



THE NOISETTE

OCTOBER 2024

From the Desk of Madam President

ISABEL GALLARDO



Welcome to October,

Everyone, I hope you all are well!

Thank you to all our Units, you are doing an outstanding job supporting our veterans and their families. I would like to ask all our Units to spread love and kindness around and be mindful of others. We are all volunteers and sometimes a welcoming word to another Auxiliary member might mean the world to them, you don't know what they are going through.

“Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound.”

It's Breast Cancer Awareness month. Please make sure you get your mammograms and stay on top of your health for both men and women. Sometimes we all get busy helping others we forget about ourselves. You are important too, take care of you.

Thank you to the Units who participated in the Gold Star Mother and family day, you are truly a blessing.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Halloween.

DISTRICT MEETING

OCTOBER 16

7:00 PM

PARAMOUNT POST 134

7550 Somerset Blvd.



EDUCATION MONTH



A Flag for Every Hero

"A FLAG FOR EVERY HERO"
Veterans Day 2024

Please join us as we place flags for the Veterans Day weekend in honor of those who served our great nation.

Date to Place Flags:
Saturday November 9, 2024 (8:00 AM)

Date to Retrieve Flags:
Tuesday November 12, 2024 (7:00 AM)

RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
22495 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92518

For more details: aflagforeveryhero@honoringourfallen.org
www.honoringourfallen.org
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**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello October and fall is upon us. Enjoy the cooler days and nights.

It's unbelievable the destruction the hurricane brought to the southeast. I hope all your families who live in those areas are safe. Keep them in your heart.

Be careful if you are donating to help. You know the creepy crawlers are out to steal the good of the people who try to help. You may want to contact a Post in nearby areas that weren't affected to see who they work with.

I hope many of you attended the workshop October 12th. It's important to participate so you can learn the ins and outs of the ALA. Although each Unit may have some unique features of what they do, the ALA has rules we "all" must follow. The ALA, although a non-profit 501(c)19 is a business. Every business must conform to certain criteria of that entity to make it effective and efficient.

In keeping with the above, has your Unit met its obligations paying taxes, contributing to the Pillars of the ALA, poppy orders in, etc.? Is your Unit in good standing with your non-profit status? Things you need to make sure are met timely.

Let's not forget the ALA is not about self, it's about Veterans, Military, and their families first. When your Unit participates in providing to them, all should celebrate those who did the work. I don't know about you, but I don't do what I do for glory nor do most others. It's a labor of love and great appreciation for those who "signed that line for all of us." Those who are actively doing things put out a lot of extra time and their own money to accomplish everyone's goals. Show your gratitude to them.

One last thing brought up at Department and National. We are representing a great organization, right. When you are, take the time to look the part and dress accordingly.

Thank you.



**TREASURER
CAROL VAZQUEZ**

The District Per Capital bills have been issued. Please remit to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

**CHAPLAIN
KATHLEEN ANDREWS**

How wonderful that we have not had any new reports of illness this month. Stay healthy through the holidays if you can. Among other things November is nationally recognized for Warrior Care and Family Caregivers. Let's remember them in our prayers, too.

Packets for the Chaplains of Units 184, 272, 833, and 465 will be available to be picked up at the District 19 meeting. Member Data Forms and MDF instructions are on the back of these forms. Give me a call if you need help and we'll get through reporting them together.

This month, please take a minute and send me a text of a favorite prayer, or poem pertinent to what we love about the ALA. If you don't already have one in mind, you can go online and look under military poems, or prayers, or sayings.

