



THE NOISETTE

MAY 2025

From the Desk of Madam President...

ISABEL GALLARDO



Hello Everyone,

In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and all veterans and their families, and to honor the sacrifice of all those who have served. This is why my heart is filled with all the joy that we bring to the families we served this year, and I will continue to do so. I hope all of you will continue the great work you have all done. As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for your hard work.

The Convention is around the corner, please have all your delegates ready to go and all forms should be completed by now.

We have our Department President visit on 5/21/25 at 6:00 pm. All units should have a representative from your unit as a show of support for Madame President Linda Hayes. Dinner is available for a donation of \$15.00.

We will also be having our Memorial Service on this day so please any unit who has had a member pass this year, please contact our Chaplain Kathleen Andrews so that we may acknowledge that member during the service.

Are you all ready for the election of new officers? You should have nominations, and June should be your elections. I hope that you send notification mailers of the date and time of your elections to give all members the ability to vote. All elected officers must be in good standing at the time of elections. I would like to wish all the new candidates a blessed and successful new year. To all of those out going, unit presidents and chairpersons, thank you for you all that you have done.

In Service Not Self

POPPY MONTH



DISTRICT MEETING

MAY 21

6:00 PM

NORWALK POST 359

11986 Front Street

\$15 Dinner Donation

Note time change, this date only



**2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Here we are, its almost Convention in June.

Our next District meeting is Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm. It is our pleasure to announce Department President Linda Hayes' visit. We will have our Memorial to honor members in our District who have passed. Please wear some white clothes. Everyone is invited, please let Isabel know you are attending, CamRam62@yahoo.com, dinner is being served.

Thank you to those who turned in your reports. A reminder, your reports support the American Legion standing before Congress for our Veterans, Military, and families. It's very important to do.

See you May 21.

Thank you!

**TREASURER
DIANA LIVAS**

Hello and Welcome to May,

A friendly reminder that as we come to the end of our year, each unit must submit a copy of your annual audit to your district president.

Your poppy financial report is also due this month, please submit a copy to your district president as well.

In Service Not Self.

**AMERICANISM
LINDA DIEBEL**

The 19th District has 11 Units of which 5 Units stated they participated in the Americanism Program and the remaining Units reported "no activities". Based upon the information given on the reports, most Units participated in "Getting Out the Vote," promoting Flag Etiquette in Schools, handout Flags to local businesses and promoting Americanism in local schools. Participating Units donated over \$800.00 towards advancing the Americanism Program.

This year the district did not have any Units participate in the Americanism Essay Contest. I know how hard it is to get the approval for the individual classes to participate in this program and the time and effort needed by the Unit

members, but this is an awarding program, and the effort put in by the students is wonderful and rewarding. This is a program worthy the time and effort. I hope that next year the Units will meet with their local schools and convince them to participate in the Americanism Essay Program. The titles for the 2025-2026 year will be released at the State Convention in June.

While at your schools, see if the school will allow you to donate the coloring books on Americanism available through the American Legion Emblem Sales Catalog. Also available are pamphlets and handouts on Flag Etiquette and History. For a few cents you can provide a learning tool for the teachers. (NOTE: You can split the cost of these coloring books/pamphlets between the Americanism and Education programs.)

Most of our Units participated in the "Get Out the Vote" program by staffing voter a registration booth or voting centers, driving people to voting locations, and handing out information.

A couple of Units handed out new flags to businesses, some small and some large. These Units also participated in patriotic events held by their city. Including 9/11 celebrations, Pearl Harbor Day, Memorial Day, and July 4th celebrations.

This Chair would like to thank each of the Units for completing the year-end reports and hope that next year those Units who did not have any activities will do so next year. There are many ways that the Unit can participate in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program. Review the program at the beginning of the new year, select one or two items that are interesting for your Unit to work on and most of all work closely with your Post to help promote Americanism in your local schools.

For God and Country.

**CHAPLAIN
KATHLEEN ANDREWS**

Dear District 19,

I hope all has been well with you. Blessings to all our Mothers.

