



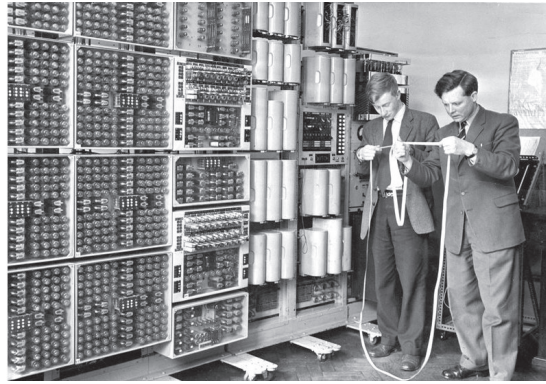
# The Post Journal

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

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Remember how the first computers started out all big and clumsy? Look at the technology we have now.*



Well, the beginning of my selection as your Commander started out

pretty rocky, too. Two weeks after my installation, I had lung cancer surgery with subsequent rehabilitation for three months. Shortly after our trip to the Department Convention, where four of us escaped from a near tragic accident, my Adjutant and Chaplain resigned.

I am very pleased to announce the selection of my new Chaplain, Tony Mascari. He will continue to be available for those duties as needed. As of this writing I don't have a replacement Adjutant yet. I am still seeking applicants who have the desire to meet the challenge of Adjutant duties. I am hopeful, now that the National Convention is over, we will resume the smooth sailing we have enjoyed in the past under the leadership of Joel Forman, Immediate Past Commander.

I am also excited to have a Social Media Committee in place to take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the area of information and communication. All Post, District, State and National business will be accessible via the internet in addition to the regular paper Post Newsletter. I am looking forward to learning how to use my I-Phone and computer to access all the information. I am hopeful that many of you also will start using this new form of technology.

On the lighter side, We have earned first place in membership success for the 2017 year. Joel Forman was selected as the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for the Department of Nevada. Steve Daugherty, our current 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander of the Post, was selected "Adjutant of the Year" for Nevada for the second consecutive year — a very rare event. Congratulations, Steve.

I want to personally invite each and every member to attend at least one meeting this year to see what we are really doing and how you may jump in to help us out with our activities. It seems that each meeting, someone will come up and say I have been a member of the Post for \_\_\_ years and this is my first meeting. I invite all of you out there to follow their lead.

COME AND CHECK US OUT.— *Michael Percival*

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## FIRST VICE COMMANDER

It has been a few months now since our Post elections. This has been a learning experience! There have been several hats being worn and positions temporarily filled in by many of us. All for the good of our Post and our members. Speaking of members, we really need to give ourselves a pat on the back. The membership drives placed Post 76 in 1<sup>st</sup> place for fulfilling our membership goals at the Department Convention. Congratulations to all who have been involved in making this possible.

I'm in the learning process of Post membership and all of the functions that go along with it. I cannot say thanks enough to Commander Percival, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Daugherty, and Immediate Past Commander Forman. They have been a lifesaver for me, and I can't say thanks enough. I am still working on Boys State and The Oratorical Contest for both our Post and for District 2. I am looking for someone who wants to start taking on some of the duties for Boys State. I'm finding I can't put as much time in it as I need. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact me. I'll be happy to fill you in on what needs to be done.

Last year the Oratorical Contest took a new turn. Instead of having each Post have its own contest with all of the expense and preparation, I thought it would be possible to raise the scholarship amounts for the awards and simplify the contest during the holidays. It worked. Each Post contributed the amount of money they would have awarded if they had their own contest and those dollars were combined



Samantha Ross practicing in front of a mirror at National Contest

with the dollars contributed by District 2. We were able to have a contest, which was a plus, and we were able to give scholarships for \$1700.00, \$900.00 and \$600.00. Our first place District 2 winner (Ms. Samantha Ross) also won the Department of Nevada finals and moved on to the National Contest in Indiana. She made an excellent showing for our Department and we are all very proud of her. This year we are keeping the same format and have 8 contestants lined up already.

