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# LEGIONETTE – A STORY TO SHARE –

## 4/23

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### NEWS FROM DEPARMENT

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It's getting close to start working on End of Year Reports. Most of the

Department Chairs have dates they have

requested to have your Unit Year end reports turned in by, this allows enough time for the

Chair to combine the hours and narrative reports that are due to their Western Division program Chairs. They then have to make sure they have all the reports they need to turn into National HQ. All reports are due to National by June 1. Our Department reports can be submitted with an easy to use format that is available on our Department website:

<https://nevadaauxiliary.com/>

All of our Department Officers and program Chairs are available to answer questions or offer assistance if needed. I can be contacted at: [GlynisLVAux@yahoo.com](mailto:GlynisLVAux@yahoo.com) if you need help. You can always contact our hard working Department Secretary/Exec Director: Daela Gibson, [theDaela@gmail.com](mailto:theDaela@gmail.com), our Department President is available as well. Courtenay Burns: [courtenayjo@gmail.com](mailto:courtenayjo@gmail.com). Most of our program chairs have probably sent an email or called, or reached out in some way. They are available for assistance as well.

Please turn in a report even if your Unit did not "actively" participate in a particular program. A simple sentence, "This Unit did not participate



in this program" will suffice. We would love to get to 100% reporting to our Western Division program chairs.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

*Shared By: Laurie*

*Diefenbach is the elected*

*Chaplain of the ALA*

*Department of Nevada.*

### MEMBERSHIPS & VALUES

Last month I wrote about how our Federal Holidays reflect our National values. This month let's get more personal.

What we are a member of also reflects our personal values. Let's just focus on memberships that we pay dues for; those represent a personal choice. Sure, we're members of the workforce (we have to make a living!), or members of a family (we are born into one), but how about the memberships we choose to pay money to be a part of.

I am a member of a gym, a member of a synagogue, a member of several professional (legal) organizations, a member of the Auxiliary of three Veterans organizations. What does this say about me? What do your memberships say about you?

The gym membership shows that I care about my physical (and mental) health.

The membership in my synagogue demonstrates my commitment to my faith. The membership in several professional organizations shows that I am trying to improve my own legal skills,



and to improve the legal profession overall.

The membership in three Auxiliaries show that I support veterans. Granted, I am only active in one of these veterans organizations – the American Legion Auxiliary – but I pay dues to and read the Newsletter of the Jewish War Veterans, and the 392<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Organization. I am a member of the Jewish War Veterans to honor my grandfather, a Veteran of World War I. Plus, my grandmother was a member of the Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, so when I learned there was a chapter here in Las Vegas, I knew I had to join, too! I am a member of the 392<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group because that organization contains the survivors of that World War II group and their descendants; my Uncle George was a member of that group; he was killed in action during WWII on a bombing run from England over Germany; he was the plane's Navigator. Incidentally, paying dues to the American Legion Auxiliary, without any other involvement, is still very meaningful! Critical mass is important; just being able to lobby our elected officials for legislation important for the welfare of veterans, active-duty military, and their families as part of an organization of thousands of people has an impact! So thank you for being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Laurie Diefenbach is the elected Chaplain of the ALA Department of Nevada.



**Shared By: Daela Gibson,  
Elected Secretary/Treasurer  
of the ALA Department of  
Nevada**

## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nevada

### 2023 Membership Goals

Department of Nevada							
Unit	Name	Goal	Paid	Percent	75% goal	95% goal	100% goal
1	Darrell Dunkle	28	26	92.9%	1		
3	White Pine	15	12	80.0%	1		
4	Capital	18	14	77.8%	1		
5	Vernon Robins	10	5	50.0%			
7	Reed-Gregory	26	25	96.2%	1	1	
8	Las Vegas	55	48	87.3%	1		
10	Peter Gunn	30	15	50.0%			
14	L.D. Lockhart	72	63	87.5%	1		
16	Fred W. Anderson	20	18	90.0%	1		
22	Edward McDaniel	15	14	93.3%	1		
30	Duby Reid	12	12	100.0%	1	1	1
31	Boulder City	13	8	61.5%			
32	W.W. Manning	10	11	110.0%	1	1	1
40	Basic Magnesium	63	60	95.2%	1	1	
51	LCpl Budd M. Cote'	14	11	78.6%			
60	Richard Springston	68	62	91.2%	1		
76	Spirit of Freedom	17	7	41.2%			
100	Department HQ	37	34	91.9%	1		
149	Paradise	33	26	78.8%	1		
Department Total		556	471	84.7%	14	4	2

To determine membership goals, we take the 2022 membership you had and add one member (all units should have at least 10 members). If you can reach higher, awesome! You should never feel bad or ashamed about membership numbers. We are always here to help if you need anything. Thank you, for everything you do!

