



THE NOISETTE

FEBRUARY 2025

From the Desk of Madam President...

ISABEL GALLARDO



Good Day All,

I hope that each and every one of you are doing well. Can you believe it's February already, how time is just flying.

Hope you all have a Happy Valentines Day!

Keep informed and get all the up-to-date information on events all the units are doing, information is available on the Hub, the department website. Also note the calendar located towards the end of our monthly newsletter.

Scholarships are available for our youth, maybe you have someone in mind, all the information is available to you on the Auxiliary website.

Our District meetings have changed location, we will now meet at Norwalk Post 359, starting this month, February 19 at 7:00 pm, please come and visit.

Congratulations to Becky Bullard for receiving the outstanding member of the year from her unit 359 and Commander Angelo Maldonado, a beautiful awards ceremony.

I want to give a great big thank you to our Noisette editor Lorrie Lewellyan for the great job she has been doing. Her hard work and all the love she puts into the Noisette has gotten a mention at our DEC. Her work was praised and a mention of the beautiful work she puts in. Thank you, Lorrie.

For God and Country

AMERICANISM MONTH



DISTRICT MEETING

FEBRUARY 19

7:00 pm

NORWALK POST 359

11986 Front Street

(Note New/Old Location)



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Good Day To Everyone,

Hope the year has started off ok for you.

Please continue to keep those in the fire areas in your heart with love.

The next PPP dinner is at my house. Date: February 26, at 6:00 pm. A RSVP is required by February 23. Send me an email: DButler49@Verizon.net. The cost is \$10, please bring cash.

Please come to our District meetings. Everyone is invited. We are back at Norwalk. February 19 at 7:00 pm. Dinner/snacks provided. Donations accepted.

To All Units

Please send at least one person, preferably more, to the District 19 Poppy Making Party on Sunday, February 23 at Post 496, 5938 Parkcrest Ave. (Parkcrest Church), Lakewood (Long Beach) from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. You can make and take home your poppy order. We are lucky to have other Districts join in with the help. Lots to make.

Please remember these are not unit poppies under Gabby Ramos, Department Poppy Chair. These poppies fall under the Poppy Program to eventually be at the LBVA. Snacks are available and the bar is open.

Are you thinking about a Chair position!! Don't be shy. We need your help to make our District strong.

Thank you

**TREASURER
DIANA LIVAS**

February is filled with love...

As your Treasurer, I can report the books have been audited and we The Noisy 19 are balanced! Thank you, CJ Reyes, and Gayle Stewart, for your support with the audit.

Thank you, Madam President Isabel, for appointing me as your District Treasurer. At this time, I can report all units have paid the required Per Capita fees.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

**AMERICANISM
LINDA DIEBEL**

We are in the last few months of the 2024 -2025 year and the year-end reports will be due to this District Chairperson by April 22, 2025. I want to make sure that the Units have or will participate in at least one of the following programs within the Americanism Program.

These programs are:

1. Get Out the Vote – Did anyone work at a voting location, did anyone take someone to vote or was you Post used as a vote location, and you helped?
2. Presentation of an American Flag – Did you Unit give a local business, School, or citizen an American Flag to be displayed?
3. Patriotic Event – Did your Unit participate in any city, county, or state Patriotic Event?
4. Pocket Flag – Did your Unit send out “pocket flags” to our military personnel?
5. Blue/Gold Star Banners – Did your Unit present any Blue or Gold Star Banners?
6. Americanism in Schools – Did your Unit present any Americanism information to your local schools (comic books, coloring books, pamphlets, or instructions on flag education).

All these programs are part of Americanism. Each Unit has time to complete one or more of these tasks. One of the many objectives of the American Legion Auxiliary is to promote AMERICANISM in our schools and communities. We have several holidays coming up so that the Unit can promote Americanism. If you are unable to promote the Americanism program on your own, ask the Legion and the SALs to work with you on one or more of the programs mentioned above.

