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Nevada Chapter

It is with deepest regret that we report the passing of one of our long time members and Past President, Michael Stern.

Mike was retired US Army, retired Federal Attorney, and former Magistrate Commonwealth of Virginia.

As Army Special Forces he was assigned to MACVSOG, worked out of CCC & CCN, was stationed in Vietnam for three tours. He earned a law degree from the University of Alabama while enlisted.

After retiring from the Army he worked for the Department of the Air Force, Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, GSA and Department of the Treasury. Taught law at the School for the Defense Acquisition University and then was selected as a Magistrate in Virginia. Retired in 1999.

Mike served as President of Nevada PVA 2008-2012. During his tenure we won the Outstanding Chapter Award from National.

Rest in Peace, Mike



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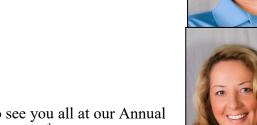
The mission of Nevada PVA is to improve the quality of life of U.S. military veterans and others who have spinal cord dysfunction through the use of adaptive sports, recreation, wellness programs, outreach, education, research and support.

Disclaimer

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President/Executive Director Report

by Dan Kaminski and Julie Johnson



Can you believe its September already? We hope to see you all at our Annual General Membership & Awards Banquet on September 10th 6pm at the Aliante Casino. Please RSVP by August 24th with your meal selection. FYI-you will have to sign a waiver to enter, the whole covid insurance policy these days.

We will be preforming buddy checks once again which is our board members calling our membership to see how they are doing and if they need anything as well as to update them on upcoming events.

Veterans Day is coming up and each year we participate in the Veterans Day Parade. If you would like to join our group to walk or roll the parade route, we would love your company. We are always looking for help with carrying our banner and having a big group. Call Ann at 702-646-0040. Afterwards we go out for lunch, and you all are welcomed to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 th	General Membership & Awards Banquet 6pm
September 20 th	Arcadia Earth 1pm
September 26 th	Reno – Movies – 11:30am
September 26 th	Reno - ACES Game -6:05pm
September 27 th	Reno – Adaptive Sports Clinic & Lunch
October 8 th	Fishing/Boat Ride at Lake Mead
December 1 st	Up/Down Bowl Sunset Station
December 1-4	Bowling Tournament Sunset Station
December 10 th	Holiday Party 12pm-2pm

Please call our office at 702-646-0040 for information or to RSVP for any of the above events.

SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics PACT) Act 2022

Most of you that have been watching the news lately have most likely heard of the Honoring Our PACT Act 2022. Setting all the politics aside have you wondered what does the act contain and what does it do for us as Veteran's? The Act if passed and signed into law will expand many sections of Ti-tle 38 Code of Federal Regulations.

One section of this Act proposes to make the following changes for Vietnam Era Veteran's by now expanding presumptive service-connections for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicides (Agent Orange) who served in certain locations (covered service) as follows:

- Performed in Thailand at any US or Royal Thai base during the period beginning on January 9, 1962 and ending on June 30, 1976 without regard to where on the base the Veteran was located or what military job specialty the veteran performed;
- Performed in Laos during the period beginning on December 1, 1965 and ending September 30, 1969;
- Performed in Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province during the period beginning on April 16, 1969 and ending April 30, 1969 or
- Performed on Guam or American Samoa, or in the territorial waters thereof, during the period beginning on January 9, 1962 and ending on July 31, 1980 or service on Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll during the period beginning on January 1, 1972 and ending on September 30, 1977.

In addition, to the covered service mention previously, the following additional diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is presumption of service connection will be added:

- Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS)
- Hypertension.

As stated this is just one section covered in the Act. It further covers many expansions for presumptions of toxic exposures (burn pits), presumptions of radiation exposure on Enewetak Atoll, Palomares, Spain or Thule, Greenland and much more. For more information on this Act and to stay up to date you can visit the following website at <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3967/text</u>.

Washington Update



New Veterans Crisis Line Phone Number

Effective July 16, veterans now have the option of calling 988 (then press 1) to connect with caring, qualified responders for 24/7 crisis support. In response to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act designating the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the VA has made it more user friendly to access the Veterans Crisis Line.

While 988 is a new option for contacting the Veterans Crisis Line, the original number: 1-800-273-8255 (then press 1), remains available, and veterans can continue to reach out via chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or by text to 838255.

Amtrak Plans for Greater Accessibility

Amtrak recently released information on planned upgrades to Amtrak trains that will improve efficiency and reduce environmental impacts while increasing accessibility and comfort for passengers. Access features will include inductive hearing loops, accessible restrooms and vestibules, an accessible food service car, and lifts for customers with mobility disabilities. Lee Page, Senior Associate Advocacy Director, and Heather Ansley, Associate Executive Director of Government Relations, toured a mockup of the new cars in Philadelphia earlier this month to provide feedback on proposed accessibility features.



Our President, Dan Kaminski attended the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, AZ and came home with several medals: Gold in Motor Rally & Slalom Silver in Table Tennis Bronze in Power Soccer

Congratulations!









