

## District 18 Commander's Report

As we move through December, we pause to honor the significant events and traditions that remind us of our nation's history and the importance of our American Legion mission.

### **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – December 7th**

On December 7th, we observe Pearl Harbor Day to honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed during the surprise attack on Hawaii in 1941. This tragic event brought the United States into World War II the following day. Across the nation, the American flag is flown at half-staff, and ceremonies are held at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial to pay tribute to the fallen and reflect on the sacrifices made. I encourage all Posts and members to take a moment to remember and honor the courage displayed on that day.

### **Los Angeles County Council Tamale Festival – December 6th**

Our District is hosting the Los Angeles County Council Tamale Festival on Saturday, December 6th, from 10:00 AM to about 4:00 PM. At American Legion Post 139 Alhambra, 24 Stoneman Avenue, Alhambra, Ca 91801. There will be music, delicious tamales, and a great time for all. There will a ritual with Colors posted at 11:00 AM, and Mariachi will be playing later during the festival. I hope to see many of you there supporting this important community event.

### **Department of California – Online Training**

The American Legion Department of California continues to offer Training Mondays on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. These virtual sessions cover various topics helpful to all Legionnaires. <https://calegion.org/events/training-monday/> I strongly encourage members to complete the American Legion Basic Training Course, a free self-paced online program that takes approximately 1.5 to 4 hours. Register at: <https://register.legion.org/ale>

For Training Mondays and additional training opportunities, visit:  
<https://calegion.org/training/online-training/>

### **Important Reminder – Verify Information**

Please remember to verify any information that may seem unusual or questionable. Most American Legion business is conducted during our monthly meetings. If someone contacts you claiming to represent any level of the American Legion—especially if they request money or credit card information—take a moment to verify their identity before providing any information.

### **District General Meeting & Christmas Party – White Elephant Gift Exchange**

At our upcoming District General Meeting and Christmas Party, we will be holding a White Elephant gift exchange along with prizes. *We will be at Azusa American Legion Post 180 Friday December 19th. Meal at 6pm Meeting starts 7pm.* We encourage everyone attending to bring a gift as to not exceed \$20 to participate in this fun and festive tradition. It's a great way to share in the holiday spirit within our Legion family



**18<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice,  
Domingo H. Almanzar Jr.**

Comrades,



**District 18 -Membership Report December 2025**

Comrades, Happy Holidays

As of December 2025

District 18th has recorded:

- 18 new members
- 296 PUFL members
- 684 PAID members
- 3 Transfers

Total: 1001 paid members out of 1570

This places District 18 at 67.97% of goal, ranking 37th in Department of California.

**Post Highlights:**

- Top in percentage: Post 748
- San Gabriel leads at 85.19%
- Strong Performer
- Post 247 Arcadia Monrovia at 83.33% and
- Post 508 Borinquen Baldwin Park at 78.72%
- Largest Membership Base
- Post 790 West Covina with 196 members paid at 60.56%
- Post needing attention:
- Post 261 El Monte at 34.29
- Post 241 Abraham Lincoln Baldwin Park at 46.89%
- Post 397 at 46.15% and Post 431 at 50.00%
- District Totals: 66.56%
- Membership growth is steady, but we must focus on new renewals and outreach to close the gap.
- Every contact, renewal, and transfer helps us towards our goal 100%

So, let's continue to call and reach out to are Veterans. Thanks

District 1ST VICE

DOMINGO H ALMANZAR JR

For God and Country

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**Christmas Day – El Monte Veterans Village Visit**

On Christmas Day, District 18 will visit the **El Monte Veterans Village** to present backpacks with various items to the veterans who reside there. Some of the veterans there it would make their Christmas to receive a gift on Christmas Day. Thank you to all who are contributing to this important act of kindness and remembrance during the holiday season.

**District Officer Post Visits**

As the District 18 Commander I as well as our District officers visit Posts within our District. This is crucial to help maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the organization by providing guidance and supervision to the posts.

Our District General meeting is open to all Legionnaires. Encourage you to wear your American Legion cover.

**Lastly**

Let's take a look at our own District 18 website [cadistrict18.org](http://cadistrict18.org) for meeting dates, times, locations and other important information.

