



Irvin Flores  
Commander 2022 - 2023  
The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District



Dear Elegant 18th District,

Hope each and every one of you are staying safe when you receive this letter! Teamwork is very important! We all need to work together! Every post is required to attend the 18th District meetings! If the Commander cannot make it to the 18th District General Membership meeting, then please send someone else to fill in for you! We are all Legionnaires and we all need to work together! When a member invites me to a Post event I make every effort possible to be there! I have a monthly calendar that I use as an agenda! I care to show up to every Post! When I am invited to a Veteran's event, Auxiliary Event, Sons of The American Legion Event or a Legion Riders Event I show up! Those of you who have invited me have seen me participate in your events! I understand that things come up sometimes and if the Commander of the Post cannot make it to the 18th District General Meeting, then Please have the 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant or anyone else from your Post attend the Meeting! I have absolutely nothing against a regular member of a Post attending our 18th District General Membership Meetings! We need representation! Remember this is if the shoe fits you wear it type of conversation! Quorum must be met at all times! Those of you who I had the opportunity to talk to know that I live in Perris, California, and if I could make it to the Meetings then Everyone else can! Our next 18th District General Membership meeting is on Friday September 16th, 2022 at Charter Cove Post 755 located at 20516 East Arrow Hwy, Covina, CA. 91724!

A Very Famous and Very Well-Respected President of a Religious Philosophy named Dr, Daisaku Ikeda once said: "Never be shaken, no matter what happens or what others may say.

Never be flustered; never lose confidence.

This is the way we should strive to live our lives.

Being able to do so is a sign of genuine character."

Ladies and Gentlemen, please stay positive and focus on overcoming every obstacle!

Please remember, Failure is not an option, We are all Winners!

I will See You at our Next Meeting!

Thank You!

Irvin Flores - 18th District

Commander

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“  
We don't need a  
**title** to lead. We just  
need to **care**.  
People would rather  
follow a leader with  
a **heart** than a  
leader with a **title**.  
”



Hello Legion Family,

We are a special organization that provides many vital things to the community. As such, our membership needs to grow and thrive. This can only be accomplished through your help and diligence. Every American Legion Post has a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander whose main responsibility is to recruit new members and to ensure current Legionnaires renew their dues. Please assist your Post's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice in this most important endeavor. With that said, the Department of California is conducting an amazing "Early Bird" incentive for all those in the Legion Family that join or renew before September 14! Please see the details captured on the flyer posted in this bulletin for a chance to win a vacation to Cancun! Use this yourself and share this link with everyone involved at your Post, as they can easily renew or have new members join with just a few clicks:

<https://cadistrict18.org/join-or-renew-membership/>

Semper Fidelis,

Neil La Sala-First Vice Commander

American Legion District 18 - Department of California

626 833 8493 / [ntlasala@att.net](mailto:ntlasala@att.net)



**From the desk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice,  
Sam Cafiero**

Hello Legion Family,



Hello everyone welcome to September. As we move into this month let's remember September is National Disaster Preparedness Month. What does that mean for us? It means a lot of things such as being prepared for any emergency. The common bond we all share as Legionnaires is honorable service as members of the armed forces of the United States. Today, as Legionnaires, we are still serving America, reaching out to our fellow veterans and their families, conducting the programs of our organization for the betterment of our communities. Better to be ready!!! Follow the link for more detailed information.

<https://www.legion.org/prmedia/pdf/Disaster%20Preparedness%20Guide.pdf>

I would like to thank those Post officers that attended the District 18 General Meeting on August 19, 2022. Thank you for your dedication and support of the Elegant 18 District.

Also I will be coming back from the 2022 American Legion National Convention and I will have things to share on what occurred at NALC. (National American Legion Convention).

At our General meetings we will have raffles of various items. It will be a must see event. Those that attended August's meeting I'm sure were glad they came.

I attended the 6th Area Caucus on August 13th 2022 at Post 741 in Camarillo, California. A very nice post. There we had a 50-50 raffle and sold the District 18 windbreakers for our fundraiser. Also sold a district Penguin or 2. This year I want to keep the See's candy online fundraiser going and have a District 18 polo. Let's talk about it at the next general meeting. I would like to hear your input on sizes, colors and more.

Semper Fidelis,



## Elegant 18th District

Department of California

P. O. Box 5256

El Monte, CA 91734



### 2022 - 2023 Meeting Schedule

All District Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. / Dinner starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Post Commanders, Post Vice Commanders & Adjutants, it is your duty to Represent your Post Membership at the District Meetings, You are the Legal Representative of your Post!

