



THE NOISETTE

AUGUST 2023

From the Desk of Madam President



DIANA LIVAS

My fellow Members of the Auxiliary, I am so pleased to start this year with each of you. It brings me such joy knowing we are a team and together we will do great things this year. Presidents you are reminded to plan to attend all District meetings and Department Glenda's visit. I have submitted our district DCV to the Department for February 2024. All members are invited to attend the District Meeting.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received visiting your Post/Unit. My goal is to attend at least one event from each Unit this year. Look forward to supporting all our Units.

Important Dates:

District 19 Monthly Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month at Norwalk Post, 7:00 pm

District Courtesy Visit (DCV)

August: Unit 465 & Unit 314

September: Unit 272 & Unit 723

October: Unit 359, Unit 170, Unit 184 & Unit 833

November Unit 341, Unit 496 & Unit 411

Department Courtesy Visit

February (Confirmation Pending)

Websites

I recommend each of you take a moment and read both the National and Department websites. This is a great way to keep yourself up to date.

<https://calegionaux.org/>

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

Department Convention Awards

Remember we will be passing out all awards received at the convention, please attend to collect your Units' rewards.

In Service Not Self

NATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH

CALIFORNIA UNITED AS ONE



GLENDIA SCHULTZ

Department President



New Department Logo

**Be the One to Save One
Veteran from Suicide**

Unwavering Support for our Veterans
Nationally Unified Together
Impactful in our Communities
True to the ALA Mission
Encouraging Others
Dedicated to the Cause We Serve



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Welcome Back



To all the new and seasoned Officers and Chairs, thank you. Your dedication to Veterans, Military and their families is very important. That's who we support. Your duty and honor to the Legion Family is recognized by all. YOU are what makes it a success.

On the District level, I hope to have an event such as Quartermania to support the District and VA&R. Please be sure to come and support our District when it's scheduled. It helps the District fund other programs and business we have.

I'd like to remind everyone when you do your mid-year and end of year report the importance to the Legion. These reports show congress what we do, costs and hours. It gives the Legion more Strength to pass laws for Veterans. You can print from calegionaux.org to see recommendations on the forms. Just remember you don't have to do all, pick what you can do. When you do your reports send to the District Chair and copy your Unit President. When there isn't a Chairperson for a program then the Unit President does the report and sends to the District Chair.

Remember you can call us anytime. "You do not need permission to talk to anyone at District." That's part of the reason why there is a District. To help and guide or resolve an issue. Any Auxiliary person is welcome to come to a District meeting. You do not need permission to come to any meetings." You never know you may want to move up!!! This is how you find out and learn more. You have a membership card therefore you can come to your District meetings!!! Presidents do not vote, they guide. They also do not move on programs and/or donations. If they are also a chairperson then the 1st Vice, Parliamentarian, etc., stands in as President and now she becomes a chairperson to make her request like everyone else.

Please be sure you meet all your obligations; I believe by the end of October. So, then you can start budgeting what your Unit can donate. Americanism; C&Y; Education; PPP; PR/GS and VA&R. Plus buying your poppies. Prior to voting to give funds under AEF, check the guidelines. Be sure the money you vote for is someone who's been a member for a while.

I know we have a lot of new people, so I thought I'd give a little information.

Best wishes 23/24 year.

**TREASURER
CAROLINA VAZQUEZ**

Be sure to plan to remit to the District the per Capital payment, info to come.

**AMERICANISM
LINDA DIEBEL**

Welcome to the Americanism Program of the American Legion Auxiliary. I will be handing out information regarding the Americanism Essay Contest at the next District meeting. Each

Unit will need to contact their local schools to see if the school would like to participate in this program. Please contact the schools as soon as you get the information and instructions as the teachers will need to include this program in their study plans.

The Americanism program is set up to instruct and inform the public, especially children, on patriotism and government. Each month we will send out information regarding this program starting with the Americanism Essay Contest.

