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# The Auxiliary News Hub

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## 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.

## Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

## Purposes

In fulfillment of our mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, military, and their families
- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- To increase our capacity to deliver our mission by providing volunteer opportunities within our communities
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through *Service, Not Self*

## District 6 Welcomes

### Department of California's Newest Unit

It is with great joy to announce the Elections/Installation and certification of Officers of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 55 Laguna-Elk Grove, District 6, Dept of CA.



ALA District 6 President Jennifer Turner installs newly elected officers of Dept of CA's newest unit, Unit 55 Laguna-Elk Grove.



Pictured: Back row, L-R: Chaplain: Judy Sala, Secretary: Desiree Salvador, 1st Vice President: Gwendolyn Mills, President: Reina Panganiban, District 6 President: Jennifer Turner  
Front row, L-R: Executive Committee: Lanette Titus, Dan Moseley (not pictured), Sgt at Arms: Kyra Titus, Historian: Dan Moseley (not pictured)

**CONGRATULATIONS UNIT 55 LAGUNA-ELK GROVE**

## 2024-2025 Officers

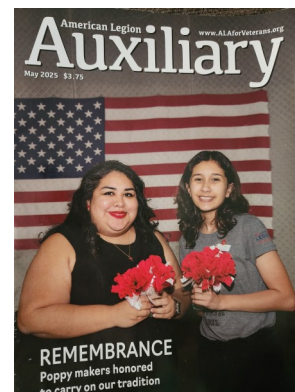
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Vice President	Susan Baker
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	Kathie Martinez
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Legislative	Glenda Schultz
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Music	Yve Evans-Hanna
National Security	Linda Lara-Guzman
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Poppy	Gabriella Ramos
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## DEPT OF CA MAKES COVER OF NATIONAL ALA MAGAZINE (again)

Memorial Day and Veterans Day are two major holidays when the red poppy is distributed at local supermarkets, area hardware stores, in front of American Legion post homes, and more locations throughout the country. Although this flower is small — it is powerful! The poppy is a symbol to honor the fallen and support the living. The money collected is used to directly support veterans, active-duty servicemembers, and their families. Distributing poppies in the more than 7,000 local communities where ALA members live is one way to show who we are and what our mission is about.



ALA departments (states) and local units are holding more poppy making events to meet the demand, as well as teaching more people to make the crepe paper flower that we as an organization distribute year-round. Members gather in groups large and small to carefully put together intricate pieces that make up parts of this handmade flower.

Gabriella Ramos served as California Unit 261 poppy chair from 2022-2024 before she was asked to be the department poppy chair for the 2024-2025 ALA administrative year. “As department chair, I am here to help units and districts promote the Poppy Program and remind them how we use the Poppy Funds to serve our veterans,” she said. Being in a room full of ALA members who were eager and excited to make poppies made for a great Sunday afternoon in California. About 50 Auxiliary members made over 1,000 poppies in just a few hours, with 40% being first-time poppy makers. “Many Auxiliary members stepped up and began making poppies to ensure our department would have enough poppies,” Ramos said. “Our first party went so well, we planned another. Five districts were present to assist in poppy making.”



## Volunteer Dedicates 39 Years of Service to VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System



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Diana J. Williams has been volunteering at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System for 39 years, since 1986. “The impact of Diana Williams’s volunteer work at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center since the 1980s cannot be overstated,” said Pamela Keith, Service Chief, Center for Development and Civil Engagement. “Her tireless efforts have brought comfort, joy, and support to generations of Veterans. Her dedication is a powerful reminder of the extraordinary impact one person can have on the lives of others, and we are deeply grateful for her years of service to our nation’s heroes.”

For her service, Williams has been awarded the Presidential Lifetime Achievement and recognized for her Leadership and Humanitarian Accomplishments by the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World Antlered Guard Department. Williams began her volunteering at the Wadsworth Theater on the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center campus, through the Jackie Robinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 252. Going out there and seeing all the Veterans in the hospital, some with amputations, touched her heart, she said. Her initial service involved handing out refreshments, playing games like bingo and cards, giving out gifts like canteen books (vouchers for food and stamps), and giving out clothing such as underwear, t-shirts and socks.

