



Commander's Message District 18



Hello, American Legion Family,

On September 26, Post 180 hosted the Area 6 Caucus. Thank you to everyone who helped organize it and to the members who attended. Valuable information was shared, and I encourage attendees to bring what they learned back to their Posts. It was also a pleasure to welcome California's Membership Director and the Cal Legion Store to our District.

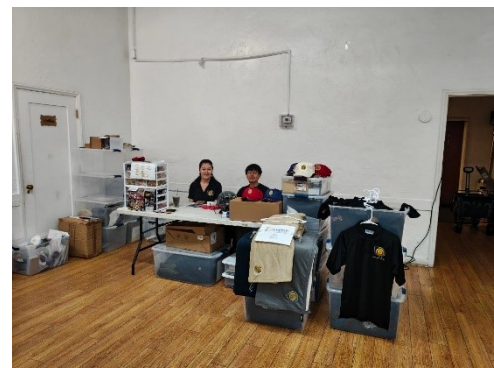
Please be cautious of emails or text messages that appear to come from American Legion members asking you to send money or purchase gift cards. I will never ask anyone to buy gift cards on behalf of District 18. District financial requests are brought before the membership at a regular general meeting. Before taking financial action, call the person using a number you already know to verify the request.

A Veteran Stand Down was held this past weekend. If you attended, please share the resources and information you received with your fellow members. What you learned may help another veteran get the support they need. Please visit cadistrict18.org for District updates and upcoming events. Thank you for continuing to serve our veterans, their families, and our communities.

For God and Country,

Samuel Cafiero
District 18 Commander

Elegant 18th District meeting hosted by Post 139 Alhambra
past Department Commander-Brambilla attends and sets Dept. Store by his Wife and Son.





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



District 18th 1st Vice Commander's Membership Report.

October is upon us now. Beware of all Goons and Goblets are right around the corner.

EARLY REMINDER, let's make membership a priority for this coming year... EVERY Post 1st Vice it's time to start PUSHING membership and I mean push your Post adjutant and yourself to get this job and make this year and let's make

The Elegant 18th District number 1 again. If you need help just reach out to me and JR Duarte cause we are ready to make a statement this year.. Here is are copy of where we stand in the State, 6Area and by Post

DISTRICT 18 Commander SAM CAFIERO (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2026 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									10/2/2026
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	0	20	2	0	22	37	59.46%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	13	27	0	40	68	58.82%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	0	9	22	1	32	83	38.55%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	1	21	70	0	92	140	65.71%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	1	27	43	0	71	133	53.38%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	5	11	1	17	41	41.46%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	0	26	38	1	65	100	65.00%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	3	11	0	14	37	37.84%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	9	38	0	47	47	100.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	1	38	51	0	90	146	61.64%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	7	9	6	0	22	30	73.33%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	8	0	9	19	47.37%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	9	32	0	41	71	57.75%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	0	12	54	0	66	89	74.16%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	13	0	24	26	92.31%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	4	13	52	1	70	127	55.12%
790	West Covina	West Covina	12	55	109	0	176	291	60.48%
Total			26	281	587	4	898	1485	60.47%
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Sixth Area Caucus held in District 18 Post 180





18th District

Hello District 18 Legion Family,
Thank you to the members and volunteers who continue to give their time to our Posts and the veterans we serve.

Whether you help at an event, attend a meeting, or check on a fellow veteran, your efforts make a difference. I encourage everyone to stay involved with their Post and welcome veterans who are new to the American Legion. I look forward to visiting more Posts, meeting our members, and supporting the work happening across District 18.

Thank you for all you do for our Legion Family.
For God and Country,

Francisco (Frank) MoraPaez
District 18 Second Vice Commander

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District 18
Gilbert Ramos

Chaplains Message:



Lord, we ask you to watch over all
Legionnaires

and Bless us with the energy and
dedication that we need to continue
Serving America.

Distance yourself from
the people who

1. Lie to you
2. Disrespect you
3. Use you
4. Put you down
5. Drag you down



AMERICAN LEGION POST 280

QUARTERMANIA

SATURDAY, OCT 24
DOORS OPEN 12:30 PM

\$20 Pre-Sale Both Incl Lunch **\$25 At the door**

Reserve a table for 8! Decorate your table for a chance to win 100 free raffle tickets for the best decorated table!

American Legion Post 280
179 N Vinedo Ave
Pasadena 91107

Shopping, FUNdraising and Fun all in one day!!
You dont want to miss the bids! But you got to be in it to Win It!

TICKETS:
Zelle - lonialaunit280@gmail.com

A San Gabriel Valley tradition for over 50 years!

