



Irvin Flores
Commander 2022 - 2023
The Elegant 18th District



Dear 18th District:

I will never request help or assistance via email! I will do it in person or by telephone call!

Someone created an email using my name and it's not Me! You all Know my email and I am not in social media either! It appears that this individual got a hold of a bunch of American Legion emails and I'm under the impression that he or she does not speak English properly and doesn't know how to spell check their own work!

**Thank You, Sam Cafiero for sharing the screen shot and alerting Me!
Thank You Ed Barlow and Ernie Regalado for contacting Me directly!**

**PLEASE, LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THIS NEGATIVITY!!!!
I HOPE NO ONE FALLS VICTIM TO THIS EVELNESS BELOW!!!!**

You are Invited to All Our General Membership Meetings! And anyone can always address the E. Board they just need to tell Me 24 hours in advance So I can Add them to My agenda! We don't have secret meetings, Everyone is Always Welcome!

I will stop Preaching and will Continue to Brief Everyone

**General Meeting, Sat. Feb. 18, 2023
6pm Meal
7:30 PM, Four Chaplains Ceremony**

May You Have a Great Month!

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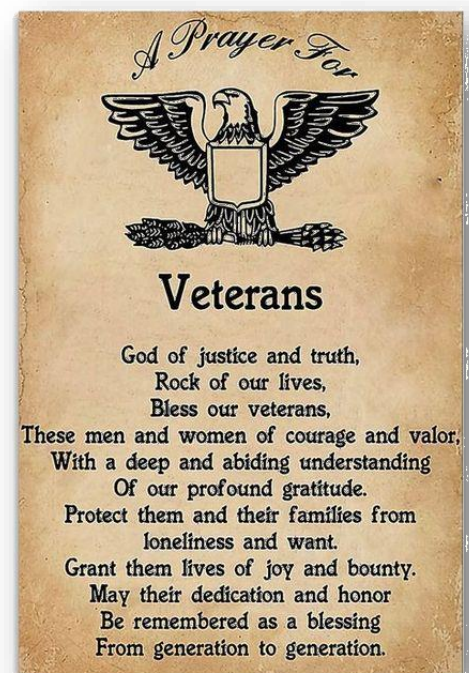
Thank You!

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Commander
18th District
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626 235 4138



**There will always
be people in
your life who
treat you wrong.
Be sure to thank
them for making
you strong.**

Be Positive
Be Happy





Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



Hello Legion Family,

Thanks to everyone who supported our District 18 See's Candies Valentine's Day Fundraiser! Our 2nd Vice Commander Sam Cafiero is working hard to raise more funds for our District projects, please keep an eye out for his messages with respect to fundraising. Fundraising and membership renewals/new memberships are the keys to success in any organization. Please let us know if you have any suggestions with respect to these two vital endeavors.

With that said, please use the link below and forward it to your Post Family contacts for dues renewal or to join our Legion Family, as the perpetuation of membership is our lifeblood! District 18 has advanced from being last in membership in the Department of California in 2022 to being ranked 8 out of the 30 districts in 2023! Yes, in just one month we have climbed up 3 more spots in the ranking. We all should be proud of this achievement, let's keep going until we reach number 1!

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

All the best to you and yours! Semper Fidelis,

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



From the desk of 2nd Vice,
Sam Cafiero



Hello Legion Family,

Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful

Samuel Cafiero
Elegant 18 District
2nd Vice Commander





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.

~~Mon. Jan. 9, 2023 E. Board Post 247 at Temple City P279~~

~~Fri. Jan. 20, 2023 General Post 247 at Temple City P279~~

Mon. Feb. 13, 2023 E. Board Post 139

Sat. Feb. 18, 2023 General Post 139 (Four Chaplains Ceremony)

Mon. Mar. 13, 2023 E. Board Post 30

Fri. Mar. 17, 2023 General Post 30

Mon. Apr. 10, 2023 E. Board Post 180

Fri. Apr. 21, 2023 General Post 180 (First Nominations of Officers)

Mon. May, 8, 2023 E. Board Post 261

Fri. May, 19, 2023 General Post 261 (2nd Nominations and Election of Officers)

Sat. May, 20, 2023 6th Area Caucus Post 280

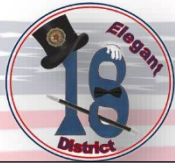
Mon. June, 12, 2023 E. Board Post 280

Fri. June, 16, 2023 General Post 280 (Past Commanders and Past Auxiliary Presidents Night)

