



The Post Journal

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

It's all about 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.

We have several activities in the coming months and your participation in these activities help show the community who we are. One of our big activities this spring is the school award program. Your neighborhood schools select the students that best represent Americanism in their class. Your participation is needed along with the Post officers to go to school award ceremonies and represent veterans in the presentation of the American Legion award to these deserving students.

We also have an ongoing effort at the Veterans cemetery in Boulder City every Thursday morning. Fellow veterans who die and have no family are buried by the government every Thursday. These fellow veterans will be buried alone, without a word if not for the efforts of the Nevada Patriot Guard No Veteran Alone program. Members of Post 76 join the Nevada Patriot Guard, Women Veteran's of Nevada and Vietnam Veterans of America each week to insure a proper burial of these fellow service members who, like you, chose to serve.

We are building a marksmanship training unit to support the American Legion Jr. Shooting program in our community to instruct young men and women how to shoot safely. Several post members have completed the required instructor certification and range safety training. We will begin this spring to work with area JROTC and Boy Scout elements. If you like to shoot and think America's youth need to know how to also, we need you, please join the effort.

The coming months will also present 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.

So, get involved now. 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. Help show our communities what the "Spirit of Freedom" really means!

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Post Everlasting —

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Past 1st Vice Commander

William R. (Richard) Barrett,
US Army, 10th Armored WWII
February 5, 2013
former Sergeant at Arms

Sick Call —

Jr. Past Commander "Ted" Pugh is still recovering from recurring stokes and would appreciate hearing from you at (702) 804-8080.

If you know of anyone, or are under the weather yourself, let us know! We are adding a sick call list to the website soon.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND 2nd NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS



Post 76 will be holding its annual elections during our regularly scheduled general meeting on April 21, 2013 at the Durango Hills YMCA. Complete position descriptions can be found requested from the Adjutant. The nominating committee is now looking for qualified candidates to consider for all of the following elected positions:

COMMANDER - will preside over all meetings of the post and have general supervision over post affairs.

1st VICE COMMANDER - will assume and discharge the duties of the Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Commander and will be Chairman of the Membership.

2nd VICE COMMANDER - will assume and discharge the duties of the 1st Vice Commander in the absence or disability of the 1st Vice Commander and plan, schedule, and prepare for Post and patriotic events.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - will be responsible for overseeing the set-up and tear-down as well as maintaining order at all meetings.

TRUSTEE - will be elected for a period of three (3) years and represent the interests of the general membership on the Executive Committee and shall have sufficient autonomy to deliberate and act in favor of the greater common good and national interests of the membership. Trustees shall be elected in a staggered order so that only one is elected each year.

If you are interested in any of these positions, you must contact the Adjutant at (702)595-1795 or e-mail NVPost76@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN March 11, 2013** to be considered by the nominating committee. We are also looking for individuals who would be appointed by the Commander to fill the following positions: **Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian, and Chaplain.**

There are 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

Membership — or Why It is Important to Pay Dues on Time

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st. The early bird renewal process begins in July for the upcoming (next) membership year. Renewal notices are sent out in July (early bird), October (regular renewal period), January (delinquent), March and May (expired). When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year. There are times when a member pays their dues by mail, but they still receive a renewal notice. Since dues are paid to the local post, it takes longer for national to be notified about the renewal and the member may receive another renewal notice. Online renewals [<http://www.legion.org/renew>] are immediate and highly recommended.

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

Your Donations are Needed for Boys State

Once again I must ask for your support for The American Legion's premier youth program that has taught generations of young men how American government works and is known as "a week which shapes a lifetime". More than 1 million high-school juniors, including Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, Tom Brokaw, Michael Jordan, Brian Sandoval, and Harry Reid have participated in Boys State.

During the 1930s, socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps taught American youth that communism should replace democracy. To counter this negative influence the Boys State program was established to foster appreciation for, and participation in, the U.S. two-party system. Boys State is a week-long event where young men engage in the political process and learn the workings of democratic government. Delegates organize their own local, city and state governments after being assigned to one of two political parties: Nationalists or Federalists. They then conduct party caucuses to select candidates for city and state political offices, and also elect Judges and Supreme Court justices.

The students propose and pass laws for governing their "state", participate in legislative sessions as assemblymen and senators, hold court proceedings as lawyers and judges, and develop and hone their public speaking and leadership skills through classroom and recreational activities.

It costs the Legion Post \$260.00 for each sponsored student, and with one or two students from each of nine schools in our area of responsibility, this exceeds our financial resources. Therefore, it is necessary to call on our fellow Legionnaires and members of the local community to assist us in making sure that eligible students have the opportunity to attend and participate in this outstanding program. **Please give any amount you can to this valuable and worthwhile cause.** Make your check payable to: The American Legion, Post 76 and indicate it is for NBS. As a Veterans Service organization, all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for investing in today's youth and tomorrow's adult leaders. Your generous donations can make a real difference in a boy's future.