Reporting the following:

- 314 - We are saddened by the loss of member Teresa Cornett.
- 341 - Norma Herman had eye surgery.



- 496 - Sandy Richardson is resting at home. Cards, prayers, and hellos are welcomed. Tracee Butler-Rohr had back surgery.

Please let me know of anyone in your units who is ill or has passed away.

Now that End-Of-Year Reports are done, we can honor our members who have passed. The upcoming District 19 2025 Memorial will be held May 21, 2025, at the Norwalk American Legion Hall. The Department President, Linda Hayes will be in attendance. Each Unit Chaplain needs to attend or have someone in their place. White Dress is preferred.

The following members of District 19 will be commemorated:

- Unit 272 - ARMIDA (MOUSEY) SOTELO
- Unit 314 - TERESA CORNETT
- Unit 341 - MONICA CATTANI, and ESPI TOSTADO
- Unit 496 - GLORIA DORSEY, ELEANOR WHITLEY, JUDITH FORBES, and PATTY TAVIZON

In Service to God and Country

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS **C.J. REYES**

CONGRATULATIONS we are at 100% reporting, it took a few phone calls, but we made it. We had no rewrites this year with about 50% saying the preamble from memory. Great job District, keep up the good work.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES **ANITA WATTS**

Officers were elected at the Juniors Conference in April. For additional information the Department Bulletin is located here:
<https://calegionaux.org/resources/bulletins/25-05-junior-activities.pdf>.

LEGISLATIVE **C.J. REYES**

CONGRATULATIONS for 100% reporting. In this important election year, we found 2 units holding legislative meetings, while 4 units attended rallies. We need to encourage all members to subscribe to Auxiliary eNews <https://www.legion-aux.org/enews> signup: [American Legion Auxiliary : Sign Up to Stay in Touch](#) as well as the Voter Voice from the American Legion <https://www.votervoicenet.com/AmericanLegion/home> signup: [Action Center](#).

PARLIAMENTARIAN **C.J. REYES**

As we go into elections this year be sure to have your By-Laws as well as your Robert's Rules of Order handy. Remember Delegates for Convention cannot be elected no sooner than May 11, and must be elected by June 11th.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY **LINDA FARISS**

We had a great turnout for the April PPP dinner/meeting. Hope to see you all and more at our last PPP meeting of the 24-25 year. We will meet on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00pm at the Black Angus restaurant at 5000 Candlewood, Lakewood, located on the outskirts of the Lakewood Mall. See you there.

Thank you to the FIVE units that sent in reports and especially to those who sent donations to the PPP Nurses Scholarship Fund. Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause in your 25-26 budgets. Our country is having a nursing shortage crisis, and we need to help these students get their careers started.

POPPY **GAIL DIEBEL**

May is National Poppy Month, so let's try to have an entry for decorating one of the Posts at the convention or a Hat or a Display Board for the upcoming Convention in June.

Department of California Convention Competition Guidelines: for Hats are as follows:

- One entry per member
- Name, District #, Unit #, address, phone number and email address need to be printed on a piece of



paper placed on the inside of the hat inside the hat band.

- No identifying information is to be placed on the outside of the hat.
- There will be three categories:
 - President's Theme (AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL)
 - Most creative use of poppies
 - President's Choice
- Entries need to be in the main meeting hall by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 27, 2025. Deliver them to the Department Poppy Chair, Gabriella Ramos.
- Voting will be conducted by Department President Linda Hayes and a panel (3 members) appointed by the Department Poppy Chair Gabriella Ramos.

Guidelines for the Display competition:

- The dimensions are to be no more than 24 x 24 x 12.
- Each display must contain the name, Unit #, District # and the number of Poppies used. This information must not be visible when viewing the display; it must be placed on the back/underside of the display.
- A panel of five (5) judges will judge all displays with the exception of the President's Choice. President's Choice will be judged solely by the Department President.
- All displays must be checked in no later than 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 25.
- If a Cross is used, then you must also use the Star of David.
- All forms of craft material may be used.