For God and Country

**CHAPLAIN
DAWN BROWN**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

First of all we have 4 Auxiliary members who are ill, so please say extra strong prayers for them. Misty Cameron, Sandy Richardson Post # 496 who had wrist surgery, and Barbara Solen who had surgery on leg. Rose Ladre's husband, who passed, Mike Ladre. There will be a Memorial service for him at Post # 314 Hawthorne on September 3202, 3 at 1:00 pm. May God bless you and keep us safe.

If you know of any illnesses or deaths, I can be reached at 310 531- 4447 or dawnbrown430@gmail.com.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
BECKY BULLARD**

School time is upon us and all of them will be going back sometime this month, some have already started. As with education, school supplies are always needed by our schools, backpacks, paper, pencils, erasers, pens, colored markers, crayons and many other things that are available to us right now at local stores, such as Target, Walmart, Staples, Office Depot, Rite Aid and CVS. Please take advantage of all sales and keep track of what you give for your reports for the Unit. High schools and Middle schools will also be grateful for any donations too.

Also please make sure you are cautious for children walking in the streets, getting out of cars and be aware of those predators that might be lurking about the schools, I know Public Safety and local police departments will be in force for that purpose too. We have many little ones out there.

As we are finding out PTSD is not only in adults please be aware of things going on in your children and grandchildren's life, so something is not inadvertently picked up. Talk to them often and make sure there might not be a problem that could easily be solved before it gets out of hand that means problems with teachers too. Bullying starts early in life and can create problems for the rest of your life if not addressed. Whether the victim or the bully makes no difference correction is needed for healthy and happy children to be better adults. Let's create a happy atmosphere for our young enough stress in this world already to try any grow up in.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
NORMA RAMIREZ**

Hello members, start tracking your hours. Also, if you would like to submit them at the district meeting .that would be great, hope



to see you at the next meeting at the Norwalk post.
Thank you

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

C.J. REYES

Congratulations to the new core of officers. I know Dianna and her officers will do a good job. I am honored to be your parliamentarian again.

With each new year, it is time to review your bylaws and standing rules. You need to rewrite every ten years and review at least once a year. I should have a signed copy of your bylaws on file. The following Units need to send me a current copy:

- 184 last copy on file 1/2011, need a copy
- 359 1/2014, need to rewrite this year
- 411 2/2009, need a copy
- 465 5/2011, need to rewrite or send current signed copy

Remember two readings are needed to accept the Bylaws. Standing rules only requires one reading.

If you have problems or questions call me at 562-972-1443.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

BECKY BULLARD

I look forward to any new guests that you would like to bring to the meetings, knowing that those looking to join, learn or are just inquisitive about the Auxiliary are always welcome from our Units and outside. I promise not to slaughter too many names as some are difficult to pronounce but will do the best I can to do so. Thank you for your patience and will be gracious to all that come.

EDUCATION

GAYLE STEWART

Here we are in August and before we know it the schools will be back in session. That means it's time to start thinking about how we can help our children in the area.

I've noticed that a lot of stores are already running special pricing on school supplies. Let's get our "Give 10 to Education" started. It's time to get the word out and everyone can help with donating supplies needed for children at our local schools. Visit school websites for supply lists or you can access the program on our ALA website for suggested donation items.

Get those flyers ready and collection bins placed. Let's make this a great year for our children in the community and help them get all the supplies they need for the year.

GIRLS STATE

BECKY BULLARD

Thank you to everyone that participated in Girls State last year. The cards I got back from girls said they had a wonderful time, learned much about others and themselves through our program.

I hope those that took part last year will do so again and maybe even have some new Units get their feet wet this year by sending one girl. Reservations need to be made by October 1st and can

be done on Google. Please give thought to participating, it truly is a wonderful program for our young ladies.

HISTORIAN

MARIA BRICE

Greetings,

As we start our new year, this is a perfect time to review with your president her upcoming scheduled events. Since we cannot always make every event for our Unit, you will have to determine what events are necessary and who you can get to help take pictures for you. For each special gathering, meeting, or District event, keep a notepad to notate the names and events you are taking pictures of. Remember to senser out all alcoholic beverages from your photos. Be sure to forward you photos to our District historian so she can put them in Madam Presidents book. Want to post on our Facebook page???, Forward to lorraya@gmail.com.

