

Neil La Sala
Commander 2023 - 2024
The Elegant 18th District



- Greetings Legion Family,

With Fall upon us, we enter the final portion of the year 2023 and take time to reflect. As a service organization, we have sponsored blood drives, conducted veterans outreach via community resource fairs, partnered with the community to perpetuate our Four Pillars, recognized our Legion Family members for their noteworthy contributions, sponsored Boys/Girls State delegates, conducted Oratorical contests for youth, provided school supplies to the children of needy veteran families and socialized together at Post and District events.

Our Legion has been a solid organization for over 100 years and we have a lot to be proud of! Needless to say, we must take our pride and channel it toward guaranteeing the future of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. From this time last year, the American Legion Department of California has lost 30,000 members, therefore we must all pull together to curb this decline. I have resent by email our membership renewal/new join best practices that were compiled at our District round table in October of last year. I wholeheartedly encourage each Post, Unit and Squadron to review these tools and implement as many as possible into their recruitment drive this Fall. If you did not receive the round table bullets, please let me know and I'll email them to you ASAP.

In conclusion, membership renewals and seeking new joins are ongoing. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at this time. Also, it is important that you do your part to promote our Legion values on a daily basis and to share the fore mentioned accomplishments with as many folks as possible. With that in mind, please share this link with everyone for the specific purpose of keeping the American Legion alive:

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

Semper Fidelis,

Neil La Sala
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Commander- District 18
Adjutant- Post 280
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Elegant 18th District Commander & 1st Vice Commander
@ Dept. Officers Work-shop, Merced, CA. Sept. 16 & 17



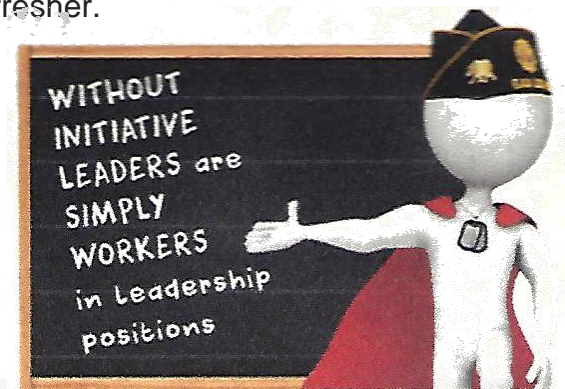
Hello American Legion Family,

Greetings Legionnaires

As we move into October let us remember to share our events on social media. The more people that see our posts are active the more likely we are able to provide members an eventful experience. Also let us remember to transmit membership renewals in a timely manner. Let's not let membership renewals stack up. Our Post Adjutants, 1st Vice Commanders, Commanders and assistants should be leading the way with reaching our membership goal. Post Adjutant and Post Commander who have a mylegion.org account have access to their Post rosters. If you do not have reach out to me and I will see where the issue might be. It could be a simple fix of resetting your password or creating a mylegion.org account. Posts receiving members transferring in be sure to use the correct form. The Member Data Form. Be sure the Post Adjutant and member transferring in sign the form before submission. New Post it may behoove of you want to verify the members service by checking their DD-214.

Our members are relying on us to do the right thing and send in their dues either by mail or by online submission. We know that each year we have new members step up to help out with their Post. I wanted to share this information below for some it might be new for others a refresher.

Here are some membership training slides that could help with processing membership and getting familiar with mylegion website. Can be found at [Training Tuesdays | The American Legion](#) as well. Below is the membership target dates for the American Legion. For those Posts that hit 100% membership goals this year they will receive special recognition awards. Also will be helping our Department reach our membership goal.



- 📄 [Group Administrative Tasks - November 2022.pptx](#)
- 📄 [Manage Groups - November 2022.pptx](#)
- 📄 [Member Overview - My Legion.pptx](#)
- 📄 [Post Adjutants myLegion Overview Presentation.pdf](#)
- 📄 [Process Membership - November 2022.pptx](#)

Training Tuesday / The American Legion

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90 minute sessions...



From the desk of 2nd Vice,
Medellin Garcia



Hello Fellow Legion Family

Trying my best to do what I can for our Members. We have many programs to accomplish under the Four Pillars your support & donations are more than welcome to succeed through your financial assistance.

Medellin Garcia -2nd Vice Commander
Department Of California American Legion
The Elegant 18th District





Elegant 18th District

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



Monday – 09 October. 2023 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 755 Covina

★ *Friday – 20 October 2023 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 755 Covina, CA.* ★
20516 E. Arrow Hwy. Covina (626) 966-7786

The Elegant 18th 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.