#### REPORTS – REPORTS – REPORTS

Just an official reminder, Post Commanders, Adjutants, Post Chairpersons, Service Officer, Chaplain; it is your duty to submit reports to District and Department, such as the Post Chaplain, Adjutants, Post Data, Delegate list & dues, Certification of Officers, CPR, Financial Audit.



09/12/2022

The E-Board Meeting will be @ Charter Cove Post 755 **7:30 p.m.**  
(626) 966-7786

09/16/2022

**District Meeting @ Post-755 Charter Cove 7:30 p.m.**  
*Dinner at 6:00 p.m. 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina "Kindly R.S.V.P. for dinner*

*"Be Safe", Stay Healthy' practice buddy check call one of your Post Veterans, How are they doing ???*



### One more time, know your District Officers - Elegant 18<sup>th</sup>



Scott Sinclair  
Dist. Adjutant



Ted Fife  
Dist. Finance



Gil Ramos  
Chaplain



Medellin Garcia  
Sgt.-At-Arms



Wayne Lunde  
Historian



Manny Vital  
Judge Advocate



JR Duarte  
Service Officer

### District 18 Executive Board



Allen Rodriguez P-78



Al Mora P-280



Ed Barlow P-247



Ritchie Santos P-508



JR Duarte P-10



Joe Mercier P-475



Jr. past Dist. Cmdr.  
Auggie Galaviz

(Not pictured) **Joe Paczkowski P-30 / Dave Mushinski P-78**





# DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



Hello  
Department  
early. Any American Legion Family member who  
renews between July 1 and September 14 will be  
entered into a drawing for the chance to **win a trip to  
Cancun, Mexico**. The trip includes a 7-day stay in a  
2-bedroom suite with flight credit.

friends,  
Commander Jere Romano has issued a call to renew your membership

Paid Up For Life members are included as well!

**EARLY BIRD DRAWING**  
**RENEW**  
Your Legion Family  
Membership  
by Sept. 14

**Early Bird  
Drawing**

**RENEW**  
LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 14TH DEADLINE

DRAWING SEPTEMBER 24TH PRIZE: 2 BEDROOM SUITE/7 DAY CANCUN STAY WITH FLIGHT CREDIT

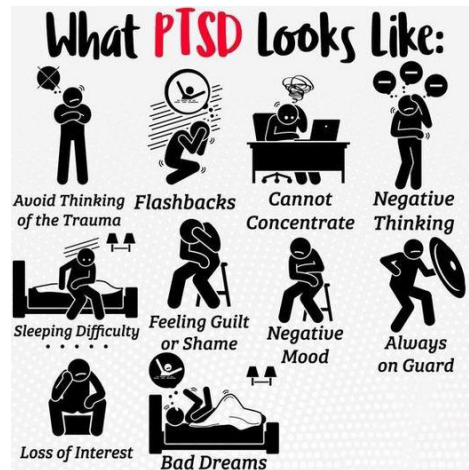
# BE **THE** ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

18<sup>th</sup> District Meetings @ Post 279 Temple City – August 19



Sixth Area Caucus @ Camarillo Post August 13







# Around the District



18<sup>th</sup> District Post Activity Schedules

Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



U.S. Air Force  
Est. 1947

Brothers, Sisters, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders

Have you visited any of your neighbor Posts in your District?

*Out of the 20 Posts in the Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District, have opened and are having various Fundraisers- Breakfast, Luncheons, Dinners, Turn-arounds and reinstating Bingo!*

ALA Post 280 Auxiliary Unit is sponsoring a fundraiser Legion Breakfast, Sunday, September 11, , 0900-1130. Show you support their endeavors and aspirations to help our Veteran community.

West Covina Post 790 have been working their "BINGO" program every Sunday, join in the fun and walk out with pleasurable treasures of joy & values...

Azusa Post 180 Canyon City, weekend entertainment festivities; food, fun & music

Alhambra Post 139 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL, special breakfast fundraisers & Resource Fairs and host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual LACC Tamale Festival.

Post 755 Charter Cove, Mondays and Sunday Night Football Food and Drinks, Start September 18th and Monday Night Football Food and Drinks. start September 19, come join the fun & camaraderie.

