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AUGUST 2024

From Our



President

Hello, all Auxiliary members of District 29, your State of Distinction with Finesse!!! We did have a different title but sadly we were asked not to use it! Please be sure at least one of your members will be present at our August District 29 meeting on Saturday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. at Los Alamitos Unit 716 located at 3252 Florista Street in Los Alamitos. If your Unit President cannot attend, please be sure that you send a representative from your Unit.

Am hoping we will have several members attend the Clovis workshop in August. If you need more information about what that is all about, please see all the information on the ALA's Department of California website.

At our District meetings, we will have several different question & answer periods—if something comes up, write it down & bring that with you! We are here to help with whatever AND however we can.

Lastly, would like to thank all of you who attended our District Installation on July 14th. What a wonderful turnout! The ladies of the District 18 Installing Team were great (once we were sure that their organizing lady was at the correct spot!) Thank you all so much for all the goodies as you all made it so much easier for those of us that thought we were going to feed everyone! Of course, as promised the leftovers were taken to not only the Ronald McDonald House in Orange but also to the Placentia Police Department as their weekenders rarely get surprises like that and they were both so grateful for our thoughtfulness!

Please be sure your Membership chair is getting all those dues into the ALAMIS system. Should you have questions or any problems, please contact our Membership chair, Cindy Mayfield, and she will help you with any problems you may have!

Hope to see you all soon!!

Pat

D29 President, Pat

Email: ed50pat49@yahoo.com or cell: (714) 342-4173.
(If I do not answer right away, it might be that I am driving or taking care of something else, but I will get back to you!)



CLOVIS WORKSHOP



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.

ALSO FOR CLOVIS

The Clovis Workshop Organizing Group's Ways and Means Committee asks each District to bring a raffle prize to the workshop.

Sooo We ask every unit to bring a \$10.00 gift card to a restaurant like In-N-Out, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Del Taco, Carl's Jr., Starbucks, ---any restaurants that are common to all areas!

Please bring the gift card to the August meeting!



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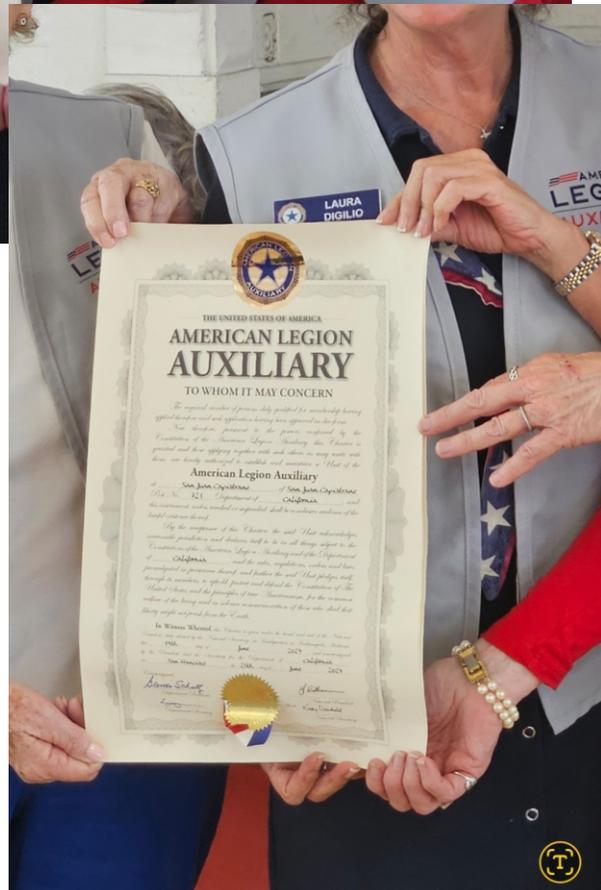
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WELCOME UNIT 721




You are invited to the Installation of Officers for
District 29
on the 13th of July, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at
The American Legion Post 132,
143 South Lemon Street, Orange, CA.
Post phone #: (714) 558-6311
President elect: Pat Alvarez (U 277)
1st Vice President elect: Cynthia Mayfield (U 716)
2nd Vice President elect: Cindy Edes (U 291)
Secretary: Noella Passarelli (U 133)
Treasurer: Kim Thompson (U 295)
Chaplain: (open)
Historian: Pat Burr (U 257)
Hope to see you there!
District 18 Installing Team will be conducting
the installation.

