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EDWARD KLINE MEMORIAL
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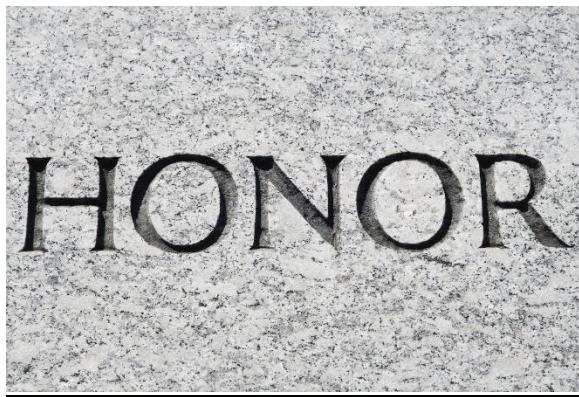
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The Kline Veterans Fund provides emergency housing assistance and supportive services to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families in Southern Nevada.



IN EVERYTHING WE DO



Commander's Message-March

On January 27 th 2023 Jews observed Yom Hashoah, "day of remembrance" to recognize the liberation of the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenou Nazi death camp. While this is an important date in Jewish history, it reminds us that we must never forget those six million Jews who were executed in the most horrific ways.

Just as important, this day needs to remind Jews that we still have a target on our backs. In the U.S. there are many hate groups that have threatened to annihilate Jews in this country. Groups like the KKK, Oathkeepers, Proudboys and many other hate organizations are intent on fomenting a new civil war, more violent and deadly than the civil war that this country previously endured. They are vowing to reinstate slavery and killing of Jews. Even this past month, death threats were made to a Rabbi in our own Las Vegas community.

One only needs to remember the recent January 6, 2021 attempted coup in Washington D.C. that members of these radical groups attended, intent on the overthrow of our government and wanting to replace the duly elected President of the United States.

As American Jews, we need to insure that these groups do not flourish in this country. We need to vote out candidates who sympathize or support these anarchists. We need to have laws enacted to prevent these organizations from existing in this country.

Marvin Botwinik, Commander JWV Post 64



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

First I would like to thank everyone that helped make Dorothy Brown's ONE HUNDRED BIRTHDAY PARTY such a success!!!! The entertainers are excellent and made it very fraalick.

Don't forget to put SUNDAY MAY 21st on your calendar. It will be our Annual POT LUCK. This year it will be at the home of Sheila Epstein.

Note the date!!!!!! It is the THIRD SUNDAY as we will be doing POPPIES on the fourth Sunday.

Call me at: 702) 360 - 4554 to let me know what you are bringing and how many people are coming. Leave a message if I am not home, I will pick it up as soon as possible.

I am planning another get together lunch late March. PLEASE let me know of any Restaurant you know that can accommodate a group of about 20 people and give separate checks.

Once again Thank All of those that made our last lunch get together at Sagos such a success!!!

Sheila Epstein
Social Committee Chairperson



QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Just a quick note regarding the annual dues for the Murray L. Rosen, Post 64 of the JWV of the USA.

Dues are \$45.00 per calendar year. National starts to send dues renewal notices in July for the following year. Dues are the same for veterans and patrons.

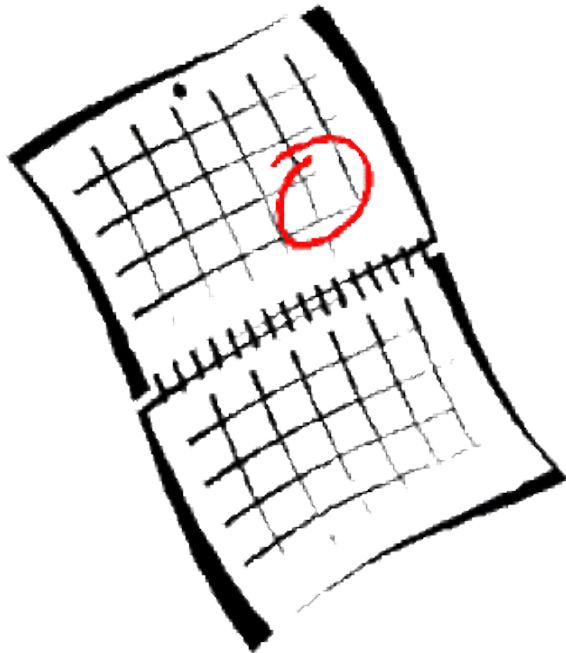
Veterans are any person with an honorable discharge, usually a DD214.

