





Hello Legion Family,

We are on the brink of Summer and halfway through the year 2025! This year started off especially difficult for the San Gabriel Valley due to the terrible wildfires we experienced back in January. Amidst the tragedy, District 18 saw incredible generosity from Districts in Northern California, the Department of Arizona and the Department of New Hampshire. The supplies and financial resources donated by the aforementioned were truly a blessing to all those in need. Without a doubt, the Legion Family unselfishly rose to the occasion in grand fashion!

Furthermore, the month of June marks the end of my two-year term as your District Commander. I want to thank each District Officer and the Executive Committee for the stalwart performance and the dedication displayed towards the achievement of the goals I outlined in 2023 when I first took office. I challenged our team to raise money for our Legion programs and to create events to foster better camaraderie. In both cases, we were quite successful! Over \$10,000 was raised through private donations and through District 18 fundraisers in support of Helmets for Heroes and the other programs we contribute to with respect to the Legion's Four Pillars. Additionally, District 18 hosted and/or supported camaraderie building events at Posts, at ice hockey matches and at private residences. These events brought our Auxiliary, Sons and Legionnaires together for the purpose of having fun, while sharing each other's company.

I especially want to thank certain officers I have relied on greatly during my tenure. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to Second Vice Commander John C. Evanilla, Finance Officer Ernest Fife, Adjutant Scott Sinclair, Scribe Augustine Galaviz and Historian Wayne Lunde for their unwavering support and incredible work ethic. Their heavy lifting definitely kept District 18 on course in every regard. As I turn the gavel over to my highly qualified and unequivocally dedicated friend, First Vice Commander Samuel Cafiero, I am 100% confident that District 18 will continue its upward trajectory of achievement! It was an honor to serve you and I look forward to continuing my service in any manner within the needs of the American Legion.

Semper Fidelis,

Neil La Sala American Legion Department of California Commander- District 18 Adjutant- Post 280 626-833-8493/ntlasala@att.net











Samuel Cafiero-1st Vice Commander Elegant 18 District

Hello American Legion Family,

As we enter June, I would like to thank you for your continued dedication and support. We should be working to ensure all members receive their membership cards ideally within 7–14 days after submitting dues.

For information on membership go to calegion.org click on membership tab and there are membership info and slides for our upcoming post leadership and a refresher for our current post leadership.

I've been made aware that some members have not yet received their cards, and I'm actively following up with the respective Post leadership to help resolve these issues promptly.

Lastly, I want to share with you the District 18 Installation of Officers will be June 21, 2025 at Post 180 from 3pm to 5pm

We will have Tacos with 3 meats to choose from, beans and rice

For God and Country,

Samuel Cafiero

District 18

1st Vice Commander

Samuel Cafiero

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From the desk of 2nd Vice Jack Evanilla





Good Month of June Legion Family 18th District!!

Please pass H4HS pass the helmet at your e-board and general meetings. Department VSO'S use this collected Money to pay for their travel expenses.

Will be setting up a recruiting table at the Monrovia Library, resource fair 14 June at 1000. If any posts in the local ... area want to join me, say especially post that are close to 100%. I know this date conflicts with post 180 Chile Cook of 100%!!!!!

This will be my last 2ed Vice NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

JUNE...the last month in our calendar year. July will begin new post and district officers. New Department commander and officers!

As far as the district 18 hospitality room; I have been shopping and pricing. The menu looks like: breakfast-coffee and donuts, dinner: Thursday-Mountain Mike's Pizza. Friday-Hotdogs – Braats—possible green salad, healthy snacks as Veggie plates, mozzarella cheese, small bag chips, avocado dip and fruit. Saturday we will be blessed with Larry from Post 280 Mexican rolling grill, street tacos, rice and beans...and more possible healthy snacks. Thank You Larry. Beer yes, only can. Water and soda. Finally, a NO HOST BAR...top shelf spirts...JD, Vodka, Gin ets.

I will not be able to attend the district general meeting (18) and install. Date – time was changed twice. I will be attending my Highschool 100th anniversary! Cathedral High School turns 100 this year founded by the Christen Brothers in 1925!

For all who attended the Tribute to Veterans at Sanita Anita Park on 24 May many, many thanks. Good --- Great job ... recruiting. The veterans that wrote names down who showed interest in American Legion, I will call list was left on table as we broke down. Also want to mention WHAT A GREAT JOB Scott Sinclair, HIS STEAK SANDWICH BOOTH. Things got off to a little bit of a rocky start but ended well. I witnessed a lot of bonding and team work. Again, awesome Event!!

FYI, Larry will also be DJ at hospitality room-event.

Fundraising is going well this month, just received a \$1000.00, 27 May. More to come by June 2025 end!!!

