



District 18 Commander's Message

Hello Legion Family,

As we move into March, I encourage all Post leadership and Legionnaires to attend our District General Meetings, where important updates and district information are shared. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM and the 3rd Friday at 7:00 PM, with any changes announced at the meetings. Post Legion caps are encouraged. If you need a Legion cover, it may be purchased through Emblem Sales at <https://emblem.legion.org/>. For those attending the American Legion Convention, lodging is available at the Lamp Litter Inn, 3300 W. Mineral King Ave, Visalia, CA 93291. The rate is \$145.00 per night plus 12.20% tax for Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27. To reserve a room, call (559) 732-4511 and mention the American Legion Convention.

Please remember to verify the source of any message, email, or phone call requesting goods, services, or financial assistance on behalf of The American Legion before responding. You can also visit our district website at Cadistrict18.org for helpful information and updates.

On February 21st, Azusa Post 180 celebrated its 100-year anniversary at the Post home. We had a tremendous turnout, with many members and guests coming together to honor a century of service. Our Department Commander was in attendance and shared a few encouraging words, making the event even more meaningful. It was a proud moment not only for the Post but for our entire district. Ask that when your posts have events planned to share with our District webmaster. So it can be put on our website. Cadistrict18.org

As District Commander, I want every Post to succeed, knowing that success looks different for each one. Some Posts have buildings, others meet at city facilities. Some host breakfasts or lunches, while others serve through youth programs, community events, canteens, or hall rentals. Regardless of size or structure, we must treat our members with respect and ensure they understand the true mission of The American Legion. I strongly encourage all members to complete the free American Legion Basic Training available at <https://www.legion.org/information-center/training>. This training reinforces that The American Legion is far more than a social gathering place—it is an organization rooted in service, Americanism, and advocacy for veterans and their families.

For God and Country,

Samuel Cafiero
District 18 Commander
The American Legion



**18th District 1st Vice,
Domingo H. Almanzar Jr.**

District 18th Vice Commander's Membership Report

I attempted to host a Membership Meeting on January 22nd with the 1st Vices from our District. I would like to express my gratitude to those who attended the meeting. However, as the grace period (GRACE PERIOD) comes to an end on January 31st, I will require the 1st Vices to make a concerted effort to complete the mission. We can only achieve this together, and I will be your adjutant for assistance.

It's time to focus on membership growth and ensure that our numbers reach 100% before the Convention. I want to remind everyone that the Legionaries grace period runs from January 1st to January 31st. Anyone who hasn't paid their 2026 dues by February 1st will be considered expired.

District 18th has recorded the following:

- - 35 new members
- - 296 PUFL members
- - 950 paid members
- - 22 transfers

- The total number of paid members is 1303 out of 1570, which places District 18th at 82.99% of its goal and ranks 21 in the Department of California.

Post Highlights:

- - Post 279 in Temple City has the highest percentage at 102.27%. Post 78 134.48% and Post 10 100.00%
- - Arcadia Post 247 have strong performances with percentages of 96.88% respectively.
- - Post 748 in San Gabriel has a percentage of 88.89%, and Post 10 in South El Monte has a percentage of 88.57%.
- - Post 790 in West Covina has the largest membership base with 239 paid members, accounting for 80.12% of its total.
- Post needing attention:
 - - Post 261 in El Monte has a low percentage of 62.86%.
 - - Post 241 in Abraham Lincoln Baldwin Park has a percentage of 53.13%
 - - Post 397 has a percentage of 80.77% and Post 431 has a percentage of 70.00%.

- District Totals: 82.99%

- Membership growth is steadily increasing, 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



HERE ARE THE REAL WOMEN
WHO MARCH FOR OUR
RIGHTS.