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VA&R

Don't forget our vets...

If you have supplies to drop off, I will collect at our district meetings.

Cindy Mayfield

VA Food Pantry Wish List (Revised January 2023)

The VA Hospital Food Pantry accepts non-perishable food items. Please check that food items have not expired or are not past the "Best By" date.

Gift Cards make it possible for homeless or in-need veterans and their families to purchase perishables such as milk, bread, eggs, meat, etc. (\$25 gift cards suggested) Also, gift cards for fast food are always helpful. (McDonalds, Taco Bell, Carl's Jr., etc.)

Protein Foods (pull tabs preferably)

Canned Chicken, Beef, Ham
Canned fish (Tuna & Salmon), Packets of tuna with crackers
Dried meats and Jerky
Canned Chili and Beef Stews
Peanut Butter

Canned & Jar Foods (pull-tabs preferably)

Canned vegetables (green beans, potatoes, peas, carrots, corn)
Canned Fruits (Fruit cups & Applesauce cups)
Canned Beans (Kidney, Black, Pinto, Pork & Beans)
Canned Pastas (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Spaghetti/meatballs)
Canned Soups (Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Rice, Vegetable Beef, Minestrone, etc.)
Pasta Sauces

Dry Goods

Instant Rice, Rice side dishes (Rice-a-Roni, Uncle Ben's)
Rice Cups, Pasta Cups, Rice-a-Roni Cups (Just add hot water)
Spaghetti, Noodles, Pastas (may include sauces)
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna & Chicken)
Manwich/Sloppy Joe Mixes
Hot Cereals (Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, etc.)
Cold Cereals (Cheerios, Wheat Chex, Bran Flakes, Shredded Wheat, etc.)

Beverages

Canned, Powdered, or Shelf-Stable Milk, Hot Chocolate/Cocoa Mixes, Bottled Water, Juices

Health Bars, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Cheese & Crackers, Individual Juice Boxes



VA&R



LONG BEACH VA HOSPITAL BINGO
Community Living Center

Plan on about 30 veterans at bingo, keep in mind there are some in wheelchairs, and may need assistance.

- ★ **We can have up to six volunteers in attendance. We will be assisting with patients and will see to their needs during bingo.**
- ★ **Bingo will last one hour, so we play about 8-10 games. District will provide patriot canteen books.**
- ★ **Units will provide gift prizes, T-shirts, sweatshirts, size xl, xxl, (colored t-shirts with USA logo, branch or plain), baseball caps, socks, patriot books (purchase at hospital gift store)**
- ★ **If donating knit hats, please make sure they are a solid color of black or navy. (I know we have donations of knit caps with variety of colors, but the men will not wear multicolored caps).**
- ★ **Bingo will start at 1 PM on a Sunday. Plenty of parking in back since bingo is on a Sunday.**
- ★ **You can set up tables with decorations, holiday or themes.**

Right now, we are not serving any food or refreshments.



VA&R



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





VA&R

VA Long Beach Healthcare System Fisher House Because a Family's Love is Good Medicine

VA Long Beach Healthcare System Fisher House Wish List

The Fisher House operates on donated funds. Items on the VA Long Beach Healthcare System Fisher House Wish List reflect items that are either one-time needs or on-going needs of running the house. Every donation helps make the Fisher House a home for our veteran's families.

