



AEF Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Bulletin #1 July 2024

A big shout out to Linda Hayes our new President. CONGRATURLATIONS.
Thank you, Madam President, for the appointment of Chairman for the AEF program.
I look forward to working with all the District AEF Chairmen. Congratulations to our
Department, Districts and Units new officers and Chairmen.

Unfortunately, California is known for our devastating fires. As we are now entering fire season,
we need to be aware of the assistants that is available to our members during a catastrophic
event. It is also imperative that you have a disaster plan.

AEF is our National Grant Assistance program, that provides temporary emergency assistance to
eligible members who have suffered a financial setback due to natural disaster or certain
personal crisis. You can access the AEF disaster assistant application by visiting the
www.ALAforveterans.org/AEF website. Fill out the application and submit it to ALA National
headquarters by email. At AEF@ALAforvetrqans.org The AEF assistance is available to members
who are current with their dues and have maintained membership for three consecutive years.

We fund the AEF program through donation made directly to National. There is a beautiful new
pin available to members who donate \$100.00 or more.

I would love to say that I look forward to working with you but in reality, I hope I do not hear
from any of you.

Be safe.

In Service Not-Self

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Constitution & Bylaws
July & August 2024
Bulletin

Congratulations to Madame President Linda Hayes, and to the newly appointed Constitution Bylaws Chairpersons for 2024-2025.

Madame Presidents Theme and Motto this year is “America the Beautiful” and “Crown the Good with Brotherhood.”

In keeping with her theme and motto, we will be known as the “Founding Daughters”

As we know the Constitution & Bylaws is the governing document for the District and Units. Current copies should be available to all members when the year begins. Standing Rules are the policies and should be shared with all members on a regular basis, and whenever changes are made.

If you are a District or Unit President and you have not already reviewed both documents, you should take a few minutes to read them at your monthly meetings. Members' awareness of the contents of the Bylaws and Standing Rules will be helpful in ensuring they are familiar with the protocols.

As Leaders we should also be aware of protocols, you are urged to review the Department Code under Constitution & Bylaws, as well as reference material that is available on the Department website **[www. calegionaux.org](http://www.calegionaux.org)**.

REMEMBER: Units **MUST** use Model Bylaws provided by the Department Office for rewrites. This document can be found on the website at Committee Programs / Constitution & Bylaws.

All District and Unit Presidents are encouraged to keep copies of the Model Bylaws. Consider creating a procedure book to pass on.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or require information about rewrites or updates to your Bylaws.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPT. OF CA
Chaplain
July 2024 Bulletin**

Hello and congratulations to District and Unit Chaplain's, please understand and know that you are honored and Blessed to be chosen as Chaplain.
I'd like to introduce myself to you, I'm Patricia Galatioto and most people just refer to me as Patti g.

I feel honored to hold this position of Department of California American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain.

Our organization states that God should be at the wheel in guiding our work as we work for God and Country, our Veterans, Military and their families. We want to preserve our freedom to worship God as we each belief and not take that right away from others. We thank our Veterans for keeping this Nation one Nation under God.

We will not promote any one religion and will not offend anyone by promoting our own personal religion. So, for us to be able to stand together in prayer to God Almighty end your prayer according to your personal beliefs as I will end prayers in my personal belief, and in this way, I am not offending you and you are not offending me as we stand together in prayer.

I'm looking forward in working with you and by the Grace of God Almighty we can bring Harmony within our organization. I have lots of great information to get out to you which will be in your Clovis packets, and I hope to see you in Clovis.

Chaplains, pray for your Department, District and Unit leaders, those in leadership carry extra pressure. Let us always pray for those who are suffering in our American Legion Family. Let us stand together in Harmony and Strength as we keep our organization, an organization under God Almighty.

For God and Country,
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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Community Service
July 2024 Bulletin

I am delighted to welcome each of you to a new year of dedicated service and community engagement under the inspiring leadership of our Department President, Linda Hayes. This year, we proudly embrace her theme of "America the Beautiful" and her powerful motto, "Crown thy Good with Brotherhood."

In alignment with President Linda's vision, I am excited to announce that our Community Service Program will be known as **"The Village."** This name reflects our shared commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive community where every member contributes to the common good.