Boys State was a success for 2017. We had a total of 124 delegates. Post 76 had 17, District 2 had 95 and the rest of the State had 29. All of the awards this year were given to delegates from District 2. Those awards were, the Samsung Scholarship, Romaine Roehel Scholarship, 2 Boys Nation delegates going to Washington DC, Best Lobbyist, Boys State Oratorical Contest and the Governor for Boys State. Congratulations to all of Post 76 and to all of our delegates. Prior to this year, an orientation takes place prior to the actual event. The attendance has been terrible for the last 2 years. If we had 25 or 30, we were lucky. This year thanks to NEC Ron Michalski, Post 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bob Morris, set up a live feed at Post 8 and broadcast to the outlying Posts so they did not have to drive 200 miles to attend the orientation. The results were outstanding. We had close to 90 people in attendance including some parents. Thanks to all involved —great Job. — **Mike Shephard**

1<sup>st</sup> of 2 sessions Boys State Orientation

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## SECOND VICE COMMANDER

**Come and Join in the Fun** — The work of the American Legion is very important business as it promotes the Four Pillars of Service to Veterans and the Nation: 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 weighty responsibilities. So while we'll be certain to provide you the traditional patriotic observances throughout the year, we 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**

## **YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!**

Sometimes you may think The American Legion has forgotten about you. You pay your dues every year, but you still don't get the feeling that your membership counts. But it does! The entire American Legion organization, from National, to Department of Nevada, to local Post 76 depends on your membership dues and voluntary participation to accomplish its mission of supporting our nation's Veterans and their families. Whether it's advocating for Veterans' causes at the Congressional legislative level, or Post 76 participating in the twice-annual Veterans Stand-down in Las Vegas, your membership dues are hard at work for you--there are charitable activities directly assisting Veterans at all levels.



So, it's important that you continue to renew your membership in Post 76. The 2018 dues year began 1 July 2017, and we've seen a record renewal rate this year. We appreciate your early renewals, as we're in competition with all other Posts in Nevada to see who gets to the 100% Paid Member goal--a number that flows down from National to Department to Post to incentivize the membership drive. At this point in time, Post 76 is virtually tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place with another Post. The winner gets a prize of \$250, so you can help us take home 1<sup>st</sup> Place if you renew your membership soonest. You can renew online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), or send a \$40 check or money order to American Legion Post 76, PO Box 34012, Las Vegas, NV 89133. Thank you for your support of American Legion Post 76!

## **FINANCE OFFICER**

August has been a busy month. We have received many dues checks. Our finances are in healthy shape. I attended the National Convention as a volunteer and alternate delegate. There were many speakers including Dr. Shulkin head of the VA, Texas Senator Ted Cruz and of course President Trump. I was interviewed on our local channel Fox 5 news along with Yvette. It was a very good experience as I learned more of the structure and how the American Legion works. As a side, not the first two days there, we worked hard making sure that all the states got their boxes with their Convention materials. We also assisted in the parade, which was very impressive. Now back to the regular duties. — *Berry Bashist*

## **POST 76 GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM IS ALIVE AND WELL**

When you attend one of our General meetings, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, you know you're in for a treat. Our Guest Speaker Program features monthly presentations from some expert/ professional to present a topic that is sure to help you in your quest to keep up with information related to your Veterans status.

In the recent past:

- 1) Mr. Ross Bryant, Director of Military and Veterans Services Center at UNLV detailed all the Veterans assistance programs that he is able to offer through the UNLV campus.
- 2) Mr. Jim Knudsen, Veterans Services at PBS Channel 10, discussed the various community events that PBS offers to recognize Veterans and offer, among other things, access to Job Fairs.
- 3) Mr. Douglas Williams, Nevada Department of Human Resources, reviewed all the Veterans preference opportunities for employment with Nevada State.
- 4) Mr Fred Wagar, Deputy Director with Nevada Department of Veterans Services, delineated the myriad laws recently signed by Governor Sandoval that provide unique benefits to Veterans.
- 5) Sgt. Frank Spadlamore, US Army Recruiter in Las Vegas, presented his active-duty experience and an overview of the Service recruiting issues.
- 6) Mr Robert Cole, Humana representative, giving an overview of the health care options available to Veterans, including VA, Medicare, Tricare, Tricare For Life, AA Advantage, and ACA.

At the October meeting, we can expect USAF Colonel Murray, Nellis Air Force Base Commander, overviewing the role of Nellis Air Force Base in supporting local Veterans, as well as his views on Military Force Development.

**You must come to a meeting at Durango Hills YMCA, 3521 N. Durango Dr. to catch all this action!**



## **POST 76 SOCIAL MEDIA SITES**

In July 2017, the American Legion Post 76 Las Vegas established a Social Media Committee to help spread awareness and increase membership.

