



American Legion Auxiliary District 29

Area 5
Department of California



COUNTY

- Unit 72 Anaheim
- Unity 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

March 2025



OUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S VISIT



Our Department of California President, Linda Hayes, will visit District 29 at our regularly scheduled District Meeting on May 10th at Leisure World. The meeting begins at 10AM. Please let the members of your units know and invite them to attend.

“Linda is a lifetime member of the Palmdale American Legion Auxiliary Unit 348. Her eligibility is through her father’s service as a US Marine during WWII. Her husband served during the Vietnam era in the US Army. She and her husband are 32-year members of the American Legion Family.

She has been a Department Chairman for twelve terms, the 2023-2024 Vice President, and was the Representative to the Lancaster CalVet Home.

Linda served as Unit President for multiple years. She served as District 20 President in 2011-2012. She has held nearly all positions and chairmanships at both the unit and district levels.

Linda was employed by the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District where she retired after 28 years; her job titles included School Secretary and Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools for 22 years. Upon her retirement, she and her husband were co-owners of Screenmobile of the Antelope Valley and Victorville/Apple Valley.

Linda is the mother of two sons (both SALs) Richard and Linda have a combined family of three more sons, four granddaughters, two grandsons, two great-grandsons, and two great-granddaughters. SHE enjoys time with her family, cooking, reading, jig-saw puzzles, sudoku, traveling, and camping. She especially enjoys a good game of Solitaire with her granddaughter.”

Taken from the Department of California American Legion Auxiliary website



Hello all D29 ALA members,

Am so sorry this is so late but hope you'll see it before Saturday (3/8/2025), when we will be meeting at So Orange County Unit 281. Will definitely have information for many of you who have never written, or never submitted, an End of Year Unit report. Please bring questions to our District meeting and we'll TRY to answer all of the questions you may have.

Since seeing you last, our Department President will be visiting our District on May 10th at Leisure World, Seal Beach, at 9:00 a.m. We will be presenting her with the 'donations' you have all sent in for the Dept. President's visit or bring your donation anytime to this meeting or the April meeting so our Treasurer will be able to set out the correct amount of envelopes for the presentation to her in May. Of course, another reminder, is that we will be hearing from many of our District chairs with their end of year reports and the winners of their Unit reporting. (Only 1st place is sent on to Department!)

This has been quite a 'testing' year for this President—and am so looking forward to the End of Year reporting to hear what has all been accomplished in the LARGEST District in our great Department of California. Already have received invites from various other Districts to join with them at convention in June. Since we do have a member running for a Department office, am hoping that we will have a great showing of members at Convention in Visalia.

Note to all District chairs: only certain chairs will be giving EOY reports in May and June. Please see D29 Standing Rules for when you will be giving your end of year District report and thank you all for all the work you have been doing on each of the chairmanships!!!

We will have 1st nominations for District officers at our April meeting and elections at our May meeting so we can get the paperwork into the Department on a timely basis! Again, thank you all so much for your support!!!

For the great state of Texas, your President,

Sheriff Pat



The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
welcomes

National President Trish Ward

Join us for a
Dinner and Presentation
at
American Legion Post 132
143 South Lemon Street
Orange, CA 92866
Friday, March 14, 2025
Happy Hour 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

\$25.00 per person
Reserve your spot today
by clicking on this flyer



MARCH

COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH

Let's make the world a better
place, one DAY at a time!
Get out of your post and serve
your community. Be sure to wear
your branded apparel and a smile!



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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

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: JUNE 26-29



District 29 Officers and Chairs

- President, Pat Alvarez 714-342-4173
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- Constitution & By-Laws, Cindy Edes See VP II
- Education, Wendy Hart Hagen 714-448-0254
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- Girls's State, Noella Passarelli See Secretary
- Junior Activities, Joanna Garcia 562-225-8411
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- Leadership, Cindy Edes See VP II
- Legislative, Leisha Fauth 714-469-1825
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- National Security, Yoli Gonzalez See Sergeant-at-Arms
- Past President's Parley, Pat Burr See Historian
- Poppy: Pat Alvarez 714-342-4173
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- Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation Cindy Mayfield
See VPI
- National Security, Yoli Gonzles 909-730-9212
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VA&R

Hello ladies,

“Thank you” to all participating units bringing Valentine cards and gifts to our veterans. We had over 200 gift bags delivered to the VA Hospital and Gold Star Manor. Our District delivered valentine gifts to Community Living Center, Blind Ward and to all the wards at the spinal unit.

