



# The Post Journal

Quarterly Newsletter of The American Legion Post 76, The Spirit of Freedom  
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## Commander's Message

I wish to thank the members of Post 76 for allowing me the honor of electing me as YOUR Commander for 2013 - 2014. It has been a learning experience as well as a fulfilling experience. I am pleased to report that OUR Post has become more active in aiding OUR Veterans, community projects, and OUR finances are somewhat better than in the past. In order to continue on this path to help OUR Veterans and OUR community we must all work together in seeking funds and in recruiting new Veterans to OUR Post. All too often I hear about members who have left OUR ranks. It is up to each and every Legionnaire to talk to YOUR neighbors, friends and people YOU see wearing an indication of prior military service, and say, "Let me tell YOU about the American Legion, Spirit of Freedom Post 76." I look forward to an even better year as YOUR Commander in 2014 -2015.

## Thank YOU!

*Joel Forman (702) 360-5833*

*Are YOU a Navy or Marine Vet who can still fit into YOUR uniform? If so, we need YOU! When we were recruiting active duty Air Force, Steve Daugherty and Andy Agan were there in uniform and everyone came up to shake their hands.*

## What Do YOU Want to Do?

Since being YOUR Post 76 Second Vice Commander is my first office held in the American Legion organization, I intend to take on the weighty responsibilities with a bit of caution and lots of optimism. The new officers of Post 76 are the members' servants, and I want serve YOU by helping to make Post 76 an emotionally fulfilling, fun, and entertaining organization with which YOU are associated.



The work of the American Legion is very important business as it promotes the Four Pillars of Service: Fostering a Strong National Security, Taking Care of Veterans, Mentoring the Youth of OUR Nation, and Promoting Patriotism and Honor; but we can have a lot of enjoyable experiences socializing with OUR fellow veterans while we address these responsibilities. So while we'll be certain to provide YOU the traditional patriotic observances throughout the year, we'll also strive to provide activities that will enhance YOUR social and recreational calendars. After all, most of us joined the American Legion to be more closely associated with fellow veterans.

All this activity is possible only if we have lots of participation from the Post 76 membership—the lifeline of the American Legion. We always need volunteers to assist us with new membership initiatives. YOU will hear from me or other officers asking YOU to help out at a Legion information booth, call potential new members on the phone, join one of OUR many committees to assist the Commander, or just buy a raffle ticket at OUR monthly meetings.

I always welcome any suggestions with which we can accomplish the serious business of OUR Post, while we all still have lots of fun. YOU can always contact me at phone number (253) 691-0617, or email [stevedaugh@aol.com](mailto:stevedaugh@aol.com). See YOU at the meeting!

*Steve Daugherty (702) 445-7988*

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**SICK CALL:**Past Commander **Ted Pugh** has been hospitalized and is recovering.

**OUR Post Everlasting —**

**John Rost, Navy, Korea** [former Post Commander and Adjutant]

**Albert Barker, Army, WWII**

**Joseph Mamone, Army, WWII**

**Donald Mills, Army, Korea**

**Gordon Uhlman, Army, WWII**

**Robert Zweck, Army, WWII**

**Kenneth Goldstein, Army, Korea**



**Service Officer's Message – VA Voluntary Services Needs YOU**

The VA Voluntary Services for the Southern Nevada Healthcare System **URGENTLY** needs **OUR** help! There are openings at all locations for volunteers and donations to meet the needs of OUR Veteran patients. A list of needs was sent recently via email, and copies will be available at the next meeting. If YOU can help in any way, contact OUR VAVS representative, *Trustee Jack Ford (702) 493-2252* or YOUR *Service Officer Frank Timbers (702) 228-0889*. Be sure to mention YOU are with American Legion Post 76 and want to help!

**The Post needs YOU to take an active role in OUR future as a recruiter** by talking to YOUR friends, relatives, and people whom YOU sit next to that may be wearing something that says, "I am a Veteran". Do they belong? Do they know what the American Legion does? Are they aware of the benefits they could have as a Legionnaire? If they do not, then ask them to come to a meeting and join YOU.



