

William "Bill" Bohnett, NSEA President

Travel Report – April 2019

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Since May of last year Sue Ellen and I logged quite a few miles during our visitation schedule. I would be remiss if I did not thank our travel companions Sue and Dom Buffamonte. They've been wonderful attending many of the visitations along this journey. Past State President and fellow District Leader Bill Wiseman and his wife Mela continue to be part of this safari assuring the Lodges in the South see us, confide in us, and understand our resolve in keeping the Southern Nevada district alive, active, well, and focused. Many Lodge members and State Chairmen have also set time aside to attend visits. Sue Ellen and I are humbled and thankful. So what have we done? See back of this report

Logging over 9000 miles and over 350 volunteer hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bill Bohnett*

William "Bill" Bohnett  
PDDGER, DL, SP

c.c. Jim Shirkey  
Jim Grillo  
Shaaron Snead

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share



# Nevada Travel Highlights

## Our Mission Statement

*You will continue to suffer if you have an emotional reaction to everything said to you...*

*True Power is sitting back and observing things with logic...*

*True Power is restraint. If words control you that means everyone can control you...*

*Breathe... and allow things to pass...*

**North Las Vegas**

**July 28, 2018**

The Night that  
"Blue Pigs Flew!"



**Tonopah**

**February 23, 2019**

The President  
"Got the Crabs!"

**First Lady**  
Got Lasagna



**Pahrump – October 6, 2018**

"Speed Racer for a Day"

Fred Flintstone for a Day

"Rib Judge For Life!"



**Henderson**

**Oct 12, 2018**

All Star Prime  
Rib



**Laughlin – November 3, 2018**

"High-Rise Hospitality...  
Overlooking the River!"



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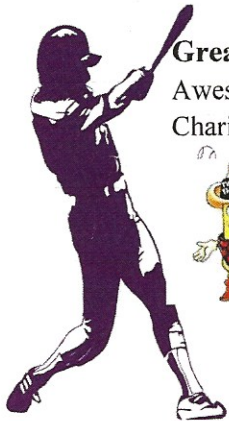
**Carson & Fallon**  
**September 21, 2018**

Double the Pleasure  
Double the Fun!



Hosted by  
Carson City  
Lodge

## Triple Header Weekend



**Great Basin – August 9, 2018**

Awesome Potluck – And Checks for  
Charity!"



**Sparks – August 10, 2018**

"Poster-size Grand Lodge pic... and  
Twinkie with Ice Cream dessert!"



**Reno – August 11, 2018**

"Cowboy Fare to Dine In, and for The Trail"



**Las Vegas – October 14, 2018**

German Night in October

"Televised" Trip to

Phoenix in January



## Long Service Night

**Ely – October 18, 2018**

Annual Service Pin & Roll  
Call Night! Iconic Event!

**Tahoe**  
**Douglas**

**August 25, 2018**

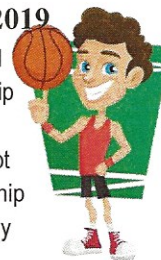
Chicken Fried  
Steak for Dinner...  
Biscuits and Gravy  
for Breakfast



**Hawthorne**

**Feb 15, 2019**

Fun, Food  
& Fellowship  
on Friday.  
Hoop Shoot  
Sportsmanship  
on Saturday



**Boulder City**  
**Oct 20, 2018**

**Best Dam**  
**Hog Call**  
Annual Fund  
Raiser for SMP!



*Dear Members of the Nevada State Elks Association,*

*First Lady Sue Ellen and I were treated to Hospitality, Fun, and yes, love that we could not imagine even in our most elaborate dreams! There was never a dull moment, and we were proud to represent the great state of Nevada wherever we went. Of course the above visitations were truly the highlight of our travels being given the opportunity to break bread with those who entrusted Sue Ellen and I as NSEA President and First Lady! "Our cup runneth over!" God bless you all...*

*Bill and Sue Ellen Bohnett*



**Debbie Oskin, P.E.R.**  
**Chair**  
**Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk**  
**Nevada State Elks Association**

April 25, 2019

Dignitaries and Members All;

It is my honor to give this report as Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Chair.

Out of 16 Lodges in Nevada, we received reports from <sup>14</sup>~~13~~ Lodges.

Out of <sup>14</sup>~~13~~ Lodges reporting, there was ~~only~~ one minor accident reported at the Reno Lodge. There a kitchen helper punctured her thumb while opening an egg carton with a knife. *At Tahoe Douglas there were 4 slip and falls reported. Two occurred out on off-site spaghetti dinner due to ice. The other two were occurred at the Lodge.*  
Just a reminder again, the Grand Lodge requests that each local lodge has an Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Manager within the Lodge. Your manager is required to perform monthly Lodge Self-Safety Inspections which are reviewed at the District Deputy's visit each year. Please make sure that any problems found during the monthly inspections are corrected as soon as possible. Your manager is also responsible to make sure that incident reports are submitted when required.

I was pleased to be asked this year to conduct a Lodge Safety Workshop on Friday afternoon and I hope that the people who attended found it informational and will take some ideas we shared back to their lodges to share with their fellow Elks.

To the Lodges who forgot to do your reports, the Accident Report is the easiest one you have to do. If you don't know how to enter it on the NSEA site, please call or email me and I will do it for you.

Once again, I am proud to say that the reporting Lodges are all doing a good job at preventing accidents based on the reports I've received. Keep up the good work!

Respectfully Submitted: ,



Debbie Oskin, P.E.R.

NSEA Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Chair South

Ken Dubois, PER

NSEA Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Vice Chair North

# Nevada State

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# Elks Association

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April 27, 2019

President Bill Bohnett, Distinguished Guest and Members

This was a very busy year with my travels with Sue Buffamonte, Auditor to the DDGER. A great deal of time was spent with the lodges assisting with cleaning up the financials. I cannot stress more the importance of selecting qualified Accounting Firm to prepare your annual audit and taxes. Of most importance is the correct filling of Unrelated Business Income. I have posted new documents on the website from the IRS to better explain UBI. We found three lodges requiring their taxes be amended to correct problems involving UBI. It is extremely important for the lodges renting their facilities to separate the rental agreement from the food and beverage service agreement to help prevent the lodge being charged UBI taxes on the total of the rental. UBI is one of the first things the IRS looks for in an audit of your lodge. Another area of concern is not reporting and paying Use Tax on goods purchase outside the state without sales tax being charged and using the goods in the state. A prime example of this is materials purchased from Grand Lodge - all require use tax to be paid. As with the IRS the first thing the State Franchise Tax Board looks for is unpaid Use Tax. It is almost guaranteed something will be found in both cases giving cause for further digging.