“Seeing how excited they were and pleased to see us come and service them each first Saturday of the month from 2-4 p.m. just excited me,” said Williams. She said she volunteered at the theater through the early 1980s and early 1990s, before moving over to Bldg. 500, the main hospital on the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center campus.

Williams said in 2000 she moved to the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center (LAACC) Dental Clinic for about a year before working in the volunteer office and the congregant’s desk. She said her favorite volunteer work was at the walk-in Williams Wilson Clothing Room that was at LAACC, that was closed at the beginning of the COVID pandemic, where she handed out coffee and new garments as Veterans needed them, especially during the cold months.

“I’ll never forget in 2019, when they started tearing down the downtown tent city, where the homeless lived, this particular Vietnam Veteran came in and he told me, ‘I want you to give me a pair of women pants, them tight pants they wear, because they’re going to keep my legs warm,’” said Williams. “He said ‘I gotta sleep on the ground tonight because they tore my house down today. Can I get a blanket to sleep on?’ ‘Well I’m gonna give you two,’” said Williams. “Then he looked up and saw a little baby blanket and he said, ‘give me that baby blanket because I gotta put it up as a cushion, because I gotta sleep on the ground tonight.’ ‘When he got ready to go out, he turned around and came back and got right up in my face. He said ‘thank you for being so nice to me,’” said Williams. She said, “Thank you for being so nice to me!” “He said, ‘Why is that?,’” said Williams. She said, “You fought so I could be free.”

“And this one thing stuck with me,” said Williams. “I want to be there to help them. You know, I can’t save the world, but I want to be there to help them, just to show them a little bit of love and concern, and let them know that they’re not forgotten. My enjoyment is just seeing them happy for a moment by giving them something to feel like they’re still human beings, because some of them don’t have families, don’t have loved ones, they just have us.”

She quoted Muhammad Ali and said she considers volunteer work as payment on her room in heaven, and considers the gratitude of Veterans its own form of payment; bringing joy to Veterans and their families.

For anyone considering volunteering at VA, she said that it gives you joy and contentment seeing someone else less fortunate than yourself be happy, and that’s not something that money can buy. “It makes me feel good when I come home and lay my head down on the pillow and go to sleep, that at least I helped someone today, made someone’s day a little brighter.” “I’ll be serving from now until forever,” Williams said.

To learn more about how you can volunteer with VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and work with other outstanding volunteers like Diana J. Williams, please visit [www.va.gov/greater-los-angeles-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-do...](http://www.va.gov/greater-los-angeles-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-do...)

Written By: Wallace Bonner, Office of Communications

Submitted by Anita Biggs



## District 28 Holds Education Fundraiser



On February 22, 2025, District 28 held an Educational Fundraiser where all proceeds are going to Educational Scholarships to students located locally in the Monterey County area. The event was organized by the Education Chairman, Molly K Smith. This is an annual event that is looked at upon by many as an event NOT to miss. The food is great! The raffles prizes are awesome! Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success.



Many donations are made by local businesses along with the Units of District 28. Thanks everyone for another successful event!

Submitted By: Rosemary Barron  
Public Relations, Dept of CA



## GOOD DEED AWARD

Natasha McCann received a Good Deed Award nomination for the efforts she made. She is both a Girl Scout and Junior Auxiliary member for District 28, Unit 81, which allowed her to complete her Bronze Award with a military a heart for the focus. Bronze awards are earned by doing research, planning, and action. She set up a Wreaths Across America site, spoke with the cemetery board, and fundraised to make it happen. She ran the ceremony with some assistance and brought it to Southern Monterey County. Natasha continues to be a great leader and has a bright future ahead in Auxiliary!



Submitted by Rosemary Barron





As we take a moment to reflect on the ALA's membership program, it's clear that we've made significant strides in reaching our goals. This achievement is a direct result of the collective efforts of our members, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of our program. Every single person has played a vital role in helping us achieve our objectives, and it's a true testament to the power of teamwork and dedication.

One of the key factors contributing to our success is by sharing ideas, we've been able to identify and address challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and develop effective solutions to drive the membership program forward.