Active duty personnel are given free membership until they retire, leave or are discharged from the military.

Patrons are spouses, relatives, friends or any person who would like to join and help us.

Thank you all for all you do.

Ricki Greenspon
Quartermaster,
Post 64 of the JWV



ROLLING CALENDAR

- **Sunday, February 26**
(4th Sunday)
Post Meeting at Humana
10:00 a.m.
- **Monday, March 13**
(2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Sheila
Epstein's home
12 noon
- **Sunday, March 26**
(4th Sunday)
Post Meeting at Humana
10:00 a.m.
- **Monday, April 10**
(2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Mort
Friedlander's home
12 noon
- **Sunday, April 23**
(4th Sunday)
Post Meeting at Humana
10:00 a.m.
- **Monday, May 8**
(2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Mickey
Durkin's home
12 noon
- **Sunday, May 21**
(3rd Sunday)
BBQ at Sheila Epstein's home
in lieu of Regular Meeting
- **May Poppy Drive; May 24 -**
Memorial Day May 29th
Captain will be Marv Botwinik
in Summerlin; Smith's store on
the east side will be chaired
by Mort Friedlander
- **May 27 - Flag placement**
at Bunker Cemetery (Las
Vegas Blvd and Washington)
- **Monday, June 12**
(2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Ricki
Greenspon's home
12 noon
- **Sunday, June 25**
(4th Sunday)
Post Meeting at Humana
10:00 a.m.

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



Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL) Opening Ceremony on Wed., March 15, 2023

Join us for the opening ceremony of Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature as we kick 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!!





From the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) website:

United Veterans Legislative Council

The United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC) is a nonpartisan, politically-neutral council open to all Nevada veterans, military, and advocates or organizations dedicated to legislative activities relating to serving all of Nevada's veterans, military and their families. No cost for membership. The UVLC operates under a constitution with

elected officers and a board. The 2020-2021 UVLC officers were:

- Chairman, Andy LePeilbet, andy@nevadaandy.com
- Vice Chairman, Bobi Oates, boates4616@aol.com
- Secretary/PC, TBD
- Board, Mitch Roach, mitch.roach@aol.com
- Board, Bruno Moya, bmoyasw@gmail.com

For anyone (veteran or advocate) who wishes to get involved, you may contact anyone of the officers or board members list below:

- **Chairman, Andy LePeilbet, andy@nevadaandy.com (775) 772-8747**
- **Vice Chairman, TBD**
- **Secretary/PC- TBD**
- **Board, Mitch Roach, mitch.roach@aol.com, (702) 690-6145**
- **Board, Bruno Moya, bmoyasw@gmail.com, 702-498-4660**

About the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC)



Need support to testify during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session? Download the two UVLC forms below.

DOWNLOAD: [How to Testify Before a Legislative Committee](#)

DOWNLOAD: [How to Prepare Your Testimony Template](#)

DOWNLOAD: [Legislative Process Explained](#)

(Summary by the late Tony Yarbrough, former UVLC President.) The UVLC started after those working with the Nevada Legislature noticed members of the veterans' community were divided on the issues and lacked credibility with

the lawmakers. At times, we canceled out each other in our testimony causing lawmakers great confusion and indecision. A group of veterans began meeting to collaborate about issues and while this improved our process, many veterans organizations remained absent. So, we actively campaigned among ourselves to get every Veteran Service Organization and other nonprofits to come to the table to create a statewide veterans legislative group. It took a few years and lots of work to get us where we are today.

The UVLC is a formidable, unified voice for veterans, military, and their families, to find, identify, and lobby for legislative action. Membership is free.

There are several things unique to the UVLC. It has no treasury, thus the UVLC is not registered as a nonprofit with the IRS or Nevada Secretary of State. If funding is needed, it comes from the members' organizations as a sponsor. The UVLC operates under a Constitution without bylaws or standing rules following 'Robert's Rules of Order'.

The UVLC partners with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) in many matters. Leadership is elected among members every 2 years. We are absolutely nonpartisan. As such, all political parties respect our perspective and generally support our viewpoint. We talk issues, not politics.

Our track record displays this very proudly.