The President's Theme (AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL) and Free Style will be awarded First, Second and Third place. Second and Third place will receive Citations and a token of appreciation.

The President's Choice will have only one winner with a Citation and a token of appreciation.

The Department will not assume responsibility for the return of Convention Poppy Displays. It will be the responsibility of the individual to pick up their Poppy Display at the close of the Department Convention.

All decisions are final. Members may pick up their entries after the announcement of the winners.

GOD LUCK MEMBERS, HAVE FUN AT CONVENTION

PUBLIC RELATIONS LORRIE LEWELLYAN

While we were not at 100% reporting, I would like to commend the units who do a great job at promoting and showing their community the great works you accomplish, Bravo!

Do you receive the Auxiliary magazine? Looking for past issues? Here is where you go for info or accessing your account portal: <https://www.legion-aux.org/magazine>. Note the awesome article near the end of this newsletter.

VA&R VAVS LBVA LBVA POPPY MANAGER DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all who submitted year end reports, you do not have to do everything on these forms, do as much as your Unit can. Wreaths Across America and Honor Flights programs are a notable example to support.

Another event National supports is the yearly **Creative Arts Program**. This year the LBVA Creative Arts show/program is August 6th in the EGG building 165. It's an awesome event to see all the great artwork done by Veterans. In addition, if your Unit or Post would like to help, please contact me.

You can put out **flags** at the Riverside National Cemetery on May 25, at 8:00 am. All Veteran's graves receive a flag. There may be other cemeteries close to you that puts out flags on Veteran's graves. Please participate.

The **Veterans Garden** at the LBVA is asking for donations to update the building in the garden. Please see the information in this Noisette.

LBVA **VS/CDCE** has requested donations, personal hygiene, phone chargers, snacks, cotton shirts LG-XXLG for homeless veterans by May 27 for their 2K event in Patriot Park on May 28th.

The **Food Pantry** at LBVA is always in need of supplies.

Volunteer Services/CDCE is always asking for **Volunteers**. If you are interested contact **VS** at (562) 826-5715. Remember Volunteers keep the VA going and



Veterans truly recognize your efforts. You do make a difference.

I want to thank everyone who helps make **Poppies**. We've had a delay in supplies this past year but many of you have stepped up to help get them out. Yes, we continue to have Poppy making parties and this past party 30 people came, and 2 Veteran ladies participated. Most important, Jean Sudbeck and 3 other ladies from Seal Beach came to help us with the poppies. These ladies with 5 other ladies make more than 40,000 poppies a year. Can you imagine?!! A big shout out to them. Lois Cornish at the WAVE Clinic in San Diego with Veterans also make more than 25,000 a

year. Without these 2 groups we would not have all the poppies we need. Poppy making is year-round, I've learned. Yep, never ending. Please remember we do not sell poppies, we accept donations. I'm still working with the LBVA to get the Veterans involved. I hope it's close to being resolved.

Everyone has done a wonderful service this past year to all Veterans, keep it going.

If you have questions or concerns, please call, text, or email.

Thank you so much for all you do!

DISTRICT 19 CALENDAR

Every **Friday** review Facebook for **Posts 272 & 411** weekend entertainment

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

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

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

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

May 23 – Wear a Poppy Day

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

June 1 – D19 Poppy Party at **Post 496**

June TBA – D19 Caucus Meeting

June 26-29 – Convention at Visalia

July 26 – Legion Family Picnic



ALA MAGAZINE POPPY ARTICLE

https://www.legion-aux.org/CMSDesk/ALA/media/PDF/Magazine/AuxiliaryMagazine_2025-05-lr.pdf

Starting on page 30, the article displays our Department Chair Gabrielle Ramos and ladies that helped make poppies at a recent Poppy Making Party. See our volunteers from District 19, check out the wonderful, helpful, smiling faces.



Donation Requests

<https://gofund.me/7ad26170>

LBVA GARDEN



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FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL THE
LATEST INFO REGARDING EVENTS
& DONATION REQUESTS**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069004342269>



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