



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



Hello Legion Family,

As I mentioned last month, it is my honor to serve another term! Our work as a Legion Family is never done and we are always looking for fresh ideas to raise money, organize community service projects and to motivate members to get more involved. Please feel free to let me know if you have any strategies in mind to help our great organization. The best ideas exist in the minds of our membership! To that end, we really need active duty, reservists and personnel leaving the service to join our Legion ranks. This pool of men and women can surely foster innovative thought toward developing further the fore mentioned ideas and more! Everyone of us is a recruiter and we represent the first line effort to keep our Legion Family alive! 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 went 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 2024-2025 membership, please do so as soon as possible. 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,

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District 18 Voting for our District.



The Pasadena Memorial Day Remembrance
with District 18 participating.



Greetings American Legion Family,

Welcome to the start of the New American Legion Year! Our membership goals this year are to recruit new members, retain our existing members, and recognize. As we begin this new year, I'd like to commend seven Posts in our District that have achieved 100% membership or better. These Posts will receive a Membership Plaque, and a 100% Post Commander pin, 100% Post Adjutant pin, and 1st Vice Commander pin. Additionally, Post 790 will receive a 110% membership ribbon, and Temple City will receive a Post Honor ribbon. Congratulations to:

- Post 10 South El Monte
- Post 139 Alhambra
- Post 180 Azusa
- Post 279 Temple City
- Post 280 East Pasadena
- Post 431 Edison
- Post 790 West Covina

Another new membership initiative is Training Tuesdays. Since October 2020, on the last Tuesday of each month, American Legion National Headquarters staff members have presented 60- to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session is recorded and made available for later viewing. You can access these sessions at [Training Tuesdays](https://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays). <https://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays>

The California American Legion Convention, held from June 27th to June 30th, included many classes, presentations, and events. Among the classes I attended the Strategic Membership & Membership Engagement Planning session, which focused on membership retention & recruitment.

As of June 28, 2024, our District has 1,693 Legionnaires, including 14 transferred from Post 1,000, 318 Paid Up For Life Members, and 118 new members, achieving 94.37% of our goal of 1,794 members. As District we finished 23rd of 30 District with 94.37%. Well done to those who reached their membership goals and worked hard on membership efforts. This year, as part of the Membership team - Membership South, we have an American Legion branded canopy with BE The One banners. When your Post is having a membership drive or event, reach out to me to coordinate the membership.

Semper Fidelis,
Samuel Cafiero
1st Vice Commander
Elegant 18 District



Commanders – Past Commanders

Leaders in your right! Experienced, knowledgeable, trailblazers, Advisors
Help us help our posts leadership volunteers, **join the PCC**, yes, **The past Commander Club**

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

You are the most experienced and cultivated officers of this organization that can “Mentor” and advise your fellow officers and incoming officers on our organization’s mode of operation and understandings of the By-laws!

As when active duty, we all had uniform standard rules to follow. All reputable organizations are no different. ★

In order to conduct business, we need to know the established guidelines & procedures to properly conduct business, for your Post, for your Members.

“BE A MENTOR” Be the leader you are for your fellow colleagues!





Elegant 18th District

Department of California

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From the desk of 2nd Vice
Jack Evanilla



Hello everyone in the 18th District, and Happy July!!!!!!

So here we all are, the start of a new Calander year 2024-2025, how exciting. I cannot wait to get going, fundraising, panning for next year's convention and just trying to be the good 2ed Vice C.

I want to thank everyone who voted for me. Your confidence really means a lot.

I personally want to thank several people that offered their personal knowledge about the Hospitality Room 2024. Lisa, Sam, Neil, Ted and Al Mora.

By the time this goes out on the line and everyone begins to read. The 2024 Convention. California, Department will be over. Fourth of July will celebrated and done, artillery, anxiety and nerves. Over! 2024-2025 IS ON!!!