We're particularly grateful for the creative ideas and initiatives that have been brought to the table, which have helped to inject new energy and enthusiasm into our membership program. Whether it's been through social media campaigns, community outreach, or member appreciation events, every member has helped to make a positive impact on the ALA and its members.

As we celebrate our achievements, we're also excited to look to the future and the opportunities that lie ahead. With our membership program continuing to grow and thrive, we're confident that we'll be able to build on our success and achieve even greater things in the years to come.

Your hard work, dedication and commitment to the ALA have not gone unnoticed, and we're honored to work alongside such motivated members.

**Together, we've achieved something truly special.**

**She's just a girl and she's on fire.**



Submitted by:  
Donna L. Smith  
Department Membership Chair



A new Auxiliary year is full of excitement and anticipation, with fresh faces in a variety of positions and renewed energy for ALA programs going forward. As current sitting members sign-off of elected and appointed positions, passing the baton, I would like to encourage everyone in a lesson I learned early on in childhood. Many of you may know the old saying "make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold." Our organization has thrived for over a century, with the spirit of serving others and not focusing inward on self. We have gained numerous members and grown through the years, but we

have also lost a good portion. Some of our members have passed, others may have fallen off due to conflicts that pressured them into leaving or becoming invisible and not feeling valued or welcomed. As this new Auxiliary year begins, celebrate the fresh faces in leadership positions but also cherish the old experienced members. All are treasured, worth more than silver and gold.

Here's to the American Legion Auxiliary and the importance of staying steadfast to our mission of supporting and advocating for our veterans, active military members and their families.

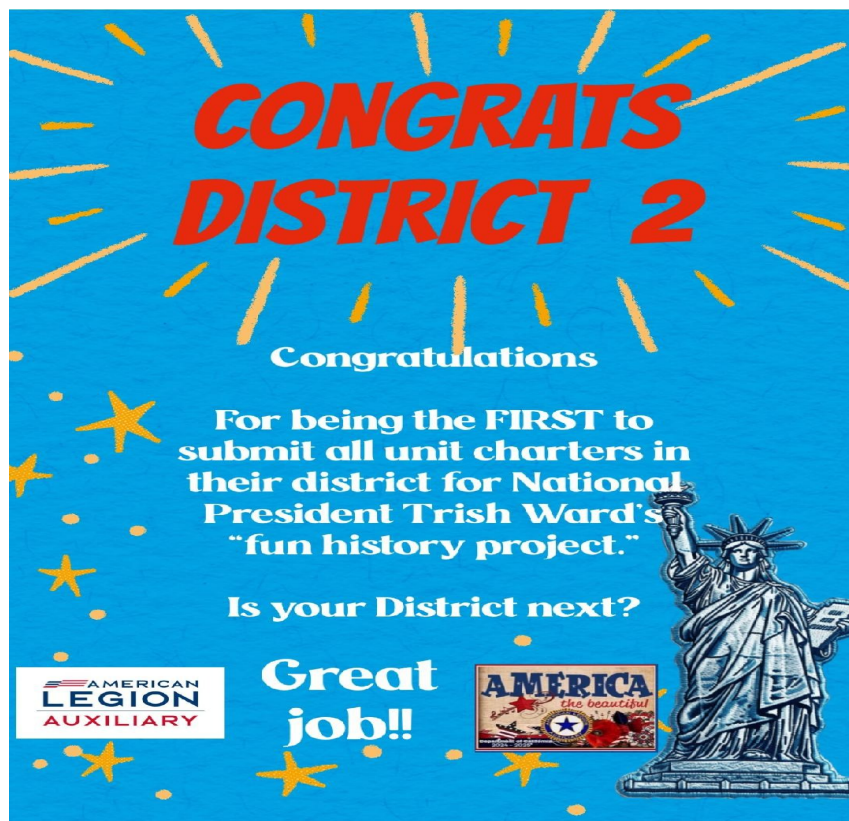
### In the Spirit of Service, Not Self

Submitted by:

Anne Marie Fuller

Past ALA National Committee Member

ALA District 2 Public Relations Chair



Submitted By: Erika Hernandez

Dept of CA Historian



## District 26 Welcomes Dept. President to SF Bay Area



Post 105 Riders escorted Madam President Linda Hayes from Palo Alto to Post 105 for her official visit.



