



The Post Journal

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

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Commanders Message

Although our Post's membership continues to grow and be strong (3rd largest in the Department of Nevada), several members have elected not to renew their membership in the American Legion. This hurts the Legion's voice when speaking in Washington about Veterans' issues, and it gives our Post less money to help our local Veterans (Fisher House, Spring Veterans Stand-down, Fall Veterans Health Fair, and local Youth programs). If you have not renewed your membership, **please** reconsider—it is money well spent. If you are having some difficulties with your dues payment, or know some who is, let us know—our primary focus is Veterans helping Veterans.

The summer months are supposed to be R & R for the Legion. Well, not so anymore. We attended a very successful Department Convention in Henderson in July, as well as our National Convention in Cincinnati at the end of August; we've had ongoing meetings regarding planning and locating a memorial monument at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery for No Veterans Alone interments; we're fully involved in preparation for the Fall Veterans Benefit Fair; we're invited to represent the Legion at upcoming events both at Creech AFB and Nellis AFB; and we're planning to return to the fall PBS Veteran Job Fair to show the Post 76 and Legion colors. We also are planning a surprise at the Nevada Veterans Home in Boulder City to honor the residents there; continuing our representation at the No Veteran Alone Services on Thursday mornings at the SNVMC; representing the Post at the New Veterans Transition Center in Alliant; and we were on National Television during the NBA Summer League games on ESPN.

Volunteers are needed to participate in upcoming Flag Postings as well as the Veterans Day Parade. We have won 5 trophies over the past 3 years! Some of our more senior members of the Color Guard are finding it a bit more difficult these days to participate, so you are young of heart and in reasonably good health and can carry a flag and march less than a mile, give us a call. You will be able to skip the gym that day.

Joel M. Forman — Commander

UPCOMING MEETING DATES :

E Board Meeting — October 13, 2016, 4:30 pm .

GENERAL MEETING — October 16, 2016 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — November 10, 2016, 4:30 pm .

Veterans Day Parade — November 11, 2016 See pg. 8

GENERAL MEETING — November 20, 2016 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — December 8, 2016 4:30 pm .

GENERAL MEETING — December 18, 2016 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

Oratorical Contest — October 22, 2016 9:00 am @ Vietnam Veterans of America 6424 W. Cheyenne 89108

E Board Meeting — January 12, 2017, 4:30 pm

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It Is YOUR Right, YOU Earned it!

Law Now Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN
UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

- (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;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers - non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.

Post 76 on the web!

Post 76 has a strong presence on the Internet. Take a minute and add these internet addresses to your favorites and when you get online, be sure to join and/or subscribe to these sites so you will be notified when updates with new information are made. See the article on Page 5 of this newsletter for more description of what is in each of these sites.

Web site: <http://www.nvpost76.webs.com/>

Blog: <http://post76nv.blogspot.com/>

Newsletter Advertising

Do you have a business or event that you would like to have advertised in the Post Journal? This newsletter is published quarterly and goes out to over 600 Post 76 Legionnaires. The newsletter used to be funded by a grant from Nevada Power but after its merger, the grant was ended. Currently most of the newsletter cost is covered by generous donations to our general budget.

We can accommodate ads from business card size all the way up to full page ads. If you have something you would like to have included in future newsletters, please let the newsletter editor know by calling [702] 595-1795 or email at NVPost76@gmail.com. An example of a business card is displayed.



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Adjutant's Pen

Member dues renewal rate for Post 76 continues at a record pace. We are well over 70% of our goal at this time—leading the pack for all Department of Nevada Posts and headed toward winning the monetary award for the first Post to reach 100%. You can help us win this prestigious prize by renewing as soon as you can, either online or payment to PO Box 34012, Las Vegas, NV 89133. As a reminder again, once you receive your new Post 76 ID card, you should **not** respond to any other dues invoice mailings from National—they're sometimes behind the dues processing delay curve.

By the way, if you find your 2016 membership expired, it's still not too late to keep your streak of Continuous Years with the American Legion intact—you can renew now and suffer no penalty. If you have questions on your membership status, contact your Adjutant at 253-691-0617,

General Meetings are where you can discover all the latest detail on 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 Guest Speaker Program features a different presentation each month from representatives of veteran-related organization that offer a broad range of assistance for our veterans. Come to the meetings every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Durango Hills YMCA, and you will continue to hear topics presented that you will find helpful.

