



The Post Journal

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Invoices for the 2016 dues year will begin to be mailed about 1 July 2015 from The American Legion Headquarters. You can renew your Post 76 membership online (preferred method) at www.legion.org (have your Member ID # ready), or you can mail a check for \$35 to American Legion Post 76, PO Box 34012, Las Vegas, NV 89133. If you renew your membership before 1 October, your Member ID card will be mailed with an Early Bird symbol stamped on it! You can help us save postage and worries if you renew your membership as soon as possible when the invoices begin to arrive in your mail boxes.

As the 2016 dues season moves on beyond 1 July, Legion members need to be alert for multiple dues invoice mailings from our Headquarters. There is an unavoidable time delay from when you renew your membership online or by mail and when you actually get your renewal logged at Headquarters; so you may receive another dues invoice, even though you know you've paid. All Legionnaires who have renewed their membership receive a Welcome Letter from the Post 76 Commander with their 2016 Member ID Card. **This is your receipt for payment of dues, and you know you can ignore any subsequent dues invoices.** If you have any questions about your membership status, you can call the Adjutant, Stephen Daugherty, at 253-691-0617 any time 24/7.

Post 76 has instituted a policy that every new member or transferee from another post must submit their service discharge papers (usually Form DD214) with an application. We also continue to ask present members to submit a copy of their DD214 to be on file in the event that we get an audit from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Many members have submitted copies, and we thank you for helping us stay ahead of the IRS. If you haven't already, please try to forward a copy of your discharge papers to Post 76 by (1) attaching it to an email and sending to NVPost76@gmail.com; (2) sending via USPS mail to: NV Post 76, P.O. Box 34012, Las Vegas, NV 89133-4012; or (3) bringing your document along to a meeting and hand deliver it to the Adjutant or any other officer. If you need to get a new copy, you can apply online at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. It's a free service, so don't get involved with a 3rd party website and pay for the services.

If you have a question on whether or not you have forwarded a copy, please call the Adjutant, Stephen Daugherty, at 253-691-0617 for any assistance you need to move this important task along.

The Annual Election of Officers

The Annual Election was held at the April General Meeting. The officers were installed by Department Commander Mitch Roach. The results of the elections were as follows:



Commander, Joel Forman
2nd Vice Commander, Jeffrey White
Three-year Trustee, Bob Jagemann

1st Vice Commander, Mike Percival
Sergeant-at-Arms, Andy Agan

Trustee, and Past Commander, Jack Ford will continue in the 2nd Year of his three year term. Trustee Marvin Morgenthal will continue in the 3rd year of his three year term. Past Jr. Commander continues to be Paul Hestand.

The Commander appointed the following individuals to positions and the Board approved:
Adjutant, Stephen Daugherty
Service Officer, Frank Timbers
Historian, John McClenahan
Finance Officer, Stuart Cohen
Judge Advocate, Bob Jagemann
Chaplain, Paul Hestand



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SICK CALL:
Past Commander **Ted Pugh** is recovering at Las Ventanas Skilled Nursing Facility Room 205. He appreciates visitors!
Recent Transfers: Post Everlasting —
James P Cahill, Korea, US Coast Guard

Your Post 76 Serving Our Local Area This Past Quarter

Creech Air Force Base Information Fair

Your American Legion Post 76 participated in the Creech Air Force Base Community Service Support Information Fair on Thursday, April 23, 2015. The Fair is an effort to inform all the active duty military, civilian employees, and family members associated with Creech all the support agencies' capabilities to assist them in times of need. Organizations representing capabilities from medical, legal, and fun family activities to base facilities were present advertising their roles in supporting the base personnel. Post 76, represented by Legionnaires Joel Forman (Cdr.), Steve Daugherty (Adj.), Bob Jagemann (trustee) and Roger Henning (2nd Dist. Adj.), We "displayed the American Legion colors". It was a successful day for advertising American Legion's role to many active duty Air Force members and sewing recruiting seeds. The base estimated that 550 children and 350 adults attended this year.



