



Neil La Sala
Commander 2024 - 2025
The Elegant 18th District

August



Hello Legion Family,

I am making service to the community and Legion Family camaraderie the cornerstone of my 2024-2025 term. Every member of our organization has the ability to help make a positive difference. Whether it be stuffing envelopes for a membership renewal campaign, helping to prepare a meal, donating trash bags to the Post... no display of kindness and service is too small! To that end, I would like to take a moment to recognize a District 18 Legionnaire who truly exemplifies an incomparable spirit of service. A role model for us all, I am honored to announce that John C. Evanilla from Post 475 has been named the American Legion Department of California Chaplain of the Year! Jack is very attentive and he has high concentration levels. Furthermore, he is always willing and eager to learn new things about his position with respect to spreading the word of God.

Jack is a highly ambitious person with great intellectual capacity. He is very serious with his duties and he takes up all tasks with full dedication. Additionally, he has always been consistent in his performance. He spends countless hours working on prayers, making appearances at memorial services and consoling the families of deceased Legionaries. Furthermore, he has personally raised \$5000 from private and corporate donors for the District 18 Memorial and Convention Funds. Furthermore, his excellent people skills and immense creativity have allowed him to promulgate the teachings of the Bible for the benefit of the community and American Legion. He has prepared and delivered invocations and benedictions at Easter/Passover, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and at Christmas events on behalf of the American Legion. Furthermore, in February of this year, Comrade Evanilla arranged for the Department Chaplain to participate in the District 18 Four Chaplains Ceremony henceforth, providing an opportunity for all Legion Family members of the San Gabriel Valley to meet and listen to the enlightening words of Dr. Kathy Cash.

Jack is a contributor and a leader who garners tremendous respect and admiration from his American Legion comrades. He has excellent communication skills and he conducts himself with great maturity and confidence when he speaks in front of an audience. He is a valued part of our Legion team and he will undoubtedly be suited for continued service with higher levels of responsibility in the years to come. Again, a true role model, congratulations are certainly in order for Jack!

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/>

Follow the penguin!

Semper Fidelis,

Neil La Sala
American Legion Department of California
Commander- District 18
Adjutant- Post 280
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District 18 Chaplain
Receives Chaplain of the Year!



Hello American Legion family,

We are now in the second month of the membership calendar year. Most Posts have received their membership cards, which have been distributed at recent District meetings and Post Installations.

For Post Adjutants and other legionnaires, review the training materials on mylegion.org/training for guidance on submitting, renewing, and processing memberships.

I attended the American Legion membership workshop on July 26-27 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Some key takeaways include:

5 Ways to Engage Members:

1. Reach out early and often.
2. Start your retention program on Day One.
3. Customize your approach to individual members.
4. Identify why they joined and do more of it.
5. Always communicate.

Send membership cards ASAP and use mylegion.org:

- Encourage individual use of mylegion.org
- Implement policies for unit use (Post and Squadron)
- Submit transmittals ASAP, ideally daily or weekly, to avoid renewal notices.
- Posts that do not have access to mylegion.org let us know so we can fix that ASAP

Membership renewal link –

[Renew your membership online | The American Legion](http://mylegion.org)

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



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



Commanders – Past Commanders

We restate

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

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
P. O. Box 5256
El Monte, CA 91734



From the desk of 2nd Vice
Jack Evanilla



Happy August Legion Family..

Its hot out there! Time to have a Legion Party and bond! So, with the help of Commander LaSala and First Vice Sam, please look forward to 31 August, 2024. A day a Saturday afternoon, start time 1300..please be on time.

We/my wife Charlie and I have a pool 15 by 30 feet, bring swim attire and a towel. This is a pot luck event as stated in the flyer. Need members to bring their favorite dishes, rice, green salads, potato salad, salsa-green or red, noodle dishes. please help. My wife will bring BBQ tri tip! White Hat JR and Commander LaSala, in your honor and presence, look for to Budweiser and IPA Hazy IPA, precooled.

If Legion Brothers want to spend the night and really party ...you can spend the night ..plenty of room, for those of us who served in combat arms, sleeping on a secure floor and blanket is no big deal. Remember what it was like to morning ready in the field, yes! My wife Charlie will cook breakfast. And she is quite the cook, as we say in the foodservice business, she can burn. Please ask Commander LaSala and First Vice Sam!!!