Jack Evanilla
18th District Chaplain



Good October District Officers, Auxiliary, Sal members and legion family,
We are in the fourth quarter of 2023. Holidays are here. Time to reflect on who we are.

Time of year when we decorate, get more together with
Family and friends .. time when we should start thinking about the less unfortunate...like our
Veteran brothers we help serve... the homeless ones, the ones damaged by the conflicts they
serve in (Wars) and the troubled ones.

We need to plan on how we can help their holidays be more fun and joy full.
Important military dates in October.

- 10/7 Afghanistan War Began
- 10/13 US Navy Established (1775)
- 10/23 Grenada Campaign Began (1983)
- 10/27 Navy Day

And now a prayer for October,

The earth shall be filled with the fruit of thy works, O Lord, that thou mayest bring bread out of the earth, and that wine may cheer the heart of man; that he may make the face cheerful with oil; and that bread may strengthen man's heart. The lord be with you. And with thy spirit.



Comments from the J.A. & Scribe

Auggie Galaviz – age69vet@veriozn.net

**JUDGE
ADVOCATE**

BY-LAWS, PROTOCOLS, PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES!



My fellow Comrades, elected Officers and appointed,

All Posts Commanders & Adjutants recheck your By-laws make sure they are up-to-date, if they are seven years or more its time look them over and update them! check and review what updates are needed, Post membership dues? Time & day of meetings? Where is meeting held? Quorum? any errors, type “O’s”? Officers elected and/or appointed positions that are needed to cover quorum? I ask if each officer to read and familiarize yourselves with your post by-laws and standing rules to include the Officer’s Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. There is a lot of information in that book that can help you in your post business procedures and protocols. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to call the district officer parallel to your title. As the American Legion has been saying– “BE THE ONE”!

Again, if you have any questions, ask first your post leaders and/or district, if we don’t have the answer, WE’ will follow up through our Area 6 they can get the information from Department this is the proper and respective process to follow. Thanks

I plan to keep you informed of any changes and updates from our D.E.C.’s together with the District Commander, particulars that would affect your post and officer duties. This district has a group of leaders that will make your post and this district an example of unity, pride and achievements, through our team elegance, 18th district.

District asks for each post to comply with Department’s administrative procedures and submit their reports timely. Your post audits are due by 15 November 2023, all other reports should have been submitted since department convention this past June, if they have not been submitted department has automatically placed you on probation. the Judge Advocate together with the I. A. will review these matters to district Executive Board, how to assist Post, check the department weekly/ monthly Administrative Compliance and reports to review your standings. Thanks

In Service,

Auggie G. - 18th District Judge Advocate/Scribe
Department Historian
(562) 706-0178 / not always available to answer,
Send text or email – need name, post or district,
To know who are you?





18th District Meetings & Visitations



District 18 General meeting at Post 241 9-15-2023

18th District
meeting
@
Post 241
Baldwin Park
15 Sept. 2023



District 18 Aux. President Gabriella Ramos speaking



Department California Officers Workshop @ Post 83 Merced



. Post 280 Memories of El Monte Car Show & More...

and SAL Training class 9/25/2023





Around the District



Elegant 18th



District



United Nations Day

Unit-755 ALA & SAL Sq. 180 1st Responders Program



Past District 18 ALA President-Laura Bradshaw & SAL District 18 Commander Jesse Bradshaw

SAVE THE DATE

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
invites you to join us for our

STAND DOWN

Ending Veteran Homelessness

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90073
Parking Lot 29

Join us for the largest annual event serving unhoused
and at-risk Veterans and their families. Featuring
housing assistance, health screenings, free clothing,
pet services, VA benefits/claims and more!

Breakfast and lunch provided.
Live music and entertainment!

Pre-registration is encouraged. Please complete the
attached pre-registration form and follow the
instructions for submission. For questions, please
contact Melinda Estes at Melinda.Estes@va.gov or
Dominic Lopez at Dominic.Lopez2@va.gov

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Los Angeles County Supervisor

HILDA L. SOLIS
First District

THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS INVITES YOU

VETERANS DAY

CEREMONY AND RESOURCE FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 11th, 2023, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Ceremony begins at 11:00am

EUGENE A. OBREGON (MOH) PARK
4021 E. 1ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90063



The Elegant 18th District

SON's of the
AMERICAN LEGION POST 139

QUARTERMANIA

SUNDAY, OCT 15TH
24 N. STONEMAN AVE.
ALHAMBRA CA 91801

\$20 pre-sale or **\$25** at the door
includes - Bidding Paddle, Raffle Ticket and Lunch!