"The Village" concept is built on the principle that it takes a collective effort to create a thriving and supportive environment. Our mission is to embody the spirit of brotherhood by:

- **Promoting Community Well-being:** We will initiate and support projects that enhance the quality of life in our communities.
- **Building Strong Partnerships:** Collaborating with local organizations, schools, and businesses will be crucial in amplifying our impact and reaching those who need our support the most.
- **Encouraging Member Participation:** Every member's involvement, no matter how small, is invaluable. We encourage you to bring your unique skills and passions to our initiatives, ensuring that **"The Village"** thrives through diverse contributions.

Upcoming Major Events:

1. **National Night Out - Tuesday, August 6th**

Our first major event is National Night Out, a nationwide community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This is a great opportunity to connect with your community. At the time of writing this bulletin, there are over 320 cities in California that are participating. To find out if your city is participating, visit the [National Night Out website](#). Your participation helps strengthen our village, making it a vibrant and connected community.

2. **9/11 National Day of Service & Remembrance - Wednesday, September 11th**

Next, you can help honor the spirit of service and remembrance on September 11th. One option is to by participate in meal packing events in San Jose and Los Angeles. These events are part of the 9/11 National Day of Service & Remembrance, a national initiative encouraging acts of service in memory of the lives lost and those impacted by the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

- **San Jose Event:** [Bay Area Meal Pack for 9/11 Day](#)
- **Los Angeles Event:** [LA Meal Pack for 9/11 Day](#)

As a member of “**The Village,**” your dedication and enthusiasm are the cornerstones of our success. Together, we can truly crown our efforts with brotherhood, making a meaningful difference in our communities and embodying the beauty of America in our actions.

Thank you for your commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary and the impactful work we do. Let’s make this year one of exceptional service and unity.

In Service, Not Self,

Rebecca Glenn

Community Service Chairman

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Full html addresses are below if you are printing out this bulletin:

National Night Out: <https://natw.org/>

9/11 Meal Packing San Jose: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-meal-pack-for-911-day-support-staff-tickets-896588990807?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

9/11 Meal Packing Los Angeles: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-meal-pack-for-911-day-support-staff-tickets-895689801307?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>



Unit 72 Anaheim
Unity 131 Santa Ana
Unit 133 Huntington Beach
Unit 142 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 345 Buena Park
Unit 555 Albert Schwab
Unit 619 Richard Nixon
Unit 716 Los Alamitos
Unit 721 San Juan Capistrano

JULY 2025

*It's a New Year, District 29!
Let's Get Together and Show Our Support!*

DISTRICT 29
Installation of Officers
Sunday, July 14th
at 3:00PM
Post 132 Orange
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange CA
Please bring snacks to share

Installing Team: District 18

Auxiliary members from all Units will be asked to bring cookies, donuts or a veggie plate as "snacks" only will be served during & after the installation.

NOTE: Please Use the city parking lot behind Post 132.

Hello to all of you!



I realize it has been a long/brief time since I have seen most of you, but we will be trying for a 'newsletter' at least once a month. These will not be mailed to you as the District cannot afford the postage!

I am certainly excited to start this new year with our Installation on 7/14/2024 at the Orange Post 132 at 3 p.m. and our 'organizational' meeting at the Placentia Post 277 on 7/17/2024 at 6 p.m. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions regarding either of these, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 342-4173 (please leave a message if I do not answer indicating which Unit you are from & an email address for you.) My email is: ed50pat49@yahoo.com and I try to get to them on a daily/evening basis!

Some of the district chairmanships still need to be filled; we are still in need of a Chaplain; and we will soon be setting up the Unit visits. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and we will get you the answers (we hope)!!!

I am so excited that we do have a new Unit in San Juan Capistrano which will be Unit 721 and we should be able to meet some of their members at our installation! Am also happy to announce that we have been contacted from La Habra Post 267 who also wishes to 'reopen' their Unit. Needless to say, your District 29 officers and chairman will have a busy year!

The Department theme for the year is "American the Beautiful" and we are to choose a name for our District. Will be asking for suggestions at the meeting on 7/17/2024 so come prepared with suggestions! Will be arranging visits to ALL Units this year and our team is eager to go out meeting all your members.

Just a brief note—we ARE the largest District in the state, so we need to perform much better than we have been. Just wait till you hear about the awards that were presented at the convention! We will be handing those out at the Installation! Am so excited for you all to hear what we did accomplish for 2023-2024. Hope to see you all soon!

