



THE NOISETTE

FEBRUARY 2024

From the Desk of Madam President



DIANA LIVAS

Greetings 19th District Family,

I am so excited to welcome along with 17th, 18th, and 24th Districts, our Department of California American Legion Auxiliary Madam President Glenda Schultz. Please join us as we gather for a “Meet and Greet” at ALA, Unit 496 on February 7, 2024.

Looks like the first half of our year is over, as we move towards the finish line for this year, I would like to remind ALL units we **MUST** have a copy your Attorney General – RRF1 and CTR1 filing ASAP. Thank you to South Bay and Lakewood for providing me with copies of your filing.

ALAMIS. If you are interested in signing up and require assistance, please contact me.

For those few units who are working on your 990N, please send me an update on your status, you should have received a notice from the IRS. If I don’t hear back from you within the next few days, I will be calling for an update.

I Look forward to seeing all of you at our Meet and Greet.

**FEBRUARY IS
AMERICANISM
MONTH**



**DISTRICT MEETING
THIS MONTH IS THE
DCV ON FEBRUARY 7
AT UNIT 496**

*Department President
Glenda Schultz
District 19 President
Diana Livas*





**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

ALA Family

As we move into the second half of the year, best wishes to all. Thank you for being a member of the American Legion Family. Your membership is important to the survival of this great organization.

We have many programs to provide for. Remember any funds/donations you receive for a program must go into that program and not used for any other reason.

Thank you to all who donate to Veterans, Military, and families. We, ALA must continue to show by what we do. As they say

BE THE ONE

A friend posted this on her FB page:



I know no one is perfect but all of us can be nice to someone, anyone. Many Veterans just need a smile, handshake or just a Hi!!! Try it when you are at the VA. See all those you bring a smile to.

Take care!

**AMERICANISM
LINDA DIEBEL**

FEBRUARY 2024 is Americanism Month. Each Unit should do at least one event to celebrate Americanism month. Here are several ideas:

1. Present a certificate to a local business or persons who has supported the principles of Americanism.
2. Present a flag to each member of the Flag Corps at your local schools.
3. Offer a meal to the local first responders (firefighter, police officers, hospital staff).

4. Present coloring books, pamphlets, and books on flag etiquette.
5. Promote the Americanism Essay Contest.
6. Offer to present the flags at your city meetings and events.
7. Work with the American Legion Americanism Chairperson on a project.

I am sure that there are many more ideas that can help promote Americanism during the month. I look forward to reading about all the things each Unit has done for the Americanism Program in the year-end reports.

For God and Country

**CHAPLAN
DAWN BROWN**

Nancy Larios from Unit 272, her father Charles Chavez is ill. We lost two members from Unit 314. Dorothy Short (no date) and Mary Hill on January 18, 2023.

Please let me know if anyone has passed or is ill. I can be reached at (310) 531-4447 or dawnbrown430@gmail.com.

May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
BECKY BULLARD**

Dancing in the rain brings a smile to a child's face, I have done it with many, so if you can this next storm take a moment and dance in the rain with someone special, it will lighten your heart believe me. You can get warm later.

Sweethearts come in all sizes and ages, make sure you don't forget them because they will remember you long after the day is over. A phone call is a nice way to start the day.

Happy Valentines Day

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST
BECKY BULLARD**

Thanks to all you lovely ladies that came to the Department President's DCV. It was so nice seeing so many of you since I haven't been traveling to the Units this year. Have missed you all.

Please don't forget to wear a smile and being nice to your guests is a priority when it comes to new people, or all visitors. Making people feel welcome is a personal job for you and if you do, they will come back.

Have a nice Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day along with Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday (day before Ash Wednesday/lent) if you celebrate them all.



EDUCATION

GAYLE STEWART

Just a reminder that there is still a little time for students attending schools in California and who are a veteran, son, daughter, or spouse of a veteran to apply for a Department of California scholarship.

Applicants for any Department of California Scholarship must be a resident of the State of California and planning on attending a college or university in California in the Fall. (Exception: Lucille Ganey Scholarship.)

