



**September Meeting Programs -
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Music Month

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American Legion Auxiliary

19th District Monthly Newsletter

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**PRESIDENT –
LINDA DIEBEL**

I have completed four District Courtesy visits in September – Norwalk, Unit # 359, Montebello, Unit # 272, Downey, Unit # 270 and Rivera, Unit # 411. I am happy to report that each Unit is working the ALA Programs and holding events to either raise money for an ALA Program or to help our veterans in need. I will be visiting five Units this month – Leland A Cupp, Unit # 341, Hollydale, Unit # 723, Lakewood, Unit # 496. Lincoln Village, Unit # 833 and Hawthorne, Unit # 314. I am looking forward to visiting with them.

This month at our District meeting we will be reviewing our District Constitution and By-laws as well as our Standing Rules. As with the Unit, we are required to review these documents

**Our next meeting will be held on
November 20th -
Norwalk 359
Membership Month is November**

**Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
Please try to attend, we would love to see
at least one member from each of our 14
Units.**

each year and make any necessary changes. CJ Reyes, our District Parliamentarian, will be reviewing the District's C & B and Standing Rules. She handed out copies of both at the September District meeting for each Unit to review. Please bring your copies with you to the meeting. She will have extra copies for those you did not attend last month's meeting.

Also, we will be having our Unit drawing - \$10 for the Unit President if you Unit number is drawn – she MUST be in attendance.

Please let the District Chaplain, Dawn Brown, know of any illness or deaths in your Unit or Post. The members of our District would like to know if one of our family is ill or in need. I know from personal experience that the love and support from my ALA family is a big help, so let us help!

For God and Country,

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**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT &
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

BECKY BULLARD

I have been checking ALAMIS and see this year we have no goose eggs everyone has at least one person in so far. Good work ladies we are on the right road so far keep up the good work.

I know most of you have noticed we have new forms again this year. One for **NEW and RENEWALS**, Jrs and Srs can go on the same form, and you can put both new and renewals on the same form just remember leave the number spot blank for new ones and renewals need their number. One for **PAST and REJOINING** Members. Those who are behind in dues or would like to be a member again. If you have any questions about the forms don't hesitate to call me (562) 325-9638 or email me dragon.lady9@verizon.net and I will help you with them.

Please if you can when you are filling out your transmittals will you email me a copy or send one via snail mail so if a problem arises, I can help you better.

Good Luck to everyone.

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**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT &
VETERANS AFFAIRS &
REHABILITATION
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Greetings to all:

See you at the District meeting on October 20. All are invited.

We recently had a VAVS meeting with LBVA. The VA remains closed to guests and events. Volunteer Services continues to need items for their Veteran pantry. They will let us know about any upcoming needs or requests from CLC; SCI; Blind; L1 and M1 especially for holidays. VS said they are talking with social workers to obtain names of family who need assistance for December holiday adopt children under age 18.

PIER may be asking soon for some warm new jackets or heavy sweatshirts sizes XL- 3X. I'll let you know.

I hope some of you were able to write to your cities for the Proclamations to designate the month of November Veterans, Military, and their families.

Veterans Day is November 11. Check your areas for Veteran activities to participate or donate.

Mid-year reports will be coming up. Please check the California Department website mid-year report or what's available so you can check a few items listed.

Thank you.

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SECRETARY – LINDA FARISS

As we begin our regular meetings remember the importance of putting ALL reports in writing. Ideally each officer at the front table should receive a copy. If for some reason you are unable to make that many copies, please have one for the secretary, it makes creating the minutes more accurate.

Thank You.

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TREASURER – JUDY ZARATE

No article submitted.

Have you paid your 2021 -2022 Per Capita to the District? Is your Unit due to pay their Fidelity Bond this Year? Please double check, they are due now?

**CHAPLAIN –
DAWN BROWN**

No Report Submitted

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HISTORIAN – DIANA LIVAS

Greetings ladies of the 19th district. As your historian I realize not every unit has a historian, but unit members take pictures and that's makes everyone of us little historians. If you could please share your pictures with me, It will be put into Madam President Linda's history book. I looks forward to seeing your Halloween pictures.

