

LEGIONETTE – A STORY TO SHARE –

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NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT *Shared By Courtenay*



Burns. Department President
Dear Members of the ALA
Department of Nevada,

Happy February and welcome
to this edition of the
Legionette! It is important to
uplift Black history every
month, and February is the
nationally recognized Black

History Month. Take time to explore the resources
below to learn what we weren't taught in school.

[Black Women in History on PBS](#)

- <https://www.pbs.org/articles/inspirational-black-women-in-history/>

[Oxford African American Studies Center](#)

- <https://oxfordaasc.com>

[National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

- <https://nmaahc.si.edu>

[Nevada Black History Project Archives](#)

- <https://archive.library.unr.edu/public/repositories/2/resources/2973>

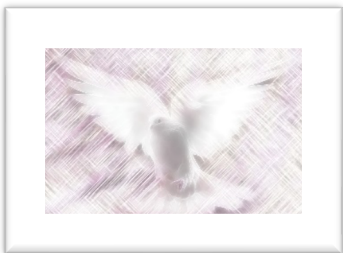
[Learning for Justice](#)

- <https://www.Learningforjustice.org>

Sincerely,

Courtenay Burns, Ph.D.

Department President



MARSHA SPAYD **OBITUARY**

Marsha W. (Hassler)
Spayd died peacefully
at home in Las Vegas,
NV. Originally from PA,
she was a graduate of

Muhlenberg High School. For several years she wrote a
column for Area Auto Racing News and created the
program for Big Diamond Raceway. She moved to Las
Vegas, NV in 2003. Marsha was proud of her longtime
membership in American Legion Auxiliary, Paradise Unit

149, Las Vegas, NV, serving as Vice President and Unit
VA&R chairwoman for several years. Marsha is survived
by her daughter Joyce Mullins, wife of Darryl Mullins,
Ariel, WA. She is also survived by several grandchildren
and great grandchildren as well as three brothers,
Marshall "Chuck" Hassler, Jeffrey Hassler, and Brion
Hassler, all of Reading. No funeral services are planned.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: *Shared*

*By: Laurie Diefenbach is the
elected Chaplain of the ALA
Department of Nevada.*



PRAYER

Do you pray?

Some people who do believe in
a Supreme Being are reluctant
to say a prayer. They feel a prayer is too much like
presenting a wish list to Santa Claus. It just seems
wrong to ask for things for ourselves.

Fair enough.

How about praying for someone else? A good place to
start is with a prayer for healing.

But I don't know anybody who is sick! Okay, fair
enough.

Just because we don't know anybody personally,
doesn't mean there isn't someone who is suffering and
could use a prayer for healing.

We are in the American Legion Auxiliary. Our mission is
to help our nation's veterans and our active-duty
troops.

Why not a prayer for healing for those veterans
suffering from PTSD? Or a prayer for the health and
welfare of those serving our country today? It can be
short and sweet.

Here's a start:

May the Source of strength bless those in need of
healing. Amen.

God bless our troops and keep them safe. Amen.

For sure, a prayer isn't going to hurt, and maybe it will even help – both you and the one(s) you are praying for. Laurie Diefenbach is the elected Chaplain of the ALA Department of Nevada.



HISTORY: BMI Post 40

*Shared by: Charmaine Meana
President*

"Toward the end of 1941, 35 World War I veterans working in the Defense Plant Corporation applied for and were granted an

American Legion charter. The new post was designated as 'Basic Magnesium Post Number 40' and would be composed mostly of BMI employees. Only one month after organization, the post membership stood at 101 members, both a remarkable and patriotic feat.