On Memorial Day, May26, I spoke at two events, Glendora Oakdale Cemetery where I MC and did my favorite thing, The POW-MIA READING, that was at 0900. At 01130 I attended Glendora Fairmont Cemetery, where some graves Markers date pre-Civil War. At Fairmont I again read the POW-MIA READING, and was helped by Examiner writer Marsha Mason, she wrang the bell (REMEMBER). Thank you to Wayne Lunde for playing Colors and Taps here. Also want to mention that at Oakdale, four 18th district posts participated, 180 riders, 475 Joe Mercier pledge of Allegiance and Poppy Poem, 508 honor guard and rifle salute, post 755 Wayne Lunde played Colors and Taps, 755.. Commander Joaquin Parades read 12 wars and conflicts; 755 axillary wreathes. Thank you too all!!!!

Thankyou everyone in 18th District Family, it has been my true pleasure to serve as your 2nd Vice, Chaplain and E-Board member! I want to personally thank you, all of you for reading my district newsletter blogs-briefs. Thank you for helping me learn and grow in American Legion Family!!!!!!!!!!!











Elegant 18th District visited many posts in our area by the various district officers



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
ITi-IIp with Jack Daniels Sauce
Asparagus with Lemon Butter
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Roll and Butter
\$40.00 per entre per person
Advance Payment send to:
Past Commanders Club of California, Inc. PO Box 233
Tranguillity, CA 93688
Payment at the door see Mildred
All are Welcome





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



<u>California American Legion</u> <u>College (CALC 2-2025)</u>



CALC is coming to the 6th Area in October! Course Date: October 17-19, 2025

LOCATION: Newhall Post 507

Enrollment period opens on 1 August 2025 and closes on 30 September 2025





18th District Meeting, @ Post 241 May 16, 2025

























BE THE ONE - **ELECTIONS** completed, your District leadership team

Comrades, Elegant 18th District have elected a new corps of qualified prominent leaders

Officers Elect:

18th District Commander-elect: Sam Cafiero Post 180

1st Vice Commander-elect: Jack Evanilla Post 755

2nd Vice Commander-elect: Irvin Flores **Post 508**

Executive Committee (8) – JR, Gil C., Scott Fowler, Dave Mushinskie, Al Mora, Richie Santo, Frank Mora-Paez, Ernie Cardona

LACC VC- Neil La Sala LACC

Executive Committee – Irvin Flores,

Delegate to National (2) – Neil, JR, Alternate to national (2) – Sam Richie

District Installation Saturday 6/21 @ 1600 Meal afterwards @ Post 180 Azusa. 3 5p.m.



Fround the District













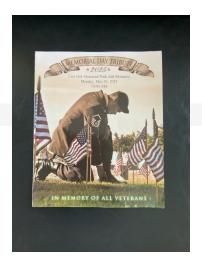
Memorial Day

Programs throughout the 18th District

Respect & Honor to all U.S. military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice for the FREEDOM we all share today.



Live Oak Arcadia/Monrovia coalition American Legion & VFW







GREETINGS	Secretary / Treasurer of Allied Venezon Council
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Scott A. Sinclai President of Allied Veterans Counc.
ADVANCE OF THE COLORS	Allied Veterans Council
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Civil Air Patro Monrovia High School Ban
INVOCATION	Michael Danielson, Directi Craig Switze Chaplain, VFW Post 2070 Memorial Tear
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Chaplain, VFW Post 2070 Memorial Tear
INTRODUCTIONS	
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS	Colonel, Retired U.S. Arm
"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"	Monrovia High School Bane
RECOGNITION OF BLUE STAR FAMILIES	Lt. Col. Charles Wiest, CAI
GOLD STAR MOTHERS (No applause please)	
THE CONDOR SQUADRON	Fly Ores
RECOGNITION OF THE PLACED WREATHS	
"GOD BLESS AMERICA"	Monrovia High School Bane
VETERAN RECOGNITION	Scott A, Sinclain
MILITARY MEDLEY	
21 GUN SALUTE	Honor Guard
"TAPS"	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2070 Memorial Team
FOLDING OF THE FLAG	
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	Chaplain, VFW Post 2020 Memorial Team

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The Elegant 18th District



09 June 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 180 Azusa

Saturday – <u>21 June 2025</u> 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

Good June, 2025 Legion Family!

Important military dates in June.

6, D-Day—1944, Allied invasion of Normandy.

13 or 17, Battle of Bunker Hill

14, Flag Day—1775, celebration od US flag.

14, 1775—founding of the U.S. Army!

25, 1950—Start of the Korean Conflict!

27, 1953—Korean Conflict Veterans Armistice Day



Prayer for June. From The POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our Comrades will soon be Back within our ranks.

Let us remember—and never forget their sacrifice.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

Please continue to "Buddy Check "...either by phone call, text message, personal talk-visitation or email.

This is important. We are all getting a little older.

To close......" Mission First, Troops Always "

A Blessed month of June to all Legion Family, and special prayers to a successful 2025, convention and hospitality room-party at Lamplighter Inn!!!