My email address is dlivas@att.net

For God and Country,

Diana Livas
19th District Historian
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**AMERICIANISM
GAYLE STEWART**

Let's remember that it is the time of year to promote the Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 4-12, including students with special needs. All rules and information is located on the calegionaux.org website. There has been a correction made on the titles as of September 27, 2021. Listed below are the corrected titles.

Group#	Grades	Essay Title
Group 1	- 4th and 5th Grades	Why I am proud to be an American
Group 2	- 6th and 7th Grades	My duties as a student in America
Group 3	- 8th and 9th Grades	What is the cost of Freedom?

Group 4 - 10th – 12th Grades

What is Democracy?

Group 5 - Special Needs

How can I make a difference in my Community?

The National Americanism committee is asking for us to share information on “Star Spangled Kids”. This excellent program helps educate our children and youth on the history of the United States of America. There is more information about this program on legion-aux.org.

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AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND – ANITA WATTS

We are currently going through a rough period due to “Mother Nature”. The AEF is available to help our members during this period. These funds help with:

1. Financial crisis to help pay for shelter and utilities. Funds are not available to settle accumulated debts, or to help with medical expenses.
2. Disaster relief: to help pay for food and shelter due to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters.
3. Educational training: due to life changes such as death of a spouse, divorce, or separation, necessitating the Auxiliary member to assume the role of primary source of support for her family.

What can you do ?

1. Familiarize each unit with what AEF can and cannot do, where to locate the current application and how to apply.

a. Ideas:

Member • Distribute the “Before you Begin – Frequently Asked Questions” sheet and AEF brochure found at www.ALAFforVeterans.org to eligible members. Promote as a benefit to new members.

Unit • Have printed applications and AEF brochures available during unit meetings and at the local post.

Department • Educate each unit and department AEF chairman on Auxiliary Emergency Fund roles and responsibilities. Encourage AEF chairman to procure brochures for their eligible members. This can be at www.ALAFforVeterans.org .

2. Help the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund obtain donations by supporting department and unit fundraisers.

a. Ideas:

Member • Support fundraisers sponsored by your department and unit.
• Make a personal donation to the AEF. Donations of \$50 or more will receive a pin requested by your department from National Headquarters.

Unit • Put an AEF donation can in your local post (visit www.ALAFforVeterans.org for a free, downloadable can label). Solicit local businesses for monetary or in-kind donations to your unit for AEF. 2017-

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

b. Schedule an annual “Members Helping Members” night at your local post. Not only is this a great time for an AEF fundraiser, but it gives you the opportunity to share information about what makes a member eligible to receive help from the AEF. Have membership applications available and sign-up new members during an event. Legion members might sign up eligible relatives to provide this protection for them. Prior to the event, be sure all unit members have read and are familiar with the AEF frequently asked questions as well as the criteria for assistance.

The AEF brochure is available through departments and, also online at www.ALAforVeterans.org Please use the current form and follow directions to ensure that evaluation and processing are completed in a timely fashion. Incomplete applications can delay the application process. The current application and expedited application are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org .

Forms are available to order pins for individuals who donate \$50 or more. AEF Donation Pin Order Forms are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org, by contacting National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500, or by emailing your request to aef@ALAforVeterans.org . The Department tracks and distributes pins to individual members.

AEF frequently asked questions and additional AEF information are available on the AEF page at www.ALAforVeterans.org .

The following core rules apply to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund:

a. Temporary assistance to eligible members during:

- A time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food, and utilities.
- Weather-related emergencies and natural disasters, for food and shelter.
- Educational training for eligible members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills.

b. Assistance will not be granted to pay accumulated debts or medical expenses. The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and is meant to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is re-established. Incomplete applications and missing documentation will significantly slow processing the case file.

c. Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years and who’s current 2017-2022 membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years’ dues) may apply for assistance.

d. Assistance provided: The maximum grant amount is \$2,400, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee determines.

