



# THE NOISETTE

OCTOBER 2023

*From the Desk of Madam President*

## DIANA LIVAS

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen of the Auxiliary,  
First, I would like to thank all the Units who submitted your required forms. I have a few Units missing some forms. I will be reaching out to those units this week. For the Units who are working with the IRS, I would like an update on your status by the end of November 2023. Madam Glenda's Pins, hope you have them sold, if you need more, please let me know. Remember all monies go to support the Madam President's special project.

October DCV's are:

Unit 359    Unit 170    Unit 184    Unit 833

The district is having a leadership class on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Please plan on attending, as you will gain so much knowledge and leadership from this class. Also, if you have any questions regarding mid-year reports, this would be the place to ask questions.

Be safe and Happy Halloween

## OCTOBER IS EDUCATION MONTH

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**District 19 Meeting**  
**October 18**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Norwalk Post #359**

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**Questions regarding Branding, look here:**

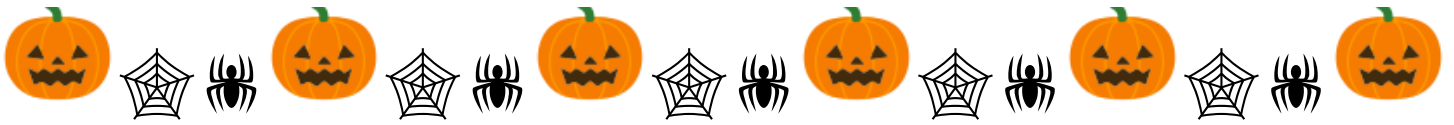
<https://www.legion.org/brand/aux>

**RED FRIDAY SPIRIT**

**REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED**

**WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS**

**BRING THEM ALL HOME SAFELY**



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is doing well.

As 2nd Vice, one of my obligations is a Fundraiser(s). It appears many like Breakfast events. A Saturday or Sunday would be an idea, however, not until 2024. Since this is a District fundraiser, it gives everyone the opportunity to help!!

If you have any other ideas for a fun fundraiser let me know.

Guess what!!! Yep, it's getting to that time of year for mid-year reports. Please do a report for each Program that requires one. Remember our reports support the Legion before Congress.

Please remember we are all Mentors. It doesn't matter about the position, no one ever knows everything and there are often changes. Also, if you are an Officer, some are not comfortable asking you for help, so they ask others.

We are here for our Veterans, Active Duty, and Families, not for ourselves.

You are all invited to District meetings. Hope to see you.

It's been great participating with District 19 Legion. Breakfast was very good, and many turned out at Post 341.

NOTE: Please be sure to email me a copy of your Poppy order if you haven't. Orders were due by October 1 to the Department.

Thank you,  
Dbutler49@Verizon.net

**AMERICANISM  
LINDA DIEBEL**

Americanism is defined as *"Attachments or allegiance to the traditions, institutions and ideals of the United States."*

The main project in the Americanism program is the "Americanism Essay Contest," but not every Unit will be able to participate in this project, so what can this Unit do to work the Americanism program? Well, there are several ways to promote our Americanism program – these are:

1. Promote voting.
  - a. Host candidates' events at your Post be sure to offer the Post for all candidates.
  - b. Offer the Post as a voting location – work with the Legion and the City, County or State to set up the Post as a voting location.

2. Promote displaying of the American Flag (this is a wonderful way to work with the Legion Americanism Chairperson).
  - a. Offer flags to businesses.
  - b. Offer flags to veterans or veteran homes.
  - c. Ask members to display the American Flag at their homes.
3. Work with your city to promote Patriotic events in your city.
  - a. Work at fairs and carnivals.
  - b. Work parades.
4. Promote Flag education.
  - a. Offer patriotic comic books to local elementary schools.
    - i. Purchase books from the Emblem Sales Catalog at [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org).
    - ii. Cost is \$0.85 per book or \$0.65 per book if ordering 100+.
  - b. Offer information on the history of our Flag (also available at Emblem Sales).
5. Promote Blue Star and Glod Star Programs.
  - a. Offer Blue Star Banners at your city events to those who have family member in the services.
  - b. Offer Glod Star Banners at your city Memorial Services, Veterans Day Celebrations, or any other Patriotic events.

