



# The Post Journal

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As this will be my last message as the Commander for Post 76, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your support and willingness to serve.

After preparing 48 general meetings and 48 EBoard meetings, we can look back and be proud of our accomplishments over the past 4 years. We will have doubled our membership, increased our visibility in our community, partnered with other Veteran service organizations to show that we CAN work together. We have volunteered in all 4 Pillars of The American Legion.

Six of our members have risen to be District Officers, both elected and appointed. Our Color Guard has performed in many parades, and events all over Southern Nevada. Three members of our Post perform the services on Thursday mornings at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City for the unaccompanied Veterans who are laid to rest there. Post 76 is involved in so many other community related events that I could fill the entire Newsletter listing them all.

I look forward to seeing and greeting each of you at our upcoming meetings. I will continue to be as active as I have been, with a little help from my comrades. I wish the new Commander and his officers the best of luck in continuing the success that Post 76 has had over the past 4 years.

Respectfully, **Joel M. Forman — Commander**

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES :

*E Board Meeting — April 13, 2017, 4:30 pm*

Note: Change in Date of General Meeting due to a Religious Holiday

**GENERAL MEETING — April 23, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**April General Meeting is the Election Meeting. Come meet your new Officers.**

*E Board Meeting — May 11, 2017, 4:30 pm*

**GENERAL MEETING — May 21, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**Memorial Day Service — May 29, 2017 Lakes South Park 9:30 am**

*\* E Board Meeting — June 8, 2017 4:30 pm 1960 Faywood Dr.*

**GENERAL MEETING — June 25, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

**Summerlin Patriotic Parade — July 4, 2017 starts on Hillpointe Rd. 7:30 am**

*E Board Meeting — July 13, 2017, 4:30 pm*

**GENERAL MEETING — July 16, 2017 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA**

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## ADJUTANT'S CORNER

A few Post 76 members have not renewed their membership for 2017. After 1 January 2017, any member who has not renewed is technically expired. However, if the dues (\$40) are paid before 1 July 2017, then membership is renewed with no break in Continuous Years in the American Legion. We hope everyone will try to pay their membership dues before this date to keep their Continuous Years intact and help Post 76 continue to thrive. You can pay either online ([www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org)) or with check or money order mailed to PO Box 34012, Las Vegas, NV 89133. As a reminder again, once you receive your new Post 76 ID card, you should not respond to any other dues invoice mailings from National—they're sometimes behind the dues processing delay curve. If you have questions on your membership status, please contact your Adjutant with email at [stevedaugh@aol.com](mailto:stevedaugh@aol.com) or call to 253-691-0617.

Come to a General meeting to learn about all the activities in which your Post is involved. You'll get pumped up on all the detail about upcoming veteran-related events around the Las Vegas Valley, find answers to many of your questions on veterans' benefits, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow veterans. Our continuing Guest Speaker Program features a different presentation from representatives of veteran-related organization around the Las Vegas Valley that offer a broad range of assistance for our veterans. Come to a meeting and discover what you may be missing.

Post 76 is involved in many community events to further its mission, and volunteers are always needed to help the community aware of The American Legion's 4 Pillars—Veterans, Youth, Defense, Americanism. Whether you participate in Color Guard/Honor Guard event (parades, conventions), community event (Veterans Stand Down, Job Fairs, Information Fairs at Creech and Nellis AFB, PBS donation drives, etc), or as a committee (Membership, Activities, Boys State, Oratorical Contest, School Awards—to name a few) member you can have fun and know that your time is contributing to a worthy cause. You can contact the Commander or Adjutant any time—we need your support to keep Post 76 thriving. By the way, if you don't renew your membership by 1 July, you won't be able to receive our next Newsletter.

The new slate of officers (Commander, 1st Vice-Commander, 2nd Vice-Commander, Sergeant-at-Arms, Trustee) nominated by the Executive Board will be announced during the General meeting 19 March 2017, and elections will be held at the General meeting on 26 April 2017. Officers appointed by the Post Commander are Adjutant, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Historian, Chaplain, and Judge Advocate. Nominations for any elected officer are also open to all members. If you want to step up and lobby for one of these positions, or nominate someone else to fill a position, please put your intent in writing (or email) to Commander Forman or Adjutant Daugherty. Post 76 will continue to be successful in helping veterans only if we have concerned officers to help set the pace.