Doors Open 11:30 am - First Bid 1 pm

Don't know what a Quartermania is? Its Shopping, Bidding, Raffles and so much more! Grab your quarters and a friend we will explain it all!

TICKETS CONTACT
SANDRA MURO 323-519-2052

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
POST 241

OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 6TH 2023
FOOD - MUSIC - BEER

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM DINNER AT 6:00PM \$15.00 PLATES 50/50 & RAFFLES
4725 N. MAINE AVE. BALDWIN PARK

THE West C. 790 COMEDY CLUB

28 Oct. American Legion Post 790 \$10.00
7-8:30 p. 330 N. Azusa, West Covina Per

CLASSIC STAND-UP COMEDY

LAUGH? COME CELEBRATE AN OPENING NIGHT PERFORMANCE. ENJOY AN EVENING OF GREAT ONE-LINERS & QUIRKY CLIPS SPONSORED BY A LINE UP OF ACCLAIMED PERFORMERS FEATURED IN SOLD OUT MENTOR EVENTS. SEATING IS LIMITED AT THE WEST COVINA POST 790

POST 508 CLUB PRESENTS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

BEST COSTUME WINS A PRIZE

Grabrielito & LA VERDAD
LA-CA EST. 2015

HALLOWEEN DINNER & DANCE
(Puerto Rican Food)

Doors Open at 6:30 PM Cover \$35 Free Parking

Borinquen Post 508 Information & Reservations Phil Robinson
657-459-6053 / 909-762-8520

4100 Baldwin Park Blvd Baldwin Park, CA 91706

AMERICAN LEGION POST 180**OCTOBER 28, 2023****819 N. LOREN AVE. AZUSA, CA****11AM - 5PM**

RAFFLES, 50/50, MUSIC, TEE SHIRTS

FIRST 14 COOKS**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

FOR MORE INFO:

CONTACT TEE SHIRT PAUL 626-905-2207

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO POST 180 VETERANS*Thank You for Your Support***October is Italian Heritage Month
Share to show your pride**

**18th District Auxiliary
Trunk or Treat!**

October 31, 2023
5:30 PM to 8 PM
American Legion Post #790
330 N. Azusa Ave
West Covina, CA 91791
Open to the public- Bring the kiddos!
We are going to get spooky!

BOO!

Chips & Hot Dogs will be served!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
Welcomes Families & Friends
to Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale
October 1st - 9am to 11:00am



Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo and Eggs,
Sausage, Potatoes, Bacon,
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit
Donation \$12.00



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





October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 P-280 Breakfasat	2	3 Fleet Week Dept. Cmdr. @ SanPedro	4	5	6 LACC Mtg. P-241 Oktoberfest	7 Enduring Freedom 2001
8	9 Dist.18 E-Bd. Mtg. @ P755	10 Columbus Day	11	12 USS Cole Bomb 2000	13 Navy Birthday 1775	14
15 P-139 SAL Quartermania	16	17	18 LACC Bd.Mtg.	19	20 Dist. 18 Mtg. P755	21 Dept. Legion College @ Escondido
22 Dept. Legion College @ Escondido	23 Bombing of U.S.MC & Peace Force 1983	24 United Nations Day	25 Operation Urgent Fury 1983 WLAVA StandDown	26	27 Navy Day	28 P180 Chili CookOff P508 SpookDance P790 ComedyNite
29	30	31 Halloween 790 ALA TrunkO'Treat				

ciao e buona salute

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Wish to receive the District
newsletter by Email, please notify
Editor Auggie G. at
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DISTRICT MEETING Friday October 20, 2023
Post-755 Covina, @ 1930 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg.
Monday 09/09/23

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

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									9/22/2023
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	1	3	0	4	22	18.18%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	14	18	0	32	86	37.21%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	30	47	0	77	136	56.62%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	11	8	1	20	85	23.53%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	18	4	0	22	104	21.15%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	0	10	15	0	25	67	37.31%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	6	24	69	0	99	167	59.28%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	1	27	54	0	82	151	54.30%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	7	4	0	11	53	20.75%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	0	24	34	0	58	107	54.21%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	2	0	6	52	11.54%
279	Temple City	Temple City	1	9	30	0	40	43	93.02%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	1	37	53	0	91	167	54.49%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	8	6	0	14	49	28.57%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	8	1	10	20	50.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	8	35	1	44	88	50.00%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	2	13	55	0	70	94	74.47%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	11	0	22	31	70.97%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	2	13	50	0	65	122	53.28%
790	West Covina	West Covina	2	63	104	0	169	254	66.54%
Total			15	333	610	3	961	1,898	50.63%
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Below is some information on how borrowers can prepare as they begin transitioning back into repayment on federal student loans.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

1. Use your FSA ID to log in to StudentAid.gov



Your FSA ID is the same you used to complete your FAFSA. This will be a username and password. Once logged in, ensure your personal information is correct.