Your President,

Pat



OUR DISTRICT 29 2024-2025 OFFICERS:



Pat Alvarez
PRESIDENT from UNIT 277



Cindy Mayfield
VICE PRESIDENT I from UNIT 716



Cindy Edes
VICE PRESIDENT II from UNIT 291



Noella Passarelli
SECRETARY from UNIT 133



Kim Thompson
TREASURER from UNIT 295



Yoli Gonzalez
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS from UNIT 679



Janet Du Monceau de Bergendahl
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS from UNIT 291

WE ARE DISTRICT 29! WE ARE THE CHANGE!

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SMALL ACTS, WHEN
MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE, CAN TRANSFORM
THE WORLD.

— HOWARD ZINN



It's BINGO time at the VAMC, Long Beach AGAIN!!!

Bingo games will begin on July 7, 2024 & will go as listed till May 4th, 2025. The following assignments have been made with the CLC (nursing home). They are set for **1:00 p.m.** on **SUNDAYS** except for 2/14/2025 (Valentine's Day) is on Friday.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cindy Mayfield at email:

samramay@yahoo.com or cell phone: (714) 308-2862.

8/4/24 Placentia U 277

9/1/24 Huntington Beach U 133

10/6/24 Los Alamitos U 716 & Santa Ana U 131

11/3/2024 Newport Harbor U 291

NO BINGO IN DECEMBER

1/5/25 Orange U 132 & Richard Nixon U 679

2/14/25 **FRIDAY—VALENTINE'S DAY—"Special Project"**

(info will be given at D29 meeting!!!)

3/2/25 Laguna Beach U 222 & Laguna Hills U 257

4/6/25 So. Orange County U 281

5/4/25 Cypress U 295 & Albert Schwab 555





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

“America the Beautiful”

Mark your Calendars!

CLOVIS WORKSHOP
AUGUST 17TH - 18TH

(NOTE: WEEKEND HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 3RD WKND)

Clovis Veteran's Memorial District
808 Fourth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

Workshop Co-Chairmen

Debbie Hurado - (559)-960-9607 Gloria Sinopoli - (559)-277-5622

Hotels in the immediate area - book early

Best Western, Clovis Cole
415 Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612
(559)-299-1547
bestwestern.com

Comfort Suites
143 Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612
(559)-862-1449
choicehotels.com

Still on Clovis Avenue, but would need to drive to CVMD

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot
50 N Clovis Avenue.
Clovis, CA 93612
(559)-323-8080
marriot.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
1508 Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612
(559)-291-9000
wyndhamhotels.com

Look for more information on www.calegionaux.org in early July.

America the Beautiful
Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood



Watch for the Southern Workshop coming in October



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00PM

Placentia Post

230 S Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA 92870



DISTRICT 29 OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/d29ala/>

DISTRICT 29 RESOURCES & IDEAS

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/d29resourcesandideas>

KEEP TRACK OF HOURS AND MONEY SPENT

Make sure each of your unit members receives the **MEMBER TRACKING SHEET** which is attached to this newsletter. Start keeping a record now to make sure we get every hour served, record keeping easier and mid-year and end-of-year reporting a breeze!

MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETINGS...

will be held, in most cases, on the second Saturday of the month at a different unit/post to be announced. Check the newsletter and Facebook regularly for information.

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Send your photos &
articles to be included
in our newsletter

A SLICE OF ORANGE COUNTY is a regular publication of the American Legion Auxiliary District 29, Department of California. Please send all submissions to:
wendyhart.oc@gmail.com



Education Bulletin #1

Welcome to Education

My name is Donna Mattox, and I am from the 25th District, Highland Unit 421. What a great theme our Madame President has chosen “America the Beautiful”. This year the education program will be known as Anne Sullivan (Helen Keller’s teacher).

Let’s start this year off with a bang. As you know our teachers and classrooms can really use our help. Talk to your Legion Post’s and see if they will allow us to put a box up at the Post for our “Give 10 to Education”. Schools are starting early this year, and these school supplies will help our children so much. I know that Walmart and Target always have their school supplies on sale starting in July. At Mid-year I will give certificates out to the Units that participate and report. I will also award a special surprise to the Unit Chairman with the highest total of supplies.

Don’t forget your Poppy Seals. These can be ordered through the Department office. Get your order form on the Department website. They are only \$2.00 for a sheet of 100. I would like to see all Units with an order on the Mid-year reports.

