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Mission Statement

In the spirit of *Service, Not Self*, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary 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 by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

Purposes

In fulfillment of our mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, military, and their families
- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- To increase our capacity to deliver our mission by providing volunteer opportunities within our communities
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through *Service Not Self*



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NOVEMBER 8!

“Veterans make elections possible.”

Norberto Santana, Jr.

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President's Message

Gloria Williams



Thank you to all our members for their prayers and beautiful cards. I'm so happy to share the Friendship Train ride with all of you!

2022 California General Election

sos.ca.gov/elections



The last day to register to vote for the November 8, 2022 General Election is October 24, 2022. All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November General Election. Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots no later than October 10, 2022.

Your General Election ballot will include:

- 7 Ballot Propositions
- Statewide candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Member of State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Assembly Member

Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail with prepaid postage as long as it's postmarked on or before Election Day and received by November 15, 2022, or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022.

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Membership Dues Increase

National Convention Amendment #12 ALA National Standing Rule XIII. Dues and Assessments, 1

The National per capita dues **were increased** at American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 2022. The per capita dues shall be **eighteen dollars (\$18)** per annum for Senior members beginning in **Dues Year 2024**. The requested yearly increases for Fiscal Year 2026, Fiscal Year 2028 and Fiscal Year 2030 were defeated. The National per capita dues for Juniors remain at two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

For seniors this is a six dollar (\$6) increase senior per capita breakdown:



National per capita eighteen dollars (\$18) and Department per capita ten dollars (\$10) making total per capita for Membership 2024 year twenty-eight dollars (\$28).

The National per capita dues before Amendment #12 was passed was twelve dollars (\$12).

As expected there were many questions from convention delegates for and against Amendment #12. The amendment was overwhelmingly passed. We now know what to expect for our Membership Year 2024 – what are our next steps? Go back to your units and look at your current National per capita - does it cover the six dollar (\$6) increase? If not, you will need to discuss and vote to change your per capita for 2024. If your dues and assessments were moved to standing rules you will need to change them. If your dues and

assessments are in your Constitution and Bylaws this might be the time to have them moved to your standing rules which are much easier to change. The 2024 Membership Year Unit Data Form is where you tell Department and National what your unit dues will be for Membership Year 2024. It will be due to Department April 30, 2023. You have to the time to make the changes to increase your unit dues. The form has not been updated yet on the department website, but I am sure it will be soon. The due date can be found on the 2022-2023 Unit

checklist which is on the Department website.

Our take away from the national per capita increase of six dollars (\$6) is that you might need to change your standing rules or constitution and bylaws to support the increase.

This is a good time to take a look at moving dues and assessments from your constitution and

bylaws to your standing rules.

Standing rules are much easier to change and take less time for the change to take effect and do not need to be sent to the department constitution and bylaws chairman. Be sure you take action and the action is completed before the 2024 Membership Year Unit Data Form is due (April 30, 2023).

One last thought: our department per capita might be changed at our 2023 Convention for Membership Year 2025. Last time national changed their per capita our department also changed their per capita. Be prepared!

*Joan Cannon
National Executive Committeewoman
Past Department President*



Constitution and Bylaws Changes

Units have stated their dues amount in several ways. The recommended way to change or correct (rewrite or amend) bylaws is to state that the dues amounts are in the standing rules for the unit. Then if or when the dues amount changes it is a simple procedure.

I am working on getting out a guideline for writing standing rules.

*Glenda Schultz
Department Constitution and Bylaws
Chair*

Celebrating Our Dual Members



Danielle Duffaut is Commander of AL District 17 and President of LA County Council. She is also holds a national position with the 40 & 8.



Working Together in District 25

The District 25 Legion Family District 25 received a Proclamation for POW/MIA Day in the city of Rancho Cucamonga .

Collaborating together were ALA District 25 President Cindy Rogers, AL Post 835 Commander Neal Huges, and ALA Unit 835 President Tammy Bell.

National POW/MIA Day was September 16, 2022.



Remembering 9/11/2001 on 9/11/2022

September 11, 2022 was the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 520 on 9/11/2022 remembered a sad day in history.

It started out as a candlelight march to the local firehouse to deliver cookies. This year was special as we had been unable to commemorate the occasion for three years due to COVID.

The Unit provided a barbeque dinner with the proceeds to be used to purchase Christmas presents for children of those deployed.

*Ann Philcox
President Sun Valley Unit 520*



ALA Unit 283 placed more than 300 flags in the community to mark the anniversary of 9/11.

Deloris Artis



A Brief History of the Children and Youth Committee

The American Legion Auxiliary’s Children and Youth Committee has served youngsters through the program’s initiatives since 1922 when it was introduced as the Orphans of the Great War. Shortly thereafter the name was changed to “Child Welfare” when The American Legion created their Child Welfare Committee.

During the 1970-71 Auxiliary year the committee followed the lead of the Legion and formally changed the name to Children and Youth. Getting used to the new name took some doing, but the committee fully understood the importance of aligning with the Legion for consistency and content alignment. During that year the Committee adopted a catchy new slogan “Reach Out -The Future is Now”, which was presented at area conferences. The

slogan proved to be the call to action needed to completely revamp the program. The committee addressed nutrition, education, and the handicapped along with preservation of our resources, as well as the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, and sharing the dangers of drug abuse and addiction.

Today, the Children and Youth Program continues to focus on all of the things previously mentioned, as well as serving homeless children of veterans; seeking out youth who perform a heroic act of bravery or contribute in a special way to society through community service; and working with children of veterans, particularly those with a deployed parent.

Interested in current program trends for Children and Youth?

Please consider joining the ALA Children and Youth Facebook Groups at facebook.com/groups/ALACHildrenandYouth. Here ALA members discuss or share about topics and activities related to the committee and program.

Let’s get busy and make 2022-23 a wonderful year for all children in our communities.

*Susan Baker
Department Children and Youth Chair*

How Many Veterans Live in California?

California is home to over 1.8 million former service members, which is the largest veteran population of any state in the United States. Veterans — particularly those who are recently transitioning into civilian life, older adults, experiencing homelessness or housing insecurities, and people with disabilities — are oftentimes undercounted during the Census. The veteran-centric Census 2020 effort focused on reaching and engaging hard-to-count veterans.

Chaplain's Corner

I'd like to remind all our District and Unit Chaplains to send me their contact information.

I mentioned in my August Chaplain Bulletin (available online at calegionauxiliary.com) I will be starting occasional zoom meetings for all the Chaplains on **Thursday, October 27th**.



The photo above is of me passing on to District 11's Chaplain Marcie Dunn the remarks from National Chaplain Carol T. Robinsons at the ALA National Convention in Milwaukee. Marcie will be passing the information on to her District Unit Chaplains.

This is what we all pray each chairman does with information received in every ALA program! It's only communication if we share what we learn with others.

*Grace Huston
Department Chaplain*

Rose Parade 2023 South Pasadena Float Builders

Read all about the win-win relationship between the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the American Legion Auxiliary Allied Unit 302. The link is southpasadenan.com/rose-parade-2023-south-pasadena-float-builders-honored/

Rodi Andreescu



Dee Ann Graham Department Legislative Chair

Fair Oaks ALA Unit and AL Post 383 Share Booth at Fair Oaks Annual Chicken Festival

Fair Oaks 383 Auxiliary and Post members joined together at the 17th annual Fair Oaks Chicken Festival on Saturday, September 17, to meet active and retired veterans and their families and invite them to become a part of the 383 family. The first cool day following our 100+ heat wave brought well over 10,000 festival goers to celebrate the 127 year history of Fair Oaks and its favorite mascot, the Chicken!



Veterans learned of benefits they might not be aware of, and how they can share their love of country with future generations. Relatives of veterans were surprised to learn that they can join an Auxiliary through their relationship to not only a living service person but also deceased parents, grandparents and great grandparents. At the end of the day nearly 100 festival goers including many children and canine companions had visited the booth. Seven veterans turned in applications to join and ten potential members showed interest and shared their contact information.

