



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



Hello Legion Family,

As we enter late 2023, our thoughts turn to the upcoming holiday season and to all that goes with it. Also, we look toward Veteran's Day and reflect on those who served in defense of our country. Like no other organization, the American Legion is built on perpetuating everything involved with being an American and celebrating the goodness therein. In the coming days, I encourage everyone to attend your Post's membership "Early Bird" Dinner and Veteran's Day celebrations, the Pasadena Veteran's Day Salute and Legion Family recruitment table at the Pasadena City Hall on 11/11 at 1030, the District 18 Legion Family Christmas Bash and Merrill's Marauders recognition ceremony 12/15, 1800 at Post 280 and the District 18 Christmas Morning Homeless Veterans Outreach at the West LA VA, 12/25, 1000. Please let me know if you are interested in participating and I will connect you with the Legion Family team responsible for organizing and executing the event. Also, if you know of a company (like your employer) or an organization that might be able to help us fund our Legion Family activities, please let me know and I will be glad to reach out to them!

Additionally, please keep in mind that membership renewals and seeking new joins are essential to keeping our Legion going. 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 what good the Legion Family does for our community. 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,

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Commander- District 18  
Adjutant- Post 280  
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Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
General District meeting @ Post 755



*Membership is Everybody's*  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



Greetings,

As we finish with our Halloween festivities and we move on to November. Let us give thanks for those that served and those who are serving. This month I will be sharing some items that are very important.

### **Buddy Checks, Membership and Be The One.**

The buddy check call toolkit can be found here and is free to download. Buddy check calls are **not membership or fundraising calls** they are simple check-ins with veterans in the community to **see how they are doing and to learn if the local post can help** with anything. The Mylegion.org platform contains contact information of the American Legion members and former members. For a basic outline the link for Buddy Check Toolkit from the American Legion download is below

[Buddy Check Toolkit | Brochures & Publications | The American Legion](#)

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The American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/betheone>

As mentioned Membership is the life blood of any organization For those Adjutants, first Vice Commanders and anyone helping with membership we have the membership training slides that could help with processing membership and getting familiar with mylegion website.

Can be found at <https://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays> as well.

### **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](#)**

**"WAYS & MEANS"**



**Hello Fellow Legion Family**





# Elegant 18th District

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



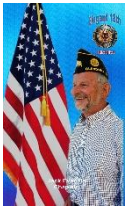
**Monday – 13 November. 2023 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Park**

★ **Saturday – 18 November 2023 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Pk.** ★  
Breakfast 9a.m. / Meeting 10a.m. 4726 Maine Ave, Baldwin Park (626) 337-1944

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.



**Jack Evanilla**  
**18<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain**

From the Chaplains Corner

Good November,  
Officers, Legion Family and extender family.

On November 11, America will celebrate Veterans Day.  
Abraham Lincoln about Veterans;  
In 1865 Abraham Lincoln made a promise to our Veterans

**“To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan”**

By serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans.



**Five things to remember about Veterans Day.**  
1-Veterans Day was initially called Armistice Day.  
2-there is no apostrophe in Veterans Day.  
3-Veterans Day is different from Memorial Day.  
4-Other countries celebrate Veterans Day.

**Remember to ....Be The One!**  
Ask a veteran in your life how they are doing.  
To listen when a veteran needs help  
To reach out when a veteran is struggling.

## Important Military Dates in November.

11/10 Marine Corps Established. 11-10-1775.  
11/11 Veterans Day.  
11/23 US Coast Guard Women Reserve established (SPARS), 1942.  
11/21 Granada Campaign ended, 1983.

Now a prayer for November: May the strength of God sustain us. May the power of God preserve us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us, and may the shield of God defend us. Amen.





