



Irvin Flores
Commander 2022 - 2023
The Elegant 18th District



Dear 18th District:

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We will have 2nd Nominations and Elections during Our next 18th District General Meeting on Friday, May, 19, 2023!

Every Post representative (Commander, 1st Vice and everybody else)

6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Meeting Begins

Meeting location:
El Monte Post 261
4542 Peck Road
El Monte, CA. 91732

Be There!

Irvin Flores
Commander
18th District
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626 235 4138



National Poppy Day[®]
is May 26 this year!



SATURDAY MAY 13 2023
Mother's and Father's Day
Celebration Event
6:30 PM To 11:30 PM

Phil Robinson
Y SU SONORA PÁ GOSÁ

\$35 **DINNER & DANCING**
Dress to impress Free parking
Best drinks specials in town

Table Reservation :
657 - 459 - 6053 Benny Garcia / 909 - 762 - 8520 Phil Robinson

Borinquen Post 508

4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. Baldwin Park CA 91706

DJ Papo
Luis Enrique R.



Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



Hello Legion Family,

Thank you for making this a productive year for District 18! Commander Flores had guided us to a good place. We all need to stay the course and build upon his hard work in the months to come. The main goal he emphasized for me to work on, was to boost membership. I'm happy to say we improved on our membership goal to be ranked 15 out of 30 in the Department of California. At this time last year, we were ranked 29 out of the 30 Districts. Thanks to you all for this significant accomplishment and let's keep going! Please share this link with all your stakeholders for the purpose of getting membership renewals and new recruits:

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

I am hoping to continue serving District 18 as the Commander in July. I would greatly appreciate your support in that endeavor and I would be glad to hear from you with respect to any suggestions you have for the good of the District moving forward.

Take care and may God bless our Mothers as we honor them this month!

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,

Samuel Cafiero- 2nd Vice Commander
Elegant 18 District

We don't know what tomorrow will bring. So don't stay mad for too long. Learn to forgive and love with all your heart. Don't worry about people who don't like you. Enjoy the ones who love you.



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 dedication to our Members in the American Legion & family Auxiliary in service to all Veterans.



Delicious meal and dessert by the ladies of Unit 180



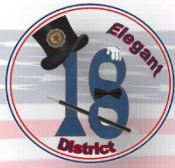
Well fellow Members'
18th District held its Nomination
of Officers April 21 @ P-180
Want to know who they are?

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



Aux. member Christine Evans, addressing the meeting





1st Nomination of Officers held 04/14/2023:

Commander: Neil LaSala Irvin Flores

1st Vice : Sam Cafiero Joe Mercier Allen Rodriguez

2nd Vice: Sam Cafiero Allen Rodriguez Joe Mercier

Executive Committee:

Ed Barlow Al Mora, Allen Rodriguez, JR Duarte, Joe Mercier
Scott Fowler Manny Vital Wayne Lunde Gil Ramos

National Delegate: Richie Santos Scott Sinclair JR Duarte

LACC Vice Commander: Irvin Flores



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



Have you thought about becoming a Candidate for Leadership officer in your Post or District? This month will be the 2nd Nomination and Election of Officers, join this distinguished group of leaders that work for the benefit of their members, and your post for all Veterans. Be the One to take on the gavel of leadership & recognition to all Legionnaires.

There are so many great Veterans & Members in this District that even I might run for an office or even the LACC? The one that can and should run for LACC Commander is the current ending district term commander Irving Flores, he actually reads all information and looks up what is important in our Legion business, or past Commander Ralph Larriva any member in good standing is eligible... C U @ the 18th District meeting in El Monte Post 261, Friday 19 May 2023.

