



VFW Auxiliary
to the Department of
Nevada

Silver Notes

Newsletter

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I'm so looking forward to meeting everyone and doing the things that bring us together. I would like to thank you all for your hard work this year so far. This year we are reaching out to higher limits.

Just remember President Renee's theme is: Be the light in their darkness, so let's light the way this year. I have not heard from a lot of Program Chairmen yet. Let me know that you sent out your first promotions. I am here to help in any way you need, just call me. I am looking forward to seeing everyone sometime this year and I hope it will be at Midwinter in January. Please, send your reports or things you are doing to me so I can report your program goals and make sure you are all reporting. If you need anything, I will try my best to make it happen.

Let's try this year to call on one another for support, President Renee has asked that we choose our own fundraisers this year. Don't forget to take pictures. If you would like me to come visit your auxiliary, or you need anything else, please give me a call. I would really like to thank everyone for all you do, it is such a pleasure and honor to be your Sr Vice and Program Chair this year for the Dept. of Nevada.

Department President

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Fellow Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters!

The central theme for our department this year will be Training, Communication, and following the National Bylaws. My team and I have been working very hard with the National Line Officers and National Accounting team to revamp our Dept. Budget and Financials, the forms we use in all levels of the auxiliaries, and how our Dept. communications hierarchy should operate.

The Dept. Budget has a new look and is easier to read. A Dept. Financial Report has been created that lines up with the Budget to track expenditures. We will be creating An Accountability Plan that will outline what is an allowable expenditure or reimbursement for all our volunteers, per IRS Guidelines. We must operate within Federal Laws as a Non-Profit Organization. Every Auxiliary member should know what funds the Dept. has and how we are spending them. It is your Membership Dues, Obligations, and fundraising that helps us to operate on your behalf!

My team has revamped and simplified some of the forms we use for all Auxiliary Officers and recordkeeping. The language and format is easier for members to use and understand. You can now download these forms from the Dept. Website. The Website will be our central hub of communication within all levels of our Auxiliaries. The new format we created for the Dept. Roster is now be easier to read, print and update. We will send out emails as contact changes are sent to us so only certain pages will need to be printed. The Silver Notes Newsletter was set up online to be more informative for all our members, and we will email a copy to all Auxiliary Presidents. The Calendar on the website has been preloaded with all auxiliary meetings and some events for the year through June 2023. We have created a video tutorial for the website and will hold live tutorials at District and Auxiliary meetings if requested.

Please fill out my Official Visit form so I may schedule my visit to your Auxiliary. I want to understand what each auxiliary may need, or want assistance with, so my team may assist you. Do you need help working the programs, creating an agenda for a meeting, helping veterans, or fundraising? We are here to help! Also, send in your event flyers to the Dept. Secretary so we can post them on the Dept. Website and get the word out to members so they may attend.

This year is going to fly by quickly! I strongly encourage all Auxiliary and Department Line Officers to communicate and work with each other in order to avoid misinformation or confusion in directives. The National Bylaws outline how we should interact with each other and do our duties. We need to eliminate the 'We've always done it this way' mentality. A good rule of thumb is: If a National Line Officer, a Dept. Secretary, or a Dept. President didn't send it out via an email or a phone call, then it wasn't approved to be communicated to the Auxiliaries or Membership.

I have an open-door policy and will keep confidential information where it belongs. Please call or email me directly and we will create positive solutions together! I look forward to us all working together and supporting each other as we take care of our Veterans. If we are organized and cohesive, we will do great things in our communities!

Loyally,
Renee Thayer
President 2022-23

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Team K9 Kane – “Shock and Paw”

As we begin another year of hospital service, Auxiliary members from the Department of Nevada are providing strength and grace to their individual communities by volunteering in many and varied ways. I will be reporting on the unmet needs for both Northern and Southern VA so that some of these specific requests can be fulfilled. If your Auxiliary is interested in donating these items, Southern Nevada is requesting bus passes, t-shirts, pants, socks, razors, denture adhesive, and deodorant.

To paraphrase the military slogan, “VA Southern Nevada is looking for a few good dogs”!

