



# The Post Journal

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

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE IMPORTANT REMINDER —

Two of the dates for our upcoming meetings are moved

**Our Meeting for April is moved to accommodate Easter / Passover which are held on our normal 3rd Sunday. The meeting is moved to the 4th Sunday of April.**

**GENERAL MEETING — 28 April 2019, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**Our Meeting for June is moved to accommodate Fathers Day which is held on our normal 3rd Sunday. The meeting is moved to the 4th Sunday of June.**

**GENERAL MEETING — 23 June 2019, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

— Mike Percival, Post 76 Commander

## POST 76 SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Currently, we have two main outlets:



**1. FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV](http://www.facebook.com/ALPost76LV)**

[or search for: American Legion Post 76 Las Vegas]

**2. 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.

**HELP US KEEP CURRENT!** If you know of any member changes, either change of address or entering Post Everlasting, let the Post Adjutant know.

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I have enjoyed my last two years as your Commander. But it was the volunteers that did all the work. My bout with lung cancer held me back from doing everything I wanted to do. But I have great confidence in those vets that will assume the new positions for our post next year.

I do have a couple of major concerns for our future. Our volunteers are NOT getting any younger. In order for this post to survive, we MUST reach out to younger veterans to continue to carry the baton. We have to leave our comfort zone of hanging out with our "older" vet friends and seek veterans from the later war eras. Encourage someone you know or meet at a veteran function to join and then to participate. Take some phone numbers and make a few calls to those who are in Post 100 or form our post that haven't renewed. Invite them to our meetings. Remember, if an organization is not growing—it is dying.

Another need we have is in the field of technology. Since we cannot escape from the world of technology, we must embrace it. Many of us are too old to learn new tricks when it comes to the internet and social media. We need younger and more knowledgeable veterans to ensure we stay up with rest of the world. If there is anyone out there that can help our "Social Media" committee and our website administrator, please contact our new First Vice Commander, Tony Mascari at 702-218-0689. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you all for your contributions to our post this past year. I wish you all the best for the future. — *Mike Percival, Post Commander*



## AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAINS

The chaplaincy has many purposes. One of its major purposes is to help persons grow in their relationship with God and one another. Also, we serve as a reminder of the transcendent and seek to develop an environment within which Legionnaires are encouraged in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth. We are to remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The American Legion is comprehensive in nature embracing all religions, faiths, and denominations within its ranks. The chaplaincy being non-denominational and non-sectarian, wishes to minister to the spiritual needs of all without regard to either affiliation or nonaffiliation.

Chaplains seek to minister to people wherever there is a need. For many, chaplains are the only ministers they will ever know, as they have no affiliation with church, synagogue, or other religious institution. The role of the chaplain is ever increasing due to the aging of our membership. Each Legionnaire should be alert to the physical and spiritual needs of his/her comrades. **The chaplain should be notified when there is death, illness, or special concern in the membership.** At that point the chaplain should provide all ministry and service available.

[Source: <https://www.legion.org/honor/chaplains>]

Post 76 Chaplain, Tony Mascari

## ***100-4-100”***

A hundred years of service! To God, Country and Community. What a wonderful and amazing record of accomplishment for America’s largest veterans’ organization. For those who served in the mud-filled trenches of WWI, the steaming jungles of WWII and Viet Nam, the frozen ridges of Korea, and the burning sands of the Gulf and Middle East, The American Legion has fought long and hard for our returning veterans. Our success has been because of our strong, loud, and persistent voice to our elected Representatives, who listen and act because our voice is our membership.

Lately that voice which has resonated so loudly in the halls of Congress over the years has started to weaken and falter. If we intend for The American Legion to still be there 100 years from now, serving our future generations of veterans, each and every one of us must work to strengthen our membership voice. The Department of Nevada is running behind last year-s membership totals, and we are clearly not even coming near our full potential. Our goal of 7389 should be a breeze, without much effort. To put our failure in perspective, Clark County alone has 146,394 veterans as of 2017. Males constitute 91% and female veterans the other 9%. You do not have to be a math major to see how badly we are under-performing in our recruitment efforts.

