



THE NOISETTE

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From the Desk of Madam President

ISABEL GALLARDO



Hello All,

I would like to introduce myself to you all for those of you who do not know me, my name is Isabel Gallardo, District 19 President for the year 2024/2025 and member of Rivera Unit 411. I have been a member of the Auxiliary for 12 years and have worked many of the chairs as well as a Unit President for 5 years. I have been blessed with this opportunity to become District President and I am looking forward to this new journey with all of you and will need your help.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your outstanding work this past year. You have all done an amazing job and your dedication to our veterans and families is so very much appreciated. I wish you a great 2024/2025 year. Let's continue to work as a team and have a fantastic year.

The theme our Department President Linda Hayes has chosen for this year is America the Beautiful. Each district chooses a state to represent, I have chosen the great state of Arizona, and each Unit President is to select someone from Arizona's past. The motto is crown thy good with brotherhood and the colors are red, white, and blue.

Reminder to all unit Presidents, it is the time of year I will be calling you all for DCV visits, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

By now you should have received your packets, president pins along with your membership cards and Jr. Conference raffle tickets.

Your annual treasurer audit forms are now due, I am requesting a copy please, send them by email to (camram62@yahoo.com).

August is the time for all units to review all your major documents such as bylaws, standing rules and budget, make sure all is current and up to date. Please attend the nearest workshop. There will be one at Lakewood 496 in October.

Unit presidents one more request, can you all email me your current email and phone number so I may reach out to you as needed.

Our District 19 meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on 8/21/24 at 7:00 pm. NEW LOCATION: Paramount Post 134, 7550 Somerset Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723. I hope to see you there!

Thank you very much

NEW DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT



LINDA HAYES

LOGO FOR 2024/2025



Crown thy Good with Brotherhood

**NATIONAL
CONVENTION
MONTH**

**DISTRICT MEETING
AUGUST 21
7:00 PM
PARAMOUNT POST 134
7550 Somerset Blvd.**



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are enjoying the summertime.

August is our first meeting since the election of new officers. Please come to the August meeting and meet the new Officers and Chairs.

Without your participation, we cannot function without You.

October 12th is the annual Southern California Workshop and this year Leadership will be included, from 9 to 3 pm. A flyer has gone out. I encourage you to participate, especially if you've never attended a workshop.

As 2nd Vice, I've had the opportunity to meet many of you at your Unit meeting or an activity. Thank you for your hard work.

**TREASURER
CAROL VAZQUEZ**

The District Per Capital payment notification is forthcoming.

**CHAPLAIN
KATHLEEN ANDREWS**

As a new Chairperson from Unit 496, please notify me of any illness or death, via text 310-345-3027 or email:

nkathleenandrews@gmail.com.

We acknowledge the loss of a longtime member, Eleanor Whitley of Unit 496. Also from 496, Mina Carrasco sustained a head injury from a fall and was kept under observation for a few days and is at home recovering.

Jean Cooley of Unit 314 was hospitalized recently due to her legs swelling.

Alice La Heist of 341, recently underwent major surgery and is home recovering.

Sending blessings for our new year.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
YVONNE PEREZ**

Need ideas or join a Facebook group for additional input, info is available on the national website:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/children-and-youth>.

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

Welcome to a wonderful new year. Let's get started on the right track. Each unit needs to review their Bylaws and Standing Rules, making changes or rewrites, if necessary.

**EDUCATION
GAYLE STEWART**

Summer is halfway done and it's time to get ready and help our local students. It's time for "Give 10 for Education."

Let's get an okay from our Post to get those boxes, tubs, collection barrels out and let's get started collecting school items to help the children in our local schools. The principal idea of "Give 10 for Education" is to donate 10 of each item purchased. Such as 10 pencils, 10 notebooks, ten markers, ten backpacks, etc. Whatever we can collect will really help our teachers in their classrooms to provide the necessary supplies needed to help the children with their education. On the Department website there is a suggested donation list of school supplies needed and a form to do the tracking. You can also contact your local schools and try to get suggestions from them on what is needed.

It's also time to order Poppy Seals at \$2.00 a sheet. I know that there was a problem with getting them for the ones we ordered last year. I will be happy to follow up this year and make sure that we get what we ordered.

**GIRLS STATE
BECKY BULLARD**

Hello Members,

We start the year off fresh and new and hopefully there will be a few of you that will try Girls State this year. We have many schools out there that would love to send young ladies, especially if they could be funded and sponsored by a Unit. Please give it some thought and venture in. Most of us had no idea how to get involved but once we did the ball just kept rolling for the good of educating our young ladies properly to become the best they can be.

If you have any questions, we will be glad to help and follow with you so you will be successful and enjoy the experience too.

October 1st is the deadline for reservations, and they are done online with goggle forms preferably. They usually



have a written form too that can be filled out and submitted.

LEGISLATIVE C.J. REYES

Election year is coming up. Don't forget to register! Also are you subscribed to the Auxiliary Enews? It's free so please sign up!

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

Sign into your **Member Profile** > Under the **Communication Preferences** tab, bottom/right of the page > Select **Sign Up**

MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT

Hello Members,

I'm taking on new duties this year. What is your plan for Membership? Does your unit bank account have Zelle? A quick way for members to pay their dues who like to transfer money electronically.

We will start reporting numbers next month. The very best to all the units.

NATIONAL SECURITY DIANA LIVAS

Welcome 2024/2025 members, this year National Security Chairperson also known as "Strategic Planning Commissioner", nice! I am hopeful each of you will review the code, so you are more informed about what your chair means to your Unit.

Below are some ideas on what can be done this year, this information is also tracked on your mid-year reports. I will be reaching out to each chair for more information.

