



The Post Journal

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

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From The Commander

This has been a very busy quarter for our Post. Flag Posting at Bally's for the IBEW, and a generous donation to the Post. Recruiting and giving information about the Legion at Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases, we were treated so well at all these functions. And our most important duty at the Veterans' Information Fair (stand down) at the Cambridge Center to offer wool glove liners, socks and knit caps to our less fortunate Veteran Brothers and Sisters. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all our Post members who volunteered, and a special "Thank You" to Department Commander Mitch Roach for rolling up his sleeves with us.

From the 2nd Vice Commander

We encourage you to come to our regular monthly meetings to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Legionnaires. As seen in the photograph to the right, we span the war eras from WWII up to the Global War on Terror.



John Letus Andy Agan Scott Moody

We have a guest speaker at every meeting and he/she is sure to capture your interest with the varied topics they present. As always, we meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM, at Durango Hills YMCA, 3521 Durango Dr., Las Vegas, 89129.

The Surprise Effect

There is no secret that the cost of living adjustments going to both Military Veterans and Social Security recipients can no longer be counted on any longer. The average increase in pay is a meager 1.7%, and yet at the same time, milk is up 7.5% from last year alone and groceries, especially produce, is up an average of 18%! When combined with longer life spans, how will retirees be able to afford their lifestyles? Certainly isn't going to be savings accounts with the .001% return from banks. So what is the answer? We as Veterans can no longer rely on the government to keep pace with inflation so it is up to us. Seeking the advice of a Financial Advisor is heavily recommended and not just because that is what I do for a living. Far too often I have seen my clients who are retired having to make drastic changes to their lifestyle so they can afford their retirement without having to go back to work. This is not necessarily the fault of the individual as these clients did what was said would be the right way to save for retirement; unfortunately this is no longer the case. Many people are scared of investing in the market due to the financial crash of 2008. While that is understandable, the last 5 years have seen over 70 records beaten with market performance following the crash. Not enough attention is given to retiree's situation. I encourage you to research free events such as seminars, workshops, and other activities that are offered to help make sure your money lasts your lifetime. Having grown up with a Grandfather who survived the Holocaust I have always made it my responsibility to help as many retirees as possible. If I can be of any help please let me know even if it is to point you in the right direction or to another Financial Advisor. My main goal is to help all Legion members one way or another.

Stu Cohen, Finance Officer

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SICK CALL:

Past Commander **Ted Pugh** is recovering at Las Ventanas Skilled Nursing Facility Room 205.

Recent Transfers: Post Everlasting — Eugene G Boegen; WWII, USAF Clarkson Coffin; Korea, USN Charles Britt; WWII, US Arm Leo Winer; WWII, USAF John J Witkowski; WWII, USAF

Your Post 76 Serving Our Local Area This Past Quarter

"The Spirit of Freedom" Color Guard



The "Spirit of Freedom" Color Guard performed at the International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers (IBEW) at Bally's at the opening ceremonies for their National Membership Development Conference on September 9, 2014. The ceremony was attended by 2,000 men and women representing the nearly 700,000 professional and blue collar members from the USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone, Guam, and Saipan. Those pictured in the color guard from right to left are Legionnaire George Meyer, Legionnaire Richard Small, Legionnaire Andy Agan, Cdr. Joel Forman, Trustee Marvin Morgenthal, and Legionnaire Roger Henning.

Nellis Retiree Appreciation Day

On September 13, 2014, Dist. 2 Adj. Roger Henning, 1st Vice Cdr. Mike Percival, 2nd Vice Cdr. and Adj. Steve Daugherty, and Cdr. Joel Forman, joined Dept. Cdr. Mitch Roach, Sgt-at-Arms Yvette Weigold, and Dist. 2 Adj. Roger Henning to pass out literature and recruit new members at the event. Retiree Appreciation Day is aimed at recognizing the service of retirees in the local area as well as providing a forum to share information with local retirees. The event offers information about base and medical services for retirees and also highlights what local vendors have to offer retirees.



Cambridge Veterans' Service Fair:

Your American Legion Post 76 participated in the Veterans' Service Fair held at the Cambridge Center, 1 October 2014. This event reaches out to homeless, low-income veterans and brings Veterans Groups, Social Service Groups and the Community together to assist those that have served to protect our country. They can get assistance with housing, medical, jobs, showers, haircuts, pet care and also makes available many articles of clothing (shoes, shirts, jackets, etc) and toiletries for needy veterans who attend the fair. Post 76 participated and made available woolen gloves and socks, purchased in bulk from military surplus inventories. Legionnaires Joel Forman (Cdr.), Frank Timbers (Svc. Officer), Steve Daugherty (Adj.), and Roger Henning (2nd Dist. Adj.) "carried the American Legion banner" and manned the Post 76 booth. It was a great day for advertising American Legion's role in supporting local veterans and recruiting new Post 76 members.



