

Hello Legion Family,

The Spring season is here with Easter and Passover quickly approaching! As you spend time with family and friends during this special time of year, be sure to focus on investing in values that will strengthen your soul and deepen relationships with others. Simple communication with clear and concise messages are the key to transmitting ideas to those around us. In my experience, messages that are too wordy and complex tend to confuse people and cause them to become uninterested. At the Post level, we are all volunteers and held to account for the various capacities we have. Whether we are communicating with someone in a position like a Post Commander, Auxiliary President, SAL Commander or speaking with someone who has volunteered to wash dishes after a breakfast fundraiser, everyone deserves our respect and appreciation. A simple "thank you" goes a long way and serves as the easiest method to strengthen relations with others and it helps to gain future participation from them down the road. Everyone brings something to the table and we need to cherish and appreciate whatever it might be!

On an operational note, we were informed at the recent Department Executive Committee meeting that a resolution will be voted on in June during the Department Convention that would not require posts to submit confirmation that a Post Financial Audit was conducted. There will be more to come on this important topic as we get closer to June. Also, the Post Data Report, which is due April 15th annually, has a new version which can only be submitted by email. Go to this link and follow the simple directions to submit your PDR: <https://calegion.org/post-data-reports-due-april-15/>

Furthermore, please support our See's Candies fundraising campaign! All proceeds go directly to developing the Legion's Four Pillars. Please purchase some delicious See's candy and share the link/QR code in this newsletter with all your family and friends!

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 Cmdr. La Sala meets Dept. Cmdr. Rosa D.E.C.





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

Hello American Legion Family,

This past weekend, I attended the Department Executive Committee meeting for California meeting in Santa Maria. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with Legionnaires from across the state, attend training sessions, networking and enjoy some great food!

A key takeaway from our District 1st Vice Commanders' training was the importance of **Buddy Check calls**. Posts that conduct these calls twice a year—once in late summer/early fall to check in with members and again in January/February for renewals—see better engagement and retention.

Membership training is more accessible than ever with online resources at our fingertips. Take advantage of training on MyLegion to stay informed on reporting deadlines and membership processing. Calegion.org/training We will see this link for Online training on demand. Also when we want to see where posts are in the membership we go onto Calegion.org and click on the Training tab. This is great.

TRAINING PAGE LINKS

- [Training in a Box](#)
- [Member Orientation](#)
- [Basic Training](#)
- [Legion College](#)
- [Online Training](#)

Teamwork is key! Post Commanders, Adjutants, and membership team members have play a vital role in ensuring smooth operations. Remember, timely processing (within 7-14 days) ensures membership cards are mailed promptly.

Lastly, please **submit your Post Data Reports** to keep meeting schedules, membership dues, and other essential details up to date. This lets our membership who may not regularly come to the meetings to know what this year's dues are.

Let's continue working together to strengthen our Legion family! Thank you for your dedication.

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Samuel Cafiero
Membership South
LACC Executive Board member
18 District 1st Vice Commander
Post 180 Adjutant
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**From the desk of 2nd Vice
Jack Evanilla**



Good April all Legion Family.

I personally want to thank all everyone that attended our 18th district “Spring Fling”. Hope that that you enjoyed this event.

For room reservations, department convention this 26 to 29 June. Please call Dennis or Jay. Lamplighter Inn, 3300 Mineral King Avenue, Visalia, California. Please only talk to Jay or Dennis. There are several new employees joining Lamplighter Inn. Please just call back if Jay or Dennis are unavailable. 559-732-4511.

March was American Red Cross Month. The Red Cross just turned 140 years old.

Please try to participate in your local community Memorial Day Ceremony. I will be doing so at Oakdale Cemetery
Memorial Day ceremony, 26 May 0900, in Glendora, California.

Please read Department Bulletin Board, lots of important events happening at posts.

Please participate in H4H’S program. You need helmets or information, call Jack Evanilla. 626-617-5213. This program is important. Department Commander Nick Rose NEEDS YOUR HELP HERE. This program works If you work it.

Attended DEC, 20 to 22 March, my first D.E.C., car pooled with Ted Fife and Al Mora. Went to WAMC, H4H, Finance and part of Saturday morning DEC reports.

