



# The Post Journal

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

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO POST 76

With the close of 2023 at hand, we can say our Legion year since has been very successful. Our **Auxiliary Unit** has grown and prospered under determined, steady leadership; Our **Sons Squadron** is viable and looking to grow; An **American Legion Riders Chapter** at the Post is a very real possibility; Our **Scout Troops and Pack** are extremely active in the community; and The Post Legion **Amateur Radio Club** remains active.

We are also continuing our relationship with **Nellis Air Force Base** and with **Creech Air Force Base**, which we visit on a regular basis; We are building a relationship with the **Nevada National Guard and Air Guard**; Our **School Awards Program** is seeking to expand from 20 schools to 24; Relations with the **VA Medical Center** remains one of the Post's priorities; Our **Color Guard's participation in the Nevada Department of Veterans Services Veterans in Care** program is an ongoing, purposeful endeavor whereby we visit veterans in assisted care facilities; and We still are working at re-starting our program for incarcerated veterans at **High Desert State Prison**.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to participate in your Post's activities.

In closing, I wish to thank post members Dixon Keller, David McNeill and Humana for providing us a Post Home for all these years and being a wonderful community partner to us.

I am sorry to announce that the facility is closing its doors on 26 January. Member Ian McNary from **CenterWell**, which is a subsidiary of Humana, **offered us the facility directly across the street at 4919 Craig Rd, 89130, two doors down from Harvest Cafe**. The meeting rooms are pretty much identical to Humana, the major difference is that Humana is a community center, and CenterWell is more of a community medical center.

Thank you all for actively supporting our Post, and I wish you and yours a very **HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON**.

*Joel M. Forman, Post 76 Commander*

**In February, our meeting location is changing! Join us for our General Meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each Month starting promptly at 1330 hrs. at the CenterWell facility**



**4919 Craig Rd, 89130.**

**Doors open at 1300 and we have a social period after the meeting.**

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## ADJUTANTS PEN

**Efforts** to reach out to all Post 76 members to renew their membership for 2024 continue in high gear. Post 76 still has several members who have not renewed, and we encourage you to do so as soon as possible — Membership expires 31 December 2023. Post 76 is in competition with all other Department of Nevada Posts for bragging rights to having the highest percentage of membership renewals—help us to silence the nay-sayers and renew today!

**Sticker shock** may be in order when Post 76 Legionnaires begin to receive invoices (1 July 2024) for dues for the 2025 membership year (1 Jan through 31 Dec 2025). Inflation and increased costs of doing business has led to American Legion National HQ announcing recently that the per-capita dues for all American Legion members nationwide will be increased by **\$5.00**, beginning with the 2025 dues year. Your Post 76 has no choice and must follow suit to collect the additional amount from its members, raising the dues to \$45.00. You will see the increased amount of **\$45.00 on 2025 invoices** that are mailed from HQ beginning 1 July 2024.

**HQ** also announced recently that multiyear membership is now available to current or potential members. Legionnaires needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining American Legion for the first time can lock-in a 3-year membership at the current dues rate by visiting [legion.org/renew](http://legion.org/renew) or [legion.org/join](http://legion.org/join). This dues payment method is available only on the HQ website.

**General** meetings have become the highlight of the month for Post 76 members as they are finding the meetings to be full of enjoyable activities and lots of camaraderie. Every month we strive to have a guest speaker who has an area of expertise unique to the world of Veterans' interests, including VA topics. We recently had representatives from Nellis AFB, VA Medical Center, Nevada National Guard, and Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center share their experiences at our meetings. Keep coming to the meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Humana Community Center, 4830 W Craig Rd, Las Vegas.

**The Post 76 Adjutant** is the person to whom you can turn for answers on any questions you may have regarding your membership status, or any other issues, concerns, or suggestions you have with Post 76 operations. He is the person who can get you answers and help make your membership in Post 76 a more rewarding experience. Contact Steve Daugherty, (253) 691-0617 any time 24/7.

## HALLOCREECH WITCHCRAFTS

Your American Legion Post 76 recently participated in the "HalloCreech" Family Day Community Support Information Fair at Creech Air Force Base. The annual Halloween-themed Fair is an effort to get all the military support organization and community agencies under one roof to inform all the active-duty military, civilian employees, and family members associated with Creech on the capabilities to assist them in times of need. Organizations representing capabilities from medical, legal, and family activities to base support facilities were present advertising their roles in supporting the base personnel. Post 76, represented by Legionnaires Joel Forman (Commander), Steve Daugherty (Adjutant), and member Jon Asdourian were present advertising the Legion's Pillars. It was a great day for passing out candy to all the kiddies and interfacing with the many active duty and retired Air Force members, as well as sowing recruiting seeds.