From the desk of 2nd Vice
Irvin Flores



District 18 – 2nd Vice Commander’s Report



American Legion Post 237
Veterans Memorial Building
301 Main Street, Pleasanton, California 94566

27-29 March 2026

- The course starts at 8:00 am on Friday, 27 March, and will conclude with graduation at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 29 March
- Registration opens on 5 January 2025 and closes at midnight on 28 February 2025. We encourage timely registration to ensure your spot and to help us prepare effectively
- Applicants have until 28 February to submit a completion certificate from The American Legion's online Basic Training Course and a resolution on a topic of their choice
- Applicants will receive mileage reimbursement for travel to and from their home Post @ .41 per mile, along with a \$50.00 per diem per day to cover expenses during the event
- Please send questions to CALC@calegion.org

1-2026

Apply Here
Between 1/5/2026 and 2/28/2026

Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

Thank you for your support.
Semper Fi,
Irvin Flores
2nd Vice Commander



District Chaplain,
Charles Weiskercher



From the Chaplains Corner

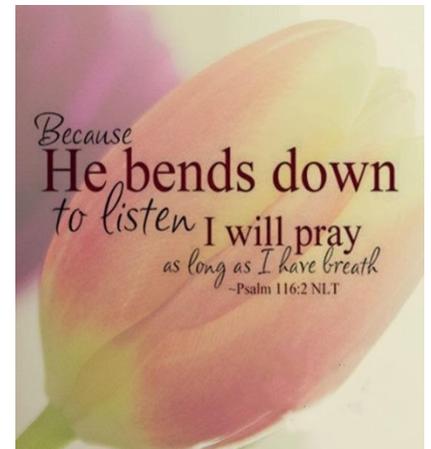
March 2026:

Scripture: “The grass will dry up and flowers will fall, but My Word will endure forever. *1 Peter 1:24-25*”

God has promised that he will never leave or forsake us. Though we may feel alone in this life we understand that feelings do not always reflect reality. The road will be tough, but God is with us and his word will not fail us in our times of struggling.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, may you remind us daily that you love us and that your word will continue to bring us courage as we fight the good fight. Help us to stand in the face of opposition and remain faithful in our devotion to you, our family and our country. Amen.





The American Legion Dept of California
Monthly Chaplain Zoom Call
 Every 3rd 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

"On behalf of a grateful nation..."

To properly fold the flag follow these directions:



1 To begin, with one person at either end, hold the flag waist high so that its surface is parallel to the ground.



2 Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.



3 Fold the flag again lengthwise, now with the blue field on the outside.

4 Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.



5 Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.



6 Continue the triangular folding until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.



7 When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible. If a hem protrudes beyond the blue field, it should be neatly tucked inside the folds of the flag so it does not show.

The folded flag is then presented to the next of kin.



COME CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH US

AMERICAN LEGION POST 100
 1926-2026
 Azusa, California

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
 STARTS AT 2PM

BBQ PORK SANDWICHES, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD & DESSERT \$12.00 PLATE SERVING FROM 2PM TO SOLD OUT.

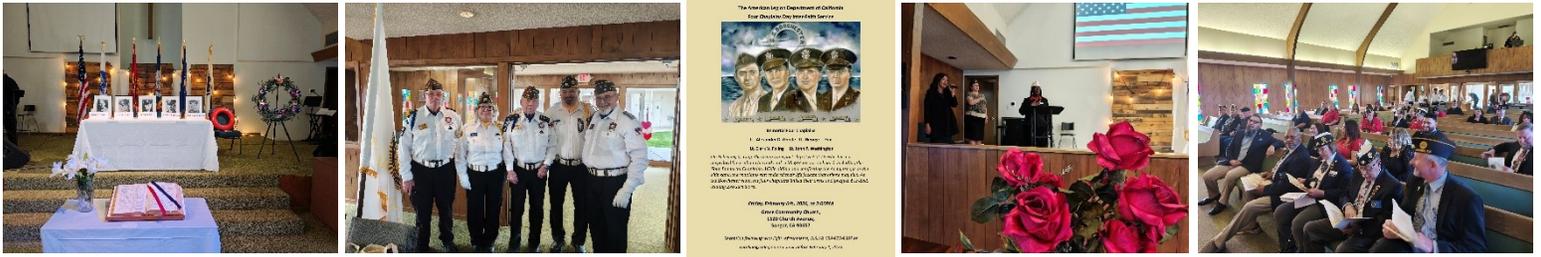
FLASHBACK COWBOYS BAND WILL BE PLAYING FROM 4PM TO 7PM

50/50 AND RAFFLE OPPORTUNITIES



BE THE ONE – Join the District leadership team

Elegant 18th District represented at Department “Four Chaplain’s” Day inter-faith service at Sanger



Department Commander & Area Six Vice Commander attend and participate Post 755 “Four Chaplains” program



Area 6 donates to Dept. H4H ALA-261 Serving Veterans at El Monte Vets Home ALA-261 Blue Star Program Dept. Officers visit Area 5 mtg.