Between the two groups and several AL Riders - another member of the 383 family - 76.6 hours were donated plus the hours of preparation, booth set up and take down. 14 AL Auxiliary and AL Post members worked the booth for over six hours. This is the first of future collaborations intended to bring members together for the good of their veterans.

*Elise Spleiss
ALA Unit 383 Secretary*

“On Wisconsin, On Wisconsin . . .”

Milwaukee or Wisconsin in general never made it to my bucket list of places I wanted to visit, even though “On Wisconsin” was the tune of my school fight song! What a very pleasant surprise it was to find such a charming, friendly, and interesting city to explore once I arrived.



Saint Kate Art

Our Department hotel was the Saint Kate. It was also known as the “Arts Hotel” and for good reason, there were all kinds of unexpected, fun and beautiful works of art in every location along with nightly music. The lobby area was designed with multiple gathering areas so you could meet up with people you knew to exchange information on good eats, places to see, or how to get around easiest. Busses to get to the convention center were right outside the door though you could also walk there easily in less than 10 minutes. The Milwaukee River was almost right outside our door, crossing over it on a drawbridge. If you walked part of the Riverwalk to get to the convention center, you’d run into the bronze “Fonz” statue.

Saturday we were up and ready to tackle the exciting Constitution and Bylaws meeting. I say that tongue in cheek, yet these conventions, whether State or National, always give you those “learning moments” that we should all look forward to. The 60 pages I printed out made me dread the time it might take. Thank you to those who worked on this committee ahead of time; you laid it all out clearly and introduced us to “bundled amendments”. When all of these changes needed votes, it was much easier to understand and saved time!

We followed that meeting with our Western Division Caucus. The room was packed with California making a great show of members, and winning many, if not all, of its challenges.

That afternoon it was a lunch banquet at

the Hilton to celebrate the 50th Convention for the Sons of the Legion. What a wonderful program they presented with a surprise special speaker (and new Sons member) comedian and actor Joe Piscopo.

It was then off for sightseeing at the Milwaukee Art Museum where we whisked through their special exhibit on The Posters of Jules Chéret. We tried to cover as much ground with at least the contemporary art before it was closing time. That was a treat. The museum roof opens in the morning to what looks like wings, and then closes each evening. It was a beautiful symphony of art in itself.

We found ourselves meeting up with others to attend the moving Patriotic Memorial Service on Sunday, followed by spending some time at the War Memorial Center with the American Legion Family for Milwaukee Oktoberfest. Brats, beer, pretzels, music and dancing made for a lively afternoon.

Later in the afternoon the skies turned dark, and we experienced heavy RAIN. This happened about the time many of us were heading out for the California Cruise Night. The boat was docked only about two blocks away so we decided to run for it with our umbrellas. Our flip-flopped feet got soaked with warm puddles and rain but we dried off quickly and enjoyed the tour around the river with the city light and Lake Michigan in front of us. We were able to see the sunset and a beautiful double rainbow as we dined.



Opening Session

Finally Monday came around with the 101st ALA National Convention opening. The music, fun lights, and greetings all made up for having to be there by the 8 am start. National President Kathy did a fabulous job of keeping things moving along, while using today’s technology; the reports showed us what great work our members do all year round. It is

amazing how much could be covered in the three days to get through everything. It was even structured to get us out in time for lunch every day.

On Tuesday many of us attended the ALA Public Spirit Luncheon. President Kathy’s picks were outstanding examples of caring for Veterans. DTOM Ranch with its equine therapy, Eagle’s Healing Nest healing invisible wounds, and recipient Janine DeGusto Daugherty were all deserving of the accolades. Unit Members of the Year were also honored at the luncheon as well as the servicewomen who were given recognition during our meetings.



Memorial Service

We also packed in the local sights of the Harley-Davidson Museum, the Pabst Mansion and local garden areas. Luckily, the weather was the best with cool winds and not a lot of humidity.