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)										
Department of California - 2022 DELEGATE STRENGTH REPORT									5/12/2022	
POST	Name	City	Post Total	Auto Assigned Delegates	Member Based Delegates	Post Delegate Strength	Post Alternate Strength	Delegates in their own right	Name, Role	Total Votes
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	13	2	0	2	2		<div>18th District Delegate Strength Report as dated above is the last date on file as per recent department website notice today.</div> <div>Just waiting for this year update, till department releases their update next month for June convention.</div> <div>There are only three, (2) post on probation, one (1) on suspension, they know who they are as soon as they comply with their reports, Department will automatically take them off. except suspension.</div>	2
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	94	2	2	4	4			4
30	Charles P Rowe	Pomona	164	2	3	5	5			5
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	66	2	1	3	3			3
75	La Puente	City of Industry	114	2	2	4	4			4
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	55	2	1	3	3			3
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	167	2	3	5	5			5
180	Canyon City	Azusa	155	2	3	5	5			5
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	54	2	1	3	3			3
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	106	2	2	4	4			4
261	El Monte	El Monte	40	2	1	3	3			3
279	Temple City	Temple City	45	2	1	3	3			3
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	159	2	3	5	5			5
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	36	2	1	3	3			3
431	Edison	Alhambra	23	2	0	2	2			2
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	95	2	2	4	4			4
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	78	2	2	4	4			4
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	37	2	1	3	3			3
755	Charter Cove	Covina	130	2	3	5	5			5
790	West Covina	West Covina	255	2	5	7	7	1		8
Total			1886	40	37	77	77	1		78

18th District Posts programs Claremont Post 078 Meeting 04/05/2023

Camilla sharing all her oratorical experiences while speaking at the Post 78 General Meeting 4-5-2023



Post 78 Claremont

18th District attends Change of Command @ USAR S. El Monte 04/22/202318th District Jr. past Cmdr. Auggie Galaviz, Area 6 Vice Cmdr. JR Duarte, Dept. Sgt.-At-Arms Manny Vital attended.18th District Represented @ West Covina Post Office dedication for past Congressman Esteban Torres 04/14/2023Do you remember these past Elegant 18th District Officers transferred to Post Everlasting

Robert Hernandez

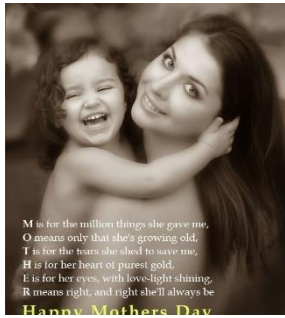


Julian Potter

Elegant 18th District Past Commanders in last seven yearsIrvin Flores
2022-2023Auggie Galaviz
2021-2022Dave Whalen
2020-2021

Dkt. 18 Commander Scott Sinclair

Ralph Larriva
2018-2019JR Duarte
2017-2018Manny Vital
2016-2017



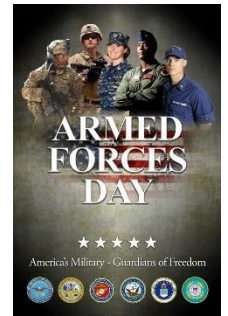
Around the District



18th District Post Activity Schedules



Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



**American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 180 invites
you to:**

**Come Celebrate
Cinco De Mayo with us**


Music by DJ Marcy 5pm to close
Serving Shredded Beef tacos with rice & beans
from 5pm - 8pm (or until we sell out)
\$10.00 a plate

We will be having raffles and opportunity
drawings

MAY 5TH **819 N. LOREN AVE. AZUSA, CA.** **FROM 4-8PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
Welcomes Families & Friends
to Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale**

MAY 7th - 9am to 11:00am



Kids under 12
Eat Free

Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo and Eggs,
Sausage, Potatoes, Bacon,
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit
Donation \$12.00
Eggs made to order, **Donation \$14.00**

Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 280
179 N. Vinado Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107

May 7th **NOON to 7pm**

CINCO DE MAYO


Adults \$10 Kids \$5

Mariachis at 4pm Band/DJ at noon

MAYO

Enchiladas, rice, and beans.
Serving until food runs out.

At
American Legion Post 139
24 N. Stoneman Ave. Alhambra,
CA 91801



Memorial Day is only once a year but our gratitude is endless.

