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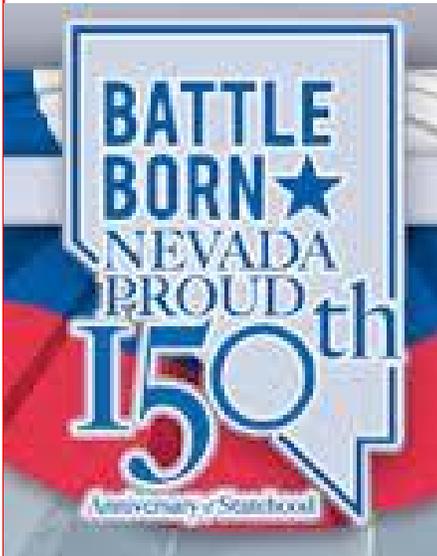
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## Special Points of Interest

## The Green, Green Grass of Whom?

By Vice President Knight Allen



I've been following the debate about whether or not those who buy solar power systems should be charged more for the electricity they do use. This has gotten a higher profile since the Public Utilities Commission will soon be taking a look at the idea. It's early in the process and I'm not writing anything in stone here but right now I'm thinking they should pay more. In the first place, the tax breaks and subsidies people get for these systems come straight from the Federal & State treasuries (taxpayers) the vast majority of whom cannot now, or ever, afford the systems even with the giveaways. This means that the capital base over which the utilities spread their costs will shrink placing a heavier cost burden on those left behind who will be, as always, the weakest and most vulnerable of society.

I wish I had an answer or even a few suggestions about how to deal with this problem that may very well get real ugly in the coming years. Unfortunately I don't but I don't feel too bad about it because the pros who are paid big bucks to manage the system are pretty clueless too.

At this point in time however I do believe this: You can't have people "almost" leaving the grid, reducing their support of the system to practically nothing but at the same time expecting the grid to be there for them anytime the sun doesn't shine. That's a form of trickle down economics in which the yachts of the rich rise and the already leaky row boats of everyone else get swamped.

I admit I am extremely suspicious of the whole "go green/reduce mankind's carbon footprint" industry. The whole darn eco movement is designed to drive down the standard of living of the mass of people ostensibly to save the world. I suppose I could live with that (for the greater good & all) IF those pushing this agenda were sharing in the pain. They aren't. There isn't a greenie or-

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ganization on the face of this earth that doesn't have higher revenues, more influence and more control over peoples' lives than they had five or ten years ago. This doesn't even take into account the crony capitalists and corporate welfare queens that are sucking billions out of tax revenues to enrich themselves.

Back in the January "Foghorn" I documented for you the EU countries that were trying to get off this green road to nowhere, particularly Germany which has seen so much harm done to its people and its industrial infrastructure. One wonders how long it will take the US Congress (or at least the Nevada Legislature) to figure it out. Any guesses?

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### EIGHTH ARMY

## PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ARMY COMMANDER

To Be Read Out To All Troops.

1. The Allied Armies landed in Sicily, on Italian soil, on 10th July, magnificently supported by the Royal Navy and the Allied Air Forces, and are, today, in possession of the whole island except for the north-east corner, where the enemy is now hemmed in.

2. I want to tell all of you, soldiers of the Eighth Army, that this has been a very fine performance. On your behalf, I have expressed to the Commander of the Seventh American Army on our left the congratulations of the Eighth Army for the way the American troops have captured and cleaned up more than half the island in record time. We are proud to fight beside our American Allies.

3. The beginning has been very good, thanks to your splendid fighting qualities and to the hard work and devotion to duty of all those who work in the ports, on the roads, and in rear areas. We must not forget to give thanks to "THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE" for giving us such a good beginning towards the attainment of our object.

