



THE NOISETTE

APRIL 2025

From the Desk of Madam President...

ISABEL GALLARDO



Hello Everyone,

Hope you all are well. Here we are once again rushing to fill out reports.

By now you all should have turned in your reports, if you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.

The annual Convention is just around the corner, please make sure you have delegates ready to go.

The American Legion Auxiliary is dedicated to community service, serving veterans, military personnel, and their families. Without all of your support, this would be impossible. I want to thank you for the outstanding work all of you have done this year.

Reminder to all, our Department President's visit is on May 21, 2025, at the Norwalk Post. Please plan on attending, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH



DISTRICT MEETING

APRIL 16

7:00 pm

NORWALK POST 359

11986 Front Street

Lite Dinner is provided



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hi Everyone,

Here we are in April and time to make nominations for District positions and to think about a Chair.

The best way to learn is to go to the Calegionaux.org (<https://calegionaux.org/programs/>) and read about the positions and ideas on the mid-year and end-of year reports. You do not have to do everything on the form. Pick one or two to complete. By the way, end of year reports were due to the District by April 11.

I would like to thank everyone who's has helped and continues to help make Poppies for Districts that need them. See you at the Lakewood Post 496 on April 27, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm to make many more. Let's help each other!!!!

Thank you!

**TREASURER
DIANA LIVAS**

Yes, it's that time of year.... Reports!

As we wind down our current year, remember to get your EOY forms into your District Chairperson.

Planning on going to convention? Fees **MUST** be paid regardless of whether any delegates or alternates from your Unit are attending. **Delegates in Their Own Right, Fees must be paid by their Unit. District President, Department Chairpersons, Past Department Presidents, Members of Department Finance, Girls State Director, Junior Conference Director, Hospital Representatives, Past National President, and Appointed Department Chairpersons.**

See the chart below for fees.

# Delegates you can elect per unit	Fees	# Delegates you can elect per unit	Fees
2 delegates for Charter and up to 37 members	\$60.00	12 delegates for 714 to 789 members	\$360.00
3 delegates for 38 to 112 members	\$90.00	13 delegates for 790 to 864 members	\$390.00
4 delegates for 113 to 187 members	\$120.00	14 delegates for 865 to 939 members	\$420.00
5 delegates for 188 to 262 members	\$150.00	15 delegates for 940 to 1014 members	\$450.00
6 delegates for 263 to 337 members	\$180.00	16 delegates for 1015 to 1089 members	\$480.00
7 delegates for 338 to 412 members	\$210.00	17 delegates for 1090 to 1164 members	\$510.00
8 delegates for 413 to 487 members	\$240.00	18 delegates for 1165 to 1239 members	\$540.00
9 delegates for 488 to 562 members	\$270.00	19 delegates for 1240 to 1314 members	\$570.00
10 delegates for 563 to 637 members	\$300.00	20 delegates for 1315 to 1389 members	\$600.00
11 delegates for 638 to 713 members	\$330.00		

Obligations MUST BE PAID to Department to be seated in the Delegation.

- a. District Per Capita Tax to District
- b. Poppy Orders
- c. Poppy Financial Report and 10% of Poppy Sales
- d. Delegate Fees
- e. Outstanding Fees for Per Capita, Live Unit Logon Fees, Supplies, or any other money owed to Department
- f. Up to date Unit Bylaws on file with Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson
- g. Fidelity Bond if applicable (Due September 2023)

**CHAPLAIN
KATHLEEN ANDREWS**

God Bless us all during this Holy Season.

Unit 496, we are saddened by the loss recently of two long-time members, Patty Tavizon and Judy Forbes. Tracee Butler-Rohr had back surgery on April 10. Sandra Richardson's assessment at the M D Anderson Cancer Center determined her cancer had metastasized her lungs so she will begin chemo. Post 496 Commander Jim Stewart's brother passed away, making this the second loss of a family member within two months. Please keep these members in your prayers. From Unit 314, Jean Cooley-Desmeules has been hospitalized for some time for treatments and surgery.

It is time to submit the District 19 End-of-Year Report to the Department. If you have not submitted your report to me yet, please call me as soon as possible.

I have not received reports of any illnesses from other units in District 19. If there's someone you'd like to mention, please call me or let me know at the District meeting on April 16.

Be sure each unit has a representative for the Memorial Service to be held May 21. It is requested white clothing is worn and we will have a special guest and dinner.

In Service to God and Country

**EDUCATION
GAYLE STEWART**

Remember April is Month of the Military Child and Purple-up Day is on April 15th.



Here are some simple ideas for you. Sponsor a Purple-up Day by providing purple items for students to wear. Present the Military Child Table at your school, Unit meeting, or at your Post. You could sponsor a party for the military children in your school.

Now is the perfect time to start planning for Teacher's Appreciation Week which is May 5th to May 9th. Have fun with it and let our teachers know we appreciate them.

Thank you to the units that have given me their End of Year reports. I would really like to be able to report that we had all the units' reporting. The deadline was April 11th but if you need an additional day to complete your report, please send it to me. My e-mail is stewnred@aol.com.

