



THE NOISETTE

JUNE 2024

From the Desk of Madam President

DIANA LIVAS



It's that time of year to gather and discuss our upcoming year. Sadly, my year is ending, and I have all of you to thank. This year has been one of growth and making new friends in our organization.

I am thankful for all the support our members have given me.

Caucus will be held at Norwalk on June 5, lunch is being served, the cost is \$10.00 per plate. Each Unit is expected to attend. If you have not mailed or emailed me your Convention Delegates and alternates form, please bring to the meeting. I will also need a copy of your audit report along with a copy of your officers and chairpersons for 2024/2025. Your Poppy Financial report is also due, and I will need a copy of that as well. We are asking for your support at the Convention. Looking for a few good people to attend the convention meetings. I will be taking names at the Caucus.

Once again, thank you for being a big part of the Auxiliary.

IN SERVICE NOT SELF

JUNE is JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MONTH



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JUNE 14
FLAG DAY
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DISTRICT MEETING

JUNE 5

10:00^{am}

**CAUCUS after LUNCH
NORWALK POST 359**



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Good Day,

I'm enjoying my vacation in Europe. I'm visiting London, Normandy area and Belgium. It is the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Then off to Vienna for a few days.

We are planning the Southern California Workshop and Leadership meeting. The meeting will be joint this year with hopes more will attend. Once the date is confirmed at the Lakewood Post you will be advised. We have a lot of talented and knowledgeable Past Presidents and District Officers who will be anxious to share information to use personally and in your Unit. So, look ahead to this wonderful meeting. *Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.* The more you know the better you are, and you will learn more about the goals of American Legion Auxiliary.

Congratulations to all the new officers.

Thank you for making the ALA great.

**CHAPLAIN
DAWN BROWN**

Illness

Mina Carrasco from Unit 496 fell on 5/25/24 and is in the hospital. She had a brain bleed; a blood clot was removed from her brain. She has black eyes and bruises all over her body.

Jean Cooley from Unit 314 is in the hospital for her heart, a new heart valve procedure was done.

Diana Livas of Unit 411, her toddler granddaughter had surgery and is on the road to recovery.

Deceased

From Unit 272: Dolores Lopez passed on 2/13/24, and Maria Venzor passed on 2/7/24.

From Unit 359: Maria Cowan passed on 1/1/24, and Janis Scott passed on 3/1/24.

Please keep all in our prayers.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
BECKY BULLARD**

School is just about over, and they will need plenty to do to keep them occupied. We have a combined scout troop at our Post. Is anyone looking to have their boys and girls join, they are scouts and cubs, so all ages. Just an idea if you're looking for something for them to do. They meet every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to all that have kids graduating this year, whether it is from Elementary, Middle school, Highschool

or College. They all count and are the next steps to a brighter future.

Have a wonderful summer. Thank you to everyone.

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST
BECKY BULLARD**

Thank you very much for the honor of being the Distinguished Guest Chairperson for the 19th District this year, I have really enjoyed my position.

**EDUCATION
GAYLE STEWART**

Well, our year is coming to an end. Reports are done and most children will be out of school for the summer.

Now is the time to plan and decide how we can help the children in our local community with their education. From the reports I received this year, it's nice to hear how some of your units are able to be involved by donating books and reading to children in the local schools.

Many cities have programs where they collect school supplies and backpacks to get ready for when the children return to school after summer vacation. We can be there to help.

The Auxiliary also has their program "Give 10 for Education" which will be here before you know it. This is such an easy program and so rewarding for the children. Set a collection bin and ask members to donate and they will give. So, give it some thought on how your unit could run this program and be ready to go when it's time.

**GIRLS STATE
BECKY BULLARD**

Girls State Tea at Post 496 -- I can't begin to thank everyone who provided donations, attended the event, made food, helped set up tables and decorated, served a beautiful luncheon, escorted young ladies and their families to seats, and provided wonderful gift bags for the young ladies to take home. Also, beautiful candy filled teapots for each of them.

You all are the best and don't let anyone take your thunder, you deserve all the credit coming your way. I can't thank you enough.

