



# The Post Journal

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

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## ANNUAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

Post 76 will be holding its annual elections during our regularly scheduled general meeting on 16 April 2023 at the Humana Community Center. Complete position descriptions can be requested from the Adjutant. The nominating committee is still looking for additional qualified candidates to consider for all of the following elected positions:

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

**1st VICE COMMANDER** - 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** - 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** - will be responsible for overseeing the set-up and tear-down as well as maintaining order at all meetings.

**DIRECTOR** - 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. All three the directors are up for election this year.

If you are interested in any of these positions, you must contact the Director Forman (702) 360-5833 or [akan00001@gmail.com](mailto:akan00001@gmail.com) or e-mail [NVPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NVPost76@gmail.com) We are **also looking** for individuals who would be appointed by the Commander to fill the following positions:

**Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian and Chaplain.**

There are openings for Legionnaires willing to volunteer to chair or serve on the following committees: **Membership, Americanism, Children & Youth (which includes Boys State Representative), Finance, Public Relations, Service, and Ways & Means**

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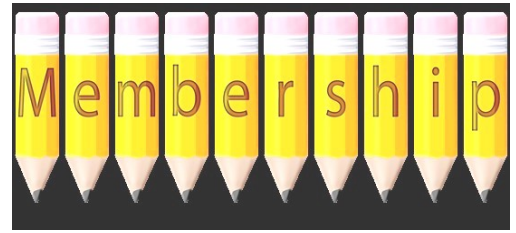
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## ***ADJUTANT'S CORNER***

### **It not too late to pay your 2023 membership dues!**

A number of Post 76 members have expired membership, not having paid 2023 membership dues before 1 January 2023.. But it's not too late—HQ has offered a grace period. To keep your Continuous Years streak intact, you can renew now and suffer no penalty—still \$40 for 2023. Pay online or mail your payment to the address below. If you have questions on your membership status, contact the Post 76 Adjutant at email: [stevedaugh@aol.com](mailto:stevedaugh@aol.com), or phone: (253) 691-0617.



**Post 76** is in a friendly competition with all other Nevada Posts to see who has the highest percentage of member renewals for the 2023 dues. Post 76 is now at 82.4% of our goal, and, even though we are late in the dues year, we still aspire to be among the American Legion Posts in Nevada that reach 100%. We encourage each and every member to renew your membership while it's fresh in your minds, so there'll be no chance of having an expired membership. We thank all those members who have renewed already.

**Beware of multiple dues invoices** from American Legion National or Department of Nevada (Post 100). All Post 76 Legionnaires who have renewed their membership, as well as Transfers from other Posts, receive a Welcome Letter from the Post 76 Commander with their 2023 Member ID Card. This is your receipt for payment of dues, and you know you can ignore any subsequent dues invoices.

**Come to a General meeting** to learn about all the activities in which your Post is involved. You'll get pumped up on all the detail about upcoming veteran-related events around the Las Vegas Valley, find answers to many of your questions on veterans' benefits, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow veterans. Our continuing Guest Speaker Program features a different presentation from representatives of veteran-related organization around the Las Vegas Valley that offer a broad range of assistance for our veterans. Come to a meeting and discover what you may be missing.

## ***PAST COMMANDERS REPORT***

*Adjutant Stephen Daugherty — Phone: (253) 691-0617 email: [stevedaugh@aol.com](mailto:stevedaugh@aol.com)*

The next several months are going to be very busy for our post. Nominations for your officers will be accepted at our upcoming general meeting this month. Voting and installation will occur at our April General meeting. You are an integral member of our post and very important as to what your post can do. That is why it is so important to be a "CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING", which means dues for membership in The American Legion must be up to date. Take a moment to look at your current membership card and see if it indicates "2023". If it does not, you may not be allowed to vote or hold any office in the post.

