

Hello Legion Family,

I had the opportunity to meet and speak with the American Legion Department of California Auxiliary President Linda Hayes on February 17, 2025 when she visited District 18. Post 139 hosted a wonderful evening that featured a delicious dinner preceding the district 18 Auxiliary meeting. In her remarks to a crowd of over 50 guests, Mrs. Hayes reminded us about the responsibility we have to help and serve veterans. Her special projects include supporting the Veterans Peer Assistance Network (VPAN) and the Veterans Transition Center (VTC) in Monterey, California. A major takeaway for me was when she stressed that there's always someone to help and a viable way to help them.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA and R) stands as an important "Pillar" within our organization and the Auxiliary President's presentation caused me to realize that service toward supporting VA and R can take on many dimensions. Even outside of our beloved Legion, there are a myriad of veteran's groups that can use our help. The Disabled Veterans of America, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Wounded Warrior Project and Tunnels 4 Towers are but a few of the organizations that deliver vital support to our needy vets. Please take a moment to type "veteran's charities" into your Google Search and see what you can do to make the positive difference President Hayes spoke of.

Additionally, as we are about to enter the spring season, it's most fitting to spend more time outdoors. With that in mind, I've asked our District 18 2nd Vice Commander Jack Evanilla to schedule another camaraderie event. Please take note of the flyer in this newsletter, as we hope to see our entire District 18 Legion Family on Saturday, March 29th in Pasadena for our 2025 Spring Fling! If you're reading this, you're invited! Please make every effort to be there!

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 "Four Chaplains" program @ Post 139 Alhambra





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



Comrades,

Here are essential training resources and membership updates to strengthen our district. I encourage all members to explore calegion.org/training for valuable programs, including **Basic Training, Buddy Check, Training in a Box, Membership Orientation, and Legion College**, along with additional training and leadership workshops. These resources enhance member engagement, leadership skills, and overall effectiveness within the Legion.

The last Friday of the month the American Legion has a membership booth at the Veteran Social Connection. Where

Tracking our **membership progress** is also crucial. Under the **Membership Tab** on <http://www.Calegion.org> Department website, the *Department Membership Report* provides insight into our standing at the National, Department, Area, District, and Post levels. This data allows us to assess growth, identify areas for improvement, and refine recruitment and retention strategies.

I encourage all members to take advantage of these training tools and reports to strengthen our mission. Continued engagement and education will ensure the success of our district and The American Legion as a whole.

Remember that the **POST DATA REPORT** is **due by April 15** each year. This report includes key details such as your post name, number, address, phone number, meeting schedule, dues amount, and more. Accurate information ensures members receive the correct membership renewal notices.

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

District 18 Posts & Area Posts work Department Membership at Post 272



Photo by Angelo G.



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



Good March to all. I'm hoping March starts a better month. In my Chaplain report this month, many prayers Are said to help all of our members who need help.

Spring Fling At Commander LaSala's home, 2930 Thorndike Road, Chapman Woods. Pasadena. 1300 time. 50/50, Bocce Ball, door prizes/ BYOB/ beer/pot luck...for those who missed the last fling in August 2024, a lot of the same format. Please see flyer in March newsletter, and remember, "follow the penguin".

Next LACC meeting, 7 March at post 755, meal 1800 and meeting 1900. For those of you members who have never Attended a LACC meeting. Covina, Glendora, West Covina, Clarmont. This is your chance to see what LACC does, Meal will be Mexican Food.

D.E.C. is soon to be, 20 to 23 March. Please call Ema at Santa Maria Inn, to make a reservation. Phone is 805-928-7777... Ema is looking for your call.

Next Chaplain Zoom Meeting is 17 March, 1830 to 2000. Program is to help all Chaplains "be a better Chaplain. Please call Dr. Kathy Cash for information, 323-251-5742.

Memorial Day Ceremony, at Oakdale Cemetery, Glendora. Next meeting will be held 1100 at main cemetery office. Contact Misty at 626-393-5438 for more information. Ceremony will be held on 26 May, at 0900.

Our Department Convention is in June, 26 to 29. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS ASAP. Contact Dennis, he works Wednesday thru Sunday, off Monday and Tuesday. Office phone is 559-732-4511. Please ask for the newly remodeled rooms, rates are \$125.00 a day. This year the Hospitality Room will be \$600.00 for three days. Last year was \$550.00.

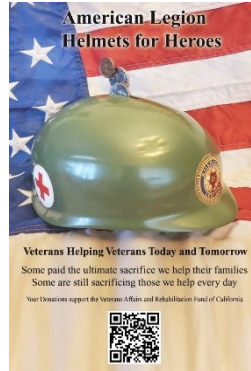
Next recruiting table event will be held on 28 March, Friday at 0830 till??, at Long Beach VA. At a different area of the compass. I believe breakfast and a lunch will happen. The theme will be about Vietnam Veterans!