Creech AFB:



Your American Legion Post 76 participated in the Creech Air Force Base Community Service Support Information Fair on Friday, 10 October 2014. 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.), Jim Lenz (member and Legion Rider), Roger Henning (2nd Dist. Adj.), and Mitch Roach (Dept. of Nevada Cdr.) "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 Nevada Day Parade

The “Spirit of Freedom” Color Guard again performed at the Las Vegas Nevada Day Parade on October 30, 2014. The parade included 165 entries and was viewed by thousands of enthusiastic Nevadans! In addition, we also fielded a Korean War era Jeep carrying our Legionnaire who was unable to walk the distance as well as our own “Mrs. Veteran, Global Nations”, Pranava Moody. Marching with the Color Guard but missing from the picture were Service Officer Frank Timbers and trustee Jack Ford.



Joel Forman, Pranava Moody, Marvin Morgenthal, Roger Henning, Bob Martin

Veterans Day Parade



Forman, Daugherty, Agan, Moody, Morgenthal, Percival

Post 76 proudly marched the Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2014 accompanied by 4 Model T Fords driven by members of the Las Vegas Model T Club. The Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade is the second largest parade in the nation – second only to New York. While Las Vegas is known for many attributes including the title of the Entertainment Capital of the World, most people don’t know that every major veterans organization in southern Nevada participates in the annual Veterans’ Day Parade. The parade includes all the schools with JROTC units, congressionally recognized organizations, civic and commercial entities. Veterans’ organizations from the surrounding states (California, Arizona and Utah) have regularly participated in the Las Vegas Veterans’ Day Parade.

Recruiting ALL Fellow Veterans

This is from a post on the “MyLegion” electronic Adjutants forum.

The question was “Why the proposal to extend membership to any US military veteran was not considered at the convention and pulled from consideration”. The answer was:

There is already a congressionally chartered organization that accepts all who honorable served - AMVETS. Because of that there is zero chance of changing Legion dates since it unnecessary and would require putting AMVETS out of business.

From the AMVETS website, “On July 27, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 216, making AMVETS the first World War II organization to be chartered by Congress. Since then, the original charter has been amended several times to admit as members those who served in different eras. Today, membership in AMVETS is open to anyone who is currently serving, or who has honorably served, in the U.S. Armed Forces from World War II to the present, to include the National Guard and Reserves.”

What does this mean for Post 76 members? When you run across someone who is a veteran, tell them about the American Legion and your Post, but not if they are not in our eligibility periods [see application on back page], you should tell them about AMVETS. Every service person should belong to some organization that looks out for them and our current military and their families. While there are not any AMVETS Posts yet in Nevada, it does not mean they can’t join AMVETS and add to the clout in Congress. There are so few veterans [1 in 14] compared to the total population, that we need all the representation by multiple organizations in Washington, DC. as possible.

Honor Flight Southern Nevada Scheduled for April 17 to 19, 2015.

Are you a WWII Veteran that has not yet been on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial and other memorials? There is an upcoming Honor Flight April 17-19, 2015.

Apply online at: www.honorflightsouthernnevada.org or call at 702-749-5912 to get an application. It is **free for WWII Veterans** to honor the Greatest Generation!



Congratulations are due to the following Legionnaires on reaching their 5 year membership increment!