In Service to God and Country

**AMERICANISM
LINDA DIEBEL**

Americanism is defined as "*Attachments or allegiance to the traditions, institutions and ideals of the United States.*"

The main project in the Americanism program is the "Americanism Essay Contest" (<https://calegionaux.org/programs/americanism>), but not every Unit will be able to participate in this project, so what can an Unit do to work the Americanism program? Well, there are several ways to promote our Americanism program – these are:

1. Promote voting
 - a. Host candidates' events at your Post, be sure to offer the Post for all candidates.
 - b. Offer the Post as a voting location – work with the Legion and the City, County or State to set up the Post as a voting location
2. Promote displaying of the American Flag (this is a wonderful way to work with the Legion Americanism Chairperson)
 - a. Offer flags to businesses
 - b. Offer flags to veterans or veteran homes
 - c. Ask members to display the American Flag at their homes
3. Work with your city to promote patriotic events in your city
 - a. Work at fairs and carnivals
 - b. Work parades



4. Promote flag education
 - a. Offer patriotic comic books to local elementary schools
 - i. Purchase books from the Emblem Sales Catalog at <https://emblem.legion.org/>
 - ii. Cost is \$0.85 per book or \$0.65 per book if ordering 100 +
 - b. Offer information on the history of our Flag (also available at Emblem Sales)
5. Promote Blue Star and Glod Star Program
 - a. Offer Blue Star Banners at your city events to those who have family member in the service
 - b. Offer Glod Star Banners at your city Memorial Services, Veterans Day Celebrations, or any other Patriotic events

Every Unit can work the Americanism Program, just pick one or two of the items listed above or come up with a new idea that works for your Unit. Also work with the Education or Children and Youth programs and split the cost of the project. I look forward to reading your mid-year reports.

For God and Country

CHILDREN & YOUTH YVONNE PEREZ

PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR CHILDREN, unfortunately there are many more dangers out there now than when we were kids. Little ones all ages disappear so quickly whether daytime or night. Please let's have a fun holiday season with all the goodies, costumes, and things to make us smile and laugh. I know Units 723 Hollydale and 272 Montebello are doing a trunk or treat which is a safe way to trick or treat for all.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BECKY BULLARD

Members this is the time of year to get involved with your Community. There are so many activities you can be a part of, **BRANDING OUR NAME OUT THERE FOR OUR VETERANS.**

Most communities have Halloween events to join in on, but you have to go to the city and their recreation departments and find out what you can be a part of.

Norwalk has a Halloween parade, and Halloween festivals at the park for the kids on different dates. I know some of you will do Trunk or Treat for the children in your

neighborhood and the Veteran's Children of your Post Family.

Next month with the time changing and getting colder, gathering up clothes and blankets for the shelters in your area would be very much appreciated along with starting to collect for holiday food boxes.

Work with your Communities and you can find ways to help everywhere. Being a part of your City is important to get your name out there and to find more Veterans to join us.

The Veteran's Homes through Mercy Housing will be doing 1 on 1 applications for Veterans October 17th and 23rd at the Norwalk Post, about 5:00 p.m. If there is anyone interested, they have one bedroom, 2 bedroom and family sections. Also some is dedicated for the homeless to get them off the street. Please put the word out

HAPPY HAUNTING

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS C.J. REYES

It's now October and all units should have reviewed their Bylaws. Remember you need to rewrite every ten years, and it takes two meetings to do this. Unit model Bylaws can be found on the Department website.

<https://calegionaux.org/programs/constitution-bylaws>.

EDUCATION GAYLE STEWART

The Purpose of Education is to promote quality education for children — especially for military children and adults.

What can we do? Here are a few ideas:

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school aged children by scheduling Local programs at functions. Now days there a lot more home-schooled children there use to be so please think outside the box to include home schooled children.
- Join forces with The American Legion Post to present Veterans in school programs in your Community.
- Don't forget to promote the events through local media and your own social media.
- Award American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships, at both the Unit and Department levels.



- Inform schools in your community about National, Department and any Unit American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship opportunities offered.
- Make sure the scholarship applications are provided to all local schools.
- Make a donation to the Department American Legion Auxiliary Education Fund.