Donations accepted Tuesday and Thursday between noon and 2:00 p.m. Please call the Fisher House to arrange to drop off donations at (562) 826-5916. Without donations from the community, the Fisher House would not be a success. Our Veteran's families appreciate all donations.

We do not accept "cash" contributions. Checks should be payable to VA Long Beach Healthcare System with the memo section of the check indicating: Fisher House. Gift Cards allow ease in picking up items needed for the Fisher House. For the Fisher House consider Wal-Mart, Vons, Ralphs, Target, Kohl's, Home Depot, Lowes, or general VISA or MasterCard gift cards.

Items the Fisher House can use:

For the Pantry:

Meat (chicken, beef, bacon, etc.)
Packaged lunchmeat
Breads
Assorted dry goods (individual cereals, muffin or cake mixes)
Assorted can goods (chicken, tuna, assorted soups)
Frozen entrees, pasta, mac & cheese
Juices, yogurt, cheese sticks, butter
Coffee supplies – sugar, creamer, stir sticks
Coffee k-cups
Tea, Honey
Candy
Fruit

For the Kitchen:

Kitchen Towels and Washcloths
Kitchen Sponges
Liquid dish Soap, Dishwasher tablets



Please

**keep this list!
We always seem
to forget
our Fisher House!**



EDUCATION

School Supply Donation Drive

It's that time of year again for our annual school supply drive supporting "Give 10 for Education." We are accepting donations for all school items supporting K-12 grades, and encourage items to be picked up in sets of 10 if possible, but no donation is too small and all greatly appreciated. There are also some amazing back to school sales going on in stores right now in stores you can take advantage of. Donations can be dropped off at Post 716 where we have a dedicated collection bin setup, brought to our next Auxiliary general meeting on August 10th, or if you don't have time to shop In-store but still want to participate you can purchase items online through our Amazon Wish List (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1DKBTUR5CW243?ref_=wl_share) and have items shipped on your behalf directly to the Post.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance for our local students and schools.

Sincerely,

Kristin Landis
Unit Education Chairman
ALA Unit 716 President

ALA Unit 716

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

THROUGH AUGUST 15th

What We Need:

Pencils, pens, paper, folders, binders, back-packs, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue, tape, calculators, notebooks, erasers, rulers, composition books, scissors, etc.



**Drop Off at Post
or Shop Online
Amazon Wishlist**

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 716
3252 Florista St, Los Alamitos, CA 90720
(562) 430-6033

www.losalamitosunit716.org



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



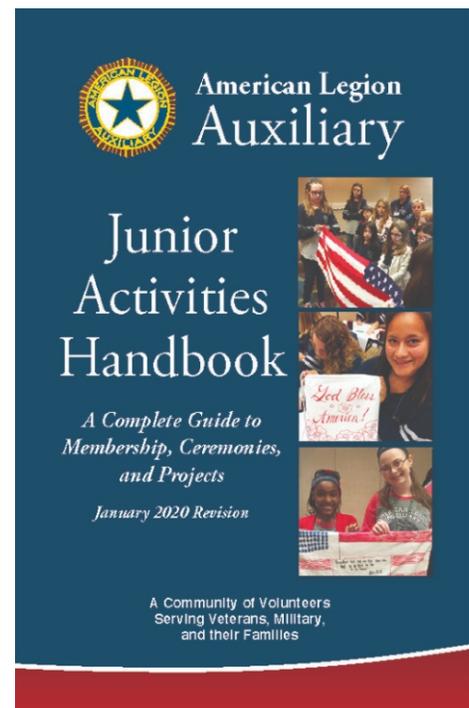
Lucy Hunt, our new Junior Activities Chairman, has asked me to let you know that the Junior Conference Tickets and stubs and any funds for tickets should be mailed to the Department Office in San Francisco.

If your Unit or district would like additional tickets, please reach out to Lucy Hunt.