"In 1941, the Basic Magnesium Inc., complex was built for the federal government to produce magnesium and other materials critical to the allied war effort during World War II. Las Vegas was a tiny railroad watering station in 1941, and the Basic Magnesium site was chosen for its proximity to Lake Mead for water, the Hoover Dam for power, and Gabbs for its deposits of magnetite. The Basic Magnesium complex grew rapidly and soon there was a magnesium production facility that would encompass a massive complex, approximately two miles in length. Additionally, there would be a settlement that would provide housing for the workmen and their families, called Basic Town Site. Shortly after our formation in 1941-42, the organizers and charter members of Basic Magnesium Post 40 became very involved in community activities. In addition to the personal sacrifice these men made for the war effort, they also found time to sponsor and organize dinners, dances, a Legion Baseball team, and arrange speakers for meetings on patriotism and the war effort.

"By the summer of 1944, the post had secured the regional finals for our area, thus beginning our long-running and continuous support of American Legion Baseball. In the latter part of 1944, the allies need for magnesium dwindled; the plant stopped production and was shut down. Though thousands of people left the region, enough remained to save the settlement. "In 1953, behind the efforts of some civic-minded settlers, Basic Town Site and the neighboring town of Pittman incorporated as the City of Henderson, named in honor of former Nevada senator Charles B. Henderson."

As our post grew so did our community support. Basic Magnesium donated a parcel of land for the use and

benefit of BMI Post 40. This parcel of land was ultimately sold to the City of Henderson, and a new parcel of land was purchased with the proceeds. In February 1998 construction was completed on this new parcel and our new home at 425 E Van Wagenen was open.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 40 was formed on March 21st, 1994.

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 40 was formed on October 9th, 2000.



HISTORY: North Las Vegas, Budd Cote' Unit 51

*Shared by Nicky
Flores-Ninmer*

Unit 51 has been part of Department of Nevada since the 1950's. Our unit was first named

after Joseph Shapiro a WW1 veteran (3/28/1896-9/9/1963). His wife was Rose Shapiro (1896-1979). The Shapiro's owned a trailer park on the corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Belmont, until the death of Ms. Rose as she was so fondly called. Joseph was a founding charter member of Post 51. The Shapiro's are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nevada. Poppies are placed on their graves during Veteran's and Memorial Day.

The original home for Post and Unit 51 in North Las Vegas until 1980.

[From 1980 to 2008 Unit 51 was not active and loss it's charter due to no members.](#)

In 2008 the American Legion Post 51 changed their name to Budd Cote'. When the post changed their name the Auxiliary once again earn their charter to become Unit 51. We have been active with about 10-15 members at any time ever since.

LANCE CPL. BUDD COTE' United

States Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Budd Michael Cote', 21, of Tucson, Ariz., passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2006.

"Buddy", as referred to by his family, was raised in Las Vegas for most of his childhood years. At the age of 14, his family relocated to Tucson, Ariz., where he spent his teenage years. In July of 2005, he made the decision to join the U.S. Marine Corps. Buddy chose to become a specially trained military police field op. In December of 2005, he married his high school sweetheart, Zoraida, in an intimate family ceremony. In February 2006, upon completion of his extensive training, he was sent to the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station-Miramar, in San Diego. Orders to travel to Iraq arrived almost immediately



following, and in September 2006, he left Miramar with his platoon bound for Iraq. Our warrior was scheduled to return home March of 2007. Unfortunately, for our family and friends, Buddy was unable to come home as planned. Instead, he returns home this week a Fallen Hero, an Iraq war veteran who is honored for his personal sacrifice he made for his country. We will miss you our son, husband, brother and friend. Thank you for the joy and love you gave us. You will always be "Our Hero".

Unit 51 has had 4 Past Department Presidents

- Geraldine Connolly (1971-1972 and 2003-2004)
- Tish Bravo (1973-1973)
- Jackie Davis (1979-1980 and 1990-1991)
- Nicky Flores 2010-2011

National Western Division President

- Geraldine Connolly (1977-1978)

LAS VEGAS UNIT 8

Taken from the Las Vegas Post 8 Newsletter

<https://www.post8lv.com/newsletter>



Greetings from Las Vegas Unit 8
Congratulations to all the new Officers.
We have a lot of catching up to do this year to get our Unit back to solid ground.