Please join us as we honor this special holiday.

Memorial Day
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 | 11:00 AM
OAKDALE MEMORIAL PARK & MORTUARY
1401 S. Grand Avenue
Glendora, California 91740

Guest Speaker, Pledge of Allegiance, Twenty One Gun Salute, Fly over Condor Squadron, Food.

OAKDALE MEMORIAL PARK
GLEN DORA
626-691-2000

OAKDALE MORTUARY
OAKDALE MEMORIAL PARK
GLEN DORA
626-691-2000

Every Detail Remembered™ | Dignity



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...



DODGER MONDAY AT POST 241!!

COME DOWN MAY 1ST FOR THE DODGER GAME

AGAINST THE PHILLIES

ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 241

4725 MAINE ST, BALDWIN PARK

GAME STARTS AT 7:00 PM

**DODGER DOGS
AND PHILLY CHEESE STEAKS
FOR \$8.00 EACH WITH CHIPS!!**

Enjoy the game and enjoy the...



AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 261

PAINT N' FUN

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
11:00 AM

JOIN US IN CREATING ONE OF A KIND
PAINTINGS. STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PAINTERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS.

ART INSTRUCTOR : LUIS VELA

\$40 per person

Includes: all materials, 2 mimosas and snacks

Reserve your spot now with Gabby Ramos at
(626)261-2375 or Gabriella.aux@gmail.com


American Legion Post 261

4542 N Peck Rd

El Monte, CA


DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM









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 Vinedo Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107
\$10 entry at the door—all ages welcome
LIVE MUSIC—FOOD—DRINKS—GAMES—RAFFLES—FUN



**Kathryn
BARGER**
3rd District Supervisor • County of Los Angeles








25th Annual Tribute to Veterans & Military Families

Saturday, May 27, 2023
Arcadia County Park • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As we celebrate 25 years of this family tradition, join us
for a ceremony honoring veterans, resource fair,
equipment displays, food trucks, live music,
and lots of family fun!

Bring a copy of your DD-214 to get assistance
accessing federal and state benefits.
Admission and parking are free.



PAST COMMANDERS CLUB PCC Outpost 18



What is this? Another group within a group?

NO', they are your Post past Commanders still serving, as Mentors, advisors and special programs fundraising for the good of the Legion and your Post as well as District.

Past Post Commanders/District Commanders are all eligible to join the group of experienced leaders, that care and want to help to be of service to their progressive leadership, and, as advisors can teach & direct these officers to the proper channels of your By-laws. If ever in need of guidance and assistance the PCC can help your post back to compliance.



Who are these, Officers? 2020 Past Commanders from our Various Posts out of the Elegant 18th District. Join & support your Leadership Team



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP PAST COMMANDERS' CLUB OF CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED



I, _____ Phone _____
a member in good standing in _____ Post # _____
District 18, The American Legion, Department of CA, having served as Commander of
Post # _____, District # 18, Department of CA for the year(s) _____
hereby renew my application for membership in the Past Commanders' Club of California.
Signed _____ American Legion # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ PCC Card # _____ for 20 _____
Attest, Outpost Secretary _____
Outpost 18 Dues \$ 10.00



The Elegant 18th District San Gabriel Valley Area



Remembering our POW's & MIA's

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/)



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 P-280 Breakfast P-139 CincoDeMayo	1 Post-508 Dinner-Dance	2	3	4	5 LACC Mtg.P252 Cinco @ P-180 De Mayo @ P-790	6 .
7 P-280 Breakfast P-139 CincoDeMayo	8 Dist. 18 Mtg. Exct.Bd. @ P261 VE-Day 1945	9	10 Mental Health Awareness Week	11	12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	13
14 Mothers Day	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17 LACC Bd.Mtg. Patriotic Hall	18	19 Dist. 18 Mtg. @ P-261 Election Officers	20  ARMED FORCES DAY
21 .	22 Maritime Day	23	24	25	26  National Poppy Day Is May 26 this year!	27 Vets & Family @ Arcadia Park D18 Booth
28	29 Memorial Day	30  HONOR VETERANS	31 .	National Foster Care month		

The Voice of Elegance

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



DISTRICT MEETING Friday 19 MAY, 2023
Post-261 El Monte, @ 7:30 p.m.