Members of District 26



Rebecca Glenn, Susan Baker



Members of District 26



Dept Pres Linda Hayes enjoying lunch



Dist 26 Pres Peggy Toye conducting business



## Junior Conference 2025



### Junior and Senior Leaders Gather at 2025 ALA Conference in Ojai, California

From April 11 to 13, 2025, Camp Arnaz in Ojai, California, hosted the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Junior Conference, bringing together young leaders from across the state for a weekend filled with tradition, leadership training, service learning, and plenty of fun. Over three packed days, junior members connected through shared purpose, explored key ALA programs, and stepped up to take on future leadership roles within the organization.

### Day 1: Flag Retirement, S'mores, and Pink Robes

Friday kicked off with check-in, cabin assignments, and a welcome orientation at the Main Lodge. That evening, juniors participated in a meaningful Flag Retirement Ceremony, honoring a worn American flag with dignity and respect successfully executed by Jere Romano and Henry Sanchez.

The night transitioned into full camp spirit with classic bonding activities: roasting s'mores around the campfire and a healthy dose of laughter. Of course, no Junior Conference would be complete without some lighthearted pink robe shenanigans, which became one of the weekend's most beloved inside jokes.



### Day 2: Flag Salute, Programs, Campaigns & Community

Saturday opened with the Flag Salute Ceremony, followed by prayer and breakfast. The official start of the Junior Conference began shortly after, led by the Junior President, complete with rituals, introductions, and the day's presentations.





## Junior Conference 2025 cont'd

### Day 2: Flag Salute, Programs, Campaigns & Community cont'd

A key feature of Day 2 was the wide range of program presentations delivered by senior members, offering juniors hands-on learning in core Auxiliary focus areas:

- **Americanism** - Promoting patriotism with a 13 folds flag activity
- **Children & Youth** - Honoring military children with the reading of *The Military Child Poem* and learning about the dandelion as a symbol of their strength, resilience, and adaptability as they potted dandelion seeds
- **Junior Activities** - Understanding the patch program through engaging activities
- **Legislative** - Learning how to advocate for veterans as a Junior Advocate
- **National Security** - Understanding the meaning and significance of military dog tags
- **Poppy Program** - Creating poppies, exploring the *Flanders Field* poem, and other related poppy crafts

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation** - Writing age-appropriate letters and thank-you cards for veterans

These program sessions weren't just lectures-they included interactive elements like craft stations and exercises that made the learning hands-on and memorable for all ages.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to leadership development and governance. Juniors learned the ins and outs of running for office, caucused in groups by districts, gave speeches, and cast their ballots during afternoon elections.

Saturday closed with a celebration: an ice cream social, movie night, button making, jewelry making and arts & crafts in the main lodge. Juniors relaxed, laughed, and bonded even more. The election results were announced with excitement, and the new leaders were congratulated by all.

### Day 3: New Officers, Graduation & Gratitude

Sunday wrapped the weekend with meaningful ceremonies and well-earned recognition. The morning began with a final Flag Salute, followed by breakfast and cabin cleanup. Then came the official Installation of New Officers for 2025–2026, led by Susan Baker, who swore in the newly elected leaders ready to take on the year ahead.

The new Honorary Junior President, Alyssa Alcaraz, announced her appointed chairmen, laying the foundation for the upcoming term. A Graduation Ceremony, led by Linda Hayes, honored the aged-out Honorary Junior President, Olivia Tuney, and marked her transition with pride and applause. This was followed by the presentation of Certificates of Participation and pins handed out to all Junior participants.

Before departure, the Junior Conference Director, Martha Romano, delivered closing remarks, thanking all the girls for their leadership, energy, and teamwork.

**Special thanks to District 16 (D16)** for providing delicious meals and behind-the-scenes support throughout the weekend. Shoutouts to the **Ferchos; Linda, Tracey, and Dennis**-and all the extra helping hands who made the conference smooth, memorable, and meaningful.

Submitted by Martha Romano



## Record breaking attendance at District 21 March Meeting!

Largest attendance at District 21 meeting since the turn of the century, in 25 years!

