



Neil La Sala  
Commander 2023 - 2024  
The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District



Hello Legion Family,

I am honored to assume the role as District 18 Commander! As a District, we need to continue our commitment to unity and Americanism. We have been part of the San Gabriel Valley community for over 100 years and we cannot let down those who came before us! Please take a moment to get involved with your Post in order to make a positive difference. If you are interested in serving on a committee or being appointed to an unfilled position, let your Post leaders know so that they can put the wheels in motion to get you involved.

Furthermore, 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/>

All the best to you and yours as we celebrate our 247<sup>th</sup> Independence Day this month!

Semper Fidelis,

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Commander, District 18  
Adjutant, Post 280  
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Membership is Everybody's  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



Hello Legion Family,

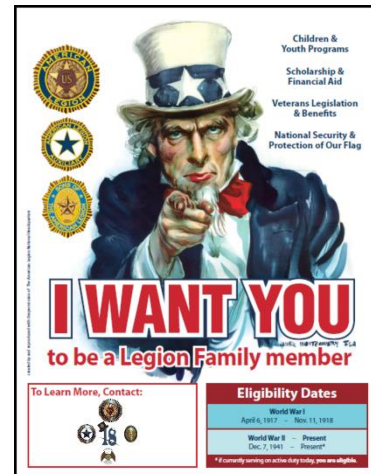
Hello to our American Legion family, I would like to say thank you for all that attended the American Legion Department of California Convention. That was held in Visalia. I served as your 2nd Vice Commander where I had the privilege to host our District hospitality room at the Lamp Liter Inn, in Visalia, California. It was a spectacular event. I help ensure the drinks were cold, plentiful, food available for our guests and that we had a good ole time with music, entertainment and that feeling of something special.

I am honored this year to serve as your First Vice Commander of our Elegant 18 District. I am here to help our American Legion family be Recruit new members, Retain members and Rejoin former members. With our goals we have a better chance of achieving them. I will be visiting Posts throughout the year and look forward to seeing our American Legion family.

Be ready for a Membership muster in August. Date to be announced

As we say in the Marine Corps = Semper Fidelis  
this means Always Faithful

Sam Cafiero-18<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



From the desk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice,  
Medellin Garcia



## Hello Fellow Legion Family

I want to take the time to say thanks to Sam for doing a great job in our hospitality room. He went above and beyond and maintained everything for everyone to enjoy the Elegant 18th District Hospitality room. As we end the year in Visalia, I want say that we as legion members have a responsibility to help one another out. I can not say it enough that we have to commit ourselves to really perform what we say and sponsor in the legion. We state that with the so called "Buddy Check" we have to commit to each other with that mission. Be someone's mentor, be someone that can be relied on to be there not only at legion events, but also in our private life. We can grow together and rely on one another. We hold positions so we can be the difference and the change that can help others learn, follow, and succeed without others to dictate our way of making a difference. I wish everyone who has been elected in this new year a success and to be understanding and respectful not only to ourselves, but to one another. Instead of being discouraging, not mentoring, and making others fail, let's "Be The One" to change and lead others to success. I wish you all the best this year and let us make this year greater than the past.

Medellin Garcia

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The Elegant 18th District  
2nd Vice Commander

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\$\$\$ donate a Veteran Cause \$\$\$  
**"HELMETS FOR HEROES"**

Post Commanders, Adjutant's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice,  
Come to the district meetings We can help  
each other with your ideas and suggestions  
on what we can work together to raise funds.  
For the benefit of your Post and our Veterans



**CLICK HERE AND MAKE A DONATION,  
GET YOUR HELMET BANK  
AND GET INVOLVED TODAY**





# Elegant 18th District

Department of California  
P. O. Box 5256  
El Monte, CA 91734  
2023 - 2024



*Monday – 10 July, 2023 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 279 Temple City*

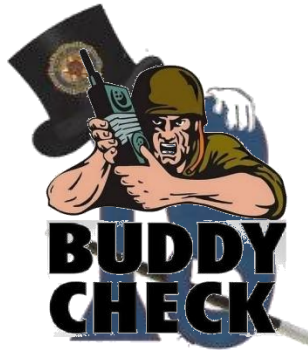
★ *Friday – 21 July, 2023 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 279 Temple City* ★  
9522 Las Tunas Dr. Temple City (626) 309-1511

The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., Third Friday of each month, hosted by one of our 19 district posts.