Every Unit can work the Americanism Program, just pick one or two of the items listed above or produce a new idea that works for your Unit. Also work with the Education or Children and Youth programs and split the cost of the project. I look forward to reading your Mid-year reports.

For God and Country

**AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND  
DIANE AGUAYO**

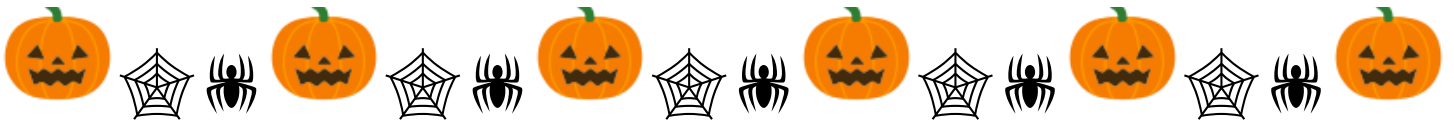
If you find yourself in a financial crisis or need help paying for shelter and utilities, funds are available to help. You will need to first start with your Unit, fill out the forms. Remember you are not alone.

AEF also helps pay for disaster relief, funds can pay for food, shelter, and other weather-related emergencies.

Unit chairperson, please be sure to have applications available for your unit. A simple way to build your funds is during your meeting, pass the bowl or cup and have your members dump any extra change they have at the bottom of your purse.

Remember to track your hours and donations for the mid-year reports.

United As One



**CHAPLAN**  
**DAWN BROWN**

Dear District Auxiliary,

We have lost a few members. Nina Freeman passed on 5/21/23 from Unit 184. Espi Tostado passed on 5/28/23 from Unit 341. Evelin Devine passed on 9/7/23 from Unit 314. Maudine Perry passed on 6/18/23 from Unit 314. Department Public Relations Chair Valerie Hill passed on 9/23/23.

Please keep Johnny Brown, my husband, in your prayers, he has double vision in both eyes. Thank you to everyone for keeping me updated with all that is going on these days.

Sincerely District Chaplain

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**  
**BECKY BULLARD**

Trick or Treat is upon us this month with many children's parties going on and many events for them to enjoy. Make time to help them with a safe costume, be able to hear and the eye holes are big enough in the masks. Make sure you are careful where the candy comes from. Flashlights after dark are necessary. Make sure everyone is safe and can enjoy this fun holiday. Happy Haunting everyone.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**NORA RAMIREZ**

Hello Members, I am putting together a spreadsheet for community service with a breakdown of the ways that count with our different programs.

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

Congratulations to all units, we are up to date with the Department! No rewrites are required at this time. You will need to review them, however.

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST**  
**BECKY BULLARD**

Happy Halloween Ladies & Gents,

Witch's hats and brooms are in this time of year. Also extending courtesies to guests, new members, and those members we haven't seen for a while that have decided to attend especially during the holiday season.

Greeting and making them feel welcome is your job; you are the first in line for the Unit. Remember a "Smile" goes a long way in making people feel wanted.

**EDUCATION**  
**GAYLE STEWART**

*October is Education Month*

One major pathway to success is education. It is important to support education and learning at every stage of life. It's not just for kids. There is no expiration date to learn and educate ourselves. Take the initiative, never stop learning and share what we learn with others.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to acknowledge educators and support staff by thanking them for their commitment in providing the best educational experiences possible for students.

A few ideas for Units are:

- send cards to local teachers or schools,
- provide snacks and goodies for break time,
- check the Youth Education supplies available through Emblem sales (rulers, educational comic books, educational coloring books, flag education) that teachers may want to add to their lesson plans.