**JUNIORS
BECKY BULLARD**

Thank you very much and I hope next year we have some young ones to work with Mr. James Potter's family of Post 359. Waiting for some of our other grandmothers



and grandfathers who have young females, but they are still a little bit small to get them active in the Auxiliary. Thank you for your progress, while they are growing, there is hope for the future.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY
LINDA FARISS**

There will be no PPP dinner meeting in June or July. Our meetings will commence in August 2024 on the last Wednesday of the month.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Start planning for 2024-2025. How will your unit promote American Legion branding?

The volunteer works this year in our community has been outstanding and certainly noticed. BRAVO!

Are you aware of the documentary out on Apple TV for Girls State? It's informative & a great way to view a successful program. https://tv.apple.com/us/movie/girls-state/umc.cmc.7fsw9p5hdoagfd4lajhf6a5li?itscg=MC_2000&itsct=atvp_brand_omd&mttn3pid=Google%20AdWords&mttnagencyid=a5e&mttncc=US&mttnsiteid=143238&mttnsubad=OUS20191128_1-695651115256-c&mttnsubkw=163610374447_ZKc4WU3m_&mttnsubplmnt=adext

**VA&R
VAVS LBVA
LBVA POPPY MANAGER
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Happy Summer Everyone,

I hope everyone can attend the District 19 Auxiliary caucus to meet and greet our new officers. It's important to have your participation at Unit and District meetings. It makes us a strong and more vibrant organization. It also tells others our goals and importance to our Veterans and Military.

As I write this and when you read it, I will be in France at the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. I'm really looking forward to seeing all the memories of WW1 and to know what it means to all of the USA. I hope everyone attended Memorial celebrations and wore red and a Red Poppy to commemorate those who died for You and Me.

I had the opportunity to attend the Memorial Day service at **Gold Star Manor** on May 24th. It was beautiful. I passed out a lot of poppies and had the opportunity to explain the Red poppy, what it means and who makes them.

Thanks to everyone who participates in bringing food and supplies to the **VS** at **LBVA**. This is an ongoing adventure for all of us. It is so appreciated. I know many Units and Posts have set-up drop boxes for items or have partnered with stores, etc. Our sister District 18 Units have been very active and giving a lot of support.

The baby shower turned out great. I was advised the Veteran Ladies were so surprised at all the wonderful items donated for them. They said thank you to everyone for thinking of them.

July 4th is coming up. **LBVA** is asking if organizations can help with a BBQ for those who are working and any Veterans who are there. There will be a band. Please contact Bruce Dankmyer at (714) 244-9438 if you can contribute. The VA takes about 80 Veterans to the Huntington Beach parade so they can participate and then back for lunch or snacks. They will be provided a box lunch.

The **Creative Arts Program** at the LBVA is coming up in August. Liz at the blind unit is one of those in charge. Yep, we need donations. Such as a tray of fruit, sandwiches, and cookies, etc. Contact me if you are interested.

The **Labor Day BBQ** for District 19 Auxiliary and Legion is back after 5 years!!! They say their gas BBQ is working!!! Wooo whooo. ALL Units are asked to donate food as we have done in the past. The Legion will be cooking. The hootenanny band from Post 291 Newport Beach will be there. If you want to help, send me an email. Since the event is outdoors, we will be able to have extra people. Also, let's make the BBQ great and have a lot of support!!!

There wasn't a lady Veterans table at **LBVA Social Connection** May 31 because Cindy and I were out of town. June 28th falls during convention. Cindy will be there but if you want to help let me know. I want to thank Yolanda Zuniga from District 18 for helping each month.

I still have not worked out the program of TMS that is required of everyone who wants to go to **L1/M1**. Contact Volunteer Services if you are interested, probably be faster.

I'm getting information on the **Poppy Program** at the LBVA. When it's up yes, I will need help.

Well, that's it for now. No doubt I'll think of something. Check the Noisy 19 Auxiliary FB page for updates and more info.



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**

June 5 – ALA District 19 Meeting & Caucus

June 25-30 – Girls State

June 27-30 – ALA Department Convention

Check Post calendars for Installations & Summer Activities

ATTENTION LBVA VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer information can be found on the LBVA website:

<https://www.va.gov/long-beach-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate/>

On the volunteer page, you will locate the application that is required:

<https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/VHA-10-7055-fill.pdf>

District 19 is truly fortunate; we have women not only giving to their community, but to our organization. A huge thanks to President Diana Livas, the officers, and chairpersons.





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