

LEGIONETTE – A STORY TO SHARE –

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

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ALA Department of Nevada.



TWO HOLIDAYS IN MAY

What? Two Holidays in
May? Everyone knows about
Memorial Day, now

observed on the last Monday of May, but does
anyone know about Armed Forces Day, observed
on the third Saturday in May?

They certainly do in Hawthorne, Nevada!

Hawthorne's nickname is "America's Patriotic
Home," and they have a huge (okay, huge for a city
of just three thousand people) celebration of
Armed Forces Day during the third weekend of
May every year. The entire region turns out for the
annual Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday
morning, followed by chili cook-offs, a watermelon
eating contest, tug of war, fireworks, and a flyover
by military jets based on nearby Fallon Naval Air
Station. The Hawthorne Ordnance Museum has an
open house, and displays much of the ammunition
that has been manufactured by the Hawthorne
Ammunition Depot, which dates back to World
War II.

Armed Forces Day differs from Veterans Day, in
that it honors those who are currently serving in
America's Armed Forces.

The other May Holiday is Memorial Day. Yes, in
today's America it is considered "the unofficial
start of the summer season," and an excuse for a
cook-out, but it has a much more somber history.
It started as a day to honor dead Union soldiers
from the Civil War, but after World War I, it was
expanded to honor war dead from all U.S. wars. Its

original name was "Decoration Day," because
graves were decorated. The poppy is associated
with Memorial Day, and many Units hold a poppy
drive during this weekend. Most communities also
hold a Memorial Day service, to remember
veterans who are no longer with us.
This year let's remember both holidays.
And may you have a meaningful Memorial Day.

BMI AUXILIARY UNIT 40 - THE FIRST SOUTHERN NEVADA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEETING



was on April 30th, 2023. Legion
Family members from 8, 10, 14,
40,76 and 149 were in
attendance.

Per ALA Unit #40 President Char
Mena, "This
meeting
will be to share ideas but
foremost to support each
other. 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."
The speakers were very
informative: Post 40



Information Officer sharing their part of the claim process; NEC Seeley- Morris sharing information from Department, and Unit 76 Cynthia Farris sharing information on the upcoming Southern Nevada Veterans Creative Arts Competition. Prior to the meeting, Unit #40 offered breakfast. And as one person said, “The biscuits and gravy were to die for.”

There were snacks and coffee and a raffle prize (won by Post 149).



You’ll find information gathered and more below in the LOOKING TO THE FUTURE portion of the Legionette.

LEGION FAMILY SPIRIT OF 76 LEGION FAMILY and



the City of Las Vegas unveiled a new Veterans Memorial, April 15, 2023, at the South Lake shoreline. The dedication was

celebrated by all branches of the service, elected officials, Legion Family members throughout Clark County, and area residents. This memorial will be something treasured for years to come.

LD LOCKHART JUNIORS

Help celebrate PURPLE UP during the National Guard Spring Flings. They helped military kids make cards while the families received a Purple Up Pendant to make a necklace as a take home project.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

Whether your Unit has an upcoming event or not, we can look around our communities to:

1. See what other Legion Families have planned. When you support them, you are supporting yourselves.



2. See what the community, with like missions, have to offer. Join in. Wear your ALA gear, pin, patch etc. You will be surprised - you may get new members while fulfilling

our mission:

FUNDRAISER:

L.D. Lockhart Unit #14 Have you ever been somewhere and wished you were wearing your ALA gear? Well Unit #14 offers a three-piece pin set that you can keep in your car or purse. Just attach it to your outfit. The set consists of Auxiliary Embroidered Patch, 3D printed: Poppy and Purple Up medallions, each fastened with magnetic backing. Suggested donation for the set is \$10. Text 702 612 8982. Your order will be ready by the Department Convention.

SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS HOME NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS: May 12, 2023 Outing 11 a.m. Red Lobster - please call Amanda Kehrer, Volunteer Coordinator (702) 332-6741
www.veterans.nv.gov me at 775-857-8719

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Sunday May 14th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Las Vegas Unit 8** is celebrating all mothers by putting on a Mom’s, Mimosa’s and Mary’s (Bloody Mary’s) breakfast buffet to include French toast, 1 mimosa or well) Bloody Mary for \$15. The location is at Post 8, 733 N Veterans Memorial Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

Armed Forces Day, May 17th:

Hawthorn, Mineral County’s annual Armed Forces Day celebration. Held the third weekend in May for more than 70 years, this two-day event draws thousands from around the Silver State for a classic car show, chili cook-off, and art show, carnival and parade.

SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS HOME NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS: May 18, 2023 Evening Program -

MAY 19, 2023 11 a.m. Sunset Station – lunch and gamble.

MAY 22, 2023: 11 a.m. Fox Smoke House BBQ

May 23, 2023, 12:30 Green Valley Ranch Movie Theater:

- Please call Amanda Kehrer, Volunteer Coordinator (702) 332-6741

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FLAG PLACEMENT AND RECOVERY:

Lone Mountain Cemetery, Friday, May 26, 2023, 1044 Beverly Dr, Carson City, NV 89706

from 4 p.m.

Recovery will be the following Monday, May 29 at 4 p.m.