Events around your neighborhood Posts





RSVP BY JUNE 14TH TO SAM CAFERIO 909-993-7644





June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Est. 1790	5	6 LACC Mtg. @ . D-Day 1944	7.
8 USS Liberty attacked 1967	9 D-18 E-Bd. Mtg. Azusa P-180	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day U.S. Army B-Day 1775
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21 Dist. 18 Instalation 1st Day of Summer
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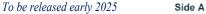
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District 18 THE AMERICAN LEGION P.O. Box 5256



New District Coin







Side B

Wish to receive the District newsletter by Email, please notify Editor Auggie G. at age69vet@verizon.net DISTRICT MEETING Saturday June 21, 2025 Post-180 Azusa, @ 1930 hrs.

> E- Bd. Mtg. Post 241 Monday 06/09/2025

West Covina

312

1,508

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310

1,637

100.65%

92.12%

790

Total





	DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)						
	Detachment of CA - 2025 N	PORT			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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	Dep	partment of Califo	ornia - 20	25 DELEG	ATE STRE	NGTH RE	PORT				5/14/2	2025	
POST	Name	City	Post Total	Auto Assigned Delegates	Member Based Delegates	Post Delegate Strength	Post Alternate Strength	Delegates in their own right		Name,	Role		Total Votes
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	33	2	1	3	3						3
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	78	2	2	4	4						4
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	54	2	1	3	3						3
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	156	2	3	5	5						5
180	Canyon City	Azuza	145	2	3	5	5						5
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	56	2	1	3	3						3
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	92	2	2	4	4						4
261	El Monte	El Monte	32	2	1	3	3						3
279	Temple City	Temple City	44	2	1	3	3						3
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	150	2	3	5	5	1	Neil La Sala (C)				6
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	24	2	0	2	2						2
431	Edison	Alhambra	19	2	0	2	2						2
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	77	2	2	4	4						4
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	92	2	2	4	4						4
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	27	2	1	3	3						3
755	Charter Cove	Covina	117	2	2	4	4					·	4
790	West Covina	West Covina	312	2	6	8	8						8
Total			1508	34	31	65	65	1					66

18th District American Legion, SAL-Son's of the American Legion & ALA-Auxiliary

This district has shown so much "Family" unity in how many posts worked together for the good of the Legion. National Holiday's attending community events and post collectively to installation of officers.

Azusa Post 180 Installation of Officers 01 May 2025

















The Elegant 18th District San Gabrial Valley attending various Posts & Community programs

District Fundraiser Hocky games to Pomona Fair Legion information booth & L.A. County Tribue to Veterans Event





































Memorial Day programs throughout the San Gabriel Valley area District 18 Posts

















Monterey Park Post 397

Charter Cove Covina Post 755 & Post 139













Oakdale Memorial Park Glendora Coalition American Legion & VFW





















In Honor of All Who Served

Thank you for your Service to this country. Your brovery, earrifice and attempth has not gon; immitted and we will always be indebted to you and your families for all that you have given to the country.



Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Bonita Service Unit

Secuting America Troop 448 Covina

Glendora High School Choir















City West Covina Memorial Day program & Post 790-member program



















































AMERICAN LEG	ON POST 755
MEMORIAL DA May 26,	
JOIN US AFTER COAXDALE CEMETERY CEREMONY AT THE POST AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON	OPEN TO ALL
BRING YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH. THE POST WILL HAVE FRIED CHICKEN FOR ALL	OANS SPEASOS
20516 E. ARROW HW	/., COVINA, CA 9172

June 20	120	20516 Arrow	Hwv., Covina, C	91724.	(626) 966-7	786
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hot Dogs	2	3 Riders Mtg. 6pm	4 Tacos 5pm-7pm	5	6	Live band June Bday Potluck 6pm
8 Hot Dogs	9	10 Legion Mtg. 6pm	Tacos 5pm-7pm	12	13	
Father's Day Breakfast 9am-12pm	16	17	Tacos 5pm-7pm	19	Riders 20 Karaoke 5pm-10pm	Live Bands 6pm
Installations: 22 SALS 10pm Legion 1pm Aux. 2pm	23	24	Tacos spm-zpm	26	27	Car Show TBA

East Pasadena Post 280 Fundraiser Breakfast













District 18 boys/Girls State orientation dinner, hosted by Post 790









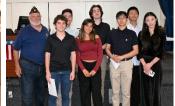
















Blood Drive American Legion District 18

Legion Hall 179 N Vinedo Ave Pasadena, CA 91107

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

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LEGION to schedule an appointment

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting ledCrossBlood.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 email.



CANDIDATE - Department California 6th Area Vice Commander

Let's change the narrative. Instead of talking about the staggering number of daily suicides, BE THE ONE to save ONE veteran. We can end the stigma surrounding mental health with your help!



TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

Elegant 18th District

P. O. Box 5256 El Monte, CA 91734





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

Thanks to the many members for the VOTE of confidence
Giving me the privilege to represent our Area in one
of Departments high positions and giving homage
to the post I'm from showing we have qualified members
willing to work and represent our Veterans & members
in the American Legion Department of California.



Six-Got your 6" in the American Legion Department of Califor Only at convention we'll know the final outcome for all candidates Thank you all