



Hello Legion Family,

We continue our campaign to promulgate our Legion's Four Pillars and give thanks to those who have gone the extra mile to help others. The kindness and generosity displayed by our Legion Family from across the nation has been extraordinary. Special thanks go to the Department of New Hampshire, Post 55 in Elk Grove, California and Auxiliary Unit 39, Gilbert Arizona, Elk Grove Post 233. Each has sent money and supplies in response to the wildfires that have ravaged our area. Because of this generosity, District 18 in conjunction with Posts 139, 180, 247, 280, 790 and the Department of California Auxiliary have been able to serve as collection points to channel resources to organizations that are helping those impacted. These horrific fires have impacted us all in some way directly or indirectly. If you have been affected or know of someone affected, ensure that you refer them to these important resources located at our District website: <https://cadistrict18.org>. Our own District 18 Sergeant-at-arms and Post 280 First Vice Commander Rivers Jacques and his wife Wendy suffered a complete loss of their home during the Altadena fire. Please keep them and the thousands of others affected in your thoughts and prayers.

Additionally, on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 1930 we will assemble at Alhambra Post 139 to pay homage to the Four Chaplains. This long-standing American Legion tradition shares the love and kindness that four men of faith demonstrated during a terrible event that took place during World War II. I encourage our entire Legion Family to attend the ceremony at Post 139 and to bring family and friends. The American Legion Department of California will conduct their Four Chaplains ceremony in Sanger, California on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 1400. I will be in attendance accompanied by the Department of California Chaplain of the Year and District 18 Chaplain, John C. Evanilla. Please RSVP to: carolina@calegion.org if you plan on attending this wonderful Legion event.

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. The membership dues deadline was December 31, 2024. Nothing is more important to an operating Post than membership. 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
626-833-8493/ntlasala@att.net

District 18 Commander LaSala conducts LACC Meeting



Photo by Auggie G.



Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



.Semper Fidelis,
Samuel Cafiero-1st Vice Commander
Elegant 18 District
Hello American Legion Family,

We're looking forward to another great month for the American Legion family!

On the membership side, we have excellent training resources available through Training in a Box (<http://www.legion.org/training>).

You can also find these resources on [Veteran Families Strengthen America](#) under the Membership tab—just scroll down to access them.

This On-Demand Training includes PowerPoint presentations and video sessions, putting valuable knowledge right at our fingertips. Additionally, on our state website, you can track membership progress for each post and district under the Membership tab.

Let's continue the great work! When a Legionnaire submits their dues, let's continue to make an effort to send their membership card promptly.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have visited the Long Beach VA facility on January 31st. A special thank you to our 2nd Vice Commander, Jack Evanilla, for helping coordinate this visit. We had a membership booth set up with American Legion pamphlets, including Why You Belong. We may have another opportunity to visit the Long Beach VA next month—Veterans helping veterans!

Additionally, as part of my role as Membership South, I had the opportunity to speak at the Area 5 meeting at Chino Post 299. I introduced Training in a Box to ensure our members know they have access to valuable training anytime they need it.

Let's keep pushing forward together!

For God and Country,
Samuel Cafiero
1st Vice Commander
18 District

District 18 Posts attend Department Membership at Post 272

Photo by Auggie G.





**From the desk of 2nd Vice
Jack Evanilla**



Good February, 2025 Legion Family.

Long Beach, VA...yes I contacted who it may concern. Bruce Dankmyer a 10-year volunteer, Vietnam vet and Marine, He notes that last Friday of each month there is a program, meal serve, resources and many other things that happen. So JR, Sam, Manny G, possible Rivers and Auggie and Nick Rosa. Will be setting up a recruiting table for the Legion. If successful..again in March-28. Time?...0830 to 1030. I plan to be there at 0800 or earlier. Bruce asked me to bring fruit, I will bring 5 to 6 bunches of fresh Bananas.

Spring fling is coming, 29 March at Commander LaSala house. Please see flyer..follow the penguin to 2930 Thorndike Road Pasadena. See flyer in our text link and in this newsletter. Our first legion bonding, 18th district event for 2025.

Post 755 will be hosting the LACC 8, February. Dinner 1800, meeting at 1900.

Brent Rueb is back at the VA Long Beach and getting better. Getting therapy and exercise three to four times a day. He is in good spirits, please call him at 626-623-8191....a buddy check call.

