are co-sponsors.
- H.R. 3151 & S. 1536 - SHIPS for America Act of 2025.
  - No Nevada Legislator has co-sponsored.

Please go to the Grassroots Action center to generate an email to your legislators and encourage them to co-sponsor these bills.

On May 19, the following bills passed in the House via voice vote, and have moved on to the Senate:

- H.R. 217 - CHIP IN for Veterans Act of 2025.
- H.R. 1147 - Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act of 2025.
- H.R. 1286 - The Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act.
- H.R. 1364 - The Automotive Support Services to Improve Safe Transportation Act of 2025.
- H.R. 1587 - Veterans Claims Education Act of 2025.
- H.R. 1815 - The VA Home Loan Program Reform Act.
- H.R. 1823 - VA Budget Shortfall Accountability Act.
- H.R. 2201 - The Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act.

Please contact Senators Cortez Masto & Rosen and urge them to co-sponsor these bills.

<https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/contact/>, <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/email-jacky/>

At the state level, we are following:

- A.B. - 145 – This bill revises provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 37-77)
  - Senators Michele Cruz-Crawford, & Roberta Lange, along with Assemblymembers Ken Gray, & Reuben D'Silva are sponsors.

A.B. 145 has not received a vote. The bi-annual legislative session ends on June 2, 2025.

Please contact your Nevada Assemblyperson and ask them to vote for this bill.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025/Bill/12071/Overview>

Always in Service,

Manny Garcia

Nevada Delegation Legislative Committee Chairman

National Legislative Council



## Chaplain's Corner

## ANOTHER FORGOTTEN HOLIDAY

Welcome to June! June brings us Flag Day, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. It is a day to proudly display the flag – although most members of the American Legion Auxiliary think any day is a proud day to display the American flag.

Does your Unit or Post have a commemoration ceremony for Flag Day? Many do not. At some Posts, this is the day set aside for the proper disposal of unserviceable American flags – those that are faded, ripped, or torn. They are placed in a burn barrel, and burned in a respectful way. Some Units and Posts remember the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for the first American flag with patriotic songs, readings, and maybe a picnic.

Why is this holiday so rarely observed? It is not a Federal Holiday; government buildings don't close for Flag Day. Even stores rarely run "Flag Day" sales, as they seem to do with every other holiday – whether appropriate or not.

Out here in the Western United States, one reason Flag Day is not generally observed is because the school year is already finished. On the East Coast, where public school generally starts right after Labor Day in September and finishes the third week of June, Flag Day is the last assembly of the year. Schoolchildren gather around the main school flag pole, salute the flag, sing flag songs (does anyone know "There are Many Flags in Many Lands" song besides me?), discuss the Betsy Ross "story" of the first flag, and make their own paper American flags in class. Older children may learn about flag etiquette, something the American Legion Auxiliary teaches in many schools. But here in Nevada, school is over, and so is the opportunity to teach schoolchildren about this Holiday.

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, let's not forget Flag Day 2025.

Laurie Diefenbach is the elected Chaplain of the ALA Department of Nevada.  
National Legislative Council



**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 10 & ALA UNIT 10**



# BBQ FUNDRAISER

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**FLAG DAY**



**JUNE  
TEENTH**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 2025 • 10:00 AM UNTIL**



<p><b>3 MEAT COMBO</b> RIBS, CHICKEN &amp; HOT LINKS</p> <p><b>2 MEAT COMBO</b> WITH 2 SIDES &amp; BREAD</p> <p><b>1 MEAT WITH</b> 2 SIDES &amp; BREAD</p>	<p><b>\$23.00</b></p> <p><b>\$20.00</b></p> <p><b>\$15.00</b></p>
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GREEN BEANS, POTATO SALAD AND BAKED BEANS

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE FOLLOWING:**  
**POST 10 CLEVELAND THOMAS FOUNDATION**  
**ALA UNIT 10 VETERANS PROGRAM**

**PRE SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BARTENDERS**



Hello members,

As the month of May concludes, all of the local Las Vegas Posts and Units in one way or another participated in Memorial Day week events. It is heartwarming to see how many of our Legion members, SAL's, AL Riders of all Legion posts, and the Auxiliary members came together to support different places, such as the Boulder City Veterans cemetery, Palm Mortuary remembrance ceremonies, Flags Across the Dam, placed flags at cemeteries and other countless events. Whether you were in a flag line, reciting the poem of Flanders field, standing tall for the Pledge of Allegiance, sitting at a poppy table or handing out hotdogs and hamburgers. It was lovely to visit all of the Posts and have other Post members visit us through these events. We all had one thing in common, we are the American Legion family.