Flag Posting at the International Security Conference & Exposition — West

The "Spirit of Freedom" Color Guard performed at the opening ceremonies at the Sands Convention Center on April 15 and 16th, 2015. The International Security Conference & Exposition – also known as ISC West – is the largest event in the U.S. for the physical security industry. The color guard included Legionnaire Richard Small, Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Agan, Commander Joel Forman, Adjutant Stephen Daugherty, Trustee Marvin Morgenthal, Post 76 Boys State Chairman Mike Shephard, and Legionnaire Roger Henning.

Welcome Home for Honor Flight Southern Nevada



Post 76 welcomed home WWII Veterans returning from their flight returning from Washington DC. This flight, for the first time included two wounded warriors who were not of WWII vintage, but one from Vietnam and one from the Global War on Terror. They were going to accompany WWII era relatives. As a special treat, Kris Kringle [Santa Claus] was there to greet them as well and present them with a special certificate

Nearly 70 years after World War II, veterans from Southern Nevada were sent on a weekend trip to Washington, D.C. to be honored at a special ceremony at the World War II Memorial. It was an honor for us to recognize them during their special "Mail Call." Post 76 generated over 250 letters to be given to them on the return flight. If added in those from Santa that were given to us to deliver, and those from District 2, we accounted for over 300 letters.

Over 16 million Americans served in WWII. More than 400,000 died in the war, and several million were wounded. The WWII Memorial was completed in 2004. Today, the average age of WWII veterans is over 85; more than 1000 pass away every day. Most WWII veterans have never visited their Memorial. We were very happy to help in our little way to allow them to be among the few who were able to stand there and recall the sacrifice they and their buddies gave so that today we honor them with the Memorial so long overdue.



American Legion Junior ROTC and School Awards

During the month of May, Post 76 distributed Legion's Scholastic Achievement Awards program, presenting medals and certificates to thirty-two students selected at our area's sixteen middle and high schools. For Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs at four of our area schools, we present one medal for scholastic merit and one for military excellence to one student each at those schools.

Welcome Home Bill Knapp from his Trip to Holland

Second Lieutenant William F. Knapp, a member of The American Legion Post 76 in Las Vegas, returned home from Holland on Friday May 8, 2015 from a trip to commemorate VE-Day with other Allied veterans who participated in the fierce combat there. Legionnaire Knapp, a highly decorated WWII veteran, jumped as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division into Normandy on D-Day, 5 June 1944. He subsequently jumped into the Holland during Operation Market Garden offense to circumvent Germany's Siegfried Line. Legionnaire Knapp received a battlefield commission to Second Lieutenant and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star as well as a host of unit citations for his combat role. On his return at McCarran Airport, Post 76 VVA Chapter 17, and members of the Patriot Guard formed a flag line to welcome him home again. In photo at right Adjutant Stephen Daugherty is shaking Bill's hand on his return to Las Vegas.



HELLDORADO Downtown Las Vegas Parade

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, for the first time ever, Post 76 was invited to participate in the Helldorado Downtown Las Vegas Parade. It was held on 4th Street [the same route we have marched on Veterans Day for years]. We fielded our Color Guard to lead 6 Model Ts carrying Legionnaires. The color guard included Legionnaire Henning, 2nd Vice White, Commander Forman, Adjutant Daugherty, Trustee Morgenthal and Sergeant-at-Arms Agan.



Memorial Day 2015



The 13th Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony was held on May 25th, 2015 at 9:30 AM. The ceremony was sponsored by Post 76, and Post 14, with the assistance by other west and northwest Las Vegas American Legion Posts. Support was provided by The Lakes Association and seating was donated by Bright Angel Church of Christ and transportation of the chairs facilitated by providing a truck from Thomas Automotive. Many other Veteran related groups such as the Society of Military Widows, Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Families, and the Gold Star wives are participating. Distinguished Guest Speakers included The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck and Maj. Sean Fellows, Directorate of Intelligence, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon. The highlight of the ceremony was the passing of the wreath from the Gold Star representatives to veterans of

the war eras, and finally to JROTC Cadet Commanders who placed the wreath on the water from a boat.