For God and Country,

**The American Legion: Department of California**

**Samuel Cafiero**

Commander 18 District

Commander Post 180

*"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."*

*– Erin Majors*



**From the desk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Irvin Flores**



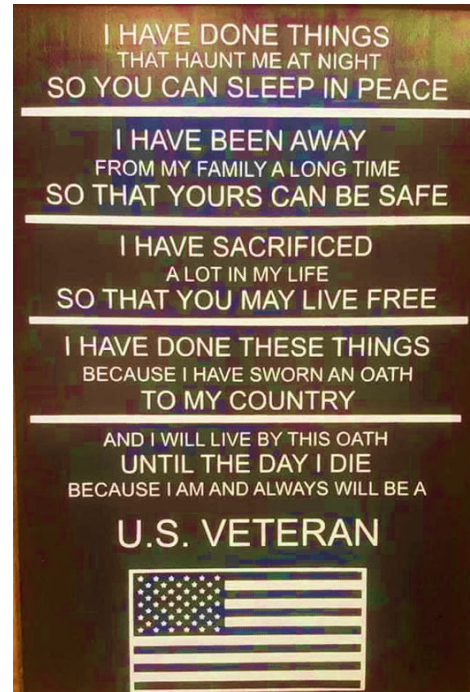
## **District 18 – 2nd Vice Commander’s Report**

Comrades,

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.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are special holidays, remember those less fortunate, donate to the district holiday Christmas program that we may assist and have a special gift giving and/or luncheon to our Veterans in need.

Thank you for your kindness and compassion.  
Semper Fi,  
Irvin Flores  
2nd Vice Commander



**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...







The American Legion Dept of California

## Monthly Chaplain Zoom Call

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
at 630pm

Chaplains of the Legion Family (Post, Unit, Sons, and Riders) are all invited to attend this monthly call by and for American Legion Family Chaplains.

Zoom Call hosted by

Chaplain Kathy Cash, Dept of CA Chaplain

Questions: email -- Chaplain@CaLegion.org

Register at: [www.tinyurl.com/DeptChaplain](http://www.tinyurl.com/DeptChaplain)

## Teach Students About Veterans

Empower Wounded Warriors

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



**HONOR THEIR COURAGE**

**5th Annual Tamale Festival Competition**

Saturday, December 6, 2025  
**10:00 AM - 6:00PM**

HOSTED BY:  
Los Angeles County Council  
American Legion

American Legion Post 139  
24 N. Stoneman Ave. Alhambra, CA 91801  
<https://form.jotform.com/forshizzle/2025-LACC-TAMALE>

Tamale contest  
Live music  
Vendors  
Family fun  
Opportunity drawings  
Sam Caliero (909) 993 - 7644

## VETERANS SOCIAL CONNECTION

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

2025  
Dates

**JAN 31**  
**FEB 28**  
**MAR 28**  
**APR 25**  
**MAY 30**

**JUN 27**  
**JUL 25**  
**AUG 29**  
**SEP 26**  
**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



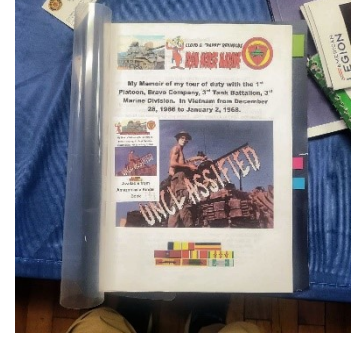
From the 18<sup>th</sup> District Officers – “Happy Holidays & Prosperous New Year

**BE THE ONE – Join the District leadership team**

**AMERICAN  
LEGION**

## 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.



Area 6/District 18 attend & participate @ Elks Lodge project Veterans Luncheon  
LACC Cmdr. Neil La Salla, Post 475 Cmdr. , Area Six Chaplain Jack Evanilla



**SAL Area 6 Vice Commander  
Jesse Bradshaw**

along with members of  
Squadron 180 serving  
thanksgiving dinner on  
November 27,2025 at Canyon  
City Post 180.



**Post 139  
CHRISTMAS  
TOY DRIVE**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Serving 11:30 AM Until food runs out.

Donations: \$13 Unwrapped toy  
& can food; or \$13 & can food.

All proceeds will go to the Spark of Love  
Foundation and Veterans Village of El Monte.

