



Irvin Flores
Commander 2022 - 2023
The Elegant 18th District



Dear 18th District:

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We had a Very rough winter and We've Finally made it to spring! Just remember that no matter what You are going through, it could be the most challenging situation, but I always want You to remember that Winter will Always Turn to Spring (Things Will Always Get Better)! I'm Happy to say that Most of California is not in a drought and even though this is a time of Celebration We must remember to conserve water!

Thank You to all the Post Events and activities! You All know the kind of person that I am, that if I am Invited, I show Up! We had an Outstanding 4 Chaplains Ceremony at Alhambra Post 139! We had an Outstanding Saint Patrick Day Meal for Our last 18th District Meeting at Pomona Post 30! Another Outstanding Ceremony was on Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023, a Flag Burning Ceremony was conducted at Azusa Post 180! Also, the West Covina Post 790 had a Nice event hosting the Auxiliary National President Vickie Koutz! I also appreciate El Monte Post 261 conducting the Paint and Fun with Instructor Luis Vela! Thank You to Temple City Post 279 for always making your Post available for other Posts that can host events! The last 2 Cornhole Events were held at Temple City Post 279, Thank You! Also Thank You to All the events from all Posts, American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons Of The American Legion, Legion Riders, Bike ride at Post 280, all Auxiliary Breakfast Contributions to Military Families at 29 Palms and Fort Irwin and all other activities and events! I would like to say Sorry if I forgot to mention a Post or a Post event in my letter! We have so many activities and events that sometimes It's hard to attend all the events and We have Our Fellow Legionnaires representing the Elegant 18th District in All Events!

The German Author Hermann Hesse (1877- 1962) writes that the more one matures, the younger one grows. And certainly, there are many people who, as they age, become increasingly vigorous and energetic, more broad-minded and tolerant, living with a greater sense of freedom and assurance. It is Important to remember that aging and growing old are not necessarily the same thing.

Please continue to stay safe and take good care of your health and each other!

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Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



Hello Legion Family,

Spring is upon us and it's a time of reflection and renewal. It is important that we all invest time in and at our Posts for that purpose. Making things better than the way we found them has always been a key tenet of the military service, so looking around our Posts to make improvements and to create an environment that is warm and inviting is always a paramount concern. With that said, boosting membership and membership renewals exists as an essential element in perpetuating the Legion and making it better! All members are asked to join their Post leaders in at least one day of phone calling to members who have not renewed their memberships as of the month of April. Please reach out to me for a script and any questions you might have with respect to this. Also, please use and circulate this membership join and renewal link to all your stakeholders:

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

All the best to you and yours for a blessed Passover and Easter! 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 2nd Vice,
Sam Cafiero



Hello legion family,

Hello everyone, as we move into April let us hope that the Showers don't follow making April Showers a reality. knock on wood.

This month we will be at Post 279 Temple city for Corn Hole Tournament on *April 8th from 2-4pm*. We have medals and Special prizes for 1st and 2nd places. There will be drinks, food and prizes. Like previous months I will have photos available for those that come out. In June the Winner will take home the 2023 District 18 Corn Hole Tournament Trophy.

March 17-19 attended the California American Legion College that was held at American Legion Post 43 Hollywood. Jam backed days of knowledge from some of our Department Leadership. Attended Pomona Post 30 Fundraiser and Membership drive. There had a great show of support from our American Legion Family. Met with Legion family members came out from 18 District as well as Legion family members outside our District.

March 25th the 18th District Sons of the American Legion held a Flag retirement ceremony at Azusa Post 180

Samuel Cafiero- 2nd Vice Commander
Elegant 18 District



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 Officers & Volunteers General & Executive Board Meetings
Their devotion is beyond reproach as they work for the benefit of our Veterans in the American Legion



ALA -Unit 30
Served a fantastic meal
Visited and assisted by Unit 261
President

The District 18 Meeting was a
successful assembly, business
was discussed for D.E.C.