Any post who needs information about the The H4HS Program or HELMETS please contact Jack Evanilla, 626-617-5213.025

Congratulations to Auggie G, his post, 790 West Covina voted to give him their full support, at 21 January eboard meeting.

Auggie is running for Vice Commander of Area 6, 2025-2026.

Glendora –La Fetra Center Has a Military and Veterans Affair VA aid on the 2ed and 4th Thursday of every month. By appointment ..only. call 877-452-8387, from 0830 to 1630.

Please remember to call Santa Maria Inn to register for DEC, 21 to 23 March. Phone is 805-928-7777.

Donations for January are doing well. Will be up too the \$5000.00 by months end.

Blessed February to everyone in Our Legion Community and beyond!!

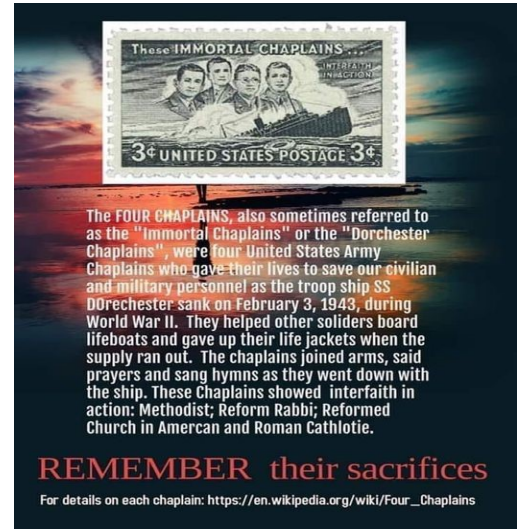
18th District, 2ed Vice
Jack Evanilla



The annual “FOUR CHAPLAINS” program
This is a District wide American Legion program,
it is requested that all Post Chaplains and their
respective Post officers attend this special and
honorable event.



District meeting 21 February Friday
Alhambra Post 139 at 7:30 p.m.



Comments from the Scribe
Augustine “Auggie” Galaviz

Elegant 18th District

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

BE THE ONE



Well, my friends, my name has been submitted as the next candidate for Department Area Vice Commander. My Post 790 voted to endorse my candidacy and, 18th District unanimously approved to support me as the next Department Area 6 Vice Commander at the next Department Convention.

My Motto: “We Got your Six” From Area 6”

Recognizing that membership is the life source of our organization I would also like to restructure & develop a more progressive self-communication with each of our Area Posts Leaders as well as constructive communication with each of our District Commanders so that we can all be in the same mode of information and refresh our knowledge and/or coach each other to be in the same resource on Legion business and communication abilities for the good of our members.

Thank you, to all the Posts that voted to support my Candidacy

- 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



HELMETS FOR HEROES
PROTECTING VETERANS YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

18th District Meeting, @ Post 13 Pasadena January 24, 2025



Department of California - DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

2024-2025 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE REPORT

1/24/2025

Post Information			Required by National		Mandated by California Department Bylaws					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 11/15/24	2021	Req Every 7 Yrs	(Credit)/Owed
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	4/24/2024	✓	6/19/2024	✓	6/19/2024	✓	11/17/2024	✓	2020	\$ (4.00)
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	6/4/2024	✓	6/25/2024	✓	6/26/2024	✓	11/8/2024	✓	2021	\$ -
44	Monrovia	Monrovia	4/29/2024			✓		2022-2023		✓	1991	\$ (64.50)
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	4/20/2024	✓	5/16/2024	✓	6/7/2024	✓	10/3/2024		2021	\$ -
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	1/31/2024	✓	5/14/2024	✓	5/20/2024	✓		never used	2020	\$ -
180	Canyon City	Azusa	4/10/2024	✓	5/29/2024	✓	12/5/2024	✓	11/15/2024	✓	2024	\$ -
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	4/8/2024	✓	7/27/2024	✓	7/27/2024	✓		never used	2022	\$ -
247	Arcadia	Arcadia	4/16/2024	✓	6/21/2024	✓	5/22/2024	✓	9/25/2024	✓	2019	\$ -
261	El Monte	El Monte	7/9/2024	✓	7/22/2024	✓	9/10/2024	✓	9/10/2024	✓	2022	\$ -
279	Temple City	Temple City	12/9/2024	✓	5/6/2024	✓	5/6/2024	✓	8/13/2024	✓	2022	\$ -
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	4/8/2024	✓	5/29/2024	✓	5/22/2024	✓	10/23/2024	✓	2022	\$ -
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	3/10/2024	✓	6/9/2024	✓	6/9/2024	✓		✓	2024	\$ -
431	Edison	Alhambra	4/15/2024	✓	5/30/2024	✓	5/30/2024	✓	11/11/2024	✓	2020	\$ -
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	4/9/2024	✓	5/10/2024	✓	6/4/2024	✓	10/17/2024	✓	2022	\$ -
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	5/26/2024	✓	5/26/2024	✓	5/26/2024	✓	10/14/2024	✓	2021	\$ -
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	7/19/2024	✓	7/22/2024	✓	7/22/2024	✓		never used	2024	\$ -
755	Charter Cove	Covina	4/11/2024	✓	8/3/2024	✓	6/25/2024	✓	10/2/2024	✓	2020	\$ -
790	West Covina	West Covina	7/22/2024	✓	6/28/2024	✓	6/28/2024	✓		✓	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