The event will be Very, Very Special!!! We will be doing pledge of allegiance, blessing of the event, all personal and food. at about 1800-1900, will be taking down the flag, taps is being played for the fallen! Pretty good, yes!!

Special guests who are committed....

Dr, Kathy Cash.
Janice Summers
Carlos, from District 28, our neighbor at convention,
Across the way at Lamplighter Inn. Great cook.
Neil LaSala
Command Sargent Major Larry Keen
Command Sargent Major Rivers Joc. hope I spelled correctly!
Army Colonel Lary
Possible Nick Rosa
Possible Covina Walter Allen third, Mayor.
Possible Glendora Mayor.
RNC-Riverside National Cemetery Chaplain Caroline
Flounders..army.1984 to 1992.
More to come invite.



Working on fall 2024, sporting event, possible UCLA Football game, corner endzone seats, \$28.00. possible free tickets. Per VETTIX, veteran friendly. Will know more as I communicate with Spencer at UCLA tickets. Game is looking like 7 December.

Finally, we have four Australian Shepards Dogs. They bark upon seeing, but are very, very, very civilian and veteran friendly ask Mad Max, commander LaSala's dog and his wife Carol.

Everyone have a very blessed and safe month of August. I am probably going to attend DEC in Bakersfield.. 9 to 11 August. Again please please be safe out there stay six o'clock!!!

So I'm done here...Big August coming..
OUT!!!



JUDGE
ADVOCATE



Comments from the J.A./Scribe

**BE THE
ONE**



By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Administrative Compliance

Happy Veterans Day, Members, Officers, elected and appointed,

Uh? I say? Yes, every day is Veterans Day, as is our Service to our Members that which is our main priority! So, you the leaders of your Post can and should, Assist & support your Veterans. As leaders you can provide guidance. Show Comradeship to your fellow Veterans. We/You! 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 Veterans & Members have asked, how can the American Legion help us? What can they do? whom do I ask? Well, it's this simple, start with the Post elected officers, if they do not know? It's 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". Working together for the "Good of the Legion".

An organization is only as good as its leaders and through you we can and will succeed. Follow the protocols, procedures, By-Laws... If I may inform you leaders, don't go over the established norm of process, from Post, to District and then Area only, if you by pass this procedure and go to Department or worse to National it will only be rejected and sent back to Department who will then contact the Area & District of the post its coming from, creating an inquiry of concern asking for the district to follow up and investigate to resolve whatever problem it may be...

"BE THE ONE"

In Service,

Auggie Galaviz. - 18th District

Judge Advocate/Scribe

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.

**When you have a
friend who checks on you
and wants nothing but
the best for you, keep them
dear. Such souls are rare.**



18th District Meeting, @ Post 279 Temple City



Department of Ca Commander Nick Rosa



Ramon from District 29 Executive B



Speaker Ondrea Tye



KLOS Blood Drive being held at Post 180
Free T-shirt and \$20 gift card



40th Annual
95.5 KLOS
Blood Drive

Make an appointment to
donate at one of the many
locations throughout
Southern California!

Blood Drive
American Legion Post 180

Legion Hall
819 N Loren
Azusa, CA 91702

Friday, August 2, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ALP180 to schedule an appointment.
Enhance your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by using Blood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading history questions on the day of your appointment.



Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See redcross.org/help



Tap to tag location pointer



American Legion District 18
presents

**LEGION FAMILY
GOT TALENT**

**AUGUST 17, | 05:00PM DINNER
2024 6:30 PM SHOW**

\$15

American Legion Post 139
24 N Stoneman Ave
Alhambra, CA 91801

Calling all Singers, Dancers, Musicians,
Comedians, Poets and etc.

Contact Gil Ramos to sign up at
(626) 434-5567 gcramos17@hotmail.com



Native Americans
Code Talkers Month

District 18 @ Posts events & programs



Breakfast @ Post 755 Covina

L. A. County Supervisor Visits 18th District
Post 280 E. Pasadena

Post 790 West Covina Country & Western Nigh

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									7/26/2024
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	47	0	57	67	85.07%
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	26	0	31	52	59.62%
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	7	14	104	0	125	122	102.46%
790	West Covina	West Covina	38	63	199	1	301	254	118.50%
Total			118	318	1,245	14	1,695	1,794	94.48%
19									



The Elegant 18th District



12 August 2024 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 475 Glendora

Friday – 16 August 2024 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 475 Glendora, 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 per Department 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 August

8-7-1790-national coast guard day, founding of us coast guard...1790 by Alexander Hamilton.