## Alhambra Veteran Resource Fair

*Saturday, September 24th  
10:30am to 2pm*

At

*American Legion Post 139*

**24 N Stoneman Ave  
Alhambra CA 91801  
(626) 458-2723**

VHA Veteran healthcare/Mental health/ Women/ LGBTQ/  
VVA Veteran Benefits/Eligibility/Reservists National Guard  
NCA Veteran Cemetery Administration/ Burial information

Volunteers of America and more



**Masonic  
Lodge  
#322**



Los Angeles County Supervisor

**HILDA L. SOLIS**

First District



City of  
Alhambra

**Vice Mayor Adele  
Andrade Stadler**



**VA**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



**American Legion  
East Pasadena Post 280  
179 N. Vinado Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91107**



## Buffet Breakfast

Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 280 for the benefit of our Veterans

**Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 11:30am**



Sausage, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo & Eggs, Carved  
Ham, Fried Potatoes and Chorizo  
Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles, Links  
Buttery Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes  
Fresh Fruit, & Desserts

Coffee, Orange Juice, Apple Juice & Milk Included

All you can eat pancakes

**Note: Cantina will be closed.**

Mimosas for \$3.00  
or Blood Mary \$5.99



**\$12 Donation**

## The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District



Members, Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL's & Riders  
Keep up the great work you all do; we also ask to help us help your District  
With your support purchase our Legion product and Fundraisers...



Please support American Legion Programs such as Boys State, the Oratorical Contest, homeless veteran support and perpetuating patriotism!

With your \$40 donation you will receive:

A beautiful Legion nylon pullover jacket and the Official Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District lapel pin

Sizes adult 3XL-Small

Payment methods:

PayPal: [gijoeqwd@pacbell.net](mailto:gijoeqwd@pacbell.net)

Venmo or Zelle: 626 833 8493

Checks payable to American Legion District 18 and of course, U.S. currency!

Neil La Sala, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
District 18, [ntlasala@att.net](mailto:ntlasala@att.net)



Fellow Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Please keep Department Chaplain Dave Whalen in your prayers. He is having some health issues and needs our prayers.

This past year it seems that we've had some issues at some of our Posts which should have been resolved at Post level. Membership should not be writing or calling National with these issues. National will send it back to Department and Department will contact District to try to resolve the issue. If you are unable to resolve the issue at Post level than you contact District and they will try to help or advise you on how to resolve the issue.

Department and District will not put up with any kind of harassment, sexual, bullying or intimidation or discrimination so please refrain from that kind of conduct or you may be brought up on charges for these kind of conduct.

Smoking marijuana on Legion property is not allowed per National. We are a federally funded Organization we know that States have legalized the use of marijuana but the Federal Government does not recognize it as being legal and we do not use the American Legion Logo to promote or sell marijuana or any kind of cannabis use. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number below.

In Comradeship,  
Manuel E Vital  
18th District  
Judge Advocate and  
Department SGT-AT-ARMS

## The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District Post Honor & Color Guards Parades – Ceremonials – Funerals Please contact the Team Members listed below:



District 18  
Honor and Color Guard

**Bob Radcliff**  
Captain  
Post 30

1974 Marigold St.  
Pomona, CA 91767  
(909) 629-0670  
[radcliff.Dist18@gmail.com](mailto:radcliff.Dist18@gmail.com)



**American Legion**  
Borinquen Post 508

**Honor Guard**

**Team Member**  
**Richard Santos**  
(951) 206-9526

P.O. Box 1198  
Covina, CA 91722  
[borinquenpost508@earthlink.net](mailto:borinquenpost508@earthlink.net)