Remember to use the Permission to Use Photographs/Videos form before posting on social media.

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/media/photo-video-permission.pdf>.

In Service Not Self – DeeDee

LEADERSHIP

LINDA FARISS

At the August meeting we will explore the possibility of holding a workshop before the mid-year reports are due. Your opinions are important, please plan to attend our regular meeting on Wednesday August 16.

LEGISLATIVE

C.J. REYES

Many of the local cities are having health and welfare fairs for free, check with your city. Urge everyone to register to vote. Let everyone know about e-news to keep up on the issues supported by the legion. If you write to a government agency be sure to send me a copy.

MEMBERSHIP

ISABEL GALLARDO

As of this posting, I do not have the numbers to achieve this year for each Unit. As soon as I get them, I will post them. I would like to thank all the members who received your membership packet. I was so thrilled to meet everyone. I look forward to seeing you at our District Meetings. Early Bird TBD, plus all other milestones will be provided next month.

Renewal dues if not done on **ALAMIS**, you will need to fill out the **2024 Dues Only** form and mail it to:

American Legion Auxiliary Department of California
Member Processing Center
115 W California Blvd., Suite 251
Pasadena, CA 91105-3005

Useful information

If you are using the standard form to mail transmittals, all names are to be listed alphabetically, no matter the type (Jr, Senior, New, etc.) by last name.



Credit memos: enter the Credit memo number and the value of the Credit Memo.

Multiple transmittals, you can send in one check, total all transmittals, and write one check.

Do not mail any documents such as a DD214, ID, member card, etc.

DO NOT TRANSMIT PUFL members, members that paid online or through National. All you need to do is add the paid member to your running totals.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email, my address is iamistad4113@gmail.com and/or phone 562-794-3574.

For God and Country

NATIONAL SECURITY DIANA LIVAS

What is the purpose of National Security? Do you know? Our job is to prepare the general membership on national disasters. Our goal is to have a plan in case of a major disaster. Since we live in California, one of the key issues we all face is earthquakes. Each family should have a backup plan. What does that consist of? Here are a few suggestions on what you might prep with. You can add anything you want.

1. Do you take medication? Ask your doctor for a back-up prescription you can rotate every month.
2. Do you work? Map out your driving path from work to home. Make sure your family knows the path you'll travel.
3. Set up an out-of-town contact. Give the phone number to every family member so everyone will call in the event of an emergency. This person will be your command center contact.
4. Pack a backpack filled with gloves, duct tape, water, rope, windbreaker, water and any other item you must have. Remember you'll have to carry this.
5. Fire extinguisher, know where yours is. You might have to use it one day.
6. Pack a duffel bag and place it outside of the home, put can good, hard candy, water, blankets, medication, batteries, radio, gloves, color book, flashlights, sand with bucket, plastic bags(the ones from the market)
7. Water – rotate your water every six months.
8. You might need a shovel.
9. Plan, plan, plan.

I think you get the gist of it.

PARLIAMENTARIAN C.J. REYES

You should have current copies of your unit, district, department and national bylaws as well as a current copy of Robert's Rules of Order. If you have a question, I am just a phone call away.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

As I navigate through a new role we will do our best to meet the needs of our district. Couple of tips to aid with communication:

Provide event information via email or text in Word or PDF format and we will post on Facebook and mention it in the monthly newsletter. I have the capability to change your file to a social media format such as jpeg if you don't have this type of file.

If you provide monthly articles for the Newsletter, please do so in a timely manner as per our Standing Rules. Reminder emails will be sent.

Share the newsletter with your unit. The last page of the Newsletter is a handy list with contact information.

Looking forward to a great year of sharing information.

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SECRETARY LINDA FARISS

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VA&R DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen:

Here we are in another year with LBVA not opening completely. It is unfortunate for the Veterans in the facility. We are not able to visit L1 or M1 to play bingo. You can contact them to see if they need any snacks or sometimes, they need new underwear or clothes for the women. The number to call is 562-826-8000 and ask for L1/M1 charge nurse.