Currently, we have three main outlets:

1. FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV)
2. INSTAGRAM: [www.instagram.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.instagram.com/ALPost76LV)
3. TWITTER: [www.twitter.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.twitter.com/ALPost76LV)

To subscribe to our main outlets, please go to each URL then simply click on follow/like. Once subscribed, followers are able to access future events, communicate with Post 76 for any questions or concerns, share information, and much more.

## **OPT OUT OF PAPER NEWSLETTER?**

As always, if you are a member that appreciates and would like to continue receiving paper copies of this newsletter, **you do not need to do anything**. If you would consider opting out of the paper newsletter, there are two ways to do so.

1. Get all the information on Post activities from Social Media sites (see above) or from our web and blog sites (see the last page below the address block).
2. Receive the current newsletter as a PDF attachment to an email.

**If either of these options** would be acceptable to you, send an email to the Post email address:

[NevadaPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NevadaPost76@gmail.com).

In order to save the cost of printing and postage for our quarterly newsletter, these two other ways allow to keep up with Post activities, but allow the Post to save considerable funds to dedicate to other American Legion priorities.

Both the Post and local charities and veterans events that we support would really appreciate your choice.

## **VETERAN'S DAY MEMORIAL PUTTING TOURNAMENT AND BIRTHDAY BASH**

Everyone is invited to a unique 11-hour putting challenge with both a 9 and 18-hole competitions in honor of John H Hilgar III, "Global War on Terror" Veteran. There will also be a hole-in-one contest as part of the tournament. We will provide putters and balls or bring your own.

Come on out for a fun time and some braggin rights between family and friends. All results will be posted to our Facebook page and prizes will be awarded.

Suggested donation of \$20 with all proceeds donated to American Legion Endowment Fund, which funds Temporary Financial Assistance grants to veterans with children in need.

For any questions, call/text 702-376-5885 or 702-376-5266

***SOME HUMOR, COURTESY OF VETFRIENDS <https://www.vetfriends.com/jokes/>***

At the beginning of the Army-Navy football game, the coin toss in made. The Navy captain shouts, HEADS followed by the Army captain shouting LATRINES.

A basic Airman received his first two hour pass to go to the BX. While he was playing a pin ball machine, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt comes up to him and asks if he had change for a quarter. Not yet militarized, the Airman No class said : "sure, how do you want it, all nickels, or two dimes and a nickel?" The Butter Bar says, "I am an officer, you should call me Sir. Now let's try it again. Airman, do you have change for a quarter?" The airman replies "No Sir, I don't!"

### ANNOUNCING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

*JOHN H HILGAR III*

VETERAN'S DAY  
TOURNAMENT &



MEMORIAL PUTTING  
BIRTHDAY BASH

When: Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:00 am till 6:00 pm open registration

Where: Angel Park GC, 100 S Rampart Blvd  
Las Vegas, Nv 89145

## **SUMMERLIN PATRIOTIC PARADE JULY 4, 2017**

Many are good at talking, but do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they're the ones who make a community live.

Congratulations to the sharpest looking Color Guard unit in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade 2017. Two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards! This was an outstanding job by those who participated and bested our previous one 1<sup>st</sup> place and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place last year.



Post 76 appreciates the cooperation of the other veteran's organizations who joined to make it a memorable event, The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 17 and 1076, Disabled Veterans of America, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

For those who did not march, they proudly rode in vintage Model Ts provided by the Southern Nevada Model T Club. It was a real good time riding in the parade in vehicles that are from 90 to over 100 years old! Oh how far we came from those first autos for the common man.

The first place wins were in the categories of: Summerlin Resident Choice Award and Best Veterans/Military Organization.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NV**

Being immediate past Post 76 Commander and immediate Past District 2 Commander, and current Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, certainly allows me to see where we were, where we are, and a look to see where we are going. Well, we were, are and looks like we will be in good shape for a while. Everything hinges on membership. As of 1 July, we went from 678 members strong, to 630 due to members not renewing. If each member would sign up one neighbor, relative, friend, or gambling partner, we would double our membership. We are the 3rd largest Post in the Department of Nevada. The two Posts ahead of us have nearly 1200 members, so we have our work cut out for us.