Contact your Adjutant, Steve Daugherty, at 253-691-0617 or email at [stevedaugh@aol.com](mailto:stevedaugh@aol.com) for answers to any questions about your Post 76.

## POST 76 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

**Please Attend the 15th Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony — Monday May 29th, 2017**

**Solemnly and Promptly at 9:30 AM**

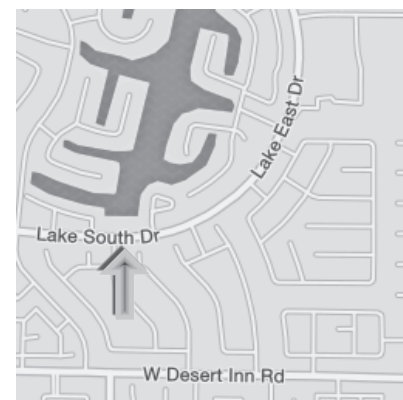
**Held at the Lakes South Park [see map] [between Sahara and Desert Inn North-South and Durango and Ft. Apache East -West]**

Please consider attending our 15th Annual Memorial Day ceremony.



The media label this day as the official beginning of summer. Some in the media say that it is a day to CELEBRATE and honor ALL the men and women who serve and have served, as well as those who paid the ultimate price. **They are incorrect.**

**ARMED FORCES DAY** is the day we honor all those who have served, are serving now or will serve the Country in Uniform. **VETERANS DAY** is the day we honor all Veterans. **MEMORIAL DAY** is that special day where we **DO NOT CELEBRATE but HONOR** and remember with humility and gratitude those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms and our way of life.



## **FINANCE NEWS**

In my line of work I sometimes don't get the time to write a newsletter article for our Post, but with a slew of new financial industry regulations about to be enacted it was clear I had to write something. I am a licensed Financial Advisor and the banking world is among the heaviest regulated industries in the country and around the world. The new regulations the Obama administration put into place thru the Department of Labor deal with every IRA in the United States. The proposed new regulations are drastically different than the first draft, and although President Trump has signed an executive order delaying the implantation the new rules will eventually begin. I cannot stress enough how important it is to sit down and meet with your Financial Advisor or call me and I would be happy to assist with any financial questions you may have regarding your accounts. Here is some information on the NAIFA (National association of Insurance and Financial Advisors) website:

***"The rule is over 1,000 pages long and will require a careful review and analysis by NAIFA and our counsel. Because NAIFA members are always subject to the rules and requirements of their financial institutions (broker-dealers, insurance companies, etc.), we will await further discussion of the practical applications of the rule until the financial institutions have made determinations on their specific implementation requirements"***

Have a great day, **Stuart Cohen, Finance Officer**

## **HELP FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED**

A representative from ClearCaptions spoke at our Post 76 General meeting in December 2016 and relayed information about a free captions phone. The device translates a caller's voice to words displayed on a screen, making telephone conversations much more comfortable for the hearing impaired. You can listen to and read what the caller is saying, so you never miss a word. The service is free, and there is no income or insurance qualifications. A few members have taken advantage of the service already. For more information, you can call the ClearCaptions representative, Deborah Ace, at 702-305-1743.

## **POST 76 SUPPORTS VETERANS IN CARE PROGRAM**

Post 76 continues its support of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Veterans in Care (VIC) Program with an Honor Guard recently at the Grant Sawyer Building in downtown Las Vegas. Post members provided an Honor Guard at a ceremony on 18 January 2017 to honor Veterans in senior living facilities and thank them for their military service. Veterans from several smaller senior living facilities around Las Vegas were transported to the Grant Sawyer Building for the ceremony. Post 76 members and the NDVS staff personally presented the Veterans with a Certificate of Appreciation and lapel pin thanking them for their service to America and their role in advancing the universal hope of liberty, justice and freedom for all.

The VIC mission seeks to reach Nevada's veterans residing in and receiving care and services in skilled care facilities, residential care, and assisted living facilities. It represents an outreach to over 400 senior care providers across Nevada. The NDVS effort has attracted several facilities and hundred of veterans in Nevada for VIC recognition, programs, and training. The vision of VIC currently encompasses three related components: Benefits and Programs; Veteran Culture Education and Training; and Quality of Life Recognition and Communication.

Post 76 is scheduled to participate in the VIC Program with an Honor Guard at several other senior living facilities in 2017.