If there are any questions or you need help with an application, please let me know.”

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CHILDREN & YOUTH– RITA LAMBERT

This month the Children & Youth program will focus on the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. It was established in 1953 and has given out \$18 million dollars in grants since. The foundation gives grants to any nonprofit that meets the guidelines and follows the policies set forth by the foundation. Application can be found on the website – www.cwf.inc.org .

The American Legion Auxiliary supports the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation by raising money for these grants. Our goal is at least \$1.00 per member of each Unit. A form was given out at Clovis for a banner to be given, by the AL Child Welfare Foundation, to the Unit who raises at least \$1.00 per member. To receive this banner the Unit must complete the form and send it in to the foundation and to the Department Chairman, Tamra Duron by May 31, 2022. If you need a copy of the form, please let me know. I know each Unit will be able to donate at least \$1.00 per Unit member.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE – NORA RAMERIZ

Community Service embraces all activities for improvement of conditions of life in the community where the American Legion Auxiliary unit is located. It has been a major activity of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, since 1926, that has resulted in the completion of a vast number of projects to make American communities better places in which to live. Every Auxiliary Unit is expected to carry out or cooperate in at least one project for community betterment each year.

During the many years of Community Service work by thousands of American Legion Auxiliary Units, scores of different type projects have been carried out successfully. A general listing of these projects follows:

- **Health:** Cooperation with national health organizations in their local fund-raising and educational activities. Sponsoring of clinics. Aid to community nurses. Purchase of needed equipment for local hospitals. Purchase of equipment needed by those suffering from disease or disability to loan to local families. Example – Free First Aid Classes
- **Recreation:** Sponsoring or cooperating in the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds, swimming pools, and youth centers. Organization

and direction of wholesome recreational activities for young people. Example – Support a local city sponsored sport team

- **Safety:** Sponsoring or cooperating in traffic safety, home safety, and fire prevention programs. Purchase of respirators or other life-saving equipment for Sheriff, Police, or Fire Departments. Aid school safety patrol. Example – Free CPR Classes
- **Beautification:** Conduct or take part in clean-up campaigns. Encourage the planting of flowers, shrubs, lawns, and trees. Campaign for improvement of parks and others public grounds, aiding in the work if necessary. Plant memorial trees. Example – cleanup local park
- **Libraries:** Aid the public library by working for adequate appropriations, if necessary. Establish and maintain memorial bookshelf. Present copies of American legion Auxiliary History. Collect and donate books, if needed. Help maintain traveling libraries. If community is without library service, start a community library. Example – Setup a local book drive
- **Community Councils:** Initiate or cooperate in establishing community council which can bring all local organizations together to work for the betterment of the community. Example – work with local city to promote local organizations

There are so many things that you can do for your community. Just look around and see what needs to be done.

If you have any questions regarding Community Service programs, please call me.

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS & PARLIAMENTARIAN

C. J. REYES

This meeting we will review our standing rules so be sure to bring your copy that was handed out last month and also your suggestions as to if anything need to be changed. If you cannot attend but have a suggestion, please let me know. This is your district, and we would like to hear from all of you. My cell is 562-972-1443.

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EDUCATION

NORA RAMERIZ

Our Education program is here to help make it possible for a student who has the ability or the desire, to receive an education beyond high school, to encourage the members of The American Legion and its affiliated

organizations to take an active part in the development and maintenance of a school system that will serve the needs of all children at every level of education. and to encourage students to select careers where personnel shortages exist.

One way to help is our "10 to Education" program. Donate ten of an item to your local schools. Contact your local school to see what the school needs of if you know a teacher see what he/she needs in the classroom – 10 pen/pencils, 10 notebooks, 10 reams of paper, ten packs of crayons, etc.

Other way is to contact your local high school counselors and give them information regarding the scholarships available through the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary. All application is on the website for each organization.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding the Education program.