The Department Convention was a homespun taste of out Western experience in Ely, NV, which is the home of our Immediate Past Department Commander Bob Terhune. Congratulations to all the newly elected Department Officers.

The National Convention in Reno was a very busy time for the Legionnaires of Nevada, and especially for the members of Post 76 who volunteered to "help out" and they really had to spend long, hard hours supporting this Convention. It was their task to make sure none of the other 54 Departments picked up their credentials without first providing a paid receipt for

their Convention registration. No one got past PDC Jack Ford and his lovely wife, Gloria. The rest of the Post 76 volunteers, made sure that all the other Departments got their credentials for the convention, either loaded onto their vehicle or delivered by one of our guys. There were over 600 cases that they lifted and lifted up again. They made sure that all the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and even some SAL squadrons got their materials. For a complete rundown of the National Convention, go to Legion.org and look for "Convention". I and the entire Department thank the Post 76 volunteers all for their true spirit in helping out.

Speaking of volunteering, I just read in the latest AARP newsletter that Nevada is tied for 3rd worst percentage of adults 65+ who donated their time in the past year. I wonder if they included the 7350 American Legion members in the Department of Nevada in their figures, since we are all volunteers, or should more of the volunteers be doing more volunteering? -- **Joel M. Forman, Immediate Past Post 76 Commander**



## **POST 76 COLOR GUARD STAYS ACTIVE**

Post 76 continues to actively support The American Legion Patriotism Pillar with its Color Guard troupe. In the past quarter, the Color Guard supported on 4 occasions the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Veterans in Care (VIC) Program, whereby NDVS reaches out to Veterans residing in assisted living facilities. Post 76 assists as well with recognizing Veterans in the care facilities with a Certificate of Service from Nevada State Governor Sandoval and a "Nevada Heroes" pin.



Other occasions where the Color Guard participated in ceremonies were 1) awarding of French Legion of Honor to 2 Las Vegas WWII heroes, 2) graduation ceremony for Veterans completing transition academic courses at the Nevada Correctional Facility in Indian Springs, 3) memorial services for Post 8 Legionnaire and member of IRONCROSSMEN Motorcycle Club, and 4) opening events at the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association, in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapters 17 and 1076) and Disabled Veterans of America members.



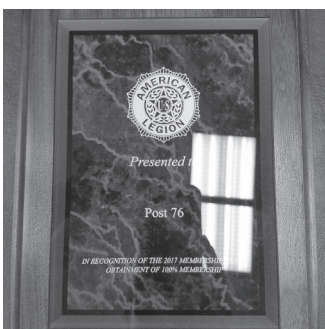
The Color Guard was also recognized for its Color Guard participation in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade, where it won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the military-related entries, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the People's Choice voting. Captain of the Guard, Walter Cheatham seems to be getting us all in step.

## **ADJUTANT DAUGHERTY WINS NEVADA ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**

Congratulations to our very own Post 76 Adjutant, Steve Daugherty who was awarded the American Legion Department of Nevada Adjutant of the Year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. This is an amazing accomplishment and recognizes the excellent work Adjutant Daugherty has done every day of the year. Take a minute at an upcoming meeting to stop and congratulate him personally.



Steve is also your Post 76 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander for the next year. He has been a Post 76 member for 5 years and served as Adjutant for the past 3 years. He came to Las Vegas from Seattle 5 years ago, having retired from the Boeing Company there; in his previous life, he completed a 23-year career in the US Army, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



## **POST 76 AWARDED COVETED "ATTAINMENT OF 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL"**

For the second year in a row, Post 76 has attained over 100% of the membership goal set by the Department. In fact, at the end of the year, we attained 118% of the goal!. This achievement was due to the exceptionally diligent work of many of the officers. They either contacted current members to remind them how much their membership means to supporting the local community; contacted members in the general Nevada unassigned Post, and convinced them to transfer to our Post for the same reason; or most importantly, recruited new members to replace those that have moved out of state to new Posts or transferred to Post Everlasting.

