



Neil La Sala  
Commander 2024 - 2025  
The Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District



Hello Legion Family,

October is here and the Fall season is upon us! As we begin to bring 2024 to a close, devotion to our Legion's Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth) should always be kept front-and-center in everything we do as a Legion Family. Each Post in District 18 is encouraged to do something between now and December 31st to help those in need. Some campaigns might include canned food drives, clothing drives, donating blood, homeless veterans outreach, planning to support the Toys for Tots program, etc. Our end of the year District 18 Holiday Bash is open to all Posts, Units and Squadrons. Please mark your calendar for December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1800 at Post 280, as we share camaraderie, celebrate the holiday season and bring our devotion to the Four Pillars full circle!

As we strive to help our community, we must continue to keep a close eye on our own Post operations. Germane to this, District 18 will be hosting the American Legion Department of California Area 6 Caucus on Saturday, October 5, 0900 at East Pasadena Post 280. Among many vital pieces of information needed to operate a Post efficiently, labor law attorney Valerie Gonzalez will be presenting material and answering questions related to employees, volunteers, workman's compensation, insurance and other topics as they pertain to non-profit veterans' organizations. The Area 6 Caucus is open to all Legion Family members and a must for Post Commanders, Adjutants, Financial Officers and Judge Advocates.

Lastly, 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,

Neil La Sala  
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Commander- District 18  
Adjutant- Post 280  
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18<sup>th</sup> District Commander LaSala  
Receives Flag flown over U.S. Capitol



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

## 18 District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Report.

Greetings Legion Family,

As we step into October, let's stay mindful of everything happening around us. October is Halloween month there will be lots of sweets and celebrations stay safe.

Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion. It's crucial to ensure that when members pay their dues, we promptly provide them with their membership cards.

For additional resources, remember that "Training in a Box" is available from the American Legion, which can be accessed through the following links:

<http://www.legion.org/training>

I've observed that processing memberships online via MyLegion.org is much more efficient, with a turnaround time of approximately 7 days. By contrast, submitting by mail to the department can take twice as long.

Lastly, be aware of email scams. The American Legion will never send vague requests like, "I'm going into a meeting, can you handle this for me?" Always check the sender's email address. If anything seems suspicious, verify by contacting the person directly using known contact details, not those provided in the questionable email.

A few important dates to keep in mind:

- The LACC General Meeting will be held on October 4th at Post 280. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM, and the meeting will begin at 6:45 PM.
- The 18th District Sons of the American Legion Meeting is scheduled for October 15th at Post 790 (downstairs) at 7:00 PM. District officers ensure to bring your SAL cover. All Sons and Legion members are encouraged to wear their covers.
- The 6th area caucus will be Saturday October 5th at post 280. All those plan to attend ensure you bring your legion cover. Starts at 9am

Stay vigilant and thank you for your commitment to the Legion.

Semper Fidels,

Samuel Cafiero





## *Elegant 18th District*

Department of California

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El Monte, CA 91734



**From the desk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Jack Evanilla**



From the 2ed Vice  
District 18, Elegant District 18<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Evanilla

Good October Legion Family.

First and foremost, thankyou-thankyou Auggie for remaining !8<sup>th</sup> district "SCRIBE".

I want to thank all who attended bonding Saturday, 31 August. Might be a event for the ages.

Recruiting events that are set are; A salute to Veterans - 5 November at 11am, Glendora La Fetra Center  
333 East Foothill Blvd, Glendora, California. 626-914-8235. Must call register by 18 October for free lunch.  
Legion will have a VSO and RECRUITING Table. Legion will a " help things" to pass out.

National Guard Armory Azuza. Have been given the green light by SFC Sandavol. Attend their Christmas party 14  
December no time yet. Legion can recruit at this event, I will need our A Team to do so. Sorry about that is a  
Saturday. Family event. Food , yes we will be fed, they always have good food..Its Army!!  
If kids and family are involved, I will dress up as Santa Clause!!

Not set yet to recruit; and I want to do these events by the end of this year. Kyra's Corner and Marine Corp  
Reserve Center in Pasadena. Need a team for this.

Fundraise, expect to have \$2000.00 by November General meeting.

Every one a Blessed, safe and fun Halloween!!