Post Commanders, Vice Commanders, Adjutants are required to attend these meetings by either one or all of these elected officers who are duly elected and appointed officers of their respective post to represent their Membership...

Reports are required from each post representative on the development and compliance mandates as per American Legion. Only through your oath of office in service to your membership working together as one team will we all succeed for our Veterans.

## The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District June 2023 meeting and Installation of Officers.





### Comments from the J.A. & Scribe

Auggie Galaviz – [age69vet@verizon.net](mailto:age69vet@verizon.net) / (562) 706-0178

JUDGE  
ADVOCATE



BE THE  
ONE



## BY-LAWS, PROTOCOLS, PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES!

My fellow Comrades, elected Officers and appointed, I am this year's district Judge Advocate! & Department By-laws Comish.

I am not hear to dictate, order, demand or admonish anyone for not following mandated procedures and guidelines established by the American Legion National and Department By-Laws.

What I am expected to do in the course of my duties when accepting my oath of office, is mentor, guide, suggest and direct any member and officer to the "Manual of Procedures" and their Post By-laws. It is suggested if I see or feel there may be an infraction of your post by-laws or any other standing rules under "Roberts Rule of Order", I should ask to meet with the officers and/or members requesting some clarification where I could advise or even clarify some misinterpretation of the by-laws or other American Legion practices, the Judge Advocate should be able to respond in a respective manner and/or bring these matters to the district Executive Board and I. A. for further clarification.

Now, if a post is on probation by department, district is required to remind those posts of their Administrative Compliance and reports. If needed, we should be able to assist and guide them in the report that is delinquent and what they are required to complete for the benefit of their membership and their post.

Let us not allow difference of opinions, personal interpretation of by-laws and/or personality differences, we cannot let it impede our volunteer service to our Veterans, community and the American Legion, as Veterans Still Serving America. if you have any questions on the by-laws, protocols and parliamentary procedures, don't hesitate to give me a call, I will make an all-out effort to give you the answer if I don't have it at the time we can and will learn together, we are team American Legion.

## MOTIONS CHARTS

	Rank	Second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote?
<b>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</b>					
Fix time to which to adjourn	13	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Adjourn	12	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	11	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Raise a question of privilege	10	No	No	No	Chair decides
Call for orders of the day	9	No	No	No	At request of one member
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</b>					
Table	8	Yes	No	No	Majority
Previous question or call the question*	7	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds
Limit or extend limits of debate	6	Yes	No	Yes	Two-thirds
Postpone to a certain time	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Secondary amendment		Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Primary amendment		Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amendment*	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone indefinitely	2	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
<b>MAIN MOTION</b>					
Main motion	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

\* Amendment and previous question may be applied to motions higher than themselves.

<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</b>				
	Second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote?
Request for information	No	No	No	Chair responds
Point of order	No	No	No	Chair rules
Appeal	Yes	It depends	No	Negative

<b>BRING-BACK MOTIONS</b>				
	Second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote?
Reconsider	Yes	It depends	No	Majority
Rescind	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$
Amend something previously adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$
Take from table	Yes	No	No	Majority

\$ Majority with previous notice, two-thirds without notice, or majority of entire membership





18<sup>th</sup> District Ritual Team Posts Installation of Officers



Post-280 Commander-



Post-280 Installation of Officers East Pasadena / District 18 Installation Team 10 June 2023



2023-06-10 SAL-280 Installation of Officers



Post-247 Installation of Officers Arcadia / District 18 Installation Team 13 June 2023



Post 247 Commander-



Post-30 Installation of Officers Pomona / District 18 Installation Team 14 June 2023



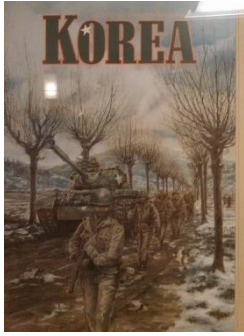
Post 30 Commander-



The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District Installation teams at various Installations 2023







# Around the District



U.S. Army Birthday  
Established 1926

## Boys/Girls State Program District 18 Reception at Post 790 West Covina 30 May 2023



## Daughters of the American Revolution & Boy Scouts of America with Post 475 Glendora Flag retirement ceremony and POW/MIA table 23 June 2023

### Daughters of the American Revolution and Boy Scouts Hold Flag Retirement Ceremony



Flag Retirement Ceremony performed by the Boy Scouts Troop 483 from Glendora at The Rowley Amphitheater in Big Dalton Canyon Wilderness Park, Glendora 6-10-2023







Members, Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL's & Riders  
Reminder, we are a Public non-profit Veterans Organization, those who handle food, beverages and funds need to follow strict local, state & federal ordinances.



# AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2023 CALIFORNIA STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

*"The Greatest Show on Dirt"*

Thursday, July 20th - Monday, July 24th

Jackie Robinson Stadium

University of California, Los Angeles  
100 Constitution Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90049



For more information contact:  
Baseball@calegion.org



District 21 American Legion  
Department of California

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District 21 - ABC just left Neighboring Post. Undercover person was not asked for his membership card or ID.

All members need to have their membership card and be valid. All of their guests must sign in or else they cannot be served.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

"Article V, Section 9. The Post Finance Officer and any officers and/or positions charged by the Post Bylaws with the responsibility of handling Post funds should be bonded under a blanket bond."

## POST FIDELITY BOND RESOURCES

The new Bylaws wording "should be bonded", in essence, makes having a fidelity bond for your post an option. Not many post leaders are aware of this change in the department bylaws and how it requires posts to purchase a fidelity bond on their own. This may be a good topic to discuss with your Post Executive Committee.

Post with smaller monetary assets will need less while those with more, will need more coverage. How much coverage the Post wants should be decided by the Post membership at the recommendation of the Executive Committee. You should check your Post bylaws for expenditures.

If you do not have liability insurance or an agent, there are many resources available from an online search on "how to obtain fidelity bond for non-profit organizations". You might want to consider talking to at least three or more companies to compare rates and services. Asking them about their claim filing process could prove to be valuable. Researching each company for complaints (including the Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org))

**PANCAKE  
FUNDRAISER**

AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 180

619 N. Loren Ave. Azusa

SUNDAY JULY 9TH 9AM-11:00AM

**\$8  
PER PLATE**

Pancakes, Sausage,  
Bacon, Eggs  
Coffee and OJ

opportunity  
Drawings

BAR DRINK SPECIALS  
BLOODY MARY'S, CHAMPAGNE & MIMOSA





## AMERICAN LEGION POST 280 Welcomes Families & Friends Sunday

**July 2nd, 2023**

179 N. Vinedo Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91107

### MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Larry Belleville  
Anne Butler  
Roberto Peralta



### BREAKFAST 9am to 11am

Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo and Eggs,  
Sausage, Potatoes, Bacon,  
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit  
Donation \$12.00  
Kids Under 12 Eat Free

### BAKE SALE

BBQ starts at 2pm  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and  
Traditional Sides  
Donation \$8.00



Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 280



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



**American  
Red Cross**

## American Legion Post 280 Community Blood Drive

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

**Friday, July 21, 2023  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.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](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800 RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Download the Blood Donor App today!

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## Independence Day Fireworks

Come support American  
Legion Auxiliary Unit 139

June 29th ~ July 3rd 9am to 11pm  
July 4th 9am until supplies last.

Located at  
Atlantic Blvd. & Main St.  
Alhambra, CA

## Veterans Benefits Administration Monthly Claims Clinic

### Get help with...

- ✓ Supplemental Claims
- ✓ Increased Claims
- ✓ Original Claims

### Clinic Dates:

June 30th      September 29th  
July 28th      October 27th  
August 25th

Building 165, Room D101 ("The Egg")  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Walk-Ins Only





# July 2023



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2	3 U.S. Army Air Corp. Est. 1926	4 Happy Independence	5	6	7 LACC Mtg.	8
9	10 Dist.18 Bd.Mtg.	11 Post-755 Installation.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 LACC Bd.Mtg. Patriotic Hall	20	21 Dist. 18 Mtg. Post 279 Temple City 1930hrs.	22 Post-790 Installation
23	24 Final U.S. Ground Combat of Korean War 1953	25	26 PCC Mtg. @P790	27 Korean War ended 1953	28	29
30	31					

*The Voice of Elegance*

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION  
P.O. Box 5256  
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Remember why you get to