Veterans & Family Support

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It is hard to believe we are 5 months into the program year, yes five months. Year-end reports for Veterans & Family Support should include everything you do from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. We all support our veterans, their families, and caregivers every day, this support can be with hours and/or dollars (direct financial aide or cost of items donated). Every member should be reporting to their Auxiliary monthly, this reduces the chance of forgetting what you have done and makes it much easier for your chair to complete the end of the year report. More on reporting later. All auxiliary Presidents should have received an email with my contact information, the summary of the program as presented at Department Convention and a resource guide. As always don't hesitate to contact me with any comments, suggestions, or questions. If I don't have the answer I will do my best to find it for you. If you missed the email here's how to contact me email gan@comnett.net or by phone at home 702-397-6304 cell 702-672-0746, If I don't answer please leave a message so I can get back to you ASAP. I will also take reports and updates on you progress via USPS at PO Box 1144 Overton, NV 89040-1144. Thank you for all you do!

I'm continuing in my efforts maintain the certification of my newest hospital therapy dog, Kane. We are now the lead and only dog team for Southern Nevada – Northern Nevada has eight working dogs. I have been tasked with creating policies/procedures to revitalize the program here. If you or someone you know might be interested in this unique type of volunteering and would like to certify a hospital therapy canine, please do not hesitate to contact us (K9 Kane and me)!

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and dedication on behalf of the Department of Nevada Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

The Cost of Freedom can be seen daily at your local VA Hospital”



K9 Kane



Creating a Poppy Fan



Creating a Poppy Fan



As I took the time to really learn about this program the more I realized that our veterans are the ones we should be thanking. “The flower reminds us of the sacrifices our veterans have made, losing their lives or their health while defending our country and fighting for our freedom” This program will help give back to our veterans. Let's start with the basics...

- Get with your post and order buddy poppies
- Set dates for your buddy poppy drive.
- Learn the rules for the buddy poppy contest
- Start drafting your ideas for the contest
- Complete your display for Convention

VFW National Home mission statement is to “assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment.”

The National home is near and dear to my heart here are ways we can support them:

- Buy a brick
- Life Membership Challenge to auxiliaries to purchase at least one lifetime membership
- Donations from buddy poppy drives
- Select Amazon smile when you shop.
- Purchase something on the National Homes Amazons wish.

Have available information materials at your event drives about the Buddy Poppy and National Home to educate and encourage donations. As your Buddy Poppy Chair person, I want to help publicize your Buddy Poppy events. Also remember to take pictures!

Membership

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Now is the time to invest in our organization by inviting new, younger members that can eventually fill our potential age gap and continue to move the Auxiliary forward for another 100 years.

We have a mission in front of us to recruit new members in Nevada. We have to hit social media hard this year. Most everyone is on some social media platform. Now is the time to take advantage of these platforms and take membership to a whole new level. It should be our mission to grow this organization so it will be around for another 100 years. How, you ask? Auxiliary recruitment videos made by members.

By posting and sharing short, informational videos on social media we can use our unique perspectives to tell our story aimed at younger Americans, service members and their families who are eligible to join this great organization but just don't know they are eligible. I am challenging each of our Auxiliaries to create one Membership video this year and post it on social media! Look at our new Membership Application!

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based application form titled "VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION". The form is divided into several sections with checkboxes and input fields. Key sections include: "1. Personal Information" (Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email), "2. Membership Information" (Current Auxiliary, Transfer from, etc.), "3. Transfer Information" (Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email), "4. Transfer Reason" (Checkboxes for various reasons like "I am moving", "I am retiring", etc.), and "5. Transfer Date" (Start Date, End Date). There are also checkboxes for "I am a new member" and "I am a transfer member".



Auxiliary Outreach

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Members and Auxiliaries can report and be recognized for community work through the Auxiliary Outreach Program. Auxiliary Outreach is volunteer work performed by one member, a group of members or an Auxiliary for the benefit of their community or its institutions.

We volunteer to make a difference in our community, but we receive benefits including:

- Helping others
- Learning new skills
- Career advancement
- Increased confidence
- Meeting new people
- Fighting stress and depression
- Developing a sense of purpose

While emphasis is placed on our core VFW and Auxiliary Programs, Auxiliary members and Auxiliaries also participate with other community organizations throughout Nevada. Do you keep track of all you do in your communities? If you don't, please start now. Keep track of what you are doing, and how many hours you serve. Pass that on to your President for proper recording. Don't forget to document your successes, take lots of pictures. Please email them to Bonnie Darrell.

Department Convention June 2022 Mesquite, NV

New VFW Department of Nevada
Commander Dan Sanders and
Auxiliary President Renee Thayer

Extension & Revitalization

Pam Thomas

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My name is Pam Thomas and I am your new Chief of Staff for our Dept. I would like to thank our new President Renee for appointing me. I will try my best to be helpful in helping keep our Auxiliaries running smoothly. I will try to visit as many Auxiliaries I can. If any time you need to get touch with me, text me or email only I will get back with as soon I can. Phone 702-493-3409 Email pthm74@aol.com.