March 2026 **American Legion Post 755**
 (626) 966-7786 20516 E. Arrow Hwy., CA 91724

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Monthly 50/50 Drawing 4pm Hot Dogs	2 Left Right Center 6pm	3	4 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	5	6 Aux. Karaoke 5pm-10pm	7
8 Hot Dogs	9 Left Right Center 6pm	10 Legion Meeting 6pm	11 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	12 Aux. Meeting 6pm	13	14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5pm-7pm
15 Legion Breakfast 9am-12pm	16 Left Right Center 6pm	17	18 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	19 SAL Meeting 6pm	20 Rider's Karaoke 5pm-10pm	21 March Bday Party/Potluck 5pm-10pm
22 Hot Dogs	23 Left Right Center 5pm	24	25 Wednesday Dinner 5pm-7pm	26	27	28
29 Hot Dogs	30 Left Right Center 6pm	31	Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 4pm-8pm, Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. 3pm-8pm, Tuesday. closed 🎩			



Around the District

Elegant 18th



District



AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Post 180 honored at Azusa city hall, 100 years in service to their Veterans & community



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

**Sunday, March 1st
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. Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107**



**American Legion Post 280
Welcomes Families & Friends to
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 17th
5pm to 7pm or until out**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
With Sides and Dessert**

Donation: \$15.00



**Hosted by American Legion Unit 280 Auxiliary
179 N. Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107**





The Elegant 18th District

20 March 2026 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena, CA 7 p.m.



Friday – 16 March 2026 District General Membership Meeting @ Post 280 E. Pasadena, CA
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.

Elegant 18th District meeting & Four Chaplains program at Post 139 Alhambra, CA 20 February 2026





Elegant 18th District



CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

MINDSET MONDAY

YOUR JOURNEY TO GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP CONTINUES HERE!

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.

DATE	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Dec 8th	TAL: Community Engagement & Impact	Vic Martin
Jan 5th	Labor Law Compliance	Attorney Diane Coderniz
Feb 9th	Maintaining my Post Tax Exempt Status	John Hudson
March 9th	Parliamentary Procedures: Tactical Motions	Diane Devries
April 13th	Post Adjutant: Administrative Excellence for Legion Posts	Chris Yates

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://calegion.org/mindset-mondays-registration>

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST ANALYSIS

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF _____

Post _____ # _____ Location _____

Date of visit: _____ By _____ Title _____

Name of commander _____ Adjutant _____

Last review of Consolidated Post Report? _____

COMMITTEES	Committee appointed		Achieved last year's goal		Number of events
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Americanism	___	___	___	___	___
Membership	___	___	___	___	___
Children & Youth	___	___	___	___	___
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	___	___	___	___	___
Veterans Employment & Education	___	___	___	___	___
National Security	___	___	___	___	___
Boys State	___	___	___	___	___
Legion Baseball	___	___	___	___	___
Oratorical	___	___	___	___	___
Other committees	___	___	___	___	___
Community patriotic observances	___	___	___	___	___

MEMBERSHIP

Goal _____ To date _____ Last year _____ Renewals % of membership last year _____

Describe the general conduct of the meeting _____

How could post meetings better attract members to attend? _____

Average attendance at post meetings _____ How often does the post executive committee meet? _____ Dates _____

How often does the post executive committee meet? _____

Does the post have a five-year strategic plan? _____ When was it approved? _____

In your opinion, what can be done to assist this post? _____

Does post leadership attend district meetings? _____

Does post leadership attend department conferences and conventions? _____

Does post have fundraising plan to ensure post programs remain vibrant? _____

Signed (post officer) _____ Title _____

Signed (department representative) _____ Title _____

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SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME HOME Vietnam Veterans Day

KOREAN | VIETNAM WAR | DESERT STORM | IRAQ | AFGHANISTAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
10AM - 2PM • CEREMONY AT 10:30AM
LIBERTY PLAZA • WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

FOR EVENT INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
Adrian Morales (915) 316-6676 | **Joe Leal** (909) 200-8960