We are doing our mission of supporting those who gave up their lives for our freedoms.

May is also the month that concludes our Post and Unit board positions as well as vote and elect new boards. For the Auxiliary, it is also the time we turn in our reports on what programs our unit worked on and the number of hours that we volunteered. Since this was my first year doing this, when I started compiling all the information, I was truly impressed by Unit 40. We have a small active population of volunteers. Small but mighty! It impressed me how all these ladies do all these things throughout the months and still whenever asked to help at an event jump up and say, "Yes". I'm filled with gratitude to work alongside of them because they make our unit thrive. I am looking forward to another year of being in the presence of these ladies.

Victoria Hetey

Unit 40 Auxiliary President









# Humana

*Presents*

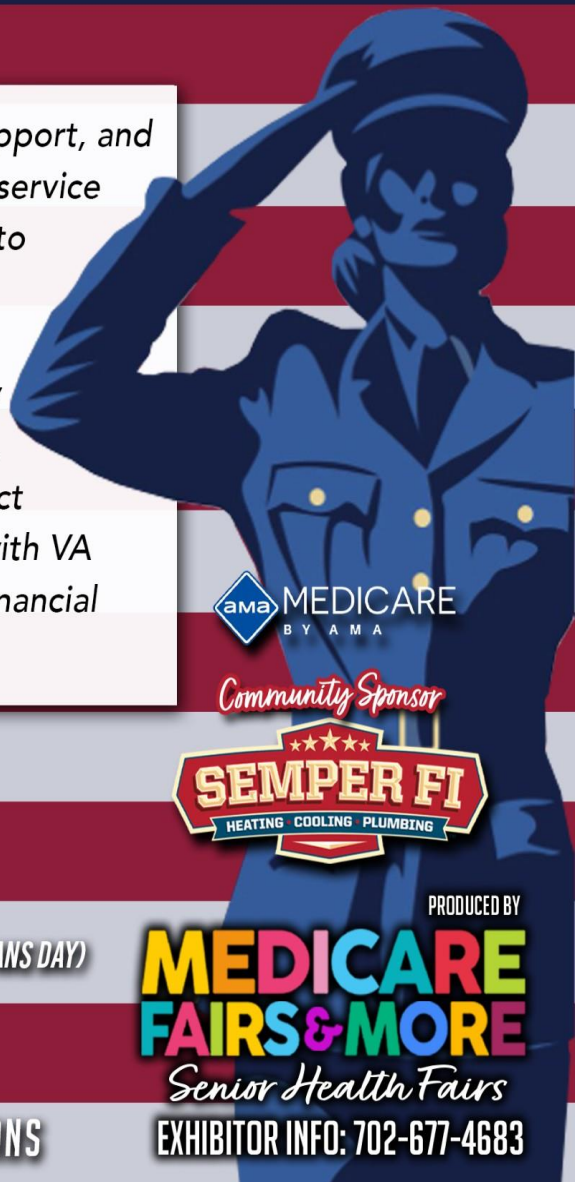
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PRESSURE SCREENINGS  
AT VETERANS EXPOS

# VETERANS EXPO LAS VEGAS 2025

HONORING THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED

Join us at the Veterans Expo 2025 as we honor, support, and empower those who have served our nation. Your service deserves recognition— don't miss this opportunity to access the benefits and support you've earned!

This **FREE** event supports U.S. military veterans by providing direct access to vital resources, benefits, and services tailored to your unique needs. Connect with a wide range of vendors offering assistance with VA benefits, healthcare, employment opportunities, financial planning, education programs, and more!



 **JULY 3RD – THE CANNERY CASINO**

 **NOV 11TH – M RESORT CASINO** (VETERANS DAY)

 **EVENT TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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### Lodging and Event Information

The 104th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nevada, and the 106th Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Nevada will take place in Fallon on **June 27-29, 2025**. The convention is being hosted by *Fred W. Anderson Unit and Post 16*. The convention will be held at the Fallon Convention Center, located at 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

Lodging is recommended at the Holiday Inn Express, 55 Commercial Way, in Fallon.

