



Hello Everybody,



As we move into the fall season, I encourage everyone to be safe with the change in seasons we may have high winds, rain and other conditions that we may not be used to.

Over the past couple of months, I have received reports of emails and text messages from individuals falsely claiming to be me or other Officers within the American Legion. Please remember that all American Legion business is conducted during official meetings—either in person or through virtual meetings that are scheduled in advance and announced by our members. While the American Legion may request donations, we will never ask members to purchase gift cards, send money orders, or anything else via email or text message. If you ever receive such a request, verify the source. For example, hover your cursor over the sender's name to reveal the actual email address and compare it to legitimate correspondence. If it is a text message look at the number see if it is legitimate. If you have talked to that person before. When in doubt, confirm before responding.

I would also like to remind everyone about participation in District meetings:

- **District Executive Board Meetings** are open for members to attend, but are for observation only unless you are on the agenda. Think of these as similar to watching a webinar—you can view the proceedings, but do not have a voice.
- **General Meetings** are open to all members and guests, and here everyone has a voice. These meetings follow proper structure and ritual, with reports presented, and conclude with time for open discussion.

Recent Highlights

This past month we had several key events take place in our area:

- The **American Legion Riders West Coast Rally**, which covered posts in our District including Post 755 Charter Cove, Azusa Post 180, and Chino Post 299 in Chino (25th District).
- The **Department Executive Committee Meeting** held in Orange County, which provided a unique opportunity for District and Area Officers to collaborate, brainstorm ways to strengthen the American Legion, and openly discuss areas that need improvement within our organization.

• Important Announcement

The **Los Angeles County Council General Meeting** will be held this Friday, **October 3rd**, at **Post 280 in East Pasadena**. Dinner will be available at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion planning to attend are reminded to bring their Post or Squadron cover. I strongly encourage members to attend—these gatherings are an excellent opportunity to connect, learn, and represent your Post.

- I also want to highlight that the **Los Angeles County Council provides Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) at the VA hospitals within Los Angeles County**. This important work ensures that veterans in our communities receive the care, benefits, and support they have earned.

I encourage all members to stay informed by visiting both the Department and District websites for updates and upcoming events: Department: calegion.org & District 18: cadistrict18.org

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the American Legion. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 18 District meetings this month and the Los Angeles County Council meeting at Post 280 this Friday. October 3rd 2025



**18th District 1st Vice,
Domingo H. Almanzar Jr.
For God and Country**



Comrades,

As of the October 2025 report, District 18 has:

- 13 new members
- 296 PUFL members
- 580 paid members
- 3 transfers
- Total: 892 members out of 1,570

This places us at **56.82% of our membership goal**, ranked **16th in the Department of California**.

Highlights:

- **Top Post by percentage:** Post 748 San Gabriel leads the district at **85.19%**.
- **Other strong performers:** Post 247 Arcadia Monrovia at **76.04%**, and Post 508 Borinquen Baldwin Park at **75.53%**.
- **Largest Post:** Post 790 West Covina with **183 members paid** (56.83%).

Areas Needing Attention:

Five Posts are currently **below 50% of their goal**:

- Post 180 Canyon City Azusa – **48.99%**
- Post 241 Abraham Lincoln Baldwin Park – **31.25%**
- Post 261 El Monte – **17.14%**
- Post 279 Temple City – **25.00%**
- Post 431 Edison Alhambra – **35.00%**

These Posts may need extra support with renewals and outreach to get back on track toward their targets.

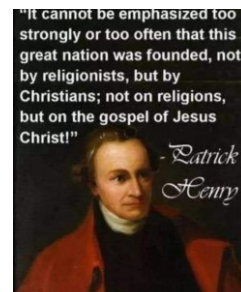
Summary:

District 18 is over the halfway point at **56.82%**, but we have more work ahead to meet our 100% goal. I encourage every Post to keep reaching out to members, especially those who have not yet renewed, and continue welcoming new veterans into our Legion family. Every membership card makes a difference in strengthening our mission.



**District Chaplain,
Charles Weiskercher**

From the Chaplains Corner



God Bless to all our, 2026 Legion Family!

I pray that we have a very blessed year and that all our Members and their families as well as our supporters Good health and successful membership year...

sto by Auggie G.



From the desk of 2nd Vice
Irvin



District 18 – 2nd Vice Commander's Report October 2025

Comrades,

Last month, District 18 hosted a successful **Casino Turnaround Bus Trip**. It was a day filled with games, prizes, and plenty of camaraderie among our District 18 family. The turnout was strong, the energy was positive, and it was a great opportunity to bring members together outside of our usual meetings and Post activities. Events like this help strengthen the bonds within our Legion family while raising support for our programs.