Post 76 Honor Guard at Grant Sawyer



Saluting Veterans in Care: Bobi Oates, Joel Forman, Miss Nevada Bailey Gumm, Steve Daugherty, Frank Timbers, Andy Agan, Richard Small

## ***WHAT POST 76 ACCOMPLISHED LAST QUARTER***

**Post 76 is pleased to report a very busy and successful first quarter of 2017.**

**Among our Legionnaires' accomplishments were the following events:**

Provided Color Guard for the NDVS Veterans in Care Program at 3 Assisted Living facilities

Attended the District Advisory Meeting at Post 40.

Attended Veterans of the Month ceremony for Post 40 Legionnaire Marty Barrett at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas.

Attended recognition ceremony on 15 December for Post 76 Legionnaire Jim Lenz at Creech AFB, where the 432 WG/PA awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for the service anti-protestors he provides outside the gate at Creech when certain anti-military protestors are there.

Participated in District 2 membership Revitalization effort--added 31 members.

Participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at SNVMC on 17 December to place wreaths on fallen members of Post 76.

Attended Army/Navy Military Exposition is 15-17 January 2017 at Caesars Hotel Casino to procure items for the Veterans Stand Down events in 2017.

Attended VA Health Fair & Town Hall at VA Hospital.

Attended Naming off The VA Clinic in Laughlin for Chief Petty Officer Jesse Dean, Post 60.

Attended ceremony for wounded soldier who was presented a mortgage-free house in N Las Vegas by The Freedom Alliance & Silver State Bank.

Supported Boy Scout youth programs.

Participated with information table in PBS Veterans Job Fair @ PBS Studio.

Attended Collaborative Partners Mixer, Hidden Heroes @ Veterans Transition Resource Center.

Continued planning for Nevada Boy State event.

Planned and implemented Legion Oratorical Contest.

Supported Patriotism vigil outside Creech AFB main gate.

Participated with information table in Creech AFB Family Day/Community Support Information Fair.

Participated in No Veterans Alone ceremonies at SNVMC.

Participated at the PBS Veterans Job Fair @ PBS Studio

Attended Congresswoman Jacky Rosen Open House

Attended the Collaborative Partners Mixer, Hidden Heroes @ Veterans Transition Resource Center

Attended the Post 60 Mortgage Burning Party and dinner that followed

Participated in the Creech AFB Community Support Information Fair.

Attended District Advisory Meeting. Arlo Q. Leavitt Post 24, 840 Hafen Lane, 89024

Set up a table to distribute socks, gloves and hats at the US VETS Stand-down @ Cashman Center

Attended the UNLV AF ROTC LTC Colonel Ceremony @ Hendrix Auditorium UNLV

Attended and participated at the Department Winter Conference March 17 - 18 in Reno.

Set up an information table at the ARRL (Amateur Radio) State Convention Eastside Cannery

Participated at the Nevada Advocacy Workshop @ Suncoast Hotel.

Supported Nevada Veterans Foundation.

Participated in VA State Commanders Advisory Board.

District 2 administrative support and quarterly meeting attendance.

Performed miscellaneous administrative duties of Post officers

## POST 76 MEMBERS SALUTE VETERANS IN NEVADA STATE VETERANS HOME



Marty Barrett (Post 8); Andy LeDuc, Neil Johnson, Joel Forman, Bobi Oates, Paul Hestand (Post 76); Ron Michalski (Post 40); Steve Daugherty, George Lyford, Andy Agan (Post 76)

On Monday, 30 January several American Legion Post 76 members distributed Service caps to residents (US 60 Army, 41 Air Force, 34 Navy, 11 Marine Corps, 1 Coast Guard Veterans, and 34 spouses of Veterans) of the Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City. All the caps, with Service-unique logo and a “Thank You for Your Service” inscription, were presented personally to each Veteran of the Home. The Home staff were very generous and cordial in their efforts to help reach out to each and every Veteran at the Home to present their caps. It was a day of honor and gratitude for all the cap presenters and the Veteran recipients.



All Proud Veterans

## POST 76 PARTICIPATES IN PBS VETERANS JOB FAIR

Post 76 members participated in the semi-annual Vegas PBS and Work for Warriors Veterans/Family Hiring Fair on Wednesday, 22 February. Legionnaires Frank Hamell, Buzz Cheatham, Joel Forman, Steve Daugherty, and Daniel McDonald manned an information table at the event to show the US and American Legion colors and introduce new members to Post 76. Sponsored by PBS Channel 10 at their studio on E Flamingo, the event continues their activities to support Nevada’s Veterans and their families. It was a fun day for the Post 76 members, while they met a host of Veterans and spread the American Legion mission to all the participants.