March was Women's History Month and boy did the AL Auxiliary women of District 21 make history! March 9<sup>th</sup> not only marked Daylight Savings Time, as clocks in Riverside County sprung forward, losing an hour of sleep, but it also created a historical event as the highest attendance at the ALA District 21 meeting since before the turn of the century. Attendance at District 21 meetings has shown a significant increase this year. On this day, 53 Auxiliary members, and 7 visitors, from across Riverside County, gathered at TAL Post 574, Morrison Memorial, in Moreno Valley. Unit membership representation accounted for 13 of the 15 units which comprise District 21 with represented Units ranging from 1-15 members. Notably, Unit 574, Moreno Valley was represented with 15 of their auxiliary members in attendance. Our District 21 Registrar, Jeri Johnston, (District 21 President 2012-2014) stated, "I've, been attending District meetings for a very long time, holding different district chairmanships and officer positions, as well a district president, and this is the largest attendance to a district meeting I can recall." Cathaleen McCoy, (District 21 President 2018-2019) agreed and reported she was happy to see so many Units and familiar faces in attendance. McCoy also complimented District 21 President, Sharon Mordetzky, "You run a really good meeting." The meeting was packed with educational and informational components. The first, featured a 15-minute moving presentation of "The Four Chaplains" by the District 21 Chaplain, Kathy Newlen (District 21 President 2019-2021) accompanied by Rev Ken Puccio, retired Navy Chaplain. Following the ceremonial portion of the presentation, Puccio shared his experiences as a Naval Chaplain and what an honorable impact that experience made on his life. His wife, Madeline, was also in attendance and demonstrated support of her husband by documenting the ceremony via video and photos. Madeline is a member of Unit 500 in Mira Loma.

Past District 21 Presidents were invited and honored at our annual recognition ceremony. Past District Presidents were presented with Lanterns adorned with blue, gold florals and patriotic ribbon with an inscribed name plaque showing the years served. Past District 21 Presidents were shown appreciation for their service, experience and wisdom as they are viewed as "A Welcoming Light To The Auxiliary Of District 21".

One of the goals of the District President has been to edify the meetings and make them meaningful for the members in attendance, demonstrating correct ritual, procedure or ceremony from the ALA book of ceremonies. This year, District 21 has demonstrated "Draping/Undraping of the Charter", Flag Etiquette and now, The Four Chaplains.

Following the ALA Preamble, distinguished guest, Al Mendoza, TAL D21 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Post 574 Commander greeted and welcomed the District 21 Auxiliary audience. Commander Mendoza expressed his gratefulness to the Auxiliary, emphasizing, "the Auxiliary is the backbone of the American Legion, and we appreciate you!"

Unit 574, Morrison Memorial in Moreno Valley made history this day by providing the gathering place for Auxiliary's largest attended District 21 meeting.

Auxiliary members and guests were greeted by the gracious members of Unit 574 serving a variety of fruits, bagels, mini waffles, yogurts, juices with coffee or tea.



Submitted By: Sharon Mordetzky, ALA Dist 21 President



## *Happening in District 28....*

A special ceremony held on Friday, 3/28/25 in downtown honoring our Vietnam Veterans. Thanks to Salinas Hometown Heroes! Auxiliary Unit 589 supports the Salinas Hometown Heroes and was in attendance for this special honor.

Honoring our Vietnam Vets, Welcome Home Gathering in honor of National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. This was an opportunity to come together to give our local, Salinas, and give a heartfelt welcome and gratitude that is well deserved at no cost to the Vets and done by donations from the community.



Community gathers to honor six veterans at Seaside, CA memorial.

Six veterans were laid to rest on Tuesday at a Veteran's cemetery in Seaside, CA with community members, an honor guard, and other local veterans coming together to honor their lives with a special ceremony.

The service was very touching and peaceful, with dozens of people showing up to honor these six veterans.

Honor, pride and sacrifice were the themes of the ceremony, reflecting how these veterans served and are being remembered. This farewell memorial service was another way to say thank you.

"The firing of the volleys and the playing taps, then we will put them in their niches, and it's an honor for the VFW and American Legion Post 31 to be there on this special occasion to honor the deceased veterans. Every veteran deserves to be honored this way.