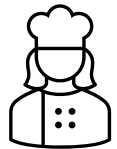
If you're an Auxiliary member please come to a meeting because we have much to improve and plans are in the works to keep us busy supporting our Veterans and the community. Meeting time has been changed to 12 noon on the first Sunday of each month. Your ideas and input are important....

We have a lot of work ahead of us, but, we're up to the challenge. Let us get Unit 8 back to the best Unit in Nevada again. We did it once, we can do it again.
Be Proud to be a member of the Auxiliary!! I know I am Unit President and National Executive Committeewoman

Glynis Sealey



My Heavenly Recipe
Shared from Anita D Green Paquette Facebook



My Heavenly Recipes

Orange Dreamsicle Salad 😊😊 Don't Lose This

Ingredients:

- 1 box orange Jell-O
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 Cool Whip 8 oz.
- 1 can mandarin oranges 14 oz. , drained
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Instructions:

In a large bowl combine orange Jell-O and boiling water. Whisk until Jell-o is dissolved.

Add cold water and allow to chill for 15 minutes in refrigerator.

Slowly whisk in vanilla pudding mix until smooth and chill for another 15-20 minutes or until it becomes slightly thickened.

Fold in Cool Whip, mandarin oranges and marshmallows.

LEGISLATIVE

Shared by Legislative Chairwoman Janet Snyder



Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL) Opening Ceremony

Join us for the opening ceremony of Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature as we kicked off a day of veteran and military awareness!

About this Event

The opening ceremony kicks off Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature which provides a day-long event that raises awareness to Nevada lawmakers and the public regarding veterans and the military. The Nevada

National Guard will have static displays outside the Legislative Building.

There will be vendors, along with a free lunch provided to celebrate the day.

The opening ceremony will take place behind the Governor's Office, near the Veteran's Memorial Wall and the Battle Born Memorial. Coffee and mingling begin at 8:00 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Let's plan to get groups together to be there on March 15 for this important event!

We need lots of Veterans with "hats in the room", to show that Veterans and support organizations care about the legislative issues being presented.

Our presence, support, and votes count!!

LD LOCKHART UNIT 14



Shared by Rose Cirac, Unit President
Hello Everyone, I hope the beginning of this year has been good to you.

January has been a very busy month. As a Unit, the below service opportunities were shared with members. This article does **NOT** encompass the individual service projects each member provides.

- 7 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Police Memorial Park. Newly elected Sheriff Kevin McMahon spoke as well as others. It was a very nice ceremony, there were vendors, food trucks, also. Two members attended.
- 11 We attended Post 14 meeting to recognize last year's Poppy Poster contest winners. Two members, one new member and one Junior member attended.
- 14 The Nevada Department of Veterans Services presented a Veterans Legislative Summit held at the Dula Community Center. Three members attended.
- 15 The Juniors created a Patriotic Wreath to be placed at the Police Memorial Park for Law Enforcement Appreciation. Four Juniors and 2 Seniors worked on wreath.
- 16 The next day the wreath was taken to the Police Memorial Park. Two members and one

Junior placed the wreath at the Memorial Rock there.

- 21 Wreath Across America, wreath removal event at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City where two members, one Junior and parent participated.
- 22 Junior Event Awarding two youth Hero Awards at Angel Park Golf Course following with Bowling at the Suncoast. Two members along with four juniors and parents.
- 25 Unit 14 monthly meeting attended by six members plus welcomed two new members.
- 26 Two members visited one member at the Vineyard Memory Care facility where she currently resides.
- 26 Two members and a Junior's mother attended the funeral of Operation Homefront Las Vegas Coordinator Cynthia Porter.
- 28 Good Deed Awards presented to two boys who make handcrafted cards for Veterans in Las Vegas. Three members participated.

For God and Country, *Rose Anna Cirac*, President

NATIONAL SECURITY

Shared by National Security Chair Glynis Seeley
What does National Security have to do with me and my Unit?