GIRLS STATE BECKY BULLARD

I am truly looking forward to meeting all the fine young ladies that will be chosen this year to represent us. I have heard some wonderful things about last year's delegates and have some that are working at their schools this year to help serve the Veterans and the Community. These young ladies are truly amazing. Hope you got your reservation in there is still time due to them still having openings to fill.

Have a wonderful spooky Halloween and don't forget to SAVE THE TA TA'S this month being Breast Cancer Awareness. Having your exam could save your life in the long run, take it from one that knows.

JUNIORS ANITA WATTS

Be sure to check the flyers posted on the ALA Department of California website for upcoming events for our juniors: <https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/local-unit-district-events/>

The Junior Zoom Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Junior Essay Contest: Submit an essay of no more than 100 words due by November 4, 2024. Must choose from these three topics: 1) What does the Auxiliary mean to you? 2) Americanism and 3) What program means the most to you? See flyer for details and prize. The winner will be announced January 2025. Unit Chairpersons, please submit your Junior's Essays to huntLL577@gmail.com and copy Anita Watts at eggbeater49@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation. <https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/local-unit-district-events/junior-essay-contest>

The **Junior Conference** is in April 2025: <https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/junior-conference/>

Seniors, please remember to include your juniors in all of your local activities by allowing them to participate in meetings and any other activities as appropriate.

Reminder to use the **ALA Junior Volunteer Log**.
“OUR JUNIORS ARE ON THE MOVE”

LEADERSHIP LINDA FARISS

We will be holding a District 19 “Funshop” where we will give information on changes in our organization as well as review of our programs and procedures. It will be Saturday December 7, 2024, at Post 496 Lakewood. We will meet from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we have enough materials.

LEGISLATIVE C.J. REYES

It's an election year, keep up with the current issues. Have you signed up for E-News? It's easy, just go to the Department website. <https://www.legion-aux.org/eNews>

MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT

Hello Everyone,

You are doing great with membership! Keep up the good work members. As of September 25, 2024, we have a total of 30.89% for membership. Great job to the following units for adding new member: Unit 184 South Bay has 5, Unit 272 Montebello with 14, Unit 411 Rivera with 1, and Unit 496 Lakewood with 5. Keep up the great work!

NATIONAL SECURITY DIANA LIVAS

ALA Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

- We are dedicated to ensuring all Legion families honor our POW/MIA's and recognize those still missing, alive or dead. Auxiliary remembrance services are our way of keeping our POW/MIAs alive.
- American Legion and Red Cross, many Units can host a blood drive to help keep our National Blood



supplies up. Now is the time to reach out to the Red Cross and set-up a blood drive for your unit.

- Wreaths Across America – December 16th is Wreaths Across American Day. This is a great way to remember our fallen veterans and honor them. ALA units can take part in this program. Cost is \$17.00 per wreath. To sign up as a sponsorship group, visit: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/LeadASponsorshipGroup>



Units can register a \$5.00 back group. This means your unit will receive \$5.00 for every \$17.00 wreath purchased. Wreath sponsorships must be placed by Nov. 28, 2024, to be guaranteed for delivery.

As our world continues to change, so does our military. As our military are being deployed, this means we must step up and help the families of those closes to us. What does that mean? I am asking each unit to support active-duty military families in your area.

- Many military families live in our community. Families in your neighborhood could use our support.
- Invite the families to your Unit/Post events.
- For those families who have children, remember them during the holidays. If possible, send a care package to the families in your community.
- Toys for Camp Pendleton.

PARLIAMENTARIAN C.J. REYES

Terms used when conducting a meeting:

Adjourn	to end the meeting
Adopt	to choose or accept
Agenda	items to be discussed during the meeting
Amend	to change a motion
Chair	presiding officer
Chairmen	the person in charge of a group of people in a meeting or in a committee,

in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, newly Revised, the word chairmen is used to designate the presiding officer

Committee	a group of people chosen to do a certain task
Debate	discussion about a motion
General consent	adopting a motion without a vote
Majority	more than half of the membership are present and voting
Motion	a proposal that the group take action on some issue
Question	same as a motion that's been made, used instead of repeating a motion

PAST PRESIDENT’S PARLEY LINDA FARISS

Our next Past Presidents Parley dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, 10/30/24 at 6:00 pm, location: BJ's, 3625 W. Carson St., Suite 168, Torrance, CA 90503. Please let me know if you are attending.