**GIRLS STATE**  
**BECKY BULLARD**

I hope your reservations are in for Girls State and if not, they will be soon. We have many lovely young ladies out there that would love a chance to attend. If you are not sending girls, you can still help a Unit with funding for one if you wish and that way you can get credit for the program too.

The cost per girl is \$425 plus \$150 for transportation on the bus. Chaperones will be needed this year for the bus trip so you can elect to volunteer for the program that way, also room mothers and counselors too.

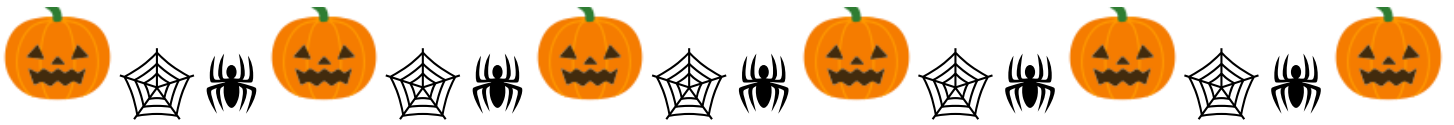
Getting involved with the program is rewarding to see girls come back after the sessions. Empowering young women to be the best they can be is important.

Happy Halloween

**HISTORIAN**  
**DEE DEE BRICE**

Members, you should be well on your way to recording all the great events going on in your Unit. I am so excited to see what each of our Units has done. Please remember to log your events and get ready for your mid-year reports. The District is having a leadership class; I hope all chairpersons take advantage of this learning event as it will show us United as One!

The Golden State – United As One



#### **JUNIORS**

**BECKY BULLARD**

This is our life's blood, the new young ladies coming up to learn what the Auxiliary is all about and eventually take our places to continue the traditions as well as make new ones. If you have juniors, train them well, but make sure there is fun involved while you do it. They will be much more responsive, promise.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

**LINDA FARISS**

Are you ready to write your mid-year reports? If not, please plan to attend our Mid-year report forms Funshop (really a workshop) on October 21, 2023, starts at 9:00am. RSVP would be appreciated so that we have enough material and prizes.

Linda, 310-245-3041 or [lindafariss@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafariss@yahoo.com).

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

**C.J. REYES**

If you are not signed up for Enews please do, It is informative and it is free. Don't forget to vote in your upcoming city elections, every vote counts.

Have a safe Halloween

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**ISABEL GALLARDO**

As we are approaching the mother load deadline (aka early bird) 11/13/23, please continue to answer the call of service not self by renewing your membership. Hope that you all are sending in your renewals. Forms are available if needed on the website at

<https://calegionaux.org/programs/members/reports-transmittals/>. You can pay online at: <https://www.legion-aux.org/>. You may also pay by phone at (317) 569-4570 Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30 pm. ET. Please renew your membership today and continue your support. If anyone needs assistance with your membership, please call or email me. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

#### **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**DIANA LIVAS**

As I write this article, I just received an amber alert. It made me think of all the possibilities we must prepare for if disasters come our way. Think about the impact an earthquake will have if you're at home and/or work. Do you have a kit to fall back on if you are stranded from your home? Do you have the tools in your car to get home if you must walk home? Does your family know what route

you'll be going so they can search for you? Preparing for a disaster is the smart thing to do.

Operations Homefront – supports families of deployed services members.

I got the following from Department Chairperson Elizabeth Doidge's newsletter.

KEY SERVICES: Operation Homefront provides direct services to alleviate a military family or an individual with actual/complete emergency financial burden, as well as counseling and/or recovery support. Emergency financial assistance, which an applicant receives is within 24 to 72 hours of a request, provided in the form of a check paid directly to mortgage lenders, auto mechanics, contractors, hospitals, doctors, dentists, and other providers.

Our key services include the following with additional information about Operation Homefront may be found at <https://operationhomefront.org/>.