April LACC will be at post 755. 1800 dinner and 1900 general meeting. Please attend, lots of very important information, especially VSO intel.

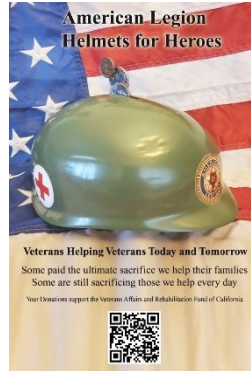
Want to thank Post 790 West Covina for raising \$252.00 for H4H’s, last forty days. Again thank you Commander Domingo and Post 790 West Covina, LOL.

Blessed April to all Legion Family





Elegant 18th District visited Visalia to secure our housing for Department Convention Helmet's for HEROES



From the Adjutant
Scott Sinclair



Adjutant report

Reminder that all Post Data Reports are due by April 15th. This is the time to up your dues requirements with the impending per capita hikes coming over the next 2 years.

Ritual Team requests. Please contact Scott Sinclair with your dates for your upcoming installation of officers. Dates fill quickly.

Scott Sinclair

- 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

HEROES, LEGENDS, & BASEBALL DREAMS

JOIN US FOR AN EPIC CELEBRATION WHERE HEROES AND LEGENDS UNITE! BE PART OF A 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY HONORING THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR VETERANS WHO SHAPED OUR NATION. YOUR SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP WILL MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR VETERANS AND THE LIVES OF YOUNG AMERICANS. EMPOWERING THEM THROUGH AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME—BASEBALL. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS EVENT A TRUE TRIBUTE TO THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION. DON'T MISS OUT—BE THERE AND BE THE CHANGE!

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS ★ VIP MEET AND GREET ★ RAFFLES SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION ★ SEATED DINNER LIVE MUSIC
SWAG BAG FOR SPONSORS ★ CELEBRITIES AND VIP
★ EXCLUSIVE HAND ROLLED CIGARS ON SITE ★

FRIDAY MAY 2ND 6-10PM

4:45-6PM PRIVATE CELEBRITY MEET AND GREET
OLD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
3901 LAMPSON AVE, SEAL BEACH, CA



SCAN



RESERVE YOUR SPOT
LIMITED AVAILABILITY!

QUESTIONS:
JUDY LEONARDI
BASEBALL@CALEGION.ORG
760-224-5724

BY MARCH 15: \$125 TICKET / \$1,000 TABLE (10 SEATS)
BY APRIL 9: \$175 TICKET / \$1,125 TABLE
BY MAY 2: \$225 TICKET / \$1,200 TABLE

18th District Meeting, @ Post 279 March 28, 2025



18th District 2nd Vice Jack Evanilla opens Legion booth at VA Long beach



Always remember...
Rumors are carried by
haters, spread by
fools, and accepted
by idiots.

BE THE ONE - NOMINATIONS - VOTE – ELECTIONS – BE THE ONE

Comrades, Elegant 18th District and Post Members in Good Standing

YES! Election of Officers is now upon us, for Your Post and District, it is time to look around 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 your Post or 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 for those leaders that will lead us into the next generation of Veterans still serving America through the American Legion District, Area & Department...



Around the District

Elegant 18th



District



AMERICAN LEGION



Department Helmets for Heroes


**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 755**
April 2025

 20516 E. ARROW HWY.
COVINA, CA 91724

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Tacos 5 pm-7 pm	3 Riders Mtg. 6pm	4 LACC Dinner 6pm	5 Manny's Retirement Party
6 Hot Dogs 3pm	7	8 Legion Mtg. 6pm	9 Tacos 5 pm-7 pm	10 Aux. Mtg. 6pm	11 Wine Tasting 5pm-8pm	12 April Bday Party/Live Music 6pm
13 Legion Breakfast 9am-12pm	14	15	16 Tacos 5 pm-7 pm	17 SAL Mtg. 6pm	18	19
20 Hot Dogs 3pm	21	22	23 Tacos 5 pm-7 pm	24	25 Rider's Karaoke 5pm-10pm	26 Rider's Chili Cook-Off 10am-4pm
27 Hot Dogs 3pm	28	29	30 Tacos 5 pm-7 pm	HOURS: MON. 4PM-8PM; TUES. CLOSED; WED. THROUGH SUN. 3PM-8PM OR LATER; UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON AN EVENT FLYER		


