



THE NOISETTE

NOVEMBER 2024

From the Desk of Madam President

ISABEL GALLARDO



Welcome to November Everyone,
Hope that you and your families are well. These next few months are going to be busy for us Auxiliary members trying to balance all we do with the upcoming holidays upon us. Please if you have not sent in your audits, please do so now. Remember our mid-year reports are due on December 1; this is right around the corner. I would like to remind you to visit the Department website to view all the up-to-date information available to us. There are fantastic events going on, there might be something you'd be interested in attending, news as well, and updates with the Auxiliary. Familiarize yourself with our mission statement and what it means to service not self. Everything is available, just for you.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving filled with fun, friendship, and family, safe travels for all.

Respectfully yours

DISTRICT MEETING

NOVEMBER 20

7:00 pm

PARAMOUNT POST 134

7550 Somerset Blvd.



MEMBERSHIP MONTH





2ND VICE PRESIDENT DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello Everyone,

Here we are approaching the holidays. Holidays are important to everyone but let us all remember those who spent many of those holidays away. Those who signed the line for USA. Yes Veterans. Many of the Auxiliaries have events over the Holidays for VA&R programs. Please participate so we can fulfil our obligation to them.

We will hear from our Department President, Linda Hayes regarding who to contact regarding issues with individuals etc. Heads up: Unit issues talk first to your Unit President or Unit Parliamentarian. Do not go to Department and certainly not to National. Issues need to resolve at the Unit or District level. We have UD&R now and they are a great source to resolve certain issues.

Don't forget your Unit Reports. Mid-year is due to your Unit President and District Officer no later than December 1. Check out your mid-year form for your Program. Remember you can share numbers within Programs except you cannot share money spent or received.

Next District Meeting is November 20th at 7 pm. Paramount Post 134. All are welcome.

Thank you. 

CHAPLAIN KATHLEEN ANDREWS

Fall has fallen upon us and the Holidays are approaching. Department Chaplain, Melanie Taylor, reminds us, "This is the time to be thankful not only for our veterans but also for each other. Let them know they're not forgotten, and please remember, be kind to one another." Melanie's **THANKSGIVING PRAYER** –*Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for this day with its opportunities for service. We thank thee for sustenance and thy guiding hand – for friends, companions, and loved ones. Send thy blessing upon our dear ones wherever they may be. to those in sorrow, reveal unto them the comfort and humaneness of thy tender mercy. Help us to be more constant in our praise and obedience to thee. Amen.*

Let us hold up one another in prayer for District 19. Respiratory illnesses have affected several members. District 19 Melissa Braicov of Unit 359, District Sergeant At Arms was hospitalized at Kaiser Downey with congestive heart failure. Also, please pray for Melissa's 94 year-old mother, Petra Romo, who had a stroke in June. Melissa and her sisters are her caregivers. Arlene Nunez, Unit 411 2nd Vice, was hospitalized due to a stroke.

A message from Melanie Taylor, Department Chaplain
"Please take the time to read this valuable information:

MEMBER DATA FORM – The Department Chaplain shall receive a Member Data Form from the Unit Chaplain when notified of a member's death. A courtesy Member Data Form should also be sent to the District Chaplain with the deceased member's current year information.

MID-YEAR UNIT and DISTRICT REPORT FORMS – The Mid-Year Unit Chaplain Report is due to your District Chaplain no later than December 1, 2024. The District Mid-Year Chaplain Report is due to me, the Department Chaplain, no later than December 15, 2024. These are available on the Department website and Secretary Liz will be mailing them out as well." God Bless, Melanie Taylor Department Chaplain 457 Muscat Drive Cloverdale, CA 95425 (707) 953-7240

Please note, I will have Chaplain packets that include MDF's for Units 184, 272, 833, and 465 at the District 19 meeting this month. Call me if you cannot make this meeting and I will get them to you.

Kathleen Andrews, Chaplain ALA District 19, Unit 496 call (562)260-7819, nkathleenandrews@gmail.com.