Every Veterans Organization in Nevada is represented, so as we lobby, we can proudly state for the record how many veterans we represent. At present count that is around 300,000. That does not count the military, family members, or veteran advocates so the number is exponentially much larger, nearing 500,000. Lawmakers know this and listen very carefully.

We have a structured approach to getting these things done. The Nevada Legislature meets every two years for 120-days. When not in session, they are still working “interim” via committees and commissions. The issues we tackle come from many sources such as our own Veteran Organizations’ leadership and their members, NDVS, various lawmakers who need our military experience and help, among attendance at various local Congressional events, political events, State agencies who cannot lobby [for fiduciary reasons], law enforcement, etc., from almost anywhere. The UVLC then needs to conduct a reasonable review for accuracy and truth to vet each issue fully for a legislative remedy, if possible. Sometimes the answer may not be legislative, but administrative. The key is to find a solution, like any good service officer would do. We are very visible

during the session, but almost invisible otherwise.

Among the biggest event we use to garner good information are the NDVS/UVLC Legislative Symposia held in Reno and Las Vegas in the spring of the off-session years. Then just prior to the beginning of the session, we then hold a NDVS/UVLC Legislative Summit again in Reno and Las Vegas to share the resulting progress of the symposia. There is a lot of data to sift through, vet, and prioritize by the state agencies, congressional staff [if federal], Legislative Council Bureau [LCB] on behalf of the lawmakers, and the UVLC, too.

Our involvement includes the Legislative Interim Committees and Commissions [ILC] meetings. These Interim meetings bring experts and reports from sources from both within and outside the State Nevada. Many of the ILC’s have legislative authority to introduce one or more Bill Draft Requests [BDR] to the legislature which may become a Bill. It’s our responsibility to be aware of its foundation for a legislative head start.

The UVLC has regular meetings. During the Legislative Session, meetings are called by the Chairman.

WHEN: Even numbered years [Interim], Regular UVLC Meetings late in the month of:

- January – establish Legislative Interim review committees
- March – NDVS/UVLC Legislative Symposium (details TBD)
- April – Legislative sub-committees will be established to plan Bill drafts
- July – review and solidify sub-committee leadership • October – develop strategies
- November – (after the election dust settles) identify relationship building efforts

Exceptions: sub-committee meetings individually called

About Odd numbered years [Session starts first Monday in February]

- January – NDVS/UVLC Legislative Summit (details TBD)
- Meetings will be upon the call of the Chairman during session [February, March, April, May, June] due to the rapid changes, and reactions required.

Regular UVLC Meetings late in the month of:

- June – Session debriefing, and Officer elections
- September – review Bills needed to be re-examined
- November – (after the election dust settles) identify relationship efforts.



Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce (SNVCC) Business Mixer on January 26, 2022 at Area 15 in the Sanctuary:



Janet Snyder and Jack Weingarten



Lester Lumbad, President/Managing Director/ USAF Veteran, Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce (SMVCC)



Jack Weingarten talks with Donna Silva, Guardian Coordinator, and Gretchen Grierson, Fundraising Coordinator, Social Media Team, with Honor Flight Southern Nevada



This is what we learned, when living in our van camper full-time for 10 years:



“Don't let this silly world trick you into starving your soul for material things. Cause someday you're going to be sitting out under the stars and realize how little you actually need to be truly happy.”



What makes a warrior? His aggression? His bravery? His skill? Or is it his humanity and compassion? ~ Honor Them

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid.

They have earned our undying gratitude.

America will never forget their sacrifices."

~ President Harry S. Truman

Freedom Is Not Free.



THE RUSTY MARINE

This rusty Marine, born gallant and brave
To my country, my allegiance raised.
I served in war to honor and protect,
And in battle I didn't defect.
Through foxholes, trenches, gunfire and hell,
My honor and pride didn't fall.
In my heart my faith was strong,
But for home I did long.
Now I set, tired and forlorn,
For my youth I do mourn.
Because it went quickly by,
I often think time does fly.
I don my dress blues,
And my spirit changes hues.
I straighten up and stand with pride,
The great honor I don't hide.
Then I feel like I may weep,
Due to the memories in a huge heap.
Tears form in my eye,
As I think "Semper Fi"

Thank you to those who served and continue to serve our country. We cannot thank you and your families enough for your sacrifice.

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."