HEROES IN THE SHADOWS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
HOMELESS VETERAN STAND DOWN

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 5th - 7th 2024

 IN CELEBRATION OF HECTOR ELIZALDE, VETERAN ADVOCATE
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: U.S. ARMY RESERVE, VET HUNTERS, JVS, VPAN SD-1, SOV-VEC, WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATIONAL AREA, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, VFW 10218, WHVVO, GI FORUM NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION, EAST LA VET CENTER, AND TELACU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND.

DAY 1
FRIDAY
APRIL 5TH

 HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN 9:00AM - 3:00PM
 HOT MEALS, SHOWERS, VA SERVICES, VET CENTER, DISABILITY CLAIMS, HOMELESS PREVENTION, SSVF, MENTAL HEALTH, LEGAL RESOURCES, HAIR CUTS, MEDICAL SERVICES, GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE & MORE...

FREE
 OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 2
SATURDAY
APRIL 6TH

JOB FAIR & WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY EVENT: 9:00AM - 3:00PM EMPLOYMENT, RESOURCES, JOB TRAINING LEADS, MEDICAL, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, VETERINARIAN CARE AND MORE...

SERVICES FOR VETERANS
CURRENTLY SERVING
FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

 WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATIONAL AREA ★ 1200 N POTRERO AVE, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA
 INFO: JOE LEAL (909) 200-8960 JOE@VETHUNTERS.ORG
 VERONICA (661) 625-1580 VERONICA.HERNANDEZ@JVS-SOCAL.ORG

American Legion Post 755



FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025, 5PM TO 9PM

\$20 TICKET INCLUDES:

- WINE TASTINGS
- CHARCUTERIE
- MUSIC

*TICKETS ARE LIMITED

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724

draiser ends on 4/4/25...

 support the American Legion See's Candies Easter/Passover Fund
 re this link and QR code with your family and friends! https://nraising.com/secure/americanld_easterpassover_fundraiser92/
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 755
Taco Wednesday

Every Wednesday

5PM-7PM



OPEN TO ALL

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

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724



The Elegant 18th District



14 April 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 180 Azusa

Friday – 18 April 2025 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 180 Azusa
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 April (not in years order)

- 6, 1917..US enters WW1, vote by congress-declaration.
- 9, National, former POW recognition day,
- 11, 1991..desert storm, cease fire. Persian Gulf.
- 12, 1861..American civil war begins-Fort Sumter, Charleston, South Carolina.
- 12, 1945..FDR passes away.
- 14, 1948..Air Force reserve B-Day.
- 18, 1948.. 1st and 9th Armies circle German Army groups-RHUR River Pocket.
- 23, 1908..US Army reserve B-Day.
- 28, 2010..Silver Star Service Banner Day.



Prayer for April, 2025.

Lord Father, as April dawns, let us (18th district family) pray for unity. Seeking Gods guidance to bridge divides, foster Understanding, and build a District-world where love and compassion prevail, united in purpose and sprit for all.

AMEN-AMEN-AMER!!!!

For all the post Chaplains, the next ZOOM meeting—"HOW TO BE A BETTER CHAPLAIN", will be 21April, 2025 at 1830. any questions on this, please call Dr. Kathy Cash, Department of California Chaplain. Cell phone:323-251-5742—email is kcash77@gmail.com.

To all Legion Family, a very, very, very blessed Easter and month of April!!



Events around your neighborhood Posts



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

**Sunday, April 6th
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. Vinado Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107**



*American Legion
Department Convention
June 26-29 2025*

*Lamplighter Inn
3300 West Mineral King Ave
Visalia, California 93291*

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



**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



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



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





April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 LACC Mtg. @ post 755 Covina	5 P755 Pot-Luck
6 US enters. WWI 1917	7	8	9 National POW/MIA Day	10	11	12 Civil War Began 1864
13	14 Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @P-180 Azusa Air Force Reserve 1948	15	16	17	18 Dist. 18 Mtg. @P-180 Azusa	19
20	21	22	23 USAR b-DAY 1908	24	25	26
27	28 Silver Star Banner 2010	29	30			

The Voice of Elegance

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



*New District Coin
released early 2025*



Side A



Side B

DISTRICT MEETING Friday April 18, 2025
Post-180 Azusa, @ 1930 hrs.