## POST 76 MEMBER HONORED BY CREECH AFB PERSONNEL

Vietnam Veteran and Post 76 member Jim Lenz was recently honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from personnel at Creech AFB in Indian Springs, NV. The 432 WG/Hunters Boosters Club awarded Legionnaire Lenz the certificate in recognition of his frequent appearance at the Main Gate at Creech AFB, welcoming Service members who pass through the gate every day. He also appears as an ardent supporter for the Service members when certain protest groups appear outside the Creech Main Gate to voice their disapproval of our military presence there. During a recent interview, Jim said “I come out here to show my support for you folks and to let you know your country has your back. I’m not out here for fame or glory or recognition—I’m out here because it’s the right thing to do.” A salute to Legionnaire Jim Lenz!



Legionnaire Buzz Cheatham; 432 WG/Hunters Booster Club

## CREECH AFB INFORMATION FAIR

Your Post 76 was invited again to participate the Creech AFB Community Support Information Fair, held in conjunction with the Creech AFB Family Day on Monday, 1 March 2017. The Post 76 entourage manned a table to



The team ready for work (Steve Daugherty, Buzz Cheatham, Joel Forman)

make available American Legion information to the active-duty service members and their families attending the event. The Fair is an effort to inform all the active duty military, civilian employees, and family members associated with Creech AFB of 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 to advertise their roles in supporting the base personnel. The day was highlighted by an impressive display of the Air Force’s F-16 precision flying team—Thunderbirds. It was a successful day for advertising American Legion’s role to many Air Force members and sowing recruiting seeds.



The team at work (TSgt Heather Toussaint, TSgt Adrian Abram, Steve Daugherty)

## **UPCOMING POST 76 ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, 1 April, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM.** Pancake Breakfast for Honor Flight of Southern Nevada. Applebee's Restaurant (Boca Park), 8750 W Charleston Blvd. Fundraiser for sending eligible Veterans to Washington DC monuments.

**Saturday, 22 April, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.** Boy Scouts Exposition, Floyd Lamb State Park, 95 North. Post 76 volunteers provide First Aid Merit Badge Training.

**Sunday, 23 April, 3:30 PM.** Honor Flight of Southern Nevada returns from Washington DC at McCarran Terminal 1 near C gates. Post 76 members help welcome Veteran honorees.

**Sunday, 23 April, 1:30 PM.** Post 76 General Meeting, Durango Hills YMCA, 3521 N Durango Rd, Las Vegas.

**Sunday, 23-25 April.** F-86 Fighter Pilots Association Meeting. Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, 4000 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas. Post 76 participates with a Flag Posting (pending).

**Saturday, 13 May, 9:30 AM.** Ceremony for Veterans in Southern Nevada Veterans Home, 1900 Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV. Sponsored by Nevada Department of Veterans Services, Veterans in Care Program. Post 76 provides Honor Guard and assists with award ceremonies.

**Saturday, 13 May, 10:00 AM.** Helldorado Parade. Downtown Las Vegas. Post 76 marches with a Color Guard.

**Sunday, 21 May, 1:30 PM.** Post 76 General Meeting, Durango Hills YMCA, 3521 N Durango Rd, Las Vegas.

**Sunday, 21 May.** Golf Challenge for Honor Flight. Spanish Trail Country Club, 5050 Spanish Trail Ln, Las Vegas. Fund raiser for Honor Flights of Southern Nevada.

**Monday, 29 May, 10:00 AM.** Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony. Planned and implemented by Post 76 at The Lakes South Park, Las Vegas.

**Tuesday, 4 July, 9:00 AM.** Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade Downtown Summerlin. Post 76 participates with a Color Guard.

**Friday, 18-24 August.** The American Legion National Convention. Reno, NV. Post 76 assists Department of Nevada with implementing logistics of hosting convention.

**Thursday, 21-22 October.** Las Vegas Intertribal Veterans Pow-Wow. Lorenzi Park, 3343 W Washington Ave, Las Vegas.

- Contact Commander Forman or Adjutant Daugherty for details on any event.