-Hall Rental... please consider a Post 280 hall rental for your graduation, birthday, memorial event, etc. (see flyer)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 180



OCTOBER 3, 2026

819 N. LOREN AVE. AZUSA, CA

11AM - 5PM

RAFFLES, 50/50, MUSIC, TEE SHIRTS

FIRST 14 COOKS

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO:

CONTACT TEE SHIRT PAUL 626-905-2207

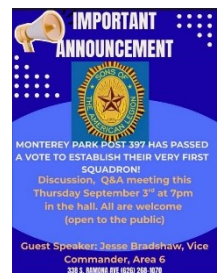
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO POST 180 VETERANS

Thank You for Your Support

18th District Posts programs & Fundraisers / Dist. 18 Members Participate @ Compton Stand-Down
Post 755 Steak-Nite/Post 241 Steak-Nite/Post 261 Talent Night/ SAL established @ Post 397



Steak and Entertainment Night 9-12-2026





Around the District



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Your Posts in your District, have dinners, gatherings & Fundraisers – support your local Legion family.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
WELCOMES FAMILIES & FRIENDS TO

Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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. Vinedo Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

CASINO BUS TRIP

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino • Indio, CA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

ROUND-TRIP BUS RIDE
PLUS:
Breakfast • Drinks & Snacks
Bingo • Casino Play & More!

ONLY \$55 PER PERSON

**WE ARE COLLECTING MONEY NOW!
SPACES ARE ALMOST FILLED!**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
Contact: Monica Paredes (626) 384-7635
Joaquin Paredes (626) 506-0547

American Legion Post 755

ANY BEER OR SELTZER

WITH A SHOT OF FIREBALL OR JACK FIRE

\$8

ICE COLD BEER. HOT SHOT. GREAT TIME!

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
★ ALL DAY! ★

AMERICAN LEGION POST 755

RAFFLING

DOC HOLLIDAY BOURBON
Worth \$200

TICKETS \$5 OR \$20
5 FOR \$20
TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
See the Bartender.

PROCEEDS WILL HELP THE
★ **MEMORIAL** ★
FOR THE COVINA BOYS
THAT LOST THEIR LIVES IN WWII

★ WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ★
OCTOBER 23RD
AT THE RIDERS KARAOKE

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

PCC VETERANS
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

BE OUR GUEST!

AT THE
AMERICAN LEGION HALL POST 280
179 N Vinedo Avenue • Pasadena, CA 91107

DINNER SERVED 5 - 7 P.M.

Be sure to visit our website and read the Post 280 monthly bulletin at:
<https://www.americanlegionpost260.com/>

SQUADRON 280
4TH ANNUAL
TRUNK OR TREAT
A Safe & Spooktacular Community Event!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25
12 PM TO 4 PM

FREE TREATS

Jumper Petting Zoo Face Painting

AMERICAN LEGION POST 280
179 N VINEDO, PASADENA, CA

FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
MUSIC, & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



The Elegant 18th District



12 October 2026 District Executive Board meeting @ Post 241 Baldwin Park, CA 7 p.m.

Friday – 16 October 2026 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 Dept.
Members you can view and/or Email the District 18 Webmaster at cadistrict18@gmail.com

8 REASONS TO

Join The American Legion Family

- ♥ Serve Your Community
- 👉 Build Friendships
- 🌟 Support Veterans
- 💙 Give Back
- 🛡️ Protect Veteran Benefits
- 🎉 Fun Events
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family Activities
- ★ Continue Your Legacy



We are not 'just a bar' we are a veteran service organization.



ARE YOU THE MALE DESCENDANT OF A VETERAN?



DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRACY?

COME JOIN US!

Here's a great cheat sheet for veterans. Keep it handy.

VA PHONE NUMBERS
★ EVERY VETERAN SHOULD KNOW ★
✓ SAVE THIS. SHARE THIS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL NEED IT.

 1-800-698-2411 VA BENEFITS LINE General questions about VA benefits and services. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM ET	 1-800-827-1000 VA HEALTH CARE Make appointments, ask about health care, prescriptions, and more. 24/7
 1-800-827-0648 VA DISABILITY CLAIMS Check claim status, file a claim, or get help with existing claims. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM ET	 1-800-423-8387 VA PENSION LINE Questions about VA pension benefits for Veterans and survivors. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM ET
 1-888-442-4551 VA EDUCATION BENEFITS GI Bill questions, education benefits, and school enrollment. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM ET	 1-855-948-2311 VETERANS CRISIS LINE Confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. Press 1 24/7
 1-877-424-3838 VA HOME LOANS Questions about VA home loan benefits and eligibility. Mon-Fri, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM ET	 1-833-643-5238 COMMUNITY CARE For questions about VA Community Care and referrals. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM ET
 1-800-535-1117 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMIN. Information on burials, memorials, and cemetery benefits. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM ET	 1-866-272-8387 VA ID CARD (VIC) Questions about VA ID cards for Veterans, dependents, and caregivers. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM ET
 1-888-407-0144 VETERANS APPEALS For questions about appeals, hearings, and Board of Veterans' Appeals. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM ET	 1-800-749-8387 VA LIFE INSURANCE Questions about VGLI, S-DVI, and other VA life insurance options. Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM ET

NEED HELP OUTSIDE NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS?
Visit VA.gov or use the VA Chatbot 24/7 for answers to common questions.

