

# The Voice of Elegance

# "The Elegant 18th District" THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



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



Dear 18th District:

In the last few months, I have taken the time to visit different Posts, especially those who invited me to their activities and events! We have had Great conversations during our visits and Great conversations during our 18<sup>th</sup> District meetings! We at the 18<sup>th</sup> Dist. Appreciate all the post for making your presence known in your respective communities by conducting our different American Legion Programs like Boy's Scouts, Girl Scouts, and youth scholarship Programs and also for appreciating first responders during Sept. 11, 2022!

To my understanding, establishing Good Rapport with City Officials is the upmost Important! As we recover from this pandemic, it's about time for us to continue to take action and participate in as many city events as possible to preach the gospel of the American Legion to all the communities and especially to all the Veterans! I have total faith and confidence that every Post in our District will continue to find Outstanding, Highly Qualified Veterans to join our Beloved American Legion and fill our ranks on the Veteran's side, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion riders! That's right, I believe in teamwork when it comes to recruiting and everything else, Because We Are a Legion Family! I must say, the time has come for all of us to take action and work together as the Legion Family that We Are!!!

We Deserve it!!! WE ARE WINNERS!

Irvin Flores Commander - 18<sup>th</sup> District irvin201010@gmail.com / (626) 235-4138



"TRUE LEADERSHIP
MUST BE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE
FOLLOWERS, NOT
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LEADERS."











Hello Legion Family,

As we enter the latter months of 2022, our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays and spending time with family and friends. Our responsibilities heighten as a Legion Family during the holiday season, as commitments with our Post and personal life sometimes are in conflict. The healthy balance is what we need to strive for and when possible, making time to help those less fortunate. During November, we will begin planning our events to help our homeless and hospitalized veteran comrades. Also, we will be fundraising again with See's Candies so that programs like Boys State, Oratorical and Legion Baseball have what they need to operate efficiently. Get involved at your Post and do what you can to make a positive difference. Also, please use this link and forward to your Post contacts for renewal or to join our Legion: <a href="https://cadistrict18.org/join-or-renew-membership/">https://cadistrict18.org/join-or-renew-membership/</a>

Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons and Legion Posts- "Best Techniques for Recruiting and Membership Renewal Roundtable Discussion", Saturday, 29 OCT 22, 1100-1400 American Legion Post 280,179 N. Vinedo Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91107

Semper Fidelis

Neil T. La Sala-18th District 1st Vice Commander American Legion-Department of California Post 280 Commander 626 833 8493 / ntlasala@att.net



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

Hello Legion Family,

2nd Vice Commander District 18 report for November

Greetings as we move into a new month let us be thankful for those who have served and those still serving. We have some exciting events planned for the following months. Get your throwing arms ready for some good ole corn hole and a good ole time. Also we are having a District Bowling night planned for December. Stay tuned for dates

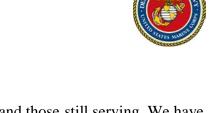
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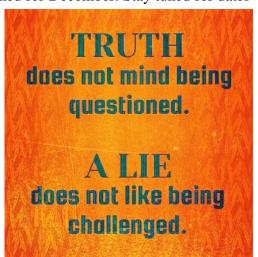
District 18 Corn hole tournament Sunday December 11th Azusa Post 180 12pm - 5pm

November 10, 2022 is *Marine corp.* birthday - Semper Fi

Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful

Samuel Cafiero
Elegant 18 District
2nd Vice Commander







## Elegant 18th District

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.

"The Elegant"

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### THE AMERICAN LEGION

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA** 

For God and Country

11 July 2022 Monday 16 July 2022 Saturday	7:30pm 3pm	Executive board meeting @ Post 397  District Installation/Meeting @ Post 397
08 Aug. 2022 Monday 19 Aug. 2022 Friday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Executive Board meeting @ Post 279  District meeting @ Temple City Post 279
12 Sept. 2022 Monday 16 Sept. 2022 Friday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Executive Board meeting @ Post 755  District meeting @ Charter Cove Post 755
10 Oct. 2022 Monday 21 Oct. 2022 Friday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Executive Board meeting @ Post 241  District meeting @ Abraham Lincoln Post 241
14 Nov. 2022 Monday 18 Nov. 2022 Friday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Executive Board meeting @ Post 261 District meeting @ El Monte Post 261
12 Dec.2022 Monday 16 Dec. 2022 Friday	7:30pm 7:30pm	Executive Board meeting @ Post 280 District meeting @ S. Pasadena Post 280

Area 6 Caucus - 20 May 2023 @ Post 280 East Pasadena 8:00 am - 5pm.

eting schedule subject to change pending Post accessibility / January to June 2023 schedule TBA)





















**Scott Sinclair** Dist. Adjutant

Ted Fife Dist. Finance

Gil Ramos Chaplain

Medellin Garcia Wayne Lunde Sgt.-At-Arms

Historian

Manny Vital Judge Advocate Service Officer

JR Duarte

#### **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







Dave Mushinski P-78



Jr. past Dist. Cmdr. Auggie Galaviz P-790

	DISTRICT 18 Commander IRVIN FLORES (AREA 6)								
Department of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT 10								10/21/2022	
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	*
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	2	8	0	10	22	45.45%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	4	14	44	0	62	105	59.05%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	34	58	0	92	170	54.12%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	12	32	0	44	70	62.86%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	24	48	0	72	117	61.54%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	0	10	24	0	34	60	56.67%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	3	24	83	0	110	180	61.11%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	0	24	61	0	85	180	47.22%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3	8	15	0	26	62	41.94%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	25	56	0	82	110	74.55%
261	El Monte	El Monte	1	5	21	0	27	45	60.00%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	11	10	0	21	45	46.67%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	40	53	0	95	162	58.64%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	8	8	22	0	38	52	73.08%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	2	13	0	15	25	60.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	45	0	55	100	55.00%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	4	14	59	0	77	90	85.56%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	14	13	0	27	40	67.50%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	0	16	60	0	76	140	54.29%
790	West Covina	West Covina	4	61	108	0	173	275	62.91%
Total			30	358	833	-	1,221	2,050	59.56%



### $18^{th}$ District Meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Park – October 21

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Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District Executive Board Meeting 10 October 2022







Celebration of Life-Donna Enright Unit-280 October 15, 2022













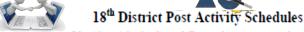


# Fround the District



Veterans Day

U.S.M.C. 11-1775



Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



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



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

#### Sunday – November 6 - 9am to 11:30am





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

Coffee, Orange Juice, Apple Juice & Milk Included

All you can eat pancakes

Auxiliary will be hosting bake sale



Note: Cantina will be closed.

Mimosas for \$3.00 or Bloody Mary \$5.00



#### \$12 Donation



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 261 PRESENTS** 

# Lil'Elves Boutique

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022 8:00AM-1:00PM

#### \$8 POZOLE BREAKFAST INCLUDING BEVERAGE

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 261** 4542 N PECK RD **EL MONTE, CA 91732** FOR VENDOR INFO CONTACT BETTY RAMOS (626)434-5561



## District 18 Sons of the American Legion

Hosting a dinner to benefit





#### Pin-ups for Vets is a Claremont-based non-profit that raises money to benefit hospitalized veterans. We want to help them in their mission.

Join us for our spaghetti dinner that will be held at East Pasadena Post 280 on Sunday, November 20 at 4:30pm. Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert for a \$6 donation. We will have raffles and a 50/50 to benefit their efforts. The Canteen will be open.

> American Legion Post 280 179 N. Vinedo Pasadena



For more information, or if you can donate a raffle item, please contact District SAL Commander Jesse Bradshaw at (626) 533-4772.



#### AMERICAN LEGION OST 261 EL MONTE

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00AM-11:00AM



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 261 4542 N PECK RD EL MONTE, CA 91731

All proceeds to help the men and and women Veterans



#### The Elegant 18th 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...



#### POST BYLAWS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Constitution and Bylaws Commission, DOC

<u>Post</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Members	Goal
10	19	22
13	99	105
30	164	170
44	68	70
75	116	117
78	59	60
139	170	180
180	160	180
241	59	62
247	108	110
261	41	45
279	44	45
280	159	162
397	42	52
431	23	25
475	97	100
508	85	90
748	38	40
755	137	140
<u>790</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>275</u>
	1951	2050

There will be an Incentive Drawing for Posts within the Department of California who bring their Bylaws up to date with the Constitution and Bylaws Commission.

The prize will be \$1000.00 payable to the General Fund of the winning Post.

#### **RULES:**

- Eligibility Dates used will be those recorded on the Bylaws Certification form issued by the Commission.
- Posts with an approval date on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, will be automatically entered for the Drawing.
- Bylaws must have been submitted in Word or PDF format to <u>bylaws@calegion.org</u>
   No Later Than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Any needed corrections identified by the Area Commissioner must have been completed and the Bylaws returned to the Area Commissioner No Later Than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The Drawing for the Prize will be at the 2023 Department of California Convention (Time and Day to be announced).
- The winning Post cannot be on Administrative Probation to win.
- Chances of winning will be determined by the number of Posts that are entered into the drawing with the winning ticket being drawn by Department Commander Jere Romano.

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



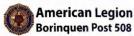
**Bob Radcliff** 

District 18 Honor and Color Guard

> 1974 Marigold St. Pomona, CA 91767 **(909) 629-0670** radcliff.Dist18@gmail.com







**Honor Guard** 

Team Member Richard Santos (951) 206-9526

P.O. Box 1198 Covina, CA 91722 borinquenpost508@earthlink.net

#### **AMERICAN LEGION CHARITIES**

#### VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Your donation will be used to help The American Legion fulfill its mission to support veterans, military personnel, families and communities through American Legion Charities, which distributes funds where they are most needed to support programs and services of the organization

#### AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation provides vital support for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care and due benefits and opportunities of disabled veterans and families.



#### CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that address the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children across the nation.

#### LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship helps ensure higher education is a possibility for children who lost a parent to death on active duty, or suffered a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or greater by VA, since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11,







#### NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The National Emergency Fund provides direct, immediate cash grants for veterans in the aftermath of major catastrophes, such as tornadoes, floods, wildfires or hurricanes.

#### OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS

Military personnel and veterans recovering from wounds and illnesses at medical facilities and transition units receive comfort items, rehabilitation equipment and recreational opportunities through Operation Comfort Warriors.



7-Eleven - November 11, 2022

Get a free coffee or Big Gulp on Veterans Day. Download the 7-Eleven app and sign in

Applebee's - November 11, 2022

Veterans and active-duty military can select a free meal from a limited menu on Veterans Day. Proof of service required.

Black Angus Steakhouse - November 11, 2022

Participating restaurants will offer Veterans and active-duty military an all-American steak plate, plus all the fixings and a nonalcoholic beverage, for \$10.99 on Veterans Day. Must show military ID.

BJ's Restaurant - November 11, 2022

On Veterans Day, all service members can enjoy a complimentary entrée up to \$14.95, plus a free Dr. Pepper by presenting a military ID or proof of service.

Buffalo Wild Wings Free Wings - November 11, 2022

All day on Veterans Day, Veterans and active-duty military who dine in or call for takeout at their local B-Dubs can receive a free order of boneless wings and a side of fries. At participating U.S. locations only.

Buffalo Wings & Rings - November 11, 2022

Veterans and active-duty military with valid ID will receive three free tenders and a drink on Veterans Day at participating locations. Valid for dine-in only.

Denny's - November 11, 2022

On November 11, Denny's will be offering any Veterans or active-duty military with a valid ID a free Build Your Own Grand Slam breakfast from 5 a.m. until noon.

IHOP - November 11, 2022

Veterans and active-duty military can get free Red, White and Blueberry pancakes at any IHOP on November 11. This offer is only valid if you dine in with proof of service.

Olive Garden - November 11, 2022

This Veterans Day, Olive Garden is offering Veterans and active-duty service members) a free entree from a special menu. All entrees include Olive Garden's famous breadsticks and choice of soup or salad.

11/03 LACC Mtg.

@ Post 280 E. Pasadena

11/06

Daylight Saving Time Ends

11/08 Election Day Fist all Jet combat in history 1950

11/10 U.S.M.C. Established 1775

11/11 VETERANS DAY
Armistice- 11-11-11

11/14 D-18 Mtg.

Executive Board @ P-261

11/18 Dist. 18 Mtg.

@ Post 261 El Monte

11/24 Thanksgiving





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P.O. Box 5256



11/16

12/15



Wish to receive the District newsletter by Email, please notify Editor Auggie G. at age69vet@verizon.net Post-261 El Monte, @ 7:30 p.m.







#### VA – Veterans Affairs Los Angeles County Long Beach & LA



From District 18 SAL Commander Jesse Bradshaw:

"Good evening. Due to a horrible work schedule, I am not able to be with you in person tonight. Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion, District 18.

As a former Board Member of the San Gabriel Valley United States Bowling Congress, we have an opportunity to work our collective membership at an upcoming event benefiting veterans. The Event Planner for the upcoming Bowling for Veterans Links (BVL) event is pleased to provide a table for the American Legion Family to set up and allow us to discuss membership with interested people. We have already secured representatives from the Sons and Auxiliary to work the table. We would like to have a couple of Legionnaires to be at the table to answer questions to who we are. We do need to provide brochures and applications to hand out that day. In addition, the SGVUSBC would like to have a color guard attend to open the tournament festivities. Please call me if you are interested.

Please remember our fundraiser spaghetti dinner on Sunday 11/20 at 430pm at Post 280 to benefit the local non-profit Pin-Ups for Vets. My Adjutant, Dan Bradeen, has flyers available for you to read their mission statement and how they benefit our active duty and hospitalized veterans. Dinner is a \$6 donation and desserts are available for an additional donation.

The next District Sons meeting is Saturday, 11/12 at Post 180 at 2pm. Please let your Sons know and encourage them to attend.



#### The American Legion Department of California Blue Cap Assistance Program (BCAP) Application

#### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

<u>POST GRANT</u>: The Blue Cap Assistance Program (BCAP) grant is intended to assist posts in which its n has been negatively impacted from the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis within the community, a as any government-mandated restrictions.

- 1. Grant funds are exclusively to meet financial responsibilities associated with maintaining post fac
- Grant approval will only cover some of the costs and fees associated with mortgage payments, p. taxes/fines/penalties, rent, insurance premiums, and/or utilities.
- Grant is not intended to cover expenditures covering post employee payroll related cost, building upgrades and repairs, or post activities and programs.

<u>POST CRITERIA</u>: Posts that meet all the required criteria, may receive up to \$500 from the BCAP grar Post Commander AND Adjutant must complete a Blue Cap Assistance Program grant application alon the following supporting documents:

- 1. Financial Need (provide bill, 2020 profit and loss and balance sheet)
- 2. Consolidated Post Report on file w/Department
- 3. IRS 990 Filed
- 4. Incorporation on file w/Department

<u>REQUIRED APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION</u>: Department leadership will need to obtain the ne Post records to verify all qualifying criteria has been met. These records are only for the department verification process. If additional information is needed for the review process, the department will c the Post leadership with further instructions and/or requests.

- 1. Grant application must be filled out completely and accurately
- Grant application and supporting documents (water, sewer, electrical, etc.) may be submitted in format via email to adjutant@calegion.org
- 3. Grant approved payment will be sent directly to creditor or vendor only

For assistance in completing this application, or for contact information. Contact Department of Calif staff.

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)								
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT						10/21/2022		
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%	
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	1	9	10	25	40.00%	
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	0	0	26	0.00%	
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	0	0	33	0.00%	
180	Canyon City	Azuza	1	0	1	34	2.94%	
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	0	0	29	0.00%	
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	36	0.00%	
755	Charter Cove	Covina	0	21	21	62	33.87%	
790	West Covina	West Covina	0	0	0	33	0.00%	
Total			2	30	32	278	11.51%	



#### The American Legion Department of California Blue Cap Assistance Program (BCAP) Application

It is not awarded to cover regular post operational costs or lost revenue associated with any post business such as bars, cantinas, pubs, restaurants, club rooms, etc.

POST INFORMATION						
Post Lega	l Name	Post #	District #	Post EIN#		
Post Mailin	g Address	City		State	Zip Code	
	Post Email			Post Phone #		
REQUESTORS INFORMATION						
Post Commander	(Print Name)	Post Adjutant (Print Name)				
Post Commander Signature		Post Adjutant Signature				
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Email	Phone#	E	mail		Phone#	

Requestors are required to submit BCAP grant application along with all necessary post records in order to verify all qualifying criteria has been met. If any additional information is deemed necessary, the department staff will contact the Post Companyles and/or the Post Additional

tact the Post Commander and/or the Post Adjuta	nt.						
YES NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION							
Financial Need (provide bill, 2020 profit and loss and balance sheet)							
Consolidated Post Report on file w/I	Consolidated Post Report on file w/Department						
IRS 990 Filed							
Incorporation on file w/Department							
DEPARTMENT HE	ADQUARTERS USE ONLY						
Review Committee Member (Print Name)	Title			Date			
Signature		Approve		Disapprove			
Review Committee Member (Print Name)	Review Committee Member (Print Name) Title						
Signature	Approve		Disapprove				
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Department Officer (Print Name)	Title			Date			
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Signature		Approve		Disapprove			
CONTRACTOR/V	CONTRACTOR/VENDOR INFORMATION						
Legal Name		State	Zip Code				
cegui Ivallic	City		state	Zip code			
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Past Commanders Club Outpost-18 Meeting @ Post 790 West Covina





District Commander Flores attends Post-241 Meeting, Baldwin Park





Post-790, Post 180, Post 261 & Auxiliary Unit-302 @ Veterans Forum in Azusa Sponsored by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congresswoman Judy Chu, & County Supervisor Kathryn Barger @ Azusa National Guard Armory







2022-10-29 Membership roundtable correlating together with Post leadership, Auxiliary, SAL & Riders @ P280









