



THE NOISETTE

SEPTEMBER 2024

From the Desk of Madam President

ISABEL GALLARDO



Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

September is here already, and we are now in our third month of the new year for the Auxiliary. For the new chair members, welcome aboard. It may seem overwhelming for some of you, I understand as I am new myself, don't give up, keep on doing the best you can, you are doing an amazing job and I thank you all for the hard work and for all the great things each and every unit is doing. Give yourself a big pat on the back, you are all awesome. If anyone needs any help or has questions, please, please let me know, I will assist you. If I don't have the answer, I will connect you with the person who may have the answers you may be looking for. For those who are interested, we have workshops available for you to learn a little more. Our southern workshop is coming up in October, please reach out to Debbie Butler, she can give you all the necessary information for the workshop.

Find someone to buddy up with that can help you. If you do not have access to a computer, the public library or an internet cafe might be a suggestion. In my hometown, the Senior Center has computers available.

We have great Auxiliary units working together to assist all our veterans and their families, whether it's giving backpacks, assisting with the food pantries, or giving to our community, it is much appreciated.

Our heroes thank you as I do.

For God and country

LET US CELEBRATE



**Southern California
Dept Workshop &
Dept Leadership
Workshop
October 12, 2024**

Coffee and Pastries 8 am
Workshops gam to 3pm
Lunch will be available for
\$5.00 donation

*Linda Hayes
Department President
2024-2025*

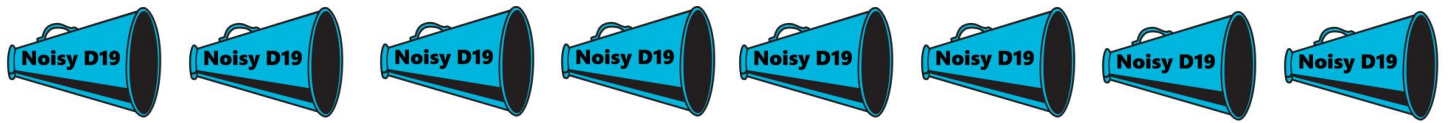
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 496
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LONG BEACH, CA 90808**

Debbie Butler - Southern California Workshop contact &
Diana Livas - Auxiliary Department Leadership

Please RSVP to Debbie Butler
DBUTLER49@VERIZON.NET OR (213) 200-0477

POW / MIS RECOGNITION & MUSIC MONTH

**DISTRICT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18
7:00 PM
PARAMOUNT POST 134
7550 Somerset Blvd.
*Dinner is available
for a donation***



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are staying cool or by the time you are reading this it will be cooler.

The Southern Workshop will be held October 12th, 8-3 pm at the Lakewood Post 496. It's important to learn the ins and outs of the ALA. The ALA, like any organization or company, has rules that should be observed. The comment "That's the way we do it" may not be the correct way. Please come October 12th and have many of your questions answered by Department Officers and Past Presidents. I'd like to see many Auxiliary District 19 members at this workshop.

At Convention and a recent Zoom call Leadership made a point to talk about how we represent the Auxiliary and American Legion. Oh, don't worry, you don't have to wear white gloves. However, they mentioned how we look when we are representing the ALA. If it is a meeting or at an event, in particular when guests are present, please wear appropriate clothes. If you have ALA shirts/blouses, wear for "Branding." Those who've been around a long time should help set an example. Nice pants, tops, denim that is not torn or have inappropriate writing, nice dresses, etc. are some ideas given.

You are always invited to District 19 meetings. We are now meeting at the Paramount Post, at 7:00 pm.

Never lose sight of our mission to help Veterans, Military, and their families. It's about them not us, but all of us together make our goals attainable.

**TREASURER
CAROL VAZQUEZ**

The District Per Capital payment is due.

**CHAPLAIN
KATHLEEN ANDREWS**

We are saddened to report the passing of member Monica Cattani from Unit 341.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
YVONNE PEREZ**

With the uptick of children's events and upcoming holidays, please share pictures and if need be, obtain permission.