Elegant 18th District past Commanders			Year	Auxiliary past District Presidents		
Auggie Galaviz		(P-790)	2021-2022	U-755		Judy Tabacchi
Dave Whalen		(P-475)	2019-2021	(U-13)		Maureen Sacco
Scott Sinclair		(P-279)	2018-2019	(U-830)		Pat Martinez
Ralph Larriva		(P-75)	2017-2018	(U-261)		Betty Ramos
J. R. Duarte		(P-508)	2016-2017	(U-241)		Gail Pouliot
Manny Vital		(P-508)	2015-2016	(U-247)		Mindy Sinclair
Peter Douglas III	★	(P-280)	2014-2015	(U-755)		Laura Bradshaw
Augustine "Auggie" Galaviz		(P-790)	2013-2014	(U-830)		Judy Forrest
Scott Sinclair		(P-247)	2012-2013	(U-280)	★	Rhodana Enright
Lou Dominguez		(P-508)	2011-2012	(U-755)	★	Kathy Pipkin
Gil Cardoza		(P-139)	2010-2011	(U-261)		Denyse Laugeson
George Curtis		(P-755)	2009-2010	(U-261)		Denyse Laugeson
Steve Turley		(P-888)	2008-2009	(U-790)	★	Julie Potter
John Garcia		(P-508)	2007-2008			Liz Broughton
Larry Johnson	★	(P-280)	2006-2007	(U-790)		Norma Cooper
Herbert Garcia	★	(P-280)	2005-2006	(U-790)		Pamela Hicks
James Courson		(P-431)	2004-2005	(U-280)	★	Donna Enright
Henry Hicks	★	(P-790)	2003-2004	(U-755)		Judy Tabacchi
Michael Delgado		(P-790)	2002-2003	(U-422)	★	Peggy McIntosh
Vincent Seriana		(P-75)	2001-2002	(U-280)	★	Norma Duval
William Reed	★	(P-790)	2000-2001	(U-241)	★	Margaret Quinones
Robert Moxham		(P-755)	1999-2000	(U-247)		Rosemary MacArthur
Alex Rivney		(P-431)	1998-99		★	Doris Busch
Frank Wolfskill	★	(P-261)	1997-98	(U-261)		Betty Wolfskill
Margaret "Peggy" McIntosh	★	(P-422)	1996-97	(U-790)	★	Ann Martinez
William Krizansky	★	(P-790)	1995-96	(U-139)		Elizabeth Brown
Joseph Drogichen	★	(P-139)	1994-95	(U-241)		Nellie Staykovich
Donna Natali		(P-44)	1993-94	(U-755)		Judy Tabacchi
James "Apple" McIntosh	★	(P-442)	1992-93	(U-397)		Emma Romero
Eileen Krizansky	★	(P-790)	1991-92			Charlotte Ballard
Charles Bourbon	★	(P-180)	1990-91	(U-241)	★	Margaret Quinones
Maurice Ramirez			1989-90		★	Anita Rattan
William Stemmerman	★		1988-89	(U-790)		Carol Chilelli
Gene O. Brick	★		1987-88	(U-261)		Betty Wolfskill
Felix Nieves	★	(P-508)	1986-87	(U-422)	★	Peggy McIntosh
W.R. "Sonny" Quinn	★		1985-86		★	Wanda Gallegos
Thurston McDougal	★	(P-279)	1984-85		★	Sharon Burkhardt
Frank C. Larson	★		1983-84		★	Elvera North
Lloyd M. Stanper	★		1982-83			Ruth Gray
Virgil Ryan	★		1981-82		★	Lola Bodzsaar
Joseph Chilelli	★	(P-888)	1980-81		★	Joanne Thompson
Walter J. Gastrel	★		1979-80		★	Ehring Seeto
W. R. "Bud" Haskins			1978-79		★	Evelyn Peters
Arthur T. Rubino	★		1977-78		★	Corinne Martin
Roger Kar			1976-77		★	Viola Graham
William N. Marzov II	★		1975-76		★	Beryl Vandebur
William K. Rattan	★	(P-436)	1974-75		★	Eloise Gryatva
Allen W. Mokel	★		1973-74		★	Vivian Ingle
Hal Barnes	★		1972-73			Isabelle Zelasko



**09/01 Largest All-Navy  
Raid 1952**

**09/02  
V-J Day 1945**

**09/05 Labor Day**

**09/10 U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp.  
Incorp. 1962**

**09/11 Patriot Day  
Grandparents Day**

**09/12 Dist. 18 Mtg.  
Exct. Bd. @ P-755**

**09/14 Star Spangled Banner  
Written by Francis Scott Key 1814**

**09/16 Dist. 18 Mtg.  
@ P-755 Covina**

**09/17 U.S. Constitution  
Approved 1787**

**09/18 U.S. Ari Force  
Birthday 1947**

**09/19 Operation Uphold  
Democracy began 1994**

**09/20 National POW/MIA  
Recognition Day**

**09/21 LACC Mtg.  
Executive Committee**

**09/25 Gold Star Mother's Day  
Rosh Hashanah begins**



*The Voice of Elegance*

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION  
P.O. Box 5256  
El Monte, CA 91734



Members who will attend the next Dist. Mtg. email UR name & I will add it for a special drawing if you can tell me the fine art above to win a special prize from the Junior past Commander Auggie G. will select 5 names C U @ Charter Cove.

Wish to receive the District newsletter by Email, please notify  
Editor Auggie G. at  
[age69vet@verizon.net](mailto:age69vet@verizon.net)

**DISTRICT MEETING Friday 16 September, 2022**  
**Post-755 Charter Cove, Covina @ 7:30 p.m.**





VA – Veterans Affairs  
Los Angeles County Long Beach & LA



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4725 MAINE, BALDWIN PARK, CA  
SATURDAY SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>  
9:30 AM TO NOON  
TEQUILA DRINK SPECIALS  
POZOLE, CHILAQUILES, BEANS  
EGGS WITH CHORIZO AND TORTILLA  
FRUIT & DESSERTS  
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