In Service to God and Country

AMERICANISM LINDA DIEBEL

We are 5 months into the new year and the mid-year reports are due in less than 30 days, December 1, 2024, to this District Chair. Since I have not received any information from the Units that they are participating in the Department or National Americanism Essay Contest, the Units need to participate in at least one of the following programs within the Americanism Program. These programs are –

1. Get Out the Vote – Did anyone work at a voting location, did anyone take someone to vote or was your Post used as a vote location, and you helped?
2. Presentation of an American Flag – Did your Unit give a local business, school, or citizen an American Flag to be displayed?
3. Patriotic Event – Did your Unit participate in any city, county, or state Patriotic Event?
4. Pocket Flag – Did your Unit send out "pocket flags" to our military personnel?
5. Blue/Gold Star Banners – Did your Unit present any Blue or Gold Star Banners?



- Americanism in Schools - Did your Unit present any Americanism information to your local schools (comic books, coloring books, pamphlets, or instructions on flag education).

All these programs are on the Americanism Mid-year Report. Each Unit has time to complete one or more of these tasks so the Unit can have something to put in their Mid-year report.

Please send your mid-year report to me either via US mail at 5432 Fertile Street, Lynwood, CA 90262-5511 or via email at lkdiebel1@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to seeing your reports and receiving 100% reporting – a report from each Unit in the 19th District!!!!

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DIANA LIVAS

Who is eligible for AEF? If you are an Auxiliary member for 2 years and are in good standing you qualify for AEF. This program gives assistance from financial setbacks due to unexpected events. When no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, basic household utilities and/or loss of income. AEF might be of some assistance. Applicants must have exhausted all other financial options and be able to provide past due bills.

The Process:

Unit - Start at your Unit, all the information provided is private, no names are given to the general membership. If necessary, your application can be forwarded to the District, who will review and determine the necessary amount to give (depending on the funds in account).

District – Will review the application and determine assistance to the member.

What qualifies as an emergency all depends on your situation. This is why it is important to start the process with your Unit.

For more information, go to the website <https://www.legion-aux.org/AEF> and fill out the paperwork for a grant.

Please remember with all the devastation happening around us, how important it is to donate to AEF, if we all work together, we can help!

In Service Not Self

CHILDREN & YOUTH YVONNE PEREZ

With permission from Madam President Linda, we are going to be teaming up with our National Security Chair Linda Lara-Guzman and at the DEC we are going to have a Canned Food Drive. This will support all our local military bases and food pantries that are in need. We are asking everyone who attends DEC to bring canned food and then we will have bags so that everyone can take what they need to support their local military bases and food pantries. This will benefit the entire state of California. The Flyer is on the department website:

<https://calegionaux.org/mark-your-calendar/local-unit-district-events/department-food-drive>.

Friendly reminder of Temporary Financial Aide. TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. We have already had one application for this year, it has been processed and paid.

Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards. Suggest that you team up with either the Community Service Chair or even public relations to find those outstanding youth. The difference between the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Awards: *Youth Hero Award* – Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor and *Good Deed Award* – Youth should demonstrate a leadership role in community service and a specific deed should be present. The forms are online and will be sent straight to national.

EDUCATION GAYLE STEWART

Remember Education Week is coming up soon – November 18th – 22nd.

American Education Week was first established by the National Education Association in 1921. It has been celebrated annually to honor the importance of education and those who contribute to the educational process.

Here are a couple of ways to get involved in Education Week:

- Thank an Educator: Express your gratitude to all education professionals who have made a positive impact. A thank-you card is available on the National website.
- Schools: Arrange a visit to local schools to learn about educational programs and initiatives in your community.
- Support Educations Initiatives: Get involved in local education initiatives, such as school improvement projects or literacy programs.



Do not forget Midyear reports are due to me by Dec. 1st, 2024. Even if your unit did not participate, please send a report indicating that. Email: Stewnred@aol.com.

JUNIORS ANITA WATTS

Juniors can start their canned food drive for Thanksgiving. Seniors, please help them. Juniors can deliver the canned goods to their nearby VA Pantry or distribute them to the Veterans and their families at their Post.

The **essay date** for Mission Training 101 & National Junior Meeting contest has been extended to December 20th. Seniors help your juniors to submit an essay. The flyer for the contest is on the Department website.

- The essays should be emailed to huntLL577@gmail.com or mailed to Lucy Hunt, 2111 ½ S Sycamore Ave, LA, Ca 90016 and
- A courtesy copy to: Anita Watts, JA Chair at eggbeater49@gmail.com.