Left to Right: Adjutant Steve Daugherty, and Legionnaire Jon Asdourian

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***American Legion Nevada Post 76: A Legion of Friends, A Family of Veterans, all dedicated to our four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth***

## POST 76 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER FORMING

American Legion Nevada Post 76 is beginning to form an American Legion Riders group (ALR). The point of contact is John Purcell. If you are interested in joining the charter formation of the NV Post 76 American Legion Riders, you should contact him at:

John Purcell

Email: [msfd33@icloud.com](mailto:msfd33@icloud.com)

Phone: (631) 379-4955



### ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

ALR is a program supported by a post or department of The American Legion and upholds the declared principles of The American Legion and conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted department governing body.

The following guidelines are recommended for The ALR program of The American Legion:

- All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion.
- Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law.
- ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.
- All ALR members shall strive to maintain the image of The American Legion, always upholding The American Legion name and emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization.
- All ALR groups shall avoid the perception of being a "motorcycle club" (MC) or biker club."
- The only recognized American Legion Rider logo is that which is copyrighted and sold through The American Legion National Emblem sales.
- All Members will obey the motorcycle laws of their state.

### ZOOM MEETING UPDATE

American Legion NV Post 76 is inviting you to a scheduled ZOOM meeting. The Zoom WILL be UNABLE to be active before the formal meeting begins due to the fact that we will only have 40 minutes of time available to us based on our ZOOM membership status. The General Meeting begins at 1330 (1:30 PM) sharp, and we open the **ZOOM** at that time to give everyone interested a chance to make sure they are online.

Topic: American Legion NV Post 76's Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSlBWUXBQc1loQT09)

[pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSlBWUXBQc1loQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019263216?pwd=WTJqcUZqbDd0Um1DSlBWUXBQc1loQT09)

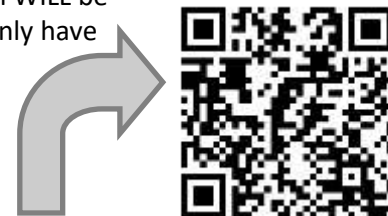
Meeting ID: 850 1926 3216

Passcode: 695407

### POST 76 WEBSITE UPDATE

Our NEW Website is updated often.

It is located at:



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.

**BE  
THE  
ONE**

**Which ONE (s) ARE YOU? Why not Join all for which you are eligible?**





## POST LOGO ORNAMENTS / COASTERS



The **Post logo Christmas Ornaments / coasters** have arrived just in time for the Holiday Season. They are made of freshly cut all natural local wood and sealed. They are approximately four (4) inches wide and have your Post 76 logo laser engraved on them.

We did not order a large quantity, so they will sell out quickly.

The price for **one** is only **\$4.00** and **\$12.00** for a **set of four**.

They may be purchased at our General Meeting or by contacting the Post Commander or Adjutant.

**Membership in the Association of the United States Army** is open to ALL interested Spirit of Freedom American Legion Post 76 members, not **just** Army Veterans. Basic (2-year) Memberships are free and other information can be found at: [AUSA.org](http://AUSA.org) and/or from Legionnaires Joseph "Jay" Sweeney [[jsweeney@ausa6.org](mailto:jsweeney@ausa6.org)] or Tim Smith [[tangoe7@aol.com](mailto:tangoe7@aol.com)].



The Fremont **Chapter** meets monthly 4th Thursday of every month at 5:30pm at the Arroyo Parkway **Army Recruiting Station** (Near the CC-215 S. Rainbow exit).  
7305 Arroyo Crossing Pkwy Suite 105, Las Vegas, NV 89118

The Chapter is very involved within the Valley in all activities to include ALL nine of the High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Programs (JROTC) and at the UNLV Army ROTC program.

## YOUR POST 76 OUT AND ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



At the VA Car Show and BBQ



At the North Las Vegas Block Party



At Galleria Mall — Humana Veterans Expo

Left to Right: Commander Forman, Sergeant at Arms Paine, and Adjutant Daugherty

Left to Right: Adjutant Daugherty and Commander Forman

## TALARC—THE AMERICAN LEGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." There are estimated to be 700,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, or "hams," in the United States. Over the years, countless members of the U.S. military were trained as technicians or engineers, and later obtained amateur-radio licenses to continue to use their abilities at home, as both recreation and a public-service commitment.