Very important here. Out homeless Christmas Day event, we need members to reach out to their communities and begin to get the items needed. So far I have toothpaste and toothbrushes. I am also reaching out to "Heal Vets therapy kits" that we acquired from CSM Larry Keen last year. Christy is my contact. PLEASE, PLEASE BEGIN TO START HELPING HER WE NEED SUPPLIES NOW.

Everyone have a very, very blessed Month of March, and please pray for Veterans who need help. Please be the one reach out and do some "BUDDY CHECKS"!!!



Elegant 18th District visited Visalia to secure our housing for Department Convention Helmet's for HEROS / District 18 Sgt.-At-Arms visits V.A. Long Beach



Elegant 18th District

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



Comments from the Scribe
Augustine "Auggie" Galaviz

Well,' my friends, I am the 18th District 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 streamline & 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 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM rescheduled for D.E.C.
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

18th District Meeting, @ Post 139 February 21, 2025



Department Chaplain Dr Kathy Cash



Elegant 18th District Oratorical Contest: Oratorical – Assigned topics are now available on the Legion website. District Speak off 3/4/2025 @ Post 279 Temple City. Posts contact your local high schools to invite their students to participate and/or attend. A very educational program Children & Youth, the “FOUR PILLARS”

Below-some past district Oratorical Contestants





Around the District



District



AMERICAN LEGION



Department Auxiliary President visits 18th District



SAL 18th District achieve 100% meet at Post 790 West Covina

MARCH 2025 American Legion Post 755

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina CA 91724

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23 Hours: Mon. 4pm-8pm; Tues. Closed; Wed. Through Sun. 3pm-8pm or later; unless otherwise noted on an event flyer	24	25	26	27	28	1 March Bday Party/All Star Party Band 6pm
2 Hot Dogs 3pm	3	4	5 Tacos 5pm-7pm	6 Riders Mtg 6pm	7 LACC Dinner 6pm	8
9 SAL Breakfast 9am-12pm Hot Dogs 3pm	10	11 Legion Mtg 6pm	12 Tacos 5pm-7pm	13 Aux. Mtg 6pm	14	15 St. Patrick's Dinner 6pm
16 Hot Dogs 3pm	17 	18	19 Tacos 5pm-7pm	20 SAL Mtg 6pm	21 Riders Karaoke 5pm-10pm	22 Casino Bus Trip All Day
23 Hot Dogs 3pm	24	25	26 Tacos 5pm-7pm	27	28	29
30 Hot Dogs 3pm	31	1	2	3	4	5



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

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

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

**Donation \$15
Kids under 12 Eat Free**



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



**"TRUE LEADERSHIP
MUST BE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE
FOLLOWERS, NOT
FOR THE
ENRICHMENT OF THE
LEADERS."**



The Elegant 18th District



10 March 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 279 Temple City

Friday – 28 March 2025 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 per Department American Legion.



**District Chaplain,
Jack Evanila**



From the Chaplains Corner

Important military dates in March

- 3, US Navy reserve birthday, 1915.
- 13, Army K-9 Veterans day. 1942.
- 19, Start of Iraq conflict. 2003.
- 24, Start of KUSOVO Campaign, 1999.
- 25, National Medal Honor Day. Wreaths lay at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 29, Vietnam Veterans Day.



Prayer for Spring Season.

Let Us Pray...

Dear Lord, thank you for Spring and Hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thankyou for coming of growth and Life and birth. Thankyou that things are coming awake in the world. This is what the Lords calendar says, and we .. do see signs that it is real. God Of Love, you enter into our Spring Season, into our deepest places of inner dwelling, into the heart of Transformation. Heal us O Lord, and we shall be healed. Save us and we shall be saved, for you are our Praise.

A prayer for our members who are healing form situations that happened in January and February.
For the Rivers Family, The Russ Linquest Family, Brett Rueb, Pat from 755, Domingo 790.

Loving Father, touch us now with Your healing hands, for we believe that your will is for us to be well in mind, body and spirit. Amen. Amen, Amen!!!

Blessed 2025 Legion Family!!!!
18th District

Close your eyes then barely open them....





Events around your neighborhood Posts



AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

**Saturday,
March 1, 2025**

**COME CELEBRATE
MARCH BIRTHDAYS
WITH US AND ENJOY
LIVE MUSIC FROM THE
ALL STAR PARTY BAND!**

**Potluck and
Live Music!**

OPEN TO ALL

**BEST DRINK
SPECIALS
AROUND!**

20516 E. ARROW HWY. COVINA, CA 91724

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

Taco Wednesday

Every Wednesday

5PM-7PM

OPEN TO ALL

**\$6/2TACOS
OR
\$8/ 2 TACOS WITH
RICES & BEANS**

CHICKEN OR BEEF TACOS

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

QUARTERMANIA

WHAT IS QUARTERMANIA?
IT'S FUN FUN FUN AND NO EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND
FAMILY.
BRING A ROLL OF QUARTERS TO BID ON
NEW ITEMS FROM VENDORS.

