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AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY



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: 133
Dependents: 14
Total: 147
Vietnam Veterans: 13
Service Hours: 201
HSO Hours: 107
Training Hours: 112

VETERANS DISABILITY RATINGS

Congressional efforts to reshape VA disability ratings through Section 108 of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act should not and must not happen. Disability evaluations must remain grounded in medical evidence and the real-world impact of service-connected conditions, not political budget decisions.

Disability compensation is part of the nation's commitment to those who served. It should never be treated as a budget offset.

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Diabetic Neuropathy is a common microvascular complication that develops when prolonged high glucose levels damage the blood vessels supporting the nerves. Veterans receiving VA compensation for Diabetes may also qualify for disability compensation for conditions that are secondary to diabetes including various types of neuropathy.

These could be Peripheral Neuropathy, Autonomic Neuropathy, Proximal Neuropathy and Focal Neuropathy.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)

Veterans with certain severe service-connected disabilities may now qualify for free TSA Pre-Check enrollment under the VETS SAFE TRAVEL ACT (Public Law 118-238). They still must meet Standard TSA security and background requirements. This benefit helps reduce barriers making travel more accessible, dignified and convenient for those who have done so much.

THE WORD LIBERAL

The word liberal once meant something very different from what it means today. That was before the word was hijacked. For generations it described a philosophy centered on individual liberty, free markets, limited government, and voluntary exchange. Liberalism is how that meaning changed and what was lost with it. It has been observed by some as "the enemies of the system of private enterprise who thought it wise to appropriate its label."

For instances the classic essay that examines the relationship between economic freedom and political freedom, the proper role of government, and the principles that shaped the classical liberal tradition. The argument continues to influence debates about markets, government power, individual responsibility, and the foundations of a free society.

POPULISM

Populism is nothing new to world history. While it can be easy to think about American politics as being divided between the left and the right, the reality is much different. What we have been seeing is the two sets of populist back-lash against both the Democrat and the Republican establishment. And believe it or not, these tensions actually trace their roots back to the Roman times.

MENTAL HEALTH CLAIMS

Many veterans worry that their therapy treatment records showing improvement will hurt their VA rating. That is not true. The VA does review the therapy records as part of the evidence. Mental Health ratings are based the overall severity of the condition and its impact on their daily functioning over time

The review covers symptom frequency, severity, occupational and social impairment, therapy records, C&P exams, medication history, lay statements and medical records.

So, does therapy

SOME GOOD TIPS

CHILD SUPPORT

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that the State has a right to enforce child support by jailing the veteran for contempt of court until the payments are made.

VA OVERPAYMENTS

When the VA erroneously overpays and it is an administrative error then it is not a debt created against the beneficiary they are allowed to keep it. Be aware the VA may try to get it back in some other way.

SECRET ASSIGNMENTS

A veteran states I was stationed in some country, but I cannot tell give you all the details, because it was a secret mission. Just smile he may be full of it. A VSO can contact the VSO at the Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa Florida for verification.

TDIU vs 100% P&T

They are not the same. TDIU pays you at 100% and you are considered 100%. 100% P&T pays you 100% and you are considered 100%.

But only one is built to last. Here is the difference:

TDIU can be reviewed and revoked if your situation changes. 100% P&T is far harder for the VA to touch.

Still TDIU is not a bad deal.

A VETERANS ACT

The take care of America's Veterans Act should be strongly opposed by all. It would offset the cost of expanding benefits for combat injured veterans by cutting disability compensation and health care access for future generations of disabled veterans. Tell your congressman / congresswomen that enough is enough. This is not the way to Honor the Contract.

FILING OF NEW CLAIMS

Many veterans avoid filing new claims because they fear the VA could lower their current rating. The answer is YES VA could but it generally does not happen because the VA must:

1. Show a sustained improvement in your condition and follow strict legal rules before lowering a rating.
2. Ratings in place for 5 or more years cannot be reduced based on one exam alone.
3. The key is the type of claim you are filing and the strength of your evidence.

THE PRESUMPTION OF SOUNDNESS

This rule helps the veteran because if the veteran can convince the VA that the injury or disease existed while on active military duty it limits the ability of the VA to deny a claim.

SUPREME COURT CASE

The Supreme Court will rule on whether veterans can bypass the VA to secure their benefits. The case is on a veteran who had severe trauma from a training accident in Germany. The VA awarded him 80% disability for PTSD. But years later Federal Law reduced his benefit to 10% because he was incarcerated. He took it to the Supreme Court.