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





American Legion Elegant 18th District
Administrative Compliance Report & SAL Membership Report



In the first row Posts with empty boxes need to submit your Post Data Report, all other are as noted, reports due before 01 June 2023 to Department and District. **Remember, if no officer change, all reports still need to be submitted.**

Department of California - DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)												4/21/2023
2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE REPORT												
Post Information			Required by National		Mandated by California Department By Laws					Mandatory Every 5 Years		Account
POST	POST NAME	POST CITY	POST DATA REPORT	CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT	CERTIFICATION POST DELEGATES	DELEGATE FEES PAID	POST OFFICER CERTIFICATION	PREVIOUS AUDITS NOT SUBMITTED	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	Past Due	Due 11/15	2021		(Credit)/Owed
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3/22/2023					✓	11/1/2022	✓	2020	\$ (6.50)
13	Pasadena	Pasadena						✓	11/4/2022	✓	2021	\$ (99.00)
30	Charles P Rowe	Pomona	4/14/2023					✓	10/31/2022	✓	2022	\$ (69.00)
44	Monrovia	Monrovia						✓	1/17/2023	✓	1991	\$ (66.00)
75	La Puente	City of Industry						✓	2/13/2023	never used	2002	\$ (11.50)
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	3/20/2023					✓	10/11/2022		2021	\$ (11.45)
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	4/12/2023					✓	10/11/2022	never used	2020	\$ (80.50)
180	Canyon City	Azuza	4/11/2023					✓	10/26/2022	✓	2007	\$ (33.00)
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3/20/2023					✓		never used	2022	\$ (76.00)
247	Arcadia	Arcadia	4/20/2023					✓	8/31/2022	✓	2019	\$ (110.00)
261	El Monte	El Monte						✓	7/25/2022	✓	2022	\$ (25.00)
279	Temple City	Temple City	3/1/2023					✓	10/26/2022	✓	2022	\$ (15.50)
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	3/4/2023					✓	10/13/2022	✓	2022	\$ (19.50)
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	4/18/2023					✓	11/15/2022	✓	1990	\$ (73.50)
431	Edison	Alhambra	4/14/2023					✓	10/21/2022	✓	2020	\$ (26.00)
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	3/20/2023					✓	9/20/2022	✓	2022	\$ (198.00)
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park						✓	11/29/2022	✓	2021	\$ (18.50)
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel						✓		never used	2007	\$ -
755	Charter Cove	Covina	4/7/2023					✓		✓	2020	\$ (138.00)
790	West Covina	West Covina	4/20/2023					✓	11/2/2022	✓	2022	\$ (78.00)

Note: An empty box indicates no submission recorded by Department - Please submit as soon as possible (even if you believe you already have)

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT							4/21/2023
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	3	22	25	25	100.00%
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	7	48	55	34	161.76%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	1	12	13	29	44.83%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	0	17	17	36	47.22%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	4	43	47	62	75.81%
790	West Covina	West Covina	0	35	35	33	106.06%
Total			15	229	244	278	87.77%

I HAVE DONE THINGS THAT HAUNT ME AT NIGHT SO YOU CAN SLEEP IN PEACE

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM MY FAMILY A LONG TIME SO THAT YOURS CAN BE SAFE

I HAVE SACRIFICED A LOT IN MY LIFE SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE FREE

I HAVE DONE THESE THINGS BECAUSE I HAVE SWORN AN OATH TO MY COUNTRY

AND I WILL LIVE BY THIS OATH UNTIL THE DAY I DIE BECAUSE I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE A U.S. VETERAN