

Irvin Flores
Commander 2022 - 2023
The Elegant 18th District



Dear 18th District

I has been an Honor being Your 18th District Commander!

Thank You Very Much for Giving Me this Opportunity!

Hope You are All Having a Great Day when You receive this letter!

We at the 18th District believe in proper planning! After reviewing information with Our Judge Advocate Manny Vital (Also Dept. Sgt. At Arms and Past 18th Dist Comm.) and having a conversation with 1st Vice Commander Neil La Sala, and 2nd Vice Commander Samuel Cafiero a decision was made on Our Meetings for next month (June,2023)! We also ran it by East Pasadena Post 280 and They agreed!

There is No Membership Meeting on June 16th!

If You Are Reading this, You Are All Invited!

We are conducting Our Ceremonies in One Day, June, 10, 2023:

- 1) 18th District Installation at 3pm**
- 2) Dinner at 4pm**
- 3) Honoring Our Past Commanders and Past Presidents Ceremony**

Once Again, You are All Invited!

Ceremonies will all be at the same location:

Location:

**East Pasadena Post 280
179 North Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, California, 91107**

It's about time for Us to Start conducting Our Mandatory

Past Commanders and Past Presidents Ceremony (temporarily suspended during covid.)

I'm Really Looking Forward to Seeing Each and Everyone of You!

Irvin Flores-Commander 18th District

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The Elegant 18th District Information booth 27 May 2023 Arcadia County Park
@ County Supervisor's "Veterans & their Families" Memorial Holiday weekend program





Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



Hello Legion Family,

The last year has been truly one of accomplishment! One year ago we were ranked 29 out of 30 with respect to achieving our District 18 membership goal. As of today, we are ranked 15 out of 30 because of your hard work to boost enthusiasm for our beloved Legion! The tenets of this organization have stood the test of time and we need to perpetuate them as did those who came before us. Service to the community can never be underestimated and with that said, we continue to serve and help others in the best way possible even with our military years behind us. Membership renewals and seeking new joins is continuous. Please promulgate our Legion values on a daily basis and share this link with everyone for the specific purpose of keeping the American Legion alive: <https://cadistrict18.org/join-or-renew-membership/>

As summer approaches, we have the American Legion Department of California Convention, Post installations, Independence Day celebrations and other camaraderie building activities taking place. To each and every one of you, please be safe and please take the time to share with outsiders the things we do for our community. Blood drives, Boy's and Girl's State, Oratorical Program and Homeless Veterans Outreach are only a few of the ways we help others. Let's keep the spirit up in order to keep our Legion going strong!

Semper Fidelis,

- District 18 Installation/Post 280 Installation, **June 10, 2023, 1300-1600**
- (Past Commander's Ceremony) -Legion, Aux and SAL dinner will be served at Post 280
- District 18 E-board Meeting, **June 12, 2023, 1930 at Post 280**

Neil T. La Sala-18th District 1st Vice Commander
American Legion Department of California
Post 280 Commander
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**From the desk of 2nd Vice,
Sam Cafiero**

Hello American Legion Family,

We are moving along into June which has a couple important dates. June 21st is the official start of summer June 23rd is the start of the Department of California Convention in Visalia California. There are plenty of events going on after the daily Convention schedule. We will be staying at the Lamp Lighter Inn. I am in charge of the Hospitality room this year and it will be amazing. We have a snacks, food drinks DJ, games and Corn Hole.

Also June 3rd we will have Corn Hole tournament at Post 280 East Pasadena from 12pm - 2pm, Plenty of parking address is 179 N. Vinedo St, Pasadena, Ca 91107

Samuel Cafiero-2nd Vice Commander
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Elegant 18 District
1st Vice Commander
American Legion Post 30



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

Corn Hole Tournament

**Presented by the Elegant 18th District at
American Legion Post 280**



Saturday June 3rd from 12-2pm



ENTRY ~~\$10

Food~Drinks~ Prizes



179 N. Vinedo st, Pasadena, Ca 91107

**Point of contact Samuel Cafiero- 2nd Vice Commander 18D
(909) 993-7644**



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 10, 2023 General Mtg. 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

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



Commander Flores opening 2nd Nominations



1st Vice Larry Rodriguez Commander Ibarra
El Monte Post 261 Officers





Election of Officers held 05/19/2023:

Commander: Neil LaSala Irvin Flores

1st Vice : Sam Cafiero

2nd Vice: Medellin Garcia

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

LACC Executive Committee: Sam Cafiero



Comments from the Scribe



BE THE ONE



CONVENTION - Why Do You' Go To Convention?