Please go to the ALA website for more information:

[https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA Operation Homefront Action Guide.pdf](https://www.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA%20Operation%20Homefront%20Action%20Guide.pdf)

For God and Country

#### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

**C.J. REYES**

Great News, all is well! Don't forget to make sure you have an updated version of Robert's rules of order; it is now available on eBooks <https://www.ebooks.com/en-us/>. You should have reviewed your standing rules and bylaws already. Don't forget to let me know on your mid-year report. I hope to hear from every unit before the deadline of December 1st. Have a happy and safe Halloween!

#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLAY**

**LINDA FARISS**

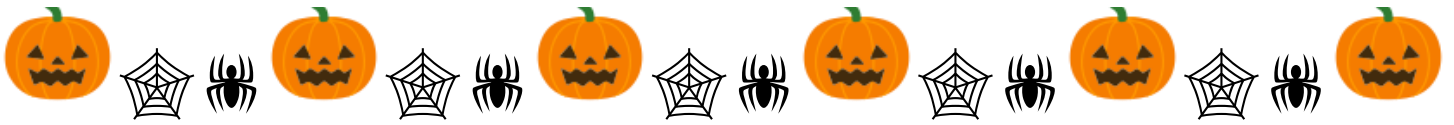
Next dinner meeting is October 24th, 6:00 pm at Applebee's Bar and Grill, 5700 Florence Ave., Bell Gardens. Please let me know if you plan to attend and are bringing anyone.

Linda, 310-245-3041 or [lindafariss@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafariss@yahoo.com).

#### **POPPY**

**ISABEL GALLARDO**

Poppy deadline is approaching, October 31 is the deadline. If any unit fails to submit a Poppy order form by the deadline, they will be assessed a \$30.00 fee and allocated 100 poppies. If the \$30.00 assessment has not been paid by December, this may disqualify a unit from convention. I



am kindly requesting a copy of your poppy order form; this will assist me in getting the correct number of poppies you have ordered for your unit. Please let me know if you need assistance in the making of your poppies. Let me know how your unit is planning to make your poppies. Have fun with this, have a luncheon with fellow auxiliary members as you put together your poppies. Request your juniors to assist in whatever you do. I'd like to share in next month's noisette.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS** **LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Facebook is an easy and free avenue to announce your events. I have personally asked people I don't recognize when they arrive at our post, how they heard about the event? The answer, Facebook. People share events they are interested in, and others follow suit. If you have a Word or PDF flyer, I can assist in making the jpeg format which is better for social media and texting. Don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. Continue sharing your events so that you have a larger audience. Don't rely on your FB feed, go to the D19 page often to scroll through and see all the latest information. There is a mid-year report due. SMILE

#### **VA&R** **DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Readers,

It's great to see all your flyers for dinners and events. You have fun things going on, for example, trunk trick or treat. Invite Veterans for a free dinner; chat with Veterans; lucky for you who have Juniors.

Great plans for Veterans Day to give recognition to all who have served. It's so important to plan a ceremony of some sort and celebrate the importance of November 11th

#### **DATES TO CALENDAR**

- 10/21** ALA Mid-Year Training & Information FUNSHOP, open to all @ Post 359, Bring your Forms
  - 10/25** Post 411 Pastrami Dinner
  - 10/28** Post 272 ALA Trunk or Treat
  - 10/28** Post 411 & ALA Halloween Party
  - 11/4** ALA 496 Quartermania, see Debbie Butler or C.J. Reyes for tickets
  - 11/13** Membership Early Bird is due
- Every **Sunday** morning, breakfast at Post 359  
Every **Friday** evening, dinner & music at Post 496

#### **UPCOMING DISTRICT COURTESY VISIT (DCV)**

November: Unit 341, Unit 496 & Unit 411

#### **DEPARTMENT COURTESY VISIT**

February 7, 2024 at Post 496

Veterans Day. Give thanks. We can never give enough Thanks.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Keep in mind the food pantry this time of year. Many will need supplies for the holiday. You can also provide gift cards for grocery stores at \$25 to \$50.