So please listen to what's to come next. A day-night of bonding. Comradery time. My wife and I are offering our house. No unsafe park. We have four Australian Sheppard dogs, two land tortoise's, Fire magic BBQ and a pool. My wife Charlie is a great cook. Neil and Sam have been here several times. We have plenty of parking, and even spill over parking down the east end of the street. The New Life Church. So pot luck and BYO Beer. No excuses, Commander LaSala will keep hounding me till this gets put on the Calander! I will hounding you all at the July E-Board and General Meeting.....so just say yes and look forward to a great time of 18th District Bonding!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

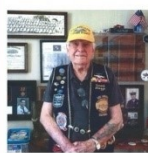
Finally, I am going through my old job phone contacts. Rich business owners to call for 2024 and 2025 donations\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. I want to set my bar high and exceed what I raised this past year. Please ask our 18th District Chaplain for a prayer here that I can Successfully succeed this goal of mine.

Please all of you in the 18th District have Very, Very Blessed month of July and please-please be safe, and watch your six!!! (Back side).

It is really-really crazy out there on the 18th District Streets!!!!!!

Out!!!!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
Welcomes Families & Friends
to Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale
July 7th - 9am to 11:00am



Please join us to Welcome &
Celebrate Our Very Special
WWII Guest of Honor
Torpedoman First Class, USN
Harold Staggs



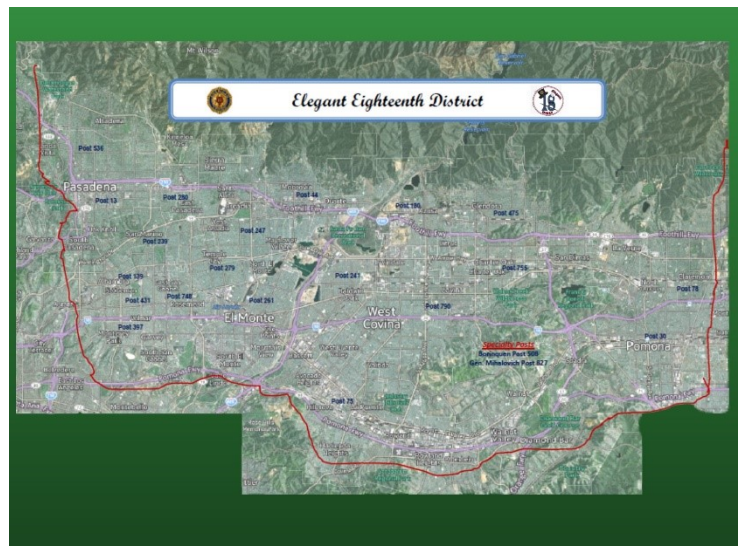
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Bacon,
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit, and more.

Donation \$12.00

Kids Under 12 Eat Free



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





JUDGE
ADVOCATE



Comments from the J.A./Scribe

**BE THE
ONE**



By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Administrative Compliance

Happy Birthday American, Members, 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, Installation of Officers @ Post 280 East Pasadena



District 18 Installation of Officers at Post 280 6-21-2024



District 18 Oath of Office at Post 280 6-21-2024



The Elegant 18th District

Photos by District Historian Wayne Lundy.

Independence day
4TH OF JULY
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. and Main St.
Alhambra, CA

TACO SATURDAY
That's right, tacos are not just for Tuesday

COME GET YOUR \$2.00 TACOS

Auxiliary Fundraiser
American Legion - Unit 790

Sat - 5/4
2pm to 5pm

330 N. Azusa Ave
West Covina, CA 91791



DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									6/14/2024
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	1	1	20	0	22	22	100.00%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	1	14	65	0	80	86	93.02%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	30	75	1	106	136	77.94%
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	0	11	23	1	35	85	41.18%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	0	10	45	0	55	67	82.09%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	18	23	127	1	169	167	101.20%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	8	27	116	2	153	151	101.32%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	3	7	31	0	41	53	77.36%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	2	25	74	1	102	107	95.33%
261	El Monte	El Monte	1	4	25	0	30	52	57.69%
279	Temple City	Temple City	2	9	33	0	44	43	102.33%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	27	38	109	1	175	167	104.79%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	8	17	0	25	49	51.02%
431	Edison	Alhambra	1	1	17	2	21	20	105.00%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	4	9	67	4	84	88	95.45%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	5	13	76	0	94	94	100.00%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	19	0	30	31	96.77%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6	14	103	0	123	122	100.82%
790	West Covina	West Covina	38	63	199	1	301	254	118.50%
Total			117	318	1,241	14	1,690	1,794	94.20%
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The Elegant 18th District



08 July 2024 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 280 East Pasadena

Friday – 19 July 2024 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 279 Temple City, 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

Hello Legion Family, and Happy July!