The embezzlement report at the last meeting has led to an arrest and recovery of \$56,000.00 from the bond. The tax issue also reported was resolved with penalties and interest incurred. The other outstanding tax issues were resolved.

Sue Buffamonte and I are available to help in any way we can.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Wiseman, PSP  
NSEA Business Practices Chair





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COMMITTEE ON LAWS

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 27, 2019

President Bill,

The good news is that all procedures are up to date and no action is pending.  
Any changes passed at this meeting will be processed after close of MEETING proceedings.  
Anyone with concerns or suggestions should get in touch with me, in writing 60 days prior to the  
Mid Term meeting to allow notification to all Lodges.

Thank you President Bill for allowing me to serve you and the Association.

Fraternally submitted,

(signed)

Eugene S. Presnell, PSP

Chairman, Committee on Laws

# Nevada State

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# Elks Association

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April 27, 2019

To: Association Members, President William Bohnett and Distinguished Guests

Subject: Elks Training Report

We had seven officers/lodge members take the Website 20 question Elks Training Course. I am reporting ten hours of testing and 104 miles of travel to take the test.

I received Elks Training Report from five out of sixteen Lodges:

Pahrump, Boulder City, Sparks, Fallon and Henderson/Green Valley

I wish to thank everyone that was able to participate in this test and for submitting your Lodge Training report.

Fraternally yours,

Russ Childers  
NSEA Vice President



NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
DOM BUFFAMONTE, PDDGER

April 27, 2019

I would like to thank all the Lodges that submitted reports on the NSEA report Form. These forms are very helpful to let us know that we are doing community Relations projects within our State.

The most important part of government relations is to make sure that your charity book is complete and up to date. This is the only way we can show the US Government what we are doing in our communities.

I hope to attend the National Meeting in October. When I return I will let everyone know what our State contributed on our charity reports. Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Government Relations Chairman this past year.

In closing I say thank you to all lodges and keep up the good work.

Dom Buffamonte, PDDGER  
NSEA Government Relations Chairman



Ross Dyer  
Nevada Grand Lodge Housing Chair

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North Las Vegas, NV

Thank you President Bill for affording me the opportunity to be last year's Grand Lodge Housing chair. And thank you President-elect Al for letting me continue on in the same position for the upcoming conference. In January we went to St. Louis to check out the accommodations and the surrounding area. It was an interesting visit to say the least. When we arrived at the hotel, we were told not to go out at night because there were a lot of assaults in the down-town area. Being the people who always follow peoples' advice, we promptly went out that night to check out the restaurants in the area. We also went out the next two nights to eat and explore. We did not have any trouble at all. This could be because it was cold and windy, and no self-respecting mugger would be out in such weather, or because I look like a kind and gentle soul and no one would want to hurt me. The importance of this is that they are having problems in that area with tourists getting mugged, but if you walk out with a group, or look like you are a group, you will be safe. Just be careful, it is like any other major city these days.

The hotel is located in beautiful downtown St. Louis. The convention center is directly across the street, but depending on where the meetings are, you still might have quite a walk. The rooms are spacious and very well kept. Dining in the hotel is limited in number and choices on the menus. There is a Starbuck's that is located in the lobby with hours from six to six. These might be expanded for the summer. The food choices in the surrounding blocks makes up for the lack in the hotel. No matter what type you are looking for, it is probably a short block or two away. For example, there is a great sports bar in one direction, and a nice barbeque in the other.

There are many small parks and museums in the area. Across the street is the Jazz/Blues museum that shows the history of the jazz/blues movement with emphasis on St. Louis' contribution. About five to six blocks away is the park with the Arch. For those who do not want to walk that far, a block away is the tram stop that will take you to an area with a casino, for those of you who have never been in a casino, and some little restaurants and museums, that is only about a two block walk to the arch itself. I am not promising anything, but when we were in St. Louis the last time, they had an excellent fireworks display on the river by the arch on July third and fourth.

The hotel price is \$135.66 per night. The first night is payable to me so I can reserve all the rooms together. The hospitality room fee is \$50 for alcohol drinkers and \$30 for non-alcohol drinkers. This includes drinks, finger foods, the Nevada state dinner, and my lovely company. In the past, we have had people from Nevada who have partaken of our hospitality without paying. I have been instructed, in not



too gentle terms, that this will not be acceptable. So, if you are at another hotel or staying with someone in the same hotel as us, you need to pay or be prepared to be asked to leave. Monday night is the big Mr. and Mrs. Deutzman soiree, so we are moving the state dinner to Tuesday night. Unless we have a better idea, this year's dinner will be wraps of various types and sides.

Parking is going to cost. It is a private company that the hotel contracts. We are supposed to get a rate of \$14 a day for self-parking. There is valet, but you will pay the regular rate which is a lot higher than \$14 a day. This a great deal lower than we have been paying in the past. Internet is \$1 per day. A small refrigerator is in each room. The hospitality room will probably be on the top floor. If it is the room we were shown, it is basically two rooms split by a short walkway and restroom. We might actually set up the bar in the bathroom with our horizontal refrigerator behind us.

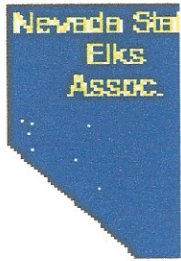
Travel to and from the airport is the usual. There are taxis, buses, uber, and a city subway/tram system. The prices vary with the cheapest being the subway/tram. The good thing about it is that it is the cheapest. The bad part is that you have to walk across the parking garage at the airport to catch it, there are not the cleanest of people on some of the cars, and you get to see all the "best" parts of the St. Louis area. When we were there, we rode it to and from the hotel and we had no problems. There were people who had their luggage with them every time we were on the system. The uber driver we had made it any interesting ride, but it was less than a taxi. I am not sure about the bus system.