Blessed, raise money and always recruiting,  
Your District 18 2ed Vice,  
Jack Evanilla





*Comments from the Scribe*



**By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Administrative Compliance-Read them, understand them**

## DISTRICT 18

### Meeting Schedule PDF

**Annual District Meeting:** May 16, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Location: Post 241, Baldwin Park

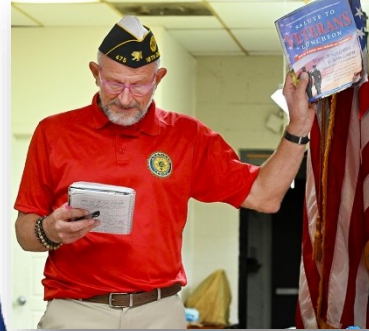
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778

- Meeting 1: July 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 279, Temple City  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 2: August 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 475, Glendora  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 3: September 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post ~~397, Monterey Park~~ Charter Cove Post 755, Covina CA  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 4: October 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 755, Covina  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 5: November 15, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 241, Baldwin Park  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 6: December 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 280, Pasadena  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 7: January 17, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 13, Pasadena  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 8: February 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 139, Alhambra  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 9: March 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 279, Temple City  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778
- Meeting 10: April 18, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
Location: Post 180, Azusa  
Point of Contact: Scott Sinclair, (747) 275-7778

18<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, @ Post 755 Charter Cove-Covina 20 September



District 18 Gen Meeting at Charter Cove Post 755 9-20-2024



dinner served at Post 755 for D1

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

9/27/2024

Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	0	0	30	0.00%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	1	1	26	3.85%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	0	0	47	0.00%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	2	15	17	94	18.09%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	0	0	33	0.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	1	2	3	47	6.38%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	0	2	2	62	3.23%
790	West Covina	West Covina	0	3	3	43	6.98%
Total			3	23	26	382	6.81%





# Around the District

Elegant 18th



District



AMERICAN LEGION

**BEETLEJUICE**

**POST 139**

IT'S SHOW TIME

**LUNCH PARTY**

**AT THE LEGION**

Noon until food runs out.

Sunday October 20th	Adults \$12 Kids \$5
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24 N. Stoneman Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91801  
626-458-2723

**wear your best costume!**

**PLEASE JOIN EAST PASADENA SQUADRON 280 FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th**  
1:00PM - 5:00PM  
179 N. VINEDO AVENUE - PASADENA

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**CANDY 1**

\*Treats \*Petting Zoo \*Jumper \*Music \*Face Painting  
Costumes encouraged for all ages  
Hamburgers will be available for purchase  
Lunch will be provided for kids ages 12 yrs & under



## POST 280 Donation Drawing



Post 280 is conducting a donation drawing for a 50" Philips Roku 4K UHD Smart TV. It comes with a Manufactures 3 years extended warranty. Tickets for drawing will be sold starting on Friday, 20 September, at 1900 hrs. at the post. Drawing ends on Friday, 20 December, at 1930 hrs. Winning ticket will be selected at 2000 hrs. However, winner need not be present to win. Tickets cost \$10.00 Each or \$20.00 for three tickets. Tickets must be purchased at post 280, if interested in participating please contact the 1st Vice Commander Rivers A. Jacques, at [ramboe9@yahoo.com](mailto:ramboe9@yahoo.com) or via text message at (626) 676-6549

Fellow comrades please help support post 280





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



### 14 October 2024 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 755 Covina

**Friday – 18 October 2024** District General Membership Meeting @ Post 755 Charter Cove, 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.**



**District Chaplain,  
Jack Evanila**



From the Chaplains Corner

Important – Historical Military dates in history.

- 10-1-1884-Navel Observatory given its first quarters-permeant.
- 10-1-1955-USS Forester Furrestal first super carrier commissioned.
- 10-2-1799-Washington Navel yard established.
- 10-13-1775-Continental Navy established. ..becomes Modern US Navy.
- 10-27-1922-Navy Day established.
- 10-20-1978-Womens Army Corp established.
- 10-23-1983-Granada Campaign begins.