It is simple to renew on line at [Legion.org](http://Legion.org) and click on renew. Or you can send a check to:

The American Legion  
Spirit of Freedom Post 76  
Post Office Box 34012  
Las Vegas, NV 89133

And your new membership card will be mailed out within a few days. We are becoming more and more active in the community with everything resuming since the shutdown and we cannot fulfill our responsibility to our veterans and the community without your continued membership and support. Thank you.

*Joel M. Forman, Director and Past Post Commander*

## ***POST FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT***

At the end of June, our Fiscal Year 2022 ends. All bills and charities have been paid. We expect to be starting off our Fiscal Year 2023 in a good financial position, although inflation is expected to continue to make controlling our finances all the more important. Our draft budget is complete and ready for a vote at the upcoming meeting. Thank you all for your generosity and support you have given our Post.

Thank you all for your time and if anyone has any questions for me about the Post Finances, please contact me and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

Please know that any member in good standing may view the financial records of our Post if they so desire.

*Louis Gross – NV Post 76 Finance Officer*

## ***ADDITIONAL SELECTED POST 76 COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES***

On Wednesday, 9 November 2022, at the Sky View YMCA 3050 E. Centennial Pkwy 6741 N Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89131 our legionnaires presented the colors at the Veterans Recognition Ceremony & Quilts of Valor Presentations. This was our second year invited there to present The Colors and help with the ceremony. Also Larry Eisenberg and Stephen Daugherty were presented with "Quilts of Valor".

***On Friday, 11 November 2022, VETERANS DAY***, our legionnaires attended or performed at **three** events.



The first was at Bishop Gorman High School, 5959 S Hualapai Way, Las Vegas, NV 89148 for the Color Guard for Veterans Day Assembly

The second was at the Masonic Center, 2200 W. Mesquite Ave. Las Vegas 89106 for the Color Guard for Legionnaire Pearl Harbor Survivor Ed Hall's Memorial Service.

And finally at The Summit, Sun City, Nevada, for the Veterans Recognition Ceremony.

On Friday, 18 November 2022 at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home, 100 Veterans Memorial Dr, Boulder City, NV 89005, seven Post 76 Legionnaires participated in two separate events for the Veterans in Care (VIC) program, honoring veteran and/or spouse residents, Nevada Department of Veteran Services. One event was at 0930 and the other at 1530.

On 21 November 2022 the Color Guard preformed at Rhodes Ranch Golf Course, 20 Rhodes Ranch Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89148 for the LVLS 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

On Saturday, 3 December 2022 at the Walmart Spring Mountain & Rainbow five Post 76 Legionnaires participated in a Poppy Drive with American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76 with a Recruitment/ Information table as well. Thanks go to 1st Vice Commander Tim Smith for securing this new opportunity for community involvement for us.



On 12 December 2022 at the V.A. Hospital, 6900 North Pecos Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89086, eight post members presented our donation of socks and gloves for Santa's Soldiers Clothing Drive and our Soc-it-2um drive.

On Saturday, 14 January 2023, at the Dula Gym, 451 East Bonanza Road, Las Vega, NV 89101, sixteen of our Legionnaires provided support to the 2023 Veterans Legislative Summit. We paid for the donuts available at the symposium. Large stickers were provided and affixed to the donut boxes stating that the donuts were provided by American Legion Post 76. Fred Wagar, Director of the Nevada Department of Veteran Services gave us a shout out for doing so.

On Friday 20 January 2023 at the Santa Fe Hotel Casino, eight Post Legionnaires attended an event to support our sponsored Scout Pack and Troops and camaraderie

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City (**Southern Nevada**) **Groundbreaking Ceremony** (BOULDER CITY) fifteen of our Post 76 Legionnaires joined the celebration the expansion of the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



Director Forman, Commander Moody and Adjutant Daugherty

On Friday 24 February 2023 five Post 76 Legionnaire attended the VSO LEADERS MEETING (Commander's Call) where it was announced that Plans are in the works for a return of the Veterans Administration Barbeque and Car Show on 10 November at the V.A. Hospital.



On Sunday 5 March 2023, at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 7000 Las Vegas Blvd, Post Legionnaires hosted an information table at the Tailgate section of the Pennzoil 400 NASCAR Cup Series. Salute to Veterans.

