



American Legion Auxiliary
District 29

Area 5
Department of California



COUNTY

DECEMBER 2024

- Unit 72 Anaheim
- Unit 131 Santa Ana
- Unit 133 Huntington Beach
- Unit 132 Orange
- Unit 222 Laguna Beach
- Unit 257 Laguna Hills
- Unit 277 Placentia
- Unit 281 South Orange County
- Unit 295 Cypress
- Unit 291 Newport Beach
- Unit 327 Leisure World
- Unit 354 Buena Park
- Unit 555 Albert Schwab
- Unit 679 Richard Nixon
- Unit 716 Los Alamitos
- Unit 721 San Juan Capistrano

NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 7, 2024, 9:00AM
ORANGE UNIT 132
143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866



Questions

WHO DO YOU ASK?

- Aux Member - You ask your President
- Unit President - You ask your District Chairperson or District President
- Dist President - You ask the Department Chair or Department President
- Dept Chairperson - You ask your Western Division Chairperson
- West Div Chair - Will contact National
- Attention Unit Members -**
- Please do not contact National direct**





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, all Auxiliary members,

Hopefully you are all planning and holding your kids' Christmas parties, volunteering for the Wreaths Across America at the Riverside VA Cemetery, making holiday cookies for the troops (and delivering them or sending them) and, of course, planning your visit to the Long Beach VA for the holidays!

Our focus for December is the VA & R program—yes, this means Cindy Mayfield will get more time to give her report AND the program chairs will only get the 3 minutes! I am also hoping that many of you are finishing up your Mid-year reporting. Not sure if you received my email message that your Community Service reports are to be sent to our Community Service chair, Stacey Smith. Her email address was left off of the annual mid-year Community Service report. Mailing address is: 931B Cypress Avenue, Placentia and her email is: onyxbear612@yahoo.com.

We will soon be making more Unit visits. If you have a special date, time, & place that you would like to have your Unit visit, please let me know ASAP. Since I'm not home a lot during the day, please try to send an email and I'll get the message out to our other District officers.

Lastly, am hoping that we will have a good showing from our District at the mid-year Department meeting which will be held in Palmdale. Please check the Department website for information and reservation forms.

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing for our veterans AND active duty service personnel. Will hope to see you at our December District 29 meeting at the Orange Post 132 on 12/7/2024..

Pat

Pat Alvarez
District 29 President



I want to let you know that with your help the following:
 As you will see we were part of a Final Donation of 413 bikes that will be delivered to Camp Pendleton on the 9th of Dec.

