



# The Post Journal

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE



### Greetings NV Post 76 Legionnaires!

I hope you are all well.

With the holiday season upon us, I wanted to share some news from the Post. This year, Post 76 has a Tree display at Opportunity Village. I encourage you all to take the time, and visit. As you all know, Veteran's Day was last month, and Post 76 participated in a number of events which spanned all day long. I would like to thank all of our members that participated in those events. Post 76 is successful because of the involvement of dedicated members like yourselves.

1st Vice Commander Pranava Moody attended and graduated Legion College in Indianapolis. We congratulate 1st VC Moody for representing the Post and the Department in such an exemplary way.

Post leadership has been in contact with Humana Neighborhood Center and we were finally able to meet there in December.

Also, we have begun our Buddy Check calls. Some of you may remember getting a call last year, and we hope to contact you again. I must ask you all a favor. First, check on a comrade. Just a call or a visit to ask how they are doing. It really does make a difference. Second, if you feel you need help in any way, reach out! There are so many dedicated veterans in this post, we can find you the help that you need.

Finally, this will be my final message as Commander of Post 76. It was an honor to serve as Commander for the past 2 years, but I have decided to not run for a 3rd term. I was fortunate to have the most dedicated EBoard in the American Legion to guide and educate me. It was a challenging 2 years, but as a team we continued the work of the post, and assisting veterans. The EBoard has my eternal gratitude.

I wish to say THANK YOU to all the members for your support . I am grateful to all of you, and I wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season and new year.

*Tony Mascari, Commander*

### Wanted: *Alive*

**Dedicated American Legion Members willing to serve the "Spirit of Freedom" Post 76**

as one of its' leaders in the coming years. We need your help and support in continuing our legacy as one of the Departments premier Posts. The Nominations Committee would like to interview individuals who have an interest in becoming a Post Officer or serving on any of our various committees.

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# LETTER FROM NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Date: 23 November, 2021



Fellow Legionnaire,

Thank you for your continued support of veterans, their families and our youth. It is only through a strong membership that our collective voices related to veteran issues are heard at the state and national levels.

Have you renewed your commitment through membership for 2022? If so, thanks again for your continued support. If not, why are you waiting? It has been said many times that “Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion!” This statement is as true today as it was more than 100 years ago when our forefathers met in Paris and the largest and greatest veterans service organization was born.

Here are a few advantages to renewing your membership now:

No more renewal notices will be sent reminding you to renew. The money saved by not sending renewal notices can be used to help a veteran in need and continue to support our great programs.

Your membership is **NOT** cut short by renewing now. Renewing now will ensure your membership is current through the end of December 2022.

Your magazine subscription will not lapse.

You are ensured continued eligibility for the National Emergency Fund, a benefit we pray you will never need, but knowing it is there should you need it can be a huge comfort.

There are several other advantages to renewing now, but I think you get the message. Now here are the disadvantages to renewing now:

## **NONE!**

It is VERY easy to renew. You can send your renewal to your post with a check, money order, or cash, or you can go online at [legion.org](http://legion.org) and click on the “**Renew**” button at the top right side of the page and follow the directions. If you can’t find the renewal notice recently mailed, or you can’t find your membership number, no problem. Just contact your post or department leadership and they can look it up. Or you can mail your renewal without the notice included. All you need to do is send the dues with your full name and membership ID number.

It is simple, easy and EXTREMELY important we get your renewal as soon as possible. Now the rest is up to you. Please help us continue our work so we can ensure there is “No Veteran Left Behind!” Renew now and let’s keep our voices strong and heard in every capital building in this great country in which we live!

For God and Country, *Jay Bowen — Chairman, Membership and Post Activities; The American Legion*

### **According to The American Legion Charter of National Constitution and By-Laws: Arrears in Dues**

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1st of that year, shall be classed as delinquent. If his/her dues are paid on or Before February 1, he/she shall be automatically reinstated. If he/she is still delinquent After February 1, he/she shall be suspended from all privileges. If his/her privileges are Still under suspension on June 30th of such year, his/her membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended, or whose membership has been so forfeited, may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of their Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs. The Post, at its option, may also require a member whose membership has been so forfeited to pay one year's arrearage in dues. The Department and National organizations may waive the provisions hereof, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs.