Looking forward to a great year. With all your help we can do this. If you have any questions or need help, I am just a phone call or email away.

Donna Mattox

Education Chairman

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Junior Activities
July 2024 Bulletin

CONGRATULATIONS to Madam President Linda Hayes and to the newly appointed officers. Madam President theme this year is “America the Beautiful” and motto “Crown the Good with Brotherhood”.

My name is Lucy Hunt, and I am from the 23rd District, Chappie James Unit 578. I am excited to announce that Junior Activities will be known as the “**Ticket Masters**”. I look forward to working with Madam President, Junior Conference Director, Conference Committees, and the Juniors.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly appointed junior officers.

I am asking everyone who has a junior in their home, school, church etc. to encourage the juniors to become a part of The American Legion Auxiliary. I will be posting a flyer soon to have a meeting and dinner night with the juniors via zoom. 2024-2025 is going to be a **FANTASTIC** year.

I would also like to thank the District Presidents who picked up the Junior Conference tickets for their Units at the Department Convention. If you need more tickets, please feel free to contact me via email or cell phone to let me know how many more tickets you would like to receive.

Our goal for 2024-2025 is to sale all the tickets. Let us make it happen 😊

“OUR JUNIORS ARE OUR FUTURE; WE ARE THEIR GUIDANCE”

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American Legion Auxiliary

Department of California

Membership

Bulletin 1

July 2024

Congratulations to our new Department President Linda Hayes.

Congratulations to our new Department Membership Support Chairpersons:

Madams President theme is “America the Beautiful.” We are known as the FIRE Company. Let’s get Fire up for membership!

Area	Districts	Chairperson
1	1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7	Carolyn Glenn
2	8,9,10,13,26, and 28	Cindy McReynolds
3	11,12,14,15, and 27	Terry Miller
4	17,19, and 23	Susan Morgan
5	21,22,25,29 and 30	Cynthia Mayfield
6	16,18,20 and 24	Yolanda Zuniga

WHO'S JOB IS MEMBERSHIP? EVERYONE'S

For Your Information:

- 2025 membership renewals are now available to pay in ALAMIS. Members renewed in ALAMIS for the 2025 membership year before **August 9, 2024**, will not receive a mailed renewal notice in September. Members renewed in ALAMIS after that deadline will receive a mailed notice.
- An email to any senior member with an email address not renewed for the 2025 membership year will be sent to members in mid-July from National Headquarters. This email will not contain remit to information as units and departments are still finalizing remit to information. Future notices for 2025 will contain remit to information. Members will be directed to renew online or over the phone.
- **Entering New Members for 2025:** New members for the 2025 membership year should not be entered into ALAMIS until after September 1, 2024.

Deadlines:

August 9, 2024: Senior members not renewed for 2025 in ALAMIS by midnight will get a mailed renewal notice.

August 9, 2024: Last day to enter remit to person and address in ALAMIS so that they are reflected on the 2025 1st mailed Renewal Notices. **Note: Your department may request that you submit this information directly to the department by an earlier deadline. Please check with your department.**

Information on how to update your unit's remit to person and address are included in your ALAMIS training manual. We have also included helpful instructions below:

Updating Remit to Person & Address is a 2-step Process:

Step 1: Updating the Remit to Person:

Under Unit/Edit Unit Leaders, you will select Unit Dues Remit. Hit continue and search and select the member who will be collecting dues for the unit. Hit continue, enter an effective date, continue, and then electronically sign.

Please be sure your remit to person is currently paid for 2024 and is not deceased.

Step 2: Updating the Remit to Address:

The system will not automatically change the remit to address to the person you select. Under Unit/Edit Unit Information/Edit Unit Profile, scroll down to "Remit to Address for dues" and verify that the address shown is where the dues are to be sent by the members, or change if necessary, being sure to save any changes you make.

Reminder:

- Please include your unit number and department (state) when emailing alamishelp@ALAforVeterans.org for assistance.
- Units switching ALAMIS Users need to contact their state department to submit a request to the ALANHQ Membership Division.
- An ALAMIS Calendar of events and deadlines is available for reference in ALAMIS. Select the "Unit" tab and click "ALAMIS Unit Full Users 2024-2025 Calendar."