8-7...purple heart day.

8-10...ageant orange awareness day.

8-14...navaio code talkers' day.

8-16...national airborne day.

8-29—marine forces reserve birthday.

A prayer for August 2024!

Lord God, it is August, thank you for this time of year with longer days, brighter nights, and a break from normal routine. You are the God who needs nothing and yet you took time to rest. Thank you for the summer that gives us the opportunity to follow your example. We rejoice in the gifts of family, friends, civilians or not ..neighbors and yes Veterans we all need help, Lord God ...please help, we all need time off to enjoy the month of August.

Amen, Amen, Amen!!!!

A prayer-quote for the month of August!!!

Seek the Lord and his strength. Seek his continually.

May you rest the palm of His loving hands and find comfort in His care for you.

You, 18th American Legion District you're all in His and my prayers!!!!

Amen!



Events around your neighborhood Posts




PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Do you love pancakes? What about eggs and bacon? Well we have the event for you! Post 790's Auxiliary is hosting a delectable pancake breakfast loaded with all your favorites.

Where: Post 790
When: 08/03/24
Time: 9 – 11:30 am

\$5 Short Stack
 Includes 3 pancakes

\$8 Breakfast Plate
 Includes eggs, potatoes & bacon
 Choice of: pancakes or toast

\$10 Breakfast Plate
 Includes eggs, potatoes, bacon
 pancakes AND toast



AMERICAN LEGION POST 280

Welcomes Families & Friends
 to Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale
 August 4th- 9am to 11:00am

Kids under 12 Eat Free

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

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



Taco Wednesday

\$5 for 2 chicken or beef tacos

\$6 Taco Tostada Bowl

5pm to 7 pm or until food runs out

American Legion Post 755
 2015 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina CA 91724



JOIN US 11AM-3PM

Chris Holden
 DISTRICT 41
 ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE 25th ANNUAL

41ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR & BLOCK PARTY

500 BLOCK OF EAST JACKSON ST. IN PASADENA

FREE BACKPACKS, HOTDOGS, & MORE. LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT. COMMUNITY RESOURCES & INFO.

SAT. AUGUST 3, 2024



August 2024




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gold Star Children's Day	2 Blood Drive P180 LACC Mtg. Desert Shield 1990	3 P790 Fndrsr. Breakfast
4 P280 Breakfast US Coast Guard 1790	5 Women A.F. Svc. Pilots Est. 1943.	6	7 Purple Heart Day Est. 1782	8	9	10 Agent Orange awareness day
11	12 Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @P475 Glendora	13	14 Navajo Code Talkers Day	15	16 Dist. 18 Mtg. @P475 Glendora	17 D18 Got Talent @ P139 Alh.
18	19 Nati'l. Aviation Day	20	21 P755 Taco Wed.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 marine forces reserve birthday	30	31 Dist. 18 Camaraderie Bonding Day

The Voice of Elegance

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



Follow the penguin



18TH DISTRICT COMRADERY BONDING


BBQ & Potluck BYOB

Bring swimsuit Attire and towel for Pool fun!

Door Prizes/ Raffle (Bring Cash)
Bring a chair to Lounge in!!

AUGUST	31, 2024	1300
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Follow the Elegant Penguin
to the
Evanilla's
728 Sycamore Ave
Glendora Calif 91741
Jack: 626-617-5213



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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday AUGUST 16, 2024
Post-475 Glendora, @ 1930 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 475
Monday 08/12/2024

One Night Fundraiser for
Malo A.K.A "Maldito"
Brought to you by:

DJ TROOP
Condernados
Califa

Bikini Wash
DJ-Vendors
Raffles & Taco
Family event everyone welcome

Wednesday August 7th 6-10pm
American Legion Post 755 In Covina

VA GREATER LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

OPEN HOUSE

- VETERANS BENEFITS INFORMATION
- GIVEAWAYS
- VBA & VET CENTER REPRESENTATIVES

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS ARE FROM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