December is right around the corner. Have you considered Wreaths Across America? You can purchase Wreaths as a group or by yourself and you can lay them at Riverside National Cemetery or others will do it. It's a heartwarming event. If you plan to go, I'd suggest getting there by 7:00 am.

**LBVA** will be providing families for Christmas/holidays hopefully early next month. LBVA still does not allow groups to visit but many sections will allow small groups to do lunch (CLC; Spinal; Blind; L1). Call for charge nurse or rec therapist.

**L1** can use women underwear (m-large). Sweatshirts and sweatpants (sm to large). Remember no strings or metal on anything. They like treats too.

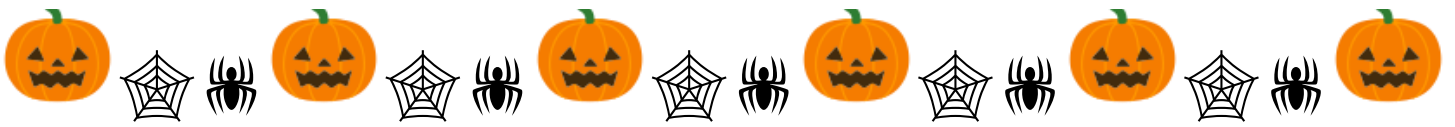
Don't forget **PIER**. They are open to having BBQ's. Call Palma or Ivan at PIER and you can discuss with them.

**Villages of Cabrillo** is open for activities. They like Bingo. US Vets:(562) 538-5243, Amy Sega to set up. They gave approximately 15 women at Women housing with 3-4 young kids.

**SILS** (men's group) would like a pizza party, sandwiches, etc.

Thanks again for posting your events.

*Note: I'm still trying to figure out the position of Poppy Manager. If you haven't, please email a copy of your poppy order. They should all be in by now. I am working with LBVA with hopes to get veterans involved making Poppies.*



### WOMEN'S FIRST ANNUAL BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM AT THE LBVA

See D19 FB page for additional pictures. Thanks, Auxiliary, for volunteering.  
(<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=626422066334599&set=pcb.626423069667832>)



### POST 359 TOY DRIVE

Santa's Workshop flier from the Camp Pendleton Marine Base. Norwalk Post 359 will be managing a toy drive and will be taking as many gifts as possible at the end of November. The Post would love you to participate.

**ARMED SERVICES YMCA CAMP PENDLETON  
2023 SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

Because every military child deserves a magical Holiday!

The Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton Santa's Workshop is a three-day event where active-duty military families shop for donated children's toys. Parents typically pick out 3-4 gifts per child, and have access to stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, commissary gift cards, Holiday food, bikes, and more!

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

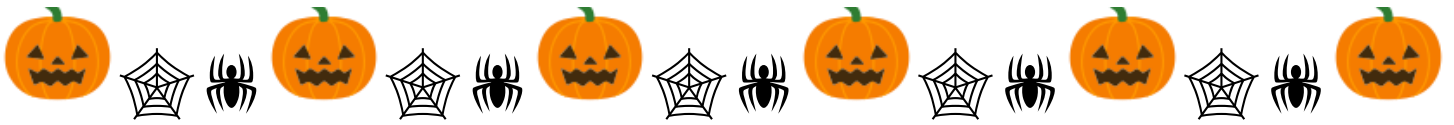
- Organizations and individuals can purchase gifts and drop them off at our office anytime between October 1st - December 8th, M-F, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.
  - Physical Address: 200090 Ash Rd, Wire Mountain Rd., Oceanside, CA 92058 (please call 760.385.4921 if you do not have base access.)
- Please do not wrap the items that you donate.
- If you would like to claim the donated gifts on your 2023 taxes, please request an in kind donation form.
- If you prefer a contact-free option, you may purchase items off of the following wish lists (gifts will be delivered directly to the ASYMCA):

**TARGET**  
(preferred)

**WALMART**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE ASYMCA BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH. THANK YOU!**

ARMED SERVICES YMCA CAMP PENDLETON  
Mailing Address: Box 555028, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055  
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