Our district also delivered gift bags to our Gold Star Manor. There are five Gold Star mothers, one gold Star grandmother and two gold Star fathers. We have reached out to Gold Star Manor with hopes of helping their gold Star mothers and fathers. There are about 115 veterans at the manor with 10 female vets, the manor is located at Long Beach.

I have no word about providing bingo on Sundays at the hospital. Most facilities are asking for Bingos during the week this includes blind ward, spinal ward and community living center.

As always our food pantry is in need of replenishing the shelves, anything is greatly appreciated.

It's that time of year ladies for our VA BABY SHOWER, Saturday May 17. Tina Bauer from Huntington Beach Unit 133 will be working with the VA. She has been doing this for years and she is part of the committee and will be point of contact. Tina Bauer 714-655-7333.

ALAHuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail

I had sent out emails to VA chairmen with information provided with the shower wants and needs.

March 28 will be Vietnam War Veterans Day, volunteers are needed during that day at Hospital. Contact me if you want to volunteer.

Our main objective is to work for our veterans and military. We work with our Legion Family, we support our Legion, Sons Of The Legion and Legion Riders. April 26 is Legion Family Day, work with our veterans and make this day special. Help our Legion with what they need to make this a great family event.

March is CELEBRATING WOMEN OF SERVICE, are you acknowledging your female vets. A great way to celebrate is to visit your local Veterans resource center, va hospital or local military base or camp.

Again to all of our hard working units, thank you!

Cynthia Mayfield
VA&R Chairman
Hospital Deputy



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A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

Resources for Military/Service to Veteran Mission Training Segment



ALA Poppy Funds

<https://www.legion-aux.org/poppy-funds>



ASYMCA

www.asymca.org



Elizabeth Dole Foundation Caregiver Journey Map

<https://caregiverjourney.elizabethdolefoundation.org/>



Honor Flight

www.honorflight.org



Honor Flight – Lone Eagle Program

<https://loneeagle.honorflight.org>



Military OneSource Installation Locator

<https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/view-all>



Military Spouse Engagement Program

<https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/>



National Veterans Creative Art Festival

<https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/national-veterans-creative-arts-festival/>



American Red Cross

<http://redcross.org>



Military and Veteran Caregiver Network

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans/military-veteran-caregiver-network.html>



Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors T.A. P. S.

www.taps.org



Wreaths Across America

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

What: The American Legion's Be the One initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

Why: To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

How: Our goal is to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Who:

Veterans

- Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you think you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friends care.

Non-veterans

- Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk.
- Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

American Legion posts

- Educate members, other veterans and civilians on the campaign.
- Display resources at your post or in your community.
- Share events or success stories at legiontown.org.

RESOURCES

American Legion support: Stories, videos and promotional items related to this initiative are available for posts, members and others. Visit bethesone.org

For urgent help: Veterans experiencing a crisis can call **988** and press **1** for mental health assistance. Counselors are available 24/7. They may also text **838255** or visit the VA crisis line website veteranscrisisline.net

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We can all Be the One

Here's how veterans and civilians can help reduce the rate of veteran suicide.

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P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
1-800-433-3318

legion.org



Connect with The American Legion



BE THE ONE

BeTheOne.org

HOW AMERICAN LEGION POSTS ARE LEADING THE WAY

American Legion posts and members are raising awareness about PTSD and veteran suicide by providing resources, hope and camaraderie for those at risk.

VETS 4 VETERANS

Who: American Legion Post 171, Crystal Lake, Ill.