What is a Veteran to the Legion? It is any military person who has honorably served his/her country during periods of military conflict. It doesn't matter if he/she was involved in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan or anywhere in the Global War on Terrorism. All vets treated as equals in the eyes of the Legion. We leave OUR rank when we leave the active duty military.

What is the process for recruiting new members? YOU can use the application on the back of this newsletter by having them fill out the simple form, provide a copy of their DD214, which can be given or sent to the Adjutant or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice who will make sure that the rest of the process is in motion. We can supply YOU with as many application forms as YOU need.

So when YOU spot a person with a military insignia hat or shirt, and they appear to be at that ready age (55+), invite them to join. Although is a primary responsibility of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Percival, he needs YOU to help him keep OUR numbers where we need them to best stay "Veterans Still Serving America".

**The Annual Election of Officers was conducted at the April Meeting.**



The results of the elections were as follows:

- Commander,** Joel Forman      **1st Vice Commander,** Mike Percival      **2nd Vice Commander,** Steve Daugherty
- Sergeant-at-Arms,** Paul Hemsley      **Three-year Trustee,** Jack Ford

Trustee, Judge Advocate and Past Commander Bob Jagemann will continue in the 3rd Year of his three year term. Trustee and Past Commander Ted Pugh will continue in the 2nd year of his three year term. Past Jr. Commander continues to be Paul Hestand.

The **Commander** then appointed the following individuals to positions and the Board approved:

- Adjutant,** Roger Henning      **Finance Officer,** Stuart Cohen      **Service Officer,** Frank Timbers
- Judge Advocate,** Bob Jagemann      **Historian,** Evie Hallas      **Chaplain,** Bob Martin

There are still openings for Legionnaires willing to volunteer to chair or serve on the following committees:

*Membership, Americanism, Children & Youth, Finance, Public Relations, Nominations, Service, Ways & Means*

**The Revolution of Money**

The past 20 years has seen a revolution on how Americans manage their money. Even if YOU aren't the type to adopt new technologies, there is no denying it has been interwoven into everyday life. In particular, banking and taxes have seen some of the most significant advances in technology. In 2004, no one would have thought that at the touch of a few buttons YOU can send money electronically to nearly anyone YOU wanted from YOUR phone. Debit Cards have replaced checks and instead of running to the post office to pick up tax forms, we can now download them right on OUR computers and receive refunds in a third of the time. Regardless of feelings toward this high tech world, the human element still reigns. Unless YOU are self-disciplined about savings and spending, something Washington still needs a lesson on, technology can only help so far. This is the approach I employ over OUR post funds and how The Legion continues to employ on a national scale. It is because of the great response to dues being paid and generous donations made that we have paid all OUR Legion charities for the year. As a reminder please turn in a redacted copy of YOUR DD214 or discharge papers. In July, 2014, the first notices to renew for 2015 will hit YOUR mailbox. If at all possible, get online and renew with a credit card at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) It saves months of manually transmitting renewals by mail, and removes YOUR name immediately from the mailing of the next renewal notices and taking the chance of sending a duplicate check to us. If I can be of any help please let me know.

*Stu Cohen, Finance Officer 673-0613*



## Adjutant's Pen

***Unless YOU have missed the theme of this newsletter —***

***It's all about YOU, YOUR and OUR service*** — Veterans are well acquainted with this. As members of the American Legion, we are the veterans who still want to serve OUR nation, OUR community and OUR fellow veterans. At Post 76, we are trying to do just that but need YOUR help. YOUR Post officers are keeping actively engaged in a multitude of activities and we need YOUR support. These activities continue to form the basis for the community's view of what veterans are and what veterans do. We give.

So, YOU make up YOUR mind to get involved. Call any Post officer or better yet, come to a general Post 76 membership meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Durango Hills YMCA. We need YOU and YOUR community needs YOU. The American Legion, Veterans Still Serving America.

***We want to hear YOUR story*** — OUR preference is to have OUR members give a short 5 to 15 minute talk at OUR meetings. If YOU are homebound, then send us YOUR stories at the email or postal address [listed in the sidebar] so we can share them at meetings, and then post them permanently to the Legiontown, USA website. This website was set up for us to share OUR story with the world.

