

JOHN LUKAC VFW POST 12093 NEWSLETTER

January-February, 2023

MEET YOUR VFW FAMILY



**Post Senior Vice Commander
David McNeill**

David has been a member of the VFW since 2010. He joined the National Guard in January of 1985 at the age of 17, and enlisted in the Navy in December of 1987. He served 20 years in the Navy as a sonar man submarines, achieving the rank of 1st Class Petty Officer. David served aboard the USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643), USS Alaska (SSBN 732), USS Simon Lake, USS McKee, and the USS Topeka (SSN 754). David was born and raised in Las Vegas, and resides in the Providence area with his wife Alison and their 5 children. He currently works as Veteran Community Engagement Executive with Humana Health.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

Voice of Democracy winner from our Post is Rosa LaRochelle, a 10th grader from West Career and Technical Academy. Not only did Rosa win at our local level, she went on to win District and State! She will be going to Washington DC to compete nationally representing the State of Nevada! Congratulations Rosa!

PATRIOT PEN ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Patriot Pen winner is Evan Fontenot, a 7th grader from Lied STEM Academy. We can look forward to one more year of participation in Patriot Pen and four years in Voice of Democracy from Evan! Congratulations Evan!



**Auxiliary Senior Vice President
Carol Webster**

Carol joined the VFW in 2004 under the service of her late husband Lon, an Army veteran who served 3 tours in Vietnam. Carol and Lon moved to Las Vegas in 2004 from Michigan. Carol was the Charter President of Auxiliary 12093. She has served in many offices in the Auxiliary on the District and Department levels, including Department President from 2017-18, where she led 6 Districts and 21 Auxiliaries! She was awarded Auxiliary President of the Year on two separate occasions. Carol and Lon share 5 sons, a granddaughter and a grandson.

YOUR VFW IN THE COMMUNITY

Your VFW Post and Auxiliary continue to be active in the community. They partner with Home Depot located at Tropical and Centennial on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9 AM to Noon for the In-Store Kids Workshops. Each child receives a DYI kit and store personnel and VFW volunteers assist the children with their project. In December, there were over 270 children at the workshop! You must register your child to participate.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 24 – 1:00 P.M. – Memorial Service for Marvin Davis, Boulder City Veterans Cemetery

January 31 – 6:00 P.M. – Monthly Birthday Dinner at Outback Steakhouse, 2625 Craig Road, NLV 89032 (please RSVP to Sharon)

February 2 – 6:30 PM – Officer's Call

February 7 – 6:00 P.M. – Auxiliary Meeting

February 9 – 6:30 P.M. - Post Meeting

February 23 – 1:00 P.M. – Lunch at the Leatherneck Club, 4360 Spring Mtn. Road, LV 89102

March 11/March 18 – 1:00 P.M. – Stuffing of plastic eggs for Post/Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt (7000 Wonderberry Street Las Vegas (Paddock's house)

March 25 – 9:00 A.M. Setup – Easter Egg Hunt at Mountain Crest Park (Durango/Lone Mtn.)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In this new year, there are younger veterans guarding the gates of freedom, so we ask the Ruler of the Universe to guard and protect them, as we all have done in our military careers, in the air, on ground, on the seas or under the waves. Hear our prayer of thanks for our veterans who made great sacrifices on our behalf. We ask that you would bless them and meet all their needs. We pray you would give them peace.

Editor's Note

Here's the second issue of the John Lukac VFW Post and Auxiliary Newsletter! I hope you enjoy it! I welcome any suggestions for what you would like to see in the newsletter!

NELLIS AFB GIVING TREE

This year, the Auxiliary and private donors spent \$1,000 and provided gifts for 21 families in need at Nellis. For those who are not familiar with the Nellis Giving Tree, a tree is set up outside the Exchange on Base, and families can put "wish cards" on the tree, asking for items they cannot afford for the holidays, from toys for the children to basic needs such as clothing and diapers. There were still some very basic requests left on the tree this year, and we were not able to fulfill every wish! Many thanks to Larry Sullivan and his wife for taking on this project!

GO SNEAKERS FUNDRAISER

The Auxiliary has partnered with Go Sneakers to collect and recycle used sneakers and hiking boots. Over the past 3 months, we have recycled over 25 pairs of sneakers. Please bring your old sneakers to a meeting – recycle and make some cash for your Auxiliary!

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

The Auxiliary is once again holding a See's Candy fundraiser. The candy will be shipped directly to your address. Follow the attached link to order yours in time for Valentine's Day!

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/vfwjla_valentines_day57/Shi_Fre6012/