What: The day-long event, which debuted in 2021, connects local veterans to dozens of local service providers that offer different resources related to mental wellness.

Impact: More than 100 veterans turned out for the most recent event. By connecting these veterans directly with service providers, the nonprofits are able to assist more veterans and, in turn, veterans are able to receive the help they need.

2.2 FOR HEROES

Who: American Legion Burrows-Young Post 114, Voiga, S.D.

What: A 2.2 for Heroes event was held at the Voiga Veterans Memorial where participants walked, ran, biked, roller bladed or even rode a motorized scooter, for 2.2 miles. When participants crossed the finish line, they received a dog tag that featured the American flag, 2.2 for Heroes and the Legion emblem.

Impact: In its inaugural event, the post rallied its community to raise \$7,000 toward local programs that assist veterans in crisis.

OPERATION IRON RUCK

Who: American Legion Department of Alabama

What: The department supports student veterans who ruck 151 miles for the Operation Iron Ruck, leading up to the annual Alabama-Auburn football game in November. Each participant carries rucks weighing between 17

and 22 pounds, representing the estimated number of veterans who die by suicide daily.

Impact: In 2021, an American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors grant paid for the items in the rucks. After the march, those items – toiletries, socks and other comfort items – were distributed to homeless veterans.

BIGFOOT SCAVENGER HUNT

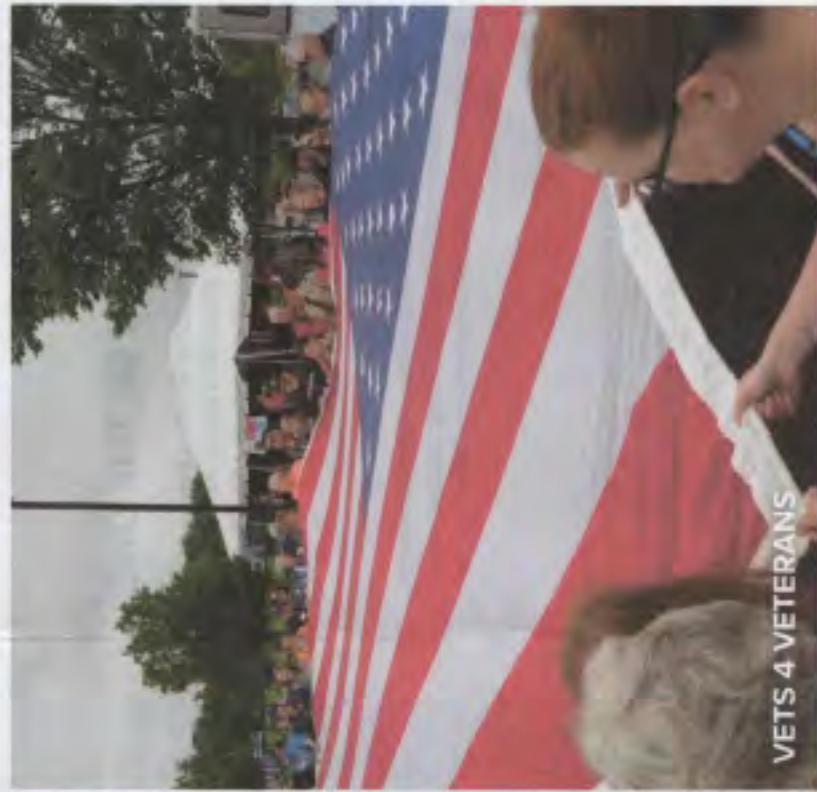
Who: American Legion Post 4, Billings, Mont.

What: After a friend's death by suicide, Legionnaire Jim Clark created Post 4's Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt for Halloween. Each of the 12 stops provided community resources for veterans who may not know where to go for help.

Impact: The inaugural event educated about 30 participants. "They all came up to me, gave me hugs and said, 'Jim, we had a blast. We learned a ton about what veteran resources are available in our community. We're going to tell everybody we know about it.'"