Seniors, please submit your Juniors' addresses before November 15th to:

- huntLL577@gmail.com or mailed to Lucy Hunt, 2111 ½ S Sycamore Ave, LA, Ca 90016 and
- A courtesy email to: Anita Watts, JA Chair at eggbeater49@gmail.com.

Juniors should keep track of their hours, send pictures and a short report when they participate in any activities to: huntLL577@gmail.com and Anita Watts at eggbeater49@gmail.com so this information can be put in the report for DEC. Help our juniors get their 2024-2025 patches. Juniors keep up the GREAT work serving our veterans, families, and communities.

The Unit Junior Activities Mid-Year Report is due to Anita Watts @ eggbeater49@gmail.com, before December 1st. The District reports are due to the Department Chairs by December 15th. Help us make 100% reporting.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, Anita Watts at 323-392-6588.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!

LEADERSHIP LINDA FARISS

We will soon be holding our Leadership "FUN shop" where we can update our information and our new members. You can learn about our wonderful organization where Veterans come first. We will be meeting at

Lakewood Post 496 on Saturday, December 7, 5938 Parkcrest Street, Long Beach. Registration starts at 8:30 am, the session starts at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm. Please enter the Post through the bar door.

Make a reservation to the numbers below for workshop registration and sending the Leadership mid-year reports.

Linda Fariss: 1021 Jay Street, Torrance, CA 90502, text 310-245-3041, email: lindafariss@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT

Hello Members,

Everyone is doing great with membership. We still must work a little harder and get all our membership turned in as a district. We are at 60.72%, we are doing good and working hard to get all our membership in. Some of you have reached out to me with questions or help, and I hope all your questions have been answered. If you do need my help, or have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone. Congratulations to Lakewood who is at 76.57% with their membership!! Great job, ladies. Our mid-year reports are also due soon, so let's try to get these in as soon as possible. As the holiday season arrives, be safe, blessed and have a great season.

Thank you and Happy Holiday

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LINDA FARISS

Due to the upcoming Holidays, we will not hold a PPP dinner in November or December. Please be sure to send me your PPP midyear reports.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

Through the end of the year there will be lots of opportunities for pictures. If you post on social media, please ensure the pictures are shareable so we can also put the events on the District Facebook page. Reminder, if there are children involved, be sure to obtain a guardian's permission.

Department has communicated to use hashtags (#) when posting on social media. A good way to boost awareness of our good work. For example: #americanlegionauxiliary, #ALA, or #LegionFamily, also you can add topics like #VeteransDay.



VA&R
VAVS LBVA
LBVA POPPY MANAGER
DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello Everyone,

First, your VA&R mid-year report is due to me by December 1. Every Unit must and everyone should be able to put a few things on it. Isn't that why you are in the Auxiliary to assist Veterans and families? You do not need to answer anything related to National Security on the form. It will be updated, and National Security will be taken off. So, 100% reporting!!! Any questions contact me. Let's do it!!!

We are coming up on the holidays. It's time to get ready, which I'm sure many are already thinking about it.

LBVA Spinal Cord has asked if anyone could do Bingo with the patients. Right now, there are 8-10 who participate but I bet more will come. The contact Rec Therapists are Crystal and Selena. You can contact them at 562-826-8000 x12121.

The **LBVA** is limiting what foods you can bring to celebrate for activities. Nothing with sugar. They do like root beer floats that are sugar free. Check with each group. **CLC:** Jessica and Kervhmin and the **Blind Unit:** Elizabeth Greco, and **SCI.** In addition, prizes, etc. constant issues. Unfortunately, they have a hard time deciding what can or can't be done. According to **IRS** and **LBVA** no gambling. Fine, we do not gamble. There is no exchange of funds from Veterans to us, all Veteran patients who can play. Generally, we even let the families play. I have constant discussions on this. "We Give, NOT take."

Speaking of Bingo. The issues at **L1/M1** are not resolved. The computer program they want everyone to do to enter the sites is still an issue. Trying to get a better response to this issue.

More to come (shortly) on our Christmas/Holiday gifts for the Veteran's Children we do every year. Thank you, Anita Watts, for donating 2 Christmas trees .