Here is Lucy's information:

213-521-9895 huntll577@gmail.com

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





EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

JAMES H PARKS SCHOLARSHIP

Each Veterans Affairs medical center may nominate one Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) Student Volunteer to be considered for this scholarship. The nominee must have completed 100 hours of regularly scheduled VAVS during a calendar year prior to September 1. **LAST DAY TO APPLY DEC. 31.**

<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp>

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Financial assistance to California residents who are veterans or members of their families and interested in studying nursing at a school in a state. Apply starting September 1 and no later than the 1st Friday in April.

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COMING SOON:

- ★ Educational Assistance General Scholarship
- ★ Continuing/Re-entry Students or students pursuing a higher degree Scholarship
- ★ Lucille Ganey Memorial Scholarship





GIRLS' STATE

Hello Ladies!

It has been a busy month of June with our Girls State program. We are very proud of our Districts participation with Girls State and would like to thank, Carolin Miller, Noella Passerelli and Donna Carter. They put their heart and soul all year long for a successful program.

Hoping all of our units have set up their schedule meetings with their delegates in reporting back to their units. This is full circle program with our GS reporting. Your unit needs to know and be appreciated by your delegates with reporting on their weeks long program.

Suggested calendar of events

Send invites to your unit, delegates and parents or anyone who participated with donations/or their time with GS. Maybe have a guest speaker attend and share their story (counselor or liaison).

Schedule dates for your delegates to visit and say thank you to clubs, city or groups that have generously donated to GS.

Have you kept in touch with past GS delegates? Past delegates can give you a update of what they have been doing with college or professional carriers. They will share their stories with how GS program has carried with them even after they have graduated from High School . Have your stoles and certificates ready for the girls.

Request certificates for your delegates (ahead of time) from their State and assembly members for 2024 participants. Here is your link Findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov

Make this a fun meeting for you unit and Girls State delegates. Remember ALWAYS have your unit informed about GS. Your unit needs to know the importance of GS and how much this program impacts our young ladies.

ARE YOU FROM GIRLS STATE!

Girls State Chairman
Noella Passerelli
Cynthia Mayfield

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY





MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to all of our Departments for their work on membership this past week!! It takes all of us working together to reach our goal.

In the Division Race:

The Western Division mushers are still leading with 98.99.

The Southern Division is in 2nd place with 97.42%.

The Eastern Division is still running hard. They have 96.00%.

In 4th Place is the Central Division with 90.50%

In 5th Place and still holding strong are the mushers in the Northwestern Division with 82.88%.

In the Department Race:

The Department of Florida now has 112.49%!

In 2nd place is the Department of Alaska with 108.30%

3rd Place – Arizona with 108.15%

4th Place – New Mexico with 107.79%

5th Place – Michigan with 104.97%

6th Place – New Hampshire with 101.81%

7th Place – Maryland with 101.61%

8th Place – Delaware with 100.86%

9th Place – Hawaii with 100.84%

10th Place – Dept of Pennsylvania is getting even closer to 100%. They currently have 98.93%.

The Departments with more membership than they had last year at this time:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, and Ohio. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

In our last Membership Committee meeting, there was an idea of Units and Departments checking their unpaid Junior members on their membership list. Currently, there are 3,618 unpaid Junior members throughout all of our Departments whose 2024 dues are not paid. If we could get some of those members to renew their dues, we could inch even closer to our 2024 membership goal. Junior members are the future of our organization and many of them may not know the benefits that come with their membership. Remind them that if they let their membership lapse, they may not be eligible to apply for ALA scholarships.

We want to thank you for all of your support and keep working membership.

Have a great week!