Wed. June, 21, 2023 to Sun. June, 25, 2023 (Department of California Convention)

The Elegant 18th District attend 25th District meeting @ Post 106
Dept. Sgt-At-Arms Manny Vital, 6th Area V.C. JR Duarte, 18th District J.A. Scott Sinclair





Fellow Comrades,

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year with their families and friends. To all our Members in the 18th District, we must remember what our commitment is to the American Legion. It is our Four Pillars, Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security and Veterans Affairs. It seems that Members are coming to meetings and Not Focusing on what we are there for. Arguing and being Confrontational is not why we are there it seems that we are losing Respect for each other and our Leadership of the Posts.

We are Not there for Self-glorification or Self Interest. If we want to keep our members we need to check and leave our attitudes at the door. Our Members lose interest if they are constantly seeing arguments or bickering at meetings. This issue has been brought to the attention of the 18th District Leadership and we would like these problems to not continue. We as the 18th District are here to advise your Post and not to run your Post or solve all your issues. Please try to resolve issues in a civil manner. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

In Comradeship,
Manuel E. Vital
Judge Advocate 18th District
Department Sgt-At-Arms



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. P-790

DISTRICT 18 Commander IRVIN FLORES (AREA 6)

Department of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1/27/2023

| POST | Name | City | New | PUFL | Members Paid | 1000/DMS Transfers | Total Members | Goal | % |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 10 | South El Monte | South El Monte | 0 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 13 | 22 | 59.09% |
| 13 | Pasadena | Pasadena | 4 | 14 | 54 | 1 | 73 | 105 | 69.52% |
| 30 | Pomona Charles P Rowe | Pomona | 1 | 34 | 80 | 1 | 116 | 170 | 68.24% |
| 44 | Monrovia | Monrovia | 0 | 12 | 50 | 0 | 62 | 70 | 88.57% |
| 75 | La Puente | City of Industry | 0 | 24 | 69 | 1 | 94 | 117 | 80.34% |
| 78 | Keith Powell | Claremont | 2 | 10 | 40 | 1 | 53 | 60 | 88.33% |
| 139 | Alhambra | Alhambra | 6 | 24 | 114 | 1 | 145 | 180 | 80.56% |
| 180 | Canyon City | Azuza | 4 | 25 | 95 | 1 | 125 | 180 | 69.44% |
| 241 | Abraham Lincoln | Baldwin Park | 5 | 8 | 28 | 1 | 42 | 62 | 67.74% |
| 247 | Arcadia | Monrovia | 4 | 25 | 70 | 0 | 99 | 110 | 90.00% |
| 261 | El Monte | El Monte | 6 | 5 | 34 | 0 | 45 | 45 | 100.00% |
| 279 | Temple City | Temple City | 0 | 11 | 30 | 0 | 41 | 45 | 91.11% |
| 280 | East Pasadena | Pasadena | 2 | 40 | 78 | 2 | 122 | 162 | 75.31% |
| 397 | Monterey Park | Monterey Park | 8 | 8 | 26 | 3 | 45 | 52 | 86.54% |
| 431 | Edison | Alhambra | 0 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 16 | 25 | 64.00% |
| 475 | San Dimas - Glendora | Glendora | 0 | 10 | 65 | 1 | 76 | 100 | 76.00% |
| 508 | Borinquen | Baldwin Park | 4 | 14 | 68 | 0 | 86 | 90 | 95.56% |
| 748 | Reyner Aguirre | San Gabriel | 0 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 27 | 40 | 67.50% |
| 755 | Charter Cove | Covina | 1 | 16 | 91 | 1 | 109 | 140 | 77.86% |
| 790 | West Covina | West Covina | 10 | 61 | 150 | 4 | 225 | 275 | 81.82% |
| Total | | | 57 | 359 | 1,178 | 20 | 1,614 | 2,050 | 78.73% |



18th District attends 5TH Area Caucus, Brawley CA



Fifth Area Post Chili Cook-off



Leading Candidates for Department CA Commander & Sgt-At-arms 2023-2024






Around the District



18th District Post Activity Schedules

Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.


SUPER BOWL POTLUCK

JOIN US FOR THE
Food, Fun, and Football!!!