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GIRLS STATE – BECKY BULLARD

I hope you have made your reservations and have started contacting your schools. This year we are hoping for an on campus session and I know the Girls

State Committee has been in touch with McKenna College regarding it. They have a virtual session in a week and 1/2 and I hope to get more information than as far as dates and what we will be doing.

As soon as I have any information, I will post it with Jean so you will all be aware. I know Ally has been sending out emails to those chairmen she has to try and keep everyone updated.

Don't forget your mid-year report send me a copy please.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

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LEADERSHIP – LINDA FARISS

Reminder, the District FUNSHOP will be Saturday October 23, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am. You only need to bring yourself as everything else will be provided, including lunch. We really need to know how many members will be attending so that we have ample materials and food. We plan to finish by 2:00pm unless anyone wants to stay and ask questions. Remember, EVERYONE IS INVITED. Whether you joined last week or decades ago, this Funshop is for you. Please contact:

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LEGISLATIVE – ANITA WATTS

The legislative activities of the Unit may be handled by the Unit President, by a standing Unit committee, or by a special committee appointed to conduct the work in special emergencies. The legislative matters usually deal with some other phase of Auxiliary work, such as

- a. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – getting beneficial legislation for veterans.
- b. Children and Youth – securing legislation beneficial to children of veterans and military families, and children in general.
- c. National Security – securing national security measures.
- d. Americanism – obtaining the passage of measures to promote better citizenship or to curb the activities of radicals.

The arousing of public sentiment in support of such measures might well be left to the committee handling the activity under which they fall. All Unit Legislative Chairmen should subscribe to

The Dispatch, The American Legion's publication. This biweekly newspaper describes current legislative issues and other news pertinent to The American Legion family. Subscription requests with payment should be sent to The Dispatch, The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Here is a 7—way plan to get your Representative to pay attention -

1. Write the member a personal letter and expect a response within thirty days. Do not use a form letter or postcard.
2. If you haven't heard from your member, call to ask for a meeting with the staff member in charge of veteran's issues.
3. Be concise at the meeting. Have your facts straight and all your sources.
4. Request that your issue/concern be placed on the radar screen and supported by your member.
5. If the above isn't working, stand outside the member's office or committee door. Introduce yourself when she/he passes by and tell them about your concern as simply as possible. Back up your statement with facts.
6. Send a thank you letter for the time and support the member gives to your issue.
7. Hold her/him accountable. Send a note of appreciation if she/he votes yes. Send a note questioning a no vote.

Currently, there are 13 bills before our State Legislature regarding issues affecting our veterans in California. Please read the bulletins from Department regarding these bills and how you can help.

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MUSIC CHAIRMAN – JEAN COOLEY-DESMEULES

I know that we have some very talented members in the Noisy 19th District. And the Department Chairman is holding a Song Contest.

Rules:

- Write your own lyrics to any surf-themed song!
- Email or send them to the Department Music Chairman – Donna L. Smith by 01/01/2022 or you can video it too.
- Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both Unit and District Best Song.
- Email – DonnaSmith1919@gmail.com

This time of year, you all should be including music at all of your events and meetings. You can use Holiday, Patriotic or just your favorite music.

There is going to be a Mid-Year report for this Program, and it will be due

around December 1st. I look forward to hearing all of your entries into the Song Contest. Winners will be announced during the Mid-Year DEC in Long Beach in January 2022.

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EDITOR NOISETTE – JEAN A. COOLEY-DESMEULES

EDITOR'S NOTE: if your Unit is having an event and you have a flyer, please print out and bring them to the monthly District meeting. Also, please email a copy to me so I can give it to both the Public Relations, Historian for their books and they will be put onto our Noisy 19th Auxiliary Facebook page, and the Department of CA Facebook page, too. Flyers must be in a "jpg" format.



Check out the American Legion Auxiliary Noisy 19th District Facebook page. Ask everyone to check it out and help keep it updated on events, pictures, etc. Facebook Contact: Jean Cooley-Desmeules
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All flyers that are emailed to me will be sent out on a Special Alert to everyone on the distribution list. (Which will also be posted on the Dept. of CA Website, too) See how many more will come to your event.