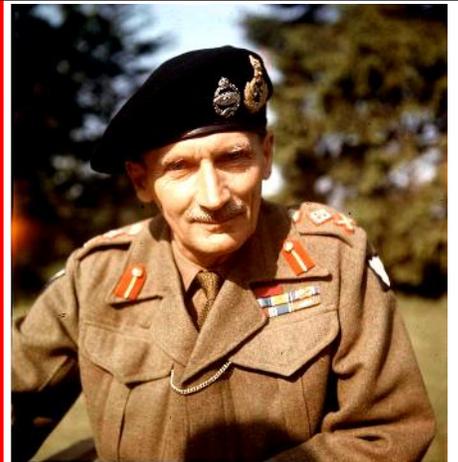
4. And now let us get on with the job. Together with our American allies we have knocked MUSSOLINI off his perch. We will now drive the Germans out of SICILY.

5. Into battle with stout hearts. Good luck to you all.

**B. L. MONTGOMERY**

General,  
Eighth Army.

SICILY,  
July, 1943.



**General Bernard Montgomery**  
Commander Eastern Task  
Force



**Lt. General George S. Patton**  
Commander Western Task Force

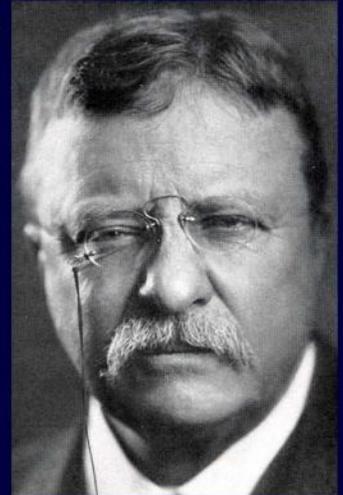
# “Please Don’t Quote Me”

HOW SOON WE FORGET HISTORY...  
GOVERNMENT IS NOT REASON.  
GOVERNMENT IS NOT ELOQUENCE.  
IT IS FORCE. AND, LIKE FIRE, IT IS A DANGEROUS SERVANT AND A FEARFUL MASTER.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

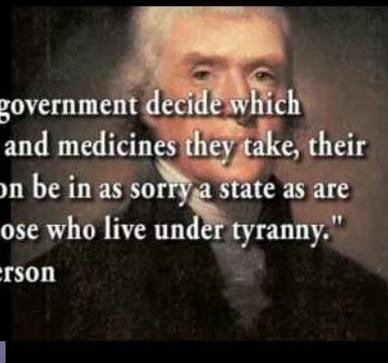
Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official

~ Theodore Roosevelt

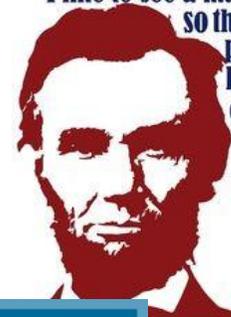


"If people let government decide which foods they eat and medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny."

~Thomas Jefferson



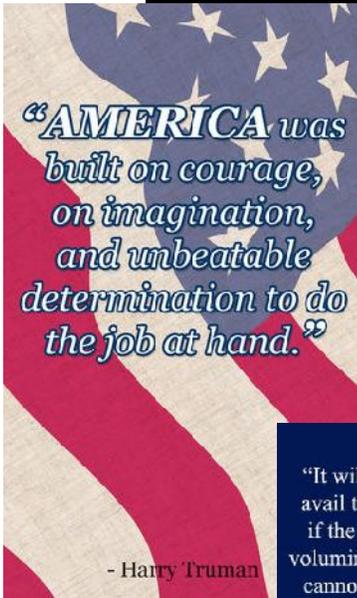
I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.