Article V, Section 13: *proposed Department By-Laws changes at D.E.C. for ratification*

Section 13. **All When holding elections, for opposed positions shall be by secret ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be required for the election of Commander and Vice-Commanders. The other elected officers, if any, may be elected by a plurality vote as the Post may determine. If Secret ballots are used, they shall be retained for thirty (30) days by the Post Adjutant. When only one person is nominated for a position, the Post Commander shall have the right to declare that person to be elected by acclamation.**

At the CALC, discussed about adding a line for declaring a position filled by acclamation at a Post election. C & B Commissioner added that as well.

FYI: your Department Constitution & By-laws Commission have been diligently working monthly on many changes, corrections and movements of sentences and paragraphs to the proper Articles section.



Comments from the Scribe
Jr. past 18th Dist. Cmdr.



Members and Officers, the year has come and almost gone for this tenure and it is time to contemplate your Leadership to continue or consider new? You, the members in good standing, loyal cohorts, considerate for the health & welfare to our Veteran community, supportive and concern for the advancement & ventures to continue in service for the American Legion Family and the Veteran community!

Have you thought about becoming a Candidate for Leadership office in your Post or District? April is normally the month for 1st Nomination of Officers and May is 2nd Nominations & Election of Officers, join this distinguished group of leaders that work for the benefit of their members, your post and recognition for all Veterans...

DISTRICT 18 Commander IRVIN FLORES (AREA 6)

Department of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2/24/2023

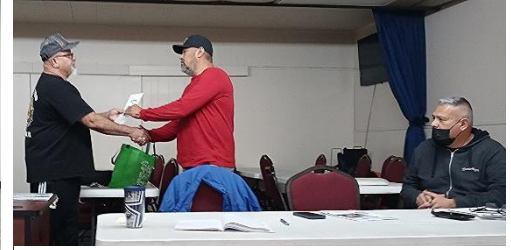
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	2	10	1	13	22	59.09%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	4	14	56	1	75	105	71.43%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	3	34	87	1	125	170	73.53%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	12	50	0	62	70	88.57%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	24	70	1	95	117	81.20%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	3	10	45	1	59	60	98.33%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	7	24	117	1	149	180	82.78%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	5	25	101	1	132	180	73.33%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	5	8	29	1	43	62	69.35%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	6	25	70	0	101	110	91.82%
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	80	2	124	162	76.54%
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	69	1	80	100	80.00%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	4	14	70	0	88	90	97.78%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	14	13	0	27	40	67.50%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	1	16	92	1	110	140	78.57%
790	West Covina	West Covina	10	61	157	4	232	275	84.36%
Total			64	359	1,219	20	1,662	2,050	81.07%

18th District Posts programs Post 261 / Post 755 / Post 790

ALA Post 261 El Monte
Art & Paint fundraiser program



Danny Smith Richard Darkhorse Cris Molina Richard Jaime, Jr Bob Negri
Secretary Director Area 6 ALR Installer Vice Director Treasurer
Not pictured: John Woods, Sgt at Arms; Installed by phone
American Legion Riders Chapter 755 Installation: 3-5-2023



Post 790 Commander presents special award
For most volunteer service to community & veterans

18th District Post 180 flag retirement program 03/25/202318th District Representatives & Dept. Officers attend Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program WhittierDo you remember these past Elegant 18th District Officers transferred to Post Everlasting



Around the District



18th District Post Activity Schedules

Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



Don't Be Fooled!
Come Join the Fun!
Quartermania
Saturday, April 1

American Legion
Post 241
4725 Maine Ave
Baldwin Park 91706

\$20 Pre-sale / \$25 at the door
Incl. Bidding Paddle, Raffle Ticket and Lunch

Doors Open 11:30 AM
First Bid 1:00 PM

Shopping, Bidding, Raffles 50/50 and so much more!
Grab your quarters and a friend, we will explain the rest!

- Tickets Contact -
Melissa Wagner - 626-419-2831
grace4melissa@gmail.com



AMERICAN LEGION POST 280

Welcomes Families & Friends
To Sunday Brunch
April 2nd - 9am to 11am

Eggs, Sausage,
Potatoes, Bacon,
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit

Donation \$12.00

CANTINA OPEN

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



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

Auxiliary Hosting



American Legion
East Pasadena Post 280

Invites you to **JOIN US** for a

Pig Roast

Saturday, April 15th - 4pm to 7pm
(or until we run out of pig)

Pulled Pork & Sausage Links
Baked Beans, Corn, Coleslaw & Roll
Coffee & Desserts included
To go orders available

179 N. Vinado Ave
Pasadena, CA 91107

Donation:
\$14 Adults
\$10 Kids under 12

All proceeds go to Building Improvement Fund

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 790

Quartermania

SATURDAY
APRIL 29TH

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

***PRESALE TICKETS \$20.00 (LUNCH INCLUDED)**
\$25 AT THE DOOR

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM FOR LUNCH
QUARTERMANIA STARTS AT 1:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION
330 N AZUSA AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91791



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...