✓ Indicates a new user

✓ Indicates entire column completed in District



Around the District

Elegant 18th



District



AMERICAN LEGION



February 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

2056 E. ARROW HWY., CORVALLIS, OR 97331

HOURS: MON- 3PM-8PM OR LATER; TUES. CLOSED; WED. THROUGH SUN. 3PM-8PM OR LATER, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON AN EVENT FLYER

1 Feb. today party All Star Band Jesse's going away party 8pm

14 Valentine's Day



18th District attends Area 5 Caucus

photos by Auggie G.



18th District attends and District Commander La Sala conducts LACC meeting





The Elegant 18th District



10 February 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 139 Alhambra

Friday – 21 February 2025 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 139 Alhambra
District & Post program All Post Officers should attend. “FOUR CHAPLAINS”

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

Historical dates in military history, month of February.

- 2, 1901—Army nurse corps founded,
- 3, 1943—Four Chaplains.
- 4, 1941—USO founded.
- 9—to 15--National salute to veterans week.
- 13, 1943--Marine Corp Women's founded.
- 14, 1945—American flag raised over Iwo Jima.
- 24, 1919—Persian Gulf Conflict ends.
- 26, 1704—French raid Deerfield, Mass, 56 killed and 112 injured.



American Legion 18th District @ Long Beach V.A. Hospital pop-up services. the Legion information booth 01/31/2025

Prayer for February, 2025.

“today is yet another day of blessings. I (we) grateful and thankful for simply being here”.

“Wearing Our Armor” Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against The wiles of the devil.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father we thank you for another blessed day and for your continued mercy and grace. Along with your abounding love and care towards us. Knowing we must continue to wear our armor never to forget this world is a Battlefield. Day by day, hour by hour, we face a spiritual war and an enemy who's real. He wants nothing more than bring defeat, for his main aim is to steal, kill and destroy.

(note: this prayer is abbreviation from original prayer)

Please be advised that the month of February is when The American Legion celebrates “The Four Chaplain Ceremony”, 8 February at in Sanger, California. 21 February, 18th District at post 139, Alhambra.

A Prayer for Alaska, Rivers and Wendy:

Oh Heavenly Father, God Of All! We, The Legion Family ask for Your healing touch and guiding light in this time of Need, for Alaska, Rivers and Wendy! They -This special family needs You-Lord. Please restore their strength, mend their bodies and lead them toward a wholeness, as they begin a new chapter in life. Amen, Amen, Amen!!!

Blessed 2025 Legion Family!!!!

18th District

Elegant 18th

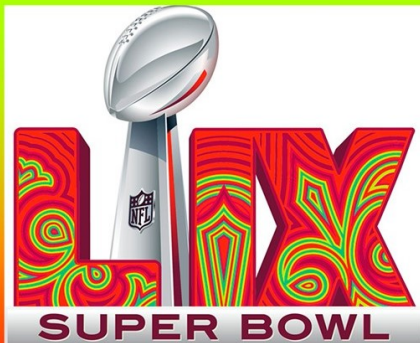


District

Events around your neighborhood Posts

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 755**OPEN
TO
ALL**SATURDAY 2/1/25****AT 6PM****ALL-STAR
PARTY BAND****POTLUCK, DRINK
SPECIALS AND
DANCING!**

**CELEBRATING
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
AND A FAREWELL
PARTY FOR JESSE
CORDOVA WHO IS
LEAVING TO THE NAVY!**

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724**American Legion Post 280****Welcomes Families & Friends to a****Super Bowl Potluck**