## **POST 76 YOUTH ACTIVITIES OPPORTUNITY**



Early lessons in Patriotism

Post 76 members have an opportunity to support youth activities in our community with the Boys Scout and Cub Scout . Volunteers are needed. Help is needed in various outdoor field activities, specifically for First Aid Merit Badge training and various shooting sports programs. In support of youth marksman training, Paul Hestand has coordinated for Post 76 support for an air rifle training facility that is under development at Desert Sportsman, 12201

W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas. Training to become a BB gun Range Master for Cub Scouts is planned for March 18 from 0900-1300 at Desert Sportsman. If you are interested , go to the following link and sign up for the free course:

<http://lvacbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2017-day-camp-training-classes/2067997>

Help is also needed at the Boy Scouts Expo on Saturday April 22 at Floyd Lamb Park by Tule Springs from 0800-1600 for First Aid Merit Badge training.

Boy Scout Summer camp positions are also available at Camp Kimball outside Las Vegas in June and at Camp Del Webb outside Zion, UT in July. We will be running shotgun, .22 rifle and 3 gun ranges. Post 76 members who are interested in helping, should contact Paul at (702) 401-8089, email [p4979h@gmail.com](mailto:p4979h@gmail.com)



Marksmanship training

## **UPDATED POST 76 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS NOW AVAILABLE**

The Post Bylaws Committee spent hundreds of hours going over and updating the Post Constitution and Bylaws. The result was presented to the General Membership during the January meeting and put to a vote during the February meeting. The new version was approved and signed by the Commander and forwarded up to District and Department for their evaluation to ensure it complies with the minimum requirements for documents of this type. The approved version is available upon request from the Adjutant, or available as a link from at the Post webpage

<http://www.nvpost76.webs.com/>

A short summary of the substantive changes is as follows:

### CONSTITUTION:

- Made reference to General Membership meetings consistent.
- Clarified American Legion membership requirements including Reserves and National Guard.
- All applicants for office MUST submit a letter of intent with attached proof of service consistent with American Legion requirements.
- All applicants must have all required information into the Nominating Committee the month prior to the Election General Meeting.
- Clarified the Finance Article
- Changed the office of Trustee to Director consistent with the Nevada Non-Profit regulations.
- Added that the Constitution is adopted subject to provisions of the National Department and District Constitution and Bylaws.
- Added a new Article VIII on Corporation clarifying that the corporate powers of the Post and officers are subject to rules and regulations of the Post.
- The Post is chartered under the Nevada Regulation on Non-Profit Corporations and those requirements flow down to the Post.

### BYLAWS:

- All the changes to the Constitution apply to the similar topics in the Bylaws.
- The Adjutant and Finance Officer shall also have a voice and vote.
- Roberts Rules of Order will be the only reference for parliamentary procedure and definitions.
- Added that motions are able to be presented and acted upon, except for nominations for office because of the requirement for vetting by the nominating Committee.
- Added minor clarifications to Officer descriptions.
- Added description of the Audit Committee.
- Added that the Commander is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Added clarification to sections on Post Meetings.
- Added a section to Limitations of Liabilities that the Post shall secure liability insurance.
- Added that if Post 76 Constitution and Bylaws are in conflict with the most recent National and/or Department Constitutions and Bylaws, those shall automatically repeal or modify the Post 76 Constitution and Bylaws and eliminate the conflict upon reading the changes into the General Post Meeting minutes.
- Added an Article on Elections

## **WHAT THE AMERICAN LEGION DOES FOR YOU**

Your dues that go to the National Office of the American Legion supports efforts that benefit the four key programs of the Organization. In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent 2.2 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels.





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### ***TIME TO THINK ABOUT IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS!***

Please Attend the 15th Annual Lakes MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Monday May 29th, 2017 Solemnly and Promptly at 9:30 AM at the Lakes South Park

SUMMERLIN PATRIOTIC PARADE July 4, 2017 starts on Hillpointe Rd. 8:30 am. Meet and Park at 7:30 am @1960 Faywood Dr. [Joel Forman's house and walk a few blocks to the parade staging.]

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

Take a minute and add these internet addresses to your favorites and when you get online, 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://post76nv.blogspot.com/>

If you have **NOT RENEWED SINCE 2015**, this will be your **LAST NEWSLETTER!** Please renew immediately by contacting the Adjutant at (253) 691-0617