



# THE NOISETTE

MARCH 2025

*From the Desk of Madam President...*

## ISABEL GALLARDO



Hello Everyone,

Hope all is well with your units and yourselves.

Sending out a little reminder we have our year-end reports that will be due to our District chairs on April 11 and for the Department on May 1. Please make sure that you get these into the appropriate District and Department chairpersons via email. If you don't have the forms, you can get them from the Department website:

<https://calegionaux.org/sources/forms/#yearend>.

We have our National President Dinner on Friday, March 14 at 5:30 pm, with dinner being served at 6:00 pm for \$25.00. The address is 143 S. Lemon St., in the city of Orange.

Our Department President visitation will be held on May 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Location is the Norwalk Post 359. We will be having our Memorial Service on this date as well. Please have at least one person attend from each unit and they need to wear all white as they will be representing any members that have passed on to Unit Everlasting. Please contact our District Chaplain and supply any names of your unit members that have passed.

Thank you all for your fantastic work!



## COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH



## DISTRICT MEETING

**MARCH 19**

**7:00 PM**

**NORWALK POST 359**

**11986 Front Street**

*Lite Dinner is provided*



**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Happy Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day.

If you haven't made your reservation for the National President, Trish Ward dinner March 14, at 6:00 pm at the Orange Post, the sign-up is on the Department Website. Let's have a good showing from District 19.

*Vietnam Veterans Day* is March 29th. It will be celebrated at the LBVA, on Friday, March 28, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Patriot Park. Last year we had over 500 people attend. There are vendors to provide information, food, and a great band. The D19 ALA will have their Veteran Ladies table.

Please continue to help our District get your taxes in order for your EIN number and reclaim your status. We are all here to provide the necessary information. Yes, there are rules you must follow within the ALA organization.

Please come to District meetings and participate in educational events. It would benefit to learn from the National website educational program, give it try. They are one hour or less, useful information. Participation is knowledge.

Thank you.

**TREASURER  
DIANA LIVAS**

Greetings Auxiliary,

As we begin to wind down the year, now would be a great time to ensure all financial obligations are complete. If our District President gave you Pins from Department, it is the Unit President's job to sale and turn in that money directly to our Madam President Isabel.

**\*\*Remember to give a copy of your monthly financial report to your Unit Secretary and attach a copy of your Unit secretary's recap to your monthly financial reports. It helps when auditing time comes around.**

Yours in Service,  
Diana Livas

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
BECKY BULLARD**

Members,

If you are helping with the Norwalk Food Bank, which I do know a number of you are, you can put it down on your reports for the end of the year. Please count your hours and the people that help. Also thank you so much for coming to help, we do appreciate you all, I know I sure do!!!

Blood drives are getting started with different Posts, please make sure if you help, give or attend, chart accordingly. If you are helping other organizations by giving clothes, food and other items for the fires, Veteran's, or those in need in your area, please keep track, they all count, even our 4-legged family too. I know Montebello 272 is working with the schools and feeding the children, if you are doing the same, please make sure you count this as Community Service because you truly are doing so.

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

Elections are coming, please review your Bylaws. Think about running for a unit officer or taking a District chair. If you're interested, please contact one of our officers who will help you if you have any questions.

**EDUCATION  
GAYLE STEWART**

I hope some of our units are able to promote the scholarships we offer and have received the completed applications back so they can be submitted to District by March 15th.

Don't forget April 15th is **Purple Up Day**. Let's start talking to our local schools and see what we can do together to bring awareness to our Military Children.

Time has gone by quickly and it seems we have just completed our Mid-Year reports, but here we are with only a few months to go. With that said, time is close for the End-of-Year reports. End-of-Year reports are due to me by April 11th. I would love to have all units send me a report this year. Even if your unit was not able to work the program this year, check the box no activity reported.



## **GIRLS STATE BECKY BULLARD**

Well, all of you that have schools should be about done interviewing for this year. Many girls wanting to go, so sorry we can only send one half a number of schools itching to send at least 2. I do know those that have not been chosen as a delegate looked into and some are going to the Boys & Girls State for experience. Also, I have heard from some schools this year that they are only sending them to that conference because they can send more than one. Unfortunately, the generations we are working with right now are more interested in leadership education and experience than the prestige of being the only one attending, that time has passed.

Also, how many of your young ladies are having issues with registering this year? I have had four so far and have heard from the Chairperson she is walking many through it this year. I wish before they let them register they would give a virtual zoom and walk us through it so we know what we are doing, that way if we have to go to the schools and walk them through it on the schools computers we can., far less frustrating for everyone.

On Sunday, May 18th from 12 to 4 pm at Lakewood Post 496 there will be the Girls State Luncheon. Please make sure I have the schools, names, emails, and phone numbers of all your girls ASAP so I can make my list and prepare the certificates in advance.

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES ANITA WATTS**

The Junior Conference is right around the corner April 11th-13th, 2025 at Camp Arnaz. Seniors, if you have not registered and paid for your juniors to attend Junior Conference please do so by March 28th, 2025. All the forms are under Junior Activities/Junior Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Romano, Junior Conference Director, email [calegionfirstlady@gmail.com](mailto:calegionfirstlady@gmail.com).

All checks/money orders with tickets stubs for Junior Conference should be mailed to: ALA, Department of CA, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 319, San Francisco, CA 94102-4570. Make check payable to: ALA Department of CA, include the Unit and/or District number on all checks/money order.

Seniors let us keep mentoring our Juniors allowing them to attend your meetings and helping out at your Post.

