



Post 377 Tujunga, California

# Family Forum

December 2024  
January & February 2025



Vincent Valdivia,  
Commander

## Message from the Commander

My heart goes out to everyone who has experienced hardship or tragedy during our recent fires. More than 130 veterans (and counting) have lost their homes. If you have suffered from the fires, the CA Disaster & Emergency Relief Fund may provide immediate emergency assistance to current members of The American Legion. The applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence or evacuated due to official government order, and unable to return to the residence because of unsafe conditions or damage, and had out-of-pocket expenses for food, clothing, and shelter. Only one grant is available per household for each disaster and cannot exceed \$1,000 for Legionnaires, or \$500 for Auxiliary and Sons members. <https://calegion.org/california-disaster-relief-grant/>

In addition, affected individuals may apply for assistance from the National American Legion Emergency Fund (a one-time grant up to \$3000). <https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/national-emergency-fund/request-assistance>

If you haven't heard, American Legion Post 283 in Pacific Palisades is one of the few remaining public buildings in that area. Their facilities will serve as a hub for relief efforts, offering 24-hour access to utilities, meeting space, and communications for residents, first responders, and relief organizations. For further information: <https://www.alpost283.com/fire>

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year; but this new year has been challenging to say the least! Buddy checks are all so important these days, so do so as necessary. As a young country, growing pains will be prevalent as we move into this year.

I want to thank those that volunteer and continue to assist when and where necessary for the good of our post. As we are sometimes humbled by the reality of life and tragedies that occur through this world we live in, so many things become not so important compared to reality. As they sometimes say, "Don't think it can't happen to you - every day may not be good but find some good in every day."

Our Post is always here for you, your family, our community. Stay safe everyone.

Be The One,  
Commander Vincent Valdivia



# Honoring the Veterans Buried at Verdugo Hills Cemetery



Saturday, December 14th.....The morning was clear and crisp as American Legion Post 377 and Auxiliary Unit 377 participated in Wreaths Across America. You could see for miles atop the hill at Verdugo Hills Cemetery where over 250 veterans are buried. Legion Chaplain, Paul Pangburn started with a prayer and Trish Ramsey, Auxiliary Chaplain ended the ceremony with a prayer. Here are some photos of everything that happened in between.



*The Auxiliary Juniors sang God Bless America.*



*The ROTC from Verdugo Hills High School Presented the Colors.*



*Just prior to Taps, the Marine Corps League, President Ronald Reagan Detachment #597 from the Simi Valley, performed a Rifle Salute.*



*Above — Seven wreaths, each representing a branch of our military and another wreath for all POW/MIA, were placed around the flag pole.*



*Melissa Kramer-Sarrett, cemetery volunteer, explained the research she has done to find all the veterans at the cemetery.*



*Guests placed wreaths at the graves of the veterans.*



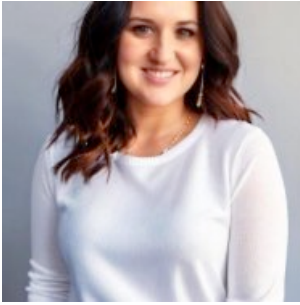
*To end the ceremony, two trumpeteers played Echo Taps.*



*Right — The Scouts from Troop 315 helped present and distribute the wreaths.*



*It was a lovely morning.*



## Auxiliary President's Message

### *Auxiliary Tea Party and Upcoming Events Announced*

Join us for a delightful Auxiliary Tea Party on **Sunday, February 2nd** from 1:00 to 1:30 PM, followed by our monthly meeting. Bring your own tea cup and share a story behind it with fellow members. It's a perfect chance to connect and share memories over a warm cup of tea.

We also want to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families affected by the recent fires. A special thank you to our proactive Junior members for organizing multiple efforts to assist the community during this difficult time.

Looking ahead..... Don't miss our biggest event of the year on **Saturday, March 15th**. Starting at 11:00 AM, we'll be hosting an exciting bash featuring three top-line bands, two whole roasted hogs, Street Reuben sandwiches and Harley rides. Harley riders enjoy a free brunch from 11 AM to 1 PM. Plus, there will be a huge 50/50 raffle with tons of amazing prizes. Mark your calendars now.

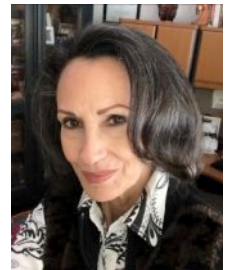
Thank you all for your continued support and for everything you do for our veterans and their families.