*Submitted by Joel Forman, Director and PDC*

## ***POST 76 FINALLY MEETS AGAIN IN OUR PERMANENT HOME***

After nearly a 22 month hiatus, Post 76 was finally able to hold our General Membership Meeting at the **Humana Community Center 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130** .

Highlights included our Auxiliary Unit 76 reporting on the activities they did as well as the upcoming events, especially the upcoming fund raiser at **Hash House a Go Go 6800 West Sahara Ave Las Vegas NV 89146**. Watch for our email or on our Facebook page for more information.

Commander Mascari was presented the plaque for winning the ANNUAL JOHN H HILGAR II VETERAN'S DAY MEMORIAL CHARITY PUTTING TOURNAMENT & BIRTHDAY BASH for the 4th consecutive time.



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## ***POST 76 SUPPORTS NELLIS AND CREECH AIR FORCE BASES***



2nd Vice Commander Walter Cheatham and Director Joel Forman, presenting "Adopt a Family" gift cards to Msgt. Harris in the A-10 Hangar at Nellis AFB.



HALLOCREECH Left to right: 1st yr. Director Tom Mahon, Director Joel Forman, Post 76 Member Bobi Oates, Finance Officer Dennis Christiansen, New transfer Larry Hamm, 2nd Vice Commander Walter "Buzz" Cheatham, Post 76 Member Earl Stitt, Adjutant Andy LeDuc

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 76 NEWS

The 1st Annual American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76 Christmas Party, put together by our Chair Corinne Forman, was held on 18 December 2021, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Meadows Senior Living Clubhouse.



## American Legion Auxiliary

The evening a fantastic success with 43 members and guests attending. Food was catered by veteran owned Wild Fig BBQ which was delicious.

There were numerous raffle items to be won.

Judging by the sounds during the raffle drawings and throughout the party, everyone had a great time.

I can't wait to find out where we will be having it next year.

*Linda LeDuc, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76*



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

We are now starting into our Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022. There are no outstanding bills or assessments and our budgeted Post income is on course to achieving most of our goals for this fiscal year. Thank you all for your support.

We have contributed to 16 Charities and Organizations which our Post had budgeted for and we may do more as the year progresses.

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.

*Dennis Christiansen – NV Post 76 Finance Officer*

## ***PLEASE HELP! WE NEED YOUR EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER***

On our **BUDDY CHECKS**, we have found that some of the phone numbers are incorrect in the National Database. Either that or our members do not answer calls from numbers they do not recognize. If you did not receive a **BUDDY CHECK** in the last year, then we would like to confirm your correct telephone number. NV Post 76 officers are dedicated to making calls to our members just to find out how they are doing, and if there is anything the Post can do for them.

The same goes for **EMAIL ADDRESSES**. We get a number bounced back to us as undeliverable or the mailbox is full. To increase communications between our Legionnaires and Post Officers, we'd like to add your email address to our distribution list. We promise that by providing your email to us we will not share this information with any vendor or individual and that the communications you receive from our American Legion Nevada "Spirit of Freedom" Post 76 will be strictly monitored.

We use email to notify you of upcoming meetings, and selected important information that may be of interest to you. We strictly limit the amount of material that we send. We receive email from Department and National almost daily and seldom forward only about once a week on the average.

Thank you for your support of the American Legion and our Posts efforts to educate, advocate, and support the total Veteran Community.

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

**[nvpost76@gmail.com](mailto:nvpost76@gmail.com)**

**Our military deserves to be honored and appreciated. The freedom and liberty we enjoy is much because of the brave men and women of the military who dedicate their lives to protecting the nation.**



# OUR SCOUTS IN THE VETERANS DAY PARADE



SUPPORT SCOUT TROOP 312  
**GLITTERING LIGHTS**  
AT THE LAS VEGAS SPEEDWAY  
CONCESSION PROCEEDS  
DIRECTLY SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS



NOVEMBER: 12, 16, 20, 24, 28  
DECEMBER: 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30  
JANUARY: 3, 7