Lastly, the forms are online. Please fill them out and send them to me. Also, only write me one check for the room and the hospitality fee. They are due no later than May 24<sup>th</sup>. Since the hotel is full, we might not get all together, but I will not push for anyone who cannot get me the form by the 24<sup>th</sup>. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, the list and payment will be on its way to St. Louis and Chicago.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ross Dyer  
Nevada Grand Lodge Housing Chair.



# NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

President - Bill Bohnett

LODGE OF THE YEAR

FERYL FITZGERALD - CHAIRMAN

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20-Apr-19

President Bill

The Lodge of the Year Committee presented the 2018-2019 Lodge of the Year plaque to the Carson City Lodge last November at the mid winter meeting.

Calculations for the 2019-2020 Lodge of the Year will be calculated within the next few months and I will make the presentation at the Mid-Winter meeting in November.

As in previous years, I will be contacting the Lodges for information. If the Lodges do not respond, I will be forced to input zero points for each category omitted.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Nevada State Elks Association and will continue to serve until my services are no longer needed.

Fraternally

*Feryl Fitzgerald* PDDGER  
Lodge of the Year Chairman



# Nevada State

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# Elks Association

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April 27, 2019

To: All Fellow Association Members, President William Bohnett, Distinguished Guests

Subject: State Major Project Ways and Means April 27, 2019 report

I emailed a reminder in January to all Nevada State Elk Lodges, requesting raffle item donations as well as at least one Gift Basket per Lodge; also, a reminder to not donate items obviously of no value.

I contacted Ross Dyer to ensure raffle equipment is ready, including raffle tickets, bags, clip boards and pencils. The raffle item tickets will be for sale at 6 tickets for \$5, 13 tickets for \$10.00 and 28 tickets for \$20.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Childers".

Russ Childers  
NSEA Vice President



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April 27, 2019

President Bohnett, Distinguished Guests and Members,

This report is to inform you of the activities of the Nevada State Elks Association Ritual Committee. There were a few of us that attended the Area 7 Ritual Clinic in Visalia, California in September, we had the Area 7 Nevada Ritual Clinic in Tonopah in October and then there was the North and South ritual clinics held in January. Then, for the last two days, we held the ritual competition for this State Convention. We started off with the possibility of nine (9) teams competing and wound up with six (6) competing. As far as I am concerned, everyone one of the Officers that competed are already winners in my book. Speaking of winners, the winners of individual awards and the State Championship will be announced tonight at the Awards Banquet.

For hours and miles contributed, up until this weekend, I have put in 230 hours and driven 3,235 miles.

President Bill, thank you for putting your trust in me for this position and President-Elect Al, I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank M. Reynolds III, PDDGER  
NSEA Ritual Chairman



Nevada State Elks Association  
Minutes of Executive Council Video Meeting  
February 13, 2019

Members Present: Dave Pressler, Al Bye, Richard Stone, Charlie Lum Kee, Lou Martin, and Sue Catlin.

Members Absent: Billl Bohnett and Russ Childers

Meeting Called to order by Al Bye at 11:02 AM

Agenda Items:

1. Move money in the 2018-2019 Budget to be able to buy a new computer for the NSEA Treasurer. A motion was made by Rick Stone to move \$1000.00 From Account # 33703 GL Ritual to Account # 34903 Equipment & Computer Repairs. Seconded by Charlie Lum Kee. Motion Passed unanimously. The resulting action caused Account # 33703 to be reduced to \$4000.00 and Account # 34903 will be increased to \$1250.00.
2. The purchase of a lap top computer for the NSEA Treasurer, the recommended unit will cost Approximately \$865.00. This includes the lap top, office suite, a CD Rom player and the cost to ghost the old data in to the new unit. A motion to purchase the computer not exceeding \$900 was made by Sue Catlin and Second by Lou Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
3. A prayer was given by Lou Martin for Ken Curto.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard E Stone

Rick Stone

4 Year Trustee

cc.

Ted Balash

Jim Shirkey

# Nevada State

*Albert Bye, PDDGER  
NSEA President Elect*



# Elks Association

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April 27, 2019

TO: Fellow NSEA members, President Bohnett, Distinguish Guesses, Jim Shirkey, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Subject: President-Elect Mid-Term Convention Report

The following is my report from November 13, 2018 thru April 27, 2019. I prepared and submitted to the Nevada Secretary of State a request to reinstall the NSEA Charity Corporation with the State. Jim Shirkey, SDGER and I met a couple of times to review the required documents and have him sign them. This task required several visits to the Nevada Secretary of State's Office, as well as, several trips to NSEA's bank. The NSEA Charity Corp. is now registered with the State and the Federal Government as a 501c.3. Corporation.

I attend two District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler-North Clinics one in Hawthorne and one in Sparks. Also attended the North District Hoop Shoot Contest in Reno.

I attended Nevada State Elks Association Mid-Term Meeting in November 14 thru 18, 2018 and was part of the welcoming group that greeted the Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr and our First Lady Barbara at the Las Vegas Airport.

Tahoe/Douglas has worked very hard to reduce the costs of meals in hopes that more Nevada Elks will be able to afford and attend our Mid-Term Meeting in November. So, invite your fellow members to attend when you get back to your Lodges.

I assisted Ted Balash, State Major Project Executor in updating the accounting system software. This project required several face to face meetings. Attended the SMP Investment Portfolio meeting with our new Wells Fargo Investment Advisor in Reno. SMP Trustees and SMP Executor had several meetings utilizing "Go to Meeting" computer service to discuss Wells Fargo investment portfolio and SMP Annual and Mid-Term agenda items plus budget.

I participated in several discussions with Ron Douglas and Bill Wiseman on the new, pocket size Directory for FY 2019-20.

I contacted all Lodge Exalted Rulers regarding my President's visitation schedule. Also, contacted all potential Chairpersons/Co-Chairpersons for the FY 2019-20 NSEA Committees.

I have travelled 3,750 miles and spent 227 hours on the above tasks and projects.

Fraternally yours,

Al Bye, NSEA President-Elect



# NSEA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

For the Fraternal Year 2018-2019

## STATE CONVENTION

One of the major programs, we as Elks can utilize for community awareness is our programs That put us out in the public with what we support, stand for as Elks, and show that ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE. These activities day we care about the community we are part of. There are 16 Lodges in the NSEA. As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, only 12 Lodges have submitted reports to The NSEA Website.