CA Department Post Probation/Suspension Report  
 Posts in RED are on Suspension per Department Executive Committee  
 10/27/2023

Area	District	Post	Name	City	On Suspension	Post Data Report 2022	Post Data Report 2023	Consolidated Post Report	Certification of Post Delegates	Certification of Post Officers	Financial Audit (2019-2020)	Financial Audit (2020-2021)	Financial Audit (2021-2022)	Updated Bylaws (last 7 Yrs)	Balance Owed to Dept.	# of posts on probation	# of posts in district	% of posts on probation
6	18	44	Monrovia	Monrovia												8	19	42.11%
		180	Canyon City	Acacia														
		241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park														
		247	Arcadia	Arcadia														
		261	El Monte	El Monte														
		397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park														
		748	Keyner Aguirre	San Gabriel														
		755	Chatter Cove	Covina														

Comments from the J.A. & Scribe

Auggie Galaviz – [age69vet@veriozn.net](mailto:age69vet@veriozn.net)

JUDGE  
ADVOCATE



### BY-LAWS, PROTOCOLS, PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES!

My fellow Comrades, elected Officers and appointed,

Assess your By-laws make sure they are up-to-date, if they are seven years or more it's time to look them over and update! Such as membership dues, yes, National has increased dues by \$5.00! scrutinize 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? Post officers read and familiarize yourselves with your post by-laws and standing rules (remember these are Legion legal documents) the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. Any questions that I can help you, don't hastate to email me, I'm here to help not admonish or lecture, we are here to work as a team for the benefit of your membership and most important the success of your Post.

Now! I have received several calls regarding post reporting procedures, meeting practices, member indictments and by-laws. When addressing these issues, you must read your by-laws and when necessary, go over the Administrative Hearing Manual, the most important part, record any incident reports and submit a copy to District Judge Advocate... Word of advice, do not misinterpret American Legion offenses & charges with local civil & criminal law.

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. - 18<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate/Scribe  
 Department Historian

(562) 706-0178 /May not always be available to answer,  
 Send text or email – need name, post or district, to know who you are?

18<sup>th</sup> District Meetings & Visitations



Candidate  
For  
Department  
Sgt.-At-Arms



Post 280 Trunk or Treat







# Around the District



Elegant 18th



District



Native American  
Month

## SAL Spaghetti Dinner @ Post 790 Dinner / Dance & Camaraderie



Spaghetti dinner night with band playing 60's, 70's, 80's music 10-14-2023



What does it take? For a fellow Veteran to be the one to contact another Veteran?

When times are hard? When one feels lonely & abandoned? When all else seems lost that the will to continue is so heart breaking, you're standing there and NO-ONE sees you...





The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District

## Hockey Night In The American Legion

The American Legion and the Ontario Reign Hockey Club are partnering up to bring you discounted tickets to our Military Appreciation Night! The Reign will be taking on the Calgary Wranglers. Come and enjoy a fun hockey game and support the American Legion as they will be showcased at the game! We hope to see you at the Toyota Arena!

All tickets will be sent via the Ontario Reign App 24 hours before the game day. Please download the app on your phone and log in using the email you purchased the tickets with.



## Ontario Reign vs. Calgary Wranglers

Nov 17, 2023 7:00 PM PST

Toyota Arena

4000 Ontario Center, Ontario, CA 91764

Purchase Deadline: Nov 17th @ 5:00pm PST

Tickets: \$18.00 plus tax and fees

Ticket link [WWW.FEVOGM.COM/AMERICANLEGION77](http://WWW.FEVOGM.COM/AMERICANLEGION77)



## UNIT 30 POMONA

PANCAKE  
Breakfast

November 4th | 9AM - 11:30AM

**\$8 Per Person**

Location:  
West Covina  
Post 790  
330 N Azusa Ave  
West Covina  
91791



Proceeds to benefit Girl State and other programs

**Knott's**  
BERRY FARM

2023 MILITARY  
TRIBUTE DAYS

NOV. 1 - NOV. 16 & NOV. 27 - DEC. 14

(MONDAY - THURSDAY)

PLUS VETERANS DAY

2023 FIRE & LAW  
TRIBUTE DAYS

NOV. 27 - DEC. 14 & JAN. 8 - JAN. 25

(MONDAY - THURSDAY)



ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL AND  
UP TO 5 ADDITIONAL  
PEOPLE FOR \$19.99\* EACH.

\*PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES  
FOR ONLINE AND MILITARY TICKET  
OFFICE PURCHASES.



## VETERANS DAY

"PASADENA SALUTES OUR VETERANS"

**Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Seating begins at 10 a.m. | Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Please join the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Veterans Day Committee as we pay tribute to veterans in this great city.

Enjoy displays of World War II memorabilia, children's arts & crafts,  
free food and more!

Condor Squadron flyover at 11:11 a.m.