Please let me know if you need additional information or help. I'm a phone call away. My phone number is 562-549-9648 or my email address is lkdiebel1@gmail.com.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
BECKY BULLARD**

Members, find out what is going on in your community and try and be a part of it. Make sure that whatever you are doing, include your Community, food drives, clothing drives, bingo, breakfast, dinners and much more. You never know where you are going to pick up new members and they don't just drop out of the air for most of us, we



have to get them involved in something we are doing so they see a reason to join.

The Food Pantry at Norwalk Post 359 is going to be taking place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, the next one will be February 27th at 10:00 a.m. It's growing each time, not only with people but with loads of food we bring to help everyone. Making new friends with many new connections for our Post this way, and the Communities around us.

Happy Valentine's Day

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

Elections are coming soon, please review the Bylaws, and think about running for an office or taking a chair. If you're interested, please contact one of our officers who will help you if you have any questions.

GIRLS STATE **BECKY BULLARD**

Hope you are getting your interviews done and making sure your girls are going online to register. I had a problem with the 1st alt code but once we entered it in all caps it was no longer a problem.

The luncheon is going to be on May 18th, not sure if it will be held at Lakewood or Norwalk, have not heard from Lakewood as of yet.

Good Luck

Happy Valentine's Day to Everyone

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES **ANITA WATTS**

Hello Everyone,

Seniors the clock is ticking, let's get our Juniors registered for the Juniors Conference which will be held April 11 -13, 2025 at Camp Arnaz, Ventura, CA. According to Jeanne Haas, National Junior Activities Chairperson, if there are not at least six Junior members or young sons registered by February 28, 2025, we will be forced to cancel the National Juniors Meeting for the Western Division. Also, we did not receive any essays for the contest unfortunately.

You can find the information for the Junior Conference under Junior Activities, <https://www.calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/junior-conference/>. If you have any questions, contact Martha

Romano, Junior Conference Director, email calegionfirstlady@gmail.com.

Also, let us keep track of all the great work our Juniors are doing out there so that they can receive patches for their hard work.

LEADERSHIP **LINDA FARISS**

We will soon be proving our End-of-Year reports to the District. Please verify who is to receive the reports as some of our Chairpersons have changed.

MEMBERSHIP **APRIL AGENT**

Hello Members,

I hope all is going well. Everybody is doing a great job on membership. There is a new process that we do have to take with new member applications. When you have them fill it out and your officer of the Legion has signed and verified, we do send it to Department as of mid-year DEC. After they have checked and verified that the application is completed correctly, they will advise on processing the application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY **LINDA FARISS**

Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, February 29, 2025, at the home of Debbie Butler. Debbie has offered her home and food for our February 6:00 pm dinner. Please let me know if you plan to attend and bring \$10.00 cash to reimburse Debbie for her expenses.

The end of the year reports is just around the corner. If your Unit has not yet donated to the PPP Nursing Scholarship Fund, please do so by April. This is our only true function of this program.

POPPY **GAIL DIEBEL**

What about those who make traditional artificial/paper poppies? How do the Legion's revised rules affect production? The new rules still state a preference that poppies or poppy items be handmade by veterans. But since many parts of the country have a shortage of veterans available to make the traditional paper poppies, artificial



poppies can now be assembled by unit members and volunteers.

If you were not able to make the workshop held at the Post in Long Beach. Consider holding a poppy-making event for your Junior members! Remember: Only veterans or those serving in the military can be paid to make the traditional poppies In 2017, The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day. How can ALA departments and units support National Poppy Day? Honor the fallen. Support the living. National Poppy Day is the Friday before Memorial Day! Remember: Poppies are not sold by volunteers — they are “distributed.” The person acquiring the poppy is invited to donate at his or her discretion, but we should be suggesting at least a dollar per poppy. The average donation per poppy is about 15 cents. Clearly, there is room for an increase in poppy donations.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Greetings Valentine,

You can review the chart below as a reminder when using the ALA logos.

ALA EMBLEM VS LOGO ?

EMBLEM



Uniform caps, financial documents, legal affairs, internal manuals and guides, reports and resolutions, history books and flags.

