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SERVING VETERANS WHEN THEY NEED IT, IN MULTIPLE AREAS OF VA AND MILITARY

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### LDS FOOD DRIVES

The Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) has their Food Distribution on the following dates. Contact Jennifer Kennedy at 509-954-7537

567 W. Pacific Ave.  
303 S. Cholla St  
801 Arrowhead Trail  
All in Henderson, NV

### Veteran Services Monthly Total

Veterans: 84  
Dependents: 5  
Total: 89  
Vietnam Veterans: 17  
Service/HSO Hours: 217

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN-ELECT MEETING

May 7, 2026 1200pm the Henderson Service Office held a meeting with Assemblywoman-Elect Tofu Alofipo and James loane her aide. HSO members attending were Richard Keirn-CEO, Ronald Peters-VP, Don Meyer-Board Member, and Eric Lunda-Veterans VSO.

We talked about what the HSO Corporation has to offer and Veterans issues in the valley and some things we could do to help with their issues. She said there are organizations that have an interest in helping veterans and with getting our visibility out to the public. Also, that there are funding opportunities for community projects like the Henderson Service Office.

We talked about trying to get a meeting together with other Assemblypersons with the same interest in the future. Over all she was impressed with the HSO and what we are doing. The meeting was a success and productive.



Ron Peters, Richard Keirn, Assemblywoman-Elect: Tofo Alofipo, Don Myer, and Eric Lunda.

## CUSTOM EYES AND VETERANS HOME AT BLOUDER CITY

The Henderson Service Office meet with Custom Eye Care's Team on Monday May 4, 2025 at the Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City. Their crew performed eye class cleaning, minor repair and adjustments free of charge.

The owner David Wolosin gave certificates to his team for their outstanding performance helping sure that the veterans had clean and perfect eyes glass ware.



Owner: David Wolosin, Justice Wolosin, Trina Payson, and Eddie Heiner

## VETERAN REPORTED NEWSPAPER

The Veterans Reporter Newspaper is up and running again. The most recent issue May 2026 is out now. It is planned to be out twice monthly (1st and 15th). Glad to see it being printed. Great Newspaper.

## WORD

President Lyndon B. Johnson said "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

## VIP

The Veterans Interoperability Pledge (VIP) connects veterans to care. This VA initiative strengthens care coordination and improves care for veterans wherever they receive treatment.

This means veterans can:

- \* Be recognized quickly.
- \* Receive follow-up care and referrals faster.
- \* Avoid unnecessary duplicate tests.
- \* Be connected to VA services.

The VIP will connect veterans to providers and resources that will have a growing impact across the health system. To honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being, health care stakeholders pledge to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## SURVIVORS

Scammers are targeting surviving family member shortly after the death. They claim military authority and shared service experience. Social media seems to be the worst place for this scam to take place. Some things that may help prevent this are Always use official VA or DOD web sites, know who you are giving information to.

**Do not sign blank forms. Never pay a third party for benefits.**

**Use a Veteran's organization Service Officer.**

## SECONDARY CLAIMS

Is You may have seen the videos, the red arrow thumbnails or the major negative change that secondaries are dead. Well, that is not true.

On May 1, 2026 the VA updated its M21-1 manual to catch up with the Spicer V. McDonough federal court case that has expanded secondary service connection for veterans. The path got wider, the evidence bar got higher and the vague nexus letters are out. And do not listen to those self-appointed VA experts.

Remember you need detailed nexus opinions, DBQs and medical evaluations that the VA raters are looking for. When you file a secondary claim, the law is on your side, make sure your evidence is also. You have two chooses, play the VA game or your game.

**DO NOT BELIEVE THIS, SEE A SERVICE OFFICER.**

## DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNES (DBQ)

VA There is a lot of misinformation out there about the DBQ's being fraud, risky or invalid and that just is not accurate. Still some Veterans believe that private DBQ's are not good. That is just noise that confuses them and is hurting legitimate VA disability claims.

## VSOs, SOs, ADVOCATES

The Being good at these is more than just doing a claim. It involves 3 very important factors.

1. COMMUNICATIONS: Communicate clearly and promptly, Explain options, Risks, Timelines, Likely next steps, and what the Claimant must do.
2. RESPECT CLAIMANTS CHOICE: The veteran decides whether to file, Appeal, Withdrawn, or Submit Evidence (THE VSO ADVISES; THE CLAIMANT CHOICES).
3. MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES: THE VSO is not a Doctor, Therapist, Lender or Attorney unless separately qualified. Do not practice outside your role.

