



# The Post Journal

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## Commander's Message CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

It has been a very busy 4 months for Post 76. From our Memorial Day Ceremony at the Lakes, to our well attended participation in the July 4th Parade in Summerlin, to the Department Convention in Laughlin, District meeting, awarding of Legion Medals at area high and middle schools, the Red Rock Memorial Rededication, involvement in Legion shooting programs, Boys State and our weekly participation in "No Veterans Alone" services at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. More of our members have become involved in our various American Legion projects. I salute all of you who have stepped up. We have more projects in the months ahead. **The Post needs your support and participation. Can we count on you?**



## Honor Flight of Southern Nevada

will be flying another large group of World War II Veterans, who are interested and able, to visit our WWII and other Memorials in Washington, D.C. during an upcoming weekend this Fall, at no expense to them. Airfare from Las Vegas and hotel rooms and meals in Washington are all paid by benevolent corporate sponsors like Southwest Airlines and by private donors. Our Post 76 Historian and World War II Veteran, Evie Hallas, made this great trip with Honor Flight a few months ago, and our fellow post members Ken Gossett and Bill Knapp are planning to be among those making the next trip this Fall. Volunteers or Guardians who wish to go along with the group to help out are welcome to apply to do so, but pay their own expenses. For further information, or for an application to join the group as either a WWII veteran or as a volunteer, please e-mail Post 76 Judge Advocate & Trustee ***BobJagemann@aol.com*** and include your telephone number. It is an honor you have earned and deserve, and a great experience! Please pass the word to friends and relatives who might be interested to go as well.



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Eugene Travis: WWII US Navy

### Sick Call —

If you are or know of anyone who is sick, let us know! We can let your comrades know in an email blast.

# CONSIDER DONATING TO THE AMERICAN LEGION THIS YEAR

Every day your fellow Legionnaires are working to make a difference in our Community, State and Nation. The Legion serves as your strong advocate for Veteran health care; full concurrent receipt for retired pay; disability compensation for disabled retirees; and widow benefits. People programs and benefits enhancements are expensive and are often the first to be cut when government looks to reduce its budget deficit.

The American Legion is your advocate in holding Congress responsible for keeping America's promise to those who served. However, Post 76 cannot continue our support of VA services, legislative advocacy, community youth activities and homeless veteran programs at the State and local level without your support.

With rising costs, it is impossible to meet the needs of our members on dues alone, so we must rely on donations and we need your help. As a non-profit organization, we strive to keep administrative costs at a minimum and ensure that every income dollar goes into Legion programs. Twenty two dollars (\$22.00) of your membership dues goes to support The American Legion at the National and State level leaving thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per paid member to cover administrative costs such as rental of the meeting room, Post liability insurance, newsletters, mailing expenses, district and department dues, State of Nevada filing fees, office supplies, and our Post Office box.



These necessary administrative expenses grow every year and they leave us very little to cover such local programs such as the School Awards, Nevada Boys State, Child Welfare, Legion Baseball, Temporary Financial Assistance and support of local deployed troops.

We know that times are tough for everyone and that makes our work more important than ever. Your Legion is working hard to protect what you earned and what you deserve. We appreciate the sacrifices associated with serving your country and that is why we strive daily to serve you and your family. If you can help, please send in a donation today. We hope that all "Spirit of Freedom", Post 76 members will accept this call to arms and assists us in doing the important work of The American Legion.

Please mail your check today in whatever amount you can afford: **The American Legion, "Spirit of Freedom", Post 76**  
**PO Box 34012**  
**Las Vegas NV 89133-4012**

On the memo line mark "**Legion programs**" and remember that all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration and support. [FINANCE OFFICER AND TRUSTEE — Jack Ford]

## WHO ARE THE LIKELY RECRUITS TO THE LEGION?

What is a Veteran to the Legion? It is any military person who has honorably served his/her country during periods of military conflict. It doesn't matter if he/she was involved in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan. All vets treated as equals in the eyes of the Legion. We leave our rank when we leave the active duty military.

What age is our average Legionnaire? At least 55. We cannot expect a young 4-year veteran to come home and join the legion when they have jobs and families to worry about. Even those who have retired from active duty service and are coming back home are still most likely seeking employment and may still have children at home.

Those of us who have "emptied the nest" and are "retired" from the 40-hour work week, are most likely going to be thinking about "serving their country, again."



So when you spot a person with a military insignia hat or shirt, and they appear to be at that ready age (55+), invite them to join. It is the best way to keep our numbers where we need them to best stay "**Veterans Still Serving America**"

## Why Should They Belong?

The American Legion is the nation's largest and most powerful organization of U.S. wartime veterans and their families. Today, it counts 2.4 million members who operate through nearly 14,000 posts across the United States and beyond.