Important military dates in July:

- 7-1-1948—WAF women's air force program .accepts its firsts females.
- 7-2-1926—US Army air corps in established.
- 7-4-1776—Independence Day.
- 7-6-1863—battle of Gettysburg begins.
- 7-7-1941—US Forces land in Iceland, WW11.
- To prevent German, Nazi take over.
- 7-27-1953—Korean War Armistice is signed.
- 7-28-1914—WW1 begins.
- 7-29-1775—Army Chaplains Corp established.
- 7-30-1942—Navy Women's reserve is established...Waves.



A prayer for our soldier's...

Lord, Hold our troops in your living hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families. For the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

A prayer for our Veterans on the Fourth of July:

Dear lord, we thank you for the BRAVE who fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for Your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that You would be gracious and encircle them with Your Peace. Amen

Please Lord, continue to watch over Lupe!

Thank you Lord for guiding her home. Please bless both Auggie and Lupe

Functions around your neighborhood Posts



American Legion Post 755
4th of July Potluck
2pm - 6 pm

There's a sign up sheet at the post, stop by and sign up! We appreciate all dishes!



Cool down from the summer heat with an ice cold drink and enjoy great food with us. The post will have hot dogs too!

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina CA 91724

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 755 INVITES
 YOU ON SATURDAY JULY 27, 2024



Live Music:
Juju and The
All-Star Band
6-11pm

Beef Stroganoff Dinner over
 noodles, vegetable, salad, and
 dessert at 5 pm
 \$12 Donation

OPPORTUNITY
 DRAWING

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA CA 91724

OPEN
 TO ALL

@SGV.POPUPS

POP-UP

• JULY 27TH, 2024
 10AM-3PM
 330 N AZUSA AVE
 WEST COVINA,
 91791



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  1926—US Army air corps in established	2 1926—US Army air corps in established	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 LACC Mtg.	6 1863—battle of Gettysburg begins
7	8 Dist.18 E-Bd. @P280	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Dist. 18 Mtg. @P279	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Korean War Ended Armistice 1953
28 1914—WW1 begins	29 1775—Army Chaplains Corp established	30 1942—Navy Women's reserve is established...Wave	31			BE THE ONE TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING THE AMERICAN LEGION BETHEONE.ORG

The Voice of Elegance

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION

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El Monte, CA 91734



JOIN US AT
CAMP DO GOOD.

Give Blood.



Blood Drive
American Legion District 18

Legion Hall
179 N Vinado Ave
Pasadena, CA 91107

Friday, July 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LEGION to schedule an appointment or contact American Legion representative Jr. Duarte at 626-592-3842.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Be part of something big. Make an appointment

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday JULY 19, 2024

Post-279 Temple City, @ 1930 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 280
Monday 07/08/2024



District 18 Boys State program @ Post 261



Post 139 Installation Officers

Glendora Post 475 Participates

18th District @ L.A. County Memorial Day Program

Adjutant Message:

2024-2025 Department of California Officers

Commander – Nick Rosa

Sgt- at – Arms – Richard “Kiki” Ramirez

National Executive Committee – Jere Romano

Alt. National Executive Committee – Eric Measles

Members from the 18th District @ Department

Membership Director – JR Duarte

Membership South – Sam Cafiero

Assistant Parliamentarian / Dept. Resolutions Chairman– Scott Sinclair

A big shout out to Auggie Galaviz for stepping up last year and taking the reigns as Department Historian.

For those Post who did not turn in all their paperwork for Convention. You still need to turn it in and pay any fees outstanding to Dept. You will remain on Suspension until you are cleared.

The Next Department Executive Meeting will be August 9-11, 2024 in Bakersfield, CA. For those interested in see what happens these meetings are open to anyone to attend. You will not have a voice or vote but you can listen and learn how Dept works.

Scott Sinclair

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