No Veteran Alone

Each Thursday morning, members of Post 76 led by Commander Forman, make their way to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City to attend services for veterans being buried without family or friends to attend their funeral. Along with the Patriot Guard who stand flag lines along with many others from veterans organizations, and just grateful citizens, who give of their time to attend and honor those who served and are now entering the Post Everlasting.

“It just feels like the right thing to do. It’s sad that they have nobody,” said Bobi Oates, member of Post 76, and participating member of the Women Veterans of Nevada. “We have to take care of our veterans and give the example so that others will take care of us as we go along.” The services are provided on alternating months by the Women Veterans of Nevada and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 17 and 1076.

After the eulogies are finished inside the chapel, the participants make their way to the burial site. A final prayer and the 23rd Psalm is offered for the veterans honored while the groundsman places each urn in a grave already dug and marked for them. Those in attendance then take handfuls of soil and gently place some soil into each of the graves before giving them a final salute. On many weeks, Cynthia Mann, a music teacher in Summerlin plays patriotic hymns on her flute. The service is very touching and memorable. You should consider joining us at least once to see how Post 76 and other veterans groups band together for that final farewell to some of our brothers and sisters in arms.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES :

DISTRICT 2 Meeting 10:00 am on Saturday June 6, 2015

[Post 31 – Boulder City; 508 California Avenue Boulder City, NV 89005]

E Board Meeting — June 11, 2015, 4:30 pm [1960 Faywood St. Las Vegas, NV 89134]

GENERAL MEETING — June 21, 2015, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

PATRIOTIC PARADE in Summerlin — July 4, 2015 [meet at Cdr. Forman — 1960 Faywood Dr. at 8 am]

E Board Meeting — July 9, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — July 19, 2015, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — August 13, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — August 16, 2015 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — September 10, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — September 20, 2015 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

Post 76 Participates in 2015 Veterans Stand Down

Post 76 Legionnaires Joel Forman (Commander), Steve Daugherty (Adjutant), Larry Eisenberg (Service Officer), and Bill Knobloch manned the Post 76 booth at the 12th Annual Las Vegas Veterans Stand Down, sponsored by US Vets. It was held March 18-19 and was deemed a huge success! Over a thousand veterans and their family members attended the event at the Cashman Center, where they received free services from haircuts and eye care to housing and employment. More than 140 service providers, including Post 76, participated in the event, bringing a wide range of services to veterans, including housing, employment, education, healthcare, counseling, treatment, handouts, benefits, and many other forms of support. Post 76 passed out glove liners and socks to those needy veterans seeking clothing items.

Post 76 Participates in the National Commander's Visit to Nevada

Post 76 officers had the honor of being invited to escort the American Legion National Commander, Mike Helm during his whirlwind visit to Southern Nevada March 25-26, 2015. The National Commander toured the Silent Heroes of the Cold War Memorial, recently opened on Mt. Charleston, BMI Post 40, Boulder City Post 31, the Nevada State Veterans Home, the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Southern Nevada Veterans Administration Healthcare System Hospital, and Nellis AFB, home of the Thunderbirds. Post 76 officers that accompanied him for his visit to the Thunderbirds Hangar included [from left to right] Commander Forman, National Commander Helm, Adjutant Daugherty, Maj. Darrick Lee - Public Affairs Officer for the Thunderbirds, Service Officer Eisenberg, Finance Officer Cohen, and Department Commander Roach.