School programs need assistance as well these days, not just school supplies.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
BECKY BULLARD**

Members now is a suitable time to promote having mammograms since next month being breast cancer awareness month. You can never be too soon to start getting them, this includes some of your grandchildren and great grandchildren especially if you have a family history of cancer. I do have a family history of it so both of my daughters and granddaughters are very good at keeping this up. My granddaughters are only 30 but were told by their doctor they to have an exam to be safe.

Now that is not so hot, it is a good time to contact the Red Cross who are always requesting blood donors. Set up a blood drive at your Post for you and the Community.

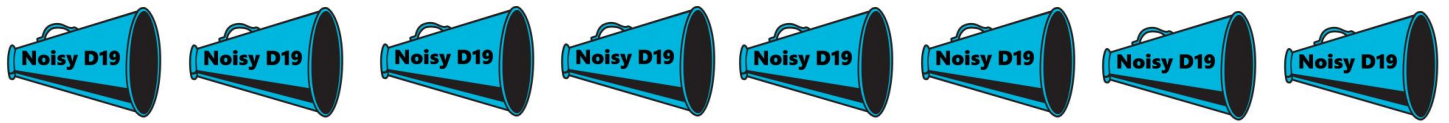
Please make sure if you have a Social Services Dept. in your City that has a food bank you make donations along with the one at the LBVA which seems like its full one day and empty the next due to the high volume of people in need. Also to let you know, the Norwalk Post is going to start doing a food bank with a Veteran's giveaway twice a month starting the month of October. If you know of anyone that can benefit from this, please reach out, I will let you know what the dates are.

Getting rid of clothes, shoes etc., your local shelters will need blankets, clothes and then some with the weather changing and people needing to get inside because of the weather. Also, the Pier Center at the LBVA will be needed too.

Making friends with your City Hall, Recreations Department and Social Services in your city can be beneficial to your Unit and Post. You might be surprised at what is out there.

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
C.J. REYES**

All units need to review your By-Laws and rewrite them every ten years. Two units need to rewrite this year, units 184 South Bay and 314 Hawthorne. You can find the model by-laws on the department website. Remember it takes two readings to sign them and send them to the department. If you have any questions, call me at 562-972-1443 or email me at cjr272@gmail.com.



EDUCATION GAYLE STEWART

It's time to pay our Department obligations and order seals and poppies. Poppy seals fall under Education. Every poppy seal order is optional but very appreciated because it is a fundraiser for education scholarships.

GIRLS STATE BECKY BULLARD

Members now is the time to put your reservations in for Girls State. If you would like to start for the first time, don't be afraid to ask if you have any questions. We welcome all new starters. There are many schools out there that will need to be taken care of. Reservations are done online so go to the Department website and Girls State and you will see how to start the first process. You can select a school that is public, private, and home schools. October 1st is the deadline for reservations. You can also provide the zooms that the program will be giving along with a calendar of proceedings for the coming year.

Website: <https://www.cagirlsstate.org/>

JUNIORS ANITA WATTS

Juniors virtual meeting on 9/24/24 at 6:00 pm. via Zoom.
<https://calegionaux.org/resources/events/24-09-26-jr-meeting.pdf>

Remind the junior members to capture their volunteer hours:

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/jrconference/ala-junior-volunteer-log.pdf>

LEGISLATIVE C.J. REYES

This year is an election year, remember we are not a political organization. It is everyone's right and privilege to vote. So please register! The purpose of the legislative committee is to provide information and assistance to advocate for the agenda of the American Legion.

First thing to do is get involved, Check out this website, you will need to login: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committee/legislative>.

Go to the American Legion website, **GrassRoots Action Center** and sign up for alerts:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.

Every Friday you will receive a report of the latest priorities from the American Legion.

Remember to keep track of your community service hours.

MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT

Hi, this is you're District Vice President Membership Chairperson. I hope everybody is ready to start sending in all their membership. As of September 1, 2024, we can now submit new members and be able to monitor those who have paid. I'm looking forward to seeing all our members at our next meeting, and all the members that we have on our roster in ALAMIS. I have shared a flyer for an early bird drawing. Good luck everyone.

NATIONAL SECURITY DIANA LIVAS

Greeting Planning Commissioners,

Did you know September is National Preparedness Month??? Just what does this mean? Well, if you're thinking ahead of the game (we live in California) you should consider putting a kit together to ride out an unexpected event such as earthquakes. Gloves, a windbreaker, water, and some duct tape will go a long way in the trunk of your car.

Try to have at least one week's work of medications, water, and food. Have a plan in place in the event you need to shelter someplace. Establish an out-of-state contact for you to check in. This is always helpful in the event our local lines are busy or out of service.

For those who work, plan a route you will drive/ride or walk home. This will allow your family to go to the designated route, making it easier for you to find each other.

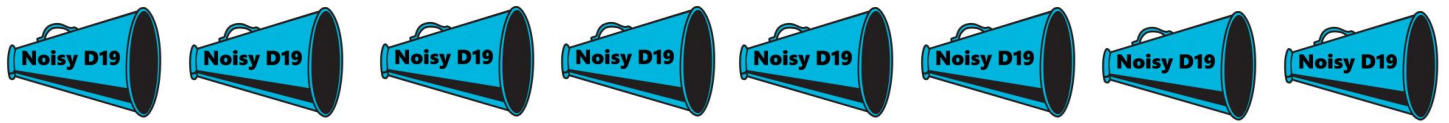
Do you have pets? Well let's not forget our fur babies, add some kibble in your earthquake kits.

Remember planning will make all the difference to your family's survival.

Do you know where your emergency cut off lines are in your home? Do you have the tools needed to shut off the gas?

Be prepared.

Yours in Service



**PARLIAMENTARIAN
C.J. REYES**

Now is the time to make sure your By Laws and Standing Rules are up to date and in compliance with Department and National. Remember you should speak when asked. Never be aggressive or rude. You should avoid conflict, not add to it. Keep a copy of Robert's Rules with you.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY
LINDA FARISS**

PPP dinner/meet-up to be determined at the District meeting.

**POPPIES
GAIL DIEBEL**

Unit poppy orders are due to Department by October 1, 2024. Be sure to email a copy of your unit order to chefgail@verizon.net. It is recommended to also order Poppy Seals.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

The District's Facebook page (**American Legion Auxiliary Noisy 19th District**) is a major go to for the latest information regarding events and the needs/requests at the LBVA facilities.

Now that the new year has kicked in and events, fundraisers, etc. are happening, are you wearing Auxiliary branding? Do you wear your nametags? Be sure to represent ourselves so we are visible to the public.

Looking for a shirt you like, Emblem Sales:
<https://emblem.legion.org/Auxiliary/departments/35/>

Can't find the Noisette, curious about other Newsletters? The current year is available on the Department website:
<https://calegionaux.org/sources/bulletins/>

**VA&R
VAVS LBVA
LBVA POPPY MANAGER
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all who participated at the Labor Day LBVA BBQ for the hospital. We served approximately 185 people. Thank you to the Units and Legion for your donations which made this event special. This was the first BBQ in 5 years for the District. The patients and staff expressed a deep appreciation for everything. It was very enjoyable for all. The band was awesome and brought out patients who generally stay in. A special thanks to all.

Reminder to all, the Southern Workshop is October 12th, 8 am 3 pm at the Lakewood Post 496. RSVP 213-200-0477, Debbie Butler, or email: Dbutler49@verizon.net. Leave name, district, unit, and phone number. If you are new or not this is a great Workshop. You can get some answers to questions.

So many activities occur at the **LBVA**. We can assist Veterans by keeping the food pantry full; provide needed new clothing items for men/women from medium to 3XL. Fall/Winter is coming they could use sweatpants; hoodies, shoes 7-14; men/women underwear; jackets; sweaters; sleeping bags are some recommended items. Gas gift cards which are high in demand can be purchased at Smart and Final grocery stores.