The following Lodges that failed to report are:

Tonopah #1062 – Las Vegas #1468 – Ely #1469 – Hawthorne #1704

Report figures for Lodges that submitted are:

Total number of Activities held:	588
Total number of Elks	1,823
Total Number of Elks hours:	24,623
Total number of Elks miles	42,056
Total number of people reached	45,548
Total number of successful events	583
Total number of non-Elks	1,684
Total number of non-Elks hours	7,597
Total non-Elks Miles	29,678

Some of the events we are supporting are: Armed Forces Ceremonies, Flag Day, Veterans Services, Boy & Girl Scouts and the Boys & Girls Club Programs. This is just a few we support.

Thank You to all Lodges for their great work.

Fraternally



Ed Emerick, PER, PDDGER

NSEA Community Activities Chairman



# Nevada State



# Elks Association

~~Final~~  
~~Midterm~~ report:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

I SENT OUT THE FIRST MAILING EARLY NOVEMBER AND ANOTHER ONE LAST MONTH.

I AM VERY DISSAPOINTED THAT THIS PROJECT IS SO PORELY RECEIVED BY THE LODGES. I THINK THE STATE PRESIDENTS SHOULD TALK IT UP MORE AT THEIR VISITATIONS.

16 LODGES AND 2 RESPONSES THIS YEAR. HELP  
AND THE WINNER IS ~~TAHOE/DOUGLAS~~

FRATERNALY

*Pat Miller*

PAT MILLER, CHAIRMAN

*Elks* Care



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# Nevada State Elks Association

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President Bill, Distinguished Guests and Elks;

I submitted a poster to Grand Lodge for judging in the DAP poster contest, will find out at the Grand Lodge Convention if it is a winner. Reno Lodge submitted a application for the Enrique Camarena Award, it was forwarded to Grand Lodge for judging. I received a very nice desk plaque that was presented to Officer Debbie Brautigam of the Washoe County School District Police Department. She is a K-9 handler and her partner is Cigo a drug sniffing K-9. I am also working to get Ray Lozano the national speaker for the Drug Awareness Program in to the Washoe County Middle Schools. He is scheduled to speak to nine schools in December.

For this report 15 of the sixteen lodges have submitted a report. There were 84 events with 619 Elks and 472 Non-elks, totaling 3414 Elk hours and 1480 Non-elk hours and 10261 Elk miles and 3897 Non-elk miles. 21,961 pieces of literature distributed to 48,136 participants. The Trailers were used 19 times along with 38 Elroy appearances. There were 213 public relation articles submitted. I traveled 2749 miles with 160 total hours.

The Drug Awareness Program is a vital necessity in our communities, hours that you spend distributing literature and information to the people who live in our communities can save lives. Today is National Take Back Day, unfortunately we are here in Ely for our annual meeting. Last November I had Daniel Comeaux from the DEA address the membership. One of his messages was Nevada has had a poor showing at the Last few Take Back Days. He asked the Elks to get involved in this program by being a collection site. The next on is in October please think about becoming a collect site at your Lodge. If you are interested in doing this contact me, I will get you in contact with the DEA.

Thank you, President Bill

Fraternally,  
Richard "Rick" Stone, DDGER  
NSEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Shaaron Snead <shaaronsnead@gmail.com>

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## Hoop Shoot Report

1 message

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Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 11:41 AM

To: "Frank (Marie) Reynolds" <fmreynolds3@att.net>

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President Elect Al,

I am happy to announce that the Nevada State Elks Association had another great hoop shoot season for 2018-2019 with 14 of the 16 lodges participating in the hoop shoot program.

Statewide there were 269 contestants all competing for the State title and hopefully a trip to the National finals in Chicago.

Six state champions did advance to Las Vegas for the area 7 Regional semi finals, however, unfortunately Nevada did not have a regional winner this year.

Although we had no one advance to the National finals for the first time in six years, a great time was had by all of the kids, and lifetime memories were made.

This program would not be a success without all Elk members at the Lodge level who helped put this program together, and submitting the online reports to the National Office.

I would also like to thank the hard work of my three district directors, Al Babb north district  
Ken Curto central district  
Chuck Coleman south district.

These three great Elks, and the NSEA leadership is what makes this program so successful.

Myself, along with the three district directors traveled a little over 4,600 miles, and dedicated 121 hours towards the program.

In closing I look forward to the 2019- 2020 Hoop Shoot season, and I would like to welcome Earnie Wood Sr. from the Hawthorne Lodge who will step up to be the central district director as Ken will be stepping down after successfully running the Central District the past two seasons.

Best Swishes,  
Steve McBride  
State Director.

Sent from my iPhone



April 26, 2019

From: Richard D. Jones, NSEA Soccer Shoot Chairman

TO: William Bohnett, NSEA President

SUBJECT: Annual Soccer Shoot Report

I wish to thank the following Nevada Elks Lodges for taking the time to enter their Soccer Shoot reports for the 2018-2019 Elk Year: Reno #597, Las Vegas #1468, Ely #1469, Great Basin #1472, Boulder City #1682, Hawthorne #1704, Fallon #2239, Sparks #2397, Tahoe Douglas #2670, Pahrump #2796, Henderson/Green Valley #2802, Mesquite #2811, and Laughlin #2872.

Of the above-mentioned Lodges, Boulder City, Pahrump, and Tahoe Douglas reported organizing an event. The remaining Lodges related either not having a program in place or were exploring the possibility of hosting an event.

Regarding the Lodges that participated, Boulder City held its event in August 2018. One boy and 4 girls participated. It was explained that more kids might have participated if not for soccer practice and a soccer tournament being held at the same time. Four Elks conducted the event with 3 hours having been volunteered.

Pahrump held its event in September 2018 at Ian Deutch Park with 25 boys and 19 girls taking part. Eight Elks and 1 Non-Elk volunteered totaling 42 hours.

Tahoe Douglas reported 46 boys and 29 girls from the Carson Valley American Youth Soccer organization (AYSO) participated in its event in September 2018. Fifteen Elks and 6 non-Elks helped in getting the kids through the course. A total of 86 hours was volunteered. An awards presentation was held with medals presented to the first, second and third place winners in each age/gender category. A soccer ball, provided by the Nevada State Drug Awareness Program, was awarded to all first-place winners.