Amanda Washburn

American Legion Auxiliary National Membership Vice Chair 2023 – 2024

Marti Drake / Membership Specialist / American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

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A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families



PUBLIC RELATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

Reasons for a Proclamation

- The primary reasons for issuance include:
- Recognition of extraordinary achievement.
- Special Day or Month.
- Major milestones or achievement
- Cultural or historic occasions
- Honoring notable causes

How do I Start

- Call Governor or Mayor's Office
- Most offices will ask that you submit a proposed proclamation with your request.
- Get the address to mail this request and the date needed/desired---include your phone number
- Proclamation signings can be great photo opportunities that grab the local media's attention
- Arrange for your mayor to perform a signing ceremony during city council meeting
- Call each local news station's and newspaper's assignment desk
- Make a reminder call on the day of the event

Create Text

Create a description of the Unit and the event/project

Create Sample Text

Start each statement with "Whereas"

Traditional proclamations begin with a series of statements starting with the words, "whereas," meaning "because," "inasmuch" or "since." Each clause states the problem or issue being addressed and is followed by a concluding phrase beginning with "therefore," which specifically requests the support or action needed. Modern proclamations are written in a letter format.

Sample Poppy Day Cover Letter Requesting Proclamation

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WATCH YOUR EMAIL....MORE TO COME!



AMERICANISM

American Flag Flying Days 2024-2025

July 2024

- 4th – Independence Day
- 27th – Korean War Armistice Day

August 2024

- 4th - Coast Guard Day
- 19th – National Aviation Day

September 2024

- 2nd – Labor Day (1st Monday in Sept)
- 11th – Patriot Day (Half Staff)
- 17th – Constitution Day
- 20th - POW/MIA Recognition Day (3rd Friday in Sept)
- 29th - Gold Star Mother's Day (last Sunday in Sept)

October 2024

- 5th - National Fire Fighter's Memorial Day (Sunday on or before Oct. 9th)
- 14th - Columbus Day (2nd Monday in Oct)
- 27th – Navy Day

November 2024

- 5th - Election Day (First Tuesday after first Monday in November)
- 10th – Marine Corps Birthday
- 11th – Veteran's Day
- 28th - Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in Nov)

December 2024

- 7th – Pearl Harbor Day (Half Staff)
- 17th – Pan American Aviation Day
- 25th – Christmas Day

January 2025

- 1st - New Year's Day
- 20th - Martin Luther Kind Day (3rd Monday in Jan)
- 20th - Inauguration Day (every 4 years – 3rd Monday in Jan)





AMERICANISM

American Flag Flying Days 2024-2025 *continued*

February 2025

- 3rd - Four Chaplains
- 12th - Lincoln's Birthday
- 17th - President's Day (3rd Monday in Feb)
- 22nd - Washinton's Birthday (*also observed on President's Day*)

March 2025

- April 2025
- 6th - Army Day
- 13th - Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- 20th - Easter Sunday

May 2025

- 1st - Loyalty Day/Law Day
- 8th - V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day)
- 11th - Mother's Day (2nd Sunday in May)
- 15th - Peace Officers Memorial Day (Flag Half Staff unless falls on Armed Forces Day)
- 17th - Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
- 22nd - National Marime Day
- 26th - Memorial Day (Half Staff until noon then hoisted to top for remainder of day)

June 2025

- 14th - Flag Day
- 15th - Father's Day (3rd Sunday in June)
- 19th - Juneteenth

Use this list of National Days of observance and remind your members to fly their flag (if not already flying daily) and track all hours for mid-year and year-end reporting.





INSTALLATION



THE INSTALLATION TEAM





INSTALLATION



LET GO
OF THE PEOPLE WHO
DULL YOUR SHINE,
POISON YOUR SPIRIT,
AND BRING YOU DRAMA.
CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
TO THEIR ISSUES.

-Dr. Steve Maraboli

[pinterest.com/stevemaraboli](https://www.pinterest.com/stevemaraboli)

We Are District 29:

The
State of Distinction
with *Finesse!*

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. Make record keeping easier and more accurate for your reports!



DISTRICT 29 OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

DISTRICT 29 RESOURCES & IDEAS

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

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. <https://natw.org/>

Send your photos &
articles to be included
in our newsletter

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