**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**PRESALE TICKETS \$20 (INCLUDES LUNCH)
\$25 AT THE DOOR**

DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM FOR LUNCH
QUARTERMANIA STARTS AT 12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO / ZELLE CONTACT
Debbie Martinez (626) 488-7684
Tickets available in lounge

American Legion post 790
330 N Azusa Ave
West Covina Ca 91791

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

**SATURDAY
MARCH 22, 2025**

**ALL DAY EVENT
TURN AROUND BUS
TO CASINO**

**\$45 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FOOD AT THE POST
STARTING AT 10 A.M.,
DRINKS AND SNACKS ON THE
BUS (DEPARTING AT 12NOON)
AND ROUND TRIP TO
HARRAH'S CASINO FOR FIVE
HOURS OF GAMBLING!**

**Bingo and
Raffles on
the Bus**

20516 E. ARROW HWY. COVINA, CA 91724



March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 P755 Pot-Luck
2 <i>Op. Rolling Thunder 1965</i>	3 Star Spangled Banner National Anthem 1911 <i>US Navy Reserve Birthday 1915</i>	4	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6	7 LACC Mtg. @ post 755 Covina	8
9	10 Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @P-279 Temple City	11	12 <i>Girl Scouts of America 1912</i>	13	14	15 American Legion's Birthday 1919
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day Camp Fire Boys & Girls Est. 1910</i>	18	19 <i>Op. Iraqi Freedom 2003</i>	20	21	22 D.E.C. @ Sta. Maria
23 D.E.C. @ Sta. Maria	24 <i>Op. uphold Democracy 1995</i>	25 Medal of Honor Day <i>US ground forces leave Somalia 1994</i>	26	27	28 Dist. 18 Mtg. @P-279 Temple City	29 National Vietnam Veterans Day
30	31					March 29 Happy Vietnam Veterans Day. Welcome Home.

The Voice of Elegance

District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION
P.O. Box 5256
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 March 28, 2025
Post-279 Temple City, @ 1930 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 279
Monday 03/10/2025

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)

Department of California - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2/21/2025

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	52	2	69	83	83.13%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	1	9	40	0	50	59	84.75%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	17	23	99	0	139	173	80.35%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	8	28	96	0	132	158	83.54%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	8	7	30	1	46	42	109.52%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	21	64	0	86	139	61.87%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	13	0	17	32	53.13%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	8	35	0	43	44	97.73%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	8	38	100	0	146	180	81.11%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	9	9	1	19	26	73.08%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	11	0	12	21	57.14%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	63	0	73	87	83.91%
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	88	0	107	128	83.59%
790	West Covina	West Covina	10	63	191	1	265	310	85.48%
Total			62	292	995	6	1,355	1,637	82.77%
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DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2/21/2025

Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	3	3	30	10.00%
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	16	18	47	38.30%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6	44	50	62	80.65%
790	West Covina	West Covina	7	35	42	43	97.67%
Total			24	164	188	356	52.81%
8							



Rosie the Riveter

How many remember? oh yes
when women were
unacknowledged for all they
do...

MARCH
Women's History Month





THE 18TH DISTRICT
SPRING FLING
&
POTLUCK/BYOB

March 29 2025 @ 1300
Bocce Ball & Games
Door Prizes/ Raffle (Bring Cash)

Follow the Elegant Penguin

2930 THORNDIKE ROAD
PASADENA CALIF. 91107
JACK : 626-6175213
NEIL 626-8338493



HONORING OUR
VIETNAM VETERANS



MARCH 30TH, 2025
DINNER AND DANCE
2:00PM - 7:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE \$20
CONTACT;
DANNY T-909 214-8489
SONIA - 626 945-0403
DANNY M- 626 372-4336
DIANE- 626 327-2581

MUSIC BY:
THE IMPULSE BAND



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE #2025
27 W HUNTINGTON DR,
ARCADIA, CA 91007




*American Legion
Department Convention
June 26-29 2025
Lampighter Inn
3300 West Mineral King Ave
Visalia, California 93291*

*Rooms: \$125 plus tax per night
Contact Dennis: 1-559-732-4511*





AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Sunday
March 30, 2025
Start Time: 1 PM

Clovis Veterans Memorial District
808 4th Street
Clovis, CA 93612

All Are Welcome

**Past Commanders Club
Convention Dinner
June 25, 2025**

Left of Center
**699 Center Street
Visalia, CA**

Menu

Garden Salad
Grilled Chicken with Champagne Butter Sauce
Tri-Tip with Jack Daniels Sauce
Asparagus with Lemon Butter
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Roll and Butter
\$40.00 per entree per person