Post 76 Supports Scout Camps

Here is a chance for YOU to help our youth. Miss being in the field? Go back with the Boy Scouts. The Las Vegas Boy Scout Council is operating multiple camps this summer in multiple locations. Kimball Scout Camp operates just outside Las Vegas from June 14-27th and Del Webb Scout Camp operates outside Zion National Park, UT from July 5-25th. Legionnaires Paul Hestand and Earle Wagner will be assisting at the rifle range at Del Webb from July 12-17. If you'd like to go back to the field and help, contact Paul Hestand at 702-401-8089 or p4979h@gmail.com



Club 300 Raffle (see application on [Page 5](#))

Do you want to be one an exclusive club? The application for the 2015-2016 Club 300 raffle is now available. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so your chances of winning are about 1 in 6! There will be 4 numbers drawn each month for 48 chances to win. If you win, you are not done. Your number is still in the drawing so there are more chances to win in subsequent months. Those odds are not available anywhere else. This money helps fund the Department of Nevada so that our per capita tax is kept to a minimum. Now is the time to enter. Checks are made out to The American Legion. You can mail them to the Department office listed on the form, or give to any officer of the Post, and they will make sure they get delivered to the Department next time they go down, and get back to you with your number. The winners are notified, as well as documented in the monthly Department of Nevada newsletter that is delivered to you via email from our Adjutant. You can also check the winners by getting online at the website <http://nevadalegion.org/> and choosing the "Newsletter" link in the left dark blue box.



The American Legion **August 2015 - July 2016** **“300 Club” Lottery**

FILL OUT THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT

**YOUR LOTTERY NUMBER (S) FOR THE “300 CLUB”
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Post # _____

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2nd # Drawn = \$125.00

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Send Check or Money Order

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The American Legion

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VETERAN'S EXEMPTION (NRS 361.090) It applies to residents who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any of the following branches: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, The National Guard, or Reserves, while on active duty, and the Merchant Marine during time of war or national emergency. A veteran must have served a minimum of 90 continuous days of active duty of which at least one day was between:

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
June 25, 1950 to May 7, 1975
September 26, 1982 to December 1, 1987

December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
August 2, 1990 to April 11, 1991
December 5, 1992 to March 31, 1994
November 20, 1995 to December 20, 1996

Also eligible are veterans who served on active duty in connection with carrying out the authorization granted to the President of the United States in Public Law 102-1 or served on active duty in connection with a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the government of the United States. To apply for this exemption you must:

- Possess a valid Nevada Driver's License or Identification Card
- Provide the Assessor's Office with a copy of your DD214, honorable discharge paper, certificate of satisfactory service or separation documents (which indicates your date of entry and honorable discharge date).

To determine whether a person served in connection with Public Law 102-1 as it pertains to the Gulf War or Desert Storm, or in connection with a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the United States, the Assessor's Office needs ONE of the following documents in addition to the requirements above:

- A DD214 showing the dates of service and indication of connection to Desert Storm or a campaign or expedition such as an authorized Medal.
- Orders or commendations from your records that specifically indicate your duties were performed in support of the Gulf War or a campaign or expedition.
- A written statement from the military that you performed duties to support the Gulf War or a campaign or expedition.

An affidavit in the form of a written, signed letter by you explaining in detail the assignments you personally performed in support of the Gulf War or a campaign or expedition.

DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION (NRS 361.091) The Disabled Veteran's Exemption is provided for veterans who have a permanent service-connected disability of at least 60%. The amount of exemption is dependent upon the degree of disability incurred. To apply for the Disabled Veteran's Exemption you must:

- Possess a valid Nevada Driver's License or Identification Card
- Provide the Assessor's Office with a copy of your DD214, honorable discharge paper, certificate of satisfactory service or separation documents (which indicate your date of entry and honorable discharge date).

Provide documentation of the percentage of permanent service-connected disability from the Veteran's Administration or from the Armed Forces of the United States.

The benefits of this program may succeed to the surviving spouse of the disabled veteran who was eligible for the exemption at the time of death. **This requires a different form that can be obtained from the Assessor.**

How do I use my exemption? The exemption amount may be applied to next year's tax bill on real property you own. This amount will be reflected on your property tax bill mailed in July of each fiscal year. It may also be applied to any personal property (which includes business personal property or manufactured housing) at any time during the year, prior to payment of taxes.

As an option, you may choose to apply the exemption toward your Governmental Services Tax when you register your vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). To use your exemption on your motor vehicle, you must obtain a DMV voucher from the Assessor's Office before you register the vehicle.

