



# THE NOISETTE

SEPTEMBER 2023

*From the Desk of Madam President*



## DIANA LIVAS

I would like to bring to you attention all **mandatory forms** due to this District President [NLT 9/30/23](#).

1. Unit Audit Report, this must be signed by the Unit President and all members of the Audit Committee. NLT 9/30/23.
2. IRS 990N e-postcard or 990 long forms, NLT 9/30/23.
3. CA FTB 199N e-postcard or 199 long forms, NLT 9/30/23.
4. Attorney General Registry of Charitable Trusts RRF-1, NLT 9/30/23.
5. Attorney General Registry of Charitable Trusts CT-TR-1 required for all units, NLT 9/30/23.

Please refer to the 2023-2024 **Unit Checklist** for all Due Dates, they are as follows:

1. ALAMIS Fee's, 9/30/23
2. Unit Fidelity Bondy (Mandatory- every 3 year), Due 9/30/23
3. Poppy Order (Mandatory), Due 10/1/23
4. Girls State Reservation, Due 10/1/23
5. Girls State Application & Fees, Due 3/31/24
6. Donations/Membership for book of reports, due 5/9/24
7. Delegates/Alternates, Certification & Fees for convention (Mandatory), due 5/9/24
8. Poppy Financial Report (Mandatory), due 6/2/24

Department is asking for each unit to try and give a little extra this year, and if possible, please make your donations early. Donations/Programs for book of reports are:

1. Americanism – California Disaster Fund – Junior Activities (on its own check)
2. Poppy (on its own check)
3. Children & Youth, Children & Youth TFA (Combined on one check)
4. Education (Combined on one check)
5. Past President's Parley (Combined on one check)
6. Patient Remembrance and Gift Shop (Combined on one check)
7. Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation & VA&R TFA (Combined on one check)

Recently, I have heard several unit members say, **“We were never told that before”**. As a reminder, Unit Presidents and any member(s) should attend each District meeting to represent their Unit for roll call and

membership. This is where you will receive updates on events, requirements, notices from Department, etc.

As of this article, each unit should have completed your annual audit! The signed Audit form along with a copy of your tax filing receipt must be mailed or emailed to your District President. As of today, I have only received 2 Units Audit reports with the required Tax filing copies. **THIS IS A MUST!**

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the new raffle period will begin 1.1.2024.

**Raffles:** If your Unit chooses to have 50/50's or any other type of raffles you **MUST** now have a permit to do so. Remember 90 percent of the gross receipts from these raffles go directly to beneficial or charitable purposes.

I recommend you take the course online, once complete you can pay for the permit. Most important, be informed. The permit is annual, so if you choose to get your permit now, you will have to renew the permit come January 2024. Failure to have this permit can cost your unit some serious fines with the possibility of losing your 501c. IRS is clamping down on all raffles. All the details of the new requirements from the IRS should be answered once you take your course. For more information go to <https://oag.ca.gov/charities/raffles>

**Department Presidents Pins:** As DCV's have started, be sure to support Madam Department President Glenda's special project by buying her pins. All monies collected will go to her special project. If you have not already received them, I will pass them out at your next unit DCV.

## SEPTEMBER IS POW/MIS RECOGNITION & MUSIC MONTH

### District 19 Meeting

September 20 at Norwalk Post, 7:00 pm



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello,

Wow September is almost over. Guess we will all be gearing up for mid-year reports. Please get them in when due so we can get 100%. Refer to <https://www.legion-aux.org/> for ideas. Please remember these reports support the TAL before Congress to pass and support laws for Veterans. Your report is very important. We are the only Military organization under the auspices of Congress.

See you at a District meeting. You are welcome to all. Leadership meeting October 21 by Linda Farris. Everyone needs to come. Important to keep up on changes within auxiliary. Thank you

**TREASURER  
CAROLINA VAZQUEZ**

District per capital is due from each unit.

**AMERICANISM  
LINDA DIEBEL**

I will be handing out the instructions and rules for the Americanism Essay Contest at the next District meeting. Please check with your local schools to see if they would like to participate in this program. The titles for the essay contest are:

Group #1	Grades 4 & 5	Why do we honor the flag?
Group #2	Grades 6 & 7	Why is voting important?
Group #3	Grades 8 & 9	Who is responsible for keeping our country safe?
Group #4	Grades 10-12	Is service to our country important?
Group #5	Special Needs	How should the flag be disposed?

If your local schools cannot participate in the Americanism Contest, there are several other ways you can promote Americanism in your local schools, businesses, and community. We will review these promotions during the next District meeting.

For God and Country

**AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND  
DIANE AGUAYO**

With all that is going on within our community, if you need emergency assistance, we have an emergency fund available to help with a financial crisis, disaster relief and educational training.