A National TALARC monthly net schedule appears posted online at <http://www.legion.org/hamradio>. Consider tuning in to one of the nets this month. We'll be listening for your call." (above information obtained from the American Legion Amateur Radio Club webpage newsletter <https://www.legion.org/hamradio>)

The American Legion Post 76 Ham Radio Club is open to all eligible veterans with a ham radio license or those that wish to obtain a ham radio license.

The Post 76 TALARC connects every **Monday from 1900—1920 hrs. at K7UGE linked repeaters on Frequencies 146.940 MHz (PL 100.0) and 448.500 MHz**. If you are a ham radio operator, consider calling in to the above frequencies on Monday evenings.

For more information on the Post 76 Ham Radio Club, contact Larry at 503-351-0502 or Frank at 702-277-9160

## ***NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTIONS***

The election of officers occurs at the April General Meeting of each year. Post Members interested in being considered as a candidate for an appointed or elected office, should notify the Nomination committee **prior to the March General Meeting** of their desire to be considered by submitting a "Letter of Intent" including proof of eligibility. The proper forms of documentation of eligibility usually are those supplied at their original discharge from active duty in the appropriate services. This is normally a DD 214, or an official equivalent document showing dates of active duty on Federal orders.

This notification of intent can be by email or mail. Send your intent to the nominating committee chairperson **Jack Ford, Director**, at email: **acchief@aol.com**, or by mail: American Legion NV Post 76, P.O. Box 34012, Las Vegas, Nevada 89133-4012

The elected offices include the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Sergeant-At-Arms, three Directors each of which is elected at staggered intervals of one year, and up to seven Commander-appointed officers, to include Adjutant, Finance Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and Service Officer, Communications Officer, plus the Immediate Jr. Past Commander. There are no term limits on any of the elected or appointed officers. Each elected officer shall be reconsidered for office by the Nominating Committee, should they continue to express an interest in continuing in that position.



**Albertson's & Vons —**

Offer to our Veterans & those serving: **10% off** all food groceries on the **15th of each month**. If you are **50 years of age**, they offer **10% off** all food groceries on the **1st Wednesday of each month**. **Start Saving!**



Did you know that Veterans and those serving can receive cheap tickets for all kinds of events?

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational, and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service.

VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

**Check them out and sign up at: <https://www.vettix.org/>**

*Copied from the TALDON Newsletter with permission from Charmaine Meana*

## UNIT 76 NEWS

Unit 76 hosted an **Open House for new members** on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Humana, 12:30-1:30 pm.

On Thursday, October 19, 2023 Unit 76 held a **Dining Fundraiser at Lucille's BBQ. 11011 W. Charleston Blvd. 11am-10 pm.** Thanks to Patricia St. Clair for organizing this.

Unit 76 hosted a Christmas Party with a wonderful evening of festive dining, entertainment, and a raffle for all of us to enjoy. It was held on **Saturday, December 16, 2023.** from 5 to 9 pm at Las Vegas Meadows Senior Living, 2900 So Valley View, 89102.

For the first time that Unit 76 participated in **Operation Warmheart** and sponsored two families.

At the November 19 Meeting - Unit 76 offered a delectable sampling of foods featured in our recipe book. The cookbooks are still available for purchase.

The members of Unit 76 would like to thank Post 76 for their unwavering support of our fundraisers and events this past year. In speaking with other Units around the state, I am reminded that our Post and Auxiliary have a unique relationship – we are the envy of many and truly exemplify the American Legion spirit of service.

We will, once again, be purchasing Day Bus Passes for veterans. Alison McNeill, Chair and coordinator with US Vets.

\*Save the date: Our **Afternoon Tea** will be held on Saturday, April 13. This is our big spring fundraiser. Cynthia Ferris, chair

**REMEMBER — the Auxiliary will continue selling cookbooks into 2024. PICK YOURS UP.**



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## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT THE VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HOSPITAL

Tired of laying around the house with nothing to do and having each day seem like the previous? Would you enjoy helping others and performing a useful service to fellow veterans? The following are just a few of the volunteer opportunities at the VA Southern Nevada Hospital that are available for your consideration:

- Info desk at Hospital and Community Clinics,
- Audiology Volunteer,
- Behavioral Health Assistant,
- Enrollment and Travel Volunteer,
- Geriatrics Assistant,
- Mail Room Assistant,
- Pathology and lab volunteer,
- Shuttle Cart Driver,
- Wheelchair Wrangler,
- Musicians,
- Creative Arts Instructor and Yoga Instructor,
- Fisher House Assistant,
- Garden Volunteer.
- Veterans Family Advisory Committee member.