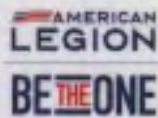
OPERATION IRON RUCK



VETS 4 VETERANS



**ASK A VETERAN
CARE FOR A VETERAN
EMBRACE A VETERAN**



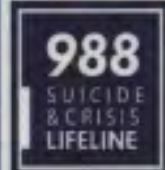
See Reverse Side for
Questions that Can Save a Life



Always ask questions 1 and 2.	Past Month
1) Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?	
2) Have you actually had any thoughts about killing yourself?	
If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5 and 6. If NO to 2, skip to question 6.	
3) Have you been thinking about how you might do this?	
4) Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?	High Risk
5) Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Did you intend to carry out this plan?	High Risk
Always Ask Question 6	Life-Time Past 3 Months
6) Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life? <small>Examples: Took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump, collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, etc.</small>	High Risk
If yes, was this within the past 3 months?	

If YES to 2 or 3, seek behavioral healthcare for further evaluation. If the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is YES, get **immediate help: Call or text 988, call 911 or go to the emergency room. STAY WITH THEM until they can be evaluated.**

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AMERICANISM

District 29 Presidents & Americanism Chairmen:

"The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship (Standing Rules #6, Core National Standing Committees)."

This month's focus program is "Americanism", but really this program is always a focus and at the Heart of everything we do/participate in! We furthermore solidify this commitment and ideology every time we collectively meet and recite our pledge of the preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary constitution "to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism." So, let's consider this instead a celebration month of what all our Units/members have been doing, share our stories, traditions and ideas.

To kick off our celebration month I am proud to announce that at January's D.E.C. meeting our District accepted a plaque on behalf of Unit 222, Laguna Beach which was respectively awarded at this year's National Convention for the Western Division Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program. We will be presenting this plaque to the Unit at our District meeting.

Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information. Take the time to review/read resources which are available online through the American Legion and ALA National websites or in printed flyers/brochures you can order through Flag & Emblem. I've attached a brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance to get you started. District has also previously provided, through earlier editions of this year's newsletter, listing of Holidays and Days of Observance we would encourage you to review with your members at monthly meetings and include on Post/Unit calendars. National has also issued a FUN video challenge for "You're a Grand Old Flag." Details are attached & submissions can be sent to me or directly uploaded onto the National American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program Face Book page.

Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. Remember there are two opportunities/contests available, one at the Department/State level open to grades 4th - 12th that awards cash prizes and/or scholarships and another at the National level for grades 3rd - 12th including special needs categories for both. Our District goal would be to have participants/submissions this year for all groups/grade levels especially for the Department contest and participation in the National contest as well. Remember that your Unit will judge all entries you receive and only submit the first-place essay for each group to District for consideration (but please recognize all your participants at the local Unit level with certificates/citations of participation if you are able to). Essays are due to District March 1st (or by next month's district meeting). I've attached again the cover sheets for each contest that must accompany your essay submissions.

Star Spangled Kids - the ALA's initiative to educate our youth about United States history, Americanism, and the U.S. Constitution. Sponsor kids activities, veteran/service member school visits, distribute coloring books/pocket constitutions and other educational publications in conjunction with local schools, youth groups, and your Unit Junior members. Star Spangled Kid Kits are one of the ways to accomplish and promote this and a key priority that is even included on year-end reporting. Last month I handed out inspiration examples to each Unit of what a Kid Kit



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could look like (with a little Department of CA themed/Betsy Ross tribute) and challenged all Units to assemble and distribute their own kits. I've attached a picture of what our customized District inspiration Kits included and a resource page of some other item examples you can order through the Flag & Emblem website. Please track and report how many kits your Units have distributed.

Take pictures! It wouldn't be a proper celebration if we couldn't share photos of our Units/members in action or create a "memory book" of this year's events and accomplishments. Just like flying/displaying your American Flag, these photos are a symbol and visual representation of our commitment to our Country, those who served, continue to serve, made the ultimate scarified for our freedom/rights, and our communities at large while also providing inspiration.

Thank you all again for all that you have done and continue to do!