Important: when publishing on Facebook, please be sure to change your settings to "public to ALL" so they can be shared.

As you can see, there are many avenues to get the word out to the public. What a difference it could make in the attendance to your events and the profits, too!

ONE LAST ITEM: If you Facebook name has "Women's", "Ladies", or any referral to only females – this must now be changed to read: "American Legion Auxiliary – "***with no mention of gender in your Facebook Name.***

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY - LINDA FARISS

All units should be looking at candidates for Auxiliary member of the year as well a female active duty serviceman of the year. Full information on the Department website: calegionaux.org.

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POPPY & POPPY POSTERS BECKY BULLARD

Thank you to everyone that ordered Poppies and sent me a copy of the request, Those that didn't will be receiving 100 Poppies and a bill from Department for \$25.00.

Remember Veteran's Day is next month and left over Poppies can be put to good use for our Veteran's

Don't forget your mid-year report send me a copy please.

Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

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PUBLIC RELATIONS - JEAN A COOLEY-DESMEULES

Public Relations is about PUBLICITY and what better way to attract Publicity for our Unit's and District's than with a newsletter. Does your Unit or District have a newsletter? A newsletter builds relationships and maintains regular contact with our members. A newsletter contains important news and updates of Post, Auxiliary, and Son's activities, dinners, and events. A newsletter can be either digital or printed, the digital age has taken the world by storm, but others still enjoy the printed material, you choose what's best for your members and the budget you have to work with. Newsletters can be interesting as well as rewarding. Newsletters are like an invitation to our members and communities; newsletters are a successful Public Relations media strategy. Please try to find some time to go on to <https://www.legion-aux.org> and read "***How to Improve your Unit's Newsletter***" and remember you can also link your newsletter to your Unit's or District's website.

Here are a few of ideas that could help you with your Public Relations Chairmanship,

- Give an Auxiliary magazine gift subscription to your local library and doctors' offices
- Distribute Ala brochures in your communities, libraries, city events, or medical facilities
- You can print your own ALA brochures online from the PR/Marketing Resources section at www.ALAforVeterans.org .

If your Unit has already a newsletter, please put me on your mailing list. Also, if you get anything published in your local newspaper, please get me two copies of the entire page that it appears on. It's my responsibility to make a PR book at the end of the year and would love to include yours in it.

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NOTE: please when sending me your flyers, DO NOT TAKE A PICTURE OF IT. Please send from your computer in a jpeg format.

**WAYS & MEANS –
CRYSTAL ROMO-REYES &
MELISSA BRAICOV**

Remember to purchase your 50/50 tickets at each District Monthly meeting.

Half of the proceeds go into our District General Funds account and the balance is Funds account and the balance is distributed to all the winning numbers at each monthly meeting.

Tickets are only \$1.00 each or \$ 5.00 for six tickets. You might just be lucky enough to win your money back. Help support your 19th District.

**SERGENAT – AT – ARMS -
MELISSA BRAICOV**

No Article Submitted

**ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS –
CRYSTAL ROMO-REYES**

No Article Submitted

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST
CHAIRMAN_– RITA LAMBERT**

A message from the Department Distinguished Guest Chairman.

I would like to encourage all the Units and District's to utilize their Distinguished Guest Chairman. Many times, this is the Junior Past President. The person conducting the meeting can direct this by simply saying "Would the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort (the guest) to this station." Something to that effect when you are escorting guests at your meetings.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello to all.

I hope many of you can make it to District meeting coming up. All are invited.

Midyear reports coming around December 1.

Please remember our Active Duty and their families.

If you have a way to send cards or gifts to our active duty members, please do. If you are donating money the Bob Hope USO at LAX can always use help. Send directly to them not their National.

Things to do: CPR training, EQ preparedness.

Where red on Fridays to support our deployed

Friday's: red shirt Friday



Thank you.