## **YVETTE WEIGOLD ELECTED DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA COMMANDER**

Yvette Weigold was elected the Nevada Department Commander on July. 16, 2017, in Ely, Nevada, during the 99th Department convention of America's largest veteran's organization

Weigold joined the United States Marine Corps in 1981. She graduated from Parris Island boot camp in 1982. Weigold served as a 0431 Embarkation Specialist at Camp LeJeune, NC from 1983 to 1986. She then transferred to the United States Army and served as an Artillery Repairer (45L) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. In 1987 Weigold deployed to Friedberg, Germany and served with the 54th Combat Support Battalion (FWD) until 1990. After transferring to the Army Reserve in 1991 Weigold served as a 73C Finance Specialist and served in the 384th MP Battalion, Ft Wayne, Indiana. She then transferred to the 257th Transportation Company in Las Vegas, NV. Weigold picked up an additional MOS as 74D (NBC) after attending NBC school at Ft Leonard Wood, MO and the Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties (FCBC) course at Edgewood, Maryland. Weigold was called to active duty in 2003 to support Operation Enduring Freedom. She served an additional 3 years on active duty with the 63D Reserve Support Command out of Los Alamitos, CA. Weigold retired from the Army in 2007 as a Sergeant First Class.



Weigold joined the American Legion in 2007 just after retirement. She served as Commander of Post 149 and Vice Commander of District 2. She is a current member of Post 51 in North Las Vegas and a Paid Up for Life Legion member of 10 years. Weigold graduated from the American Legion College in Indianapolis, IN in October 2012. She has served as the Department Sergeant at Arms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander in the years since. She has been a member of the National Security Committee since 2014.

Weigold attended the Marine Corps NCO School in 1983, Army Basic Non Commissioned Officer's Course in 1991 and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course in 1993. She is also a graduate of American Military University and holds an Associate's degree in General Studies as well as a Bachelor's in Sports and Health Sciences. Weigold is pursuing her Master's in Nutrition with Liberty University.

## **FIRST EVER WOMAN DENISE ROHAN ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER**

Denise Rohan was elected national commander of the 2 million-member American Legion on Aug. 24, 2017, in Reno, Nev., during the 99th national convention of America's largest veteran's organization. Rohan of Verona, Wis., joined the U.S. Army in 1974 and has served The American Legion since 1984. Prior to her transfer to Post 385 in Verona, she served as the commander of Post 333 in Sun Prairie, Wis., where she established a Sons of the American Legion squadron and chartered a Boy Scout troop. She has also served as the department commander of Wisconsin.



Rohan and her husband, Mike, are both 2006 graduates of the National American Legion College and 2015 graduates of the Wisconsin American Legion College. Both have gone on to serve as department and national American Legion College facilitators.

Rohan was employed with the University of Wisconsin Madison as the assistant bursar of student loans until her retirement in 2012. She managed the University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Wisconsin Green Bay and University of Wisconsin Colleges \$120 million loan portfolio made up of approximately 200 different federal, institutional and state programs in compliance with all laws, regulations and policy. She was responsible for the efficiency and design of the computerized student loan accounts receivable system.

## ***WHAT ARE THE MAJOR EVENTS WHERE POST 76 PARTICIPATES!***

Memorial Day Ceremony

July 4th Parade

Veterans Day Parade with Model T Club of Southern Nevada

4, Flag Postings for Several Conventions on Las Vegas Strip

Flag Postings for Local Organizations, Local Government

Information Fairs several times a year at Nellis AFB

Information Fairs several times a year at Creech AFB

Scholarships for local JROTC

Award American Legion Medals at 4 High School JROTCs and at 16 Middle and H.S

Informative/Social General Meetings once a month

Support Wreaths Across America Program

Provide aid and assistance to veterans throughout Southern Nevada

Work with other Veteran groups in similar projects

Active participants in Catholic Charities Veteran Service Fair in the Fall

Active participants in U.S. Vets Stand down in the Spring

Promote Americanism and Patriotism by picking up worn and damaged American flags for proper disposal according to the U.S. Flag Code.

Provide information and aid to Veterans at local Job Fairs

Attend weekly services on Thursday mornings at the Southern Nevada for the Veterans Memorial Cemetery for the interment of Veterans who have no family or friends.

Support deployed units with "care packages".

Volunteer at local P.B.S. Channel 10 during on-air fund raising drive and other volunteer projects when asked.

Sponsor local High School students in American Legion Oratorical Contests

Sponsor local High School students in Department of Nevada Boys State Program

## ***UPCOMING ACTIVITIES***

\* 30 September, Saturday. Retiree Appreciation Day, Nellis AFB, 0800-1300.