Nevada Department of Veterans Services – Serving Nevada's Heroes

For over 75 years we have been dedicated to helping an estimated 250,000 Nevada veterans get the services, benefits and quality of life they deserve. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, including filing VA claims at no cost, we also operate a nationally recognized [Southern Nevada State Veterans Home](#), in Boulder City, and our [Northern Nevada State Veterans Home](#) in Sparks. We also offer burial services and support obtaining military honors at our [memorial cemeteries](#) located in both Northern and Southern Nevada.

Remember, however, that the State is only one of hundreds of organizations that help our Nevada Veterans. Under the **BENEFITS AND SERVICES** tab on the website you will find many more benefits, services, and opportunities.



POW/MIA
Remembrance Day
Friday
September 16, 2022

American POW Numbers:

130,201 World War II service members were imprisoned; 14,072 them died.

7,140 Korean War service members were imprisoned; 2,701 of them died.

725 Vietnam War service members were imprisoned; 64 of them died.

37 service members were imprisoned during conflicts since 1991, including both Gulf wars; none is still in captivity

American MIA Numbers:

73,515 from World War II (an approximate number due to limited or conflicting data)

7,841 from the Korean War

1,626 from Vietnam

126 from the Cold War

6 from conflicts since 1991

75% of those missing Americans are somewhere in the Asia-Pacific. More than 41,000 have been presumed lost at sea.

Legislative

Lori Bagwell

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With great pride, I am pleased to share information from the passage of the PACT Act. It is so wonderful that our veterans who suffered from toxic exposure at Camp Lejeune will receive help. I have been asked by **Dan West**, Adjutant General, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to share this information with the Nevada Auxiliaries in the hope that you will share with all your members and veterans that you know. This is truly a great Legislative Action.

- With the passage of the PACT Act, you may be seeing an increase in ads popping up for Marines who served at Camp Lejeune to participate in the lawsuits authorized under the [Camp Lejeune Justice Act portion of PACT \(Section 804\)](#). While these lawsuits will finally offer closure to many, here is what you need to know today and what we ask you share with members and veterans in your state who have questions:
- Veterans who think they may qualify for a presumptive benefit under the PACT Act, or who may think they qualify for a Camp Lejeune lawsuit should call their accredited VFW service officer **FIRST**.
- The PACT Act offers care and benefits to generations of veterans, but no one can tell you today exactly how VA will interpret the 150 pages of legislation until VA publishes regulations in the coming months. This is why working with an accredited service officer who knows federal regulations is so important.
- ¹While the Camp Lejeune lawsuits stand to help scores of family members and contractors who were on Camp Lejeune, veterans who participate in the lawsuits may stand to forfeit other service-connected benefits from Camp Lejeune toxic exposure and other qualifying military service.
- While family members and contractors may wish to consult with an attorney on Camp Lejeune, veterans should seek out their free VA service-connected benefits first.
- Filing a VA claim for service-connected benefits with the VFW is always free and VFW's accredited service officers can be found at www.vfw.org/NVS.

The above points can also be found at <https://www.vfw.org/CampLejeunePactAct>.

“Missing Man” Table

The POW/MIA Missing Man Table ceremony is a dignified and solemn moment in many formal dinners and other occasions. It involves a table, usually set off to the side, with a single chair. The table is set with a white tablecloth, a single candle, a book of faith (optional), an inverted glass, and a single red rose in a vase, around which is tied a yellow ribbon. Set at the table is a plate containing a slice of lemon and a small amount of salt. There is nothing more poignant than witnessing the empty chair sitting at a POW/MIA table with incredible significance for every displayed feature of this ritual. Witnessing the ceremony that accompanies this memorable event brings more than just a single emotion. The ceremony is performed many times, throughout the year, at official military events in remembrance and in honor of all POW/MIAs.

National Convention July 2022 Kansas City Missouri



The VFW & Auxiliary National Convention was July 16-21, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. We participated in various trainings as a group and as individuals. There were many topics that we discussed during our trainings and breakout sessions that have been updated over the last few years. We will now be able to run our Department and Auxiliaries in a more efficient fashion. We had approximately 30 members attend the convention from the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

In addition to the convention activities our group went to dinner at the most popular Dive Bar and Restaurant in Kansas City, we ate at Guy Fierie's Taco Shop, dressed up for the Patriotic Parade and met many new members from across the nation that we will continue to develop relationships with for years to come. Everyone please be ready for next year in Phoenix, start fundraising for your Auxiliary member's travel expenses now, it is permitted to offset the costs for members attendance.