The question on debate is whether Federal District Courts retain jurisdiction over Constitutional challenges to veterans' benefits statutes? The veteran had disagreed with the policy and challenged it in Federal District Court alleging that the statute violates the Constitution's Equal Protection Guarantee.

The Federal District Court dismissed the case saying does a veteran have the right to bring that kind of challenge in Federal Court at all?

The Supreme Court will have to decide if it does violate the Veterans Judicial Review Act and the 38 USC 5313. These laws give a specific channel for contesting VA benefit decisions from the Regional Office, Board of Veterans Appeals, and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Affairs, then to the Federal District Courts and the VA payment while incarcerated.

The argument is veterans should not have to exhaust the entire VA appeals process before any court would hear it.

SCAMMING THE SYSTEM

It has been said that every veteran that is on VA disability is scamming the system and that is just plain false. The people that are saying this are pushing a political narrative and chasing clicks instead of stating the facts. And when these facts get twisted, real veterans like us pay the price. They are the malcontents, non-veterans and some veterans who may not qualify who have nothing better to do than stir the pot.

Yes, there are some real problems like:

1. Too many veterans are still underrated.
2. Most veterans do not get the right disability rating the first time.
3. A misunderstanding that VA disability is about more than compensation.
4. And the fact that even more claims need to be filed.

So, Mr. and Mrs. America if you are going to complain try those.

ANNUAL HSO AWARDS DINNER

Henderson Service Office held its awards dinner on June 20, 2026 which was a success, pictures will be coming.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 BBQ FOURTH OF JULY

HSO supporting team.



Right to Left: Clyde Martin, Ronda Martin, Arlene Keirn and Richard Keirn.

NEW OFFICE

As of Today 7/29/2026 the Henderson Service Office has another outreach office. The new office is located at American Legion Post 60 at 1510 Bruce Woodbury Drive Laughlin Nevada 89029 Phone number 702-299-1510.

The office will be open from 1030 to 1430 the third Monday of each month starting August 17, 2026. At this time the office will be manned by Richard Keirn and Clyde Martin. This will last until we get a VSO trained and certified by the VA.



VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

Your Catholic War Veterans, Veteran Service Officers work out of the Henderson Service Office. The Catholic War Veterans Post 1971 Adjutant Richard D. Keirn is the Senior VSO. There are six of them.

Richard D. Keirn – HSO Senior Veterans Service Officer Army Retired - 11 years experience

Eric J. Lunda - Chap 730 MOPH Veterans Service Officer Marine Veteran - 9 years experience

Gilbert R. Macias - Overton NV Veterans Service Officer Marine Veteran - 8 Years Experience

Michael A. Lasorsa – HSO Veterans Service Officer Army Veteran - 7 years experience

Richard M. Becker - New York Veterans Service Officer Navy Veteran - 6 years experience

Robert K. Peddicord - CWV Post 1971 Veterans Service Officer Air Force Veteran - 4 years experience

AMERICAN LEGION POST-40 CALENDAR

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April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BE THE ONE			April Fools Day Gold Souffles 9:00pm - 11:00pm	Victims Vets 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies 3 Ball 1:00pm	Post Fish Fry 5:00pm	Boys 4:00pm Ship Captain's Crew 6:00pm
Gold Star Spouses Day ALA Breakfast 8:00am - 10:00am	NARFE 5:00pm Raffle Drawing 7:00pm	2 Ball 3:00pm	BLV 5:00pm Rifle Club 6:00pm	National Female POW Recognition Day Vietnam Vets 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies 3 Ball 3:00pm		Band Drive 12 - 4 ALA Monthly Mtg 8:00 AM Ship Captain's Crew 6:00pm
Post Breakfast 8:00am - 10:00am ALA National Council Rally Shower 12:00pm - 2:00pm		Air Force Reserve Birthdays 3 Ball 3:00pm Raffle Drawing 7:00pm	Purple Up! Day for the military Unit Post Monthly Council Meeting 6:00pm	National Training 2:00pm Ladies 3 Ball 3:00pm	ALA Fish Fry 5:00pm	Boys 4:00pm Ship Captain's Crew 6:00pm
ALA Breakfast 8:00am - 10:00am		3 Ball 3:00pm	Earth Day	Arms Reserve Birthdays Ladies 3 Ball 3:00pm Art Show 5:00pm	ALA Dinner 5:00pm	Ship Captain's 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 Raffle Drawing 7:00pm		National Military Brags Recognition Day Ladies 3 Ball 3:00pm	Veterans Crisis Line DIAL 988 then PRESS 0	