Public event, everyone welcome!
Wear your favorite jersey/shirt

GAME DAY: Sunday 2/12/2023
BAR OPENS AT: 3:30 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 139
24 N. STONEMAN AVE.
ALHAMBRA, CA 91801



AMERICAN LEGION

Corn Hole Tournament

Presented by the Elegant 18th District at
AMERICAN LEGION POST 279



February 4th 2023 Registration 4pm ~awards 6:30



Entry \$10

Food, Drinks, Prizes
Camaraderie



9522 Las Tunas Dr. Temple City, Ca 91780

Point of Contact Sam Cafiero - 18 District 2nd Vice Commander

909-993-7644



**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



**SUPER BOWL LVII
VETERAN'S FUNDRAISER**
TAX ID NUMBER: 82-1385464

**FEB. 12, 2023
1 PM**



**\$10 PULLED PORK MEAL
FULL BAR W/ DRINK SPECIALS
POOL TABLE / DART BOARDS
50/50 DRAWING**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
179 N. VINEDO AVE PASADENA, CA. 91107






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



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION

AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Canyon City American Legion Post 180 - 819 N Loren Ave - Azusa, CA
(626) 334-9938



COME AND SEE US TO FIND OUT WHAT A WATCH FIRE IS!

If your personal, municipal or business flag is worn, tattered, faded, torn or not in perfect condition,
It should be retired and replaced with a new one.

Please bring your flag to American Legion Post 180 for an honorable, proper retirement. All size American Flags accepted.

Saturday, March 25

Food available from 12-5pm

Shredded tri-tip sliders or plate, chili beans and potato salad - \$12 donation

Watch Fire Flag Retirement begins promptly at 2pm.

A LESSON IN AMERICAN HISTORY - ALL WELCOME!

For more information, contact American Legion Post 180 or
18th District Squadron Commander Jesse Bradshaw (626) 533-4772

Department of California - DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6) 2022 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE REPORT

1/27/2023

| Post Information | | | Required by National | | Mandated by California Department By Laws | | | | Best Practice | | Account |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| POST | POST NAME | POST CITY | POST DATA REPORT | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT | CERTIFICATION POST DELEGATES | DELEGATE FEES PAID | POST OFFICER CERTIFICATION | FINANCIAL AUDIT CERTIFICATION | PROCESSES MEMBERSHIP ONLINE | APPROVAL DATE OF BYLAWS | Balance |
| | | | Due 4/15 | Due 6/1 | Due 6/1 | Due 6/1 | Due 6/1 | Due 11/15 | 2021 | 2020 | (Credit)/Owed |
| 10 | South El Monte | South El Monte | 4/13/2022 | ✓ | 6/1/2022 | ✓ | 6/1/2022 | 11/1/2022 | ✓ | 2020 | \$ (6.50) |
| 13 | Pasadena | Pasadena | 4/21/2022 | ✓ | 5/31/2022 | ✓ | 5/31/2022 | 11/4/2022 | ✓ | 2020 | \$ (49.50) |
| 30 | Charles P Rowe | Pomona | 2/8/2022 | ✓ | 5/26/2022 | ✓ | 6/1/2022 | 10/31/2022 | ✓ | 2022 | \$ (23.00) |
| 44 | Monrovia | Monrovia | 8/8/2022 | ✓ | 8/8/2022 | ✓ | 8/8/2022 | 1/17/2023 | ✓ | 1991 | \$ (16.50) |
| 75 | La Puente | City of Industry | 4/6/2022 | ✓ | 8/27/2022 | ✓ | 8/25/2022 | | never used | 2002 | \$ (57.50) |
| 78 | Keith Powell | Claremont | 4/5/2022 | ✓ | 6/15/2022 | ✓ | 6/13/2022 | 10/11/2022 | | 2021 | \$ (69.00) |
| 139 | Alhambra | Alhambra | 2/3/2022 | ✓ | 5/4/2022 | ✓ | 9/7/2022 | 10/11/2022 | never used | 2019 | \$ (46.00) |
| 180 | Canyon City | Azuza | 4/3/2022 | ✓ | 6/3/2022 | ✓ | 6/2/2022 | 10/26/2022 | ✓ | 2007 | \$ (11.50) |
| 241 | Abraham Lincoln | Baldwin Park | 6/14/2022 | ✓ | 6/24/2022 | ✓ | 6/24/2022 | | never used | 2022 | \$ (50.00) |
| 247 | Arcadia | Arcadia | 4/14/2022 | ✓ | 5/20/2022 | ✓ | 5/26/2022 | 8/31/2022 | ✓ | 2019 | \$ (80.00) |
| 261 | El Monte | El Monte | 6/22/2022 | ✓ | 6/22/2022 | ✓ | 7/25/2022 | 7/25/2022 | ✓ | 2022 | \$ (15.00) |
| 279 | Temple City | Temple City | 4/13/2022 | ✓ | 5/4/2022 | ✓ | 5/4/2022 | 10/26/2022 | ✓ | 2022 | \$ (9.00) |
| 280 | East Pasadena | Pasadena | 1/30/2022 | ✓ | 5/25/2022 | ✓ | 5/25/2022 | 10/13/2022 | ✓ | 2022 | \$ (143.00) |
| 397 | Monterey Park | Monterey Park | 6/14/2022 | ✓ | 9/29/2022 | ✓ | 9/29/2022 | 11/15/2022 | ✓ | 1990 | \$ (62.00) |
| 431 | Edison | Alhambra | 4/6/2022 | ✓ | 5/23/2022 | ✓ | 5/23/2022 | 10/21/2022 | ✓ | 2020 | \$ (26.00) |
| 475 | San Dimas - Glendora | Glendora | 3/14/2022 | ✓ | 5/17/2022 | ✓ | 4/27/2022 | 9/20/2022 | ✓ | 2022 | \$ (132.00) |
| 508 | Borinquen | Baldwin Park | 5/3/2022 | ✓ | 6/14/2022 | ✓ | 6/13/2022 | 11/29/2022 | ✓ | 2021 | \$ (18.50) |
| 748 | Reyner Aguirre | San Gabriel | 4/18/2022 | ✓ | 4/18/2022 | ✓ | 4/18/2022 | | never used | 2007 | \$ - |
| 755 | Charter Cove | Covina | 9/29/2022 | ✓ | 9/29/2022 | ✓ | 9/29/2022 | | ✓ | 2020 | \$ (46.00) |
| 790 | West Covina | West Covina | 4/5/2022 | ✓ | 6/23/2022 | ✓ | 6/22/2022 | 11/2/2022 | ✓ | 2021 | \$ (13.00) |