## MAJOR BLOW TO CLAIM SHARKS

The U.S. District Court for the middle district of North Carolina has ruled that the Veterans Guardian Firm acted as an unaccredited VA Claims Agent in violation of VA law and veterans who have paid fees may have remedies. This is a blow to Claim Sharks who take advantage of veterans.

## VETERANS MYTHS

It There are 12 million veterans who get nothing from the VA. And 8 in 10 who are rated still do not have what they deserve. The real problem is veterans are underrated because their disability was not based on the impact that it has on their work, life, and social functioning.

Many veterans tell themselves they do not deserve benefits, or just never apply, some quit after a denial, or just accept a low rating and wrongly believe that is correct.

1. Got denied or a low rating, it must be over.
2. Other veterans deserve benefits more than I do.
3. I have a VA rating and cannot file again.
4. I have been out to long and it is to late now to file.
5. I have a rating and if I ask for an increase the VA will lower my rating.
6. My disabilities are not severe enough.
7. My disabilities are not in my records I do not have a case.

## BUDGET PROPOSAL

The President's budget proposes a military pay raise for 2027 in a three (3) tiered pay raise ranging from 5% to 7%.

**E-5 and below is 7%**

**E-6 to O-3 is 6%**

**O-4 and above is 5%**

# AMERICAN LEGION POST-40 CALENDAR

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April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>BE THE ONE</b>			April Fools Day Gold Swingers 9:00am - 1:00pm	Victory Vets 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies 7:00am	Post Fish Fry 5:00pm	Boys 4:00pm Ship Captain Crew 6:00pm
Gold Star Spouses Day ALA Breakfast 8:00am - 11:00am	NARFE 5:00pm Raffle Drawing 7:00pm	2 Ball 3:00pm	DAV 5:00pm Rifle Club 6:00pm	National Reserve POW Recognition Day Victory Vets 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies 7:00am	ALA Fish Fry 5:00pm	Boys 12 - 4 ALA Monthly Mtg 8:00 AM Ship Captain Crew 6:00pm
Post Breakfast 8:00am - 10:00am ALA National Grand Baby Shower 12:00pm - 2:00pm		Air Force Reserve Birthdays 3 Ball 3:00pm 1. Board 6:00pm	Purple Up! Day for the military Unit Post Monthly Council Meeting 6:00pm	National Training Recognition Day Ladies 7:00am	ALA Fish Fry 5:00pm	Boys 4:00pm Ship Captain Crew 6:00pm
ALA Breakfast Kilbuck - 11:00am		3 Ball 3:00pm	Earth Day	Army Reserve Birthday Ladies 7:00am Art Bazaar 5:00pm	ALA Fish Fry 5:00pm	Ship Captain Crew 6:00pm
Post Breakfast 8:00am - 10:00am Art Family Day 1:00pm - 4:00pm		3 Ball 3:00pm Raffle Club 6:00pm - 9:00pm		National Military Bands Recognition Day Ladies 7:00am		

Veterans Crisis Line  
DIAL 988 then PRESS 0

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FOR STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 41

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**WHO I AM**

- ★ Wife and proud mother of six.
- ★ Daughter of hardworking immigrant parents, raised in Hawaii
- ★ Real estate professional helping families build stability through homeownership
- ★ Community advocate, school volunteer, and faith-driven leader
- ★ Raising my family right here in District 41
- ★ Real-life leadership, not career politics



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**FLAG DAY CELEBRATION**

American Legion Post 40

425 E. Van Wagenen St.  
Henderson, Nevada

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026**

★ EVENT BEGINS AT 1700 HOURS ★


## ANNUAL HSO AWARDS DINNER ON FLAG DAY

It is that time of the year again for our mid-year dinner and HSO awards. As always, I am starting to look to confirm numbers to plan for the food. This year we plan to have wings, mac & cheese, and salad with a desert and with a guest speaker.

Our theme this year is Flag Day Celebration. Please confirm as soon as possible we have room for 50 guests. There will be more to follow with reminders.

# STORY OF A SOLDIER

U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS



**RICHARD D. KEIRN**

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