POPPY GAIL DIEBEL

Did you submit your poppy order? You also need to email a copy of your unit order to chefgail@verizon.net.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

PROMOTE PROMOTE PROMOTE, this is the message from Department. District 19 is certainly doing the darn thing with all the giving and presence in the veteran community. Thank you to the Units who are fulfilling the requests.

As I personally grow with using the tools that are available to us, I’m hoping what I share is beneficial for you as well. My Unit 341, we have quite a few new members, so I hear what people are asking. Where else do I learn? Attending the monthly District 19 meetings!

Wondering what is upcoming to assist you with planning, check out the Department calendar: [Mark Your Calendar \(calegionaux.org\)](http://calegionaux.org)

SECRETARY LINDA FARISS

Thank you to those who have been giving me a copy of their reports, it makes it so much easier. If you are giving a



report of your program during the meeting or making a long or complicated motion, please have it in writing as per Roberts Rules of Order guidebook.

VA&R
VAVS LBVA
LBVA POPPY MANAGER
DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello October and Fall, 🍁

Thank you for all your contributions and hard work supporting veterans and families.

It's great to see all the contacts you have in the community to support veterans and families.

If you do not belong to the Legion news updates, I'd suggest you tag it. Talks about new laws being presented or passed for Veterans and Military. Great information to pass on to others.

Cold weather is approaching. **PIER** is looking for shoes, 9-12 men's and 6-9 women. Jackets for men and women sizes medium to XXLG. Sweaters, long sleeve shirts, hoodies and sweats, all new items. Plus, they always need food they can backpack, also water. Long expiration dates please.

Unfortunately, **LBVA** has gone to a new system for veterans to contact their **VSO** or set up appointments. No walk-ins and you have to call and leave a message. The phone number is 562-826-8000 ext. 18713, Good Luck.

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 **Sunday**, Football & Food – Raider Nation
Black Hole at **Post 411**

Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 411**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 411**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**

Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection at
LBVA

A program to participate, **Wreaths Across America**. Riverside National Cemetery will place wreaths on December 14 (arrive around 7:30). Purchase now as many as you can to support all your veterans. If you've never been, I'd suggest going. It's very heartwarming to be able to lay the wreaths.

Next is **Honor Flights**. Blue Ridge Honor Flight in North Carolina is reaching out to help hurricane victims if you want to contact them to assist. <https://www.blueridgehonorflight.com/donate>.

Are you a veteran caregiver? Keep track and review mid-year reports due December 1 to your President and District VA&R.

Is your Unit participating in National Veterans Arts Program.

How are you participating in National "Be The One" program?

Remember once money is designated for VA&R it can only be used for VA&R.

Remember you can share your hours with other programs for reports, but you cannot share money spent.

We are here for veterans, military, and their families not for "ourselves." Please participate at meetings, fundraisers, and veteran activities to show your respect for veterans.

Thank you!

Upcoming

October 12 – Southern CA Workshop at **Post 496**

October 13 – **Steak & Eggs Breakfast** at **Post 341**

October 20 – **Breakfast**, Unit 272 at **Post 272**

November 3 – **Craft Fair**, Unit 272 at **Post 272**

November 9 – Place Flags at **Riverside Nat'l Cemetery**

November 16 – **Quartermania**, Unit 496 at **Post 496**

November 28 – **Last Day to order Wreaths**, Unit 272
for **WLA Cemetery**

December 7 – **D19 Workshop**, at **Post 496**

January 17-19 – Midyear Workshop in **Palmdale**



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