Most Units have a chair with the POW-MIA cover on it during meetings, which is part of the American Legion Auxiliary National Security program. So, for every meeting, luncheon, dinner, ceremony you have displayed the chair and cover are reportable hours. Did you participate with some type of ceremony on the third Friday in September: National POW-MIA Recognition Day.

That may not be the only thing your Unit does to support the National Security program.

- Have you been to the airport to welcome home troops?
- Has your Unit hosted, supported, paid for, any items for the Family Readiness Center and a local base, Las Vegas, Fallon, Creech, Reno, all have either active duty or National Guard service members.

- Did your Unit send packages to any of the service members overseas, serving our Nation in faraway places?

Shipping packages can be costly and filling out the Post Office forms can be overwhelming. The American Legion Auxiliary has teamed up with ShipThrifty to print forms and assist with postage.

Shipthrifty is all about:

- ✓ Saving time — skip the lines and ship from anywhere. Drop packages off at carrier locations or schedule a pickup.
- ✓ Saving money — sign up for a free account and save with major carriers. Pick the options that are best for you with no hidden fees.
- ✓ Hassle free — web-based and works with any printer. Built-in features guide you through the steps to do it right.
- ✓ Visit www.shipthrifty.com

THE UNIT CHAIR for this program can report the amount of hours, the cost, how many people helped, all of this reportable. Please look up the National Security program for other ideas, such as support for the Military Spouse, other ideas to support military families.

www.alaforveterans.org/nationalsecurity

Department reports are turned in by May 15th so please email me all reports for National Security.
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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

*Shared by Western Division
Public Relations Chair Nicky
Flores-Ninmer,*

Tips for Creating Your Newsletter

Your Unit/District/Department's Newsletter can be one of your greatest advertising tool. Here are some helpful tips for creating your newsletter

What goes into your newsletter?

- What message do you want to your members to receive, should be your main focus, listed first and up front always keeping the ALA mission first and foremost.
- Have a monthly calendar, to include meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities. This will give members the chance to participate in events.
- In the monthly newsletters, share what Unit/District/Department has done in the previous month. Include pictures, news releases.
- Maintain your member's engagements with a newsletter of 2 to 3 pages.
- If you have the space include educational pieces, such as the meaning behind the poppy.
- Have a fun area, which can have member's birthdays, member's anniversaries. Good things from members.

Distribution: What works for your Unit/District/Department?

Email or USPS mail, what is the cost cost-effective method to get your newsletter out to your members?

- Email is great, but will it reach all members?
- U.S. Postal Service offers bulk mailing rate. It may be a viable option.

PARADISE UNIT 149

*Shared by Maria Moss, Unit
President*



Paradise Unit 149 meeting dates are the second Sunday of

every month. Meetings take place at the Leatherneck Club, Address: 4360 W Spring Mountain Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89102 at 9 a.m. where a fundraiser breakfast is offer. A joint meeting, then the Auxiliary moves to their second-floor office.

Current Officers

President: Maria Moss

1st Vice President: Marsha Spayd

2nd Vice President: Allison Urcelay

Secretary: Penny Juoni

Treasurer: Bonnie Kastner

BMI UNIT 40



Taken from the
BMI 40 Website

<https://www.post40nv.org/index.php?id=20>

- ✚ PRESIDENT- Charmaine Meana
- ✚ FIRST VICE- Bonnie Beaning
- ✚ SGT @ ARMS-Colleen Becker
- ✚ TREASURER-Linda Hellow
- ✚ CHAPLIN-Victoria Hetey
- ✚ SECRETARY- Eileen Carlson
- ✚ MEMBERSHIP-Bonnie Beaning

Auxiliary News:

We cook our 1st Sunday breakfasts at the post each month for fund raisers. Next one is February 5th. Large breakfast burrito. Starting at 8 a.m. lasting 2.5 hours.
For God & Country...