I thank everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped make this trip possible. Your continued support shows the strength and unity of District 18. I look forward to planning more activities that bring our members together in the same spirit of fellowship and fun.

Semper Fi,
Irvin Flores
2nd Vice Commander

Dinner Thursday, 10/2 and Breakfast Sunday, 10/5 at the Legion...

Dinner at the Legion!

Street Tacos (carne asada, chicken and al pastor) Macaroni salad and dessert- \$10

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Doors open at 4pm, meal at 5pm

Breakfast at the Legion!

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9am-11am

Dine in or takeout available!

All events hosted at

American Legion Post 280

179 N Vinedo Avenue

Pasadena, CA 91107



Join the fun and camaraderie! Seven TVs, dart boards, pool table and great canteen service! Please support our veterans!



AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

TURN AROUND BUS TO CASINO

BINGO AND RAFFLES ON THE BUS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025

\$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 HRS OF GAMBLING!

20516 E. ARROW HWY, COVINA, CA 91724

VETERANS SOCIAL CONNECTION

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Canteen Patio | Bldg 165

2025 Dates

JAN 31	JUN 27
FEB 28	JUL 25
MAR 28	AUG 29
APR 25	SEP 26
MAY 30	OCT 31
	NOV 21
	DEC 19

Proudly Sponsored by:
Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center
Veterans Connection Committee
Food and coffee will be served

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

Developing An Effective
Post & Department Fellowship Affiliation

Membership

Public Relations

Community Service

Americanism

Bill to provide tax relief to disabled veterans moves forward in the House

NC Newsline

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Teach Students About Veterans

Empower Wounded Warriors

- Veteran-inspired activities
- Real warriors' stories
- Take-home projects
- + more!



HONOR THEIR COURAGE

California American Legion College (CALC 2-2025)



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

WE BELIEVE THE AMERICAN LEGION IS A FAMILY

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

OUR MISSION

VETERAN ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION
NATIONAL SECURITY
AMERICANISM
CHILDREN & YOUTH

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

BE THE ONE – Join the District leadership team



AMERICAN LEGION TRAINING

The American Legion offers a variety of training programs and events designed to educate and prepare members and leaders throughout the organization.



Basic Training

Official online training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants, and anyone seeking to broaden their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization.



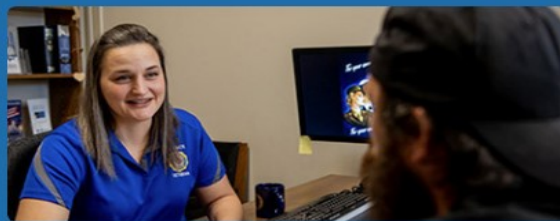
American Legion College

Apply to enhance your skills, deepen your understanding of the organization, and prepare for a leadership role within The American Legion.



Training Tuesdays

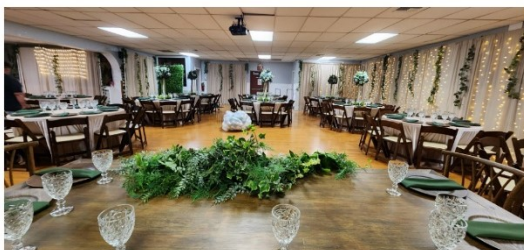
60 to 90-minute sessions from American Legion National Headquarters, offering helpful information for post commanders and adjutants.



Service Officer Training

Designed to provide current and future Department Service Officers with the knowledge and skills for accreditation through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

American Legion, East Pasadena Post 280



With ample space to accommodate a wide range of event needs, our post offers a hall with a standing capacity of 300, seating capacity of 250 with chairs, and 100 with tables and chairs. Additionally, you'll have access to a fully-equipped kitchen and our shared outdoor patio space. Feel free to reach out, and we'd be delighted to host your next event.

Here are some examples of events that we've hosted in the past:

- Birthdays
- Wedding Receptions
- Anniversaries
- Quinceañeras
- Memorial Services
- Fitness Classes
- Potlucks
- Club Events
- Live Music Events

Inquire About Our Hall Rentals:

(626) 644-1917

info@legionpost280.org

170 N. Vineland Ave., Pasadena 91107



Please Join East Pasadena
Squadron 280 for our 3rd
Annual



TRUNK OR TREAT

*Treats *Petting Zoo *Jumper *Music *Face Painting

Costumes encouraged for all ages!
Hamburgers will be available for purchase!