***YOUR Donations to Post 76 are Tax Deductible*** — As per IRS Publication 557, Post 76 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(19) Veterans' Organization under Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0925. Donations to war veterans' organizations are deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return. At least 90% of the organization's membership must consist of war veterans. The term war veterans means persons, whether or not present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war (including the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the Persian Gulf War, and The Global War on Terror).

***Show YOUR Pride in Serving and Get the Recognition from a Grateful Nation*** — The coming months will also present

## It is All About YOU!

the opportunity for veterans to stand and be seen in several memorial activities and parades. If YOU are able — join us. The community is looking to show its support for what YOU have done and need YOU there for them to be able to show it. YOU are able to stand, side by side, with YOUR fellow Post 76 members and show the pride YOU have in YOUR service to YOUR country. Post 76 is entering the Summerlin Patriotic Parade on Thursday, July 4, 2014. This is the only 4th of July Parade in Las Vegas. We have a number of slots still available to ride in the Model Ts provided by the Las Vegas Model T Club. Later in the year, we participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Las Vegas, November 11th, 2013, 10:00 AM. More information will be provided to those that notify us they want to attend either or both parades.

***Join us to attend "No Veteran Alone" Funerals*** — Thirty-thousand, that is 30,000 of OUR comrades, who, like YOU were proud to wear the uniform of the U. S. Military are laid to rest at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. Nearly every Thursday morning, members of YOUR Nevada Post 76, The Nevada Patriot Guard, Women Veterans of Nevada, The Vietnam Veterans of America, as well as other Veteran organizations, pay tribute to Veterans who have no family members to accompany them on the journey to their final resting place. Come and join us, if YOU have a Flag, bring it. We even have members attend in wheelchairs and scooters. Be part of YOUR Post Color Guard to honor these brave men and women. For information, contact Commander Joel Forman at [akan01@centurylink.net](mailto:akan01@centurylink.net) or check OUR webpage calendar each Wednesday.

We will be publishing online updates often but only if we have **YOUR** email address. If YOU would like to receive these updates please send YOUR email address to [nvpost76@gmail.com](mailto:nvpost76@gmail.com).

Now if YOU like puzzles, how many times have we used the word YOU, how many YOUR, how many OUR and how many times were they not ALL CAPITAL LETTERS? Were there any other words that were represented in all capital letters? Send answers to [NVPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NVPost76@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING POST 76 MEETING DATES :

**District 2 Meeting — June 7, 2014, 10:00 am at Post 8, 737 Veterans Memorial Blvd. 89101**

**E Board Meeting — To be determined**

**GENERAL MEETING — June 22, 2014, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA, [note this is changed to the 4th Sunday]**

**Summerlin Patriotic Parade — July 4, 2014, Legionnaires step off at 8 AM [Hillpointe near Hills Center]**

**E Board Meeting — July 10, 2014, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center**

**GENERAL MEETING — July 20, 2014, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**Department Executive Committee — July 22, 2014 10 AM at Post 8, 737 Veterans Memorial Blvd. 89101**

**E Board Meeting — August 14, 2014, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center**

**GENERAL MEETING — August 17, 2014, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**E Board Meeting — September 11, 2014, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.**

**GENERAL MEETING — September 28, 2014, Post Anniversary, location to be determined. [note: 4th Sunday]**





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***MEMBERSHIP is OUR Most Important Asset***

***It is time for YOU to Recruit new members.***

***To Help YOU Recruit New Members***

**To OUR Post, Copy and Use The Form Below ↓**

THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION				 <b>DUES RECEIPT</b> <i>(Please Print)</i>	
Name _____	(First)	(Initial)	(Last)	(Phone)	Date _____ Received From _____ \$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues Recruiter's Name _____ Recruiter's Signature _____ Recruiter's Phone # _____
Address _____	(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
_____	(Membership ID# Former Member)	(Email)	NV 76 (Post #)	(Date)	
<b>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)					
I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.					
Signed By Applicant _____		Name of Recruiter _____			
<b>Mail with \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 76 PO Box 34012 Las Vegas, NV 89133-4012</b>					