JULY 12	VA Lancaster Lancaster Elks Lodge 1625 240 East Ave K Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 729-8655	OCT 16	VA Sepulveda 16111 Plummer St Sepulveda, CA 91343 (818) 891-7711
AUG 14	VA Bakersfield 1801 Westwind Dr Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 632-1800	NOV 9	VA East Los Angeles 5426 E Olympic Blvd Commerce, CA 90022 (323) 725-7372
SEPT 4	VA Santa Barbara SB Elks Lodge 613 150 N. Kellogg Ave. Santa Barbara, CA 93111 (805) 683-1491	DEC 11	VA Santa Maria 1550 East Main St Santa Maria, CA 93434 (805) 354-6000



WWW.LOSANGELES.VA.GOV

For more information, please contact:
calvin.payne@va.gov
424-214-8341



American Legion Post 755 Charter Cove

AUGUST 2024

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina CA 91724

(626) 966-7786

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hours Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sun. 2pm-8pm, Sat. 2pm-8pm or later			31	1	2	3
4 Hot Dogs 3 pm	5	6	7 Bike Night/ Tacos 5pm-10pm	8 Aux. Mtg. 6 pm	9	10
11 Hot Dogs 3 pm	12	13 Legion Mtg. 6 pm	14 Tacos 5pm	15 SAL Mtg. 6 pm	16	17
18 Breakfast 9 am	19	20	21 Tacos 5pm	22 Riders Mtg. 6 pm	23 Karaoke 5 pm	24 Summer Concert 7pm
25 Hot Dogs 3 pm	26	27	28 Tacos 5pm	29	30	31

**The Elegant 18th District
Department Convention presented our
District Chaplain of the year award.
Jack Evanilla-Post 755**

**This district has the most recognized
members in service to their communities this
past few years.**

Be with someone who will take care of
you. Not materialistically, but take care
of your soul, your well-being, your
heart and everything that's you.



American Legion Auxiliary
Northern California
Department Workshop

Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Haggin Grant Post 521
6700 8th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673

Haggin Grant Post 521 is located 20 minutes from the Sacramento International Airport.

Hotels conveniently located off I-5 and Del Paso Blvd.

Co-Chairman:
Jennifer Turner (916) 517-8486
Suzanne Winters (916) 768-6679

AMERICA the beautiful

Donuts and coffee will be served at 9:00am

Join us for Lunch!
Sub Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, and Chips

RSVP No later than Sept 7th

Lunch \$10 at door or mail payment to:
Kathy Shermer, 1019 E Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673

Note: Date has changed

LET US CELEBRATE

Southern California
Dept Workshop &
Dept Leadership
Workshop
October 12, 2024

Coffee and Pastries 8 am
Workshops 9am to 3pm
Lunch will be available for
\$5.00 donation

AMERICAN LEGION POST 496
5938 E PARKCREST ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90808


Debbie Butler - Southern California Workshop contact &
Diana Livas - Auxiliary Department Leadership

Please RSVP to Debbie Butler
DBUTLER49@VERIZON.NET OR (213) 200-0477

AMERICA the beautiful

Linda Hayes
Department President
2024-2025

Family
is my treasure



Marriage is not about a beautiful wedding, fancy homes, cute kids, nice cars and white picket fences. Marriage is hospital stays, working long hours, fighting through struggles, paying bills, keeping the faith and staying together through it all.

Virtual VA Benefits and Services Workshop

Virtual Overview of VA Benefits and Services

In partnership with Department of Labor, who has oversight of Off-Base Transition Training (OBTT), VA is offering a 45-minute virtual Overview of VA Benefits and Services workshop. This is a comprehensive overview of benefits and services provided by VA.

During this workshop you will learn:

- How to access the benefits you've earned
- Key benefit considerations
- How to connect with VA

Dates:

- Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m. PT
- Tuesday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m. PT

VA NEWS

Women's Health



WOMEN VETERANS

You deserve the best prosthetic and sensory aids designed to fit your lifestyle and your body, based on your unique health care needs.

Women Veterans: You deserve the best prosthetic and sensory aids designed to fit your lifestyle and your body. VA offers comprehensive and advanced prosthetic devices, sensory aids, and rehabilitation services that specifically meet your unique health care needs. Plus, we know that size and appearance matter. We're further enhancing options so you can choose items for your personal style and body type.

You may know that we provide mobility, visual, and hearing aids, surgical implants, and custom limbs. But we also provide gender-specific items such as nursing bras, breast pumps, mastectomy items, wigs, pelvic floor devices, and more.

Visit the [VA Office of Women's Health Prosthetics page](#) or call 1-855-VA-WOMEN to speak with a real person and get connected to care. You can also learn more by visiting the [VA Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service page](#)