



American Legion Auxiliary District 29

Area 5
Department of California



COUNTY

- Unit 72 Anaheim
- Unit 131 Santa Ana
- Unit 133 Huntington Beach
- Unit 132 Orange
- Unit 222 Laguna Beach
- Unit 257 Laguna Hills
- Unit 277 Placentia
- Unit 281 South Orange County
- Unit 295 Cypress
- Unit 291 Newport Beach
- Unit 327 Leisure World
- Unit 354 Buena Park
- Unit 555 Albert Schwab
- Unit 679 Richard Nixon
- Unit 716 Los Alamitos
- Unit 721 San Juan Capistrano

February 2025



Hello again and hope you're enjoying getting ready for Valentine's Day!

Yet, again, the mid-year Department Executive Committee meeting was held the weekend of January 17-19. Am just gonna' touch a little on what was discussed and announced:

Probably the most interesting was learning that NEW ALA applications are to be processed through our Department office. Apparently, some Units have submitted them in to ALAMIS and not really checked that all info was correct, especially when it comes to the "eligibility". Sure hope all Unit membership chairs are adhering to this and IF you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask our D29 Membership chair, Cindy Mayfield. We certainly will be going over this at our next meeting!

Listened to a veteran (Pres. Linda's hubby) and his escort (a Palmdale ALA member) who was able to go on one of the Honor Flights to Washington D.C. Just hearing his story and 'activities' was interesting! Should any of your Unit members have questions about this, am sure any of us who were able to attend the DEC would love to tell you all about his trip.

At the annual DEC meeting, am happy to report that Anaheim Unit 72 was taken off of probation and sadly Santa Ana Unit 131 was put back on probation. Information was requested by Past Department President, Kathie Martinez, who will be handling anything further with Santa Ana. All of their members were sent the notice that they would be going on probation and only 1 letter was returned to me as 'incorrect address'. Will be happy to answer any other questions about Unit 131 at the February D29 meeting.

See you at the February meeting—thank you for all that you are all doing for our veterans and their families!

Pat

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Federal Holidays

New Years Day (January 1)
Inauguration Day (January 20 of each fourth year after 1965) ★
The Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (the third Monday in January)
President's Day -- the third Monday in February)
Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)
Independence Day (July 4)
Labor Day (the first Monday in September)
Columbus Day (the second Monday in October)
Veterans Day (November 11)
Thanksgiving Day (the Fourth Thursday of November)
Christmas Day (December 25) ★

Other Patriotic Days

Army Birthday – June 14
Coast Guard Birthday – August 4
Patriot Day – September 11
Air Force Birthday – September 18
Gold Star Mothers Day (last Sunday in September)
Navy Day – October 27
Marine Birthday – November 10
Veteran's Day – November 7
Pearl Harbor Day – December 7
POW/MIA Recognition Day – Third Friday in September
Gold Star Mothers Day – Last Sunday in September
Thanksgiving Day – Fourth Thursday in November

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VA & R

for the vets

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Now that we have passed January and are in February **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

Our District will be concentrating on giving back Happy Valentines wishes to Veterans in Long Beach. I will be collecting donations and gift bags for the hospital at our district meeting February 8. I provided a gift list with your VA&R Chairperson and unit president. Our meeting in February will be welcoming our guest speaker Brian Folks from HONOR FLIGHT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I will not be sharing any other information on Veterans Affairs at district meeting.

March District meeting we will be concentrating on **VETERAN CAREGIVER NETWORK AND CREATIVE ARTS.**

We have Bingo scheduled for

March 2 Laguna Hills Unit 257 and Laguna Unit 257

April 6 South Orange County unit 281

May 4 Cypress Unit 295 & Albert Schwab Unit 555

Sharing units get together with ideas on what you want to do. We can meet at Community Living Center @1:30

District will provide canteen books and raffle gifts. If you have any gifts to donate we can use during raffle will be appreciated.

No food or snacks, still working on gift cards

Lap blankets

Military caps

Pins/note pads

If any questions give me a call, 714-308-2862

Take care and thank you all for your hard work,

Cindy

Cynthia Mayfield

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



JUNIORS

Junior Conference is at Camp Arnaz

April 11-13 2025

The deadline to attend is February 28th

If we don't get enough juniors we are going to have to cancel or reschedule for next year.

Current Junior officers should be in attendance:

Honorary Junior President - Olivia Thuney

Vice President - Alyssa Alcares

Secretary - Hailey Doidge

Chaplain - Laura Landis

Historian - Laura Smith

Sgt-At-Arms - Annie Edson

Assistant Sgt-At-Arms - Mckayla Doidge

Besides having access to Camp Arnaz and the fun activities they have we will also have presentations from some of our chairman.