The new Director of **Volunteer Services** aka **CDCE** will be here December 2. He is from Cleveland, Ohio. However, he will need a few days to settle in. Shouldn't take much time since he's been in VS at least 12 years. Gift Cards for grocery Stores (\$50) are always welcome for the Holidays. Gas cards are always needed. Drop off at Volunteer Services.

I hope some of you were able to participate at Riverside National Cemetery on November 9th to place flags for Veterans Day. Thousands of flags were put on the graves of our Soldiers.

Coming up, Wreaths Across America to place wreaths is December 14. However, purchase after you read this because orders needed right away to make.
Input: Wreaths Across America.ORG

Big Labor Day event at LBVA front parking lot was held 11/2. Unfortunately, not well advertised. A shout out to the guys from Newport Beach 291. Hootenanny asked me if they can play Veterans Day!!! Yep, they will be at CLC.

The Deputy's will put Christmas trees at LBVA in 4 locations in December. American Legion District 19 (to discuss at their meeting) has received the OK to visit LBVA Christmas morning.

If you'd like to volunteer, and they need many at LBVA reach out to them and get signed up. Lots to do there!
(562) 826-5715

Our organization is about Volunteering to assist others. If you are, let your Program Chair or President (if no chair) know what you are doing, hours and money spent so she can complete the mid-year forms. Do you know our hours and dollars spent eventually go to the Legion to support them before Congress? Do you know we are the leaders and only Military organization under Congress? Do you know our show of strength helps the Legion get laws and money approved through Congress!! So, we are doing a lot of work. Your participation as a Member is very important.

Speaking of members, let's remember there are "rules" for membership to this great organization. Honesty and integrity go a long way. What does that mean? When you "fake" membership in essence that's Stolen Valor. Yes, we need good members but start them off with "honesty and integrity." Your friends can come to events, etc. with you. Any fundraiser is open to all family and friends. Keep our Organization strong.

I'm sure after I submit this, I'll remember something. You can always go to our District 19 Auxiliary FB page. Thank you everyone for your flyers and posts. Great to know what you are doing and for what Program.

Always remember there is the **Villages of Cabrillo** and the **Gold Star Manor** in West Long Beach. They like games and programs.

Lastly, the **Social Connection** this month is Friday, November 15; 8:30-10:30 am, back patio behind cafeteria.



Trying to have a thanksgiving type breakfast. Of course, the Woman Veterans table is set up by the Auxiliary. We are encouraging Ladies to come. Also, an opportunity to volunteer because we will NEED some of YOU to escort some ladies to the event from their cars or clinics.

Our District 19 Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday November 20th, 7 pm at the Paramount Post. Anyone can come...that's You who is reading this. We'd love to see you and get your ideas.

Happy Thanksgiving

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 **Sunday**, Football & Food – Raider Nation
Black Hole at **Post 411**

Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 411**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 411**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**

Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection at
LBVA (this month ONLY 11/15)

Upcoming

November 16 – Quartermania, Unit 496 at Post 496

November 16 – ALA Leadership Training at Post 46

**November 28 – Last Day to order Wreaths, Unit 272
for WLA Cemetery**

December 7 – D19 Workshop, at Post 496

December 7 – Area wide Legion Tamale Contest

December 8 – Children's Party, Unit 341 at Post 341

December 8 – Craft Fair, Unit 272 at Post 272

December 14 – Quartermania, Unit 723 at Post 359

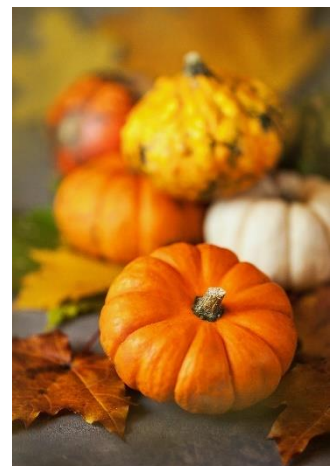
January 17-19 – Midyear Workshop in Palmdale

WHO DO YOU ASK WHEN YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Auxiliary Member	Ask your Unit President
Unit President	Ask your District Chair or District President
District President	Ask the Department Chair or Department President
Department Chair	Ask your Western Division Chair
Western Division Chair	Contact National

Unit Members, please do not contact National directly

*Happy Thanksgiving to you, our
American Legion Family and
the community we serve*





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