LEADERSHIP LINDA FARISS

Let's have a 100% reporting in every aspect of our programs. Everyone at the March district meeting received an updated list of officers and chairpersons. Please send in as soon as you can.

MEMBERSHIP APRIL AGENT

Happy Spring Members,

Hope all is going well and I'm so proud of all our units that are at one hundred percent. Congratulations members for all your hard work, it is appreciated. All end of the year reports is due to me by the 11th of April, I have received three Unit reports thus far. Can we get these in as soon as possible?

Thank you and have a great month.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LINDA FARISS

If you have not yet turned in your unit reports to District Chairpersons, please do so as soon as possible. There is still time to donate to the PPP Scholarship Fund. We could have 100% participation if each unit only donates \$10.00.

Our dinner meeting this month will be held Wednesday, April 30, at 6:00 pm, George's Greek Cafe, 5252 Faculty Ave. Lakewood, CA. Many thanks to Gayle Stewart for filling in for me in March due to my illness.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

Spring kicks us into gear for a fine finish to our fiscal year. Please submit your EOY Reports, there are quite a few outstanding.

If any unit would like assistance with social media and producing flyers, don't hesitate to ask, I can help you and your unit be more of a media presence.

We really need you at the District Meeting, please plan to attend the one in May, hope to meet you!

VA&R VAVS LBVA LBVA POPPY MANAGER DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello Everyone,

I hope by the time you read this you've sent me your VA&R year-end reports. Send to: DButler49@verizon.net.

May 27 is the **Veteran Baby Shower**. You can contact Sandra Bell at Saundra.Bell@va.gov for items needed. I'll also post more info on the District19 Auxiliary FB page.

Flags will be placed on every grave at **The Riverside National Cemetery** on May 25th starting at 8:00 am. All Veteran graves will have a flag placed. Wonderful opportunity for the ALA to participate. Flags are provided.

Social Connection for all Veterans at LBVA is 8:30 to 10:30 am on April 25th in the back patio behind the cafeteria, Bldg. 165. The Auxiliary has a table for women Veterans. We provide personal hygiene items; scarves; jewelry, hair items, some new clothes or nearly new and several other items. You are welcome to come and participate.

CLC Rec Therapist Jessica Avila requested a professional corn hole game. They also would like musical people to come in during the week at lunchtime and play music or some entertainment for an hour. You can reach her at: (562) 706-9228. You can also schedule Bingo or other games with her. You can use money as a prize BUT you have to be sure patients who aren't playing also receive a Dollar or two and you can have other prizes.

Volunteer Services (CDCE) has requested hygiene items for homeless veterans at the **Santa Ana CRC** (under the auspices of LBVA). There are many homeless Veterans that go through this facility.



VS continues to request the need for Volunteers. They need help, make an appointment, and sign up. Help Veterans!!!

Volunteer Services (CDCE) food pantry always needs food and supplies. They always need men and woman sweats sizes medium to xxlg, T-shirts, and Jackets too.

Did you know the American Legion Family supports **Wreaths Across America**? You can go online to order or

call. <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/>, 877-385-9504. Let's order as many as possible.

I want to thank everyone who has helped make Poppies for other Units. It's teamwork. There will be another poppy making party at Lakewood Post 496 on April 27th from 2:30-5:30 pm. Please come. We need to keep making poppies, it doesn't end. If you have any questions, please call or send me an email.

Thank you!

DISTRICT 19 CALENDAR

Every 1st **Friday** evening, Steak/Fish Dinner at **Post 314**

Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 314**

Every **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 359**

Every **Friday** evening, Dinner & Music at **Post 496**

Last **Friday** of the month, Veteran Social Connection (women's table) at **LBVA**

Upcoming

April 18 – Unit 341 Fish Fry at **Post 341**

April 27 – D19 Poppy Party at **Post 496**

May 18 – D19 Girls State Tea at **Post 496**

May 18 – Unit 341 Poppy Taco at **Post 341**

May 21 – Department President Visit & D19 Memorial Ceremony at **Post 359**

May 23-26 – Fleet Week D19 Volunteer Booth in San Pedro

July 26 – Legion Family Picnic





BEWARE OF SCAMS & PHISHING

Carefully review your emails. Recently Auxiliary members have been targeted with a request for funds. Most Auxiliary email is derived from your local leadership and Department/chairs. If you are unsure, expand the sender's email address, if it is unfamiliar, report the email and verify with the people whose names are mentioned. Take a few moments to read a recent VA article explaining this in further detail: <https://digital.va.gov/cyber-spot/phishing-without-rods/>

WEAR YOUR WHITES

AMERICA
the beautiful

*Department Visit
and
Memorial Service*

**NOISY DISTRICT NINETEEN
is proud to host our
Department President
LINDA HAYES
on May 21, 2025
at 6:00 in the evening
American Legion Post 359
11986 Front Street
Norwalk, CA
Dinner Donation \$15
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