NOVEMBER HOURS  
SUNDAY - MONDAY: 5:30PM - 9PM  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND HOLIDAYS: 5:30PM - 10PM

DECEMBER/JANUARY HOURS  
SUNDAY - MONDAY: 5:00PM - 9PM  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND HOLIDAYS: 5:00PM - 10PM

The scouts participated in a major way in the Glittering Lights by selling Hot Chocolate to help them earn for their activities



Troop 312 Instagram: [Instagram.com/lvtroop312](https://www.instagram.com/lvtroop312)  
Contact Pranava Moody, 1st Vice Commander, NV Post 76 for more information.  
Mrs. Moody's info can be found on page 1.



The Post has developed a patch to recognize and celebrate our 25th Anniversary of the Spirit of Freedom Post 76.

This patch is now available for a suggested donation of **five (5)** dollars and will be sold at meetings at the back table.

## ***SOCK IT 2UM? AGAIN!***

With the current Covid-19 health crisis ongoing for another year, the homeless and low-income individuals fall into the most vulnerable category. We are doing everything we can to help them now and in the future. To do that, **Director and Past Department Commander Jack Ford** became our ***Sock It 2UM Ambassador*** and facilitated the recent campaign requesting donations and turning those donations into surplus military socks.



Jack sends his “Bravo Zulu” [Well Done in Navy lingo] to those that participated in the 2020 and 2021 campaigns.

The program will continue into next year, as the need for socks does not end. If you are interested in contributing to the current **2021 campaign** or the upcoming **2022 campaign**, please send your donation noting it should be directed to SockIt2Um at the Post address:

**American Legion Post 76**  
**P.O. Box 34012**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada 89133-4012**

For your information, socks are the #1 clothing need of those experiencing homelessness. The Sock It 2UM Campaign aims to put new socks on the feet of men, women and children experiencing homelessness and/or are in need. The motto of the campaign is, “We’re making a social impact one pair of socks at a time!”

Anyone in any location can participate by **becoming a Sock Ambassador**, just sharing information about **The Sock It 2UM Sock Campaign** on social media and through your spheres of influence.

Won't you join this noble cause and help our local Veterans stay warm and dry?

## ***POST 76 PROVIDES SUPPORT TO VA VOLUNTARY SERVICES***

Jack Ford, Director and PDC presents three checks to Robert Johnson of the VA Voluntary Services. They included donations for FISHER HOUSE as well as Indigent Meals and Voluntary Services.

Jack routinely volunteers every week as a Red Jacket Ambassador. Volunteers provide many important functions throughout the Medical Center and help make Veteran patients' stay more enjoyable. Volunteers perform a number of services and their talents are closely matched with one of the VA many assignments.



## ***CHANGES TO TRICARE PHARMACY NETWORK***

After three years, Walmart is leaving TRICARE's pharmacy network - a departure that pharmacy benefit manager Express Scripts Inc. says is a result of the retail giant's reluctance to offer "more highly competitive discounts" to military health beneficiaries. At the same time, CVS Pharmacy will return to the TRICARE network after a five-year pause. Also, effective Dec. 15, 2021, Sam's Club will no longer be a part of the TRICARE pharmacy network, and CVS will be included among the list of network retail pharmacies where TRICARE users can fill their prescriptions. For more information, go online.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*E Board Meeting* —13 January 2022, 4:30 pm Summerlin Trails Community Center

GENERAL MEETING — 16 January 2022, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

*E Board Meeting* —10 February 2022, 4:30 pm Summerlin Trails Community Center

GENERAL MEETING — 20 February 2022, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

*E Board Meeting* —10 March 2022, 4:30 pm Summerlin Trails Community Center

GENERAL MEETING — 20 March 2022, 1:30 pm at Humana 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 0930 -1030 at the Veterans Coffee Club at HUMANA Community Center 4830 W. Craig Rd. Suite 130, 89130



Post Officers will be elected during the 17 April 2022 General Meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for a Post office, submit your request by email or telephone: **Email: Jack L. Ford, PDC @ ACChief@aol.com or call 702-493-2252** before 29 February 2020.

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from 1 January to 31 December  
**IF You have not yet paid 2022 dues, 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.