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Special Request from Our V.A.&R. and Public Relations Chairman's

Hi there.

This is a Department VA&R project and Public Relations. Obviously needs to be done ASAP since it pertains to November.

The letter heading is to be reworded for each individual city Mayor and City Councilman. The proclamations of Obama and Trump should be attached.

Once your city approves and they agree to a proclamation Public Relations should be contacted to come and take pictures., if at all possible.

It would be great if I knew the names, email, and phone numbers of Unit VA&R.

Please let me know when you have completed. There is still time to accomplish this project.

Congratulations to Unit 496 Lakewood for completing this task.

Thank you
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American Legion Auxiliary (Insert your name) Unit (insert your number)

Insert current date

Insert your VA&R Chairman's address

Mayor or Councilman's Name, Title – Mayor or Councilman
Council Member or Mayor of (Insert your City), CA
Insert correct address of your City Hall

Dear (Insert your Councilman's or Mayor's Name)

I am writing this letter on behalf of The American Legion Auxiliary, (your Unit Name) Unit (your Unit number). We would like to ask for your assistance with our plight in asking the City of (Your City), CA to proclaim the month of November as Veterans, Military, and their Families Month. We are asking for your vote of yes on this matter.

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919, our vision is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our Veterans, our Military, and their families. We honor the sacrifice of those who served by enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military, and their families both at home and abroad. With recent situation's unfolding in Afghanistan, Iraq and through-out the world we are asking the Township of Apple Valley to stand with us in honor and support by proclaiming November as Veterans, Military and their Families, month.

We have sent a letter including 2 Proclamations to Mayor or Councilman Name which, I am enclosing the Proclamations to you too, one from President Obama signed in 2013 proclaiming November as Military Family month and one by President Trump signed in 2019 proclaiming November as National Veterans and Military Families month. We are asking that the wording in the proclamation include, Veterans, Military and Families to show our appreciation.

In the words of President John F. Kennedy, "A Nations revels itself not only by the citizens it produces but also by the citizens it honors, the citizens it remembers".

(Your VA&R Chairman's Name), American Legion Auxiliary (Your Unit's Name) Unit (Your Unit's Number)

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman
(Your Units VA&R Chairman's Phone Number)
[\(Your VA&R Chairman's Email address\)](#)

Presidential Proclamation -- Military Family Month, 2013

MILITARY FAMILY MONTH, 2013

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Throughout our Nation's history, an unbroken chain of patriots has strengthened us in times of peace and defended us in times of war. Yet the courageous men and women of the United States military do not serve alone. Standing alongside them are husbands and wives, parents and children, sisters, and brothers. During Military Family Month, we celebrate the families who make daily sacrifices to keep our Nation whole, and we remember a most sacred obligation -- to serve them as well as they serve us.

Military families exemplify the courage and resolve that define our national character. For their country and their loved ones, they rise to the challenges of multiple deployments and frequent moves -- spouses who care and provide for children in their partners' absence, kids who make new friends and leave known comforts behind. They are the force behind the force, patriots who support their family members in uniform while enriching the communities they call home.

While our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen are defending the country they love, their country must provide for the families they love. Through First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative, my Administration has worked tirelessly to engage American citizens and businesses in this cause. Joining Forces encourages the private sector to hire veterans and military spouses, helps schools become more responsive to military children's needs, and expands access to wellness and education programs for military families. Since the initiative began in 2011, businesses have hired and trained more than 290,000 veterans and military spouses. My Administration is also taking action to improve mental health care and education for veterans, service members, and their families. Last year, I signed an

Executive Order directing the Federal Government to increase access to these vital services. And this year, as a result of the Supreme Court decision striking down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, the Department of Defense moved swiftly to extend benefits to legally married same-sex couples.