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

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 180
Monday 04/14/2025

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)

Department of California - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3/28/2025

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	60	2	77	83	92.77%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	1	9	41	0	51	59	86.44%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	19	23	108	0	150	173	86.71%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	8	28	104	0	140	158	88.61%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	9	7	34	1	51	42	121.43%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	21	67	0	89	139	64.03%
261	El Monte	El Monte	2	4	17	0	23	32	71.88%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	9	35	0	44	44	100.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	10	38	100	1	149	180	82.78%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	9	11	1	21	26	80.77%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	15	0	16	21	76.19%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	62	1	73	87	83.91%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	0	13	78	1	92	97	94.85%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	16	0	27	30	90.00%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	7	13	93	0	113	128	88.28%
790	West Covina	West Covina	11	63	201	2	277	310	89.35%
Total			71	293	1,053	9	1,426	1,637	87.11%
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DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3/28/2025

Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	
30	Pomona Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	3	3	30	10.00%
75	La Puente	City of Industry	0	1	1	26	3.85%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	17	17	47	36.17%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	16	63	79	94	84.04%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	18	18	33	54.55%
247	Arcadia	Arcadia	0	0	0		
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	22	24	47	51.06%
475	San Dimas-Glendora	Glendora	0	0	0		
755	Charter Cove	Covina	8	48	56	62	90.32%
790	West Covina	West Covina	8	35	43	43	100.00%
Total			34	207	241	382	63.09%
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CA DEPARTMENT POST PROBATION & SUSPENSION REPORT

3/28/2025

POSTS IN RED ARE ON SUSPENSION PER DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | POSTS IN BLUE ARE CLOSED

☒ REPRESENTS AN ITEM THAT HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED

Area	District	Post	Name	City	On Suspension	Post Data Report	Consolidated Post Report	Certification of Post Delegates	Certification of Post Officers	Financial Audit (2019-2020)	Financial Audit (2020-2021)	Financial Audit (2021-2022)	Financial Audit (2022-2023)	Financial Audit (2023-2024)	Updated Bylaws (every 7 years)	Balance Owed to Dept.	# of posts on probation	# of posts in district	% of posts on probation
6	18	44	Monrovia	Monrovia			☒	☒	☒				☒	☒	☒		2	18	11.11%
		397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park										☒					

Elegant 18th District attends Department California Executive Committee Meeting (D.E.C.) @ Santa Maria

A great showing of members from our district posts; Dist. Cmdr. Neil L. & 2nd Vice-Jack E. Scott S.-Dept. Assist. Parliamentarian, JR-Dept. Membership, Sam C.-Membership South, Wayne L.-Assts. Historian, Irvin F. Asst. Sgt.-At-Arms, and Auggie G. Candidate for Dept. Area Vice Commander



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
PASADENA POST 13**



**24
APRIL** **11:30
AM**



**PASADENA
POLICE OFFICER & FIREFIGHTER
OF THE YEAR
★★★★ AWARDS LUNCHEON ★★★★★**

131 N. Marengo Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

\$30 PER PERSON

To reserve & order tickets visit
PasadenaPost13.com/awards

American Legion Post 790



@ 5:30 PM STEAK NIGHT \$12.00

EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

**STEAK OR CHICKEN+ BAKED POTATO - CHILI
BEANS - VEGETABLES AND SALAD BREAD ROLL**

THIS MONTHS STEAK NIGHT IS SPONSORED BY



Teufel Hunden Detachment #1360

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.

American Legion Post 755

MIX BUCKET MONDAY!

\$15 MGD BUCKET SPECIAL

EVERY MONDAY 4PM - 8PM



GET A FREE PRIZE WITH A PURCHASE OF EACH BUCKET.

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724



Elegant 18th District

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

**BE THE
ONE**



My Slogan: Area 6 – “Got your Six”

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