Helpful Tips:

- Receiving a duplicate payment error message when paying dues?
The most likely culprit is that you have processed two transactions of the same dollar amount on the same day and your bank thinks it is a duplicate payment. Add or remove members to change the dollar amount on your transaction or wait until the next day to process your next transaction.
- Members who are transferring into your unit will still need to be sent to your state department for processing. Any members reported deceased also need to be submitted to your department for processing.
- A note about membership dues credits with your department: Units may have credits with their department from members who renew online or by phone. It is recommended that units utilize these credits prior to paying any dues in ALAMIS as the credit system is tracked by your department only and not in ALAMIS.
- Need additional training or assistance with ALAMIS processes?
Please check out our helpful videos available throughout ALAMIS. Videos contain training on things like how to pay dues, enter a new member, update unit leadership, and more!

Donna L. Smith. Membership Chair

ALA Department of California

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National Security Bulletin 1

Welcome to National Security - AKA: Strategic Planning Commission! I look forward to working with all of the Strategic Planning Commissioners. This year Madam President Linda Hayes' theme is America the Beautiful. How do we make America Beautiful you ask? We start strategic planning at the Unit level.

How are the Units and Districts supporting Our Service Members? One way is to reach out to your local Blue Star Mother's Organization. You can volunteer when they are doing their care packaging events. You can donate items or money if you are unsure what to buy. You can involve your Juniors to fundraise or help out on the day of care packaging.

Another strategic plan is to donate to the Armed Services YMCA Twentynine Palms, Camp Pendleton or the San Diego Food Pantry. There are many Military families barely getting by and need those food pantries to feed their families.

Strategic Planning also means financial readiness. You can do this by protecting yourself against voice cloning scams, doing a checkup of your social media, setting up an alert with your bank to be notified when a transaction has been posted to your account, and always report a scam.

You can also be active within your neighborhoods by joining your Neighborhood Watch program. National Security is something we can practice within our neighborhoods. Look out for your neighbors. If you see something out of the ordinary, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Public Relations
July & August 2024
Bulletin*

I am super excited to welcome you all to a new year of service and commitment to our Vets, Military, and their families!

Congratulations to Madame President Linda Hayes and to all the newly appointed officers.

Madame President's Theme and Motto this year is "America the Beautiful" and "Crown the Good with Brotherhood".

In keeping with this theme, we will be known as "Paul Revere".

During the American Revolution Paul Revere was a strong supporter of the patriotic cause and joined the Sons of Liberty. His midnight ride transformed him into a folk hero! Even after the war he continued with his patriotic pride by working in iron casting and bronze bell making.

Now in modern times we have a Public Relations crew! As leaders we should be sharing information, wearing our brand with pride, encourage others to do the same. Get to know the media and the process of submitting a story or an event flyer. While gathering information and contacts, please consider making a procedure book for the next chairperson.

Here are some examples of reaching the public:

- *Send press releases, flyers, etc. to the webmaster; Lyle Workman, and his email is webmaster@calegionaux.org.*
- *Contact your local government for proclamations.*
- *Utilize Flags & Emblems for marketing tools.*
- *Always wear branded clothing, pins, etc., at yours and public events.*
- *Invest in branding at booths, tables, etc.*
- *Have American Legion Family brochures available at events (order through your ALA department office).*
- *Distribute newsletters at all levels of the organization.*
- *Look for free space such as a Farmer's Market.*
- *Radio stations are always a fun way to promote an event.*
- *To promote better community coverage, we should be utilizing all forms of media including the platform of social media such as local media, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Utilize your AL Posts, by posting your flyers, talking to commanders and members, etc. There are so many ways we can share this information about our great organization and by using the right approach such as kindness and understanding, we can open new doors to share.*

You can help your districts and units by staying up to date on information being shared on the Department website www.calegionaux.org

Flags and Emblem has a variety of t-shirts and supplies available to you. You can lead by example by wearing the American Legion Auxiliary brand to meetings, events, etc.
<https://emblem.legion.org>

Important dates to remember:

August 17-18 - Clovis, CA workshop

September 14 - Northern Workshop

October 12 - Southern Workshop

LIFE IS RECIPROCAL, the energy you expend always comes back.
Oprah Winfrey

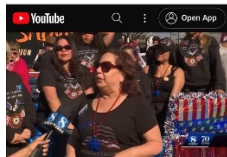
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