### Prayer For October

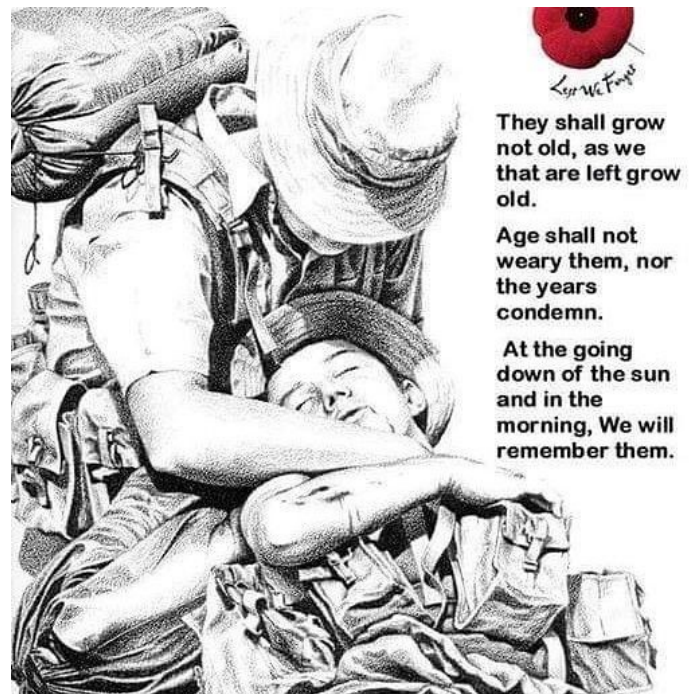
Thankyou God for this month of October. Please Lord, we ask that You clear the paths for people to take.

We pray Lord that insurmountable problems crumble at Your feet this month, allow , we in the Legion Family

To gain access to strength and courage to solve our problems and misunderstandings with one another.

The Holiday Seasons are soon arise. Please pray for all Legion Family members Lord God.

Amen, Amen, Amen.



They shall grow  
not old, as we  
that are left grow  
old.

Age shall not  
weary them, nor  
the years  
condemn.

At the going  
down of the sun  
and in the  
morning, We will  
remember them.





## Events around your neighborhood Posts



### Do you remember?

Chilelli Post 888 Covina District 18  
American Legion Post robbed  
2008 April

## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 www.sgvtribune.com

### Legion post robbed



**BUSINESS AS USUAL:** Bar manager Amanda Gibson mixes a drink at the American Legion Post 888 on Hollister Avenue in Covina. The building was broken into overnight, with thieves making off with cash, a television and vintage rifles.

### Burglars take cash, TV, honor guard rifles

By Claudia Palma

Staff Writer

COVINA — Thieves broke into an American Legion Post last night, Monday, stealing a flat-screen television, cash and vintage rifles.

The Hollister Avenue building, however, no sign of forced entry on the front entrance, but the security company reported the alarm was triggered at 11:50 p.m., according to auxiliary president Michelle Fernandez.

The burglary might have occurred sometime between the closing of the bar at 10:30 p.m. Monday and 6:30 a.m. Tuesday when the burglary was discovered and reported, said Covina police Sgt. Dave Foster.

"The burglars' heavy exertion where to find every last penny," and Fernandez said she discovered about \$50 in cash missing from a desk drawer.

Tuesday is the day the bar manager deposits the week's revenue at the bank, Fernandez noted that



**TARGETED:** Tony Martinez looks at the empty gun cabinet where the honor guard rifles were stored at the American Legion Post 888 in Covina.

Each of the six employees had their own security code to the alarm system which was installed after the building was broken into about five

months ago, Fernandez said. Foster said his detectives are still investigating and there are no suspects yet.

Burglars left a trail of broken doors and scattered papers. The door of the storage locker where the Legion's cash and rifles from World War II were kept, was torn open.

More than \$2,000 in cash from Saturday night's bingo games and bar revenue were taken from the locker as well as the rifles, Fernandez said.

The Legion's honor guard troop uses the rifles during special ceremonies and events such as Memorial Day.

The rifles were not loaded but were operable.

The television was stolen off a wall mount near the bar, and a laptop computer, mainly used for bingo games, was taken from an office.

Fernandez said there were some membership list and employee files taken from the building.

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### BURLARY

Legion post broken into  
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also taken from the office. The membership list might have had cash fees visible.

The cameras installed inside the building after the first burglary had been taken over from Tuesday morning.

Fernandez said she did not know if the inside cameras or the ones operated by the building owner placed outside were functioning. The outside cameras were also tampered with.

"The burglars kept what would not be such a good

Marine Corps League Commandant Eduardo Solis Ramirez.

Fernandez said they are already feeling the pain of the theft. The bar is waiting on recovered money and they will need at least \$1,000 to hold the bingo games this Saturday.

The charter document from the state, which is replaceable and a stereo were also reported stolen.

A Legion member, who identified himself as Joe Jr., sat at the post's bar Thursday and expressed his anger regarding burglary.

