



# THE NOISETTE

JANUARY 2024

*From the Desk of Madam President*



## DIANA LIVAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

I am so proud of all the hard work each Unit has put into building a stronger Auxiliary. Together we continue to grow in our programs while supporting our Veterans. Thank you Auxiliary for all your hard work.

This month we will be dark due to Mid-Year travels. This means no meeting this month. Next month we will be hosting along with Districts 17, 18 and 24 our annual Department of California President visit. This meeting will be a meet and greet for Department President Glenda Schultz. I hope everyone in our District will join us in welcoming Madam President to our District.

LOCATION: American Legion Post 496 Lakewood

TIME: Cocktails @ 5:00 PM self-serve

Dinner @ 6:00 PM

Presentations @ 7:00 PM

COST: \$15.00

Reservations can be made now by calling 562-243-7893.

### NO DISTRICT MEETING THIS MONTH



### JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH



### DEPARTMENT VISIT AT POST 496 FEBRUARY 7





**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Happy 2024 to All

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Holiday, and New Year.

Have you paid your dues? If not, you are late. A reminder that applies to the Legion Family. If your dues are not current, you are a visitor and you must sign the guestbook and enter with a member!!! So, get your dues paid, we need you!!!

No District meeting in January because DEC (Department Executive Committee) meeting is this month.

Please attend meetings, we really would like to see you and get your ideas.

If you need help, we are here!!! Just a call away.

Thank you for being a member.

**AMERICANISM  
LINDA DIEBEL**

I hope everyone had a VERY, VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I had a great time with family and friends. Now it is time to diet as I think I ate everything in sight!

It is also time to get back to work for our veterans, their families, and our community. As Americanism Chairperson, it is our responsibility to promote our FLAG, our participation in the political process (elections), and the history of our country. We can do this by using printed material available through the American Legion and Auxiliary websites, and the Emblem Sales website. Just take a few minutes to look at each of these websites to see what is available. You can put together the Star-Spangled Kid kits (see previous articles for information). Contact your local schools to see if you can hand out patriotic coloring books, books on the history of the United States and the history and care of our Flag. See if you can work with your local Boy's and Girl's Scouts or the local Boys and Girls Clubs to make pocket flags and thank you cards to send to our First Responders and Active-Duty Military Personnel.

There is a lot we can do between now and the end of June 2024.

I look forward to hearing about all the things you have accomplished on the end of year reports.

For God and Country

**CHAPLAN  
DAWN BROWN**

Happy new year. Be safe and blessed. Prayer request for Diane Aguayo, Unit 411.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH  
BECKY BULLARD**

Well, we made it through Christmas Vacation and winter break with everyone at home. They are all back in school this week and school supplies could be used by all ages, if you haven't made your donation, "give 10 for education," [https://calegionaux.org/resources/education/edu-give\\_10\\_donation\\_suggestions.pdf](https://calegionaux.org/resources/education/edu-give_10_donation_suggestions.pdf), now is an excellent time. Also don't forget the scholarships for high schools, National just sent out their website to apply online.

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST  
BECKY BULLARD**

Happy New Year Members,

Hope you are staying warm, as we are not having a meeting this month, want to remind you next month the Department President will be coming, it is important that you introduce yourselves and what Unit you are from and what District because there will be other Districts attending this meeting. Department

Don't forget if you would like to donate to her special project, bring a check made out to the ALA to give her.

Stay warm and see you next month.

**EDUCATION  
GAYLE STEWART**

**Contacts is the Key to ALA in Schools**

In almost every situation, relationships matter. It's hard to work with strangers and turning strangers into friends takes some effort. For every unit that has junior members, here's a quick check list to start identifying contacts at local schools.

1. Look at your membership roster and see if you have any junior members.
2. Ask their parents where their children go to school and what grade they are in.
3. Start the conversation on how parents can become advocates for citizenship, leadership and patriotism with educators and administrators.
4. Determine if the parents can contact an educator or administrator and arrange a meet-n-greet either in person or via electronic messaging.



5. Acquire some children & youth brochures to give to the designated contacts.
6. Share the following program statements in your conversation or messaging:
  - To promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults.
  - To encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms.
  - To provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.
  - To support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.
  - To support the Education program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion.

If the junior members are in high school, please let them know about Girls State and Scholar ships. Almost all eyes light up when leadership opportunities and scholarships are mentioned. Since Girls State is a landmark ALA program, ask administrators if you can start an application process to identify students who would make good candidates to attend. It's a good idea to work with your local American Legion Post and partner up on identifying applications for both Girls State and Boys State. Through it all, parents are the gatekeepers to their children and it's important to be transparent. Once you have created a relationship with parents, administrators, and educators, you can ask for referrals from other school administrators within the school district and educators at other grade levels.

**Here are some of the Programs to Help get you Started**

1. Veterans in the classroom - arrange for veterans to speak in classrooms or assemblies. What an honor for veterans to share their experience of service not self.
2. Poppy Essay and Poster Contests
3. Oratorical Contests in cooperation with the American Legion
4. A full list of local, department and national scholarships.
5. Ask students to volunteer (one example is Silver Cord) at your local ALA events.

**GIRLS STATE  
BECKY BULLARD**

Interview time is coming up on us, seems like they just came back. Also, anyone that would like to go on the busses and be a room mother, please let them know. May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Girls State tea for the District.