Sincerely,

Kristin Landis
District 29 Americanism Chairman
Unit 716 President, Los Alamitos



Women's Services / Maternity
Care and Voluntary Services
Presents...

Begish Babies

SHOWER



IDEAS: Target or Walmart gift cards to include with the main gift given to each Veteran participant.

-Raffle items ideas: Looking for 3 Large gift baskets, Gift baskets (ideas) can be themed such as:

- Movie night: Popcorn, snacks, movie tickets
- Spa day: Bath and Body works items/ gift card, slippers, robe, face mask
- Baby items: Bibs and burp cloths, blankets, grooming items (baby digital thermometer/clippers), sippy cups, bathing/lotion sets, booties, diapers, baby wipes, towels, growth charts, pacifiers.

Sign Up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA5AF2DA3F5CF8-53574497-vababy>

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING

Moms to Be & Newly Delivered Moms

Saturday, May 17TH

Contact Tina Bauer (714-655-7333) for District 29 - Donations
needed by May 2nd. Hours are M-F 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM)

alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

When you donate \$35 to
the American Legion
Auxiliary Foundation's
Veteran Projects Fund,
you'll receive the ALA
Challenge Deck!

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Ready for this ALA challenge?

Discover ways to get involved in your community and make a real difference in the lives of local veterans by using the ALA Challenge Deck. When you donate \$35 or more to the Veteran Projects Fund, you will receive the 46-card deck. Learn more about the ALA Challenge Deck [here](#). Donate online [here](#), text CARD to 1-844-940-3450, or mail a check to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Please indicate in the memo line of the check that the gift is for the cards. If you have any questions, please contact Development Director Carley Schutz at cschutz@ALAforVeterans.org.

ATTENTION

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS!



Charter Requests

Good Evening Everyone

National President Trish Ward is requesting that we submit pictures of all Unit charters. Images can be sent to the Department Historian and she will compile them all to send to National.

Send your charters to e.hernandez.ala302@gmail.com



Poppy Party at Post 496



REMEMBER & HONOR

MONTH OF MAY



IN MAY THERE ARE SEVERAL MILITARY RELATED RECOGNITION DAYS

Military Spouse Day - May 9

Honors the commitment and sacrifices made by spouses.

Armed Forces Day - May 17

To honor our military & acknowledge everything they do to protect our country.

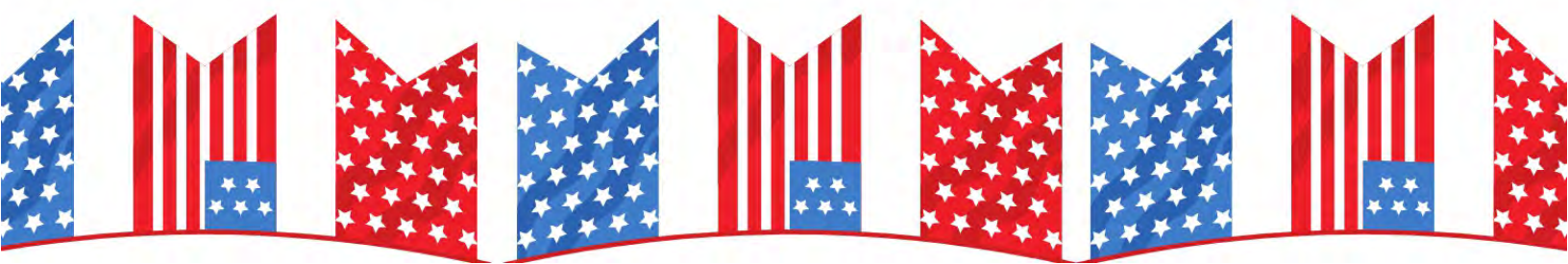
National Poppy Day - May 23

Symbol of sacrifice worn by American's to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars.

Memorial Day - May 26

Honors the men & women that died while serving in the US military

Start making plans with your units to recognize these special days.





JUNIORS

Junior Conference



Did you know that every year, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California hosts Juniors for our Junior Conference. Junior Conference is a chance to bond with juniors throughout the Department of California, learn about the American Legion Auxiliary and our programs and to just relax and have fun. Junior Conference is open to girls 8-18 years old. Juniors will spend the majority of their time learning about programs like Americanism, Children and Youth, Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation.

We'll also teach them how to properly raise and lower the flag and the symbolism behind the proper burning of the American Flag. There will be other activities such as cooking smore's, ax throwing, corn hole, and petting the horses.

This years camp is being held at Camp Arnaz in Ventura, California. We currently have around a dozen girls going and are looking for more.





JUNIORS

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If you're interested in attending (or having your daughter attend) please complete the attached forms and return them to this email address or the Junior Conference Chairman, Martha Romano
atcalegionfirstlady@gmail.com. Forms and money must be turned in by March 28th.



Hope to see you there.

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE OUR VETS

Whether at the VA, within our community, senior centers, retirement communities and even our Posts We serve with our hearts!



FUN HISTORY PROJECT!!

DID YOU KNOW, NATIONAL PRESIDENT TRISH WARD IS A "HISTORY BUFF?" SHE HAS ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SUBMIT SNAPSHOT OR PICTURES OF ALL UNIT CHARTERS. BE ON THE LOOKOUT. ONCE RECEIVED THEY WILL BE FEATURED ON THE "ALA DEPT FACEBOOK PAGE."

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH !!

IS ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS A DUAL MEMBER? DO YOU HAVE JUNIOR MEMBERS THAT ARE NOW SENIOR MEMBERS AND ARE MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES? SOMEONE WHO SERVED IN YOUR UNIT, DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN THE GLUE IN YOUR UNIT? THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND FOR OUR MISSION. THIS PERSON COULD HAVE MOVED UP IN DEPARTMENT AND PERHAPS SERVED AS A NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OR NATIONAL OFFICER? SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR OVER 20 YEARS? SEND AN ARTICLE AND SOME PHOTOS AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO HIGHLIGHT THEM!

SEND YOUR ARTICLES, SNAPSHOTS, PHOTOS TO DEPT HISTORIAN, ERIKA HERNÁNDEZ VIA EMAIL TO EHERNANDEZALA302@GMAIL.COM



MEMBERSHIP



2026 Membership Information

Unit Data form Due to Department April 15th. This gives the Department 2 weeks to make sure I have all unit data and it's formatted for National.

Please get these forms in on time.

This data can be submitted online through the following link or using the paper form.

Unit Data Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTxmBX_vbiiWM6NsuUpnlZGYva4u75kH_17lThln37hM7LaA/viewform

Unit Data Form

chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://mcusercontent.com/3123c0f7a9b76c0abccd5f0ce/files/e4a9f7e3-99da-91c9-e0e8-0e13d27c7e97/Unit_Data_Form.pdf

- There have been no changes to National or Department dues per capita this year. For 2026 Seniors are still \$28 each and Juniors are \$4 each.
- Membership Rollover will be happening at the end of February.
 - Members not paid since 2023 will move to expired.
 - Expired members will become former members
- 2025 dues need to be paid before paying any back dues
 - Members are not required to pay back dues. Yes. it would be nice, but is not required.
- April 1st is the last day to make changes in ALAMIS so that they are reflected on the 2026 printed cards and roster.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership

District 29 made goal this month with 92.39%. District made requested goal of over 85% for Department.

CONGRATULATIONS To Cypress Unit 295 with 106.38% our first unit with over 100%.

We have seven units that have reached over 90%

Unit 72 Anahiem 94.59%

Unit 132 Orange 95.77%

Unit 133 Huntington Beach 95.63%

Unit 257 Laguna Hills 94.12%

Unit 281 South Orange County 97.65%

Unit 291 Newport Harbor 95.50%

Our District shows first place with 5th Area

All of our units are doing a excellent job with membership

Don't forget membership chairs to fill our your membership form for your unit. If you have signed over 10 brand new members or rejoined, please send copy RECRUIT/REJOIN 2025 to district and department chair.

I would like to acknowledge Dee Ann Graham for helping Department and our District with membership.

I appreciate all of you and your hard work. Give yourself a high five and congratulations!

Andy

Cynthia Mayfield
5th Area Membership
District 29 Vice President





Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



NATIONAL SECURITY

WE HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM ONE OF OUR OVERSEAS COMMISSARIES: THEY NEED COUPONS!

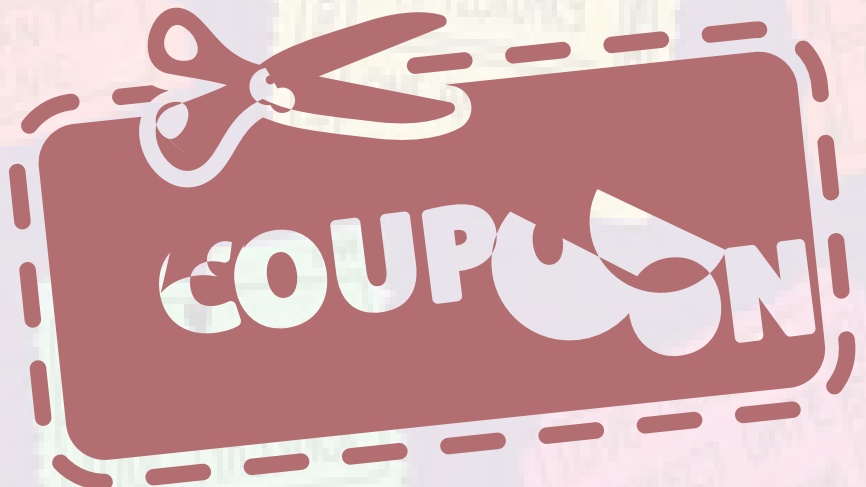
This is a great opportunity to get members involved in working the mission of National Security, especially those members who may be homebound.

Below are some helpful tips and the contact information on where to send the coupons:

- Only Manufacturer's Coupons may be used. This can include coupons for food, non-food items like hygiene or cleaning supplies, baby items such as diapers, and pet supplies. The commissary is unable to accept store coupons, restaurant coupons or internet coupons.
- Cut out the coupons. Please do not send sheets of unclipped coupons.
- Overseas Commissaries are permitted to accept expired manufacturer coupons up to 6 months past the expiration date. Be sure to consider the time it will take to mail the coupons and for the commissary to sort.
- Try and sort the coupons before mailing: separate the expired (or soon to expire) from the non-expired. Then separate and group together by type: Food, Non-food, baby & children, and pets.

Send the coupons to the below address:

Yokosuka Commissary
Attn: Mr. Sun T. Park
PSC 473 Box 33
FPO AP 96349





D29 LADIES STAND DOWN



**Held at garden Grove Elks-
#281, #281 and #133**

HAPPY 106TH BIRTHDAY



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ALA ACADEMY LIVE

AMERICAN
LEGION
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**Upcoming
ALA Academy Live
Webinar:**

And don't miss these webinars in March!

March 13: American Legion Auxiliary/Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Program

This year, national Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, Dec. 13! Now is the time to start planning! Your ALA unit can get involved and earn money while supporting our combined missions. During this webinar, our guest speakers from WAA will share some of the history of Wreaths Across America, their partnership with the American Legion Auxiliary, our sponsorship program, and the tools available to help make this a successful endeavor for units nationwide.

Register here. https://alaforveterans-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yy-1srVATKWn_Ps0es5dSg#/registration

March 20: Leading the Way through Mentoring

This webinar will present ideas and best practices for mentoring our fellow ALA members. We will explore ways to incorporate former leaders' ideas into ALA programs, how to utilize governing documents to establish a level playing field when controversies arise, and investigate ways to support and encourage those members entering leadership positions.

Objectives:

- Provide ALA members information and guidance about various mentoring approaches related to the ALA mission.
- Discuss the importance of governing documents for continuity between leaders.
- Encourage pairing of former ALA leaders with new and upcoming leaders for sharing of ideas.

Register here.

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