There are committeemen whose reports summarize a year's activities and are their sole reason for attending. It is their moment of fame". There are Legion officers who come to be recognized for their year of service-for goals and activities met or failed. There are the "wheelers and dealers" who know everyone, and give their opinions freely. These are the politicians, powerful leaders of the Legion. They come to Convention to parley deal and to identify future leaders.

Now, why do you' go to Convention? Membership, requires salesmanship, how do you convince a Veteran to join an organization their grandfathers started when they are from a generation of individual achievers. Camaraderie an honor to meet the people who made commitments to help the Veteran community...

DISTRICT 18 Commander IRVIN FLORES (AREA 6)

Department of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

5/26/2023

POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	2	2	14	2	20	22	90.91%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	4	14	62	2	82	105	78.10%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	5	34	90	1	130	170	76.47%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	12	54	0	66	70	94.29%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	24	74	1	99	117	84.62%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	4	10	48	1	63	60	105.00%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	11	24	124	1	160	180	88.89%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	7	25	112	1	145	180	80.56%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	8	8	34	1	51	62	82.26%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	6	25	72	0	103	110	93.64%
261	El Monte	El Monte	6	5	38	0	49	45	108.89%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	11	30	0	41	45	91.11%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	6	40	102	2	150	162	92.59%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	8	8	28	3	47	52	90.38%
431	Edison	Alhambra	2	2	15	1	20	25	80.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	1	10	73	1	85	100	85.00%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	6	14	71	0	91	90	101.11%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	14	16	0	30	40	75.00%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	1	16	99	1	117	140	83.57%
790	West Covina	West Covina	13	61	169	4	247	275	89.82%
Total			90	359	1,325	22	1,796	2,050	87.61%



18th District Posts programs Pasadena Post 13 Police & Fire firepersons Awards April 2023



Post-13 First Responders Awards



18th District attends various Post SAL & Auxiliary functions



2023-04 SAL-139 Breakfast Fundraiser

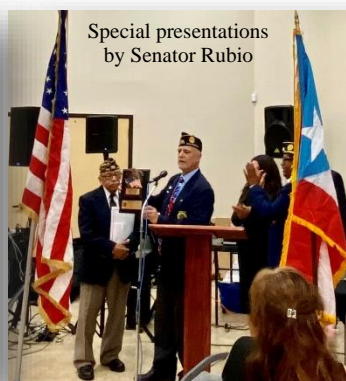


2023-05-05 Auxiliary 180 Cinco De Mayo Party

Post-475 Installation of Officers Glendora District 18 Installation Team 23 May 2023



Borinquen Post 508 past Commanders Dinner 04 April 2023 special guest Senator Susan Rubio



Special presentations
by Senator Rubio



Ralph Carosa
2018-2019



Puerto Rican dinner
at Post 508



Around the District

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18th District Post Activity Schedules

Verify with the listed Posts for times and costs.



U.S. Army Birthday
6/14/1776

6th Area Caucus Hosted by Post 280 / Elegant 18th District



Candidate Dept. Cmdr. John Aldridge



Candidate Dept. Sgt. At Arms Jeff Jewell



Excellent spaghetti dinner prepared by Post 280 Auxilliary



Dep't Historian Fred Shacklett addressing Area 6 Caucus 5-20-2023



Ted Fife from District 18 giving Area 6 Finance report



Auggie Galaviz and Dep't Historian Fred Shacklett enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner together.

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...