\* 30 September, Saturday. Honor Flight Southern Nevada Pancake Breakfast, Applebee's Restaurant, Boca Park 8730 W Charleston Blvd, 0800-1000.

\* 3 October, Tuesday. Nellis Family Housing Fall Festival, Housing Office soccer field, 1630-1830/

\* 11 October. Veterans Stand Down/Benefit Fair, Dula Gym, 441 E. Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas Blvd and Bonanza Road.

\* 17 October, Tuesday. Monument dedication at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. 1000

\* 25 October, Wednesday. PBS Job Fair, 1100-1400, 3050 E. Flamingo

\* 10-12 November. Nellis AFB Open House and Air Show.

\* 8 November, Wednesday. Color Guard for Sun City Summerlin Residents Forum Veterans Celebration, Desert Vista in Sun City.

\* 11 November, Saturday. Color Guard in downtown Veterans Day Parade.

\* 11 November, Saturday. Color Guard at Atria Sunlake, 3250 S Fort Apache, 1430.

\* 11 November. Saturday. 4th Annual John H Hilgar II Charity Golf. Angel Park, 100 S Rampart Blvd. 0700-1800.



## **CONGRESSIONAL RECORD CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO BOBI PIKE-OATES**

Senator Heller presents our own Bobi Pike-Oates with a Certificate of the Congressional Record. On Friday, July 7, 2017, Bobi was awarded a Certificate of the Congressional Record at a Round Table for about 50 members of the Las Vegas and Clark/Nye County area Veterans groups attended by Bobi as a representative of the Air Force Association, as well as several other organizations in which she participates.



### **TRIBUTE TO BOBI PIKE-OATES**

As stated by Mr. Heller:

Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Bobi Pike-Oates of Las Vegas for her service to our country and to the great State of Nevada. Bobi Pike-Oates served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years, retiring with the rank of senior master sergeant. Now, even in retirement, she remains active in various groups and dedicated to helping veterans and the community.

Bobi Pike-Oates traveled the world during her time in the Air Force, serving in Hungary for Operation Joint Endeavor and in Turkey for Operation Provide Comfort. Being so far from home was, of course, very difficult, and we cannot adequately repay Bobi for the sacrifices she made in order to serve our country.

Throughout her time in the Air Force, Bobi earned awards and received recognition for going above and beyond in her service. During her time at Nevada's own Nellis Air Force Base, Bobi received the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, as well as the Resource Advisor of the Year Air Warfare Center.

Even though she is now retired from the Air Force, Bobi Pike-Oates's commitment to serving her country remains just as strong. Currently, Bobi serves on various boards, commissions, and associations that help our veterans. Bobi is a board member for the Women Veterans of Nevada, a life member of the Air Force Association, a charter member of the Women in Military Service for America, Air Force Sergeants Association, American Legion, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. She also serves on the State of Nevada Women Veterans Advisory Committee. Through these various organizations, Bobi continues to make Nevada proud.

I am both humbled and honored to acknowledge Bobi Pike-Oates for her service to our country. Her sacrifices and continued commitment to helping those who served makes me proud, and it is an honor to call her a fellow Nevadan. As Nevada's senior Senator, I look forward to seeing her continue to inspire others and work to help fellow veterans who, like her, make it possible for us to live in the freest nation on Earth.

Congressional Record Volume 163, Number 61, Senate, Page S2446,

## **IF YOU ARE A MILITARY RETIREE, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!**

### **Retiree Appreciation Day**

**Saturday 30 September 2017 8 AM to 1 PM**

**Thunderbird Hangar Nellis Air Force Base**

Retirees and their families are invited to a program of information and enjoyment. Our Guests Lt Col [RET] Lannefeld and CMSGT [RET] John Lokovic will be speaking on current issues impacting you and how your concerns are represented.

**LUNCH will be provided.**

RETIREES AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED FOR A PROGRAM OF INFORMATION AND ENJOYMENT. OUR GUESTS LT COL (RET) JOHN LANNEFELD AND CMSGT (RET) JOHN LOKOVIC WILL BE SPEAKING ON CURRENT ISSUES IMPACTING YOU AND HOW YOUR CONCERNS ARE REPRESENTED. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

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## POST 76 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Legionnaires Paul Hestand, Bill Autrey and Bill Lynn (Post 8) supported the Del Webb Boy Scout Adventure Base in Zion, UT. They were instrumental in running the rifle, shotgun and first aid merit

badge training for the summer camp, held in July of this year. Additional Paul served as the camp medic. Over 200 boys attended the camp.