Celebrate the 4th of July

**DISTRICT MEETING Friday July 21, 2023**  
**Post-279 Temple City, @ 1930 hrs.**

Wish to receive the District newsletter by Email, please notify  
Editor Auggie G. at  
[age69vet@verizon.net](mailto:age69vet@verizon.net)





American Legion Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District  
Administrative Compliance Report & SAL Membership Report



DISTRICT 18 Commander IRVIN FLORES (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									6/23/2023
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3	2	14	2	21	22	95.45%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	4	14	62	2	82	105	78.10%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	5	34	91	1	131	170	77.06%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	12	70	0	82	70	117.14%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	24	75	1	100	117	85.47%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	4	10	49	1	64	60	106.67%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	11	24	126	1	162	180	90.00%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	7	25	112	1	145	180	80.56%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	8	8	35	1	52	62	83.87%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	7	25	72	0	104	110	94.55%
261	El Monte	El Monte	6	5	38	0	49	45	108.89%
279	Temple City	Temple City	1	11	30	0	42	45	93.33%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	11	40	109	2	162	162	100.00%
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	17	0	31	40	77.50%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	2	16	99	1	118	140	84.29%
790	West Covina	West Covina	13	61	171	4	249	275	90.55%
Total			99	359	1,357	22	1,837	2,050	89.61%



### From the Adjutant

Membership cards are now here. You must come to the District meeting to pick them up...

**14 July 2023 @ Post 279 Temple City**

We still have Posts that have not turned in Mandatory End of the year reports and have been placed on probation by Department.

**Monrovia 44** - Post Data Report, CPR, Post Delegates, Post Officer Certification, By Laws update

**Claremont 78** - Post Delegates and Post Officer Certification

**Baldwin Park 241** - CPR, Post delegates, Post Officer Certification and Audit.

**Arcadia 247** - Post Data Report.

**El Monte 261** - Post Data Report, CPR, Convention Delegates and Fees, Post Officer Certification.

**Monterey Park 397** - CPR, Post delegates and fees, Officer Certification

**Reyner Aguirre 748** - Post Data report, CPR, delegates and fees, Officer certification and audit.

Let Commander La Sala know if your post would like to host a District meeting this year.

Per the National By Laws all Posts must be installed by **September 1.**

Let me know when you would like your Post installed.

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT							6/23/2023
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%





American legion Department California Convention 22 – 25 June 2023  
The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> was well represented, sitting center row, Thank you Members



Posts Attended: P-10/P-13/P-30/P-139/P-180/P-261/P-279/P-280/P-508/P-790 and three Dept. white caps Dave, Manny, JR & Scott

Convention Happenings umph, wow, yay!!!

Did you know our Dist. Judge Advocate/Dept. Sgt.-At-Arms raised over \$1000 by cutting his tail...



Borinquen Post 508 proudly display and manage an information booth at the Long Beach Puerto Rican Festival.



ALA Lupe Galaviz, after over 20 years helping our Veterans and this District awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place History Book for Donna ALA-280, now she's awarded President's choice "POPPY" Display at Convention U-302. She may now be a member of another district but she still helps our Veterans and me in the Elegant 18<sup>th</sup>. Plus most awards...



From the Chaplains corner.

Good July, Legion Family and Officers!

July is upon us. Yes!

July Fourth is one of the six days in which Congress mandates the flying of the POW/MIA flag. So on this special day in American History, let us take a moment and reflect on why we are living here, on this planet "Earth", Is life of no value. Or does it have worth?

Also take a moment and reflect on why we served this "Great Country"... as Military Personal! And finally take a moment to think about why we joined The American Legion!!!!

Here is a July prayer for all:

Almighty God, we pray to You to help us have faith in God and our country, and to keep the freedom we have cherished. for well over two centuries. With this freedom, we may continue to grow in all our undertakings. Also help us with the friendships we have made to learn to love one another so that harmony may be with us always in this great land of ours. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Jack Evanilla - District 18 Chaplain  
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Fax. +1 866-567-2294

# The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or "presume") are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411) (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.



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](http://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 11:00 AM

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

**Jun. 23 2023    Jul. 14 2023  
Aug. 4th 2023    Sept. 1st 2023    Oct. 6 2023  
Nov. 3rd 2023    Dec. 1st 2023**

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



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