Email updates continue to come in, but many Post 76 members are not on our mailing list. We use email for sending meeting reminders and other information to keep members updated on important veteran-related issues. If you haven't received a General Meeting reminder recently, you probably aren't on the list of you can call the Adjutant at (253) 691-0617 to update your correct email address or to add it to our database.

Member participation in Post 76 committees and community events helps us to further The American Legion principles. Assistance with membership drives, Color Guard events (parades, conventions), community events (Veterans Standdown, Job Fairs, Information Fairs, PBS donation drives, etc) is always welcome—we need your support to keep Post 76 thriving.

Post 76 Adjutant is your person on the inside. He 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.

Post 76 Captures Department of Nevada Adjutant of the Year

American Legion Post 76 adjutant Stephen Daugherty was recently named the Department of Nevada Adjutant of the Year at the Department annual convention held 15-17 July 2016 in Henderson, NV. Adjutant Daugherty was in competition with 34 other American Legion Posts in Nevada and bested all in the final competition. The prestigious award is based on criteria involving each Adjutant's performance in categories such as timely response to required National and Department reports; participation in Post Americanism activities; participation in District and Department meetings/activities; assisting the Post in meeting membership goals; and aiding the Post with providing an atmosphere for member participation.

Adjutant Daugherty is a 23-year US Army veteran, who has been a member of Post 76 for 3 years; he's been the Adjutant for more than 2 years. Daugherty concedes that the Adjutant task takes a lot of his "retirement" time; but, he adds that it's a labor of love as he gets lots of solace from hobnobbing with his fellow veterans.



Post 76 Commander Elected to Department of Nevada 2nd Vice Commander



American Legion Post 76 Commander Joel Forman was recently named the Department of Nevada 2nd Vice Commander at the Department annual convention held 15-17 July 2016 in Henderson, NV. The previous year, he held the

position of Sergeant at Arms for the Department. In this position, he is interested in patriotic observances of all kinds, in developing activities, and helps to observe strict tolerance among your members on all political, religious and civic matters. He attended the National Convention held this year in Cincinnati, Ohio as one of the representatives of The Department of Nevada from August 27 to September 1, 2016. Elected new National Commander Charles E. Schmidt becomes the Legion's first national commander from Oregon.

Patriotic Parade July 4th, 2016 Summerlin

Our Color Guard Sets a record on July 4th 2016! It was a memorable day for Post 76! Your Post 76 Color Guard participated in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade on July 4th and set a few records along the way. The Color Guard had enough able-bodied volunteers to carry 9 flags (US, Nevada, American Legion, POW/MIA, Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine) and 2 rifles—the first time in recent memory that the Post could muster enough resources to accomplish this feat. The entourage



Las Vegas Model T Club provides transportation for Post members wanting to ride.

marched proudly along the downtown Summerlin parade route

and was impressive enough to win 1st place in the Resident Choice Award category and 2nd place in the Best Veteran/Military Organization category. Many Post 76 members road aboard automobiles from the Model T Ford Club of Southern Nevada, which trailed the Color Guard and navigated the route as well. Way to go Post 76 Legionnaires!



American Legion Post 76 Color Guard in Summerlin Patriotic Parade—July 4th



Paul Hestand and Bill Autrey running the shotgun range at the BSA camp

Post 76 Legionnaires Volunteer at the Del Webb Boy Scout Camp

Veterans Paul Hestand, Jr. Past Commander, and Bill Autrey supported the Del Webb Adventure Base Camp this summer from June 24-August 7, 2016. Over 1,000 scout participated in the camp during the summer. Paul and Bill ran the shotgun range throughout the summer.

If you would be interested in participating next year, Paul can get you trained up and scheduled. The camp is near to Zion National Park in Utah. Room and board will be provided. Contact Paul at 7024018089 (call or text) or email at p4979h@gmail.com. In addition, volunteers are always needed at the Mt. Potosí Boy Scout camp that is just off of Rt. 160 headed toward Pahrump. It is



Post 76 Jr. Past Commander Paul Hestand teaching at the Shotgun range

only 18 miles from our General Meeting location at the Durango Hills YMCA, so you can go home at night if you so choose.

Upcoming World Championship Weightlifting at Bally's

Sergeant at Arms Andy Agan will be competing in his 75-79 age class at the World Championships at Bally's on November 15, 2016. Lets all get out to support him in his effort. He has already won the local contest, State level and National contests previously and is going for the big win!