Americanism - Robin - Flag Folding (to be included in care packages)

Poppy - Gabby - Poppy Making

VA&R - Susan - Patch Program Activity

Jr Activities - Lucy - Patch Program/Patch Program Activity

C&Y - Tracy - Patch Program Activity/Ceremony/Dandelion Story

Go to this link to get the forms that need to be completed and returned to Martha Romano, Department Junior Director

<https://www.calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/junior-conference/>



JUNIOR CONFERENCE

Camp Arnaaz



APRIL 11 - 13, 2025

155 Sulphur Mountain Rd, Ventura, CA 93001

PROGRAMS

SERVICE

LEADERSHIP

For more info: calegionaux.org | calegionfirstlady@gmail.com





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2025 CALIFORNIA FIRES

In the aftermath of devastating fires, our members are left in need of urgent assistance

How You Can Help



Donate

Every dollar donated goes to help our fellow Auxiliary members and Veterans who are impacted by the fires.



Share

Spread the word. The more who donate the more relief we can provide.

**YOUR SUPPORT
CAN MAKE ALL
THE DIFFERENCE**

We're calling on you to lend a hand and bring hope back to those affected.

Donations should be earmarked "CA Fires" and sent to:
ALA, Department of California Treasurer
10400 Twin Cities Rd., Ste 20, #107, Galt, CA 95632

www.calegionaux.org

It takes a Village. We help our ALA Family Members.



EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Past Department Presidents' Junior Scholarship

Eligibility: Applicant must have consecutive membership as a Junior for three years and membership must be current in the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and must be a child or grandchild of a veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any time after December 7, 1941 who being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge.

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/scholarships/scholar-e21j-junior-scholarship.pdf>

Educational Assistance General Scholarship

Applicant must fill out and submit one application form E21.

- a. One (1) \$2,000 scholarship payable at \$1,000 per year.
- b. Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships payable at \$1,000 each.
- c. Three (3) \$500 scholarships payable at \$500 each.

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/scholarships/scholar-ca-e21-application-for-ed-funds.pdf>

The following three scholarships are restricted to the winning California candidates in the event they do not win on the Western Division National Competition.

Spirit of Youth for Juniors

One (1) Spirit of Youth for Juniors Scholarship payable at \$500.

<https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025spiritofyouthscholarship>

Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship

It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of our servicemembers who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who served should also be honored. Providing funds to assist these children so they can pursue higher education is a concrete way of showing how much we, as a nation, care.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship to support the children of our warriors. These scholarships are awarded to 15 students annually **who excel in** academics and volunteer in their communities.

https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025childrenofwarriors_nationalpresidentsscholarship

Member Loyalty Scholarship

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization. To reward those who retain their membership into adulthood, the American Legion Auxiliary offers the Member Loyalty Scholarship to current college students. Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded to a current college students. Two scholarships will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. The scholarship is a grant; not a loan.

<https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025memberloyaltyscholarship>



EDUCATION

Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship up to \$5000 to be given annually and may include the cost of books. This is a gift scholarship and does not have to be repaid. Applicant must be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made. Only Senior members may apply, unless a Junior member is already attending college. It will be for ANY College or University. It is for undergraduate, masters, or doctorate programs.

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/scholarships/scholar-e21s-rules-application-for-connie-settles-scholarship.pdf>



PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship Application

One \$4,000 Nursing scholarship is awarded annually to a veteran or a veteran's wife or husband, widow or widower, or child of a veteran of the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam Conflict, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, and/or Persian Gulf.

b. Applications may be submitted by students planning to enter or currently enrolled in an accredited nursing school for the purpose of earning a Licensed Vocational Nurse, Registered Nurse or other recognized nursing degree.

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/scholarships/scholar-ppp-scholarship.pdf>





MEMBERSHIP

ALA, DEPT OF CA MEMBERSHIP CHANGES



Project Name	Membership Application Processing	Effective
Project Owner	Department Membership Processing	February 1, 2025
Prepared by	Department Secretary Elizabeth Doidge	

HIGHLIGHTS

- Why we're changing the process
- How we're changing the process

WHY

Over the last year, we've found that more and more Applications are not be completed correctly, don't have proper Veteran information, and/or are not signed properly.