75% by December 7, 2022

95% by May 29, 2023

100% by July 31, 2023

Made goal by deadline

Made goal after deadline

## **INFORMATION REGARDING THE 104<sup>TH</sup>** **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

- **DATE:** June 24 and 25
- **WHERE:** Gold Dust West Hotel and Casino
- **ADDRESS:** 2171 E Williams St., Carson City, NV 89701
- **HOSPITALITY ROOM:** The room will be directly across the Legion Auxiliary Conference Room on the first floor at the Gold Dust West. Donations appreciated.
- **LEGION FAMILY DINNER:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. No-host cocktails served from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- **TIME/COST:** . A Buffet Style Dinner 7:00 PM. \$45.00 Per Person.
- **LODGING:** Gold Dust West
- **COST:** \$112 includes taxes.
- **ME NU:** Baked Salmon, Grilled Chicken and Carving Station Beef, Salad, Potato's, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter Specialty Desserts, Coffee, Hot Tea,
- **RESERVATION:** Call 1-775-885-9000. Mention American Legion when calling in for reservations.
- **RESERVE:** No later than JUNE 16, 2023

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOUTHERN NEVADA**



### **BMI UNIT 40**

*Shared by  
Charmaine  
Meana – Unit 40  
President*

I would just like to bring to your attention that Unit 40 will be hosting our 1st Southern Nevada American Legion Family Meeting, Sunday, April 30th at 10:00am - 11:00am at Post 40. Post 40 will also be holding their Sunday Breakfast from 8:00am – 10:00am for \$7. Come early.

The idea is to have any Legion Family Legionnaire, ALA, SAL & ALR attend. Get to know other Post Members. Bring your schedule of events for the next 3 months printed to pass out. In these trying times, it would be great if we first and foremost

supported each other. Perhaps we might be able to lend a hand to one another. We will have guest speakers and if you have something to say, please email me.

I will have a sign in sheet for your name & email there. I will also email all with updates as I receive them. I am not calling this a Department Meeting and it will not be that formal other than the Pledge. I am hoping you will bring this info back to your Post. I will also be looking for another Post to Host this same Event in July.

I will be doing a massive email about this event and hope to receive response from everyone as to whether you will be attending and how many. This is open to ALL Members. Hope to see you there.

April 2nd, 8am-10am, Unit 40 will be hosting our monthly breakfast. 2 eggs your way or 3 egg omelets with choice of onion, green pepper, ham & cheese, bacon or homemade sausage patties, toast or a biscuit with gravy, just \$7 and more. This is our monthly Girls State Fundraiser.

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### **LD LOCKHART UNIT**

**14**

*Shared by Rose Cirac,  
Unit President*

Unit 14 Our focus this month has been the

US VETS STAND DOWN. Held March 22, 2023 8a-4p in the Convention Hall at the Silver Nugget, North Las Vegas.

President Rose attended the Orientation meeting March 15. Members purchased and/or donated hygiene products--tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, 1st Aid supplies--gauze, bandages, lotion, etc., 100 pairs of socks, wipes, toilet paper, Kleenex, handmade



scarves, purses and other personal items. Our Unit Juniors made cookies to handout. Five members and One special volunteer worked shifts to man the table from 630a-430p to setup, during the day and teardown.

The next event we are working on takes place April 1st the Army National Guard Drill Weekend held at the National Guard Readiness Center. So we are working on information regarding the American Legion Family to distribute and recruit membership. Also preparing 200 goody bags.

#### **LD LOCKHART, UNIT 14, JUNIORS**



*Shared by Judy Cobb*  
Unit14 Junior Mentor.  
LD Lockhart Juniors did their part by helping prepare for the March 22nd US Vets Stand down. They packaged

cookies and made key chains to be given out to veterans in need. The cookies and key chains left over would be used during the NV National Guard, Resource Fair. One Junior helped stuff over 150 , 3D PURPLE UP pendants craft bags created by INTAGLY for this event.

As part of the funds earned during the Fall Floral Fundraiser, Juniors earned the National President's Creative Arts Festival Patch. Eight applications/donations were sent to National. LD Lockhart Juniors Rock.

