



Hello Legion Family,

The American Legion needs leaders! Please consider becoming an officer for 2025-2026 at your Post. Annually, April and May mark the time of year that Posts nominate and elect their officers. Officer duties vary, but the Legion's Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth) stand at the forefront of all duties thereunto pertaining. Your Post needs you to keep the torch burning in the years to come! This appeal goes especially to our younger members in their 20's and 30', as they are truly the Legion's future as we move toward the next quarter of the 21st century. Please refer to this link to learn more about Post Officer duties and consider a nomination to make a positive difference at your Post: <https://www.legion.org/getmedia/23795e1c-6847-4c67-a1b4-10710de19e6a/27ia1123-officers-guide.pdf>

Also, the Post Data Report, which was due April 15th, has an updated version which can only be submitted by email. If your post has not done so already, please submit this very important form immediately. Go to this link and follow the simple directions to submit your PDR: <https://calegion.org/post-data-reports-due-april-15/>

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



United States Army Corps of Engineers Eaton Fire Debris Removal Team Leaders Visit Post 280-April 26, 2025  
Pictured from left to right, Ann Butler (Unit 280 Auxiliary), Buddy Pollerana (Post 280 Legionnaire), Victor Ozuna (Resident Civilian Engineer, US Army Corps), Major Eli MacMahon, USA, (Executive Officer, Eaton Fire Debris Removal), Melvin Ferguson (Post 280 Legionnaire), Colonel Sonny Avichal, USA (Commanding Officer, Eaton Fire Debris Removal), Neil La Sala (American Legion District 18 Commander), Larry Belleville (Squadron 280 Commander), Natalie Salazar (Unit 280 Auxiliary) and Daryl Williams (Squadron 280 SAL).



*Membership is Everybody's*  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



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

## District 1st Vice Commander Report

Greetings American Legion Family,

As a District, we are doing good in membership! Most of our Posts are very close to reaching their goal of 100%, with several needing only five or fewer members to get there. I'm proud to announce that **three of our seventeen Posts** have already met or exceeded their membership goals — congratulations to those Posts for leading the way!

For the Posts still working toward 100%, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources available at <https://calegion.org/membership/>. Here the membership reports can be seen along with how other posts are doing, On the bottom left side of the page, you'll find updated **MyLegion training slides**, which include:

- Instructions for processing memberships
- Managing groups and group administration tasks
- A link to the 59th National Membership Workshop video
- Buddy Check call scripts (which can also be used for membership renewal calls)
- And much more

Additionally, please make sure your own membership is current so you are eligible to vote in your upcoming Post elections.

Another important reminder: when our Legionnaires send in their membership payment, they expect to receive their membership card in a timely manner — ideally within **14 days**. Timely processing helps maintain trust and pride within our American Legion.

Let's keep up the great work and finish strong as we push toward 100% District-wide!

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

**Samuel Cafiero**  
Membership South  
LACC Executive Board member  
18 District 1st Vice Commander  
Post 180 Adjutant  
**The American Legion: Department of California**  
(909) 993-7644  
Email: [Cafierosamuel@gmail.com](mailto:Cafierosamuel@gmail.com)

**Join Now!**

&  
Thank You  
for  
Your  
SERVICE!

**If You Served From**  
April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11 1918 Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946  
June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955  
Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 Aug. 24, 1952 to July 31, 1984  
Dec. 28, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990  
Aug. 5, 1990 to Ongoing

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**The American Legion**  
[www.ca18thdistrict.com](http://www.ca18thdistrict.com)

**Benefits:**  
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Wireless Services, Security Systems, Scholarships  
And Much Much More!



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



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

Good May All Legion Family.

Please try to get involved in your community's Memorial Day Ceremonies. This is important as legion members, also great PR, let civilians know who we are.

Attended Azuza Pacific University's banquet on 24 April. APU has a Veterans Affairs Office. A special program to recognize and honor Military -connected graduates as they transition into their careers after university. Joaquin Paredes, commander of post 755 was One of two keynote speakers. Awesome time and event. Handed out over 14 "why you should belong"

Mother's Day is 11 May.

Please register for Department Convention, 26 to 29 June. Lamplighter Inn...3300 West Mineral King, Visalia. Contact Dennis of Jay  
Dennis is off Monday and Tuesday. Telephone number is 559-725-9193.

Please, while out in public, continue to recruit new members, encourage member's that have not re-up to come back to the legion.