Time and again, our service members and their families have sacrificed to protect the promise that defines our Nation -- life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As we work to repay this enormous debt of gratitude, I encourage every

American to do their part. Together, let us support our military children as they learn, grow, and live their dreams. And let us keep our military families strong and secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as Military Family Month. I call on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in the support of our service members and our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

Presidential Proclamation on National Veterans and Military Families Month, 2019

VETERANS

Issued on: November 1, 2019

The United States is a beacon of hope, freedom, and opportunity to people around the world. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who fight to defend our liberty embody courage, patriotism, and loyalty. These patriots safeguard the values that keep our great Nation strong. During National Veterans and Military Families Month, we honor and express our deep appreciation for these brave men and women and their families.

Throughout our Nation's history, our military men and women have boldly answered the call of duty to defend our Nation's independence and precious liberties, risking life and limb for their fellow Americans. At the inception of our Republic, General George Washington and his men struggled to keep the spark of faith and hope alive through the scourge of disease and the brutal winter months at Valley Forge. One hundred and forty years later during World War I, American service members shed blood in the trenches of Western Europe, leaving a legacy of heroism and courage under fire at places like Belleau Wood and the River Somme. Earlier this year, we commemorated the 75th anniversary of D-Day, when thousands of American heroes charged through a hail of machine gun fire and left their gallant mark on the pages of history. The courage of our men and women who served and fought during that war freed the world from the shroud of tyranny and ended the oppression of millions across the globe. In the decades since World War II, Americans have remained at the vanguard in defending freedom around the world, and our service members, veterans, and their families continue to spearhead this noble undertaking.

America's military men and women and their families are vital to the security and prosperity of our Nation. We have a responsibility to protect and serve those who have made countless sacrifices for love of country. As President Lincoln once said: "Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as best he can, the same cause." We also recognize the integral role our more than 2.6 million military family members play in supporting our Armed Forces and contributing to their mission. While our military men and women are serving at home or overseas, it is our duty to provide their families with the resources they need to thrive in our communities. Accordingly, under my Administration, the Department of Defense has created programs for military families that support access to quality childcare and spousal employment and promote occupational licensure reciprocity between States.

We also recognize that our obligation to our military men and women does not end after their time in uniform. We are a Nation that leaves no American behind, and that includes our veterans and their family members. For this reason, I was pleased to sign into law the VA MISSION Act of 2018, which helps provide all veterans with access to trusted, high-quality healthcare. I have also made it a top priority of my Administration to address the tragedy of veteran suicide, establishing the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS). The PREVENTS initiative will encourage a better understanding of veteran suicide and work across all levels of government and the private sector to implement strategies that will strengthen support networks for veterans and their families.

My Administration remains committed to providing our veterans and their families with the financial resources they have rightfully earned. Last year, we secured \$201.1 billion in funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) — the most in the history of the VA — including \$8.6 billion to support mental health services for veterans. Additionally, I recently directed the Department of Education to discharge some types of Federal student loans owed by totally and permanently disabled veterans. This unprecedented action lessens the financial burden for our seriously wounded warriors who have sacrificed so much for our country, and it underscores the appreciation and undying loyalty of the American people.

Each warrior who fights for our Nation, along with their families, has earned our eternal gratitude, and I ask that all Americans thank and support them. Together, we remain committed to fostering a national community of support for these brave heroes and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as National Veterans and Military Families Month. I encourage all communities, all sectors of society, and all Americans to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and for what they do every day to support our great Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