Honor your hero. Be a hero. **Donate blood.**



American Legion Post 280 Community Blood Drive

Held in Legion Hall
179 N Vinedo Ave
Pasadena, CA 91107

**Friday, April 14, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code "LEGION", or contact American Legion representative Jr. Duarte at 626-592-3842.

Your single donation can help save up to 3 people!

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

redcrossblood.org | 1-800 RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 Download the Blood Donor App today!

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VLI LEGAL CLINIC



**Veterans Legal Institute and VA Long Beach
are proud to offer a monthly legal clinic
to assist with the following:**

- Vietnam Veterans-disability claims associated with Agent Orange Exposure
- Veterans with burn pit exposure
- All other VA disability benefits appeals
- Family law matters
- Discharge upgrades
- Housing legal issues

Please note that all veterans must complete the online application found on www.vetslegal.org prior to attending the clinic (at the beginning of the description of your matter, type ("VA LONG BEACH CLINIC APPOINTMENT REQUESTED.") For assistance on filling out the application, please call Veterans Legal Institute at (714) 884-4421.

Appointment times are from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**BUILDING 165
CONFERENCE ROOM C209B
5901 E. 7TH ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90822
2023 CLINIC DATES**

Jan. 13 (01/13) Feb. 3 (02/3)
Mar. 3(03/3) Apr. 7 (04/7) May 5 (05/5)

***Bring a copy of your DD214 if you have it available.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY'S 1st ANNUAL MILITARY AND VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

**SATURDAY | APRIL 6, 2013
9 a.m.–2 p.m.**
AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
WEST CAMPUS LAWN | 701 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. | AZUSA, CA 91702
"Providing those who have served with what they deserve"

Target Beneficiaries:

- Newly transitioning active-civilian service members.
- Families with deployed parents.
- Military families that have kids attending K-12 schools.
- Veterans seeking higher education.
- Veterans seeking employment.

Employers

- Race Point Memorial Park
- Veterans Green Jobs

Education

- CBT College
- Glenn College-Veteran Center
- The Art Institute
- Everett College Phoenix
- University of Phoenix
- APU Graduate Programs
- APU Non-Programs
- APU Undergraduate Programs
- East San Gabriel Valley ROP/TC
- TELACU Veterans Upward Bound
- New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Southern California

Services

- Veteran Affairs
- Vet Center
- Project VETS
- Advisors of America
- CareMore Health Plan
- Serene Haven Inc.
- APU Community Counseling Center
- California Mental Health Connection
- US Army's Soldier for Life

ATTENTION!!

- MUST BRING DD214 for assistance in processing
- VA benefits claim

Assemblyman
Leo Cárdenas

Congresswoman
Grace Napolitano

Senator
Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D.

EMPLOYERS AND VETERAN RESOURCES STILL NEEDED!!!

Other

- First National Credit Union
- Rose Hills Memorial Park
- First Trust Real Estate & Mortgage
- Chase Bank
- Union Bank

VISIT: WWW.SGVVEC.ORG
AND CLICK
COMMUNITY PARTNER REGISTRATION
(Under the **EVENTS** tab) **TO SIGN UP!!!**

Don't miss a great opportunity to "Network" with service providers...

Special Thanks to:

Brought to you by:

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 626-915-4023 (voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.