If interested in upcoming youth activities, contact Paul. 702-401-8089, [p4979f@gmail.com](mailto:p4979f@gmail.com) —**Paul Hestand**



## REMEMBRANCE WALK DEDICATION

### Remembrance Walk Dedication, 17 October 2017, Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr, Boulder City, NV 89005

After almost two years, this memorial has been installed at the location we have fought for so hard. The dedication itself is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1000 hours (10:00).. If you are available to attend the service, we would be honored to have you join us in this celebration to be held beginning in the chapel at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, then removing outside for conclusion of Military Honors and the unveiling.

The Remembrance Walk Memorial Committee is working diligently to put together a program that will further honor “our” Veterans. We have a special speaker who has accepted and a special proclamation in honor of these Veterans. A very special flag will be used for the Flag Folding Ceremony which will later be housed in the chapel lobby along with a plaque. Military honors and protocol have been addressed with some very special features.

A number of Veteran organizations have contributed to the creation of this memorial – American Legion Posts 8 and 76, Marine Riders of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada Patriot Guard Riders, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 17 and 1076, Women Veterans of Nevada. Private donations have been made as well.

Those of us who stand for these very special Veterans realized that their story needed to be told and that a memorial dedicated to them would accomplish that need for the following reasons:

It would raise awareness of the thousands of Veterans who currently reside here and will eventually reside here who are alone, forgotten, have no one who cares. Outside of those of us who attend and participate every week in the Thursday Morning Services for these Veterans and they are placed in their final resting place, there is no thought given to them except by those of us who take them Home. No flowers or flags to be placed on their graves for birthdays, special occasions, anniversaries, holidays, to show that anyone cares or remembers or that they even existed.

It is our hope that this memorial will be highly visually accessible so that awareness of their plight is raised. That they WILL be remembered, as they should be, for the price they paid to serve their country. This is probably the only opportunity they will ever have to bring awareness of their plight into the public eye. Also this memorial would help our living Veterans to heal knowing that “none have been forgotten” – no matter their life circumstances. We ALL feel the sadness of the circumstances of “our” Veterans.

It is also our hope that this memorial will bring an awareness to our younger and future generations, that many of us forgot to honor and take care of those Veterans in need. And that they will fill the void our eventual absences will create. For more information about this journey visit:

[www.remembrancewalk.wordpress.com](http://www.remembrancewalk.wordpress.com) Any questions feel free to contact Bobi Oates, [boates4616@aol.com](mailto:boates4616@aol.com) 702-498-3045



## **VETERANS' DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH AGENT ORANGE**

Agent Orange was a tactical herbicide used by the U.S. military from 1962 to 1975, named for the orange band around the storage barrel. The military sprayed millions of gallons of Agent Orange and other tactical herbicides on trees and vegetation during the Vietnam War. Veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange include Veterans who were in Vietnam, the Korean Demilitarized Zone, on Thai Air Force bases, and who flew on or worked on C-123 Aircraft. Several decades later, concerns about the health effects from these chemicals, including dioxin, a byproduct of Agent Orange production, continue.

VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases."

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases.

- AL Amyloidosis

A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs

- Chronic B-cell Leukemias

A type of cancer which affects white blood cells

- Chloracne (or similar acneform disease)

A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.

- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin

- Hodgkin's Disease

A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia

- Ischemic Heart Disease

A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain

- Multiple Myeloma

A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow

- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue

- Parkinson's Disease

A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement

- Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset

A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of herbicide exposure.

- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda

A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.

- Prostate Cancer

Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men

- Respiratory Cancers (includes lung cancer)

Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues

More information is available at: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/index.asp>



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### ***UPCOMING MEETING DATES :***

*E Board Meeting — 12 October, 2017, 4:30 pm*

**GENERAL MEETING** — 15 October, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

*E Board Meeting — 9 November, 2017, 4:30 pm*

**Veteran's Day Parade** — 11 November, 2017 starts in downtown Las Vegas, arrive NLT 8 am

**GENERAL MEETING** — 19 November, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

*E Board Meeting — 14 December, 2017, 4:30 pm*

**GENERAL MEETING** — 17 December, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

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