Our members were invited to Honoring Heroes and had a meal prepared by our home town chef Guy Fieri





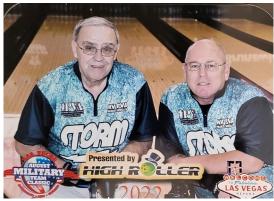
Thank you to our Adopt-A-Vet Volunteers





Our bowling teams participated at the Military Bowling Tournament held at the Southpoint Casino & Hotel.





THANK YOU VFW AUX John Lukac Post 12093 for the \$2,000 donation for our Adopt-A-Vet Program ⁹⁹ If your a veteran in need of food & hygiene products in Nevada please reach out so we can take care of you





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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

MOVIE & SNACK 11:30 AM LOCATION: CENTURY SUMMIT SIERRA 13965 SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89511 RENO ACES GAME 6:05 PM LOCATION: GREATER NEVADA FIELD 250 EVANS AVENUE RENO, NV 89501

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, ADAPTIVE SPORT CLINICS (WHEELCHAIR RUGBY & BOCCIA BALL) AND LUNCH 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM LOCATION: EVELYN MOUNT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER 1301 VALLEY ROAD RENO, NV 89512

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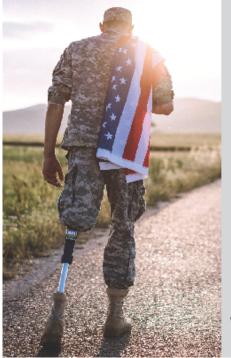
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Resources related to Afghanistan

Veterans who served in Afghanistan may be experiencing a range of challenging emotions related to the U.S withdrawal from the country and the events unfolding now. Veterans who served during other conflicts may also be feeling strong emotions as they may be reminded of their own deployment experiences. Here is a list of available resources, call center information, peer support, and other community services:

NVDS - <u>Local Vet Center groups</u>

- Vet Centers Discuss how you feel with other Veterans in these community-based counseling centers. 70% of Vet Center staff are Veterans. Call <u>1-877-927-8387</u>
- Veterans Crisis Line If you are having thoughts of suicide, call <u>1-800-273-8255</u>, then PRESS 1 or visit <u>http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/</u>
- For emergency mental health care, you can also go directly to <u>your local VA medical center</u> 24/7 regardless of your discharge status or enrollment in other VA health care.
- **VA Women Veterans Call Center** *Call or text* <u>1-855-829-6636</u> (*M-F 8AM* 10PM & SAT 8AM 6:30PM ET)
- **VA Caregiver Support Line** *Call <u>1-855-260-3274</u> (M-F 8AM 10PM & SAT 8AM 5PM ET)* **Download VA's self-help apps** – Tools to help deal with common reactions like, stress, sadness,
- and anxiety. You can also track your symptoms over time.
- VA Mental Health Services Guide This guide will help you sign up and access mental health services.
- **MakeTheConnection.net** information, resources, and Veteran to Veteran videos for challenging life events and experiences with mental health issues.
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) <u>Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors (TAPS) Is Here For You!</u> or call <u>800-959-TAPS (8277)</u>

If you are struggling, the worst thing you can do is nothing. Don't be afraid to lean on your Veteran community and please consider reaching out to VA if you would like to learn more about what is available.



Las Vegas VA Medical Center Locations

Mailing Address: VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, 6900 North Pecos Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89086 Main Number: 702-791-9000 Toll-Free Phone: 1-888-633-7554 VA Pharmacy: 702-791-9076 Toll-Free Nurse Advice Line: 1-877-252-4866

	Transportation Service (VTS)	NATIONAL CRISIS HOTLINE
	Women's Health Center Temporarily at Northeast PCC 4461 East Charleston Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104	702-791-9050
	Vet Center - Henderson 400 North Stephanie Street, Suite 180 Henderson, NV 89014	702-791-9100
E LIRE	Vet Center - Las Vegas 1919 South Jones Boulevard, Suite A Las Vegas, NV 89146	702-251-7873
A R DA	Psychosocial Rehab Recovery Center 3525 W. Cheyenne Avenue North Las Vegas, NV 89032	702-791-9060
- Friend August	Mike O'Callaghan Federal Medical Center 4700 North Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89115	702-653-2227 Emergency Care Only
	Community Resource and Referral Center 926 West Owens Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89106	702-791-9077
	Southwest Primary Care Clinic 7235 South Buffalo Drive Las Vegas, NV 89113	702-791-9040
	Southeast Primary Care Clinic 1020 South Boulder Highway Henderson, NV 89015	702-791-9030
	Pahrump Community Based Outpatient Clinic 2100 East Calvada Boulevard Pahrump, NV 89048	775-727-7535
	Northwest Primary Care Clinic 3968 North Rancho Drive North Las Vegas, NV 89130	702-791-9020
	Northeast Primary Care Clinic 4461 East Charleston Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104	702-791-9050

1/800-273-8255

Veterans can schedule transportation through their VA primary Care Provider or by calling the VTS office at 1/844-859-5074. Please schedule transportation ahead of

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