UNIT DCV'S –

AUGUST – No Schedule TBA

SEPTEMBER –

Monday 13th – 270 Downey
STOX Restaurant @ 11 am

Wednesday 22nd – 411 Rivera

OCTOBER –

Monday 6th – 341 Leland A. Cupp
@ 6:30 pm

Monday 11th – 723 Hollydale
Bellflower Moose @ 7 pm

Tuesday 12th – 469 Lakewood
@ 7 pm

Saturday 16th – 833 Lincoln Village
@ 1 pm

Tuesday 19th – 314 Hawthorne
@ 7 pm

NOVEMBER –

Thursday 4th – 465 Clyde F. Hager
@ 7 pm

Sunday 7th – 134 Paramount @ 1 pm

Tuesday 6th – 170 Torrance @ 7 pm

Tuesday 16th – 184 South Bay
@ 12 pm

DECEMBER – No Schedule

19th District Auxiliary E-Mail Correspondent

Jean A. Cooley-Desmeules,
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If you are in need of anything to be sent out on an urgent message – please be sure that it is in a “jpeg” format. If it needs to go out right away, please text me on my cell phone at 310-871-9375 and I will go online and send your message out for you. Please know that when sent out this year, it is also received by the Dept. of CA Webmaster who will then also put it onto the Dept. of CA Website, too. That way the entire state of California will know what is going on in the 19th District. I will also put it on our Facebook page too.

ALL UNITS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE EMAIL CONTACT – PLEASE SUBMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EMAIL CORRESPONDENT.

ATTENTION: ALL OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN – NOISY 19TH NOISETTE ARTICLES

19TH District *Noisette* articles whether sent by E-Mail, Snail Mail or Pony Express, are due.

NO LATER THAN THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO EACH MONTH'S DISTRICT MEETING.

Send articles attached to email to:

Jean A. Cooley-Desmeules @
jeancooley45@gmail.com /Subject line: District Newsletter. Or snail mail to Jean A. Cooley-Desmeules, 20600 Main Street #40, Carson, CA 90745-1108

THE 19TH DISTRICT IS ON FACEBOOK

Check out the American Legion Auxiliary Noisy 19th District Facebook page. Ask everyone to check it out, "LIKE" us and keep it updated on events, pictures, etc.

CONTACT Jean Cooley-Desmeules for more information. If you have any event that you would like to have put onto our FB Page, please email me a flyer in the jpg format and it will be then seen by more viewers for better attendance to your events.

UNIT L-1 BINGOS – CANCELLED

ALL L-1 BINGOS HAVE BEEN SUPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – PER LONG BEACH VA MEDICAL CENTER DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS.

OPERATION OUTREACH

HAWTHORNE 314 – 14124 SO. PRAIRIE AVE, HAWTHORNE –

1) **FIRST FRIDAY 5-8PM EVERY MONTH STEAK AND FISH FRY HELD** – \$9.00 FISH, STEAK \$11.00, COMBO FISH & STEAK \$13.00 INCLUDES FRENCH FRIES, CORN BREAD MUFFINS AND COLE SLAW. (FISH – COD OR CATFISH) **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

2) **SECOND SUNDAY 9–12:00 NOON EVERY MONTH BREAKFAST** IS SERVED FOR \$10.00 DONATION INCLUDES COOKED-TO-ORDER EGGS OR OMELETS, POTATOES, BACON, SAUSAGE, BISCUITS, GRAVY, ORANGE JUICE, PANCAKES (WITH OR WITHOUT FRUIT), WAFFLES, FRENCH TOAST, FRUIT AND COFFEE. STEAK & EGGS BREAKFAST \$12.00 DONATION.

NORWALK 359 – 11986 FRONT ST, NORWALK

Every Sunday - Breakfast 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Every Wednesday - ALL Lunches come with salad bar, beans, bread, and dessert.

\$10.00 Steak; \$8.00 Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Turkey burgers, Chicken sandwiches; \$5.00 Chicken patty & large salad or Chicken or tuna salad when available \$3.00 onions upon large salad, no meat; all orders come with grilled request only. French fries now available

Closing & potluck Every Friday - Steak/Fish or 3rd Entrée Dinner, 5:30 pm -8:00pm; Steak \$10.00; Fish and 3RD Entrée \$8.00, Any Combo \$12.00

Any Wednesday lunch or Friday dinner; Large Salad only \$3.00

Every Saturday - Karaoke and cakewalk @ 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday - 3 ball pool 6:00 pm –

Rivera Unit 411 – 7642 Serapis Ave., Pico Rivera

Auxiliary Breakfast – Second Sunday – 9 am to Noon

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All Past District Presidents		

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