Mentoring for Leadership
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Greetings VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the chairperson of the Department of Nevada for Mentoring for Leadership. My name is Saundra Marshall, most recent chairs are PDP for Nevada 2020-2021 and Secretary to a newly instituted VFWA to Post 12198 Las Vegas, NV.

Thank you, Madame President Renee Thayer, for the opportunity to challenge and encourage everyone to be the mentor and leader for all seasoned and new members.

Recruiting members who have the need for knowledge has been our organization's goal. Finally, the change is here. I have personally noticed the excitement from our members.

Stay logged into MALTA, the Department website, www.vfwauxdeptnv.com, Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation (in MALTA under resources) and of course the VFW Auxiliary BYLAWS and Rituals all a wealth of knowledge. They are my go-to resources, join me and let it be yours also.

Stay tuned, wonderful, and exciting communications to follow. I am here to assist Madame President Thayer, Line Officers and VFWA members. Contact me via email or phone, I'll be there.

Loyally,
Saundra Marshall, Chairperson
"A DREAM CAN TAKE YOU ANYWHERE"
JUST BELIEVE



Above: PNC John Stroud and other Nevada attendees enjoying the rooftop bar in Kansas City. Below: Giant Potato, provided by Humana, out front of convention hall, attendees stuffed bags of potatoes for food banks.



Above: Cindy Kaminski, President 1103, addressing the National Convention to introduce the Past National Auxiliary Presidents. Below: Dept. President Renee Thayer, Treasurer Sue Aguiar, and Secretary Bonnie Darrell.



Historian & Media

Alison McNeill
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I am your new Department Historian and Media Chair for 2022-2023, I would like to thank our Department President, Renee Thayer, for appointing me to this position. It is a privilege to work with her and her capable chairpersons.

To introduce myself, I joined the VFW Auxiliary in support of my husband, David McNeill, in his present post, "John Lukac" #12093. My husband was an All American Post

Commander for 5 years of "Doc Enos" Post #983. At that time his post had no Auxiliary. When we moved to the northern part of Vegas, we both joined "John Lukac" Post #12093.

Each of you had something to teach me while at Convention, regarding service, sacrifice, courage, knowledge, experience, grace, love for self and others, and supporting your veterans and fellow members. Like this amazing organization, the VFW and its constituents, you are all still serving! You sacrifice your time with them, and in support of them, as they serve our country, our people.

As for my Project, my vision is for us all to "Take Heart".

I would like to hear from you. What inspired you to join and what is a favorite memory while serving in the Auxiliary?

My challenge for you, is for you to email me your story. I would like to compile a history of sorts from them, one that we can all take heart for the vast amount of service given to this organization. I'm so looking forward to hearing from you.

Please try to get back to me by September 30, 2022. I would like to have some stories compiled for our next newsletter.



Ways & Means Chair

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Ways and Means is a way of raising funds for the Auxiliary. There are many great fundraising ideas to help our auxiliaries. One easy and free fundraiser is the GotSneakers program. One post has recycled 62 pairs of shoes which helped reduce CO2 by 1860 lbs. and saved nearly 140,000 gallons of water. They received their first check of nearly \$50 and had only been collecting sneakers for about 3 weeks. Each post has the ability to raise funds with the help of their community, which in turn has the potential to help grow membership.

The Ways and Means Program is always looking for ideas to help offset the costs of membership by fundraising events. Please send your ideas to your Auxiliary President and to the Ways and Means Chairman.

Here are some ideas to get started:

1. Got Sneakers Fundraiser
2. Bake Sale
3. Special Dinner – sell tickets
4. Drawing to win Baskets
5. Silent Auction
6. Pancake Breakfast
7. Karaoke Night (Charge Admission)
8. Yard Sale
9. 50/50 Raffle
10. Ice Cream Social

Summer 2022 Snack Packs for Kids

VFW Auxiliary Post 1103
Co-Op Program with NYE
County Coalition.

Auxiliary 1103 President Cindy Kaminski
and guests.

**Important Information for National Home Life Members! **

The VFW National Home's Board of Trustees has approved the use of electronic voting beginning with the 2022 Trustee District election.