Charmaine Meana, President Unit 40



AMERICANISM

Shared by: *Rose Anna Cirac*
Department Americanism
Chairwoman

The purpose of the national Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

1. The work of the Americanism program is educationally based and divided into three phases: Work with Youth, Work with Adults, and Work within the Community. All matters about the flag or patriotic education are rightly classified as Americanism activities.
2. The Americanism Essay Contest is a big part of this program. The deadline to Department Americanism Essays is April 15th. Grades 3 thru 12 including Students with Special needs.
3. This Year's Essay Title: "What does patriotism mean to you?" See cover sheet.

Please Mail Essays to Department Chairman, Rose Anna Cirac, 5913 Martita Ave. Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

With questions text 702 630-6699 or Email

rosesmailboxx@yahoo.com

There are several special dates this month you are encouraged to fly the American Flag.

- February 1 National Freedom Day
- February 12 President Lincoln's Birthday
- February 15 Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine (1898)
The Maine was a US Navy ship that sank in Havana Harbor, contributing to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

- February 20 President's Day and President Washington's Birthday
- February 23 Flag raised on Iwo Jima (1945)
Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima was done by six United States Marines atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in the final stages of the Pacific War.
- February 27 Battle of Java Sea (1942) This was a decisive naval battle of the Pacific campaign of World War II. Allied navies suffered a disastrous defeat at the hand of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

For God and Country, *Rose Anna Cirac*, Department
Americanism chairman

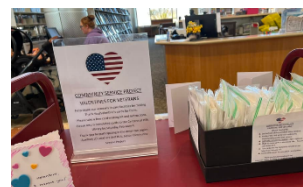
LD LOCKHART, UNIT 14, JUNIORS

Shared by: *Judy Cobb*,
Unit 14 Junior Mentor

In January the Juniors are working on their Community Service Badge.

Community Services is not only what we can do for the community – it also means – what the community can do "with us" to serve the ALA mission.

Juniors are asking, Girl Scouts, classmates, JROTC cadets, basketball teams, safekey counselors and the list goes on to help with this project. In February the Junior will take these cards to care facilities so as many veterans as possible will receive a Valentine card. LOVE IS IN THE AIR and it begins with our Juniors DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT? Text 702 612 8982 to find out more.



DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA VA&R CHAIRMAN:

MARIA MOSS

menarik@earthlink.net) (702) -
835-2982



Hello Auxiliary Unit VA&R Chairman,
I hope everyone doing well and enjoyed the Holliday season and the New Year 2023. It's time for all of you to send me your VA&R Unit report 2022-2023. I can't wait to see what you all done in your unit to support the VA&R program. If you have some pictures you can email me as attachment send it to me included your report, really appreciate.

But I am sure we're all can do it together the best we can to do to get our job done to support our veterans, the troops, their families, and to the community as well.

With that I am going to challenge you and honor to have your Unit to do the best you can work with me in the interest of your Unit to support the VA&R program.

- A) How did you unit to support the veterans and their families?
- B) Proud details how your unit to support the homeless veterans program?
- C) Detail activities, project and success stories related to supporting the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program in your unit.
- D) Details activities and future projects related to support veterans, the troops, and their families.
- Please send me your VA&R report to me via email: menarik@earthlink.net The VA&R report due date, April 15th, 2023.

For more information about the Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation (VA&R) program 2023. Here is the link that you can find out the VA&R plan 2023 www.ALAforVeterans.org

I look forward working with you all keep your great job, stay healthy and safe.

Thank You!

For God and Country, *Maria Moss* ALA Department of Nevada VA&R Chairman 2022-2023.



Department of Nevada Poppy Chairman, Judy Cobb, 702 612

8982, yelloww@cox.net

Poppy Poster Deadline to Department is 5 weeks away, March 5th. I must have original artwork so please adjust your Unit's due date. Attached to the Legionette's email I will repost the contest rules.