There were 3 Junior s who participated in the Poppy Poster Contest entries and 1 Miss Poppy Scrap Book entry was turned in. Juniors were invited to attend the AMERICAN HERATAGE GIRLS Meeting. Las Vegas Metro Police K 9 unit put on a demonstration and talked with the girls about their program.

YOU ARE A HERO TOO award: Ana Torres nominate her son for this award.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA VA&R CHAIRMAN. Shared from: Maria Moss**

Greetings Unit VA&R Chairmen and leaders!

I hope you are enjoying the start of spring and my favorite day of the year a return to Daylight Savings! I was in Washington, DC on February 26th, to March 1st for the first time the National American Legion, invited the Auxiliary to attend the National Conference meeting in Washington DC. It was great to get together and I enjoyed the meetings. I was there in DC along with the Jim Stewart NEC Department of Nevada and others. While we were there I had the opportunity to visit the Capital House and met the Senate House of Representatives, Senator Catherine Cortez Mastro, Senator Jacky Rosen, Congress Steven Horstand, Congress Women Dina Titus staff, and Congress Women Susi Lee staff. Lastly we were invited at the Bad born breakfast a special morning breakfast with the Senator Catherine Cortez Mastro, Senator Jacky Rosen and others. I thank you and honor to Unit 14 invited me to come to their April general meeting and sharing with them about the VA&R program. I am looking forward to visit the other Units to share the VA&R program and how to get to know better to do the VA&R mission to support the veterans, the troops, their families, and the community. I am there for you and be glad to be at your general meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're Unit member's interest for that I am open in April and May. It was so interesting to understand how many American Legion Auxiliary program to give better informed and better prepared to serve



our veterans in the coming year. Please, send your Unit VA&R report to me till the middle April 15th, is the date line at [menarik@earthlink.net](mailto:menarik@earthlink.net)

I challenge you to continue your commitment and passion in support of our veterans and their families as you work to make good things happen in all of our Departments. Remember to share your pictures of the teams in action and send it to me as attachment file. We want to hear from you, and we value and appreciate your volunteer spirit and dedication to our organization.

Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Maria Moss

Department of Nevada

VA&R Chairman

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**AMERICANISM:** Shared by Rose Cirac.

WHAT SERVICE PROJECTS HAS YOU UNIT PROVIDED submit please email to me ASAP no later

than April 5th because I must email to the Western Division Chairman by April 15th.

Thanks to all Nevada Department Members.

Rose Cirac, Americanism Chairman and Unit 14 President Rose Cirac 702 630 6699

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### **GIRLS STATE INFORMATION**

The 2023 Session of Nevada Girls State will take place

**June 11 - 17, 2023**

This year's session will take place at the University of Nevada, Reno

Now you know the date, do you know your schools? Check the website for updates

<https://nevadagirlsstate.net/>

**POPPY:** Shared by Judy Cobb 702 612 8982 [yelloww@cox.net](mailto:yelloww@cox.net)

The "2022" Poppy Poster winners:



2022 Class 1



2022 Class 4



2022 Class 2

**2023** Poppy Posters have been turned in.

There are entries from Classes, 1,2,3 & 5 which will compete for Department Awards.

Those units who missed the deadline can still turn poppy posters to Western Division Poppy Chairman prior to May 1st. They will NOT be eligible for Department awards.

The Unit Poppy Reports are due to me April 15. Use [yelloww@cox.net](mailto:yelloww@cox.net) as the email, not the one listed on the website, to turn in your Poppy Report or call 702 612 8982 if you need additional information.



### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*by Judy Cobb*

What is your Unit doing  
for the military child?

Did you know the

Defense Department observes April as Month  
of the Military Child? What are you doing to  
highlight our youngest member of the military  
family? It is time to highlight programs or  
events. Did you know ALA provides coloring

books which can be

given out? What

are your ideas? I

can't wait to hear

your stories for the

next issue of the

Legionette. **PURPLE UP!**



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NEC shared information on YEAR END \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chaplin reflect on personal \_\_\_\_\_

Department Secretary/Treasurer shares \_\_\_\_\_ goals.

Department \_\_\_\_\_ is June 24 and 25

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Nevada American Legion \_\_\_\_\_

Unit 14 worked the US Vets \_\_\_\_\_ Down

A Junior packed \_\_\_\_\_ UP Pendant craft projects.

Department VA&R Chair represented the Department of Nevada in \_\_\_\_\_ DC

Girls State is \_\_\_\_\_ 11 -17, 2023

Department Poppy Chair shared photos of last year's Poppy \_\_\_\_\_ Winners.

Editor shared information regarding April as the month of the Military \_\_\_\_\_.

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