70 Years Continuous Membership

RONALD E. STOLLER

65 Years Continuous Membership

WILLIAM J. HARTSELL

45 Years Continuous Membership

PHILLIP L. EISMAN

40 Years Continuous Membership

WILLIAM W. FRANKLIN

30 Years Continuous Membership

HAROLD L. GALLEGOS

JAMES E. HERNON

CARL H. NOVACK

25 Years Continuous Membership

VINCENT J. ALLEN

PAUL E. ALLISON

HUGH D. BORLAND

MICHAEL M. DAMORE

TERENCE E. HYLAND

RANDALL MORRIS

THOMAS L. PAVLAK

WILLIAM E. POSTMA

STONE R. QUICK

KENNETH D. RIMMER

20 Years Continuous Membership

WALTER L. BAKER

ELIAS J. FULSOM

ROBERT F. HABERMAN

JOHN M. HANFORD, III

RICHARD L. HESS

EDGAR LAW

ARNOLD P. ROGNSTAD

RONALD J. VANDERVLIT

15 Years Continuous Membership

BOB G. DIXON

ROBERT E. DUTRA

DAVID P. DVORCHAK

STEPHEN C. FOREMAN

BILL F. KNAPP

MILTON. MATTHEWS

MAX RHODY

JOSEPH J. SICHAK

HORACE G. SMITH

SHEILA G. TUTTLE

10 Years Continuous Membership

LLOYD C. BAILEY

WILLIAM BRINTON

THOMAS E. COFFEY

EDWARD CYRUS

GORDON DOUGHTY

ALBERT J. ELLIS

DALE J. GAGE

JOHN GOMEZ

HAROLD M. GRIFFIN

CLYDE HALL

EVELYN M. HALLAS

ROGER J. HENNING

DON A. HINTON

HARVEY L. HIRSCH

CHARLES E. HOMMEL

ROBERT S. HUGHES, JR.

JANE H. JEFFRIES

VINCENT A. KARCH

JAMES KINDELAN

JOHN A. LETUS, JR.

THOMAS J. MACPHERSON

PRESTON MASON

TERANCE MILLER

ANDREW P. MULLIGAN

ROGER L. NEAL

BERNARD. PALLUCK

JAMES POLLARD, III

JOHN RENTCHLER

REX R. REUST

JOSEPH J. SCARLET

FRANK. SCHMIDLIN

HECTOR. SILVA

PAUL STOTLAND

KENNETH G. WARNER

CARLTON WOODARD

LEO W. ZEIGER



5 Years Continuous Membership

ANDRES JR. AGAN

CLIFFORD CRISTEL

DON D. DAILY

TOMMY L. FARR

RIC FIELDS

JOEL M. FORMAN

CHARLES GERBINO, JR.

ROBERT A. GODINICH

ROBERT HAHN

JERRY P. HARMON

PETER B. HERMANN, JR.

DENNIS HETHERINGTON

JAMES E. LENZ

FRANK NAGASHIMA

EARL H. NISHIMURA

TILMAN OTTO

ROBERT C. RINALDI

VERNON J. SIMS

DONNA R. STEWART

DOMINICK R. VENTIMIGLIA

WALTER S. WILGUS

Everyone is authorized to wear a five year star for each 5 year increment, or [above] a numbered star patch or the numbered continuous membership tack [*available at Emblem Sales*]. Check your membership card to see how many stars you have earned to wear proudly!



Adjutant's Pen



Legion members need to be alert for multiple dues invoice mailings from our Headquarters. There is a 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 with Post 76 receive a Welcome Letter from the Post 76 Commander along with their new membership card. Then 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.

On another familiar subject, we have received many member service discharge papers (usually DD214) and thank you for helping us stay ahead of the IRS; the discharge document is a requirement from the IRS for all American Legion posts to keep their tax-exempt status. 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.

Are You Interested in Legion Riders?

Post 76 is looking to start a chapter of the Legion Riders. American Legion Riders (ALR) chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001. This is a very family friendly activity and allows members with a desire to get out and ride the road with other Legionnaires a chance to participate while potentially volunteering to support the very worthy ALR mission. If you are interested, contact Jim Lenz at lvpaladin1@gmail.com. We are in need of additional members to be able to charter the new chapter.



UPCOMING MEETING DATES :



DISTRICT 2 Meeting 10:00 am on Saturday December 6, 2014

[Post 22— 4651 South Homestead Road Pahrump, NV 89048 at the VFW Post #10054]

E Board Meeting — December 11, 2014, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — December 21, 2014, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — January 8, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — January 18, 2015, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

E Board Meeting — February 12, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — February 15, 2015, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

DISTRICT 2 Meeting 10:00 am on Saturday March 7, 2015

[Post 10 — 1905 "H" Street Las Vegas, NV 89106]

E Board Meeting — March 12, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.

GENERAL MEETING — March 15, 2015, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA

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

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

E Board Meeting — May 14, 2015, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Center.




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John McClenahan Cdr. Mitch Roach

MEMBERSHIP is OUR Most Important Asset
It is time for YOU to Recruit new members.
To Help YOU Recruit New Members
 To OUR Post, **Copy and Use**
The Form Below ↓



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

_____ (Membership ID# Former Member) _____ (Email) NV 76 _____ (Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (8/25/50-1/31/55)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)	

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail with \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 76 PO Box 34012 Las Vegas, NV 89133-4012

DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____