A year ago, an article appeared in The New York Times indicating that over the past several years, the percentage of 6 – to 12 - year-olds playing soccer regularly dropped nearly **14 percent** according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. The number of youngsters who touched a soccer ball even once during the year 2018, in organized play or otherwise, also fell significantly. We at Tahoe Douglas witnessed a drop off of participants from previous years.

I hope this does not continue in the future. For over 20 years, the Elks Soccer Shoot has afforded young people with a safe and sound activity. I encourage you to explore holding a Soccer Shoot where possible through your local schools and youth activity organizations.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RD Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard D. Jones, PER

NSEA Soccer Shoot Chairman

## Public Relations Report NSEA Convention 2019

President Bill, Honored Guests Members all

Our 16 Lodges must be doing well as we continue to be a growth leader in Elkdom. Our Lodges continue to promote the good work of the Order in our communities with action and support. Attached you will find the annual statistics for 2018-2019 which shows that all is well in Nevada. Despite the non-reporting of three Lodges in our state, we continue to increase the number of PR events in NSEA. Every month of the year, NSEA PR events are being accomplished within our Lodges. Our major highlight of the year is our published articles. 160 news articles were published this past year and that number continues to grow, especially if all Lodges report. We had over 1965 PR postings in our communities. I am pleased to announce that I will be receiving help from a new member to the Carson City Lodge. Eileen Dugan will be assisting me as the North District Rep. Eileen brings a wealth of experience from California as she was Central District PR Chairwoman for three years. She will be contacting all PR Lodges Chairs from the North regarding reporting and other PR matters. I'm sure you will give her the help to accomplish the job. Until next year, this is my final report for the year 2018-2019.

Fraternally Yours,

Lou Gil Martin

NSEA Public Relations Chairman

CC. Eileen Dugan North District Rep.



## **NSEA Directory Report**

**Hello Members, I'm Ron Douglass NSEA Directory chair.**

**This past year we printed 225 directories for 2018-19 and I am sorry that these did not get to you faster as we had some information that did not get to me until late June and this is one of the reasons we are starting to make changes to get you to get your information into CLEMS on time, and so we can get it on time and Bill Wiseman can get me this information so the directory can go to print within 4 weeks after the State Convention.**

**Another change we are making is that the lodges will now pay \$115.00 for the directories and you will receive 6 copies and if you feel you need more you will have one week after convention to order additional copies at \$7.00 each, Also the Directories have been down-sized to where they will now fit in your hip pocket or your inside coat pocket as well as all the coagulator adds have now been dropped to make this much thinner.**

**Fraternally Yours,**

**Ronald Douglass PRE NSEA Chair**



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I would like to thank the lodges who have contributed to the newsletter and the lodges who send their lodge newsletter each month. Every lodge has done their budget for 2019-2020 by now and have an idea of your events. Send those events to khoss70@gmail.com and share your events. As you plan these events send a copy to me as a save the date item. These are the events you want to share. This could be a valuable tool for not only the NSEA newsletter but also other lodges who may have members who are planning a getaway and may be able to participate while in town. The NSEA Newsletter will come out quarterly so look ahead at your calendars and see what's coming up that you could share or an event you are proud of. The next issue will be released May 1st. I would like to ask the incoming officers for a message for the newsletter along with the current state chairman.

The NSEA Newsletter is informative and a form of communication. What lodge does not like to see their name in print. We can donate money and endless volunteer hours on great projects and events, why not share those upcoming events and let everyone share them with you. share your accomplishments and upcoming events send your information. Now not everything may be printed but you will not know unless you try. One thing I have learned and still working on myself is it is ok to brag.

The NSEA Newsletter will be distributed as follows,

**Spring Issue (Jan, Feb, March) will be released on May 1 to be sure to capture the NV Elks Annual Convention held in April.**

**Summer Issue (April, May, June) cut off deadline will be June 15<sup>th</sup> released July 1**

**A special edition on the Grand Lodge Convention to be released July 20<sup>th</sup> (or sooner)**



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**Fall Issue (July, Aug, Sept) cut off deadline for submitting September 15<sup>th</sup> release October 1.**

**Winter Issue (Oct, Nov, Dec) cutoff deadline December 15 January 1.**

Thank you

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April 27, 2019

President Bill Bohnett, Distinguished Guest and Members

The NSEA website (nsea-elks.org) continues to be used as a tool to support the efforts of the NSEA Offices Committees. We have now gone over 49,900 viewings on the site. The website continues to play very important role in much needed communications with our members. Improvements are continuing to be made to the site. Thanks to Vice President Russ Childers the quiz added to the NSEA Training program has increased the number of questions 100 on a total of five tests. If you have any questions you feel should be added please contact me or the Vice President and we will do our best to incorporate them in the next quiz. The use of the site for reporting lodge State Committee Reports to the NSEA was not nearly as good as the last convention. We had about a 25% reduction in use of the reporting system. We continue to encourage the lodge to use the reporting system. This is the second time we have had a loss in the use of the system since the reporting system was added. We had the Veterans and Adopt-A-Vet report hacked causing a number of erroneous reports to be sent out. The Username and Password was changed for added security. The info was provided to the Lodges, Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries and State Officers and Committee Chairs.


We continue to make every effort to keep the most current Grand Lodge Manuals posted on the site. Thanks to Bruce Lafferty's effort we now have forty albums consisting of nearly 30,000 photos posted to the site.

Remember this is your web site; I need your comments, ideas and/or suggestions as to what you would like to see on the site. It should be noted the site was submitted to Grand Lodge for Award Recognition.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Wiseman, PSP  
NSEA Webmaster



DATE: April 27, 2019  
 TO: NSEA President Al Bye, President-Elect Russ Childers  
 FROM: NSEA Youth Activities Chairman Ben Reed   
 SUBJECT: Youth Activities Annual Report 2018-19

This is my Youth Activities Report for lodge year 2018-19 for the Nevada State Elks Association. All 16 lodges conduct youth activities of some sort. We recognize and thank the 13 lodges who reported their activities. Annual totals are as follows:

Activities:	183
Successful Activities:	180
Elks:	1,073
Elk Hours:	11,292
Elk Miles:	32,577
People Reached:	21,299
Non-Elks:	794
Non-Elk Hours:	4,617
Non-Elk Miles:	20,783
Public Relations:	834

A large variety of youth activities were conducted throughout the state, such as: dictionaries for grade school students, Safe Halloween, Boys and Girls Clubs programs, Student of the Month recognition, Student of the Year recognition, high school track meet, Christmas with Santa Claus at the lodge, Little League support, Special Olympics activities, picnics, youth award dinners, backpack programs, and more.