Advance Payment send to:
Past Commanders Club of California, Inc, PO Box 233
Tranquillity, CA 93668
Payment at the door see Mildred

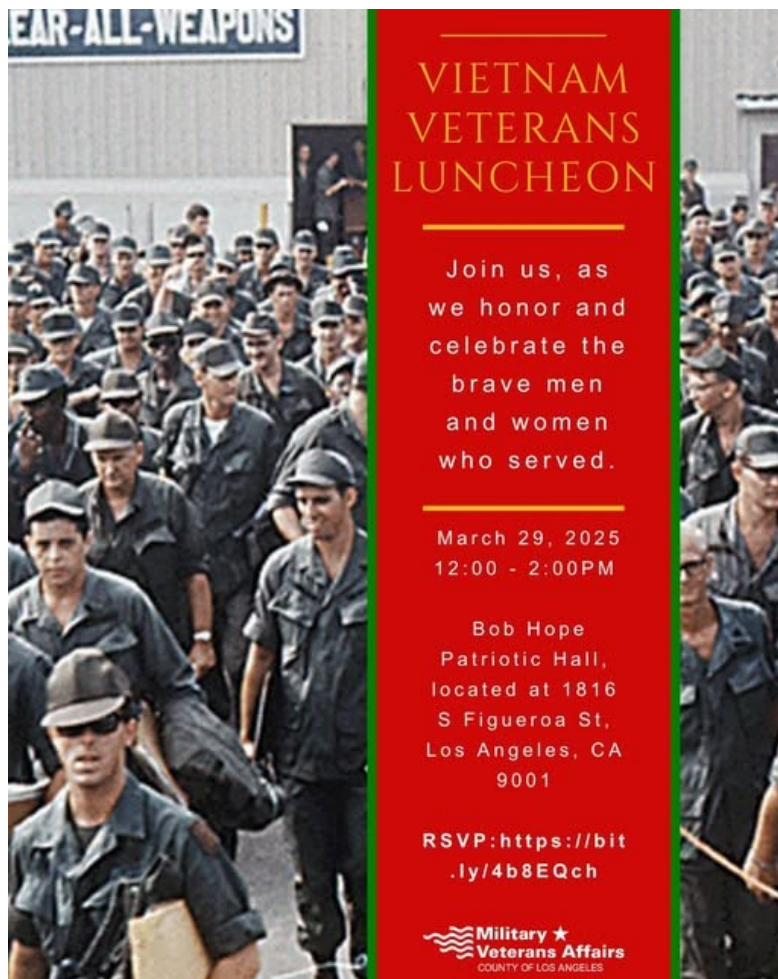
All are Welcome

NOMINATIONS - VOTE – ELECTIONS – BE THE ONE

Comrades, Elegant 18th District and Post Members in Good Standing
YES! Election of Officers is just around the corner, for Your Post and District, it is time to look around you and your post! Whom do you feel that is worthy in a leadership position, that will do the job in representing your members, excel, expound and further the expectations of what our organization is about?

Don't just be a ride along, are you one of the few that talk, complaint, or feel you can do better? Well, here is your chance to show your leadership capabilities and become a team player or do you know someone that would like to be a candidate for one of the District Leadership positions.

You are the one! That decides what your post & district is about and can do in accordance to the "By-Laws", for the Good of the Legion. Now is the time to submit names of candidates for your Post Officers that will manage and conduct your Post American Legion business. As for District, we are looking those leaders that will lead us into the next generation of Veterans still serving America through the American Legion District, Area & Department...




VIETNAM VETERANS LUNCHEON

Join us, as we honor and celebrate the brave men and women who served.

March 29, 2025
12:00 - 2:00PM

Bob Hope
Patriotic Hall,
located at 1816
S Figueroa St,
Los Angeles, CA
9001

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/4b8EQch>

 Military ★ Veterans Affairs
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



You Bet
Your Change
will Help a Vet!

HELMETS FOR HEROES
PROTECTING VETERANS YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW



LEGION FAMILY PICNIC

SATURDAY JULY 26 2025
NOON to 5 PM

Celebrating 100 Years of Legion Baseball
W O Hart Stadium Hart Park
701 S. Glassell St. Orange CA 92866



Games for All Ages
Chili Cook Off
BBQ Hamburgers

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

The application for the spring 2025 course of the California American Legion College will be available starting tomorrow, February 1.

Date: April 25-27, 2025
Location: Yolo Post 77 (Woodland, CA)

MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION



Application open until class reaches max capacity, or March 30, whichever comes first.

Need Volunteers to Help
Set up, Take Down, and Man the Games

Asking Each District to be Responsible
for One Game

Sign Up:

janicesomers@charter.net