For more information, please contact Jason L. Jones
Office of Military and Veteran Resources
Phone: (626) 815-4631/4603 or Email: mvr@apu.edu

Maximize Your VA Benefits

Services Related To:

- ☐ PTSD
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Tinnitus
- ☐ Hearing Loss
- ☐ Sleep Apnea





ALA National Auxiliary President visits 18th District Hosted by Unit 790 West Covina



The Elegant 18th District San Gabriel Valley Area

SATURDAY, 6-11 PM
MAY 20, 2023
MUSICAL
MEMORIAL DAY

FUNDRAISER FOR VETERANS AND FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES
501(c)3 www.bluejacket.foundation
American Legion Post 280—179 N Vinado Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107
\$10 entry at the door—all ages welcome
LIVE MUSIC —FOOD—DRINKS—GAMES—RAFFLES—FUN

Post Administrative Compliance Calendar

Compliance with Department of California and government reporting deadlines shows good post leadership. Posts failing to submit department reports on time will be placed on probation until submission has been verified by the Department Adjutant.



Government Reports

The following government agencies have ongoing mandatory reporting requirements for California nonprofits;

- The IRS
- California Secretary of State
- California Franchise Tax Board and
- California Attorney

Failure of posts to maintain administrative compliance with federal and state agencies is a big problem and can be very costly. Visit the [Government Reports](#) page on the department website for details.

Key Department Reporting Dates

April 15 - Post Data Report

<https://calegion.org/legion-report-forms/>

April – June Annual Post Officer Elections

June 1 – Department Mandatory Post Report Forms

[\(https://calegion.org/legion-report-forms/\)](https://calegion.org/legion-report-forms/)

Consolidated Post Report (CPR), Due June 1 (National requirement.)

Certification of Convention Delegates, Due June 1

Certification of Post Officers, Due June 1




November 15 - Certification of Financial Audit

[\(https://calegion.org/legion-report-forms/\)](https://calegion.org/legion-report-forms/)



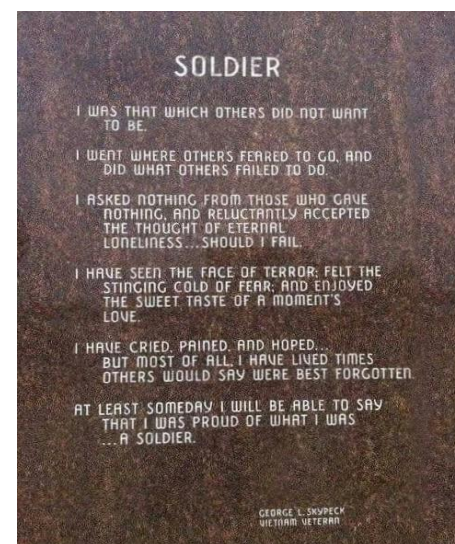
April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		National Volunteer Month				1 P-241 Fndrsr. Qtr. mania 1p.m.
2 P280 Brunch <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3	4	5 Passover <i>Begins</i>	6	7 LACC Mtg.P279 <i>Good Friday</i> 755-SAL Fish-Fry	8
9 Easter	10 Dist. 18 Mtg. <i>Exct.Bd. @ P180</i>	11 Persian Gulf War cease fire 1991	12	13 Passover <i>ends</i>	14 D18 Blood Drive @ P280	15 P-280 Fndrsr <i>Pig Roast 4-7</i> Tax Day
16	17	18	19 LACC Bd.Mtg. <i>Patriotic Hall</i>	20	21 Dist. 18 Mtg. <i>@ P-180</i>	22
23	24 Administrative <i>Profess. Day</i>	25	26	27	28 Holocaust <i>Remembrance day</i>	29 D.E.C. <i>Bakersfield</i> Ortr.Mania @P790
30 D.E.C. <i>Bakersfield</i>						

The Voice of Elegance

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El Monte, CA 91734



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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday 21 APRIL, 2023
Post-180 Azusa, @ 7:30 p.m.





American Legion Elegant 18th District
past District Commanders & past District Presidents (2nd half of list)



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 Burkhart
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
Clarence E. Garis	★		1971-72	(U-436)		Marylynn Corneggia
Harold "Budd" Garretson	★		1970-71			Winifred Frater
Peter J. Scharwzrk	★		1969-70		★	Ruth Curtis
William Greenfield	★		1968-69		★	Wilma Scharwark
Walter Martinez	★	(P-508)	1967-68		★	Gladys Hammack
Louis Goichochea	★		1966-67	(U-436)		Doris Estrada