Lunch will be provided for kids ages 12 yrs & under





Around the District

Elegant 18th



District



AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

**Saturday
October 4, 2025**

**BINGO AND
RAFFLES ON THE
BUS**

**All day event
Turn Around Bus to
Casino**

**BEST FOOD AND
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**BORINQUEN POST 508
PRESENTS
HALLOWEEN DANCE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025
TIME: 6:00 TO 11:30 PM**

DJ: DJ NEW YORK RICAN

**THE BEST SOUNDS OF MUSIC:
SALSA HOUSE MUSIC BACHATA**

**DONATION: 25.00 INCLUDES DINNER
MERENGUE CHA CHA CHA**

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

**LOCATION:
JULIA MC NEIL CENTER
4100 BALDWIN PARK BLVD.
BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706
FREE PARKING**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:
STEVE LOPEZ (626) 827-4159 RICHIE SANTOS (951) 206-9529**

Congressman Gil Cisneros listens and willing to help our Veterans through Congressional support...
Congressman scheduled a coalition with the various Veterans organizations at Post 755 to hear what we can all do



Round Table Meeting at Post 755 9-23-2025



The Elegant 18th District

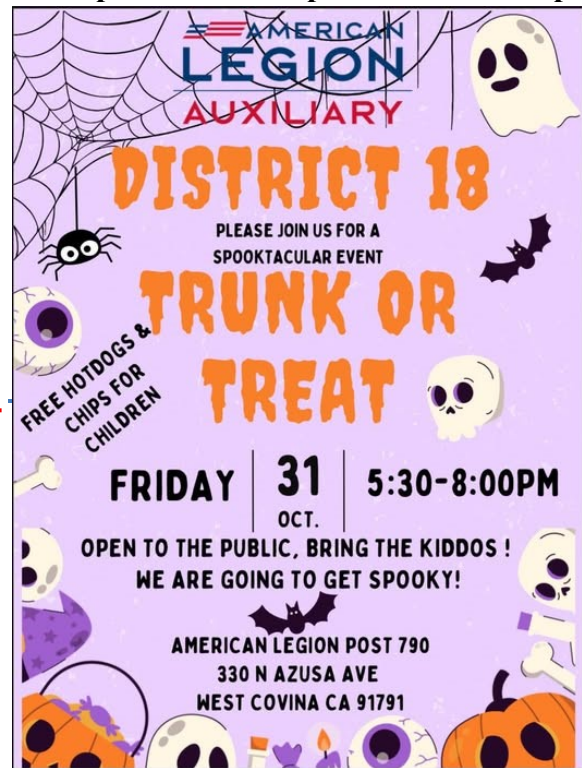
13 October 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena 7 p.m.



Friday – 17 October 2025 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena
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 Dept.



AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 280

QUARTERMANIA FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Oct. 25

Doors Open 12:30 - First Bid 1 pm



179 N. Vinedo Ave
Pasadena, 91107

\$20 Pre Sale

\$25 At the Door

Both include Lunch

Tickets Contact
Loni 626-483-9357



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Meetings: D.E.C. in Orange CA
Day one: @ Post 132 / Day two: Hyatt Regency



Dept. session break-out all dept. Areas on Strategic plans for advancing resources and visibility





October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 LACC Mtg. @ P280.	4
5	6	7 .O.I.f. 2001	8	9 Invasion N. Korea Began 1950	10	11
12	13 D-18 Exct. Bd. Mtg. Navy B-Day 1775	14 Cuban Missile Crisis 1962	15	16	17 D-18 Mtg. @ P280 E. Pasadena	18
19	20	21	22	23 Beirut Barracks Bombings 1983	24 U.N. Day	25 U.S. Invades Grenada 1983
26	27 NAVY DAY	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

The Voice of Elegance

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



MINDSET MONDAYS

PRESENTED BY CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

Join our inspiring online training sessions designed to elevate your American Legion Experience. On the second Monday of each month, unlock new strategies, boost your confidence, and cultivate a winning mindset to make a lasting impact in your community.

Don't miss out—your journey to growth and leadership continues here!

#MindsetMonday

Register for your virtual seat today!