You're invited to a

Black & White

fundraiser event for

JANICE SOMERS

Candidate for Department of California Commander 2026-2027

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Raffles from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM; Dinner at 4:00 PM

728 Sycamore, Glendora, CA 91741

\$100 donation per meal

RSVP to Jack Evanilla by Friday, February 13, 2026
text (626) 617-5213



March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 D-18 Oratorical @ P279 Temple City 11a P-280 Breakfast	2	3	4	5	6 LACC Mtg. @	7 Area 6 Oratorical @ P-283-11am
8 Daylight Savings	9	10	11	12	13 D.E.C. Vacaville, CA	14 P-755 St. Pat's Dinner D.E.C.
15 D.E.C. Vacaville, CA	16 D18 E-Board Mtg. @ P280	17 P-280 St. Patty's	18 Auggie's B-Day 39.5 again .r.	19	20 D-18 Mtg. @ P280 E. Pasadena P-755 Riders	21
22 Dept. Oratorical Vets Admin. Hosp. Fresno CA 1pm	23	24	25 National Medal of Honor Day	26	27 Dept. Legion College P-237 Pleasanton	28 Dept. Legion College
29 .Dept. Legion College Vietnam, Vets Day	30	31				

The Voice of Elegance

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



National Women history month



AMERICAN LEGION
Calling all women veterans, active, reserves
 WE ARE FORMING A WOMEN VETERANS GROUP FOR COMMUNITY & OUTREACH!
 LET'S FIND OUT HOW WE CAN HELP OTHERS & EACH OTHER!

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

DISTRICT MEETING Friday MARCH 20, 2026
Post-280 E. Pasadena, @ 1900 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 280
 Monday 03/16/2026

Counsel for Justice LACBA

Veterans Legal Services Project

LEGAL SUPPORT FOR VETERANS IN LA

Services We Offer:

- Criminal record expungements
- Traffic citations
- Housing and Tenants' Rights
 - Disability rights
 - 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 inquiries-veterans@lacba.org

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

1816 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.

VA GREATER LOS ANGELES HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
 CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CSUN VITA VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE SERVICE

LOCATION
 11301 WILSHIRE BLVD
 LOS ANGELES CA 90073
 BLDG 500, ROOM 1281

DATES:
 01/26/2026, 02/09/2026, 02/23/2026,
 03/09/2026, 03/23/2026 & 04/13/2026

APPOINTMENT AVAILABLE BETWEEN
 9:30 AM TO 2:30PM
 Please schedule appointments @
 (818)677-3600 or csu5vita@csun.edu

Services Being Offered to Veteran's Only

FREE

- Personal Tax Filing
- Business Tax
- Tax Planning & Consulting

WHAT TO BRING

- Identification
- Social Security Card
- All W-2s, 1099, & 1098 forms
- Direct Deposit Information



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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.

The following is a working definition of "conduct unbecoming" from our 2014 Dept. Judge Advocate, John Bart.

Conduct unbecoming is any conduct which dishonors or disgraces the American Legion or the person as a member or the American Legion, seriously compromises the member's character as a member, or action or behavior in an unofficial or private capacity which dishonors or disgraces the member personally and seriously compromises the person's standing as an member.

The gravamen [substance] of the offense is that the member's conduct disgraces him personally, or brings dishonor to the American Legion such as to affect his fitness to command the respect of other members so as to successfully complete the Legion mission.

The focus is the effect of the accused's conduct on his status as a member; *the essence is not whether an accused member's conduct otherwise amounts to an offense, but simply whether the act(s) meet(s) the standard of conduct unbecoming a member; the appropriate standard for assessing the violation is whether the conduct or act charged is dishonorable and compromising the member's effectiveness or the good order of the Legion.*

Not whether the act otherwise amounts to a violation of the bylaws or customs.

A member's conduct need not violate specific provisions of the bylaws or even be otherwise criminal to constitute Conduct Unbecoming.

Regards,

Doc Bart

John "Doc" Bart, Judge Advocate

The American Legion Department of California

(559) 904-1104

Wednesday Dinner

March 4, 2026 5pm-7 pm

Open to All

Menu: Tamale Pie Casserole, salad and dessert. \$10

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755
 20516 E. Arrow Hwy., Covina, CA 91724