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COMMANDER'S NOTES:

I think we have all heard that the State is planning to be fully opened by mid-June. However, each County can set their own plan for opening. Because of the still not positive about the date we will be able to meet at the Humana Guidance Center and by what number of members will be permitted in the meeting, we will hold off scheduling our in-person meeting.

Normally we do not meet in May as we are normally involved in the Memorial Day Poppy Drive with the Kline Veterans Fund. As of today, the Kline Fund is trying to get commitments from several stores so we can still hold an event for the days around Memorial Day. Once we know the stores and the number of days, we will be asking for volunteers from the Post to staff the Poppy Drive.

COMMANDER'S NOTES: Continued

Our meeting in April will still be virtual, it would be great to see more of you attend. You should have all received an invitation to join at 10:00am on April 25th. If you have not received an invitation in your email in the next few days, call me at 303-589-6314.

In the meantime, stay healthy.

Jerry Bootzin, Commander

Q U O T A B L E Q U O T E S

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." ...Alice Walker

"I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got."
...Walter Cronkite

L A U G H L I N E S

TRADITION

During a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up. The rabbi, though learned as he was in the Law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98-year-old man who was one of the original founders of their temple. The rabbi thought this was an excellent idea. Hopefully, the elderly founder would be able to tell him the temple tradition. The rabbi bought one congregation member representing each of the two points of view to the nursing home. The one whose followers stood during Shema said to the old man, "Is it the tradition to stand during this prayer?" The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

The one whose followers sat, said, "Then it must be the tradition to sit during Shema!" The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

Then the rabbi said to the old man, "But the members of the congregation fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand."

The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT is the tradition!"

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. Loren Rothstein	April 4	Birthday
Ben Zanoff	April 4	Birthday
Carol & Paul Warman	April 16	Anniversary
Mickey Durkin	April 17	Birthday
Marvin Botwinik	May 2	Birthday
Ricki Greenspon	May 2	Birthday
Marsha & Steve Seiden	May 6	Anniversary
Paul Warman	May 10	Birthday
Tatyana Turner	May 19	Birthday
Eileen Mevorah	May 22	Birthday
Jack Weingarten	May 29	Birthday
Gary Bordman	May 29	Birthday

TRIBUTE CARDS CAN BE SENT FOR ALL OCCASIONS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MAZEL TOV'S, WEDDINGS, GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU AND CONDOLENCES. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE OUR POST EXTRA MONEY IT SO NEEDS. REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS BY E-MAILING PAUL WARMAN AT CPWARMAN@GMAIL.COM OR CALLING PAUL AT 702-838-5806. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF THERE IS NO ANSWER. (THE COST TO SEND A TRIBUTE IS \$3.50) ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>
LOIS BERKOWITZ	BEA SIEFMAN	BIRTHDAY

CONTRIBUTED BY JANET SNYDER

Excuse me while I step onto my soapbox: (Written by Ari Axelrod)

I used to feel the need and sometimes felt pressured to take on the role of a self-hating Jew. It made fitting in easier; conforming to the crowd is almost always the less painful choice. My senior year of college, I went on my Birthright trip to Israel which not only awakened my rather dormant Jewish identity, but it opened my eyes to both the importance and the sheer necessity of respectfully going against the grain. No longer was I casually laughing off jokes about my nose or nervously chuckling when people would say, "Oh, that's so Jewy of you." This former self-hating Jew became a respectfully bold, vocal and proud Jew, which has sometimes rubbed people the wrong way and generated several eye-rolls. There've been times when I've wanted to curl back into that cocoon of self-hatred because it truly is the easier thing to do in today's society. However, as I sat at my Passover seder table last night, discussing The Exodus hours after hearing Sean Spicer's outrageous comments regarding the Holocaust, it reaffirmed the importance and necessity of being a Jew. To loudly,

boldly and respectfully continue to fundamentally wrong in every way, anti-American, and unpatriotic. We urge all members of the military and veteran family community, and all Americans who feel they may be targeted by discrimination, to seek help through their military chain of command, our organizations, or through law enforcement agencies in your area.

***He gets off his soapbox and exits stage right.**

A POEM, CONTRIBUTED BY JANET SNYDER

BLOSSOM, BY MARY OLIVER

**In April the ponds open like black blossoms,
the moon swims in every one; there's fire everywhere:
frogs shouting their desire, their satisfaction.
What we know: that time chops at us all like an iron hoe
that death is a state of paralysis.
What we long for: joy before death, nights in the swale –
everything else can wait,
but not this thrust from the root of the body.
What we know: we are more than blood –
we are more than our hunger,
and yet we belong to the moon,
and when the ponds open,
when the burning begins,
the most thoughtful among us dreams
of hurrying down into the black petals,
into the fire, into the night where time lies shattered,
into the body of another.**

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FROM JANET SNYDER

**TO ALL NEVADA MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS:
SEND AN E-MAIL TO SU PHELPS, PUBLISHER OF THE "VETERANS REPORTER NEWS" - TO
ADD YOUR NAME TO THIS LETTER, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 15, 2021
ISSUE OF THE VETERANS REPORTER NEWS.**

**SEND THE NAME OF YOUR NEVADA MILITARY ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS NAME, OR
PERSONAL NAME TO: VeteransReporterNews@gmail.com**

PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THIS LETTER:

We, the Nevada military organizations, business community and residents, believe that all lives matter. The undersigned organizations are committed to supporting military service members, veterans, caregivers, survivors and their families. We write to express our strong condemnation of the recent wave of violence against individuals of Asian descent in our country, and to express our solidarity with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have strong representation among our veterans and military families. They are patriots who have strengthened the fabric of our nation, they have fought and won our wars, they have borne the burden of battle and cared for those who have borne that burden.

We affirm that violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is violence against our entire community, and such activity – like all hate-based activity – is fundamentally wrong in every way, anti-American, and unpatriotic. We urge all members of the military and veteran family community, and all Americans who feel they may be targeted by discrimination, to seek help through their military chain of command, our organizations, or through law enforcement agencies in your area.

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TAIWANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GREATER LAS VEGAS

Letter from Blue Star Families:

We, the undersigned organizations committed to supporting service members, veterans, caregivers, survivors, and their families, write to express our strong condemnation of the recent wave of violence against individuals of Asian descent in our country, and to express our solidarity with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have strong representation among our veterans and military families. They are patriots who have strengthened the fabric of our nation, they have fought and won our wars, they have borne the burden of battle and cared for those who have borne that burden.

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Sincerely,

Amazon

Armed Services YMCA

Blue Star Families

Bunker Labs

CareLinx

Code of Support Foundation

Cohen Veterans Network

Combined Arms

Easterseals

Easterseals DC VA MD

Elizabeth Dole Foundation

Dixon Center for Military and Veteran Services

Freedom Learning Group

Institute for Veterans and Military Families

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Modern Military Association of America

Military Spouse Chamber of Commerce

Military Child Education Coalition

Military Family Advisory Network

Military Family Research Institute

Military Officers Association of America

Military Women's Memorial

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National Math and Science Initiative

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Operation Gratitude

Partners in PROMISE

PenFed Foundation

PsychArmor Institute

Psych Hub

RallyPoint

Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers

Secure Families Initiative

Student Veterans of America

Team RWB

The Mission Continues

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Travis Manion Foundation

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USAA

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Wear Blue: Run to Remember

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PRICE: \$175. When sold, the money received will be donated back to our Post. If someone wishes to purchase the Pin, please call Helen Groner. 702-372-7562.