REGISTER

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DATE	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Sept. 8th	Post & District Commander Training	Mark Rice
Oct. 13th	Judge Advocate Training	John Hudson
Nov. 18th	Parliamentary Myth Busters	Commander Gary Leach
Dec. 8th	Labor Law Compliance	Attorney Diane Codomo

Each class will start at 6:00 pm and are approximately 60 minutes with an added 30 minutes for Q&A. Register for your virtual seat today at <https://calcolcna.org/mindset-mondays-registration>

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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday October 17, 2025
Post-280 e. Pasadena, @ 1900 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 280
Monday 10/13/2025



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Elegant 18th District @ D.E.C. / El Monte Post Awards Students / LACC Flag Raising



Your Legislative Officers hard at work

Subject: SB 694 (Archuleta) — Protecting Veterans from Predatory “Claim Sharks”

Dear Legion Family and Supporters,

As part of American Legion District 22's ongoing effort in support of **SB 694 (Archuleta)**, we are gathering as much information as possible about predatory claims companies—often called claim sharks. These entities target veterans by charging excessive fees, using aggressive marketing tactics, and misleading veterans into paying for services that are already provided free of charge by accredited Veterans Service Organizations like the American Legion.

While many legislators already stand with veterans and support SB 694, there are still those who view these fee-based companies as providing “options.” To overcome this misconception, we need to show hard evidence of how these companies exploit our veterans.

Here's how you can help:

- **Share any stories** from veterans who have been targeted or victimized.
- **Provide examples** of overcharging, aggressive advertising, or misleading claims.

Every story and piece of evidence will strengthen our case and ensure legislators understand the harm these companies cause to those who have already given so much for our country.

SB 694, authored by Senator Bob Archuleta, aims to crack down on unscrupulous for-profit firms that charge veterans to help with VA claims. The bill would prohibit unaccredited individuals or entities from collecting fees for initial claims or requiring veterans to pay upfront for services that accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) already provide for free. Its goal: to shield veterans from overcharging, misleading promises, and aggressive marketing, while preserving fair, accredited assistance.

Here's where SB694 stands:

- The bill recently passed the Assembly and moved out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, entering the final stages toward the governor's desk.
- According to Sen. Archuleta, SB 694 is slated for a full Senate vote when the legislative session reconvenes in January 2026.
- However, SB 694 is currently stalled in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Department California & Veterans Affairs information

VETERANS ASSISTANCE EXPO

October 3, 2025 | 9 AM - 2 PM | Orange, CA

Long Beach Veterans - You're invited to get assistance enrolling in VA health care, applying for disability compensation, and accessing other benefits you've earned:

- Access VA mental health resources.
- Find out what resources you're eligible for.
- Hang out with Veterans and enjoy a free meal together.
- Interested in income-based benefits for war-time Veterans and survivors?
- Interested in using your VA education benefits?
- Need help applying for a Veteran ID card?
- Need help finding a career?
- Need help submitting a VA disability claim?
- Need housing or worried about becoming homeless?
- Ready to enroll in VA health care?
- Want to check the status of your disability claim or appeal?
- Want to connect with resources available in your community?
- Want to learn more about VA health care options for women?
- Concerns about food insecurity?

Event Location: 368 North Prospect Street, Orange, CA 92869

Don't miss this opportunity to access the benefits you've earned!

Interested in attending? No registration required, just show up.



A BROTHERHOOD FORGED IN WAR.
THE JOURNEY TO HEAL TOGETHER.

SXSW
FILM & TV FESTIVAL 2025
WORLD PREMIERE

YOU'RE INVITED
"AMERICAN SONS"
SPECIAL SCREENING
LA COUNTY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENT
OCTOBER 8, 2025
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
CLICK TO RSVP
HISTORIC BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL - DTLA
1816 FIGUEROA AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90015
ATTIRE IS BUSINESS CASUAL
"ELEVATING LA COUNTY THROUGH VETERAN LEADERSHIP"

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY VA CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

Veteran Resources
Veterans Benefits Administration
National Cemetery Administration
Disability Claims
Wellness
Kids Corner
& More

Date: November 5th, 2025
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Located at:
The Elks Lodge #2025
27 W. Huntington Dr.
Arcadia, CA 91007

For More Information, Please Contact
 Juan Corbera at (310) 300-6528 or email juan.corbera@va.gov



VA Greater LA Outreach



AMERICAN LEGION POST 755 20516 E. ARROW HWY, COVINA, CA 91724						
OCTOBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hours: Mon. 4pm-8pm; Tues. Closed; Wed. Through Sun. 3pm-8pm or later; unless otherwise noted on an event flyer			1 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	2	3 LACC Dinner 6pm	4 Casino Bus Turn Around 10am-8pm
	5	6	8 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	9 Aux. Meeting 6pm	10	11
12 Aux. Breakfast 9am-12pm	13	14 Legion Meeting 6pm	15 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	16 SAL Meeting 6pm	17 Rider's Karaoke 5pm-10pm	18
19	20	21	22 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	23	24	25 Hall Rental- Private Party
26 Rider's Anniversary Party	27	28	29 No Dinner	30	31 Halloween 	