Flag Placement:

Woodland Cemetery: Friday, May 26, 2023, 7a.m. Location: 1500 Las Vegas Blvd N, Las Vegas, NV 89101 More information 702 229 6246

Flag Placement:

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Saturday, May 27, 2023, Location: 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005

Flag Placement:

Eden Vale Memorial Park. Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 9 a.m. at Locations 1216 Las Vegas Blvd North. More information 702 229 6246

Poppy Day:

May 26, 2023. Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES:

Saturday, May 27, 2023: The Annual Observance of Memorial Day at Henderson Palm Mortuary. Please join Palm Boulder Highway Mortuary in Henderson as we honor and commemorate our

Nation's Fallen Heroes. Location – 800 South Boulder Highway, Henderson, NV 89015

- 10 am Outdoor Memorial Event
- 11 am Complimentary Refreshments and Veterans Fair.

VETERANS DAY FESTIALS:

Honoring Korean and Vietnam War Veterans May 27th at the Pahrump Banquet Room, Free admission 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presented by Medicare by AMA. All veterans attending received a Challenge chip, 702 331 1350 check out their website Veterans Festival.org

Monday May 29th, 2023: The **58th Annual Memorial Day** Palm Mortuary and Legion Family 8 Memorial Day ceremony will be located at the Historic Palm Downtown Mortuary & Cemetery 1325 North Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89101. Time: 9:00a.m. in the chapel. Afterwards everyone is invited to Legion 8 for an open house with food and entertainment.

Monday, May 29th, 2023: The **21st Annual Memorial Day Ceremony** at The Lakes - **Lake Sahara South Park.** This Memorial Day Ceremony is dedicated to the people who served our country in the armed forces in all six of our military branches and lost their lives defending our freedom.

SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS HOME NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS:

May 30, 2023 Target, 8:30am. Target

May 31st, 2023: 6 p.m. Evening Program. –

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LEGION FAMILY, LD LOCKHART END-OF-THE YEAR

PICNIC: June 4th at 1130 a.m. will be the End of Year meeting/picnic with Awards and Certificates. We are having a Family event at West Flamingo Park location near the corner of Jones and West Flamingo – across the street from Wendy's.

Guests, this year's Good Deed/Hero Award recipients and their families are invited. Lunch-Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Side dishes are welcome but not mandatory. Come and help us celebrate. For more information text 702 612 8982 .

CARE PACKAGE EVENT:

Gold Star Mothers - June 7th - July 4th of July care package event is June 7th 11:30am-1:00pm with the LV Kiwanis Club at:

O'Acres Bar & Grill

4955 S Decatur Blvd

Las Vegas, NV 89119

All are welcome to help out!

NEVADA GIRLS STATE:

June 11 – 17, 2023, The 2023 Session of Nevada Girls State. This year's session will take place at the University of Nevada, Reno. More information check out website: <https://nevadagirlsstate.net/>

NEVADA BOY STATE For dates and times check out: <https://nevadaboysstate.org/home/>

FLAG DAY:

Wednesday June 14, 2023, the Second Judicial District Court will host 2023 Flag Day at the Courthouse beginning at 3:00 p.m. This year's event will definitely make you want to salute. State and local officials will lead a traditional hometown celebration to include a naturalization ceremony, live band and tribute to the U.S. Flag. This program will be sure to inspire community pride and patriotism. For more info: www.washoecourts.com

DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA, LEGION FAMILY

CONVENTIONS: June 24 and 25;

Locations - 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 24th. 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.

MENU: 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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL

CONVENTION: The American Legion Family National Convention will take place in Charlotte, N.C., August 25 - 31, 2023. For more information check out the website: <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/national-convention>

SOUTHERN NEVADA Veterans Creative Arts

Competition, Sept. 18, 2023 at the Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 Brush Street, Las Vegas, NV. Hosted by **Spirit of Freedom Unit 76**. There are over 130 categories . To sign up, send your submission to vhalaspao@va.gov and add SNVCAC sign ups to the subject line.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Listening to the reports at the Department Convention is a highlight of the year.

This is an election year. Many years ago, our Department

moved to 2-year terms for all elected positions.

The Department received 5 letters of intent.

- Char Mena - Department President
- Kathleen Hoss - Department 1st Vice President
- Maria Moss - Department 1st Vice President
- Daela Gibson - Department Secretary/Treasurer
- Judy Cobb - Department Historian

BUT did you know this is **NOT** a requirement?

I must stress; a letter of intent is not mandatory but encouraged. NOMINATIONS can be made on the CONVENTION FLOOR. If you are interested, please consider becoming an officer. Elected positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain and Sgt at Arms: Check out duties:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/guides/membership-manual>

And consider holding an office.

Thank you: *Laurie Diefenbach, Charmaine Mena, Dacla Gibson, Rose Cirac, Maria Moss, Cynthia Farris, Glynis Seely-Morris, and so many others who shared information which filled this addition of the Legionette.*

For God and Country,
Judy Cobb
Editor

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- Chaplain Laurie announced how many patriotic holidays are in May?
- BMI Unit 40 held the First _____ Nevada American Legion Family Meeting
- Spirit of 76 Legion Family unveiled a new Veterans _____.
- Unit #14 fundraiser is a three ____ set
- Hawthorn is putting on an _____ Forces Day celebration
- Poppy Day is designated the _____ before Memorial Day
- L D Lockhart Legion Family is having an end of year _____
- Nevada Girl State is _____ 11-17, 2023
- The Nevada 2022 0023 Department Convention is held in what city?
- September 18th , 2023 the _____ of 76 is hosting the Southern Nevada Veterans Creative Arts Competition

WORD SEARCH:

SOLVE THE PUZZLE. TAKE PHOTO AND TEXT TO 702 612 8982 BEFORE JUNE 1ST. YOU'LL BE GIVEN A RAFFLE NUMBER FOR A DRAWING DURING DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.