~Abraham Lincoln

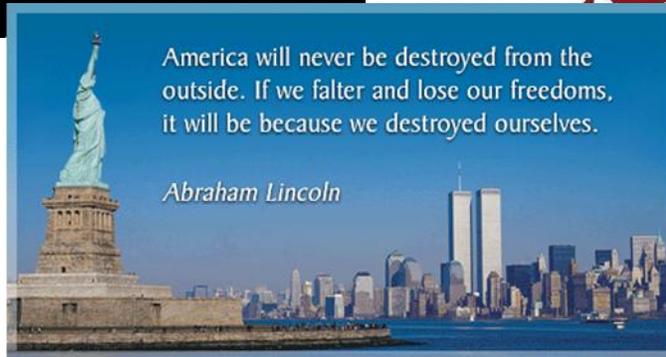
*“AMERICA was built on courage, on imagination, and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”*

- Harry Truman



America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln



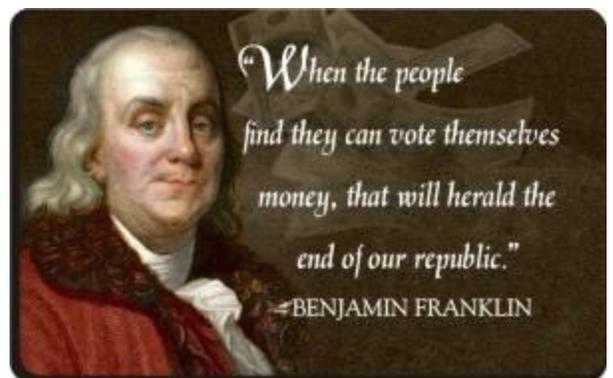
“It will be of little avail to the people if the laws are so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood”

James Madison  
www.thefederalistpapers.org



“When the people find they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of our republic.”

~BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



## “Mr. Veteran” Kenneth Finis Brown

Kenneth Finis Brown first became a member of the Nevada Seniors Coalition (NSC) in 1992 about two years after it was established. I didn't join until December of 1998.

Just a little more history of the organization and then I will get back to Ken Brown.

When the Medicare Catastrophic Act of 1988 was passed (which would burden middle-class seniors with additional costs for health care just as some politicians are trying to do today) a fellow named Dan Hawley founded the Senior Coalition Against the Catastrophic Act. This became a nationwide effort which resulted in the Congress repealing the act.

In 1990 the organization was dissolved and several members formed the Nevada Seniors Coalition. Sometime following this the Coalition combined with a veterans organization and that is when Ken Brown became associated with NSC.

Ken Brown passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at the age of 92, at his home in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Ken will be most remembered for the founding and establishing the Southern Nevada Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada. In 1987 Ken purchased 83 ½ acres of land in Boulder City and donated the parcel to the State of Nevada encouraging the State to use the land to build a veterans' cemetery. His wish was that the cemetery honor in a special way the men and women of the United States Navy that he served in in WWII. The Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery was officially dedicated on April 6, 1990. Governor Bob Miller declared April 6, 1990 as “Ken Brown Day”. Ken received countless honors paying tribute to his 50 years of service to Nevada veterans and their families, including the key to the city of Las Vegas for heroism and vision in supporting veterans in Nevada and the God and Country Award from the United States Navy Armed Guard

Ken was a US Navy Armed Guard Gunners Mate from August 1944 to March 1946. Armed Guard Gunners served on merchant and tanker ships in convoys going to battlefronts around the world during WWII delivering food, clothing, war materials and troops. Their orders were to keep firing at the enemy until the ship's deck was awash to ensure the cargo was not available to the enemy. 710 merchant and tanker ships were sunk and thousand of lives lost.

Donations may be made to the Southern Nevada Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005.



**Kenneth Finis Brown**  
June 5, 1922—June 17, 2014

**Thank you Ken for all you did for us and the USA.  
Rest In Peace.**

The Nevada Territory was part of the land transferred to the U.S. at the end of the Mexican-American War. Statehood was overwhelmingly approved by the territory's voters on September 7, 1864. To ensure that the state could vote in the upcoming election the Nevada constitution was sent to Washington, D.C., via telegraph at the cost of more than \$4,000 (around \$59,000 in today's dollars). President Abraham Lincoln declared the territory a state on October 31.