**Chandra Young**  
**President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 377**

## Chaplain's Corner



*The 41st president of the United States,  
George H.W. Bush said:  
"No problem of human making is too great to be  
overcome by human ingenuity, human energy, and the  
untiring hope of the human spirit."*



*Trish Ramsey*  
*Chaplain*

January 2025 has seen devastating fires in Los Angeles, loss of lives, homes and communities. Remember them in your prayers, for they have a long road ahead to travel. There is renewed hope for the return of the hostages held by Hamas.

January 20th was a historic day, as we honored Martin Luther King Jr. and watched the inauguration of Donald J. Trump, sworn in as the 47th president of our country. The second time for a president in our country's history to serve two nonconsecutive terms. Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd from 1885-1889 and the 24th serving 1893-1897.

Dear God, we ask for your presence among us, guiding our thoughts and actions. Help us to listen to each other with open hearts and minds. May our discussions be filled with respect and compassion and may our decisions reflect your will. In Jesus' name, we pray.

God Bless all Active and Retired Veterans, Keep Them Safe, and May God Bless America.

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 MEETINGS: Legion at Noon Auxiliary 1 PM	3 Four Chaplains Day Pool League 7 PM	4 Men's Pool League 7 PM	5 Pool League 7 PM	6 Women's Pool League 7 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Family Dinner 6 PM Stephan Terry Band— See Ad for details
National Salute to Veteran Patients Week						
	Pool League 7 PM	Men's Pool League 7 PM	Pool League 7 PM	Women's Pool League 7 PM	Game Night 6 PM	
16	17 Presidents Day Pool League 7 PM	18 Men's Pool League 7 PM	19 Coast Guard Reserves Birthday Pool League 7 PM	20 Women's Pool League 7 PM	21	22
23	24 Pool League 7 PM	25 Men's Pool League 7 PM	26 Pool League 7 PM	27 Women's Pool League 7 PM	28	

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## Valentine's Tea Party

### A Celebration of Friendship & Stories

You're invited to a charming afternoon of  
tea, friendship, and cherished memories!

Sunday, February 2, 2025

1:00 p.m. - Tea Party

Bring your vintage teacup  
and share its special story.

1:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting

Join us as we discuss exciting  
opportunities for the year ahead.

Location:

American Legion (Downstairs)  
10039 Pinewood Avenue, Tujunga, CA

*Invite a friend and  
let's create sweet  
moments together!*



## Our Juniors Support First Responders



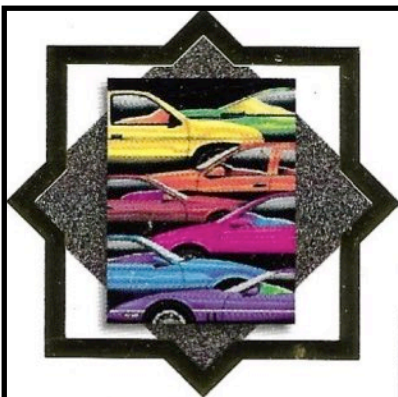
Auxiliary Juniors, Maddie and Julie, made care packages for the Police and Fire Fighters battling the Eaton Fire. The Juniors put "Thank You" notes in them to show appreciation for all they do for us. They drove around to hand them out to our Police and Fire Fighters.

So many of them appreciated it  
The packages included ChapStick, protein bars, chips and hydration packs.

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# Baked Potato Bar FUNDRAISER



## To Support On-Going and Upcoming Events

**Date:** Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 6 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion  
10039 Pinewood Ave., Tujunga

**\$15**



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*Happy Valentine's Day*

From the Record Ledger  
8 March 1945

## Legion To Have World War II Meeting Mar. 14

World War II veterans will be honored on Wednesday, March 14 at a meeting of the Tujunga American Legion Post No. 250, to give them an opportunity to get better acquainted. The liaison committee, headed by Chuck Brown, as well as the majority of the Post members, feels that it is time for these vets to start taking an active interest in the functions of the Post.

About eighty per cent of the service department's work and expense is incurred in helping these comrades, so it is to their interest that they should know how to take an active part in all activities. Just paying dues is not enough.

The post stations will be occupied by World War II veterans, and Lee Warburton, the State Liaison chairman, is expected to come and present an outline of his program.

Any World War II vet, whether a member or not, is invited to attend.

On the same evening the Tujunga American Legion Auxiliary will have a dinner and birthday party.

Moe Furman won the War Bond given by Jack Raymond, past commander of 17th district, to a member of the Tujunga Post making the best grade in an examination on the benefits of the GI Bill.