24 N. STONEMAN AVE. ALHAMBRA, CA 91801

**BLESSED**  
ARE THE  
**VETERANS**  
*The defenders of Freedom*  
**THE WARRIORS**  
*that are willing to serve*  
★ **THEIR COUNTRY** ★  
Those who would sacrifice life and limb  
**TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS  
& HONOR OUR FLAG**  
*May GOD keep them safe*





# Around the District

Elegant 18th



District

AMERICAN  
LEGION

**LACC  
TAMALE  
FESTIVAL 2025**

**December 6th, 2025**

Hosted by  
American Legion Los Angeles County Council  
AT  
American Legion Post 139  
24 Stoneman Ave, Alhambra, CA 91801

**10am to 4pm**

**Activities**  
 Tamale Contest  
 Live Music  
 Vendors  
 Family Fun & Raffles

Not everyone will be home  
for Christmas. Here's a big  
"THANK YOU" and a  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"  
to our Troops!

**HOMELESS  
for the  
Holidays**

DO YOU REALIZE  
WHAT YOU REALLY HAVE!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

**Bobby Compton  
COUNTRY CONCERT**

Open to All

**DECEMBER 6 - 06:00 PM**

Potluck country themed party! Celebrating all  
December Birthdays!

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724

American Legion Post 280  
Welcomes Families & Friends To

**Sunday Breakfast,  
Boutique & Bake Sale**

**Sunday, December 7th  
9 am to 11 am**

Last Chance for Holiday Boutique Items &  
Raffle for Giant Snow Globe

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. Vineland Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91107

American Legion Post 755

**\$3 BLOODY  
MARY**

**OPEN TO ALL**

**December 14th, 2025**

9am - 12pm  
**Big Breakfast**

**Menu:**  
Waffles, Eggs, Potatoes,  
Sausage or Bacon,  
Coffee and Juice  
**\$12 Donation**

20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724







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

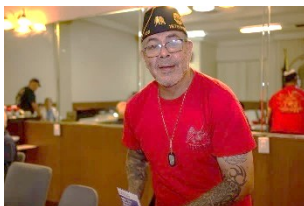
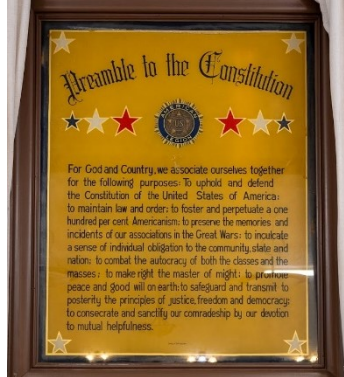
**14 December 2025 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 180 Canyon city 7 p.m.**



**Friday – 19 December 2025 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 180 Canyon 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 Dept.**






# LACC TAMALE FESTIVAL 2025

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American Legion Los Angeles County Council  
AT  
American Legion Post 139  
24 Stoneman Ave, Alhambra, CA 91801

10am to 4pm

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 Tamale Contest  
 Live Music  
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<https://form.jotform.com/forshezzle/2025-LACC-TAMALE>





Elegant 18<sup>th</sup> District

## Los Angeles County Council Meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena



## Veterans Day Program @ West Covina City Hall



## Veterans Day Program throughout San Gabriel Valley Area District 18

Alhambra/Azusa/Baldwin Park/Covina/ElMonte/E.Pasadena/Glendora/Monrovia/Pasadena/S.ElMonte/TempleCity/W.Covina



Holidays are here! Remember those that may need a helping hand not hand-out

**Be a child's secret Santa**

**Donate Now**

1815 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 755**

**Taco Wednesday**

Every Wednesday 5PM-7PM

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

CHICKEN OR BEEF TACOS

OPEN TO ALL

20516 E. ARROW HWY., COVINA, CA 91724

**MINDFUL VETERAN PROJECT**

Veterans (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve members) are invited as our guests to the Los Angeles Opera performance of

**La Bohème**

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Music Center's Donor's Choice Theater Series

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**Counsel for Justice**

**Veterans Legal Services Project**

**LEGAL SUPPORT FOR VETERANS IN LA**

**Services We Offer:**

- Criminal record expungements
- Traffic citations
- Housing and Tenants' Rights
  - Disability issues
  - Landlord issues
  - Housing Authority / HUD-VASH voucher issues
- Family Law: Quarterly Clinics and Referrals

**Connect with Us:**

Call our intake line: (213) 896 6450

Email: [info@legalservicesproject.org](mailto:info@legalservicesproject.org)

Meet with us in-person at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall Every Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 12pm

1815 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

Any person who served in the U.S. military, regardless of discharge status or length of service, may be eligible for services. Our services are specifically for low-income veterans and disabled veterans residing in Los Angeles County.