For 24 May event at Sanita Anita Park, steak sandwiches: 5x5 tomatoes are \$13.95, Case Head Lettuce is \$3.95, 5lb shredded lettuce is \$5.62, 1gl mayonnaise is \$12.00 to \$15.00 and French sandwich rolls -6pk are \$4.99...prices subject to change.

Please be respectful at posts. Please keep your "Military Bearing". Be show proper courtesies!

Everyone, have a great and blessed Month of May.







18<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, @ Post 180 April 18, 2025



18<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Jack Evanilla opens Legion booth at VA Long beach



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

**Comrades, Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District and Post Members in Good Standing**

Post Commanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Adjutants, you are your “POST” representatives duty-bound by the oath of office you took as a duly elected officer of your Post! Whom do you feel that is worthy for a leadership position in the 18<sup>th</sup> District? who will do the job in accordance to our American Legion standards? Represent this district and its members in the value and recognition they deserve at department level, LACC, Area for your post?

Don't just be a ride along, or 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 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...



REMEMBER MEMORIAL DAY,  
IS A DAY TO HONOR THE  
FALLEN!



# Around the District



AMERICAN  
LEGION



Department Helmets for Heroes

Contact Dept.



**American Legion Post 139**

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 12pm**

Donation  
Adults \$12 - Kids \$6

**Mariachis | Car Show | Live Band**

24 N. Stoneman Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91801  
626-458-2723

**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**

**American Legion Post 280**  
Welcomes Families & Friends To

## Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale

**Sunday, May 4th**  
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  
East Pasadena Unit 280  
179 N. Vinado Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91107





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



**12 May 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Park**

**Friday – 16 May 2025 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Park**  
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***

From The 18<sup>th</sup> District Chaplains Corner.

Important Military Dates In The Month Of May.

- 1, 2025—National Day Of Prayer.
- 2, 1921—Women's overseas service day founded.
- 7&9, 1945—WW2, Germany unconditional surrender. West 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> East.
- 8, 1945—V-E Day, WW2 victory in Europe.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May—Armed Forces Day.
- 11, 2025—Mother's Day, 2025
- 13, 1908—Navy Nurses Corps. Est.
- 15, 1942—Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Est.
- Friday before Mother's Day—Military Spouse Appreciation Day.
- 26, 2025—Memorial Day, 2025.



**Quote—" I've learned that people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did; but people will never forget how You made them feel!"**

Prayer for May.

"So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord Your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail nor abandon you!"

Current post everlasting (since 18 April). Robert Johnson and Donald D. Doepeke –Post 280. Louie Casatened—post 790, but ..his current post is 112 Ontario, California, 27 April, his family informed post 790 members that Louie's organs will be donated and ..will take place at 1700...tentatively.

Current legion members that are in hospital or are recovering: Bret Rieb-post 475, Joaquin and Monica Parades post 755 brother and mom, Auggie G. wife Lupe is home from hospital. May prayers for all!!!

Blessed May to all American Legion Family.



Elegant 18th



District



SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
SQUADRON 790



# QUARTERMANIA FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM | LUNCH 12-1 PM  
FIRST BID 1 PM

\$20 PRE SALE - \$25 AT THE DOOR  
- INCLUDES LUNCH -

AMERICAN LEGION POST 790  
330 N AZUSA AVE  
WEST COVINA 91791

TICKETS CONTACT  
PACO - 310-598-8572



Events around your neighborhood Posts



## FLAGS OF VALOR

REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND HONOR



MAY 19-26, 2025

DEAN L. SHIVELY MIDDLE SCHOOL FRONT LAWN  
1431 CENTRAL AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE

A WEEKLONG EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO HONOR  
ACTIVE, VETERAN, AND FALLEN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 PER FLAG. PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TO SUPPORT  
LOCAL VETERANS NEEDS SUCH AS HOTEL VOUCHERS, UNHOUSED ASSISTANCE,  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ASSIST WITH FOOD INSECURITIES, AND MORE.