### Nevada Statehood Stamp Issued May 29, 2014

Nevada is a study in contrasts. It takes its name from the Spanish word for "snow-capped," reflecting the higher mountain ranges where the snow remains year round, yet a vast portion of the state is desert. Nevada shares the pristine waters and forested slopes of Lake Tahoe with California in the north. Forests cover more than 12 percent of Nevada, but it is the driest state in the U.S., with only 7.5 inches of precipitation annually. The vast majority of the state's population lives in cities and towns, yet Nevada has a history that reflects the frontier spirit of the American West. Nearly 70% of the wild horses in the United States are in Nevada. Over 79% of the U.S. production of gold is in Nevada.

Nevada's state symbols reflect its rich natural treasures and diverse landscapes. The state bird is the mountain bluebird, which thrives in the high country. The single-leaf piñon, which grows in rocky soil, and the bristlecone pine, which grows at higher elevations, are the state trees. The bristlecone pine is the oldest living thing on Earth. Some specimens in Nevada are over 4,000 years old. The desert is home to the state flower, the sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), which flourishes in arid environments. The desert bighorn sheep, the state animal, thrives in Nevada's mountainous desert country. The State's fish is the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout found in 14 of the State's 17 counties. The Desert Tortoise is the State reptile. Most of its life of up to 70 years is spent underground to escape the summer heat and winter cold.

Nevadan women gained the right to vote in 1914 and could vote in local races in 1915 and statewide in 1916. Of course they could not vote in national elections until the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution was ratified on May 19, 1919 (strange 19,19,19,19).



**Desert Bighorn Sheep**



**Bristlecone Pine**

# At the June Meeting



Age: 31  
Service: 8 years 2 months  
End of Watch: June 8, 2014

Age: 41  
Service: 13 years 10 months  
End of Watch: June 8, 2014



Our June speaker, Steve Sisolak, attended services for Officer Igor Soldo on our meeting date and consequently could not attend our meeting.

*Thanks*

*Thanks to all NSC members for your help. Especially Ted, the Cvetkovics the Duffy's and Ray Taylor (who is posting meeting notices).*

Your membership anniversary date is on the Foghorn Mailing label. If the label is **RED**, please renew your membership, either by mail, or at the next meeting you attend. Your name is removed from the membership list 90 days after expiration.

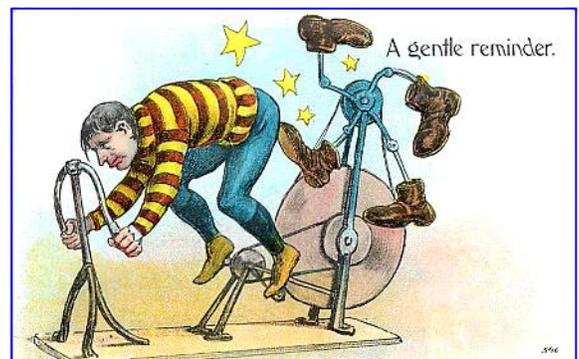
Membership dues are \$10.00 per person.

# Members

## Renewing Members:

- \*Gerald and Judie Cvetkovic\*
- \*Edward and Mary Ann Duffy\*
- \*Albert Khan\*
- \*Marcia Koben\*
- \*Taska Miller\*
- \*LouJanice Perry\*
- \*William T. Rose\*
- \*Elaine F. Siegel\*
- \*Rosalind Van Heel\*

♥Thanks for your continued Support♥



Do you enjoy working with seniors and like making a difference? If your answer is yes, Nevada Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is looking for volunteers to take part in the fight against fraud, waste and abuse in Medicare.



Medicare fraud is a big problem. It not only costs taxpayers an estimated \$60 billion each year, but results in medical identity theft and excessive out of pocket costs for thousands of Medicare beneficiaries.

SMP volunteers play an important role in the effort to address this problem by educating Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers through presentations, outreach events and one-on-one counseling.