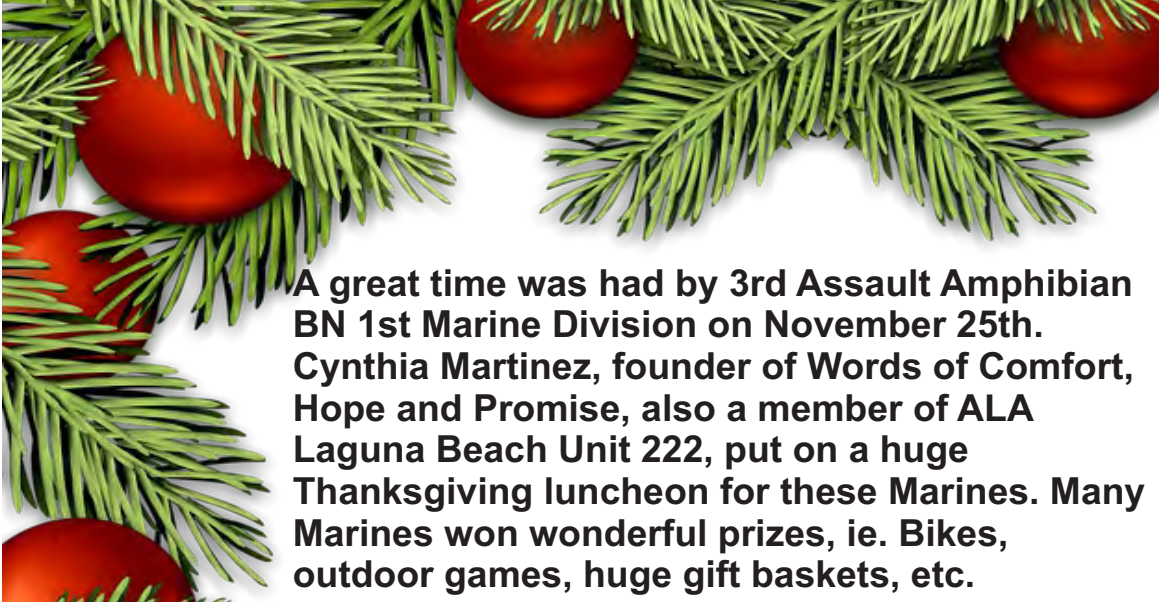
God Bless you and God Bless Country

Darlene Phillips



happy
 thanksgiving
 day

11-Jan	72	10AM	ANAHEIM PRESIDENT LINDA HAYES VISIT TO D29	936 N Leron St, Anaheim, CA92805
8-Feb	295	9AM	CYPRESS	5646 Corporate Ave, Cypress, CA90630
8-Mar	281	9AM	SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY	Sea Country Community Center, 24602 Aliso Creek Rd, Laguna Niguel 92677
12-Apr	133	9AM	HUNTINGTON BEACH	Memorial Hall - 1718 Orange Ave., Huntington Beach, CA92648
10-May	327	9AM	LEISURE WORLD	1353 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach CLUBHOUSE MEETING LOCATION TBA
14-Jun	555	10AM	MIDWAY CITY	14582 Beach Blvd, Midway City, CA92655
JULY	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	NO MEETING



A great time was had by 3rd Assault Amphibian BN 1st Marine Division on November 25th. Cynthia Martinez, founder of Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise, also a member of ALA Laguna Beach Unit 222, put on a huge Thanksgiving luncheon for these Marines. Many Marines won wonderful prizes, ie. Bikes, outdoor games, huge gift baskets, etc.



San Juan Capistrano, Unit 721 had the pleasure of providing gift cards to 10 of the single Marines. All volunteers walked away feeling blessed and grateful to have served our active military.



On the Marines 249th birthday, Lisa Towles, Tess Guerin and Laura DiGilio popped up their ALA Unit 721 tent at San Juan Capistrano's popular landmark Swallows Inn. During that day they celebrated the Marines birthday and also honored each branch of our US Military. These ladies greeted most guests and thanked all Veterans and active military for their service. They also gave away American flags, flag pins, necklaces, temporary tattoos, toy jets and soldiers... making it fun for all. Seeing all the happy faces made it a successful day! It was a great privilege to serve God and USA on this day!





VA&R

Happy Holidays to all of you wonderful ladies helping our vets!

December is upon us and I believe we all have our veterans' projects ready within our units. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA will keep everyone busy December 14. So happy to hear lots of our units will be visiting local National Cemetery, community cemeteries and local community memorials.

District Bingo will be DARK for CLC VA Hospital in December. January will resume with bingo, on January 5, 2025. Sunday @ 2pm. Units 132 Orange & Unit 679 Richard Nixon will be hosting. If both units can discuss and share what plans you might have for bingo. You can check with me at district meeting if you have any questions.

Let's not forget our mid-year report. As district chairman this makes my life so much easier if you can take the time to report what you have done for our veterans. I love to hear what you ladies have done. ***When completing your mid-year, you can omit question 4 and 5. *******

I am working on HONOR FLIGHT PROJECTS. We will be having a guest speaker in February, will keep you posted.

Don't forget our VA&R meeting after our District meeting this month of December. VA&R is such a big program that I run out of time with questions and answers. We will cover all questions your unit might have. To all units thank you for all of your hard work with helping our vets.

cindy

**Cynthia Mayfield
VA&R Chairman**



MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all you wonderful (RED Hot) ladies,

We are doing so well with our membership. We are in first place with 5th Area.