VA.gov

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SERVICE NOT SELF
A COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING VETERANS, MILITARY, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Honoring Supporting Empowering Their Families

Are You Eligible?

FAMILY ★ SERVICE ★ A STRONGER TOMORROW

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE A:

GRANDPARENT

PARENT

SIBLING

SPOUSE

CHILD
(Direct or Adopted)

GRANDCHILD
(Direct or Adopted)

WITHIN TWO DEGREES OF CONSANGUINITY

RELATED TO A LIVING VETERAN
who is a current member of The American Legion.

OR

RELATED TO A VETERAN
who served during eligible time periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge.

★ ELIGIBLE PERIODS OF SERVICE ★

APRIL 6, 1917
through
NOVEMBER 11, 1918

AND

ANY TIME AFTER
DECEMBER 7, 1941

WOMEN VETERANS who are eligible for membership in The American Legion may also join the American Legion Auxiliary.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

All Who Support Our Mission Are Welcome

welcomes all eligible members!

VETERANS ★ FAMILIES ★ COMMUNITIES ★ BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



Elegant 18th District Department CA



FOR ALL WHO SERVED

PROUDLY CREATED FOR OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

7TH ANNUAL
HEROES IN THE SHADOWS STAND DOWN

A DAY OF RESPECT, RESOURCES & RECOGNITION FOR
VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE & MILITARY FAMILIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

EVENT HOSTED BY
EL MONTE VFW POST 10218
11126 RAMONA BLVD, EL MONTE, CA 91731

PROUDLY PROVIDED BY THE
155TH CSSB U.S. ARMY RESERVE

SHOWERS
STARTING AT 8:00 AM

OTHER SERVICES & RESOURCES

- VA CLAIMS ASSISTANCE: Get help with filing claims and understanding benefits
- HOUSING & HOMELESS SUPPORT: Access resources for housing, shelter & transitional programs
- HEALTH & WELLNESS: Health screenings, mental health support & wellness resources
- EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION: Job placement, career resources & educational opportunities
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE: Legal guidance on veteran-related matters
- FINANCIAL & BENEFITS COUNSELING: Financial planning, budgeting & benefits enrollment
- FOOD, CLOTHING & ESSENTIAL ITEMS: Basic needs assistance available

DENTAL & VISION
FREE SERVICES START AT 8:00 AM
PROVIDED BY
"The Flying Doctors"

QUESTIONS REGARDING
DENTAL OR VISION SERVICES
CAN BE DIRECTED TO
MARC TAVERA
(626) 862-1863
mjtavera@aol.com

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

EVENT INFORMATION OR SPONSORSHIP, CONTACT
JOE LEAL
(909) 200-8960
joe@vethunters.org

TO BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER, CONTACT
LEO CHIRINOS
(626) 429-7957
Leo.Chirinos@jvs-social.org

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE & MILITARY FAMILIES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 508 PRESENTS
HALLOWEEN SALSA NIGHT

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 24, 2026
6:00 PM - 11:30 PM

\$35 ADMISSION • DINNER INCLUDED

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

LIVE BAND: CONJUNTO OYE

DJ VADER

JULIA McNEIL CIVIC CENTER
4100 BALDWIN PARK BLVD.
BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706

RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED
CONTACT STEVE • 626-827-4159

AMERICAN LEGION POST 180
819 N. LOREN AVE. AZUSA, CA

CHILI COOK OFF

11AM-5PM
RAFFLES
50/50
MUSIC
TEE SHIRTS
FIRST 14 COOKS

OCTOBER 3, 2026

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
TEE SHIRT PAUL
626-905-2207

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO POST 180 VETERANS
★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ★

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

DINNER: 6:00 PM **MEETING: 7:00 PM**

MEETING AGENDA

- Commissions & Committees Assignments
- Annual Budget

LOCATION
Hawthorne American Legion Post 314
14124 S Prairie Ave
Hawthorne, CA 90250
310 675 1313

LA County



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 LACC Mtg. @ Hawthorn P314	3 P180 Chili Cook-Off
4 P2800 Breakfast	5			6	7	10
11 P-280 Brkfst. & Bake Sale	12 D18 E-Board Mtg. @ P241 Indigenous People Day	13 Navy Birthday	14	15	16 D-18 Mtg. @ 241 Baldwin Park	17 Stand-Down @ VFW El Monte
18	19 P-755 Darts & More	20	21	22	23	24 P508 Halloween Dinner Dance P280 Qrtrmania
25 P280 Squadron Trunk or Treat	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Voice of Elegance

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



Wish to receive the District
newsletter by Email, please notify
Scribe/Editor Auggie G. at
age69vet@verizon.net
Website Cadistrict18.org

DISTRICT MEETING Friday 16 October 2026
Post-241 Baldwin Park, @ 1900 hrs.

E- Bd. Mtg. Post 241
Monday 10/12/2026