The most important vote we took was about the increase in dues. It ended with a compromise of a flat \$6 increase next year (for National) but while that seems a lot to some members the discussions made a lot of sense. Think of it as giving up one fancy drink or dessert a year! Nominations were made for the 2023 officers, votes were taken and after the convention closed, the installation was completed with Legion family joining our members.

Wednesday night was capped off with the ALA States Dinner. What fun to see the Derby “Hats” that were worn to help President Kathy celebrate her year and help her get back to her Kentucky roots!

Time now to start planning for the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina!

Debbie Hurado
ALA District 14/ Unit 191 President
Photos Vicki Fuqua

Sabrina Brandeis: Girls Nation President Pro-Tempore of the Senate

I can say with confidence that I have met some of the most amazing girls in the country at Girls Nation. When we arrived and discovered that our legislation had been chosen as the first on the docket to be debated on the floor of the Girls Nation Senate, Clarissa and I were shocked and overjoyed. In the weeks leading up to Girls Nation, we had Facetimed daily, refining and reworking our legislation so that it could be as polished as possible for Girls Nation. Seeing our bill at the top of the docket validated our efforts, and we were proud to be representing California while debating the bill on the Senate Floor. Though the bill did not pass, it sparked a passionate debate about the role of government in media regulations, and initiated some important conversations.

Similarly to how I immediately clicked with my city at Girls State, I quickly bonded with my community at Girls Nation. Whether it was talking about our mutual love for speech and debate, discussing the stress of college applications, or trying West Virginian pepperoni rolls, I found so much to love about each girl I met. I was astonished by how eloquently everyone spoke, how knowledgeable everyone was about politics and government, and how willing everyone was to explain their opinions and beliefs. I learned a lot from debating in the Senate, but I think I learned the most during the casual conversations with the other girls and during party platform meetings. I quickly realized that my worldview, being from California, was significantly different, but also in some ways surprisingly similar to those from different states. Girls Nation expanded my mindset and my knowledge of other states, beliefs, and life-experiences.

One of my favorite parts of Girls Nation was the amazing opportunities for sightseeing. From staring in awe at the dedication of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the precision of their movements, even in the intense heat, to talking with Secret Service agents at the White House, I feel so fortunate to have been given so many opportunities. The best tour day in my opinion was the visit to Capitol Hill. Seeing people walk around in suits, hurrying to different government offices was surreal, and I could imagine myself one day in the same position, walking around Capitol Hill, helping to write the nation's laws.

Finally, I was fortunate enough to be elected by my peers as the Girls Nation President Pro-Tempore of the Senate. Though I already knew Parliamentary Procedure from my years in debate, I quickly found that the Girls Nation procedures were slightly different, therefore getting acclimated to leading Senate Sessions was a learning curve. However, standing up in front of the Senate, gavel in hand, was such an empowering and invigorating experience. I got to observe the workings of Senate from a bird's eye view, and monitoring the debates taught me so much about maintaining order during passionate debates and the difficulties of compromise.





Clarissa Zuo: Girls Nation Platform Chair for the Federalist Party

I can say without a doubt that Girls Nation has been the best experience of my life. I made more friends and learned more new things than I ever thought I could in a week.

I'll start with one of the coolest parts of the whole experience: connecting with people on the other end of the political spectrum! One of the best parts of Girls State for me was getting to know other people's viewpoints and Girls Nation was an even more diverse version of that. I've come away with a new respect for all kinds of political opinions and lifelong friends from the opposite end of the political spectrum.

I also really enjoyed the tour days, especially the capital tour. I was lucky enough to meet California Senator Alex Padilla as well as my representative Congressman Mike Garcia. (I might even intern at his office this coming year thanks to this meeting!) Running around Capitol Hill was a lifetime dream for the four of us California senators and we talked about how lucky we were to have the opportunity to fulfill that dream at Girls and Boys Nation. I had the honor of serving as the Platform Chair for the Federalist party and got to work closely with the platform committee and later our presidential candidate.

