

The Voice of Elegance

THE AMERICAN LEGION





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





Hello Legion Family,

Please include the attached and below in our June newsletter. The first picture is the Pasadena Memorial Day Remembrance with District 18 participating. The second picture announces District 18 honoring WW II veteran Larry Stevens. Take care, Neil

Hello Legion Family,

It is my honor to serve another term! Our organization is one I'm truly proud of and I'm so glad to be a part of it. Projects we executed this year like the Homeless Veterans Outreach, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Boys/Girls State and more, really give us a sense of purpose and are a direct extension of our military service as we continue in our lives as civilians. Like anything else in life today, sufficient finances are essential if operations are to continue on track. With that said, the American Legion National Headquarters has raised our dues. It is important to keep in mind the fore mentioned programs along with the great camaraderie the Legion provides us all as we assume the added expense at the Post level. For example, if a Post increases their dues to \$60 per year, that's only \$5 per month... still a great bargain! The increase will go into effect for the 2024-2025 dues cycle beginning 01 JUL 24.

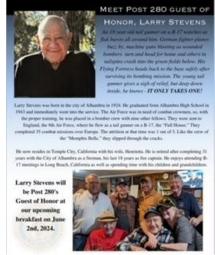
Lastly, please understand that membership renewals and seeking new joins are essential to the existence of our Legion. If you have not renewed your 2023-2024 membership, it is past due and please do so at this time to enable your continued years of membership to be recorded. Additionally, please share this membership renewal/new join 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 American Legion Department of California Commander-District 18 Adjutant-Post 280



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The Pasadena Memorial Day Remembrance with District 18 participating.

District 18 honoring WW II veteran Larry Stevens.











Greetings American Legion Family,

I want to say thank you to our Legionnaires that made an extraordinary effort this year with our membership goals. Lets remember the **3 R's - Recruit**, **Retain**, and **Recognize**.

13 of our 19 Posts have recruited new members 3 of those recruited 10 or more. Kudos to Alhambra Post 139 (18 new members), East Pasadena 280 (24 new members) and West Covina Post 790 (with 36 new members). All together 111 new members as of May 24, 2024 Let us continue to reach out to our members who have renewed and process their memberships in a timely manner.

We have just over handful of Posts who have about a dozen or less renewals or less of reaching their membership goal for this year.

Thank you to our Legion family members who came out to the Los Angeles County Fair to help promote the American Legion family. Was a great sight to see Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders with our promoting the American Legion.

Look forward to see those who are going to Convention in Visalia June 27-30.

I will be helping out with Hospitality in some form or fashion. Remember at convention ask questions, learn, and have fun.

Remember July 1st is the start of American Legion year, we will start to see membership renewals come in. Thank everyone for their continued efforts and dedication.

For Good of the Legion, Samuel Cafier

18 District

1st Vice Commander
Semper Fidelis
Samuel Cafiero



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From the District Adjutant:



Attention All Incoming Commanders. Please schedule your Installation with Scott Sinclair. All Post must be installed with Ritual. 747-275-7778 or sas1469@gmail.com

Scott Sinclair





Elegant 18th District

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From the desk of 2nd Vice Jack Evanilla





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Good June Legion Family.

Please call Dennis at Lamplighter Inn and make reservation for convention. Time is running out. Dennis is off Monday and Tuesday.

He awaits you call.

As per request at May general meeting, here are three options for Summer-Fall sports games to build "District Bonding"

- 1)..Hockey, LA Kings vs Ducks. Preseason, September 28.2024, 3pm Onterio Reigh/AEG Sports. Section 110-112. \$40.00 per person. For this price need 15 people. For group discount.
- 2)..LA Dodgers, Sunday..1.10pm start, August 11th Pittsburg Pirates. Rates subject to change field level-\$76.00 Lodge-\$58.00-Reserve Level \$35.00

Parking is \$35.00 per car, suggest carpooling. Groupe minimum 15 people for above pricing.

3)..UCLA Bruin football game at Pasadena Rose bowl UCLA vs. Big 10 Iowa Hawkeyes Friday November 8, 2024..Firday night at 6pm.

Group tickets, minimum 20 people. Endzone seats start \$12.00 plus. Will more know in July when new prices and tickets open up. Parking on lot H is \$25.00. parking at Parson's Walnut and Fair Oaks \$15.00, includes shuttle bus!!

Will be taking a dry run to storage locker with Sam in early June to see inventory for Hospitality Room.

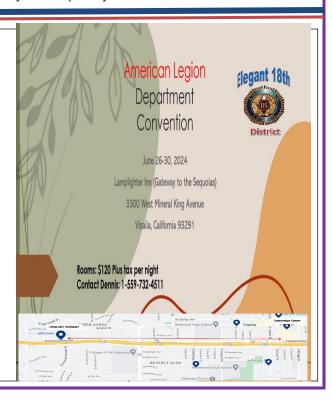
Officers and Members, Department Convention is just around the

Corner, have you reserved you room with the Elegant 18th?

Contact the district 2nd vice, he will give you all the details, hope to

See you at convention, just look at the delegate strength to what your

Post has in voting rights and ability to attend have a coice...



