Generously sponsored by the office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

**Special Guest Speakers:**

Captain Jessica J. O'Brien, Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach



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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 280**  
**Welcomes Families & Friends**  
**to Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 11:00am**



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



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



## Happy Thanksgiving

The Homeless Voice would like to wish you  
 and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Consider donating to those less  
 fortunate on this special day.



*Cordially invites you to our*

## Annual Legion Family Holiday Bash!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023**

**6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

Dinner starts at 6pm (\$10)

Special Presentation recognizing WW II member of Merrill's  
 Marauders at 7pm

**Location:**

**East Pasadena Post 280**  
**179 N Vinedo Avenue**  
**Pasadena, CA 91107**

Dinner, dancing and prizes galore!

ask guests to bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots\*\*





# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Mental & physical Health month	1	2	3 LACC Mtg.	P-30 4 Fndrsr. @ P790 P-261 Golf Turny
5 P-280 Breakfast P-241 Fndrsr. BabyShwr.	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 USMC Birthday Est. 1775	
12	13 Dist.18 E-Bd. Mtg. @ P241	14	15 LACC Bd. Mtg.	16	17 SAL Fndrsr. Hocky-Nite	18 D18 Mtg. P-241 10a.m.
19	20	21 Granada Campaign ended 1983	22	23 THANKSGIVING USCG women reserve Est. 1942	24	25
26	27	28 Giving Tuesday	29	30		<b>NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b>

The Voice of Elegance

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



**DISTRICT MEETING Saturday November 18, 2023**

**Post-241, @ 1000 hrs. Breakfast 0900**

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

E- Bd. Mtg.  
Monday 11/13/23

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

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									10/27/2023
POST	Name	City	New	FUFs	Members Field	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	1	5	0	6	22	27.27%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	14	25	0	39	86	45.35%
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	30	50	0	80	136	58.82%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	11	9	1	21	85	24.71%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	18	7	0	25	104	24.04%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	0	10	19	0	29	67	43.28%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	6	24	79	0	109	167	65.27%
180	Canyon City	Azusa	1	27	70	0	98	151	64.90%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	2	7	14	0	23	53	43.40%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	0	24	45	1	70	107	65.42%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	3	0	7	52	13.46%
279	Temple City	Temple City	1	9	34	0	44	43	102.33%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	1	37	65	0	103	167	61.68%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	8	6	0	14	49	28.57%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	10	1	12	20	60.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	8	40	1	49	88	55.68%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	2	13	57	0	72	94	76.60%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	11	0	22	31	70.97%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	3	13	58	0	74	122	60.66%
790	West Covina	West Covina	2	63	128	0	193	254	75.98%
Total			18	333	735	4	1,090	1,898	57.43%
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Department of California - DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)												10/27/2023
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 11/15/23	2021	Reg Every 2 Yrs	(Credit)/Owed
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3/22/2023	✓	6/1/2023	✓	6/1/2023	✓		✓	2020	\$ -
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	5/16/2023	✓	6/21/2023	✓	6/21/2023	✓		✓	2021	\$ -
30	Charles F Rowe	Pomona	4/14/2023	✓	6/16/2023	✓	6/16/2023	✓		✓	2023	\$ -
44	Monrovia	Monrovia				✓		✓		✓	1991	\$ -
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	3/20/2023	✓	7/5/2023	✓	7/5/2023	✓			2021	\$ (46.00)
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	4/12/2021	✓	5/16/2023	✓	6/11/2023	✓	6/28/2023	never used	2020	\$ (102.50)
180	Canyon City	Azusa	4/11/2023	✓	5/9/2023	✓	8/13/2023	✓		✓	2007	\$ (56.00)
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3/20/2023	✓	7/21/2023	✓	7/13/2023	✓		never used	2022	\$ (75.50)
247	Arcadia	Arcadia	4/20/2023		6/18/2023	✓	5/18/2023	✓	10/18/2023	✓	2019	\$ (45.00)
261	El Monte	El Monte	6/13/2023			✓		✓		✓	2022	\$ (10.00)
279	Temple City	Temple City	3/1/2023	✓	5/1/2023	✓	5/1/2023	✓	7/19/2023	✓	2022	\$ (23.00)
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	3/4/2023	✓	5/24/2023	✓	5/24/2023	✓	9/27/2023	✓	2022	\$ (47.50)
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	4/18/2023			✓		✓		✓	1990	\$ (27.50)
431	Edison	Alhambra	4/14/2023	✓	5/18/2023	✓	5/14/2023	✓	10/24/2023	✓	2020	\$ -
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	3/20/2023	✓	5/21/2023	✓	5/11/2023	✓	10/17/2023	✓	2022	\$ (49.50)
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	6/13/2023	✓	6/13/2023	✓	6/13/2023	✓	9/29/2023	✓	2021	\$ (19.50)
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	10/10/2021	✓	10/10/2023	✓	10/6/2021	✓	9/21/2023	never used	2007	\$ (1.50)
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6/1/2023		6/1/2023	✓	6/14/2023	✓		✓	2020	\$ -
790	West Covina	West Covina	4/20/2023	✓	6/21/2023	✓	6/21/2023	✓		✓	2022	\$ -