Since its inception by an act of Congress in 1919, The American Legion has delivered substantial improvements for veterans, families and communities. The Legion ushered in the modern VA. The Legion drafted and drove home passage of the GI Bill and the Post- 9/11 GI Bill. The Legion has brought into existence dozens of health-care benefits for veterans and programs designed to provide decent civilian careers after discharge.

The American Legion works every day on behalf of all U.S. servicemen and women. It is recognized as a national leader in transition assistance from military to civilian life, providing resources for careers, education opportunities, child care and more.

The Legion is active every day. Examples include: VA volunteers; American Legion Baseball; Junior Shooting Programs; and the National Emergency Fund. The Legion's services can be classified under the organization's four pillars:

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth.**

# Adjutant's Pen Membership is OUR Most Important Asset



**The Post needs YOU to step up and take an active role in our future as a recruiter** by talking to your friends, relatives, and people whom you sit next to that may be wearing something that says, "I am a Veteran". Here are some questions you can

ask them: Do they belong? Do they know what the American Legion does? Are they aware of the benefits they could have as a Legionnaire? If they do not, then ask them to come to a meeting and join you.

## How Can You Help?

What is the process for recruiting new members? For veterans who qualify (see back of enclosed application), there are multiple ways to join The American Legion. The traditional way is to fill out the simple form, which can be given or sent to the Adjutant or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice who will make sure that the rest of the process is in motion.

While online renewal is highly recommended for existing members because it reduces the turnaround time at all steps, online new membership is difficult because they join the general Legion, not our Post specifically.

Here is the recommended method for new members that can be done in a matter of minutes:



if you have a Flag, bring it. For information, contact Commander Joel Forman at [akan01@centurylink.net](mailto:akan01@centurylink.net) or check our webpage calendar each Wednesday.

**Junior Shooting Program** —We are building a Junior marksmanship training unit to teach high school students gun safety and marksmanship. If you have an interest in supporting this program, contact Jr Past Commander Paul Hestand at (702) 521-8907 or at [p4979h@gmail.com](mailto:p4979h@gmail.com). If you like to shoot and think America's youth need to know how to shoot safely, we need you. Please join us in this endeavor.



After a new member completes the application form, [see a copy on the back page] they can send it along with a check for \$35.00 to the Post PO Box address found on the first and last pages.

After that, the post adjutant will log his or her information and then transmit the form to the department headquarters. The department will forward the information to National Headquarters. At that time, the information will be logged into the national system.

If your recruit is a member of another Post and would like to join us, then the easiest way is to call or email either the Adjutant or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. Transfers can be done over the telephone or email. The adjutant's telephone number is (702) 495-1795. The 1st Vice is (702) 534-1667. Their emails are [NVPost76@gmail.com](mailto:NVPost76@gmail.com) and [mgpercival@gmail.com](mailto:mgpercival@gmail.com).

## The minimum information for transferring is:

- Current Membership Number
- Current Post
- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Are they current for the membership year?
- Email address [if they have one]

**No Veteran Alone** — 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,

## UPCOMING POST 76 MEETING DATES :

- E Board Meeting — August 8, 2013, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center
- General Meeting — August 18, 2013, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA
- E Board Meeting — September 12, 2013, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center
- General Meeting — September 15, 2013, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA
- E Board Meeting — October 10, 2013, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center
- General Meeting — October 20, 2013, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA
- E Board Meeting — November 14, 2013, 4:30 pm at the Summerlin Trails Community Center
- General Meeting — November 17, 2013, 1:30 pm at Durango Hills YMCA






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**HELP!** We will be publishing *online updates* but only if we have your email address. If you do not already receive the online updates, and would like to, please send your email address to *nvpost76@gmail.com*.



**Membership is OUR Most Important Asset**  
 TO HELP RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO OUR POST,  
 USE THE FORM BELOW.

| THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  |                                |                         |                   | <br><b>DUES RECEIPT</b><br><i>(Please Print)</i> |   |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Name _____  | (First)                        | (Initial)               | (Last)            | (Phone)   | Date _____<br>Received From _____<br>\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues<br>Recruiter's Name _____<br>Recruiter's Signature _____<br>Recruiter's Phone # _____ |
| Address _____   | (Street)                       | (City)                  | (State)           | (Zip)   |   |
| _____   | (Membership ID# Former Member) | (Email)                 | NV 76<br>(Post #) | (Date)  |   |
| <b>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army<br><input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard<br><input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility)<br><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 _____ |                   |   |   |
| <b>Mail with \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 76 PO Box 34012 Las Vegas, NV 89133-4012</b>  |                                |                         |                   |   |   |