TENTATIVE AGENDA Dept. Convention

June 21:

- 2 PM: Credentials Meeting (District Secretaries)

June 22:

- Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting
- Convention Committee Meetings

June 23:

- District Caucus
- Opening Session: 104th Department Convention

June 24:

- District Caucus
- 104th Convention Reconvenes

June 25:

- District Caucus
- Closing Session: 104th Department Convention
- Post-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

Event Location: Visalia Convention Center
 303 E Acequia Ave
 Visalia, CA 93291



The American Legion Department of California Convention June 22 – 25 Visalia, California

Post Officers, Members, SAL, Riders-Why do you go to Convention?
 When people gather together for a common reason,
 it is assumed that everyone attending is there for the same reason.
 If you ask Legionnaires why they go to Convention,
 you will get a variety of responses:

Remember, this annual event where as an officer and Legionnaire, reports that have been timely filed are recorded in department, documented and submitted to national under the 501 c 19 requirements of Veteran organizations post's programs that have been completed and submitted.

This in part lets I.R.S. and our congress know how diligent and concerned we, as Veterans voluntarily work for our Veteran community's and their families through this organization as Veterans Still Serving America.





PAST COMMANDERS CLUB PCC Outpost 18



Past Commanders – Mentors Knowledgeable Advisors

Your Post past Commanders still serving, as Mentors, advisors and special programs fundraising projects for the good of the Legion and your Post as well as District.

Past Post Commanders/District Commanders are all eligible to join this group of experienced leaders-PCC Elections: President - Irvin Flores
1st Vice - JR Duarte / 2nd Vice - Medellin Garcia
Secretary - Scott Sinclair / Treasurer - Ted Fife / Chaplain - Gil Ramos
Sergeant-at-Arms - Manny Vital / Executive Committee - Richie Santos,
Domingo ALmanzar / State Board - Auggie Galaviz
Next meeting will be June 20th @ Reyner Aguirre Post 748 @ 7:00pm



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



LACC (Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion)



DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)										
Department of California - 2023 DELEGATE STRENGTH REPORT									5/18/2023	
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	19	2	0	2	2	2	Manuel Vital (DSAA) JR Duarte (AVC)	4
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	82	2	2	4	4			4
30	Charles P Rowe	Pomona	130	2	3	5	5			5
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	66	2	1	3	3			3
75	La Puente	City of Industry	98	2	2	4	4			4
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	63	2	1	3	3			3
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	160	2	3	5	5			5
180	Canyon City	Azuza	145	2	3	5	5			5
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	49	2	1	3	3			3
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	103	2	2	4	4			4
261	El Monte	El Monte	49	2	1	3	3			3
279	Temple City	Temple City	41	2	1	3	3			3
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	142	2	3	5	5			5
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	47	2	1	3	3			3
431	Edison	Alhambra	20	2	0	2	2			2
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	85	2	2	4	4	1	Dave Whalen (Chaplain)	5
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	91	2	2	4	4	1	Irvin Flores (C)	5
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	29	2	1	3	3			3
755	Charter Cove	Covina	117	2	3	5	5			5
790	West Covina	West Covina	247	2	5	7	7			7
Total			1783	40	37	77	77	4		81



June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Convention 6/21-25			 Flag Day 1777	1	2 LACC Mtg.	3
4 U.S. Coast Guard Established 1790	5	6 D-Day Allied Invasion Europe 1944	7	8 USS Liberty Attacked 1967	9	10 Dist. 18 Mtg. & Isntl'n. Post & Dist. 18@P280
11	12 Dist. 18 Bd. Mtg. Women Veterans Day	13	14 Flag Day U.S. Army 1775 LACC Bd. Mtg. Patriotic Hall	15	16	17
18 Fathers Day	19	20	21 First Day of Summer PCC Mtg. @P790	22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized 1942 G.I. Bill Law 1944	23	24
25 Korean War Began 1950	26	27 PTSD Awareness Day	28	29	30	

The Voice of Elegance

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Wish to receive the District
newsletter by Email, please notify
Editor Auggie G. at
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DISTRICT MEETING & Installation Saturday 10 JUNE, 2023
Post-280 East Pasadena, @ 1300





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



Remember, if no officer change, all reports still need to be submitted.