The Fallon Lodge hosted a youth Christmas program at the lodge, hosted their regional high school track meet, distributed school supplies and backpacks to local youth, and supported their local CASA program, where children are represented in court by a court appointed special advocate.

The Great Basin Lodge, Backpacks for Kids Program expanded this year with the lodge securing local funding as well as an ENF grant. Hundreds of age and gender appropriate backpacks are supplied to children in need via service agencies who regularly work with children. Agencies include Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, local law enforcement, elementary schools, and the local domestic violence shelter.

The Laughlin Lodge continues to increase their Read to Succeed youth reading program. Using an ENF Impact grant, they coordinate with local schools and lodge members to teach reading skills to local youth.

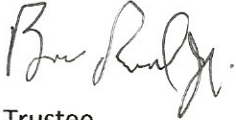
They report huge successes and testimonials as the children's reading skills improve by leaps and bounds. Laughlin also conducts their annual Fun in the Sun Youth Festival, involving hundreds of people.

Nevada lodges continue to network with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in an effort to support scouting programs in Ely, Reno, Great Basin, Hawthorne, Henderson / Green Valley, North Las Vegas, and Tonopah.

These are just a sample of the outstanding programs Nevada Elks are leading throughout the state to assist with the proper development of the youth of America.

Fraternally,

/s/ Ben Reed, Jr.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ben Reed, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ben Reed, Jr., PER, Trustee  
Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472  
NSEA Youth Activities Chairman



## NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

### NSEA VOCATIONAL GRANT WINNERS 2018 -- 2019

President Bill, members and guests: Two (2) Vocational Grant applications were received this year by this committee. They were both from North Las Vegas Lodge #2353. All 16 Lodges were given the vocational scholarship application and they were given to the local high schools in each Lodge's jurisdiction. The two applications were judged by an Elks panel and the winners and scores are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place     Jade Mortensen     North Las Vegas #2353     \$1,500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place     Jesica Basopoli-Soto     North Las Vegas #2353     \$1,500

The two winners will be attending Dental Essentials School of Dental Assisting and Evan's Hairstyling College. Our budget of \$3,000 was well spent and my thanks to PDDGER Danny Wells and PER Gabrielle Scott, the North and South vice-chairmen. I also wish to thank the local Lodge chairmen for all 16 Lodges for distributing this grant to their area schools. The winners will be notified by letter and the NSEA Treasurer will award the grants to the schools involved.

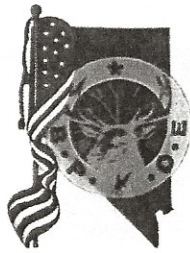
Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ken Curto     PSP

Vocational Scholarship Chair

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April 27, 2019  
Most Valuable Student Scholarship  
NSEA Committee Report

President Bill, members and guests: The Most Valuable Student Scholarship committee had a successful year with all sixteen Nevada Lodges participating in the competition. All local, district, and state judging was accomplished this year on-line and no paper brochures or applications were used for the student scholarship competition. My thanks to Gabrielle "Gabby" Scott and Danny Wells for their hard work and dedication in the district and state judging for these scholarship applicants. I also want to thank all the Lodge scholarship chairmen who visited schools in their jurisdiction and distributed information for the MVS contest, Vocational Scholarship grant and the NSEA PER Association Nursing scholarship.

Thirty One (31) students were Nevada finalists, 28 of which were awarded a state scholarship. Seven (7) students were submitted to Chicago and will receive a \$4,000 award. The remaining (21) twenty-one finalists received awards of \$1,000 each. A list of MVS winners was also mailed to those lodges and will accompany this report.

Award letters will be mailed to those students receiving awards from the NSEA and copies will be provided to the NSEA State Treasurer for payment to the institutions when the student notifies the NSEA Treasurer. This is my last year as chairman of this committee and I would ask for your help with my successor, Martha Reynolds and her co-chairs Kent Mayer and "Gabby" Scott. My thanks to all who helped me in the years I chaired this committee.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ken Curto PDDGER/PSP  
NSEA Most Valuable Student Chair





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April 27, 2019

**To:** NSEA Members, President William Bohnett and Distinguished Guests

**Subject:** Nevada State Elks Association Vice President's State Convention Report

I traveled 648 miles and spent 37 hours doing the following activities:

- December 14, 2018, attended Henderson/Green Valley Lodge for a Vets dinner
- January 12, 2019, participated in a Go To meeting with NEMPI Trustees
- January 19, 2019, attended the DD Clinic at Boulder City Lodge
- February 2, 2019, attended District Hoop Shoot at Boulder City
- February 9, 2019, attended the Ritual Clinic at North Las Vegas Lodge
- March 9, 2019, attended the Area 7 Reginal Hoop Shoot at Las Vegas Lodge
- March 17, 2019, participated in Pahrump Lodge Installation of Officers
- March 23, 2019, participated in Laughlin Lodge Installation of Officers
- March 30, 2019, installed the Officers of Las Vegas Lodge
- April 12, 2019, attended the Installation at Henderson/Green Valley Lodge
- April 13, 2019, attended the DD Clinic at Las Vegas Lodge
- Performed the necessary duties of NSEA Ways and Means officer

This concludes my report as NSEA Vice President.

Fraternally yours,

Russ Childers  
NSEA Vice President

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April 27, 2019

President Bohnett, Distinguished Guests and Members,

This report is to inform you of the activities of the Nevada State Elks Association Americanism Committee. With the information provided to me, the following are the numbers incurred which I have rounded to the nearest numbers:

Elks Involved	1,110	Elk Hours	5,685
Non-Elk Involves	660	Non-Elk Hours	2,185
Miles Traveled	19,760	Number of People Reached	14,535

As for the activities, they included but are not limited to the following: Americanism Essay Contest, Armed Forces Day, Flag presentations to Scout Troops, Naturalization Ceremonies of new American citizens, Participating in Parades, Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Law and Order Programs and Wreaths Across America.

These are the numbers and activities for the lodges that submitted reports, which was six of the lodges in Nevada reporting.

As for my hours, I have contributed 85 hours and 230 miles.