PIER is open for Veterans to come. They are slowly getting the word. Hopefully, in a few weeks more to come. I appreciate District 19 Legion and Post 411 giving me money to make sandwiches for PIER. Hope to do it in the next few weeks. In addition, when PIER gets busier, we can have a BBQ at lunch time. They have a propane BBQ. PIER is closed on Fridays.

CLC, wow it is still on a closure basically the September 4th is not a BBQ. We will make sandwiches, fruit, chips, soda and cookies/cupcakes or something similar for dessert. The two who do karaoke each year will be present. CLC change up is September 4th. Unfortunately, the people who can help is very "limited." I have 4 now and there will be a few others from the Legion.

September 29th karaoke group and refreshments will be provided in the **Blind Unit**. October 13 Friday am-afternoon there will be a BBQ by District 19 Auxiliary and District 19 legion at the Blind Unit. It is an Annual White Cane event. Once again limited participants.

I'm working with the Legion to pick a few members (our BBQ'ers) and Auxiliary. Regarding the Auxiliary I've started off by inviting a VA&R Unit chair. Since this is VA&R, I'd like to invite them first to different events.

I've been in touch with **Spinal Cord** and will return to find out their status on activity. They have 4 units so the Rec therapy department is asking if we can do each unit separately. They have an outdoor area too. More to come.



I want to remind you the **Gold Star Manor** is open for bingo and has a great computerized bingo machine. They have approximately 230 Veterans. They send out RSVP for you to get a count. Denise Mounce is the contact, Email dmounce@goldstarmanor.org. You can reach out to her if you'd like to set up something for your Unit or we can do it as an all-District.

Last but not least, for visits is the **Villages of Cabrillo**. I'll be visiting in a few weeks with our Unit PPP chair. After I'll put info on the District 19 Auxiliary Facebook page. If you are not on it please join. Many things posted there that are important.

Compton Standdown is coming. September 23-25. Flyer is on our Facebook page.

Fisher House continues to accept donations and you can take them directly.

Volunteer Services food pantry can always use help. All donations should have extended best used dates. Do not take any expired or things close to expiration please.

Please remember we are representing the American Legion and Auxiliary. Yes impressions do make a difference. One of our goals is to bring new members in so please dress appropriately when you are representing this organization. You don't have to wear

fancy clothes or suits, etc., but it is important for us to look nice when we are out at events representing this Great organization.

Reminder: All are invited to the District meetings. You are part of the District and ALA. You do not need permission to attend meetings, DEC or educational events. That is how you learn and interact with others in ALA. You may have to RSVP. So please feel good about coming. Maybe you would like to move up into Department!!!

All **Presidents** please send me the name of your VA&R chair and their email. When the time comes for events I can send an invite to them.

I truly hope LBVA will soon allow more people to participate in activities. I know so many want to help but my hands are tied by their rules. Those who are interested in "Helping" please send me your name and email. Everyone should be able to fully participate. By the way. **VS (Ellis)** sent out a request for help on Saturday August 26th from 7:30am to 2:30 pm at LBVA for the job fair. Yes it will require you to walk around. Please email Ellis at ellis.mcclure@va.gov, if you can help, a great opportunity for you.

Do you have an Auxiliary/Legion Shirt? Wear it, we represent the ALA.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069004342269>

With good judgement, you are allowed to post your unit's activities. Admin of the page will be monitoring. Feel free to send flyers or info to Lorrie or Debbie if you would like assistance with posting.

DATES TO CALENDAR

- 8/13** ALA 411 – Breakfast
ALA 359 – Breakfast
- 8/23** ALA 272 -- Bingo
- 8/26** Post 134 & ALA Unit 723 – Quartermania
- 8/27** ALA 272 -- Breakfast
- 9/9** Department Southern California Workshop at Chino
- 9/23** Department Northern California Workshop at Woodland

CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT GALS

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/editor/hub-2023-aug-sept.pdf>



PICTURES FROM D19 INSTALLATION

Provided by Auggie Galaviz, D18



CONGRATS TO CALIFORNIA MEMBER OF THE YEAR, DIANA REYMUNDO, 272



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