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DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

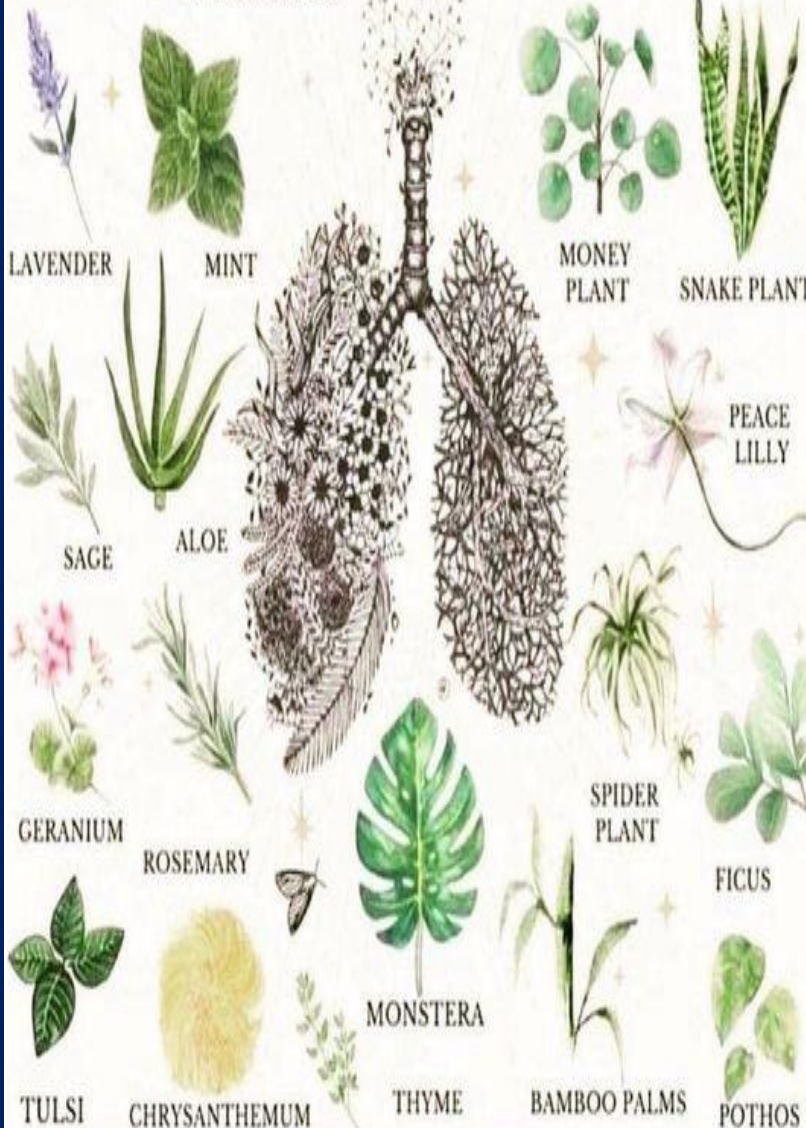
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1/27/2023