The deadline to file for most of the scholarships is March 1st or March 16th. All information and applications on the scholarships are available under resources on the Department of California website:

<https://www.calegionaux.org/>.

GIRLS STATE

BECKY BULLARD

Interviews should be taking place right now, you are not able to register online until February 14 though, so please keep that in mind. You can always interview and send paperwork online later. Getting a lead by starting with some schools is necessary especially if they are paying and checks need to be obtained.

The Girls State Tea Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 19 at the Lakewood Post 496 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE SEND ME NAMES, SCHOOLS, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS SO I CAN CONTACT THEM. THANK YOU.

Note: If a young lady is taking the bus up and back, please make sure a reservation is made, last year we were scrambling at the last minute finding a ride or a spot on the bus.

Loads of info can be found here:

<https://calegionaux.org/resources/girlsstate/gs-2024-ala-unit-info-packet-transmittal-sheets.pdf>

HISTORIAN

DEE DEE BRICE

Welcome Madam Department President Glenda to your DCV. I look forward to seeing all our Units at her visit. Department is asking for us to wear one of your Auxiliary Logo tops, or dress in Red, White & Blue. Remember we will be presenting Madam Department President with a small gift so bring your smiles and let's welcome our Department President to our District.

Please remember to make your reservations ASAP to Gayle Stewart @ 562-243-7893.

JUNIORS

BECKY BULLARD

Please go online for the Junior Conference this year. It will be held at a Post at no cost. Please send or take your juniors so they experience what we do firsthand and enjoy the time with others like we do ladies. Now is the time.

Information can be found here:

<https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/junior-conference/>

LEGISLATIVE

C.J. REYES

Be sure you are registered to vote! Every vote counts and every election counts no matter how small. Research your candidates, that's what makes this country great!

MEMBERSHIP

ISABEL GALLARDO

Nationally, the west coast is hanging onto second place. Below are the most recent membership numbers:

Unit	Paid to Date	Goal	Percent
170 Bert Crossland	20	33	60.61%
184 South Bay	146	151	96.69%
272 Montebello	98	114	85.96%
314 Hawthorne	57	71	80.28%
341 Leland A Cupp	36	55	65.45%
359 Norwalk	89	142	62.68%
411 Rivera	48	55	87.27%
465 Clyde F Hagar	5	12	41.67%
496 Lakewood	216	250	86.40%
729 Hollydale	4	25	16.00%
833 Lincoln Village	24	26	92.31%
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>743</i>	<i>934</i>	<i>79.55%</i>

NATIONAL SECURITY

DIANA LIVAS

We, the Auxiliary, have plenty of opportunities to support our military families. One way of doing this is by welcoming all active military families into our communities. Something as simple as inviting them to breakfast, lunch, a fundraiser, or a social dinner are just a few ways to show our military families we are here for them.

Try to imagine moving to a new location and not having anyone to talk with, or not knowing who to turn to if help



is needed. We are here to support ALL who require assistance. **BE THE ONE!** Another way to help our active military family is by connecting the dots for them. If you know where the family is relocating to, get in touch with the local American Legion in the area. Introducing the Post to our military family might be the welcome they need so they can become familiar with the local area and the support we provide.

Don't forget to nominate a Servicemember for "Salute to Servicemember" **due May 15th, 2024.**

Nomination Eligibility:

- A servicemember currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nomination Requirements:

- The nominating person submits a narrative discussing the reasons for the nominations.
- The servicemember writes a narrative (750 words or less) or a video (3 min or less) discussing their service in and out of uniform.

Application:

The application can be found online under National Security: Word Application:

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

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

**PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLAY
LINDA FARISS**

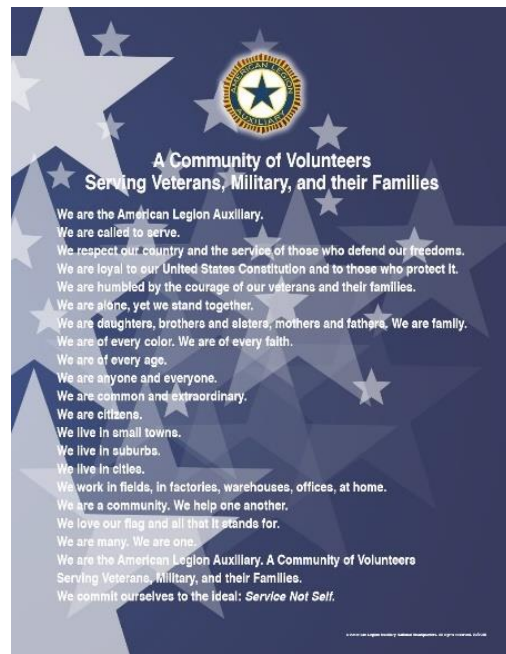
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00pm. Place to be determined. Please call me at 310-245-3041 or email lindafariss@yahoo.com to let me know if you are joining us.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Greetings Wonderful Volunteers,

On the national American Legion Auxiliary website, a toolkit is available with an assortment of templates, etc. to assist you with media, branding, and volunteer recruitment tips to name a few. Here is a link to access these items, you will need to log-in: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Resources/PR-Toolkit> .

The following graphic is the Auxiliary Declaration.



**VA&R
LBVA DEPUTY / VAVS
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Auxiliary,

As we go on in the second half of the year please keep in mind, year-end reports will become due around April. Keep track of your hours, dollars spent and on what along with your wonderful activities to report.

The **Social Connection** at the LBVA is on the last Friday of the month and is in full swing. The event time is 8:30 to 10:30 am. This event is for Veterans. Several organizations provide breakfast food, fruit, yogurt, and coffee. Other organizations provide information to the Veterans, the Elks bring lots of gently used clothes.

This brings me to the ALA. I've been doing this off and on for the last 6 years, but now we are doing this with the ALA organization. What does this mean? We have a space for "Veteran Women."

What do we need?

Bath, beauty, hygiene items, brushes, scarves, hats, note pads, new or lightly used purses/wallets, new or clean lightly used jackets, nice shopping bags, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and new sports bras, med-xlg.

Think about what you would like! You can find things at Daiso, dollar stores, etc. Please do not empty out your closets. I do not have space. You can bring to District meetings or bring on Fridays to the event by 8 am.

Regarding the event. It's once a month. Please consider your Unit to be there to help. Only 2-4 people are really needed. A good way to represent the ALA and "Be the One." Any Unit can participate, just let me know if you are planning to be there so I can coordinate.



LBVA Garden. A wonderful place developed by Veterans and ran by Veterans. They can always use donations. I've asked for clarification as to how or what donations they need. I will advise you when I find out.

PIER LBVA can really use some large lasagnas, spaghetti, etc. They provide lunch. Also, coffee but not "fine" ground. Snacks, water, hot pockets, etc.

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**

Feb. 17, Paint & Sip, Unit 723 at Bellflower Moose, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Feb. 23, LBVA Social Connection

DISTRICT & UNIT FLYERS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

[Local Unit & District Events \(calegionaux.org\)](http://calegionaux.org)

LBVA SOCIAL CONNECTION UPDATE

Our Veteran Social Connection has been working with community partners to improve our offering to Women Veterans.

We are pleased to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary, Lakewood 496, has joined with us to make our event more pertinent for our Women Veterans. They are attending every month with a booth dedicated to Women Veterans. They are offering give aways and community services geared for Woman Veterans.

Volunteer Services does not have a director or an assistant. They are looking for new people. However, Duane Stoakes is the acting Director for now. He worked in VS prior to Covid then during/after managed the Fisher House.

Thank you!

Upcoming Activity

March 9 – National ALA President Visit at Post 43, <https://calegionaux.org/resources/events/3-9-24-natl-pres-dinner.pdf>

March 16 – CA Department Leadership Training at Post 299, <https://calegionaux.org/resources/events/3-16-24-d25leadership.pdf>

They are currently working with other Auxiliaries to find more support to help expand their offering. All ALA Units and Districts are welcome to help.

Please join us February 23 on the patio behind the Patriot Cafe, VALB.

All Veterans are welcome. Invite your veteran friends for Veteran socialization, food, and fun.

We hope to see you there.

Bruce Dankmyer





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