SMP volunteers receive FREE, comprehensive training to prepare them for their assignments and on-going education to keep abreast of the latest fraud and scam activities. All volunteers are subject to background checks.

If you have some free time and want to make a difference, contact **Millie Thomas, (702) 486-2439 or [msthomas@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:msthomas@adsd.nv.gov)**, for more information about our volunteer program. Volunteer opportunities are available statewide. New training sessions will be starting soon.

The Nevada SMP program is funded in part by grants from the U.S. Administration on Aging and is administered by the State of Nevada Aging and Disabilities Service Division. Our mission is to help Medicare beneficiaries prevent, detect and report health care fraud, waste and abuse.

For more information see [www.smpnvadsd.org](http://www.smpnvadsd.org).

## FROM THE EDITOR

This year:

The bicentennial of the War of 1812 (1812-1815) is still being celebrated.

The poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" was written by Francis Scott Key on September 13-14 1814. The title was latter changed to "the Star Spangled Banner" which was recognized for official use by the Navy in 1889, and by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1508, codified at 36 U.S.C. § 301), which was signed by President Herbert Hoover.

The sesquicentennial of the United States Civil War (1860-1865) is still being celebrated.

The sesquicentennial of Nevada statehood is on October 31st.

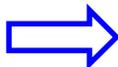
The centennial of World War One occurs on July 28th the day in 1914 when Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria Hungary declares war on Serbia..

On a lighter note, 86 years ago the first loaves of slice bread went on the shelf of a bakery in Chillicothe, Missouri on July 7, 1928 and were an instant hit. The slicing and wrapping machine was invent by Otto Rohwedder (who was born on July 7, 1880). He started in 1912.

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### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 14th starting at 10 a.m. at the



**Whitney Recreation Center**  
5712 E. Missouri Ave., Las Vegas, NV  
702-455-7576

**Kevin Vaughn, Taxi Assistance Program Manager**  
State of Nevada, Aging and Disability Services Division  
and

**Fran Smith, Co-Executive Director, ITN Las Vegas Valley**

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## *July 10, 1943 The Invasion of Sicily*

The invasion of Sicily, code-named **Operation Husky**, began before dawn on **July 10, 1943**, with a combined air and sea landing on the southern shores of the island involving 150,000 troops, 3,000 ships and 4,000 aircraft. This assault was nearly cancelled the previous day by a summer storm that caused serious difficulties for paratroopers dropping behind enemy lines that night. The storm worked to the Allies' advantage when Axis defenders judged that no commander would attempt amphibious landings in such a wind and rain storm. With the support of a shattering naval and aerial bombardment of enemy positions, 150,000 Allied troops and 600 tanks reached the Sicilian shores by the afternoon of July 10.

Lieutenant General George S. Patton commanded American ground forces and General Bernard L. Montgomery the British ground forces. Allied troops were met with only light resistance to their combined operations since only two German divisions were in Sicily to battle Allied soldiers. Hitler had been deceived by "Operation Mincemeat" a subterfuge that convinced Hitler that the main invasion would be in Sardinia or Corsica even several days into the attack (Remember Patton's First Army Group on D-Day). The de-

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**The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.**

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.

fense of Sicily was also weakened by losses the German and Italian armies had suffered in North Africa in casualties as well as the several hundred thousand troops captured at the end of the campaign. When his American soldiers moved into Messina on August 17, 1943, Patton, expecting to fight one final battle, was surprised to learn that the enemy forces had disappeared. The German and Italian armies managed (over several nights) to evacuate 100,000 men, with vehicles, supplies and ammunition, across the Strait of Messina to the Italian mainland. The battle for Sicily was complete. German losses had not been severe, and the Allies' failure to capture the fleeing Axis armies undermined their victory. Because of this in September the advance on the Italian mainland would take more time and cost the Allies more troops than they anticipated.

See also Page 2 for Mountie's message.