North Las Vegas VA Medical Center  
6900 North Pecos Road  
North Las Vegas, NV 89086-4400

For more information on these or if you possess any other skills that you feel could benefit your fellow Veterans, male or female please contact Director Jack Ford @ 702-493-2252 or [ACChief@aol.com](mailto:ACChief@aol.com)



## **SCOUTING UPDATE**

There is still time to support our Scouts! The Glittering Lights Fundraiser for our Scout Troops continues into January.

Glittering Lights is Nevada's largest holiday drive-thru light show with millions of twinkling lights. Glittering Lights will put a smile on your face and warm holiday memories in your heart.

Get ready for a night of winter fun with Glittering Lights, a drive-thru holiday lights show at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. This cheery charity event is a highlight of the Christmas season in Las Vegas, creating a 2.5-mile course filled more than 5 million twinkling lights composing a variety of festive vignettes.

You can opt to literally be in the driver's seat and escort your family and friends through the mesmerizing maze of lights, or take it easy and hop on the Santa Tram, where you can sit back and relax as you take in the sights of lights, so many lights!

And don't forget to enjoy some warming hot cocoa and tasty kettle corn, sold by local Boy Scout troops, during your visit.

Profits are shared equally with all volunteering organizations, but daily tips go directly to the troops.

**Our Scouts will still be there on January 4 and 7 from 5:30pm – 9:00pm**



## **Civilian Marksmanship Program Sales Update**

### **Expert Grade M1 Garand Rifles:**

CMP currently has a selection of Expert Grade M1 Garand Rifles available for mail orders. Once they're sold out, we will not accept any more orders. View details on the Expert Grand M1 Garand Rifles at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/>. Ordering information may be viewed at [https://thecmp.org/cmp\\_sales/ordering-information/](https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/).

### **Creedmoor 167 grain, .30-06 Ammunition:**

CMP currently has Creedmoor 167 grain, .30-06 ammunition available for mail order for \$195 per case. Item Number is 4C3006CS167-100. Ordering information may be viewed at [https://thecmp.org/cmp\\_sales/ordering-information/](https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/).

## **LEGIONNAIRES "TWO AMIGOS" [PLUS ONE?]**

Another "Two Amigos" (Esteban Villa - aka Steve Bickford & Pedro Diaz – aka Pete Cervantes) headed out to the range today and took along a hombre (Esteban Zapata – aka Stephen Daugherty) who wanted to hone his shooting skills. Zapata was looking to find an ideal CCW pistol as well as improving his shooting skills with said pistola.

After going over some of the more important safety rules of handling pistols and range rules we got down to business. Initial target results were less than stellar, but after talking about "Trigger Control" and "Front/Rear/Target Sight Alignment" accuracy and grouping greatly improved.

After trying out four different pistols it was obvious that Zapata took a liking to the renown Sig-SAUER P365 .380 ACP pistol.

Zapata (Post 76 Adjutant) was last seen heading West, out into the Sunset saying to himself:

"Always Keep the Pistola Pointed in a Safe Direction."

"Always Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger Until Ready to Shoot."

"Always Keep the Pistola unloaded Until Ready to Use."

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?** If so, contact Steven E. Bickford —> 6408 Vicuna Drive  
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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS—NOTE *CHANGE IN LOCATION IN FEBRUARY:***

**GENERAL MEETING** — 21 January 2024, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

**GENERAL MEETING** — 18 February 2024, 1:30 pm at CenterWell facility 4919 Craig Rd, 89130.

**GENERAL MEETING** — 17 March 2024, 1:30 pm at CenterWell facility 4919 Craig Rd, 89130.

*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.

## **EXPLANATION OF AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

IF as of 1 January 2024 you have not paid, you will be considered expired. If you have not already paid your 2024 dues, by paying your dues now, you help our Post have the resources to support programs that benefit both veterans and families in our area. If your membership card says 2024, you are current.

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 2024”. If you have already renewed and receive a notice, ignore it.