Holidays are coming. **PIER** can always use supplies. Water; snacks; frozen lunch items or even some snack boxes that have cheese; nuts; and meat. Some clothes as mentioned above are also needed.

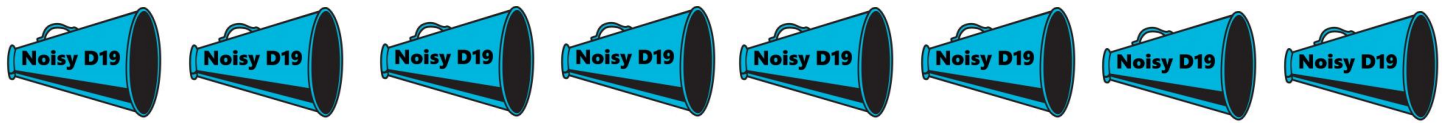
Remember **VS** is always looking for Volunteers.

Thank you to the Units who often step up to help the LBVA in our District and other Districts.

Don't forget the last Friday of each month is the **Social Connection** for all Veterans. It is 8:30-10:30 held at the patio behind the cafeteria. Breakfast, coffee, and snacks are provided. The ALA has a Lady Veteran table, we can always use nice items to hand out.

A special prayer for those of September 11, 2001. May we keep all in our hearts forever.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



DISTRICT 19 CALENDAR

Every 1st **Friday** evening, Steak/Fish Fry at **Post 314**
 Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 314**
 Every **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 359**
 Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 411**
 Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**
 Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection
 at **LBVA**

Upcoming

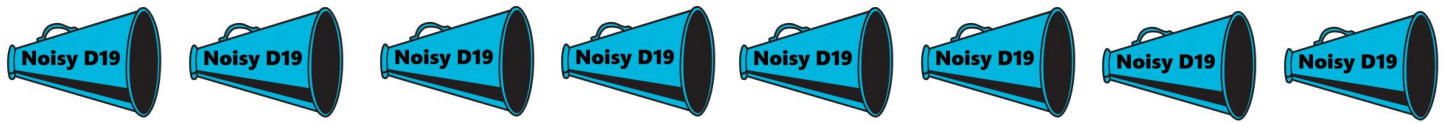
September 21 – Compton Standdown
September 21 & 28 – Bingo, Unit 272 at Post 272
October 12 – Southern CA Workshop at Post 496
October 20 – Bingo, Unit 341 at Post 341
January 17-19 – Midyear Workshop in Palmdale

UPCOMING DUE DATES

9/30 – District Fidelity Bond Unit
 9/30– Audit and Taxes to District Presidents
 10/1– Poppy Order
 10/1– Girls State Reservation
 10/30 – Unit and District Audit and Taxes to Department Secretary
 11/13 – Early Bird Membership Target Date
 11/30 – ALAMIS Login Renewal
 12/1 – Mid-Year Reports to District Chairperson

CONGRATS *to all the program award winners from 2023-2024.*

Americanism	Linda Diebel
C&B	CJ Reyes
Education	District 3 rd Place Gayle Stewart Unit 496 Lakewood
Historian	Diana Livas - District 100% reporting
Membership	
Josie Melgard	184 - South Bay 272-Montebello 411-Rivera
85%	184 - South Bay 272 - Montebello 411 - Rivera 496 - Lakewood 833 - Lincoln Village
95%	184 - South Bay 272 - Montebello 359 - Norwalk 411 - Rivera
100%	465 - Clyde F Hager 184 - South Bay 272 - Montebello 411 - Rivera 465-Clyde F Hager
PPP	District Chairman Linda Fariss 2 nd Place Unit 496 Gayle Stewart
POPPY	100% Reporting - Isabel Gallardo Chairman Seals only 3 rd Place -Unit 496 Debbie Butler
VA&R	District Chairman Debbie Butler 3 rd Place - 184 South Bay Kathy Scruggs



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