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 76 HEADS INTO THE 2023 NEW YEAR

[first published in the *Veterans Reporter News*, 15 February 2023]

It was an exciting day for the American Legion Post 76 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76 as they had their first meeting of the new 2023 year on 15 January 2023. Members met at the Humana Community Center, 4830 W Craig Rd, Las Vegas. Commander Pranava Moody presided over the Post 76 meeting, while President Cynthia Ferris chaired the ALA meeting.

Webmaster Dennis Christiansen provided all the software tools for members to join the meeting remotely via the Zoom software application, while Historian Gary Parriott enlightened the forum with his pre- and post- meeting big-screen video of historical Post 76 activities.

Post 76 has a Guest Speaker Program, whereby representatives from the Veterans support community around Las Vegas are invited to a monthly meeting to inform Veterans on their services offered. Continuing this unique effort in January, Commander Moody introduced

Antoinette Wiggins, who is the Academic Coordinator and main point of contact at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach, for a new program called Veterans Upward Bound. She emphasized that the program's goal is to help Veterans enroll successfully into a post-secondary institution. She provided the meeting forum details on how this program can be beneficial to all Veterans and invited any prospective students to contact her. She attended the meeting with her Director, Jeff Detrick. They also made a presentation to the ALA separately.

Before closing ceremonies, Commander Moody encouraged all members to step up and help face the challenges and make 2023 a banner year for Post 76.

*Submitted by Stephen Dougherty, Adjutant*



Commander Pranava Moody presides over the American Legion Post 76 meeting, supported by Adjutant Stephen Daugherty.



1st Vice Commander Tim Smith performs the sacred POW-MIA ceremony



Post 76 Member Alanna Simpson shares information on the VA benefits book from the office of Senator Cortez-Masto with ALA members. (L-R, Kira Surcliffe, Vice President; Katrina Eppley, Secretary; Maureen Cronan, Treasurer; Cynthia Ferris, President; Corinne Forman, Sgt-at-Arms)



Antoinette Wiggins and Jeff Detrick make a presentation on University of Nevada Las Vegas' Veterans Upward Bound program. (L-R, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Tim Smith, Commander Pranava Moody, UNLV's Antoinette Wiggins, UNLV's Jeff Detrick, Adjutant Stephen Daugherty)

<— American Legion Post 76 Member revel in the meeting camaraderie.



Join us for our General Meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each Month at the Humana Community Center 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130, 89130

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 76 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Please Attend the 21st Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony — Monday 29 May, 2023

Solemnly and Promptly at 9:30 AM

Held at the Lakes South Park [see map] [between Sahara and Desert Inn North-South and Durango and Ft. Apache East -West]

Please consider attending our Annual Memorial Day ceremony. The media label this day as the official beginning of summer. Some in the media say that it is a day to CELEBRATE and honor ALL the men and women who serve and have served, as well as those who paid the ultimate price. They are incorrect.

MEMORIAL DAY is that special day where we DO NOT CELEBRATE but HONOR and remember with humility and gratitude those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms and our way of life.

Lake Sahara South Park, 8708 Carlitas Joy Ct, Las Vegas, NV,



## 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSIBWUXBQc1loQT09)

[pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSIBWUXBQc1loQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSIBWUXBQc1loQT09)

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.

If you would like to correct our distribution list, email your contact information to:

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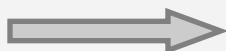
1. Our **NEW WEBSITE**: <https://NVPost76.com>

**FYI our updated events calendar can be found on the website**

2. FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV)

3. TWITTER: [www.twitter.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.twitter.com/ALPost76LV)

4. INSTAGRAM: [www.instagram.com/alpost76lv/](http://www.instagram.com/alpost76lv/)



As the Past Chapter Commander of the Tibor Rubin of the Korean War and Korean Defense Veterans in Las Vegas and currently serving as the National Sergeant of Arms for the leadership of Korean War and Korean Defense Veterans Association, our Post's leadership is offering the opportunity for "Spirit of Freedom" Post 76 members that served in Korea this exclusive award.