**Sunday, February 9th
Legion Opens at 1pm**

50/50 Raffle

179 N. Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107

**American Legion Post 280
Welcomes Families & Friends
To Sunday Breakfast
& Bake Sale**

**Sunday, February 2nd
9 am to 11 am**

**Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo & Eggs,
Sausage, Potatoes, Bacon,
Pancakes, Fresh Fruit, and more**

**Donation \$12
Kids under 12 Eat Free**



**Hosted by American Legion
Families Unit 280
179 N. Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 755
SUPER BOWL
PARTY!**

**Drink
Specials,
Raffles,
Games,
50/50
and a DJ**

**SUNDAY
2/9/25
12 PM**

**DJ OSKER
WILDE**

**MENU:
\$10 DONATION
CHEESEBURGER/BURGER,
BACON WRAPPED HOT DOG WITH
GRILLED ONIONS AND PEPPERS,
WITH SIDES AND DESSERT**

**OPEN
TO ALL**

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724



February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 P280 Pot-Luck
2 <i>Army Nurse Corps. Established 1901 P280 Breakfast</i>	3 <i>Four Chaplains WWII 1943</i>	4 <i>USO formed 1941</i>	5	6	7 <i>LACC Mtg.</i>	8
9 <i>Superbowl @ 280 & 755</i>	10 <i>Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @P-139 Alhambra</i>	11 <i>SAL Dist. 18 Mtg. @ P-180 7p.m.</i>	12	13 <i>Marine Corp. Women founded 1943</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Dist. 18 Mtg. @P-139 Alhambra Four Chaplains</i>	22
23	24 <i>Persian Gulf conflict ends 1919</i>	25	26	27	28	 Bob Hope USO

The Voice of Elegance

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION
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El Monte, CA 91734



*New District Coin
To be released early 2025*



Side A



Side B

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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday February 21, 2025
Post-139 Alhambra, @ 1930 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 139
Monday 02/10/2025

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									1/24/2025
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3	19	11	0	33	28	117.86%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	15	49	2	66	83	79.52%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	1	9	39	0	49	59	83.05%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	14	23	97	0	134	173	77.46%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	6	28	89	0	123	158	77.85%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	7	7	31	0	45	42	107.14%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	21	62	0	84	139	60.43%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	6	0	10	32	31.25%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	9	35	0	44	44	100.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	6	38	92	0	136	180	75.56%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	9	9	1	19	26	73.08%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	10	0	11	21	52.38%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	57	0	67	87	77.01%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	0	13	78	1	92	97	94.85%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	15	0	26	30	86.67%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6	13	79	0	98	128	76.56%
790	West Covina	West Covina	8	63	185	1	257	310	82.90%
Total			52	293	944	5	1,294	1,637	79.05%
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DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT						1/24/2025	
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	2	2	30	6.67%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	17	17	47	36.17%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	9	48	57	94	60.64%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	1	1	33	3.03%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	15	17	47	36.17%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6	39	45	62	72.58%
790	West Covina	West Covina	3	19	22	43	51.16%
Total			20	141	161	356	45.22%

Federal budget freeze “will have **no impact on VA health care**, benefits or beneficiaries.”

In-Person Veteran Town Hall - February 12



Wednesday, February 12, 2025
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bldg. 165, Rm. D101 (The Egg)

For accommodations, email VHALONEEO@va.gov
at least 3 business days before the event.

VA



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

TIBOR RUBIN VA MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS MAP



RESOURCES

Southern California Fire Resources

Veterans in need of disaster-related assistance can call the **VAGLAHS resource line** at **877-251-7295** for information and support. Phone support is available 24/7 through the VISN 22 Clinical Contact Center at 1-800-952-4852, Option 2 to for virtual care and support (including pharmacy) to Veterans.

For the latest updates on VA Long Beach Healthcare System, please visit our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [website](#).

More information can also be found at the [VA Disaster Help website](#).

District 18 Sons Of The American Legion meeting

When - Tuesday February 11th,

What time - 7 PM,

Where - Post 180. (819 N. Loren ave, Azusa, ca 91702)

Don't forget your S.A.L. cap.

Dinner - Tacos 🌮

District 18

S.A.L. Commander

Samuel Cafiero

Detachment Son's website showing the District Commanders for the Sons that have been certified by CSO

casons.org

District 1				
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District 12	Curtis	Hamill	209-658-4691	jedimastercujo@gmail.com
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District 25	Neal	Hughes	909-912-4281	nealhughes1@yahoo.com
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(per Certification of District Officers filed)				