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

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VA



**CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAYS WORKSHOP**

**Webinar for Veterans & Transitioning Servicemembers**

>> Free workshop hosted by:

- CALVET** CA Department of Veterans Affairs Transitioning Services
- Construction & Building Trade Unions** Apprenticeship Programs Overview 10+ Unions Represented
- Senator Josh Newman** Host, Army Veteran

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:**

**HELMETS TO HARDHATS**

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- ✓ PAID APPRENTICESHIPS
- ✓ COMPETITIVE BENEFITS
- ✓ WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS
- ✓ PENSION FOR RETIREMENT

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9**

On Thursday, November 9, CalVet, Helmets to Hardhats, and the Office of Senator Newman is hosting a virtual statewide career pathways event for military and veteran job seekers interested in breaking into the construction and building trades.

Helmets to Hardhats is a national program that connects transitioning service members and veterans with skilled training and quality career opportunities. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Hear from statewide industry leaders of California's 14 major construction and building trades.
- ✓ Receive immediate answers to questions uniquely relevant to the military and veteran community.
- ✓ Connect with local liaisons for their trade(s) of interest.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 9, 5:00 to 7:00pm

**WHERE:** Zoom ([Register](#)) Please help spread the word by sharing this information with your network and the greater veteran community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Senator Josh Newman at 714-525-2342 or [Nathan.Bass@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Nathan.Bass@sen.ca.gov)

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

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**VA LONG BEACH  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

*Veterans Day*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**TIBOR RUBIN VA MEDICAL CENTER  
PARKING LOT 'B'**  
5901 E 7TH ST.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90822

★ ★ ★

**CAR SHOW  
MOTORCYCLES  
FOOD  
MUSIC  
VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS**

**SGU.POPUPS  
&  
AMERICAN LEGION LACC**

**Tamale  
FESTIVAL**

**12-2-23**  
Time: 11am-4pm  
330 N Azusa Ave, West  
Covina, CA 91791

**SHOP  
SMALL  
BUSINESS'S**

**ENTERTAINMENT  
FOR KIDS**





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 261 EL MONTE

# ANNUAL VETERANS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT: VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED, MILITARY  
DEPENDENTS AND WOMEN VETERANS

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**ARCADIA GOLF COURSE**

620 E. Live Oak Ave  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
626-443-9367

**COST: \$50 PER PERSON**

## AGENDA

### Includes:

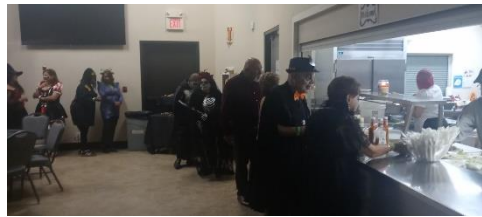
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- Water bottles during tournament
- Bucket of Balls
- 18 Holes
- Lunch
- Door Prizes

8:30 AM Check In & Coffee/ Pastries  
9:00 AM Welcome  
9:15 AM Putting Contest  
10:00 AM Tee Time  
12:30 PM Luncheon & Awards

**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

For Info contact: Gabriella Ramos 626-261-2375  
gabriella.aux@gmail.com Instagram @alaunit261elmonte

**180-Chillie cook-off/508-Halloween Dinner-Dance  
790-Comedy Dinner-Dance**



**BE THE ONE** Renew Early