"We have to start all over again," said the Covina resident, "all we worked hard for is gone."

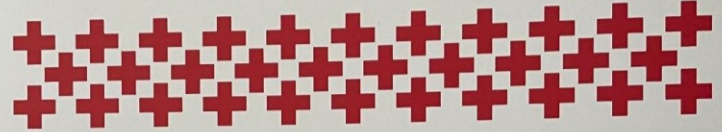
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### American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



### Blood Drive American Legion District 18

Legion Hall  
179 N Vinedo Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91107

Friday, October 18, 2024  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: LEGION to schedule an appointment.

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



Scan to be directed to RapidPass

Treat yourself! Come to give in Oct. for a \$10 Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/treat](https://rcblood.org/treat)



Scan to schedule an appointment

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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(626) 966- 7786



October

American Legion Post 755-  
Charter Cove

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Tacos 5 pm				Hot Dogs
Monday 7 Night Football	8 Legion Mtg 6pm	9	10 Aux. Mtg 6pm	11 	12	13
Monday Night Football & District EBoard 14	15	16	17 SAL Mtg 6pm	18 District Mtg 7:30pm	19 Live Band Night	20 SAL Breakfast
Monday 21 Night Football	22	23 Tacos 5 pm	24 Riders Mtg 6pm	25 Rider Karaoke Contest	26 Halloween Party Juju's Band	27 
Monday 28 Night Football	29	30 Tacos 5 pm	31 Halloween	<b>Hours: Mon. 4 pm-9pm; Tues. Closed; Wed. - Sat. 2pm - 8pm, unless otherwise noted on an event flyer</b>		







# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Washington Naval Yard Est. 1799</i>	3	4 <b>LACC Mtg.</b> <i>Rash Hashana ends</i>	5
6 P-280 Breakfast	7	8	9	10	11	12 SAL-790 Breakfast
13 <b>U.S. Navy Birthday 1775</b> P280 Trunk or Treat	14 <b>Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @ P-755 Covina</b> <i>Indigenous people Day</i>	15	16	17	18 <b>Dist. 18 Mtg. @P-755 Covina</b>	19 P-790 Comedy Show
20 <i>Women Army Corp. ended 1978</i> P-139 Lunch party	21	22	23 <i>Granada Campaign 1983</i>	24	25	26 <i>Nat'l. Day of the Deployed</i> P755 Party
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

*The Voice of Elegance*

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*Follow the penguin*



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newsletter by Email, please notify  
Editor Auggie G. at  
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**DISTRICT MEETING Friday OCTOBER 18, 2024**  
**Post-755 Covina, @ 1930 hrs.**

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 755  
Monday 10/14/2024







## Breast Cancer Risk Reduction & Screening Event - October 3

**VA**



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

## 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Risk Reduction & Screening Event

Thursday, October 3, 2024

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Stars and Stripes Plaza

Event organized by:  
VA Long Beach Women's Health  
and Cancer Program

VA Long Beach 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Risk Reduction & Screening Event

October 3, 2024  
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center  
5901 E. 7th St., Long Beach, CA 90822  
Stars and Stripes Plaza

Come and join us!

- Gifts for all Veterans attending
- Same-day mammograms available or schedule a future appointment



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Temporary Release of Information Office Hours

## RELEASE OF INFORMATION NEW TEMPORARY HOURS

**MON-FRI**

**8:00 a.m. - Noon**

MyHealtheVet (MVH) premium account holders have the option of obtaining medical records from MyHealtheVet. For questions regarding MyHealtheVet, please contact 562-826-8000 x12563.

**Come visit us in Bldg. 165, Rm. C108  
Or call 562-826-8000 Ext. 16345**

New temporary hours of operation for Release of Information:

Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. to noon

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LEGION GAMING BOOTH

@ SF FLEET WEEK OCTOBER 11 TO 13, 2024  
FOR FLEET WEEK SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES GO TO  
[HTTPS://FLEETWEEKSF.ORG/](https://fleetweeksf.org/)



SIGN UP TODAY  
WITH CAROLANN WUNDERLIN

📞 650-300-9542

SEND US A EMAIL:

✉️ CAWUNDERLIN@GMAIL.COM

**SIGN UP TODAY**

📞 650-300-9542 🌐 [calegion.org/gaming](http://calegion.org/gaming)

**LET US CELEBRATE**

**AMERICA**  
the beautiful

**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**

*Linda Hayes  
Department President  
2024-2025*

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

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