Please note that services are not guaranteed.





# December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 LACC Mtg. @	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day 1941	8 D-18 Exct. Bd. Mtg. @ P-180	9 Op. restore HopeSomalia 1992	10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13 USNG B-Day 1936
14 Hanukkah	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 Battle of the Bulge 1944	17	18	19 D-18 Mtg. @ P180 Canyon City	20 Op. Just Cause 1989
21	22	23	24 USAF began strikes on Laos 1964	25 CHRISTMAS.	26	27
28	29	30	31 Official End WWII 1946			

## MINDSET MONDAYS

PRESENTED BY CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

The Voice of Elegance

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



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 Rios
Oct 12th	Judge Advocate Training	John Hudson
Nov 18th	Parliamentary Myth Busters	Commander Gary Smith
Dec 8th	Labor Law Compliance	Attorney Diane Codomo

Each class will start at 6:00 pm and are approximately 60 minutes with an added 10 minutes for Q&A. Register for your virtual seat today at <https://callegion.org/mindsetmondayregistration>

Wish to receive the District newsletter by Email, please notify Editor Auggie G. at [age69vet@verizon.net](mailto:age69vet@verizon.net)

**DISTRICT MEETING Friday December 19, 2025**  
**Post-180 Canyon City, @ 1900 hrs.**

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 180  
Monday 12/14/2025



20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724. <b>AMERICAN LEGION POST 755</b>						
<b>December 2025</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 Monday Night Football	2	3	4	5	6 Country Potluck Party 6pm Singer Bobby Compton
7 Aux. Tree Trimming & Potluck	8 Monday Night Football	9 Legion Mtg. 6pm	10 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	11 Auxiliary Christmas Dinner at Olive Garden	12 Recruiters Christmas Party (Private Event)	13
14 Legion Breakfast Aux. Christmas Boudique	15 Monday Night Football	16	17 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	18 SALS Mtg. 6pm	19	20
21	22 Monday Night Football	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Hot Dogs	29 Monday Night Football	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3
Hours: Mon. And Thurs. 4pm-8pm; Tues. Closed; Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. 3pm-8pm or later; unless otherwise noted on an event flyer						

  
**American Legion Post 280**  
**Sunday, December 21st**  
**1 pm to 5 pm**

  
 \$15  
Steak  
Lunch

  
 Bring  
Potluck  
Dessert

  
 Darts

  
 Pool

  
 50/50  
Drawing

  
 Bring a  
Gift to  
Participate  
in Gift  
Exchange

  
 DJ Larry  
Providing  
Xmas Music

Sunday Afternoon  
Football On 7 TVs  
**Legion Family Camaraderie!**

East Pasadena Unit 280  
 179 N. Vinado Avenue  
 Pasadena, CA 91107



I wonder if I said  
 "Merry Christmas, Troops &  
 THANK YOU for your Service",  
 How many people  
 would join in.

Remembering  
 our Men &  
 Women in  
 Uniform with  
 the gift of  
 prayers.

## Area Six – Got your 6

From the Department California Sixth Area  
 Vice Commander and Fellow Officers,  
 Wishing everyone a very joyous Holiday  
 Season and a safe & enjoyable New Year...

**Ruggie Galaviz- Area Six Vice Cmdr.**

### AMERICAN LEGION EVENTS OPEN TO OUR COMMUNITY...

-Dinner at the Legion, 12/4!  
 Chicken Tostada, rice, beans and dessert- \$10  
 Doors open at 4pm, meal 5pm-7pm

-Tamale Festival 12/6 (see flyer)  
 Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10am-4pm  
 \*Location: Alhambra Post 139 with all proceeds going to Veterans Affairs  
 and Rehabilitation\*

-Legion Breakfast, 12/7 (see flyer)  
 Sunday, December 7, 2025  
 9am-11am

-Legion Holiday Luncheon Bash (see flyer)  
 Sunday, December 21, 2025  
 1pm-5pm

All events hosted at:

American Legion Post 280  
 179 N Vinado Avenue  
 Pasadena, CA 911007

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

Neil T. La Sala  
 American Legion  
 Department of California  
 Commander- American Legion Los Angeles County Council  
 Adjutant/Finance Officer- Post 280