



# The Post Journal

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## Commander's Message

Fellow Legionnaires,

We are moving forward with establishing a Junior Shooting Program to be sponsored by the post. I have already begun the process to acquire rifles for the marksmanship training program. These rifles are being purchased with no post funds, and we already have two on the way. I still need volunteers for this program, so contact me if you'd like to participate.

Our December 16th General Meeting will also be our Christmas party, and we've invited foster children from Olive Crest to attend. If you'd like to donate gifts to present to these children, bring them to the meeting. Cash donations to purchase gifts will also be accepted by any of the post officers listed to the right.

# REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS



This coming fiscal year the American Legion Spirit of Freedom Post 76 will be holding its annual elections during our regularly scheduled general meeting on April 21, 2013 at the Durango Hills YMCA. The nominating committee is now looking for qualified candidates to consider for the following elected positions:

**COMMANDER** - will preside over all meetings of the post. S/he shall have general supervision over post affairs. S/he will be Chief Executive Officer and spokesperson for the post. S/he will create an annual report covering the business of the post for the previous year and recommendations for the coming year. This report will be read at the annual meeting and a copy will be forwarded to the District and Department Adjutants.

**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. The major responsibility of this officer will be that of Chairman of the Membership Committee and the formulation of methods and procedures to improve 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. S/he will plan, schedule, and prepare for Post and patriotic events, to include recommendation of guest speakers and arranging for participation in Post, national, or military holidays and other veterans affairs. S/he should build a program that makes meetings interesting and enjoyable with the goal of improving meeting attendance.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** - will be responsible for overseeing the set-up and tear-down of the meeting place as well as maintaining order at all meetings. S/he will welcome and record attending members and guests. S/he will advise the Commander of new or first time members and guests. When directed by the Commander, S/he will escort members and guests to the podium.

**TRUSTEE** - shall be a member of Post 76 and is elected for a period of three (3) years. S/he will 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 anyone is interested in being considered for these positions, you must contact the Adjutant at (702)595-1795 or e-mail [NVPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NVPost76@gmail.com) **NO LATER THAN** February 28, 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, Chaplain*

Interested persons can request position descriptions from the Adjutant.

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*

## **VA MEDICAL CENTER CLINIC OPENINGS** - 6900 N. Pecos Rd., N. Las Vegas (702)791-9000

On 6 Nov 12, the VA opened the following services on the 2nd floor of the new VA hospital:

*Dermatology, Home Based Programs, Audiology, Neurology, Rheumatology, Endocrine, Diabetic Clinic, GI Clinic, Pain Management, Health and Administrative Services, Veterans Business Center, Research, Lab, Sterile Supply*

On 4 Dec 12, the 3rd floor will open with the following services available:

*Renal, Compensation and Pension, Dialysis, Occupational Health, Cardiology, Endoscopy Suite, Surgical Clinics.*

The date for the Dental Clinic opening remains undecided as work continues to make the clinic suitable for occupancy.

Emergency Services are still unavailable at the new VA hospital; continue to use Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital for these services.



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# **It's not too late to renew your membership!!!**

Contact any officer to ask how you can renew

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](mailto:nvpost76@gmail.com). Otherwise you will only receive the paper version quarterly.



# Adjutant's Pen

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Post 76 adopted the 405th Civil Affairs Battalion "Las Vegas Desert Rats" who are currently deployed in Afghanistan. Since no post funds are used to support these brave men and women, we collect material donations for care packages to send to these deployed troops. Currently the Desert Rats have 60 men and women deployed; if you can provide anything from the list of requested items posted on our website (NVPost76.webs.com) or available at general meetings that would be wonderful. If you are un-

able to donate items, cash or check donations would also be appreciated.

In addition to our sponsorship of the 405th, we have also set up a number of subaccounts for causes our post has supported in the past:

- Nevada Boys State
- Child Welfare Fund
- VA Voluntary Service
- School Awards

- Hear Today/Learn Tomorrow
- National Emergency Fund
- Legion Scholarship Fund
- Wreaths Across America
- Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund

Donations can be sent to:  
*American Legion Spirit of Freedom  
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Please note which charity you want your donation to go. We will then send you a receipt for your taxes.

## Special Events:

Veterans Alone - Every Thursday at 0830 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City the American Legion Post 76 is one of many veterans organizations who participate in short ceremonies to honor our fallen brothers and sisters as they are laid to rest. Post members hold American flags and act as Honor Guard for these ceremonies so our comrades do not make this final journey alone. Post 76 has been very well represented at these events, and we'd like even more people to come out to give these heroes the send-off they deserve. Contact 1st Vice Commander Joel Forman for more information.

POST 76 CHRISTMAS PARTY - At our December 16th general meeting at 1330 at the Durango Hills YMCA we will have our annual Christmas party, and as special guests we've invited foster children from Olive Crest to attend. We expect 60 to 100 children and their foster families; Santa will be there with gifts for the children, and we'll have activities for all to enjoy. Representatives from Olive Crest will be arriving early to set up, and everyone is welcome to join to make this a special day for the children. Our general meeting will still occur, though it will only be a short formality in order to start the holiday festivities. Contact Trustee Bob Jagemann for more information.

SEE BELOW FOR THIS QUARTER'S GENERAL MEETINGS:

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