Reservation phone: 775-428-2588; group code is **APL**. Please book as soon as possible.

Deadline to register is **May 27th**.

There are two events happening on **Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** (no Auxiliary meetings will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>):

- *American Legion Family Private Whiskey Tasting* at Frey Ranch, located at 1045 Dodge Ln., in Fallon) from 1:00pm-3:00pm.
- *Meet and Greet cocktails and dinner* at Post 16, located at 90 N Ada St., in Fallon, starting at 5:00pm. The cost of the dinner, the Auxiliary Pasta Bar, is **\$12.00 per person** (paid on site) and will be in the Post Hall from 6:00pm-9:00pm

On **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, the American Legion Family Banquet will be at the Fallon Convention Center. There will be no-host cocktails from 6:00pm-7:00pm by Post 16. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. The price will be buffet style and will cost **\$40.00** per person. Registrations and fees for the banquet **MUST** be submitted prior to **June 16, 2025**.

On **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**, breakfast is available at the Fallon Convention Center for **\$20.00** per person at 8:00am. Support local members and have breakfast together!

To order tickets to the banquet and/or breakfast, please fill out the Registration Form on the next page, and send the form, with fees, to American Legion Post 16 at the address on the bottom of the dinner order form.

***No dinner or breakfast tickets will be sold at the events!***

**Event registrations and meal orders are separate from the forms sent to Department for the convention.**

For more information on ordering advertisements for the convention, please see the Ad form included in this packet.



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA  
2025 Annual Department Convention

The 106th Annual Department of Nevada Convention is being hosted by Fred W. Anderson Post 16 in Fallon, NV on June 27-29, 2025. The convention will be held at multiple locations in Fallon.

There will be 2 events to attend on Friday June 27th. American Legion Family Private Whiskey Tasting at Frey Ranch (1045 Dodge Lane Fallon, NV) from 1pm-3pm, and meet and greet cocktails and dinner at Post 16 starting at 5pm. Auxiliary Pasta Bar \$12/per person in the Hall from 6pm-9pm. You will also be able to pick up your pre-convention packets and swag bags at this time.

American Legion Family meetings will all be at the Fallon Convention Center (agenda coming out on separate correspondence). Legion Riders will have lunch for purchase on site off the grill.

The American Legion Family Dinner will be on Saturday, June 28th at the Fallon Convention Center. There will be no-host cocktails served from 6:00pm to 7:00pm by Post 16. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. Dinner will be Buffet Style \$40/per person.

Commander's Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 29th at 8:00am, \$20/per person.

Lodging has been secured at the Holiday Inn Express 55 Commercial Way Fallon, NV for Friday and Saturday. For reservations, please call 775-428-2588. Be sure to give them the following Group Code **APL** to ensure the American Legion discounted rate. Rooms not reserved by May 27th will be released.

American Legion Fred W. Anderson Post 16 is looking forward to providing you with a great convention.

Sincerely,

Jonathan "Jack" Lazenby  
The American Legion

Kelsey Hurlburt  
AL Auxiliary

Steve O'Byrne  
Sons of the AL

Tim Carnes  
Legion Riders







Fred W. Anderson Post 16  
Commander  
106th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA CONVENTION

Unit 16  
President  
Squadron 16  
Commander

Chapter 16  
Director

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post / Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, June 27th

Legion Family Frey Ranch Tasting/Tour # Attending (Free) \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Auxiliary Pasta Bar (\$12/person pay on site) # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 28th

TAL or SAL or Auxiliary General Membership Meeting/Elections (free) # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Family Dinner \$40/per person

6:00pm Cocktails – 7:00 Dinner (Buffet) # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 29th

Past Commander Breakfast at 8:00am \$20/per person # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday and Sunday TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SEND REGISTRATION AND FEES TO:

American Legion Post 16  
Attn: Convention Committee  
90 N. Ada St  
Fallon, NV 89406

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 16TH





THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA  
2025 Annual Department Convention  
Brochure Ad Request Information

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Quarter Page: \$35

Business Card: \$25

Those Who Served: \$5 per name

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attn: Convention Committee  
90 N. Ada St  
Fallon, NV 89406

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