2. Confirm your student loan servicer



If you don't know who your servicer is, log on to studentaid.gov and visit the "My Loan Servicers" section of your dashboard.

3. Log in to your loan servicer account and update your contact information

LOG IN

Create an account or log in to an existing one via the servicer's website. Review and update your personal contact information, so your servicer can reach you!

4. Reauthorize or select auto debit for monthly payments



You can opt to have your loan payments automatically withdrawn from your bank account every month. If you were previously signed up for automatic payments before the pandemic payment pause, you will need to reauthorize automatic payment.

5. Review payment due date and amount



Make note of your monthly payment amount and your first payment due date. Ensure your bank account information is up to date.



VA dental care

If you qualify for VA dental care benefits, you may be able to get some or all of your dental care through VA. Find out how to get VA dental care or how to buy dental insurance if you don't qualify.

Can I get VA dental care benefits for some or all of my dental care?

It depends on a number of factors, like your military service history and your current health and living situation. Based on these factors, VA places you into a benefits class—and you get the specific benefits assigned to that class. See the section below for more information.

- 1) I have a service-connected dental disability or condition for which I receive compensation (monthly payments).
- 2) I'm a former prisoner of war.
- 3) I have one or more service-connected disabilities rated 100% disabling.
- 4) I'm unemployable (unable to work), and I get disability compensation at the 100% disabling rate due to service-connected conditions.
- 5) I served on active duty for 90 days or more during the Persian Gulf War era.
- 6) I have a service-connected noncompensable dental condition (a dental condition that you're not getting disability payments for) or a disability that's the result of combat wounds or service trauma.
- 7) A VA dental care provider has concluded that my dental condition is linked to a service-connected health condition and is making that condition worse.
- 8) I get VA care or am scheduled for inpatient care for a health condition—and I need dental care for a dental issue that's making my health condition harder to treat.
- 9) I'm signed up to get care through the Homeless Veterans Dental Program (VHA Directive 2007-039).
- 10) I currently get inpatient care in a hospital, nursing home, or other supervised homelike care setting (called domiciliary care).

How do I apply for VA dental care benefits?

You can apply online by filling out the 10-10EZ health care application.

Where do I go for VA dental care?

We provide dental care to qualified Veterans at over 200 dental clinics across the country, including Alaska and Puerto Rico.

[Find a VA dental clinic near you](#)

One of Camp Pendleton's largest career events of the year. Featuring national & local employers with over 2,000 open positions.

Open to all members of the military community with access to Camp Pendleton.

- What: Fall Career Exploration & Hiring Event
- When: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton - Pacific Views Event Center 202850 San Jacinto Road, Oceanside, CA 92058
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://2023-fall-careerExpo.eventbrite.com>

The following is a listing of upcoming employment events on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton:

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- When: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton
Pacific Views Event Center
202850 San Jacinto Road, Oceanside, CA 92058
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://2023-fall-careerExpo.eventbrite.com>
- 126 Anticipated Employers
- Over 2,600 Career Opportunities
- First 300 attendees receive free lunch

U.S. Customs & Border Protection Resume & Application Workshops

- When: Sept 13, Oct. 17, & Nov. 1, 2023, 4:00PM – 7:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton
Leatherneck Lane Transition Readiness Facility Bldg. 1339
13030 Vandegrift Blvd Oceanside, CA 92058
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://tinyurl.com/3ypder8j>

Los Angeles Police Department Entrance Examinations

- When: Wednesday September 13, November 1, 2023 4:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton
Leatherneck Lane Transition Readiness Facility Bldg. 1339
13030 Vandegrift Blvd Oceanside, CA 92058
- **Apply:** <https://www.joinlapd.com>

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Resume & Application Workshop

- When: September 13, Oct 17, 2023 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton
Leatherneck Lane Transition Readiness Facility Bldg. 1339
13030 Vandegrift Blvd Oceanside, CA 92058
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://Tinyurl.com/3ypder8j>

CIA Employment Information Session

- When: Wednesday October 26, 2023 4:00 PM
- Where: MCB Camp Pendleton
Leatherneck Lane Transition Readiness Facility Bldg. 1339
13030 Vandegrift Blvd Oceanside, CA 92058
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://USGIC-Oct2023.eventbrite.com>

Events are open to all members of our military community with access to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.



BE THE ONE *Renew Early*