I am asking each of you who reads this article to take action immediately to “Just Ask” everyone you meet if they are a veteran, and if they served during a wartime period if they belong to The American Legion. If they are eligible for membership you can put them in touch with their nearest Post or the Department Office at 702-382-2353. And don’t forget that if they are not a veteran, but are related to a veteran, they may be eligible for our Auxiliary or Sons of the Legion. Please do your part today and every day to keep our Legion voice resonating and powerful. And remember to always carry a membership application with you.

Also we must not forget that Retention is as important as Recruitment. If you haven’t seen or heard from a friend or member of your Post in awhile, reach out to them and ask them to join you in an upcoming event or meeting. Remind them of who we are and all that we do nationally and locally for America’s veteran population. *Jack L. Ford, PDC — Department Membership Chairman*

## ***POST 76 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY***

**Please Attend the 17th Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony**

**Monday May 27th, 2019 Solemnly and Promptly at 9:30 AM**

**Refreshments and the Patriotic Flute Choir begins at 9:00 AM**

**Held at the Lakes South Park [APPROXIMATELY 3310 Lake South Drive] [between Sahara / Desert Inn North-South and Durango / Ft. Apache East -West]**

On Memorial Day, we remember and honor our fallen heroes.

Join Nevada Post 76 Spirit of Freedom Legionnaires, JROTC Students from Centennial and Palo Verde High Schools, our neighbors from The Lakes, The City of Las Vegas and our distinguished speakers on this important National Holiday to honor those who gave all to defend the way of life for us.

**Membership Accolades: NOTE: THIS IS A LISTING OF THOSE THAT ACHIEVED THAT GOAL LAST MEMBERSHIP YEAR****2018, not 2019.** Post 76 is proud to recognize those members below who have reached significant five year milestones in their membership Continuous Years, as of **December 2017. Check your membership card to see continuous years you have.****5 YEARS**

Arnone Anthony F  
 Beber Lawrence E  
 Benson Robert B  
 Bishop Marshall L  
 Bonaventura Michael L  
 Bowie Alex C  
 Byington Richard  
 Carey James S  
 Carriger Gary W  
 Catain Sol  
 Chapman Mark  
 Cheatham Walter G  
 Clymer Kenneth R  
 Cohen Albert S  
 Conley Jack B  
 Curcio George F  
 Daugherty Stephen  
 Fecher Conrad C  
 Fitz Ben V  
 Goldinger Steven D  
 Gonzales Hipolito  
 Hickman Scott C  
 Hood Paul L  
 Hostetler Monty A  
 Hurtado Paul  
 Jackson Johnny C  
 Lamer Leo L  
 Liberty Ralph G  
 Luz Anthony  
 Maesaka Harold M  
 Mahon Thomas P  
 Malfara Patrick R  
 Malichky Harry  
 Manola Robert C  
 McConell Thomas E  
 McKenzie Robert E  
 Morse John  
 Mott Arnold  
 Nelson Richard P  
 Oriente Vincent  
 Pena Carlos S  
 Percival Michael  
 Phillips Joseph T

**5 YEARS Continued**

Rose Clarence L  
 Schnose Gene  
 Severson James M  
 Shackelton Tony  
 Simone Fred P  
 Sotomayor Manuel G  
 Stephan William K  
 Stewart John H  
 Swords Carol L  
 Turner Andrew  
 Val Michael R  
 Volz Drew E  
 Walker Warren  
 Warren Richard  
 Watson Harry E  
 Webster Claude F  
 White Jeffrey L

**10 YEARS**

Alvarez Martin M  
 Cesta Peter M  
 Cote Paul H  
 Dotzler Howard L  
 Eaton Rick  
 Esber Thomas A  
 Gillogly Richard S  
 Kelly Glen E  
 Leu Vernon D  
 Myatt Michael P  
 Rogge Marvin  
 Tovar Ricardo

**15 YEARS**

Antonson Jon J  
 Cooper Clyde A  
 Dixon Terry L  
 Habif Israel N  
 Knight Roger T  
 Knobloch William F  
 Petersen Dennis A  
 Rhoades Charles W  
 Wiseman Edward