Natividad Osuna with the American Legion and Honor Guard Post 31 said they spent weeks spreading the word, making sure that as many people as possible showed up to pay their respects.

"It's our privilege to come out, and it's our honor to come out and do this to every veteran when there's a ceremony of this type. I'm really surprised by all the incredible personnel that are here. We put out fliers to make sure they were well represented," Osuna said. Auxiliary Unit 589 was in attendance providing their support.



Submitted By:  
Rosemary Barron  
District 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice



If you have never been privileged to visit a Paws for Purple Hearts (PPH) training facility, it's time you had the opportunity to do so!

Paws for Purple Hearts is the first organization of its kind to offer Canine-Assisted Warrior Therapy (formerly referred to as Canine Assisted Therapeutic Intervention). This unique program began in 2006 as a research program at the prestigious Bergin College of Canine Studies together with the Menlo Park Veterans Administration Medical Center. Paws for Purple Hearts has since evolved into a separate non-profit organization operating with its own 501(c)(3) status.

Paws for Purple Hearts is the world's only service-dog organization for wounded Service Members and Veterans that partners with Bergin College of Canine Studies. Bergin College is the first and only college in the world that focuses on training and learning about dogs. It was founded and continues to be led by the famous canine researcher and inventor of the service dog concept, Dr. Bonnie Bergin. Through its unique mission to advance human-canine studies, it produces some of the best service dog trainers and highest quality assistance dogs. Although Paws for Purple Hearts is now separate from Bergin College, all of the PPH trainers are Bergin graduates.

There are two Paws for Purple Hearts facilities in California – one is at the Menlo Park VA, where canine assisted therapy sessions are offered to Warriors with PTSD and/or TBI in partnership with the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System (VAPAHCS). During this therapy, the Warriors are taught to help train service dogs for fellow Warriors with a disability. The service dogs trained in this program will be placed with Warriors facing challenges such as mobility impairments, PTSD and TBI. Training and socializing dogs at the VA begins when they are as young as two weeks old.

The dogs go home with Puppy Parents on the weekend to help them acclimate to the local environment and community and build their socialization skills. This helps make them better service dogs when they are ready to be assigned permanently to Warriors.

The other location is in San Diego, where Canine Assisted Warrior Therapy is also provided. This unique training plan can help reduce the symptoms of PTSD and TBI through structured, positive interaction with service dogs in training. This life-changing therapy is offered to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members in San Diego and Los Angeles area VA facilities.

The Paws for Purple Hearts program works together with the local community to help spread the word about the important work done with Warriors, and to seek financial and volunteer support for that life-changing work. Their wonderful volunteers help train the dogs and perform many other tasks that help the program to accomplish the mission.

Paws for Purple Hearts is unique in that their dogs stay and live with the Warriors that help to train them while the Warriors are in a residential treatment program. There are two Warrior trainers per dog. This helps to simulate co-parenting, and is beneficial to the Warriors and the dogs alike. Dogs are also provided to support cutting edge research by organizations such as the VA's National Center for PTSD.

Currently the average cost to fully train a service dog in the two-year training program is \$32,000, and donations are always welcome. To donate, text PURPLEPAWS to 707070 or visit [www.paws4ph.org/donate](http://www.paws4ph.org/donate). In addition to making a general donation, please consider tools and food supplies through Amazon Wishlists which help PPH facilities obtain the items they need and use on a daily basis. Amazon Wishlists are a great way to help PPH with specific items. Each facility maintains their own wishlist. Please visit the web link.

Information from Paws for Purple Hearts website: [www.paws4ph.org](http://www.paws4ph.org).

Submitted by Susan Baker, Chairman, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation





## Save the Date

### May

*Program Focus: Poppy*

- 1 Silver Star Day
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day

### June

*Program Focus: Jr Activities*

- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 26-29 Department Convention



## Note from the Gazette:

*The Auxiliary News Hub* is the official publication of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California. The success of the Hub depends on your submissions. Any member can make a submission. So please submit your articles, funny stories, pictures, etc. Editor reserves the right to edit any submissions. Please keep articles short as space may be limited.

**This will be the last issue of the Hub for the 2024-2025 year. It has been an honor to serve as Editor this year. I hope you have enjoyed The Hub this year.**

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