- Apps are completed incorrectly: The top portion of the app needs to be complete. The following fields must be filled: First Name, Last Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Date of Birth(for Junior Members), Have you been a member previously?, Member Signature, and Date
- Don't have proper Veteran Information: Name of the Veteran, If Living: American Legion #, Post #, Post City, Post State, If Deceased check the box, Veteran Served, Applicant's relationship to Veteran
- Are not signed Properly: Apps are required to be verified by the American Legion. The Legion Adjutant/Officer is required to sign off on applications and to verify that the Veteran is an eligible source for the applicant.



MEMBERSHIP

HOW

Task or Deliverable	Task Owner
Units will email Applications to the Department Office (calegionaux@calegionaux.org)	Unit Membership Chairman
Department will verify the app is completed correctly	Department Membership Processing
Department will respond to the person who sent the application in verifying it is ok for processing	Department Membership Processing
Unit will process application through ALAMIS	Unit Membership Chairman

DEPARTMENT CODE

Units are asking if this requirement is allowed. Yes it is, per the Department Code, which we will enforce:

Department Code: Membership

4. Membership Applications must be filled out completely, including all essential information before transmitting to the Department Office.

Prior to Units being able to process their own membership on ALAMIS, applications were sent with transmittals to the Department Office for review and approval.

We are returning to that process.



MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all of you lovely ON FIRE units! We are winners in all categories.

Our District ended January with our total membership at 80,42%.

We are in 1st place in Area 5 membership

We have sixteen units in our district, with seven units already reaching the next goal above 85%

Unit 295 Cypress 93.62%
Unit 281 S. Orange County 92.94%
Unit 291 Newport 92.80%
Unit 257 Laguna Hills 92.16%
Unit 132 Orange 92.06%
Unit 133 Huntington Beach 89.52%
Unit 222 Laguna Beach 86.05%

Our next target date is March 15, 85% is target goal.

Let's not forget to use our form REJOIN/RECRUIT. Send form to department.

Have any of you recruited a male member, check the possibilities and recruit.

Look at your VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER, open that pandora box with recruitment and membership.

Thank you to all unit chairpersons for making this possible.

Cindy

Cynthia Mayfield
5th Area Membership
District Membership



2025: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10

Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2025 membership year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2021 or earlier.

One entry per recruiter.

Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 6, 2025.
Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadlines.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2025.

ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: _____ Member ID#: _____

Recruiter's Department: _____ Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

<u>Names of <i>New/Rejoined</i> Members</u>	<u>Member ID#</u>	<u>Names of <i>New/Rejoined</i> Members</u>	<u>Member ID#</u>
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

Certified by Department Secretary: DATE: _____
Department Secretary
Printed Name: _____ Dept: _____

Dept Secretary Signature (required): _____

***I certify that all 10 members are new or rejoined into the 2025 year.**

***I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.**

DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.

Units: Send form to your department secretary.

Departments:

Please either scan and email to:
membership@ALAfterVeterans.org
(Subject line: Recruit 10)

Or

Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

***Must be received at NHQ no later than midnight June 6, 2025.**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2025 National Membership Committee Chairman.

One award per recruiter.

<https://www.calegionaux.org/resources/membership/membership-recruit10-application.pdf>



UNIT 721 OUT & ABOUT

Feb. 1, 2025
Swallows Inn
Laura DiGilio
Jennie Gee-Storie
Edda Hampel



UPCOMING MEETINGS

8-Feb	295	9AM	CYPRESS	5646 Corporate Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
8-Mar	281	9AM	SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY	Sea Country Community Center, 24602 Aliso Creek Rd, Laguna Niguel 92677
12-Apr	133	9AM	HUNTINGTON BEACH	Memorial Hall - 1718 Orange Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92648
10-May	327	9AM	LEISURE WORLD	1353 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach CLUBHOUSE MEETING LOCATION TBA
14-Jun	555	10AM	MIDWAY CITY	14582 Beach Blvd, Midway City, CA 92655
JULY	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING



American Legion HB

Auxiliary Unit 133

Quartermania

Proceeds support youth programs

Bring Your Quarters! Bring Your Friends! Bring on the Fun!

Bid on items for only a quarter!

Lots of vendors...Come by and shop, stay to play!

Sunday

March 2, 2025

11am - 3pm

**Assistance League - Huntington Beach
8071 Slater (Upstairs), Huntington Beach**

Tickets \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door

Includes: 1 paddle, opportunity prize ticket and lunch

More info: Noella Passarelli n.passarelli83@gmail.com, (714) 756-0236

Pre-sale tickets: Zelle - alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com





PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO UNIT 291