**20 YEARS**

Ballerstein Larry R  
 Bell John R  
 Childs James A  
 Good Richard G  
 Jenkins Jim  
 Nobrega John G  
 Nocho Carl J  
 Quaney Terry L  
 Stroup Robert A  
 Underdown Catherine T

**25 YEARS**

Anderson Richard  
 Cadabes Ernesto  
 Dubielak Ronald A  
 Galante Robert  
 Harris Joe N  
 Hulshouser Robert D  
 Kaddi Saad M  
 Meyer George R

**30 YEARS**

Douglass Linwood C  
 Fain Robert T  
 Foulon Rick  
 Fuller Gary A  
 Polack John G  
 Scarano Francis P  
 Schelke Robert D

**35 YEARS**

Dziadon William P  
 Hedges William B  
 Shreves Charles L

**40 YEARS**

Cedillos Robert L

**50 YEARS**

Antolec Frank J

## TALARC—THE AMERICAN LEGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." There are estimated to be 700,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, or "hams," in the United States. Over the years, countless members of the U.S. military were trained as technicians or engineers, and later obtained amateur-radio licenses to continue to use their abilities at home, as both recreation and a public-service commitment.

"Since 2011, The American Legion's amateur radio club board members have conducted monthly nets from within or near the National Headquarters city of Indianapolis, joined by volunteer TALARC net control operators hosting nets from their homes and post radio stations across the nation. Like all nets, our purpose is to provide a chance for all members to get "on the air," and to experience the use of different communications modes. In addition to typical HF operations, nets using other modes were established to accommodate newly minted hams who may be limited by equipment or licensing privileges. As a bonus, over the years we've added many hams who have come across our nets and learned about the existence of our great and growing program.

A monthly net schedule appears posted online at <http://www.legion.org/hamradio>. Consider tuning in to one of the nets this month. We'll be listening for your call." (above information obtained from the American Legion Amateur Radio Club webpage newsletter <https://www.legion.org/hamradio>)

The American Legion Post 76 Ham Radio Club is open to all eligible veterans with a ham radio license or those that wish to obtain a ham radio license. For more information on the Post 76 Ham Radio Club, contact Larry at 503-351-0502 or Frank at 702-277-9160

## POST 76 FUN SHOOT AT THE CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING COMPLEX



Department Commander Joel Forman firing his Berretta 9 mm pistol.

Members of Post 76 met on a cold and windy Saturday morning to spend some time together putting holes in paper targets. Attending this time were Department Commander Joel Forman, Historian Gary Parriott and Legionnaires David Finke, Robert Hatch, and Roger Henning. All had a great time firing many different pistols and rifles, and marveling at how well they were able to hone in on the bull's-eye after all these years. Why don't you consider joining us next time? We try to not conflict with other activities, and find that the 3rd Saturday of the month seems to fit best. Keep your eyes open for upcoming email blasts notifying our members and friends of the next

social gathering at the range. If you are not on our email list, and are interested, please send an email to our Post email address [NVPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NVPost76@gmail.com). This is not restricted to only Post 76 members, but also any other veterans or friends.



Robert Hatch enjoying his classic 7.62 mm SKS carbine



Gary Parriott plinking with a .22LR caliber Taurus Model 94

## POST 76 CHARTERS SCOUT PACK AND TWO SCOUT TROOPS



The adventure starts with Cub Scouting, a year-round family program designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grades, or 7 to 10 years of age. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Cub Scout Pack 312 fills this function in our area.

Scouting BSA then takes over as the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

Scouting BSA has a lot to offer, but our scouts don't let the number of merit badges scare them away. With exposure to a uniquely hands-on learning experience and the opportunity to earn merit badges reflecting each Scout's budding interests, youth unlock a world of discovery around them and forge a path for the future. Scout Troops 312 fill this function in our area.

## POST 76 SERVICE OFFICER REQUEST

Our TFA (Temporary Financial Assistance) which intended for Veteran families that are in need of financial help that have minor children. It is a one time fund only for those that meet the requirements. With that said, let me turn to a recent correspondence I received from the National Commander Bret P. Reistad.