Second gentleman Douglas Emhoff, the first Jewish spouse of a US president or vice president, recently returned from an emotional weeklong visit to Poland and Germany, during which he visited Auschwitz, the factory of Oskar Schindler, and the Polish hometown of his great-grandparents. The most visible American public figure in the battle against rising antisemitism, Emhoff wrote in an op-ed with [Deborah E. Lipstadt](#), US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism: "We all have a responsibility to speak out and make clear that antisemitism is wrong, just like every other prejudice. In the face of evil, there is no neutrality. Standing silent is not an option."

National Commander Mellitz to Testify Before Congress

JWV National Commander Nelson Mellitz will provide testimony on JWV's legislative priorities to a **House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Joint Hearing on March 8, 2023**. The hearing will take place at 10:00am in room 390 Cannon House Office Building. **Seating is limited**, please let Ken Greenberg (kgreenberg@jwv.org) and Cara Rinkoff (crinkoff@jwv.org) know if you plan to attend in person by February 20. The hearing will be live streamed on YouTube.



February 6 event at the Leatherneck Club:



Jack Weingarten standing in front of the display of WWII and Korean War Veterans photographs by photographer Mikel Conrad in Henderson



Janet Snyder with Larry Hamm, US Army Veteran, from the office of Congressman Steven Horsford (NV-4)



Su Phelps, Larry Hamm and Jack Weingarten



Ricki and Howard Greenspon



Lester Lumbad, President/Managing Director and USAF Veteran, SNVCC, speaking to group; to right: Mikel Conrad, Photographer, and Lester Lumbad; Mikel invites Vietnam Veterans for photographs to honor their service to our country, and he photographs the Honor Flights.



Gretchen Grierson and Donna Silva, Honor Flight Southern Nevada, explained how Vietnam Veterans can now apply for Honor Flights.



Su Phelps, Howard and Ricki Greenspon discussed the Vietnam War with a Veteran who was a POW.



If you are a WWII, Korean War, or Vietnam War Veteran who has never been on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, let us know and we can send you an **Honor Flight Southern Nevada Veterans Application and Medical Form**, so you can apply for an upcoming trip in 2023.

Mar 11

SNVCC: Las Vegas Desert Dogs- Heroes Night

Come experience the Las Vegas Desert Dogs and honor the heroes in our community!

When and where

Date and time

Sat, March 11, 2023, 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM
PST

Location

Michelob ULTRA Arena 3950 Las Vegas
Boulevard South Las Vegas, NV 89109

<https://www.snvcc.org/events/heroes-night-las-vegas-desert-dogs>

SNVCC.ORG

Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce

<https://www.snvcc.org/?fbclid=IwAR2wVG1Y8YCGpJR0TctK8ho4i7qU52brLHUc23aOmMKde-bi9c8c6Z-b1s0>

Honor and Respect Military Spouses



..... and do you promise to leave your home, family, friends, and all that you've ever known, to move across the country - or to the other side of the world - at a moment's notice without complaint, and to take care of everything, while he ships out for months at a time?

Board Meeting – Monday, February 13:



Jack Weingarten, Senior Vice-Commander;
Sheila Epstein, Social Committee Chairperson;
Bea Siefman, Adjutant



Mickey Durkin, Social Committee; Marvin
Botwinik, Commander



Marvin Botwinik, Commander; Ricki
Greenspon, Quartermaster; Morton Friedlander,
Judge Advocate



Jack Weingarten, Senior Vice-Commander; Sheila Epstein, Social Committee Chairperson; Bea Siefman, Adjutant; Mickey Durkin, Social Committee; Greg Abbott, Programming & Speakers Chairperson



Janet Snyder, Newsletter Editor

All of the Board Members can't always attend each meeting, but you can be sure that each board member is conscientiously doing their best work for the benefit of all of our Post 64 members and our local Southern Nevada Veterans Community.

Greg Abbott, Programming & Speakers Chairperson, has arranged for the Sun City Summerlin Dance Company to perform for us and to tell us about their group and what they do.

PROGRAM FOR THE SUNDAY, MARCH 26 MEETING AT HUMANA AT 10:00 A.M.

The Sun City Summerlin Dance Company's mission is to offer quality dance classes and performance opportunities to Sun City Summerlin men and women. We strive to instill an appreciation for the art and joy of dance as well as an awareness of the health benefits for the body and the brain. We offer a variety of genres such as tap, jazz, drill tap, and chair tap. We invite residents to observe or participate in our classes.