Veterans Transition Resource Center

Post 76 Executive Board members recently attended the Grand Opening of the Veterans Transition Resources Center (VTRC) at 2550 Nature Park Dr, North Las Vegas with the intent of discovering the scope of VTRC's services offered to Las Vegas Valley veterans. The VTRC is a collaborative partnership between Life After Active Duty and Veterans Care Foundation and was created to help fill the gaps in veterans' services needs. It is a network of government agencies, military organizations, and both non-profit and for-profit businesses that will offer a one "START" shop for all components of the veteran community, including veterans, family members, active-duty personnel, reserves, members of the National Guard, employers, service providers and the community.



Ribbon Cutting, Left to Right: State Senator Pat Spearman, District 1; Eva Secchiari, Life After Active Duty; Jim Lyther, Veteran Care Foundation



Post 76 Members, Left to Right: Steve Daugherty, Joel Forman, Larry Eisenberg

The goal of VTRC is to reach out to our military veterans, Guard, and Reserves and their families; provide them with needed critical services through our collaborative community partners; and link them with entities that can support them. Among the initiatives to assist veterans are Caregiver Support and Mentoring Program, Life Enhancement Program, Women Veterans Program, Suicide Prevention Program, Alternative PTSD Modalities, and Family Resilience & Stress Program.

VTRC's programs will challenge veterans to learn new ways to overcome their obstacles in order to accomplish amazing goals. These challenges represent change that prove to each participant that they can overcome any obstacle. The Veterans Transition Resource Center is a Champion for all veterans.

Post 76 Representatives Attend Veterans Meetings

During the past quarter, a number of the Post 76 officers and members attended meetings focusing on veteran issues. Trustee Jack Ford, PDC [Past Department Commander], attended the State Commanders meeting representing the American Legion, and he also attended along with a number of other Post 76 officers, a recent meeting at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to show their support for location of a monument commemorating the Last Walk for those buried without family or friends to attend their funeral.

Veterans Cemetery Improvements

Post 76 was represented with a delegation of Nevada veterans at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) in Boulder City on 5 August. The dignitaries gathered to publicly recognize a \$4,973,597 Department of Veterans' Affairs grant to pay for improvements to the SNVMC. The grant will fund the raising, realignment, and cleaning of 14,864 grave

markers and refurbish 11.7 acres of land at the cemetery. The funds will serve more than 284,000 veterans and their families.



George Eisenbach, Director of the Veterans Cemetery Grant Program ; Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval



Dignitaries: Left to Right: Cindy Edmonson, Women Veterans of NV; NV Governor Brian Sandoval; Bobi Oates, American Legion Post 76 and Women Veterans of NV and Post 76

Boys State Committee

At the Dept. of Nevada convention on July 14th, 15th, and 16th, Mike Shephard was appointed, by Dept. Commander Bob Terhune to the Dept. of Nevada Boys State Committee. Mike Shephard set up a table for sale of Boys State raffle tickets. He was able to sell some tickets, not great sales but ok.

We could use more help in selling the raffle tickets. Mike will have them available at the Post 76 regular meeting. Please help out in this fund raiser for Boys State.



From left to right, Fred Hooker/3rd Vice President, Brent Eastman/1st Vice President, Mike Shephard/Advisory Director and past Committee Chairman, Mike Scarr, President, Dave Pedrazzi, 2nd Vice President, Steve Davis, Secretary.



Mike Shephard -- Chairman, The Boys State Committee

Mike Shephard traveled to The California Rodeo Salinas and awarded to the President Mike Scarr and the Rodeo Directors with an American Legion certificate of appreciation for donating the National Finals Rodeo tickets for our raffle. Mike and Claudia Shephard have donated the signed poster of Steven Pebbles, 2016 NFR World Champion Bareback rider, to be given to the 1st place raffle ticket winner.

AUGUST- Still selling tickets for the raffle. Looking

for business's to set up a table to sell tickets. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

The drawings for the raffle/National Finals Rodeo will be on November 20th after our regular meeting.



Boys State 2016 group photo. What a large turnout this year!

National Finals Rodeo Tickets - PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BOYS STATE PROGRAM

We have 4 tickets for the 2016 NFR. They have been provided for the fundraiser we are holding. You will have two chances to get these tickets. A drawing will be held at the November 20, 2016 General Meeting of Post 76. Two drawings will be held. **The first place prize is;** 2 ea. 1 night only, reserved seats during the 2nd week of the NFR, and 1 ea. Autographed poster of Steven Peebles, The NFR 2015 World Champion Bareback Rider

The second place prize is; 2ea. 1 night only, reserved seats during the 2nd week of the NFR.