How does the term "assessed value" relate to tax dollars? All property tax exemptions in Nevada are stated in "assessed value" amounts. The term "assessed value" approximates 35% of the taxable value of an item. The exemption amount will vary each year depending on the Consumer Price Index and the tax rates throughout the County. Let's assume an exemption after the adjusted CPI is \$1,000 assessed value and the tax rate is \$3.50 per hundred of assessed value. To determine the exemption value, multiply the \$1,000 x the tax rate .035 = \$35.00.

Additional forms and more information can be found on the Clark County Assessors office website

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/assessor/Services/pages/ExemptionProgram.aspx> of picked up at the assessors office [addresses on form found on [page 7 of this newsletter](#)]

AFFIDAVIT OF VETERAN FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTE 361.090

ID# _____
RCVD BY: _____
FY: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby affirm that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada (possess a valid Nevada Driver's License or Identification Card), and I meet all requirements for the exemption as a veteran, and that I have not claimed this exemption in any other county in the State of Nevada.

A person must have served one of the following periods:

a. A minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty of which at least one day was between:

°April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918

°December 20, 1989 and January 31, 1990

°December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946

°August 2, 1990 and April 11, 1991

°June 25, 1950 and May 7, 1975

°December 5, 1992 and March 31, 1994

°September 26, 1982 and December 1, 1987

°November 20, 1995 and December 20, 1996

b. On active duty in connection with carrying out the authorization granted to the President of the United States in Public Law 102-1.

c. Any active duty in connection with a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the United States.

The veteran must also have received, upon severance from service, an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

I wish to apply my exemption to: (Check Box Below)

(If choosing more than one, please split the amount for each, not to exceed the total of the exemption.)

To apply your exemption to your real property tax bill for July 1st, you must return the affidavit by June 15th, or for real property acquired between June 15th and July 1st, you must return the affidavit by July 5th. Exempt Amount

Real Property at the following location address or parcel number: _____

DMV/Governmental Services Tax (When registering vehicle you own) _____

Manufactured Home or Personal Property at the following location address or ID#: _____

Donate my exemption to the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes:
You must pay your full tax amount and donate the exempted amount to the Gift Account for Veterans' Homes.

Please enclose a copy of your Nevada Driver's License or ID card and a copy of discharge document (DD214) indicating honorable discharge, date of entry and discharge date, or if still serving, proof of service during the above dates and a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement, showing Nevada as your home of record.

Note: This document must be signed before a Notary Public or a Deputy Assessor.

A person who files a false affidavit or proof and obtains an exemption is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print full name: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Entry Date: _____

Serial Number: _____

Discharge Date: _____

STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF _____

On this ___ day of _____, _____ personally appeared before me, a Notary Public _____ personally known or proven to me the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that ___ he executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal.

_____, Notary Public

Return this affidavit with required documentation to:

Michele W. Shafe, County Assessor, Customer Service Division, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1403
Northwest Local office - 3211 N Tenaya Way Suite #118 Las Vegas, NV 89129 (Dona Maria Plaza)



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Membership Year and Expired Status

Membership in The American Legion is based on a **calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st.** When a member pays their dues, they are paid up for that membership year that is specified on the renewal notice. They will also receive twelve monthly subscriptions to The American Legion Magazine.

The **renewal process begins in July** for the **upcoming membership year [2016]**. Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March and May. When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year, but often the mailings are printed long before the expected mailing month. There are times when a member pays their dues, but they still receive a renewal notice. If dues are paid to Post 76 rather than online, it takes longer for national to be notified about the renewal and the member may receive another renewal notice. If this occurs, please check with our Post 76 Adjutant to ensure we have received your dues.

If you have not paid your dues yet for 2015, you are listed as expired. Our Post depends upon membership, so please take the time to renew your membership at this time. If there is a financial reason you are unable to renew at this time, please contact the Adjutant immediately. There is a local program that can help you out temporarily to pay your dues.