Department of California - DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)												5/26/2023
2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE REPORT												
Post Information			Required by National		Mandated by California Department By Laws					Administrative		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	Req Every 7 Yrs	(Credit)/Owed
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3/22/2023					✓	11/1/2022	✓	2020	\$ 13.50
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	5/18/2023			✓		✓	11/4/2022	✓	2021	\$ (59.00)
30	Charles P Rowe	Pomona	4/14/2023	✓				✓	10/31/2022	✓	2022	\$ 38.50
44	Monrovia	Monrovia						✓	1/17/2023	✓	1991	\$ 13.50
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	3/20/2023			✓		✓	10/11/2022		2021	\$ (61.00)
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	4/12/2023	✓	5/16/2023	✓	5/17/2023	✓	10/11/2022	never used	2020	\$ (23.30)
180	Canyon City	Azuza	4/11/2023	✓	5/9/2023		5/9/2023	✓	10/26/2022	✓	2007	\$ 17.00
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3/20/2023					✓		never used	2022	\$ 23.50
247	Arcadia	Arcadia	4/20/2023		5/18/2023		5/18/2023	✓	8/31/2022	✓	2019	\$ 40.00
261	El Monte	El Monte				✓		✓	7/25/2022	✓	2022	\$ (20.00)
279	Temple City	Temple City	3/1/2023	✓	5/1/2023		5/1/2023	✓	10/26/2022	✓	2022	\$ 14.50
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	3/4/2023	✓	5/24/2023	✓	5/24/2023	✓	10/13/2022	✓	2022	\$ (55.50)
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	4/18/2023					✓	11/15/2022	✓	1990	\$ 18.50
431	Edison	Alhambra	4/14/2023	✓	5/18/2023	✓	5/14/2023	✓	10/21/2022	✓	2020	\$ (6.00)
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	3/20/2023	✓	5/21/2023	✓	5/21/2023	✓	9/20/2022	✓	2022	\$ (26.00)
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park		✓				✓	11/29/2022	✓	2021	\$ 15.00
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel						✓		never used	2007	\$ 30.00
755	Charter Cove	Covina	4/7/2023					✓	4/17/2023	✓	2020	\$ 15.50
790	West Covina	West Covina	4/20/2023			✓		✓	11/2/2022	✓	2022	\$ (27.50)

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

Note: Dates indicate last submission received by Department - Please update if any changes of officers occur

Account Balances: Amounts in () are credits and can be used with written notification - Credits over \$100 will be refunded to post by mail

✓ Indicates a new user

✓ Indicates entire column completed in District

LA Department Post Probation/Suspension Report

Posts in **RED** are on Suspension per Department Executive Committee

5/26/2023

Area	District	Post	Name	City	On Suspension	Balance Owed to Dept.	Financial Audit (2019-2020)	Financial Audit (2020-2021)	Financial Audit (2021-2022)	Post Data Report 2022	Post Data Report 2023	# of posts on probation	# of posts in district	% of posts on probation
6	18	44	Monrovia	Monrovia								5	19	26.32%
		241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	●			●						
		261	El Monte	El Monte										
		508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park										
		748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel				●	●					

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT						5/26/2023	
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	3	26	29	25	116.00%
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	49	56	34	164.71%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	1	12	13	29	44.83%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	0	18	18	36	50.00%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	5	46	51	62	82.26%
790	West Covina	West Covina	0	35	35	33	106.06%
Total			16	238	254	278	91.37%

Members, Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL's & Riders
 Veteran's programs throughout 18th District Memorial Day Holiday
 Thanks for your Service and Thank you all for your support...



Elegant 18th District 2023-05
 Officers & Members operate Information Booth @ Pomona Fair



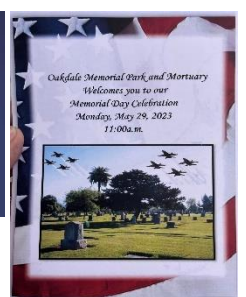
Post 13 Memorial Day program
 Elegant 18th District



Post 30 Pomona Memorial Day program
 Elegant 18th District



Post 139 Alhambra Memorial Day program
 Elegant 18th District



Post 755 Charter Cove Memorial Day program
 Elegant 18th District



Post 790 West Covina Memorial Day program
 Elegant 18th District