| Squadron | Name | City | New | Renewed | Total Members | Goal | % |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----|---------|---------------|------|---------|
| 13 | Pasadena | Pasadena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 30 | Pomana Charles P Rowe | Pomona | 1 | 15 | 16 | 25 | 64.00% |
| 75 | La Puente | City of Industry | 0 | 22 | 22 | 26 | 84.62% |
| 139 | Alhambra | Alhambra | 0 | 30 | 30 | 33 | 90.91% |
| 180 | Canyon City | Azuza | 4 | 39 | 43 | 34 | 126.47% |
| 241 | Abraham Lincoln | Baldwin Park | 0 | 11 | 11 | 29 | 37.93% |
| 280 | East Pasadena | Pasadena | 0 | 15 | 15 | 36 | 41.67% |
| 755 | Charter Cove | Covina | 2 | 40 | 42 | 62 | 67.74% |
| 790 | West Covina | West Covina | 0 | 19 | 19 | 33 | 57.58% |
| Total | | | 7 | 191 | 198 | 278 | 71.22% |

PLANTS to grow indoors for AIR PURIFICATION

#animamundiherbals



Posts, Collect "Helmets for Heroes" Donations



To Present to District Commanders

What PTSD Looks Like:



2023-02-02 – LACC Mtg.
@ Post 30 Pomona

02/08 Boys Scouts
Of America founded 1910

02-
Exct.Bd.Mtg.@P279

02/12 Lincoln's Birthday 1809
Operation homecoming began 1973

02/12 Dist. 18 Exct. Bd. Mtg.

02/14 Valentine's Day

02/18 District meeting
@ P-139 Four Chaplains Program

02/20 President's Day

02/19 U.S. Marines
Landed in Iwo Jima 1945



Four Chaplains



President's Day



The Voice of Elegance
District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION
 P.O. Box 5256
 El Monte, CA 91734



Wish to receive the District
 newsletter by Email, please notify
 Editor Auggie G. at
age69vet@verizon.net

DISTRICT MEETING Saturday 18 February, 2023
Post-139 Alhambra, @ 7:30 p.m.





American Legion Department
Veterans Affairs



Get Your By-Laws In for a Chance to WIN!!

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 Award will be \$1000.00, payable to the General Fund of the winning Post.



POST BYLAWS INCENTIVE PROGRAM Constitution and Bylaws Commission, DOC

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The Award 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 and attached to the approved Bylaws.
- Posts with a certification date on or after January 1st, 2019, will be automatically entered for the Drawing (They will not need to submit an update).
- Current, Updated or Rewritten Bylaws must be submitted in Word or PDF format to bylaws@calegion.org no later than May 1st, 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 15th, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: All Posts are required to submit their Bylaws to the Constitution and Bylaws Commission every seven years or sooner (2016 or older) for review. You can either update the ones you have or write a new set. Resources to help empower you to do this are available on the Department website at <https://calegion.org/bylaws-and-resolutions/>. The date is based on the approval date on the Department Approval Sheet attached to your Bylaws. Copies of your current Bylaws can be found at <https://calegion.org/current-bylaws/>. You can email questions and submissions to bylaws@calegion.org.

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

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

BETHEONE.ORG



Broaden your horizons and join The American Legion on Cloud 9

"The American Legion Department of California is pleased to announce that we've worked with Google to provide free training for its **cloud services to veterans**. To take advantage of this free training for Google Cloud Services, you must be a member of The American Legion Family, 18 years of age, and committed to completing this self-paced program in 6 months.

For more information, check out the website below and contact Autrey James or Roberto C. Arnold to enroll:

<https://calegion.org/google-cloud-training/>

Roberto C. Arnold's Email: roberto@mballiance.org