National Home Life Members must have an email and/or a mobile phone number on record in order to vote. Members can provide this information to the National Home by visiting www.vfwnationalhome.org/contact and completing the form for Life Members.

Any questions regarding the election can be directed to info@vfwnationalhome.org.

Elections will take place this year for open positions in District 6 (Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee) and the District 10 (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) for six-year terms both ending October 2028.



National Home for Children Education & Training Center.

Youth

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Let me introduce myself, I am honored to be the VFW Auxiliary Dept. of Nevada Youth Activities Chair for the ensuing year, my name is Jenn. I am also the President in District 3, and 9211 Auxiliaries. I am looking forward to a great year! The Goal of Youth Activities is to teach our Nation's Youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our Country, Communities, Veterans and Service members. I find Youth Activities to be the easiest to connect with and fulfill possibly because I have kids, or perhaps because I myself started volunteering with the VFW when I was a kid. Either way, I also find it very rewarding! Including kids in the regular things we all do as auxiliaries anyways, is really pretty easy. Do you take your kids when you do holiday baskets? Youth activities. Do your kids make card for our Veterans during the holidays? Youth activities. Do you take your kids to visit at the VA hospital? Youth activities. There are a few things that we focus on in youth activities. 2 of the newest are the programs. "Get excited for the Red, White and Blue" a National Anthem singing contest, and also "Illustrating America" which is an art contest broken down in 3 different age groups. There are links to the entry forms included.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/new-Red-White-and-Blue-Singing-Contest-entry-form-1.pdf>

Scholarships

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Each of our scholarships encourage patriotism, assist students in attaining an education and help students reach their full potential. This increases VFW and Auxiliary recognition while supporting our communities, students and members. The first step is to identify likely individuals with whom you can discuss scholarship opportunities. Head out to libraries, schools and community centers to find students.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/new-Illustrating-America-entry-form.pdf>

You can share these on social media, with local youth groups and or schools, with Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout troops, baseball teams, gymnastic teams, friends, family, everyone!! Also as part of youth Activities we encourage Auxiliaries to sponsor youth groups or organizations, Promote Patriotism through literacy (I'll talk more about this topic next silver notes), RAP, random acts of Patriotism , cards and recognizing youth for displaying these traits, and also recognizing youth and youth groups for their efforts and projects that honor veterans. If anyone has any questions about anything concerning youth activities or any of the programs, please feel free to reach out to me! Let's have a great year!!



Jane Reape
National
President

Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 109th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227 in Carthage, New York, she has served the organization in many capacities in Auxiliary, District and Department Officer positions. As 2011-2012 Department President she was named Outstanding Runner-Up President of the Year for her membership group.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren.

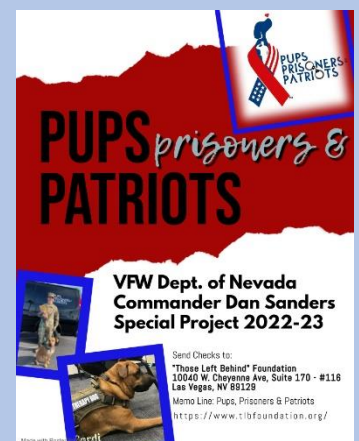
Pups, Prisoners & Patriots

Commander

Dan Sanders

Special Project 2022

Those Left Behind, a Las Vegas nonprofit, runs Pups, Prisoners & Patriots. Volunteers find homes for shelter dogs, giving them a second chance at life. First the dogs undergo 12 to 16 weeks of specialized training from handlers that live at Lovelock Correctional Center. This program is run by Maria Ward, a Gold Star Mother. With the assistance of Senior Officers, Ward supervises 168 men. Some of the men participate in the Structured Living Program, a military – style boot camp. Others train dogs for Pups, Prisoners & Patriots. Every six to eight weeks new dogs go to the unit, and they pick up canine graduates. They find homes for the dogs with Veterans, First Responders and people with disabilities. Since inception the program has place 76 dogs. Donations can be mailed to the local address on the flyer, or for more information visit their Facebook Page or website, TLBfoundation.org.





Americanism

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As future generations come forth in America, they may have no obvious connection to the military.

Promoting Americanism with patriotic days of remembrance and respect for our flag is a good way to show them that we are all tied to the soldiers that fought for our freedom whether they are a family member or not.

I know I can help. You see, I have that connection. My Dad fought in World War II and my bother fought in the Vietnam Conflict. I am a member of the VFW auxiliary and my blood runs red, white, and blue.