President Bohnett, thank you for letting me serve the Nevada State Elks Association and President Elect Bye, I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank M. Reynolds III, PDDGER  
NSEA Americanism Chairman



## NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

### State Convention report

April 27, 2019

Good morning President Bill Bohnett, Honored Guest and Members all. This is the report for Elks National Foundation.

This last year, I'm glad to report that all lodges had an Elks National Foundation Chairperson and all lodges met the G.E.R'S Per Capita goal of \$4.75.

Nevada Lodges donated \$146,186.68 this year, last year we donated \$103,499.48. This is an increase of \$42,687.20. Thank you to the lodges that have increased their donations for ENF.

We had all lodge's compliance eligible for grants.

ENF Donor's acquired were 450 members, 210 reactivated members, total gain of 660 members. Lapsed donors 132 leaving with a net gain of 528 compared to a negative of 69 last year.

Nevada's per capita this year is 27.218, last year we were 19.752 per capita and increase of 7.466. I'm glad to announce that this makes Nevada 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation again. I will make an announcement on awards night that Nevada has one special lodge in ENF Donation that helped NSEA win First place.

Thank you again for making ENF a big part in your lodges. Keep ENF before your members all the time and keep the ENF Board up to date. Let's maintain this and come in first place nationally again for next year.

Respectfully submitted.



LeRoy Olson, PER

NSEA: National Foundation Chairman  
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## NSEA Annual Flag Day Report

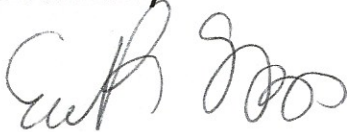
Eric Hoss, PER Laughlin #2872

NSEA Elks Flag Day Chairman

Hello distinguished guests and NSEA Elk members, this is my final report for the Elks year 2018-2019. I have heard from 13 of the 16 lodges for this report. All reporting lodges did a Flag day ceremony. Most lodges combined their events with the scouts, boys, girls or cub. Elks per event averages between 8 and 50 members, non-Elks range between 1 and 50, elk hours range from 45 to 250 with elk miles having the same range.

With the next flag day less than 50 days away, we should be already planning the event and thinking of what we could be doing differently to increase attendance and excitement of the event. We should be inviting schools to attend for learning about our flag and our history. Veterans are usually moved by the ceremony.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Eric Hoss', written in dark ink.

Flag Day Chairman



**BILL OSKIN, P.E.R.**  
**Chairman**  
**Lodge Activities Committee**  
**Nevada State Elks Association**

April 25, 2019

Dignitaries and Members All;

As of this date I have received fourteen (14) Lodge Activity Reports out of sixteen (16) Lodges in Nevada.

The totals from the reporting Lodges are as follows:

# Activities	624
# Elks Involved	6725
# Elks Hours	27,477
# Elk Miles	87,945
# Reached	37,161
# Successful Events	618
# Non-Elks Participating	2,226
# Non-Elk Hours	7,660
# Non-Elk Miles	25,946
# Public Relations Events	155

I would like to thank all the Lodges who participated and assisted me in compiling this report for the NSEA Annual Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Oskin, P.E.R.

Chairman, Lodge Activities Committee  
Nevada State Elks Association



Good morning all

Nevada is again a + on membership as a whole with 1248 Lodges did not meet the GER + 1 due to lapsation we had 2 lodges who broke even.

Reno had a Net gain of 89 for the North  
Mesquite had a Net gain of 45 for the South.

over all we welcome 574 new members but lost 390 to laps

Where did they Go and why? these people are on a average

of 10.5 years members - membership Las Vegas, <sup>-25</sup>  
Ely, <sup>-2</sup> Great Basin, <sup>-14</sup> Hawthorne, <sup>-16</sup> Fallon, <sup>-12</sup> N Las Vegas, <sup>-15</sup> Pahrump, <sup>-6</sup> 146

Death and Taxes are always with us and maby Grandlodge shall see that. The Elk's who die should Not be added to the losses. because we as a small in total membership # of 5,496 lose an average of 120 per year

I was told of an insident where a member called a number which was supposed to be another member.

a person answered and this was the conversation

Elk - I'm looking for "Bob Rock".

Person - I'm sorry no one by that Name lives here by that Name

Elk - I'm sure this is the correct # This is his ELKS lodge we need to contact him.

Person The Elk's what or who is that

Elk (she took the chance and explained who we are and what we do) and asked why he wasn't an Elk

Person Well I don't know I would like more info



New

and another "member" is a possibility all  
from a wrong #.

To ER + Sec and lodge membership Chairmen  
yes it Takes Time - How would you like  
To be an Elk, APPS on line

You all have put up with me poking at you  
kindly and Not so Nice when you "screw up"  
all Corrections - Needed; It's on the Sec site  
one year we were even #1 in the Nation  
on increase in Memberships,

If any one wishes To See the #'s I'm here  
just Ask.

oh by the way we left 106 People not yet  
initiated.

In closing I'm moving on To Lodge Activities  
at the request of Al By The President

so Keep growing -

Jackie Edwards  
State Membership Chair





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**April 17, 2019**

**Note: corrected copy with 2 more lodges reporting**

**President William "Bill" Bohnett, Distinguished Guest and Members**

**This the National Veteran's Service Report for the first half of Lodge year 2019-2020. This covers all submissions received from 13 of the 16 Lodges in the state as of April 17, 2019.**

<b>Total number of Activities</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Number of Elks</b>	<b>399</b>
<b>Number of Elk Hours</b>	<b>5631</b>
<b>Number of Elk Miles</b>	<b>27,019</b>
<b>Total Money Contributed</b>	<b>\$18,917</b>
<b>Number of Successful Events</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Number of non-Elks</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>Number of non-Elk Hours</b>	<b>1,868</b>
<b>Number of non-Elk Miles</b>	<b>8,165</b>
<b>Value of items Contributed</b>	<b>\$18,588</b>

**All of these activities have made a daily impact on Veterans in need in our great State. Visits, meals, getting Veterans to appointments, providing clothing and daily health care items are only a few. I encourage every Elk in every Lodge to get actively involved in honoring the men and women who gave themselves to protect our freedom and way of life for without them we would not be here!**

**Please report all that you do, so we can show we care and we are making a difference.**

**Also, thank you to Ted Balash, Russ Childers, and Tim Murray for all their reporting to the VAVS system on time to Grand Lodge. These gentlemen cover the VA Hospital System in Northern Nevada, Southern Nevada Healthcare System, and the Veterans home in Boulder City. They do a terrific job and my thanks to them on behalf of all Elks in the State of Nevada.**

**This concludes my report.**

**Remember Always "ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE"**

**Dona Hoesly, PER  
NSEA National Veterans Service Chairman**

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April 27, 2019

### Adopt A Vet North Yearend Report

Due to computer problem I requested the lodge Secretarys in the north to e-mail to me a copy of their final report. I sent out and e-mail at the end of March and again the first week in April. I only received two reports, and I thank those Lodges.