At the regular meeting on January 10, Past Commander Ernest T. Wood was endorsed and will be presented by Sunland-Tujunga Post for the office of 20th District Commander for 1945-46. He has served as 2nd vice-commander of this district and is the current 1st vice-commander.



Jan L. Adams

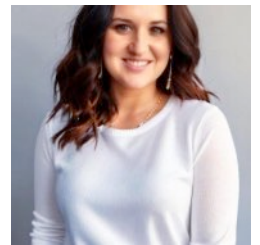
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### Keep that New Year Resolution to plan for the future today!

Are you ready to take control of your financial destiny? Whether planning for retirement, setting up a Living Trust, debt consolidation or exploring life insurance options, we are here to help! With personalized solutions tailored to your unique needs, feel confident about your financial future. Don't let a lack of planning hold you back! Contact us today to start preparing for tomorrow.



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## Something new in the bar! Look for the new screen above the display case.

Above the display case in the bar, you will now see a TV screen which will display Post 377's news and notices. There will be a continuous loop of all the events happening at the Legion Hall as well as any special announcements. Stay on top of all the latest news at your American Legion Post 377. Many thanks to Juvl for setting this up and keeping it current. Great idea!



### Laddies and Lassies!

Mark your calendars — **Saturday, March 15th**

Start time: 11:00 AM

Three (3) Bands

Two (2) whole roasted hogs, Reuben Sandwiches

Harley rides—Harley riders get a free brunch from 11 AM to 1 PM

50 / 50 Raffle with lots of great prizes



## National Salute to Veteran Patients Week

You may have noticed on the calendar a whole week is dedicated to “National Salute to Veteran Patients Week”. The following is taken from the **US Department of Veterans Affairs** web-site:

The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to:

- pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans;
- increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center;
- encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

The week also provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center.

Contact your nearest VA Medical Center and ask for Voluntary Service to discover the wonderful things you, your group or organization can do to salute America's Heroes.



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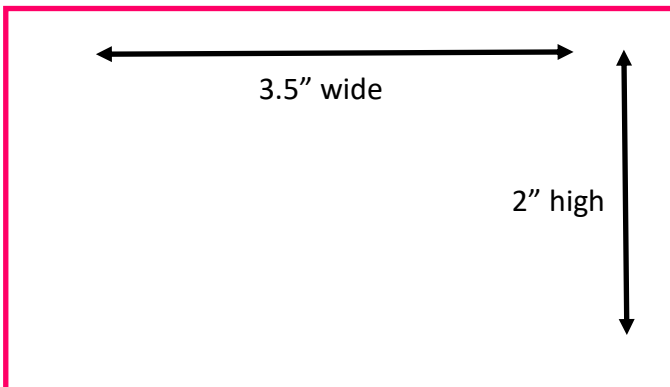
The next American Legion meeting is  
**Sunday, February 2nd**  
Noon — Upstairs  
We hope you will attend.

The Auxiliary meeting is at 1300 hours — 1PM Downstairs in the bar  
Bring a tea cup and a story!

## Place an Ad in the Newsletter

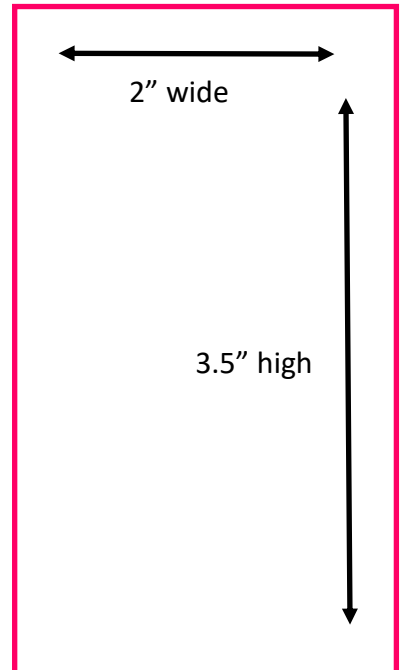
Whether you want to promote your business, send birthday or anniversary wishes, or make an announcement, here is your opportunity.

- \$35 per ad, per month
- Ads are 3.5" x 2" (business card size)
- Send camera ready art work in JPEG format to: PubReIALA377@gmail.com
- Deadline is the first Friday of each month
- An invoice will be generated and e-mailed to you and to the Legion Treasurer
- Payment is due upon receipt of invoice
- Ad space is available only to our members



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