Jack L. Ford, Chairman

Board of Directors

The American Legion — Nevada Boys State Program



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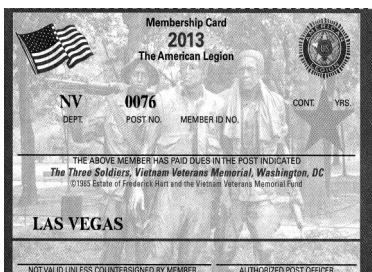
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Membership is our Post's most important asset!

Without it, we cannot grow and accomplish our mission. With it, can do all those important duties that need to be done for our veterans and our community. The Post needs **YOU** to step up and take an active role in our future. Both from within, to step up and volunteer to be an Officer and serve on your Executive Board, or on a Committee. In addition, from without, by talking to your friends, relatives, 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 are aware of the benefits they could have as a Legionnaire? Ask them to come to a meeting and join you.

Be Proud to be A Legionnaire!



Over 88% of you have renewed for the 2013 Legion year. **Thank you!** You are one of the millions of Veterans *Still Serving America!* If you have not already renewed for 2013, do it right now. Look at your card. If it says 2012, your membership privileges have expired. We need you. The American Legion is by and for its members. Do not let your fellow Veterans down by not renewing. Fastest renewal is at: <http://www.legion.org/renew> or send a check to the Post PO Box address on the cover page of this newsletter.

Thanks for still serving America.



Adjutant's Pen "POST EVERLASTING"

You served your country honorably when it needed you. Now you are a "Veteran *Still* Serving America". When you enter Post Everlasting,

consider making the transition easier by planning ahead. Take time to do it now.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration maintains 131 national cemeteries in 39 states. Nevada has established two state veterans cemeteries. Gravesites in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries cannot be reserved in advance. You should advise your family of your wishes and where your discharge papers (DD214 or equivalent) are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility.

The cemetery director determines eligibility for burial, usually at the time of need.

You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home. You may be eligible at the cemetery closest to where your address of record was on your discharge papers or nearest your current residence. Burial at Arlington is more complicated and can be found at <http://arlingtoncemetery.net/eligib.htm>.

At the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC), you may pre-register. Forms are available from the Adjutant or you can call 702-486-5920 or downloaded:

http://www.veterans.nv.gov/cmsdocuments/PLOT_REQUEST-South.pdf.

In either case, whether pre-registering at SNVMC or planning for interment at a National Cemetery, someone should have the information in the following column readily available:

- First or subsequent burial?
- If subsequent interment, who is already interred, section and site number (if known)
- Decedent's full name, gender, SSN, date of death, date of birth and relationship
- Contact Info (funeral director's name, address, and E-mail address)
- Next of kin information (name, relationship to deceased, SSN, phone number, address)
- Type of religious emblem for headstone
- Did the decedent reside within 75 miles of requested cemetery?
- ZIP code of decedent at time of death
- County of decedent at time of death
- Type of burial (casket or cremation)
- Marital status of deceased
- Casket/liner size/urn size
- Is surviving spouse a Veteran?

HELP! We will be publishing a **monthly online update** 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. Otherwise, you will only receive this paper version of our newsletter quarterly. In addition, we send out important veteran information via email.

No Veteran Alone — 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 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. Be part of your Post Color Guard to honor these brave men and women. For information, contact 1st Vice Joel Forman at akan01@centurylink.net or check our webpage calendar each Wednesday.

Membership — Membership is the primary responsibility of your 1st-Vice Commander. However, all post members should be involved in the growth of your Post. Talking to your neighbor, fellow employee, gym or golf buddy, someone in a Veterans Hat or has a military decal on his/her auto. "Are you a Legionnaire? If not, there is an easy process to be one. If they happen to be... bring them to a meeting. Without new members, it will become more difficult to help our fellow Veterans and to help our community. Contact your 1st Vice or any of your Officers for help. The Adjutant can provide you with as many applications (sized to fit in your hat) as you need.

UPCOMING POST 76 MEETING DATES :

E Board Meeting — March 14, 2013 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center.

General Meeting — March 17, 2013 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA.

E Board Meeting — April 11, 2013 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center.

Special General Meeting Annual Election of Officers — April 21, 2013 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA.

E Board Meeting — May 9, 2013 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center.

General Meeting — May 19, 2013 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA.

E Board Meeting — June 6, 2013 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center.

General Meeting — June 16, 2013 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA.