



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



Dear 18<sup>th</sup> District:

**I really Appreciate All the Teamwork from The Posts who Volunteered to Host the 18th District!**

**We have some Posts who have volunteered their posts 1, 2 and 3 times and others haven't! However, I would like to share with You that the Posts who didn't have the opportunity to Host 18th District, We Still Need Your Help! You can Help by Attending the 18th District General Meetings! Once Again, Post Commanders, You are Expected and Required to Attend All Our 18th District General Meetings! (They are not just My Meetings, They Are Your Meetings Also!) If You cannot attend Our General Meeting, Then You could Have Your Post 1st Vice Comm, or 2nd Vice Comm, or Adjutant or a Regular Member of Your Post Go to the Meeting! Yeah, I'm not picky, just send a Regular Member of Your Post to take notes at The 18th Dist. Gen. Meeting! And, I don't care if You send All four Veterans Previously Mentioned to Attend the Meetings (Yeah, Like a Fireteam), lol! It's Cool, The More People The Better! Thank You!**

**As We continue on Our Journey Accomplishing Our Mission in accordance with The Four Pillars of Our American Legion, I would like to also say Thank You Post 30 and Post 261 for Filling the last 2 Openings We had on Our Schedule!**

**We Would Love to Continue Experiencing This Outstanding Teamwork from All Posts in Our Beloved Elegant 18th District, Department of California in Our Future Months, Years, Decades, Centuries and Millenniums, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Veterans! Please Keep Up the Great Work! Thank You!**

***"Wishing all a very Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year"***

Irvin Flores  
Commander  
18th District  
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626 235 4138



“

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**.

”





Membership is Everybody's  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



Season's Greetings Legion Family,

The year has flown by and now we are decking the halls For Christmas and the New Year! At 1000 on Christmas Day, District 18 will be distributing backpacks with essential hygiene items to our homeless veterans in West Los Angeles. The details for this event are still being ironed out, but stay tuned if you are willing to help with this important part of our service to the community. Also, our Holiday See's Candy Drive will end this Friday, 12/2. Share this link with your family and friends and please purchase some items to give as gifts and/or for use in your holiday entertainment of guests. You can't ever go wrong with See's Candies! Funds generated support our Legion programs such as Boys/Girls State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical and Veterans Homeless Outreach.

Lastly, please use this link and forward to your Post Family contacts for dues renewal or to join our Legion Family, as the perpetuation of membership is our lifeblood!

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

Here's to a blessed holiday season for you and yours!

**Neil T. La Sala-18th District 1st Vice Commander**  
**American Legion-Department of California**

### See's CANDIES.

American Legion District 18 Holiday Candy Sale Storefront

Help Us  
Reach Our Goal!



Thank you for supporting the American Legion District 18! We'll receive all profits from any items you purchase below. Order more to help us reach our fundraising goal!



ALCON: Please help support Legion programs like Boys/Youth State, Oratorical, Legion Baseball and Homeless Vet Holiday Outreach. Also, please forward this to your Legion Family contacts, friends, family and co-workers. Semper Fidelis, First Vice sends.

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/americanld\\_american\\_legion\\_district\\_1/Nei\\_La5196/](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/americanld_american_legion_district_1/Nei_La5196/)

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

Semper Fidelis,



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



Hello Legion Family,

This month is December and we have normally have an annual Christmas party after our General meeting 😊 😊  
Gifts 📺 for those not Naughty 😈 but nice 😊

Part of our fundraising this month is our 18 District Family Corn 🌽 Hole  
🏏 Tournament. December 11th which is the 2nd Sunday.  
Will be at Azusa Post 180 from 12-4pm, Check in starts at 12pm  
Prizes for our champion and runner up, Single players \$10, Doubles - \$15

**District 18 Corn hole tournament**  
**Sunday December 11th**

Azusa Post 180  
12pm - 5pm

Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful

Samuel Cafiero  
Elegant 18 District  
2nd Vice Co







## *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.

**"The Elegant"**

**EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT**

**P. O. BOX 5256**

**El Monte, CA 91734**



For God and Country

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

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





Fellow Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great Thanksgiving. FYI the Commanders who are Not attending District meetings means that you are Not representing your Post or your Members who elected you as their Commander. We understand that maybe you have something important to do or have an emergency and cannot attend that is why you have a 1st Vice Commander or Adjutant or another Member attend the meeting. By doing so your Post is represented and your members are receiving the information that is being discussed at the District Meeting. Please contact the District Commander if you will not be attending the Meeting and let him know who will be attending in your absence. Please do not rely on the Newsletter for your information, the Newsletter does not have all the information you may need to know. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year please be safe.

In Comradeship,  
Manuel E Vital – District 18 Judge Advocate

### 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



Joe Paczkowski P-30



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

11/23/2022

POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	2	10	0	12	22	54.55%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	4	14	47	1	66	105	62.86%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	34	70	1	105	170	61.76%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	12	34	0	46	70	65.71%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	24	58	0	82	117	70.09%
78	Keith Powell	Clermont	2	10	31	1	44	60	73.33%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	4	24	99	0	127	180	70.56%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	2	24	81	1	108	180	60.00%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3	8	16	0	27	62	43.55%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	3	25	66	0	94	110	85.45%
261	El Monte	El Monte	2	5	26	0	33	45	73.33%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	11	30	0	41	45	91.11%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	40	57	1	100	162	61.73%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	8	8	23	3	42	52	80.77%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	2	13	0	15	25	60.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	56	0	66	100	66.00%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	4	14	62	0	80	90	88.89%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	14	13	0	27	40	67.50%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	0	16	78	1	95	140	67.86%
790	West Covina	West Covina	7	61	124	3	195	275	70.91%
Total			41	358	994	12	1,405	2,050	68.54%

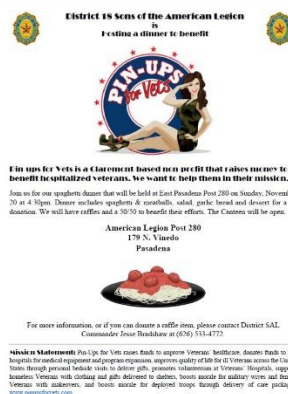




## 18<sup>th</sup> District Meeting @ Post 261 El Monte – 11-21-2022



## Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District working together with our Legion Family S.A.L. 11-20-2022



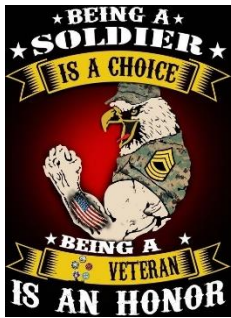
## Post 30 First Inaugural Veterans Day Gala @ Pomona Valley Mining Co., 18 November 2022



### OFFICERS 2022-2023

Post Commander- Roberto C. Arnold Adjutant- Joseph "Joe" Paczkowski  
First Vice Commander- Samuel Cafiero  
Second Vice Commander- Pedro "Jay" Jauregui  
Sergeant- At-Arms- Sean Liske  
Judge Advocate- Javier Hinojosa  
Finance Officer- Alejandro "Alex" Escobedo  
Chaplain- Sean Liske  
Historian- Jeffrey Hodge  
ALR Director- Robert "Bob" Radcliff  
Auxiliary President- Stephanie Huff  
The American Legion Squadron





# Around the District



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

Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE



FROM ONE VET TO  
ANOTHER VET

*Sons of the American Legion Post 790*  
*Angus Cheeseburger with Potato Salad & Chili Beans*  
*Starts at 4:30 pm \$10.00 A plate*  
*Thursday, December 8, 2022*



330 N. Azusa Ave W. Covina

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Do you love pancakes? What about eggs and bacon? Well we have the event for you! Post 790's Auxiliary is hosting a delectable pancake breakfast loaded with all your favorites.

**Where:** Post 790  
**When:** 12/3/22  
**Time:** 8 – 11am

**\$5 Short Stack**  
Includes 3 pancakes

**\$8 Breakfast Plate**  
Includes eggs, potatoes & bacon  
Choice of: pancakes or toast

**\$10 Breakfast Plate**  
Includes eggs, potatoes, bacon

## Annual Christmas Fundraiser

**Sunday December 18, 2022 11am-2pm**

Menu: CHORIZO w/EGGS, POTATOES, BEANS, TORTILLAS &, refreshments.  
Serving UNTIL food runs out.

**DONATIONS: UNWRAPPED TOY & can FOOD/NONPERISHABLE ITEM OR \$10 & can FOOD/NON-PERISHABLE ITEM per person.**

**50/50 Drawing**

All proceeds to be donated to: Firefighters Spark of Love Toy drive & Veterans Village.

**Toys**

American Legion POST 139  
24 N. Stoneman Ave. ALHAMBRA. CA 91801



AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 261 EL MONTE

## BREAKFAST

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00AM-11:00AM

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, PANCAKES OR POTATOES, ORANGE JUICE AND COFFEE

**\$8**



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



All proceeds to help the men and women Veterans

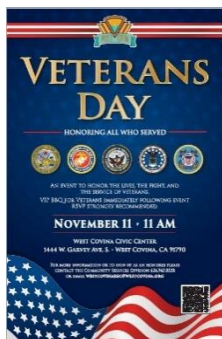




Members, Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL's & Riders  
Veterans Day programs throughout the district and other Vet's programs.  
Thanks your for your Service and Thank you all for your support...



American Legion Post 30 Pomona added an event.  
Oct 10 · 📍





Los Angeles County Council  
Presents



**2nd Annual  
TAMALE  
FESTIVAL**

December 3, 2022 12 to 6 pm  
**TAMALE CONTEST FOOD AND LIVE MUSIC**  
American Legion Alhambra Post 139  
24 N Stoneman Ave, Alhambra, CA 91801  
TAMALE CONTEST ENTRY FEE & ITEM FOR OPPORTUNITY DRAWING  
OTHER VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
EMAIL: CALEGIONFIRSTLADY@GMAIL.COM OR CALL (310)434-8210  
VENDOR REGISTRATION AT: [HTTPS://TAMALE-FESTIVAL-VENDOR-FORM.CHEDDRUP.COM](https://TAMALE-FESTIVAL-VENDOR-FORM.CHEDDRUP.COM)



**Shake Up Your  
Holiday Tradition**  
*Give Blood*

**American Legion District 18  
Community Blood Drive**

Located at American Legion Post 790  
330 N Azusa Ave  
West Covina, CA 91791

**Friday, December 2, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code:  
ALP790 or contact American Legion representative JR at 626-592-3842



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Go to schedule an appointment

**Give Something that Means Something®**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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**2022 MILITARY  
TRIBUTE DAYS**  
NOV. 1 - NOV. 17 & NOV. 28 - DEC. 15  
(MONDAY - THURSDAY)  
PLUS VETERANS DAY

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**2022 FIRE & LAW  
TRIBUTE DAYS**  
NOV. 28 - DEC. 15 & JAN. 9 - JAN. 26  
(MONDAY - THURSDAY)

ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL AND  
UP TO 5 ADDITIONAL  
PEOPLE FOR \$19.99\* EACH.

\*PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES  
FOR ONLINE AND MILITARY TICKET  
OFFICE PURCHASES.



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

**Buffet Breakfast**

**Sunday – December 4 - 9am to 11:30am**




Sausage, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs,  
Fried Potatoes, Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon,  
Buttery Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes  
Fresh Fruit  
Coffee, Orange Juice, Apple Juice & Milk Included

All you can  
eat pancakes



Auxiliary will be  
hosting a bake sale

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

**\$12 Donation**



**12-02 Blood Drive**  
D-18 @ Post 790

**12/02 LACC Mtg.**  
@ Post 314 Hawthorne

**12/07**  
Pearl Harbor Day

**12-09 Operation Restore Hope**  
Somalia 1992

**12/110 Human Rights Day**

**12/12 D-18 Exct. Bd. Mtg.**  
@ Post 280

**12/15 Bill of Rights**

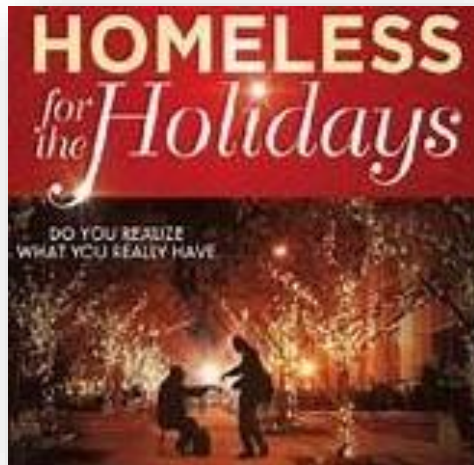
**12/16 D-18 Meeting**  
@ Post 280 E. Pasadena

**12/16 Battle of the Bulge**  
Began 1944

**12/20 Operation just cause**  
1989

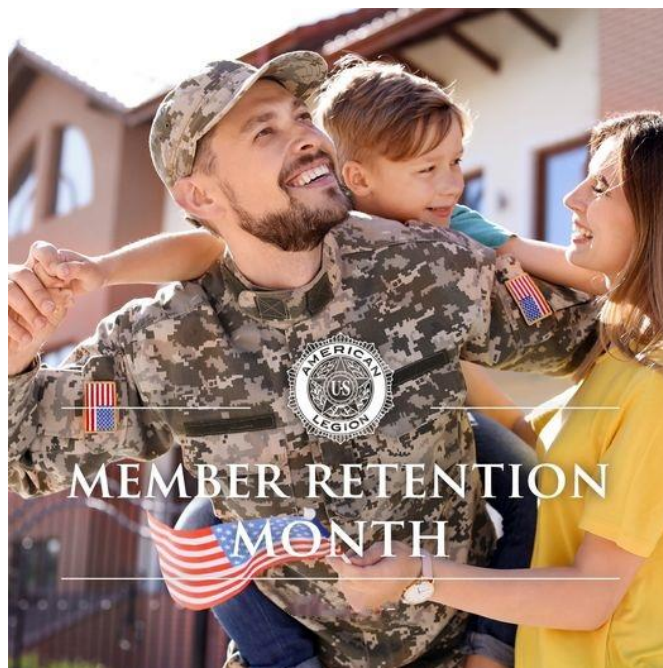
**12/25 Christmas**

**12/25 District 18 to Visit**  
W. L. A. VA homeless Veterans



*The Voice of Elegance*

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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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 DECEMBER, 2022**  
**Post-280 East Pasadena, @ 7:30 p.m.**







## American Legion Department



## Constitution and By-Laws Commission

A new working copy of the Sample Post Bylaws. 2 changes were made at the C & B meeting. moved the Annual Audit section out of appointments into the finance section. It seems more appropriate to the Constitution & By-Laws Commissioner to do that. Also cleaned up some of the verbiage in that particular section. At the Monday 21 November meeting we discussed any other needed changes. Area and District delegate strength, what constitutes a delegate and/or member strength? Area is under the Department By-Laws (they have NO by-laws, they are part of Department), District is actually by members in good standing, strength is measured according to their By-laws and Post member delegates. We really need to get this right as it'll save all of us some grief with the upcoming submissions. We'll be looking at a revised District Sample in January.

We discussed the working copy of the Department Bylaws with some recommended changes concerning Posts (Article V) and Districts (Article VI). As said before we need to move any and everything concerning them to the appropriate sections. We know Diane (past Dept. Parliamentarian) has been busy working on Article IX converting that over to Conventions and possibly moving a few other things. D.E.C. is the authorizing committee that approves where a convention may be held. We'll discuss it briefly and then spend Jan-Mar polishing it up. Because of the Spring DEC being moved up, we may not be able to present it to them at that meeting, but we will discuss it with our report in January.

Next C & B meeting will be Jan. 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Detachment of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT							11/23/2022
DETACHMENT TOTALS							40
	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%	Standing	
Squadrons	672	3,447	4,226	10,989	38.46%		
HQ Admin - Squadron 9999	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	672	3,447	4,226	10,989	38.46%		
AREA TOTALS							
Area	Districts	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%	Standing
1	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7	70	411	478	1,160	41.21%	3
2	8; 9; 10; 13; 26; 28	62	368	430	1,054	40.80%	4
3	11; 12; 14; 15; 27	27	239	266	788	33.76%	5
4	17; 19; 23	25	213	238	515	46.21%	2
5	21; 22; 25; 29; 30	355	1,523	1,878	6,012	31.24%	6
6	16; 18; 20; 24	121	693	814	1,460	55.75%	1
DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT							11/23/2022
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
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75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	20	20	26	76.92%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	0	0	33	0.00%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	4	24	28	34	82.35%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	0	0	29	0.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	0	15	15	36	41.67%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	2	35	37	62	59.68%
790	West Covina	West Covina	0	19	19	33	57.58%
Total			7	124	131	278	47.12%

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

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Grant funds are exclusively to meet financial responsibilities associated with maintaining post facilities.
- Grant approval will only cover some of the costs and fees associated with mortgage payments, property 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.


**POST CRITERIA:** Posts that meet all the required criteria, may receive up to \$500 from the BCAP grant. The Post Commander AND Adjutant must complete a Blue Cap Assistance Program grant application along with the following supporting documents:

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

**REQUIRED APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION:** Department leadership will need to obtain the necessary 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 contact the Post leadership with further instructions and/or requests.

- Grant application must be filled out completely and accurately
- Grant application and supporting documents (water, sewer, electrical, etc.) may be submitted in a pdf. format via email to [adjutant@calegion.org](mailto:adjutant@calegion.org)
- 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 California staff.



# Paddles Up! Get Ready to Play QUARTERMANIA!

## Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### American Legion Post 180

### 819 N. Loren Ave



### Azuza, 91702

Presale Tickets \$20.00 (Lunch Included)  
\$25.00 at the door

Doors open at 1:30pm for Lunch,  
Quartermania starts at 3:30pm

Lots of Local Vendors for your Holiday gift giving!  
50/50 and Vendor Raffle tickets will be available for purchase

Tickets and Information Contact  
Vickie Romero 909-568-3015



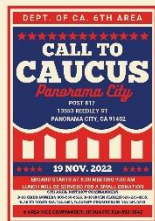
## LACC Meeting @ Post 280 East Pasadena, CA 11/04/2022



## State Past Commander's Club meeting in Clovis, CA 11/19/2022



## Area 6 Caucus @ Post 817 Panorama City, CA 11/19/2022



## November 2022 District 18 Officers participation at other local events.