## Republic of Korea - Ambassador for Peace Medal

Korean War Veterans who served in the Korean War may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to United States service men and women who served in the Korean War.



The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel the long journey to Korea.

### Criteria:

To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in the United States of America. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.

In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members have to complete the application form. Application form is listed below and can also be obtained contacting one of the Korean Consulates listed on pages 3 – 6 of this correspondence. Veterans need to provide a copy of their DD214 or Discharge papers from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purpose.

Please send your completed application form to the Defense Attaché Office, Embassy of the Republic of Korea or to one of the Republic of Korea Consulates. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Defense Attaché Office at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea or one of the Republic of Korea's consulates located in the United States.

If there are enough recipients to be awarded at one time, there may be a special ceremony within the Post that includes the Korean Community as well as we have one of the largest Asian populations on the west coast that reside in the Las Vegas area.

**Please contact 1st Vice Commander Tim Smith or Director Joel Forman for the application and further information.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE!** Nellis Air Force Base is moving up its Aviation Nation show in 2024 from its traditional November dates to April. The free air show is now scheduled for 6 AND 7 April next year.

**Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)** is a program brand new to UNLV and is intended to help low-income, first generation, and at-risk veterans attain their educational goals. Our mission is to prepare, motivate, and assist military veterans in the development of academic and other skills necessary for acceptance and success in postsecondary education. We provide assistance with HSE/GED Pre-testing, tutoring, college admissions applications, academic advising, career counseling, and more.

**All of our services are FREE to participants.**

Although the program is provided through UNLV, participants may choose to enroll in a school or certificate program outside of Clark County, NV.

**For more information please email [veteransub@unlv.edu](mailto:veteransub@unlv.edu) or call (702)774-4200**

## UNIT 76 LUNCHEON

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76 hosted a light luncheon and fellowship immediately following the 19 March 2023 meeting from 2:30-3:30pm at the Humana Neighborhood Center, 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130.

The Guest speaker was Clark Lehman. He is a licensed agent of Humana, the organization that sponsors our Auxiliary by opening their facilities to us on Sundays when the Community Center is normally closed.

Clark is a specialist in Medicare and committed to partnering with you to find the health benefits plan that best fits your needs. At Humana, we know Medicare—and we work hard to help you understand it, so you can choose with confidence. There is a special program for Veterans who get a majority of their care from the veterans Administration called the Honor Plan. That plan pays you back money from your Medicare payments on Social Security.

A good time was had by Post 76 Legionnaires, their spouses and others who were interested in the topic or joining the Auxiliary or Post

For information on joining the Auxiliary, contact [\*\*Cynthia Ferris at cyntiaferrismusic@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:CynthiaFerris@cyntiaferrismusic@gmail.com)



# American Legion Auxiliary

## NEW AMERICAN LEGION POST 76 COLOR GUARD CEREMONY FOR NVDVS

The Post Color Guard presented the Colors on Wednesday 15 February 2023, at the Red Rock Point Retirement Community, 4445 S. Grand Canyon Dr. Las Vegas 89147 for the Veterans in Care Ceremony with Nevada Department of Veteran Services. In addition, the Color Guard was asked to retire a large, damaged United States Flag from the flagpole in front of the facility and replace it with a brand new flag. This was accomplished with no injuries to anyone. Another service to add to our resume'.



Saluting the flag that needs to be taken down ceremonially and replaced with a new flag.



The new flag being prepared to be hoisted up the flagpole



Webmaster Dennis Christiansen and Adjutant Stephen Daugherty presenting a Veterans pin to a resident.





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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

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

**GENERAL MEETING** — 21 May 2023, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

**GENERAL MEETING** — 18 June 2023, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

*As of this newsletter, 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)*

**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.**



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 will continue to receive notices to please renew for Fiscal Year 2023. If you have already renewed and receive a notice, ignore it.