LOGO



Advertising, business cards, letterhead, email signatures, press releases, digital (apps, web, social media, PowerPoint presentations), promotional communications (flyers, handouts, etc.). Apparel, credentials, events (badges, signs, backdrops, tents, promotional items).

EITHER ONE

Awards and formal government communications.

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

Happy Valentine’s Day,

So many things are going on at all VA’s right now. The majority of those who have been working at home will be returning to their workstations in person by the end of February.

Volunteer Services need occasional volunteers. They cannot bring on regular volunteers until the hiring freeze is lifted. Regular Volunteers are those who have gone through the complete process of a background check, fingerprinting, etc.

The new Chief of Volunteer Services started December 1. We had our first Volunteer VAVS meeting last week. One of the significant issues is tracking your hours and donations to the **LBVA, Villages of Cabrillo, CBOC’s** and **Veteran Homes**. We all need to advise you of the hours spent and value of items brought in or events you did, etc. If you can’t make it in to complete the form, send an email to:

The director Desmond Kennedy,
Desmond.Kennedy@va.gov or Sandra Bell,
Sandra.Bell@va.gov.

Be sure you indicate all hours, donations etc. Include your Unit # and District 19 to ensure ALA receives credit. Or if private add please attach to ALA District 19. If you have questions, please ask me.

Finally got clarification on the use of money while playing money at the **LBVA**. Yes, you can use money with stipulation. If a Veteran patient comes in but doesn’t play, you have to give them a dollar. All patients in the area must be given a dollar when using money as a prize.

The Director is trying to obtain clarification from **L1/M1** to play Bingo again. The issue has continued about doing a TMS computer program to be OK for entry. Hopefully, this will be resolved in our favor.

The **Social Connection** on the last Friday of the month is improving. We are going to move our Veteran Woman table away from the general population in hopes to get more Woman Veterans to participate. If you would like to help let me know. We can always use extra help.

Poppy making is February 23rd, from 2:30-5:30 pm at the Lakewood Post 496, 5938 Parkcrest St., Long Beach. Hope to see you. Snacks provided. The bar is open. Each District



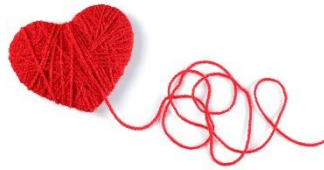
19 Unit needs to have someone attend so they can help make poppies and pick up their poppies.

Save the date, **March 14 at 6:00 pm**, the **National ALA President Dinner** at the Orange Post. Please try to come so we have a good presence from our District. I believe the cost is \$25. They will be sending out a flyer shortly.

Food Pantry can always use canned foods, breakfast bars and juice boxes. Also, few can openers.

PIER has a wish list for large frozen foods like spaghetti, lasagna for lunch, snacks, hot pockets, water, coffee, creamer, and soda.

Thank you



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 411**
- Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**
- Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection at **LBVA**

Upcoming

- February 23 – Poppy Making & Distro at Post 496**
- February 23 – Unit 341 Bingo at Post 341**
- March 14 – National ALA President at Orange Post**
- March 16 – Unit 341 Corned Beef at Post 341**





POPPY MAKING PARTY

PART DEUX

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

American Legion Post 496

5938 Parkcrest St.

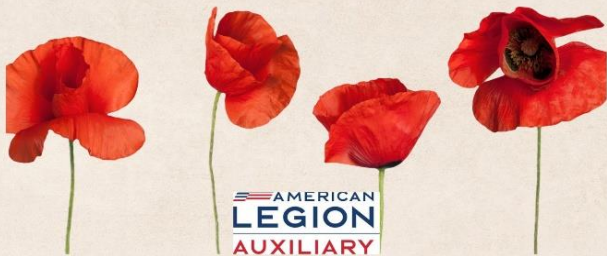
Long Beach, CA

RSVP: Debbie Butler by 2/21

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Auxiliary Sisterhood

Bring Your Scissors





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