By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Administrative Compliance

My fellow Officers, elected and appointed,

Service to our Members is our main priority! So, you as the leaders of your Post can and should, Assist & support our Veterans. As leaders can you provide guidance? Show Comradeship to your fellow Veterans? We! Have an obligation in the American Legion, to mentor, manage and provide the necessary tools that your fellow officers can succeed in assisting your membership.

Some have said, how can you do this, where do I look or whom do I ask? Well, it's this simple, start with the Post elected officers, if they do not know? Then it is up to them to look up the information requested or asked. Again, simple, as I've said before, attend the meetings, then ask a fellow officer or someone in District level, if we do not know we WILL, look it up and get that information to you as soon as we can, it's called "TEAM-WORK".

Let's work together, an organization is only as good as its leaders and through you we can and will succeed. Follow the protocols, procedures, By-Laws...

"BE THE ONE"

In Service,

Auggie G. - 18th District Judge Advocate /Scribe & Department Historian age69vet@veriozn.net / (562) 706-0178

Send text or email – with name, post or district, To know who you are? If you wish to be added To the District newsletter.

FLAG ETIQUETTE AT PARADES

When an American Flag passes:

- Stand Up
- Remove your hat
- Place your right hand over your heart
- · Stop any conversation you are having

Note: It is not necessary to salute every American Flag that passes.

- If it is carried by an honor guard or in a group with other flags, stand up and salute (veterans) or pay respect to the Flag.
- Do not salute small hand-held flags carried by attendees & participants

Teach children to respect our nation's Flag. If they are given a small Flag, please do not throw it on the ground or in the street.





18th District Meeting, @ Post 241 Baldwin Park













Speaker Janice Somers from District 16 Post 16





The Elegant 18th District

Photos by District Historian Wayne Lundy.







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District 18 attends Tribute to Veterans Arcadia Park, CA May 25, 2024









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| Department of California - 2024 DELEGATE STRENGTH REPORT | | | | | | | | | 5/20/2024 | | |
| 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 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 |
| 13 | Pasadena | Pasadena | 80 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 30 | Charles P Rowe | Pomona | 103 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 44 | Monrovia | Monrovia | 34 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 78 | Keith Powell | Claremont | 54 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 139 | Alhambra | Alhambra | 168 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | | | | 5 |
| 180 | Canyon City | Azuza | 153 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | | | | 5 |
| 241 | Abraham Lincoln | Baldwin Park | 41 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 247 | Arcadia | Monrovia | 99 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 261 | El Monte | El Monte | 30 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 279 | Temple City | Temple City | 44 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 280 | East Pasadena | Pasadena | 172 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | Neil La Sala (C) | | 6 |
| 397 | Monterey Park | Monterey Park | 25 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 431 | Edison | Alhambra | 20 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 |
| 475 | San Dimas - Glendora | Glendora | 83 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 508 | Borinquen | Baldwin Park | 93 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 748 | Reyner Aguirre | San Gabriel | 30 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 755 | Charter Cove | Covina | 121 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 790 | West Covina | West Covina | 295 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 1 | Auggie Galaviz (Hi | storian) | 9 |
| Total | | | 1667 | 38 | 34 | 72 | 72 | 2 | | | 74 |





The Elegant 18th District



10 June 2024 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 280 East Pasadena

Friday – <u>14 June 2024</u> District General Membership Meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena, District & Post program All Post Officers should attend.

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.



District Chaplain, Jack Evanila



From the Chaplains Corner

Good June Legion Family

Important military dates in June.

6.6.1944-DDay

6.6—Flag Day

6.6.1950-Korean War starts

6.27.1953-Korean Armistice Day

District 18 post everlasting. May

Kent Fraiser-post 475

John Jarvis-post 475





Father, in this month of June, we in the Legion family ask that you help us all to remember Your saving blessings. We declare that this month is a chance for renewed intimacy with you Father.

Remove any pride and familiarity from our minds

- .. for there is always more to you than the human
- ..mind can comprehend. Amen!!

As we approach the mid year of 2024 lets us all

- ..remember too "Be The One".
- 1-To Ask Veterans in your life, how they are doing.
- 2-To listen when a Veterans needs to talk.
- 3-To reach out when a Veteran is struggling.

American Legion Department California

Greetings California Members, "Joint Efforts Triumph!"





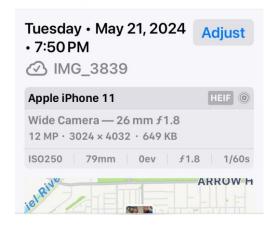


AMERICAN LEGION POST 755 AUXILIARY INSTALLATION





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June 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | | y Birthday Day | | · | LACC Mtg. P790 comedy night | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Military Spouse appreciation day | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Dist.18 E-Bd. | 11 | 12 Women Veterans Day | 13 | Dist. 18 Mtg. @P280 FlagDay&US | 15 |
| 16 Fathers Day | 1 7 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Army Birthday | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 PTSD Awareness Day | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | BETHEONE TO ASK VETERANS HOW THEY ARE DOING TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING LEGION |

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Post-280 E. Pasadena, @ 1930 hrs.

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

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 280 Monday 06/10/2024