Here are some key things we should be teaching our juniors.

- How to conduct a meeting
- Flag Etiquette
- Poppy Program
- Candle Ceremony
- Learn about TAPS, Blue Star Banners, POW/MIA, etc.

If you have any Juniors who are eligible to receive patches, please email me their names as soon as possible. My email address is [watts\\_a831@yahoo.com](mailto:watts_a831@yahoo.com) and please cc: [huntLL577@gmail.com](mailto:huntLL577@gmail.com).

The 2024-2025 National Junior Activities Program Awards deadline is June 1st, 2025, by 5pm EST, <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Awards/Junior-Activities-Program-Awards>.

These are the awards:

- Department Award Best Department Junior Activities Program
- Junior Member of the Year
- Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program

Let us keep up the splendid work with our juniors. “Our Juniors are Our Future.”

## **LEADERSHIP LINDA FARISS**

I know everyone will be telling you, but it is End-of-Year report time. Check the back of the form for the district person that receives your report. If you have questions, please contact me. See PPP for information.

## **MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT**

Happy Spring Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. The end of the year is coming, and the end of year reports are beginning to be due, so let's stay on top of this so we can get all our membership reports in and those who might be receiving awards will receive them. I did receive an email from Department, there is a form you need to fill out reporting who will be your membership contact next year for 2526. Even if it will be the same person, you still need to fill out the form and get it into department by April 15th. If you are going to email it to me, you will need to



deliver the form by the 1st of April so I can get it to Department. My email is [apriljocagent@gmail.com](mailto:apriljocagent@gmail.com).

Thank you and have a great month and a great Saint Patrick's day. For those of you that have birthdays in March, Happy Birthday.

### **PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LINDA FARISS**

Have you made a donation to the PPP Nurse's Scholarship yet? Not too late before reports go in. Thank you, Debbie, for hosting our last dinner/meeting and CJ for standing in for me as I was ill. I heard it was great.

We'll get together on March 26, at 6:00 pm at The Pan. The address is 15 W. Del Amo Blvd, Long Beach, CA. Please let me know if you plan to join us as I would like to make a reservation for our group.

Phone Linda Fariss at 310-245-3041 or email: [lindafariss@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafariss@yahoo.com).

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Are you volunteering? Let's be recognized!

Branding involves not only the proper use of our emblem and trademarks, but also living our brand promise to deliver our mission in a positive way. How the public experiences us constitutes how they view the ALA as a brand. Your image is important. The public does notice what we are wearing and our attitude. A pleasant and kind attitude is always the best practice. It is simple, we want our communities to see us at our best while serving. Be on the lookout for our ALA members delivering the mission and sharing about it. Be sure to give them kudos!

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

Hello,

I hope many of you are able to attend the National President's dinner on March 14.

Few things:

**Food Pantry LBVA** continues to need non-perishable, long expiration dates to provide sustenance for Veterans and families who need assistance. See email sent this week.

March 28, from 8:30-2:00 pm, Patriot Park LBVA **Vietnam Veterans Day** is being celebrated (actual day March 29). There will be many vendors to provide information to Veterans and families. There will be food and a band. All are welcome to celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day.

Still working with LBVA to start the **Poppy** making program by Veterans but always obstacles to jump over. I will be setting another date to make more poppies at Post 496 Lakewood. The more who comes, the more we can do.

**Veteran Woman's Baby Shower** is coming up May 17. Lots of things are requested. Lorrie, our editor will send out info on how to order and what is needed. Please help.

There will be a **Veteran Lady Lunch** in June. Yes, we will need donations for food, decorations, etc. More info when I find out the date and where at the LBVA. We haven't had one in quite some time.

Please be sure when you drop off at the LBVA to fill out a donation sheet and fill out the back to include everyone's name, hours and include the shopping time, driving and the time spent at the hospital. Be sure you include the ALA Unit number. This way our information is reported to national to support the American Legion.

The **Social Connection** is the last Friday of each month. It's 8:30-10:30 am. We continue to have a lady veteran table with nice things to give. It's for all Veterans. If you'd like to come and help, feel free, it gives you an opportunity to visit with lots of Veterans.

Other locations to provide events:

**Villages of Cabrillo Veterans.**

**Gold Star Manor.** There are about 10 family members who live here, whom are Gold Star. Approximately 125 Veterans are at the Gold Star Manor.

If you need any information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your devotion.

## 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  
(women's table) at **LBVA**

### Upcoming

**March 14** – National ALA President at **Orange Post**  
**March 16** – Unit 341 **Corned Beef & Band** at **Post 341**  
**May 18** – D19 Girls State Tea  
**May 21** – Department President Visit with D19 and D19  
Memorial Ceremony

### End of year reports due dates:

**Unit:** 4/11/25

**District:** 5/1/25

*Last Day for the 2026 Membership Roster is April 1 in ALAMIS.*

**DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

**UNIT DATA FORM CONTACT– EVEN IF NO CHANGE**

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**NEXT YEAR'S DUES – EVEN IF NO CHANGE**

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**VETERANS SOCIAL CONNECTION**  
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Canteen Patio | Bldg 165

<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>JUN 27</b>
<b>DEC 20</b>	<b>JUL 25</b>
<b>JAN 31</b>	<b>AUG 29</b>
<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>SEP 26</b>
<b>MAR 28</b>	<b>OCT 31</b>
<b>APR 25</b>	<b>NOV 21</b>
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>DEC 19</b>

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Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center  
Veterans Connection Committee  
Food and coffee will be served

**VA**  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

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