FOR ALL DETAILS CONTACT Mike Shephard either by phone or email. 702-256-3106 or shephardsparks@aol.com

Oratorical Contest

Mike Percival and Larry Eisenberg have agreed to be on the Oratorical Contest Committee. Mike and Larry will be great assets to the program as they know and have worked with many of the councilors we work with already. Welcome aboard Mike and Larry.

We are looking for candidates for the Oratorical Contest. The tentative date for the Post contest is October 22, 2016 at the Vietnam Veterans of America Hall on Cheyenne. It will begin at 9:00 am. So far, Post 76 has only 1 candidate and is looking for more. In the entire District, we have only 2 confirmed Posts that are going to participate in the Contest. We still have one additional Post that may want to participate.

We have been discussing the possibility of combining our award amount with the other Posts in District 2 to make the contest a little more inviting for students. We did not think we would be able to do it this year but given the lack of contestants, it is beginning to look like it will happen after all. District 2 and Post 76 Oratorical Committee Chairman has been working with NEC Ron Michalski and other Post Committee Chairs to try and put it together. It now looks like the District 2 contest will be held on December 17th. This program needs your help in order to survive. The interest by students in the schools is only mediocre. I have brought up the idea of advertising to get the word out about our programs. We will soon be asking for help at the Contest. We will be needing ushers, timers, judges, and others to help with the contest.



UPCOMING POST 76 EVENTS OF INTEREST TO YOU

1. Vietnam Moving Wall will be in Pahrump 22-25 September, @ Simkins Park.
2. Honor Flight Breakfast will be 24 September from 8-10 AM at Applebee's, 820 E. Warm Springs Road (I 215- & Warm Springs). Have breakfast then shoot over to Pahrump, see the Wall, then have lunch at the Winery. Paul Hemsley will be on this flight on Oct 14 - 16.
3. Veterans Service Fair, Thursday Oct. 6, from 9-2 only. To be held at the East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave. 89101. Volunteers needed.
4. Creech Information Fair, Friday 14 October 10:00 - 1:00 PM.
5. PBS Veterans Job Fair 26 October at their studio on Flamingo for 11AM - 2PM.
6. Veterans Day Parade Friday November 11. Parade and color guard volunteers needed.
7. Aviation Nation @ Nellis Nov 12 - 13
8. Flag Posting for IBEW, 15 November @ Paris Hotel/Casino 0830. Volunteers needed!
9. Flag Posting Tuesday February 21, 2017 Details to follow. Volunteers needed!



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Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name and personal information to assume your identity either to open new credit accounts, bank accounts, mobile phone accounts, and more in your name or to assume ownership of existing accounts you may legitimately hold.

What to watch out for:

While identity theft may begin with the loss or theft of a wallet or purse, there are a number of other ways that identity thieves can obtain your personal information:

- **Phishing** occurs when someone tricks you into divulging personal, financial or account information. Posing as well-known companies, thieves will send out e-mails asking you to reply, or direct you to a fraudulent web page that asks you to provide personal information, such as your credit card number, Social Security number or account password.
- **Phone Phishing (also called "Vishing")** is another way thieves try to collect sensitive information from you. In this type of fraud, they will either contact you by telephone or send you a fake e-mail and ask for you to respond by telephone.
- Thieves may acquire records containing your personal information and/or account information from intercepted or discarded financial statements, payroll stubs, or other records sent to you or from third parties with whom you interact in your normal course of business where such information is disclosed.



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We need your input! If there are things you like about this newsletter, and things you could do without, let us know! Also, if there are things you would like us to add, please send your suggestions to NVPost76@gmail.com

Post 76 participates in many local parades every year. We just completed the Helldorado Parade and the Summerlin Patriotic Parade [see page 4] and are looking forward to even more participation in the upcoming parades.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE —
NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

The parade begins at Charleston Boulevard and Fourth Street at 10 am. We need to be in place at least an hour before that. Plans are still being made, but we will certainly need volunteers for the color guard and hope to again have Model Ts for those that want to ride. so contact the Adjutant at (253) 691-0617 or stevedaugherty@aol.com to show interest.

Upcoming Post 76 Parades