District 29 62.30%
District 22 54.39%
District 25 54.11%
District 21 53.12%

Units that have met over 75% (whoop whoop)
BRAVO!!!

Laguna Hills Unit 257 84.31%
South Orange County Unit 281 80.00%
Cypress Unit 295 78.72%

Don't forget to send in 2025 RECRUIT/REJOIN. Give credit to your ladies who are working so hard in your unit with membership.

Another item to explore is have any of our units recruited male members.

Keep up the challenging work with membership, have a wonderful Christmas and New Years!

cindy

Cynthia Mayfield
District Membership Chairman



POPPIES



Leisure World Unit 327

Unit 327 has something to cheer about; they get things done! If you want to make a poppy properly, come visit this unit. They meet once a week on a Wednesday at their club house or at a member's home at 9 am sharp. They will have 6-8 members a week and they get right to work with their poppy production.

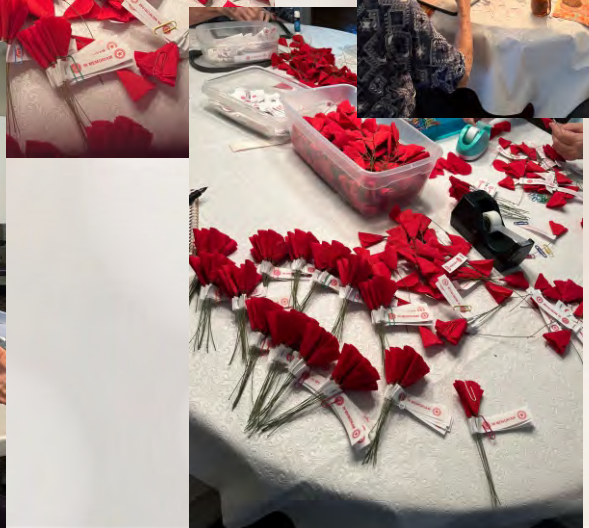
Last year they made 31,000 poppies for their District 29 and Department of California. Communication with their department and district is so important. Proper poppy count helps with prompt distribution to all units. Storage for producing our poppies is a member's bedroom with all supplies and boxes to distribute. No, "she-shed" for these ladies! Taking poppies home and prepping for the next week can be tedious, but they do all they can to make this work.

This Unit stepped up to the plate when poppy production stopped at the VA Hospital in Long Beach in 2018. "Who was going to make the poppies?" Leisure World to the rescue, and they have been doing this ever since.

The average age of the seniors making poppies is in their 80s. Each year is a challenge for them with a passing of a member or health issues. Our members persevere by attending their meetings and making their poppies with pride. Our department cannot say enough to thank these ladies for their dedication.



Thank You!





DEC



DEC Information

The hotel for DEC is filling up. We are running low on rooms. If you haven't made your reservation and need a double room, please make your reservation asap.

We have had some inquiries about registering for DEC. There really isn't a registration per say but we would so appreciate it if, when you make your room reservation, we need you to make sure you have everyone in your room on the reservation. This way we can keep track of how many people will be attending DEC and how many free breakfast tickets we will need to have.

Also, if you are going to the banquet and also ordering lunch for Saturday please send Bonnie Christner two checks. Both should be made out to ALA Dept. of California, earmarked banquet or lunch. We need to keep these two separate so we know how much we need to pay the hotel.

There will be tables at the hotel for you to check in at and get your ditty bag and your name tag.

We are so looking forward to a fun weekend and to hearing all the reports from the chairman and officers. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to give Bonnie a call.

Bonnie Christner- 661-202-5830



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As tidings of joy
Spread over the earth
And tell us once more
Of our dear Savior's birth,
This brings you a prayer
That Our Lord will bless
Your Christmas and New Year
With true happiness.

Merry Christmas