We also were able to debate our bill on the floor. Our bill was called the "Awareness Doctrine Act" and was ranked first out of all the bills on the senate docket. It mandated that the FCC put labels on media based on how editorialized the broadcasters' content is.

Overall, Girls Nation was an incredible experience and I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity through the work of everyone at the post. I cannot thank you enough!



Business Card Technique to Copy

When designing your business card, be sure to use both sides:



Did you Know?

Lt. Amanda Lee is making history **Lin the sky**. The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels have welcomed her to its flight demonstration squadron, making Lee the **first female fighter jet demonstration pilot to ever join the aerial acrobatics team in its 76 year history**. She is expected to begin performing as an F/A-18E/F demonstration pilot early next year after she completes a five-month training with the other new recruits who were announced this week.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 105 Exemplifies Service, Not Self



Unit 105 in partnership with the Peninsula Girl Scouts Day Camp donated nine cases of cookies to VA-Menlo Park patients in Building 331. District 26 adopted Building 331 as their focus for donations, visits and barbeques. Pictured are District 26/Unit 105 VA&R Deputy Arlene Muller, VA-MP Voluntary Services Coordinator Alberto Villarreal, Unit 105 member Katie Toye, and District 26 President/Unit 105 2nd Vice President Peggy Toye.



Members of Post 105 Family donated to the Red Cross in support of Ukrainian Relief. In red are District 26 President & Unit 105 2nd Vice President Peggy Toye, Unit 105 1st Vice President Pauline Robinson, Unit 105 President Carol Rael, and our local Red Cross representative accepting the donation check.

*Peggy Toye,
District 26 President/Unit 105 Second Vice President*

WWII Veteran Adopted by Palmdale Unit 348

One day late in July 2022 I received a message from Dennis Anderson, a long-time journalist for the Antelope Valley Press and currently the Veterans Advocate at High Desert Medical Group. He told us about a local 99-year-old WWII veteran named Louis Moore who was interested in joining Palmdale American Legion Post 348! On August 21 Lou was initiated into Post 348 and immediately adopted by Palmdale American Legion Auxiliary Unit 348.

A few days later a phone call was received from a caregiver in a panic. Lou needed help but she was out of town and asked if someone could check on him.

Lou wrote a book at the age of 98. His book is titled *Eternal Love* which tells the story of his love and life with his beloved wife Nellie.

Nellie was a Japanese-American born in Fresno, California. When the war broke out, she and her family were gathered up and sent to a Japanese internment camp. When the war was over, her family told her to go to New York City because the Japanese were looked upon so poorly on the west coast.

Lou, a Chinese-American, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII where he encountered prejudice against Asian-

were married and spent the next 74 years together.

After writing his book about his beloved Nellie, Lou was featured on Good Morning America. The link to that interview is www.goodmorningamerica.com/news/video/man-publishes-book-honor-wife-77993042.

Lou will turn 100 years old on October 30 and his bucket list includes a huge birthday party. He would like a Mariachi band, belly dancers, and a regular band. Unit 348 is making this happen! To start things off, he will be driven to the party in an antique car and escorted to the Bravery Brewery in Lancaster by Legion Riders.

If you would like information about Lou's birthday party, please feel free to contact me. We have a night full of fun planned for Lou and all who come to celebrate his big day with him. Lou says he doesn't want anybody sitting down, he wants everyone to circulate among the other guests so they can meet new friends!

He has another item on his bucket list that everyone can help to make a reality for Lou. He would like to receive 100 birthday cards. Please help this bucket dream come true by sending him a birthday card to the following address:

Lou Moore
P O Box 901433
Palmdale, CA
93590

We hope he receives tons of birthday cards!

And then there is another bucket list item – he wants to be on a billboard! Unit 348 will make that happen too. Lamar is donating a billboard for the entire month of October in his honor.

Linda Hayes,
ALA Department VA & R



Unit 348 members came to his aid that evening and have been helping since.