Please note, the Miss Poppy, Little Miss Poppy and Tiny Tot Miss Poppy scrapbooks Department Due Date has been moved back to April 1st. I MUST have the original so please adjust your Unit's due date. Attached to the Legionette's email I will repost the contest rules.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR by

Judy Cobb

Every issue from now until Department Convention I will create a puzzle. This month it is a crossword puzzle, found

below. Every member who completes the puzzle correctly and send it back, either by email –

yelloww@cox.net (SUBJECT LINE: **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR PUZZLE**) or

by mail – **10067 Sparrow Ridge Ave Las Vegas, NV 89117**, **prior to the next issue**, will receive a raffle number.

At convention the **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR** contest winner will receive a prize. I haven't figured out the prize, but it will be something that everyone can use and will not take up much space in a suitcase.

Thanks to all who submitted articles. If it wasn't for you this issue would not go out.

- A SPRECIAL thanks to Units 40 and 51 who submitted their history. So far 14, 40, 51 and 149 have shared their stories. Hope to hear yours soon.

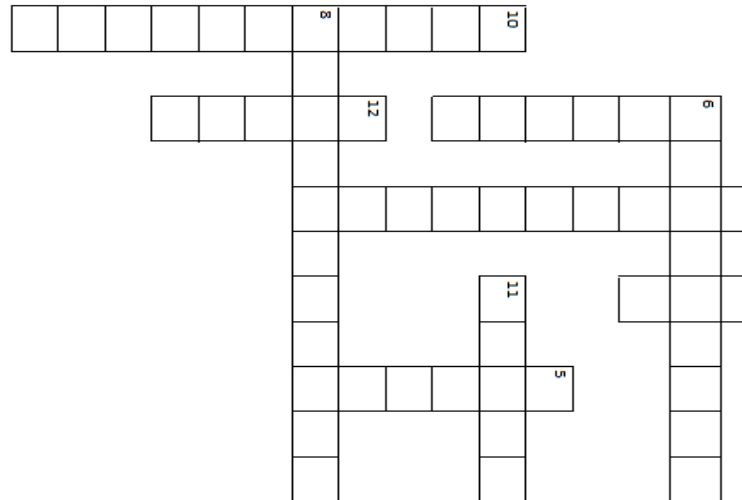
JUST IN

When and where are the Mission Training and Junior Meetings? Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023
Location: Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino
Address: 3555 S. Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109
Pre-registered, there is no need to stop at registration. Feel free to grab breakfast and proceed to Virginia City II to find your nametag and meeting materials. The National Juniors Meeting will take place in Virginia City III. Breakfast and the meeting room will open at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served in Carson City 1&2 and will close at 8:45 a.m. when the meeting begins.
On-site Registration: If you know someone who needs to register, they can do so on-site from 8:00-8:45 a.m. in front of Virginia City II.
Can you download the meeting materials before the event?

YES! The agenda and PowerPoint presentations are linked below. The files can be downloaded at the site below and/or printed if you would like to follow along during the presentations.

Mission Training Resources and Content

6 Down	National POW-MIA Recognition Day is the third _____ in September.
8 Across	Which club does Unit 149 meet?
10 Down	Western Division Public Relations Chair Nicky Flores-Nimmer shared tips on?
11 Across	Which Sunday of each month does Unit 40 host a breakfast?
12 Down	What U.S.S. naval ship sank on February 15th, <u>1898</u> which contributed to the outbreak of the Spanish American War?
13 Down	In January, what did the Unit #14 Juniors ask our community to help make?
2 Down	What is VA&R chair Maria Moss encouraging units to include with their reports?



Please note: Wi-Fi will not be provided in the meeting rooms, so please be sure to download the presentations prior to arrival if you would like.

What should I wear? Business casual/American Legion Auxiliary attire — these are working meetings, so plan to be comfortable, as there will be lots of sitting and interacting at tables! Also, don't forget that hotel meeting rooms are often very cold, so you might want to bring a sweater.

Where should I park? Parking is located on site in the hotel's attached garage, free of charge!

Have more questions? Feel free to contact a member of the ALA National Headquarters Events Staff at meetings@ALAforVeterans.org.