I know every lodge in the north is working this committee as part of the Veterans Program and I am sorry as I am not able to give a more detailed report.

Thank you President Bill for asking me to chair this committee, and to President Elect Al I hope your trust in me to serve you is not missed placed.

Ken C. Ucovich PER  
Chairman North

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April 27, 2019

TO: NSEA President Dave

SUBJ: Vets Hospital – Nevada North

Since November, the Elks National Service Commission Account for Nevada North, has received funds totaling \$780.00 from Elks National Veterans Service Commission in monthly deposits. My expenses totaled \$3,381.28. The details are: \$797.32 was used to purchase Recovery Coins that are used to signify a milestone in the ADTP recovery process (Similar to Challenge Coins). \$233.96 was used to purchase Ice Cream that is served during our Ice Cream Social. \$150.00 used to sponsor 2 Teenage Youth Volunteers. And \$2,200.00 was used to purchase 1100 small flags that will be displayed to represent the Veterans who have survived Military Sexual Trauma. The total in the account as of this date is: \$19,264.39

Elks Lodges in northern Nevada regularly visit the Reno VA – For example: Members of Tahoe/Douglas, Carson City, Sparks, Reno & Fallon Lodges have served Ice Cream and Cookies at the 8 Ice Cream Socials conducted at the VA Hospital. Recently – for Valentines Day, Tahoe/Douglas Lodge Members distributed Valentine cards drawn by school children for the Veterans; Sparks Lodge Members conducted games and Reno Lodge Members provided Hamburger lunch for all Veterans and Staff members. Most recently – Robert “Jim” Mort, Reno Lodge 597 was presented with the Reno VA Hospital - Volunteer of the Year Award. Each year the Reno VA Hospital honors a Volunteer for their commitment to outstanding volunteerism and making a difference in the lives of Veterans. The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one outstanding volunteer for his valuable and selfless commitment to Providing World Class Care and Service to American’s Heroes. Citation Attached.

I attended the the Quarterly VAVS Committee Meetings in December and March at the VA Hospital and completed our Annual Review with the Volunteer Service Director. There will be an Opening of the North Campus in August 2019 – it is located at N. McCarran & Sutro and will provide Primary Care – including Blood Draw, Xray, & Audiology; Additional Parking areas have been opened on Taylor Street just west of Kirman.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Ted Balash, PSP/DL  
VAVS Rep - Vets Hospital, NV - North





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## Vets Hospital Rep South Report

April 27, 2019

I have attended all Quarterly VAVS meetings, including the monthly State Commanders Advisory Council meetings. Plus, volunteering at a Primary Care Clinic every week. On March 12, 2019 I was invited to meet with John Brandecker, Director VA Sierra Pacific Healthcare Network.

The Southern Nevada VA Hospital signups continue to grow at 6%, the fastest growth in the system. Due to a lack of recruiting new doctors, Nurse Practitioners are being used more and more.


The hospital now utilizes the telehealth system in partnership with the VA Midwest Healthcare system in Minneapolis, MN. The hospital will have twelve rooms. This enables our VA to get Critical Care help. A camera will be turned on the room via a secured video link with the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. Laughlin and Pahrump VA Centers will be able to use this system soon.

Hospital has three surgeons trained in the use of the Davinci Robotic Surgery device. This results in minimally invasive surgery, more accuracy and reduced operating time and with 1/3 cut in recovery time and cost.

The VA is still continuing its Suicide Prevention Program. They have available Guest Speakers to reach out to any organization that would like information. In conjunction with this a group called "No Vet Alone" was traveling through Las Vegas in February on bicycles to promote suicide awareness. The VA asked for organization for help. Greg Weeks of Las Vegas Elks Lodge stepped up and with the help of other lodge members' provided meals for the group and provided other locations of Elks lodges to visit as they travel the United States.

Recently, 150 acres were purchased next to Hospital for a medical research park. Future development in the area includes 8,000 more new homes

There is still a need for volunteers and drivers. Only six Southern Nevada Elks volunteer at the VA. These volunteers have donated over 1,000 hours since my last report.

Fraternally,  
  
Russ Childers  
Vice President NSEA  
Elks Rep to Southern NV VA Hospital

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## Expenses and Income for VA Hospital Rep South

November 17, 2018 to April 27, 2019

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	01/16/19	\$ 5,000.00	Bottled water for Hospital & Clinic
	01/16/19	\$ 2,000.00	Coffee Program
	02/10/19	\$ 39.96	Highlights subscription for Women's Clinic
	03/22/19	\$ 2,500.00	RTC bus passes
	04/17/19	\$ 1,500.00	Baby Shower supplies

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$1,1039.96

## **INCOME**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b>
01/08/19	\$ 390.00	NSEA
01/18/19	5,000.00	NSEA
01/18/19	2,000.00	NSEA
02/26/19	130.00	NSEA
03/15/19	130.00	NSEA

**TOTAL** \$ 7,650.00

**STARTING BALANCE** 11/17/18 \$43,437.42

**ENDING BALANCE** 04/27/19 \$40,047.46

Fraternally,

Russ Childers, Vice President NSEA  
Elks Rep to Southern NV VA Hospital

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# Nevada State



# Elks Association

April 27, 2019

To all NSEA members

I will keep this short and sweet.

The U.S.O. in Nevada is going strong. There are USO lounges

At Cheech AFB and Nellis AFB are going full tilt. Thanks to NSEA Donation

To Cheech. This year we donated \$6000.00 to the U.S.O.

Mccarran airport is still very busy.

The USO has 278 Volunteers at all areas.

The USO says thank to the Nevada state ELKS Association.

Thank you for making the USO chairman

George W. Montgomery P.D.D.G.E.R