"We are in a crisis situation ....Active Duty service members are facing financial hardships and are turning to the American Legion for help in record numbers. Request for help through our Temporary Financial Assistance grants (TFA) are pouring in from U.S. Coast Guard personnel across the country affected by the government shutdown.

The annual operating budget for the TFA program is approximately \$300,000. As I write this letter, we have distributed over \$800,000 in assistance to Coast Guard families with minor children and there are hundreds of additional requests being processed. We are just a month into 2019 and have exhausted the entire TFA budget.

We do not want to have to turn away our comrades ... including the brave members of our Coast Guard ... who are risking their lives defending us daily. They should not have to worry about putting food on the table."

My fellow legionaries, when your request to help rebuild our TFA fund, please consider the need and give freely.

Members may donate to The American Legion Veterans and Children fund directly online at [www.legion.org/donate](http://www.legion.org/donate) or send in a check to **American Legion P.O. Box 361533 Indianapolis, IN 46236-1533.**

## U.S. MINT AMERICAN LEGION 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COINS

The authorizing legislation for the American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coins also calls for the Mint to collect surcharges from coin sales—\$35 for each \$5 gold coin, \$10 for each silver dollar coin, and \$5 for each half dollar clad coin. The surcharges are authorized to be paid to the American Legion to support the Legion's programs for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and other purposes specified by the authorizing legislation. The Mint announced on 14 March minting of these coins. Introductory pricing ends 15 April 3 PM EST. Check out [Legion.org/coin](http://Legion.org/coin). Purchases may be made online or via a toll free number **1-800-USA-MINT**.



## DUTIES OF OFFICERS [PART THREE] [Part 1 was in the Oct 2018, and part 2 in January, 2019]



*(This description is being repeated from the October issue because Legionnaire Larry Eisenberg has volunteered to step in and finish out the remaining term for this office).*

**1st VICE COMMANDER** will assume and discharge the duties of the Post Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the post Commander. The major responsibility of this officer will be that of Chairman of the Membership and Finance/Audit Committees and the formulation of procedures to improve membership. In the event of death or resignation of the Post Commander, this officer will preside over a meeting for the purpose of electing a successor. The 1st Vice Commander will perform such other duties as directed by the Post

**Larry Eisenberg**



**HISTORIAN** is charged with the maintenance of the Historical records of the Post and the membership. They should also perform such duties that properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post Commander or Executive Committee.

**Gary Parriot**

**DIRECTORS** shall be members of Post 76, elected for a period of three years, to represent the interests of the general membership on the Executive Committee, should not hold another office in the Post, either elected or appointed during his term, to avoid conflict of interest, and shall have sufficient autonomy to deliberate and act in favor of the greater common good and national interests of the membership. Directors shall be elected in a staggered order such that only one Director shall be elected each year. A Director shall be a member of the Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee and chair the Nominations Committee.



**Jack Ford**



**Paul Hestand**



**Marvin Morgenthal**



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### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES :**

*E Board Meeting — 11 April 2019, 4:30 pm*

**NOTE!** Meeting for April moved to accommodate Easter / Passover which is held on our normal 3rd Sunday

**GENERAL MEETING — 28 April 2019, 1:30 pm** at Durango Hills YMCA

*E Board Meeting 9 May 2019, 4:30 pm*

**GENERAL MEETING — 19 May 2019, 1:30 pm** at Durango Hills YMCA

*E Board Meeting — 13 June 2019, 4:30 pm*

**NOTE!** Meeting for June moved to accommodate Fathers Day which is held on our normal 3rd Sunday

**GENERAL MEETING — 23 June 2019, 1:30 pm** at Durango Hills YMCA

### **POST 76 HAS A STRONG PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET.**

Be sure to join and/or subscribe to these sites so you will be notified when updates with new information are made.

Web — <http://www.nvPost76.webs.com/>

Blog — <http://alPost76lv.blogspot.com/>

**IF You have not yet paid 2019 dues, you are now expired. By paying your dues, you help our Post have the resources to support programs that benefit both veterans and families in our area.**