

**Lou LaPorta**  
**January 18, 1924—**  
**Elected 1960, 1964**

Lou LaPorta came to southern Nevada in 1945 with the Army. Following his discharge from the military, he made Henderson his home. LaPorta served two terms on the Clark County Commission.

LaPorta was born in a Tuckahoe, New York. Following high school, he went to New York City where he worked as a junior draftsman for an oil refinery. During World War II, he joined the military. He was stationed at the Las Vegas Air Force Base and following the war, he and his wife bought a house in Henderson.

In 1945, LaPorta started his own insurance agency in Henderson. He served on the Henderson City Council in the 1950s. In 1954, the LaPorta building opened on the corner of Water and Texas Streets in downtown Henderson with space for his insurance agency and several other local businesses. He also served on the Chamber of Commerce in Henderson.

LaPorta ran for the Clark County Commission in 1960. He defeated George Campbell for a seat on the board. In 1964, voters reelected him on his platform of lowering taxes and careful annexation for the county.

LaPorta and his wife continue to live in Henderson and remain active in the community.