TO SPONSOR A FLAG  
SCAN THE QR CODE



or visit  
<https://bit.ly/3XuAhDp>



**OPENING CEREMONY**  
MAY 19TH | 5:30 PM

FLAGS MAY BE  
PURCHASED ON THIS DAY.  
FREE HOT DOGS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

**FLAG RETIREMENT**  
MAY, 21ST | 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR DAMAGED FLAGS TO  
BE PROPERLY DISPOSED

**CLOSING CEREMONY**  
MAY 26TH | 11:00 AM

FREE HAMBURGERS AND  
BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

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



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







# May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Nat'l Day of Prayer	2 LACC Mtg. @ .	3 Volunteer Service Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Dist. 18 E-Bd. Mtg. @P-241	13 Navy Nurse Corp Est. 1908	14	15 WAC Aux. Corp Est. 1942	16 Dist. 18 Mtg. @P-241 Baldwin Park	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

## 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](mailto:age69vet@verizon.net)

**DISTRICT MEETING Friday May 16, 2025**  
**Post-241 Baldwin Park, @ 1930 hrs.**

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 241  
Monday 05/12/2025

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DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT						4/18/2025	
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
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	20	68	88	94	93.62%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	18	18	33	54.55%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	34	36	47	76.60%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	8	48	56	62	90.32%
790	West Covina	West Covina	8	36	44	43	102.33%
Total			38	222	260	352	73.86%

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**18<sup>th</sup> District Son's of the American Legion SAL**

Two Posts SAL's conduct a "Meet & Greet" and serve a "Free" dinner to our Veterans with live entertainment



**West Covina Post 790**



**Azusa Post 180**



Sons of American Legion Post 241  
4725 Maine Ave. Baldwin Park, CA. 91706

**MEET N GREET**

SATURDAY - APRIL 19, 2025  
11AM TO 3PM

COME OUT AND MEET OUR  
LEGIIONNAIRS, SAL MEMBERS,  
AUXILIARY AND RIDERS FROM  
ALL POSTS IN DISTRICT 18

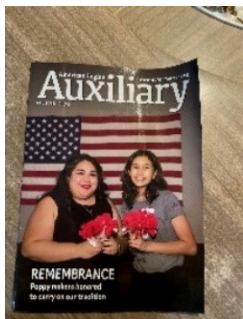
LIVE BAND, FOOD, COLD DRINKS  
FULL BAR, VENDORS, AUXILIARY  
RAFFLES & 50/50 CASH RAFFLE  
GOURMET CHEESE HAMBURGER, CHILE  
BEANS AND MACARONI SALAD  
\$10.00 a PLATE

"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"

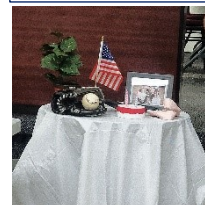
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION

**ALA American Legion Auxiliary out of the 18<sup>th</sup> District**  
in support of the Veterans conduct various programs throughout the year

**ALA 261 made  
cover in National  
Auxiliary magazine**



**ALA 790 Month of the Military Child**







**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Blood Drive  
American Legion District 18**

Legion Hall  
179 N Vinado Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91107

**Friday, June 27, 2025  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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

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



Come to give June 1 to 30 for a \$15 Gift Card by mail.



1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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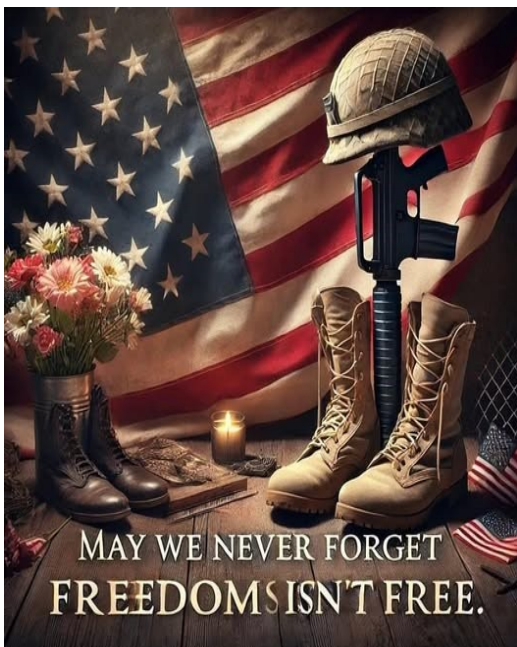
# American Legion Post 790

**@ 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 SPONSERED BY**

Teufel Hunden Detachment #1360



Keep the poppy  
going please...for  
Veterans!



**Elegant 18th District**

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

**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



Auggie Galaviz-Post 790  
"Area Six-Got your 6"



## CANDIDATE - Department California 6<sup>th</sup> Area Vice Commander

Membership is the vital source of an organization's existence  
As communication is the fundamental source to connection  
in keeping with our foundation of information, knowledge,  
interaction with our members for Post meetings & programs to  
advocate Veteran support and notify them why they should join!  
The leadership role goes beyond to acknowledge and work as a team!