I am up to the challenge of promoting Americanism throughout the state!

When you promote Americanism in your Auxiliaries please keep track of your events and take pictures to share with all of our Department.

Please email me with the exciting things that you have done. I am looking forward to working with you.

Send a Smile – Northern & Southern NV VA Homes

Veterans organizations, community service and youth groups – you are all invited to participate in Send a Smile! Please use the upload information below to submit your videos, photos and/or artwork.

- If your child and/or children would like to share their **artwork** with the residents, please upload a photo of them holding their sign or drawing. (JPG)
- If your family would like to share a **video** (it can be less than a minute long), please upload the file using Dropbox form below. (MOV)
 - **Photo** uploads are also welcome using the form below. (JPG)

All uploaded files must be 100MB or less and standard file formats (JPG; MOV). Here are some ideas for video talking points and artwork content. Overall we are looking for upbeat, positive messages to lift the spirits of residents and staff, such as:

- We are thinking of you and sending you our love and support.
- With limited access to each other during this time, just wanted to let you know that you are remembered and appreciated.
 - Thank you for your service.
- What you have sacrificed in service of our country is remarkable and won't be forgotten.
- To the staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to keep the residents safe and healthy. Your strength during this time is amazing.

We ask that you please submit all uploads using the form below as we are not able to accept files through email or text. If you have any questions or problems with uploads, please contact pio.ndvs@veterans.nv.gov.

Q&A Technology Tips

Q: Is there a Tutorial for using the Dept. of Nevada Website?

A: Yes, there is a tutorial. It is in two forms, a PowerPoint and in PDF form. If you use the PDF form you may print it out and follow along. Please email Bonnie Darrell at hdgramy@gmail.com if you would like a copy.

Q: How can I easily get to our Website on my phone or computer?

Create a bookmark in Goggle or a shortcut to the site on you device and add it to your homepage.

Q: Do I need to print everything that is sent to my email?

No, please don't! Just print whatever you need to reference later. Save your emails in a folder, so you have a reference.



September is Suicide Awareness Month in the Nevada Department of Veteran Services. September 4th – 10th is Suicide Prevention Week at the State Homes and VA

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

For veterans, active military and their families

Text to 838255

Confidential Chat at www.veteranscrisisline.net



TOGETHER WITH VETERANS

Together With Veterans (TWV) is a Veteran-led community-based suicide prevention program. TWV teams conduct a public health action planning process to address rural Veteran suicide prevention. Implementation of the action plan is ongoing and is intended to create long-term relationships between Veterans and community service providers, deepen community awareness about Veteran needs, and improve services and support for Veterans and their families.

<https://www.mirecc.org/na/15/region/willshere.html>



Nye Communities Coalition
1020 East Wilson Road

Contact LeeAnn
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The TWV Mission

The Together With Veteran (TWV) Program enlists rural Veterans and their local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their community.

Funding is provided by VA Office of Rural Health. Visit www.rural.health.va.gov to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE
Zero Suicides Elko County
World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10
Walk for Fostering, Hope, Health, and Healing
For suicide prevention and mental health
Elko or Carlin 8:00 registration
8:30 Ceremony
8:45 5K
\$20 donation = a t-shirt
Walk with a friend, ride a bike, run, strollers, etc.

For more information call Lynette at Elko 775-397-1911
or Carlin 775-837-1044

Upcoming Events

- **Commander Dan Sanders & President Renee Thayer's Homecoming**
September 17, 2022 at 5:30 hosted by VFW Post 10054 in Pahrump, NV
Dinner in \$30, Dinner and Regular Breakfast Sunday AM is \$35.
Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 10054, Memo Line: Homecoming
Mail to: 4651 Homestead Rd. Pahrump, NV 89048
Dry Camping is available at the Post, Hotels nearby.

• Upcoming District Meetings

- **District 5 Meeting** is 1:00 PM September 24, 2022 @ Las Vegas Post 12093
Lunch is at 11:30. On the menu will be grilled chicken with sweet BBQ sauce, Party potato casserole, creamy mac and cheese, green beans with roasted garlic, Texas sheet cake, water, soda for \$6.00
- **District 3 Meeting** October 8, 2022 Reno Post 9211
- **District 1 Meeting** October 22, 2022 Virginia City Post 8071
- **District 6 Meeting** October 29, 2022 Moapa Post 8336

- **VFW Auxiliary Western Conference** November 3-6 Portland Oregon
- **VFW & Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference** January 6-7 Reno, NV