**JUNIORS  
BECKY BULLARD**

April is just around the corner for the Junior Conference if anyone is interested. Please check the website (<https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/junior-conference/>) and fill out the paperwork so your girls can attend if they wish.

**LEADERSHIP  
LINDA FARISS**

Was so proud to send in the District Leadership report to Department. All of you are working hard to not only lead and instruct but to also stress the importance of having a culture of kindness.

**MEMBERSHIP  
ISABEL GALLARDO**

Below are the most recent membership numbers.

Unit	Paid to Date	Goal	Percent
170 Bert Crossland	19	33	57.88%
184 South Bay	133	151	88.08%
272 Montebello	93	114	81.58%
314 Hawthorne	52	71	73.24%
341 Leland A Cupp	33	55	58.24%
359 Norwalk	89	142	62.68%
411 Rivera	41	55	74.55%
465 Clyde F Hagar	5	12	41.67%
496 Lakewood	211	250	84.40%
729 Hollydale	4	25	16.00%
833 Lincoln Village	20	26	76.92%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>74.84%</b>

**NATIONAL SECURITY  
DIANA LIVAS**

Salute to Servicemembers Award established in 2003, women veterans honoring active-duty women who are actively serving. This Salute will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California and National Conventions. Eligibility: any servicemember currently serving USA Forces. If you are interested in nominating someone, you must submit.

1. A narrative discussing the reason for the nomination.



2. The Servicemember writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a video (3 minutes or less) that shows them discussing their service both in and out of uniform.
3. The servicemember must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly at ALA Dept of CA convention & National Convention.

Applications can be found online under National Security.

Word Application:

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/natsec/service-member-nomination.doc>

PDF Application:

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/natsec/service-member-nomination.pdf>

### **Veteran's Crisis Line**

The Veterans Crisis Line provides 24/7 confidential crisis support for all veterans and their loved ones.

- 24/7 Support- Access free, confidential support 24/7, 365 days a year.
- Live Connection- Connect with a real person qualified to support Veterans.
- Serves Veterans, Their Families, and Friends, The Veterans Crisis Line serves Veterans, service members, National Guard, and Reserve members and those who support them.

More info can be found:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

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

#### **LINDA FARISS**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Hof's Hut, 2147 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA at 6:00pm. Please call me at 310-245-3041 or email [lindafariss@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafariss@yahoo.com) to let me know if you are joining us.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

#### **LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Happy New Year!

Keep the flow going by sharing your unit's events and fundraising. You can post or share your flyers to our District Facebook page or send them to myself or Debbie Butler. Department is on board as well; I've noticed they frequently share flyers from our page to the Department's Facebook page.

Be sure to check out the calendar in our newsletter to keep informed of scheduled events.

### **SECRETARY**

#### **LINDA FARISS**

Many thanks to CJ Reyes for stepping in as secretary at the last meeting. I really did not want to miss it but picked up a severe allergy reaction while in Texas. Thank you again CJ.

### **VA&R**

#### **DEBBIE BUTLER**

Enjoy 2024 and best wishes.

First, I want to share how awesome it was for District 19 Legion and a few Auxiliary Ladies were able to visit patients at LBVA Christmas morning. It took a lot of work, but they let us visit with some patients in CLC and all patients in Spinal Cord (except 2). 2023 would have been 4 years if they had not approved the visit. It has been a tradition for over 70 years for the Legion to visit early Christmas morning. The Patients enjoy visiting with Legionnaires. It's a relationship only they can understand. Legionnaires visited and passed out the traditional "white socks." In addition, the patients were all given a gift bag. The auxiliary was able to give our holiday greetings too. Brought many happy faces. We also dropped off candy at the nurses' stations.

To the Units who turned in your mid-year reports thank you. The Units who did not, please call me so we can discuss and resolve any problems. I can't stress the importance of these reports. VA&R is the easiest of all programs. That's what we are about Veterans!!!!

Keep up your wonderful activities. So many great things many of you do.

Thank you!





**DISTRICT 19 CALENDAR**

Every 1st **Friday** evening, Steak/Fish Fry at **Post 314**  
Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 314**  
Every **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 359**  
Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 411**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**  
1/27/24, Fashion Show at **Post 496**, see flyer  
**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT VISIT**  
February 7, 2024, at Post 496, see flyer

*Upcoming Activity*

**Fashion Show**  
**Saturday, January 27th**  
**See bartender for tickets!**

**ALA Unit 496 Fashion Show**  
**Saturday, January 27th, 2024**

Cost: \$25/pp  
Includes Admittance,  
Lunch and 1 Raffle Ticket.

Time:  
Lunch: 12-1 PM  
Show: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Tickets may be purchased at the Bar

Interested in being a model?  
Contact Mina Carrasco

Donations of Raffle Items will be greatly appreciated!

Proceeds will help fund Auxiliary Programs

Clothing provided by Chico's in Los Alamitos

Questions? Contact: Mina Carrasco 562-884-6915






**DISTRICT 19 DECEMBER PICTURES**

*Children's Christmas parties at Units 272, 341 & 359. Toys delivered at Camp Pendleton, complimentary of Units 359 & 411. Christmas morning at the LBVA and answering the call of LBVA VS requests.*













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