It was soon learned that Lou has some very interesting stories to tell, many about the love of his life, Nellie. He also shared some things on his "bucket list." It didn't take long to realize how special he is. Lou is a sweetheart; he's funny and loves to be kissed (on his cheek). His caregivers love him and will do anything for him.

Members of Unit 348 are thrilled to welcome this very special man into their lives. He just melts your heart!

Americans. He was honorably discharged on April 1, 1946. Upon returning to his family home in Brooklyn, his family took him out to a new restaurant called "The China Doll Nightclub" for opening night. That's when he saw her! Lou returned to the China Doll Nightclub several times before he finally saw her again. He took her out after she was done with the show. That was June 1, 1946. They saw each other every night: the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth.

On the ninth of June Lou proposed to her and she said "Yes"! On June 10 they



Membership!

Photo Judy Evridge

The fire crew is moving the engine down the tracks for Department President Gloria's friendship train.

The challenge I find is to keep the friendship part front and center- we do more when we are a collective group! We have some great momentum and success already. As of this publication, the Department of California is #1 in the Western Division, and #8 in the nation. Great job to everyone!! We also have our first goal Unit! Canyon City Unit #180 is currently at 137 percent! We are beyond proud of their efforts!

We have six other Units over 75 percent: Unit 415, Unit 491, Unit 75, Unit 118, Unit 81, and Unit 512! Congrats to all these Units!

We have six Districts over 40 percent! District 1, District 3, District 9, District 17, District 18, and District 24 are all making it happen! Congrats to everyone!

Currently we are 894 paid members over last year's numbers at the same time frame. Amazing! These numbers are very encouraging, and we are making great strides!

A percentage of this growth could be attributed to our Department Commander and his wife's contest for a trip to Cancun. We love the participation but also know that our members are fierce and will pay their dues. This just made it easier - LOL.

This Department has lost members over the years, and we really want to change that. Please keep in mind why you join, why you stay, and what you love about this organization.

We have come up with the 3 R's!

Retention: We have members - keep them engaged

Rejoin: We have too many members that leave after three years. Think about it! It isn't hard to see the members we once met that are no longer coming. Members please, let's think about this! We lose members based on several issues. Let's be positive and change our approach and have everyone on board. I only ask you look inside yourself. How can each one of us make the most impact?

Recruit: We need to have a welcoming table set up, especially at our community events. We do so much great work but don't always let the community know who we are and if they can even join.

We look forward to having a great year and look forward to hitting the train station early!

*Maureen O'Brien-Sacco
Department Membership Chair*



Flag Drop Box

ALA Unit 519 First Vice President Jan Thomas worked with Eagle Scout Isaac Vera to provide our community with a retiring flag drop box.

Jan dedicated the box to her late husband Richard Thomas, a seven-year commander at Owen Coffman Post 519.

*Danielle Pantanella
District 2 National Security
Chair*



Parliamentarian Procedure

Suggested Unit Standing Rules on Code of Conduct/Protocol

Each member is expected to:

- Attend meetings
- Be on time
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages during the meeting
- Remain seated until meetings are adjourned unless excused
- Listen to and show respect for the views of others
- Have an equal voice during meetings
- Avoid disruptive side conversations
- Maintain a friendly atmosphere at all times
- Speak up, express ideas and ask questions
- Give support and show honest appreciation

Anita Biggs, Department Parliamentarian



October

Education Month

- October 10: Columbus Day
- October 10: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- October 13: Navy Birthday
- October 22: Southern Workshop
- October 27: Chaplains Zoom Call
- October 26: National Day of the Deployed
- October 31: Halloween



November

Membership Month

- November 06: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 08: Election Day
- November 10: Marine Corps Birthday
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 11: Armistice, Remembrance Day
- November 24: Thanksgiving
- November 25: Black Friday

Clovis Workshop 2022

Some unusual visitors attended the Clovis Workshop!

Cindy Newman took the photo of Melanie Taylor holding Tina, the Department Mascot.

Melise Monroe snapped the photo of Jackie Landan feeding her newborn kitten.