- Greet service members as they are deployed and/or return.
- Care packages to send overseas.
- Toys to military children (Camp Pendleton).
- Work at an USO.
- Donate to the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), Twentynine Palms, Camp Pendleton, or San Diego Food Pantry.
- Did you present any Blue or Sold star banners?
- Support Veterans Day Events.
- How will your unit support POW/MIS Remembrance Day?

- Remember to wear **RED** (Remember Everyone Deployed) every Friday.

Look forward to seeing you at our next District Meeting.

For God and County

PARLIAMENTARIAN C.J. REYES

Are your unit's C & B (Constitution and Bylaws) up to date? Standing Rules? Do you have an up-to-date Robert's Rules of Order book?

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LINDA FARISS

PPP dinner for this month will be decided at the District meeting.

POPPIES GAIL DIEBEL

Unit poppy orders are due to Department by October 1, 2024. Be sure to email me a copy of your unit order, chefgail@verizon.net.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

Welcome Back Everyone,

When planning events and fundraisers, there are tools to assist you: [PR Toolkit \(legion-aux.org\)](https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Virtual-Meeting-Backgrounds)

If you manage a virtual meeting, did you know there are backgrounds available? Check it out: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Virtual-Meeting-Backgrounds>

Remember to refer to the newer branding rules regarding logos.

Units/Posts in our district are grooving with activities, events and fundraisers. Bravo to all! Keep checking our District Facebook page. Debbie and I do our best to keep an eye out with sharing info. You can share your FB posts and/or send details to lorrya@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069004342269>

Cheers to a Successful year in Supporting our Veteran Community



VA&R
VAVS LBVA
LBVA POPPY MANAGER
DEBBIE BUTLER

Well, here we are with a New Year in helping our Veterans and families.

If you do not belong to the **Facebook** page for our District Auxiliary, I suggest you do. I put information regularly regarding **LBVA** and **Cabrillo**.

I want to thank those who provide food to the LBVA food pantry at **Volunteer Services**. They need replacements weekly. Veterans are coming in more often and supplies dwindle quickly. Please be sure the expiration date is not far off.

We continue to work on the storage area to set-up for Veterans. We have shoes, some clothes, blankets, sleeping bags and more. Please only new items and not a lot.

We will be working closer with the **Veterans Woman Mental Health Clinic** and **LBCC**. LBCC has many Veteran Ladies and Veterans. They also have one of best City College nursing programs. You may want to look into a scholarship for Veterans!!!

There are changes at **L1/M1** due to the infamous Covid issues. I'm trying to establish if a TMS (computer program) certificate program is necessary to play bingo. More to come.

Some of you will be happy to know our all **District 19 Labor Day**, Monday, September 2nd BBQ is on. Becky Bullard and a few others started this about 20+ years ago. If you have a couple of people per unit who want to participate, they need to be at **CLC-LBVA** by 9:30 am to help clean-up the area and set-up. We will plan to be there until 2:30 pm which includes clean-up. You could also split your hours if you can't stay the entire time. If I have not talked to your unit about what to bring, send me an email. We will have a great band!!!! We will be serving CLC, family, staff; L1/M1 patients; Spinal cord; SCI and Fisher House guests will be invited. We won't be going to

the tower. There are food restrictions we must comply with. Masks will be required for close contact to patients and dealing with food delivery. Unfortunately, we won't be able to have Juniors this year.

Please remember the **Villages of Cabrillo** for activities. They have a great bingo machine in the mess hall. Amy Sega is the contact (562) 538-5243 or (562) 233-4038. Email: asega@usvets.org.

The monthly **Veteran Social Connection** is increasing at LBVA. It's the last Friday of each month 8:30-10:30 am (set-up 7:30-8:30). Please visit with Veterans and help if you'd like.

I am now the **Poppy Manager** for LBVA area. I've been working with Volunteer Services to get a date and location to meet up with Veterans. Yes, I will need help. Any Veteran can make poppies and be paid if I have a letter from their doctor stating they can participate in this Rehabilitation program. This is non-reportable, non-taxable cash. I'll keep the Noisette and FB with info as soon as I do.

In addition, I am now the **Hospital Rep** for LBVA, Cabrillo and local CBOCS. If you are genuinely interested in serving as a Deputy, I am looking for one dedicated person.

Don't forget, LBVA needs **Volunteers**. You need to contact VS (562) 826-5715 to set-up time for program info about the VA Do's/Don'ts, fingerprints, and background check. Please help Veterans...this is what we are about!!!

Heads up, the **Compton Standdown** is in September.

I want everyone to know that many people say the American Legion helps a lot of people. Yes, we do, so please participate as a member of the American Legion Family. YOU are important!

Sorry, this is so long, but I wanted to cover as much as possible.

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**

Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection
at **LBVA**

Upcoming

August 17 – ALA Northern CA Workshop, Clovis

August 24 – Bingo, Unit 272 at **Post 272**

September 2 – **D19 BBQ** at **LBVA**

September 21 – **Compton Standdown**

October 8 – Bingo, Unit 341 at **Post 341**

October 12 – Southern CA Workshop at **Post 496**

Subscribe to Department of California emails:

<https://calegionaux.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3123c0f7a9b76c0abcdd5f0ce&id=06ad00576f>

Would you like to know more about Auxiliary Programs? Need some ideas? Look here:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/>

Did you know there is a newer Unit Handbook available in PDF format?

https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA_Unit_Guide_Book.pdf

INSTALLATION PICTURES

Let's recognize Becky Bullard as the Installation Queen, thank you Becky for your leadership in our District. A few random installation pics located on Facebook.





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