**CHAPLAIN  
DAWN BROWN**

Dear Auxiliary,

One of our long time PUFL members, Evelyn Devine has passed away. Her daughter Joyce notified me on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Diana Moreno went to the doctor for a Kidney

Biopsy. The procedure was called off at the last minute and a decision to try a different procedure called cryoablation where they will freeze the tumor to kill it inside, so everyone keep your fingers crossed that this will work.

Please if you hear about any illnesses or deaths, let me know so I can report it. Thank you. May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH  
BECKY BULLARD**

Halloween is just around the corner, and many are starting to get ready already.

Emblem Sales still puts out a Halloween Safety coloring book for the children. You might want to look it up on the website and see if possibly your Unit would be interested in distributing it to the schools.

Also, your cities are gearing up for Halloween festivities, you might want to see if you can participate in them. Some have parades with special honors for Veterans. A Halloween fair on City Hall lawns or at the neighborhood park for the children's safe trick or treating. We have Units that do parties, and trunk or treat for the children also. Be safe and have fun.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
NORA RAMIREZ**

Hello members, track your volunteer hours.

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS  
C.J. REYES**

It is time to review your bylaws and standing rules. You need to rewrite every ten years and review at least once a year. The following Units need to send me a current copy:

184	last copy on file 1/2011, need a copy
359	1/2014, need to rewrite this year
411	2/2009, need a copy
465	5/2011, need to rewrite or send current signed copy

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST  
BECKY BULLARD**

Members, when you are the Distinguished Chairman for you Unit, please take the job seriously. Always smile when you are meeting and greeting new people coming in, guests that have arrived and making sure they are taken care of, acknowledging members who are back from illness or who have not been coming to meetings. Dignitaries that are arriving and taking them to your Unit President to be aware of their presence, making sure they are taken care of with seating and something to drink. You should have a sign in book for all guests and if their name is difficult to pronounce try to find the best way to say it and make apologies ahead of time for possibly mispronouncing it, believe me they will be grateful. You are the first in line to try to make sure they feel welcome and comfortable, they are more likely to come back if you do. Remember a pleasant experience is always remembered.



## EDUCATION

### GAYLE STEWART

Hope you all have set up for collecting school supplies for the "Give 10 to Education." Any number of items we can give will help the children in our local schools. Make sure to keep track of the value of the supplies donated for your reports.

It is also that time of year to get your Poppy Seals ordered! Such a bargain at \$2.00 for a sheet of 100.

They are such a nice addition to put on envelopes that you are mailing. Orders need to be in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tracking sheets for donated school supplies and the order form for Poppy seals are both located on the calegionaux.org website.

## GIRLS STATE

### BECKY BULLARD

Reservations for the 2024 session of Girls State can go in now. The dates for the session will be June 25th through June 30th this year. The cost is \$525 which includes transportation. Please make sure your young ladies are aware of this.

Hopefully we will be getting new Units involved this year, remember if your Unit would like to financially sponsor a girl there are many that you can and still be part of the program.

## HISTORIAN

### DEE DEE BRICE

Greetings all Cities in the 19<sup>th</sup> District,

As the Golden State cities have now started to hit the ground running, I am sure lots of photos are being taken. Remember to share your special moments with your County (District). Don't forget to have your permission slip signed. Your unit Secretary should keep the signed copies.

Remember we are "United-As-One." Looking forward to seeing all your wonderful photos. Also, if you need to post any upcoming events, please reach out to our Public Relations chairperson Lorrie, she will gladly post your upcoming events and photos on Facebook. Let's keep our positive image going strong as we stand United-As-One. And don't forget to SMILE!

In Services not Self

## JUNIORS

### BECKY BULLARD

The Junior Conference will be in April and more information will be distributed accordingly. Try if you have grandchildren, nieces and nephews to get them involved with the organization, the growth is amazing. Try to help them learn it's now what you get that is important it's what you can give back of yourself that people will remember. Paying it forward is the name of the game for volunteering; we know it now it is time they learn it.

## LEADERSHIP

### LINDA FARISS

We will be holding a District Fun Workshop on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Norwalk Post 359.

We will help you with the Mid-year reports and review the changes in our organization and programs.

## LEGISLATIVE

### C.J. REYES

Advocate registering to vote. Keep up on the issues supported by the legion. <https://calegion.org/?s=legislature>

## MEMBERSHIP

### ISABEL GALLARDO

Greetings members of the Auxiliary, I hope that you are all well.

I am sending all units and membership chairpersons a friendly reminder that our membership is now due. You can submit your 2023-2024 dues now. Please, if possible, process membership online.

If you are using the standard form to mail transmittals, please only use the new forms. Our first membership goal is The Mother Load (early bird citation), units who obtain the membership at the close of books, post marked date of November 13, 2023, and verified by ALAMIS.

Some units have not sent in any renewals as of today 9/8/2023, if you are having any difficulty, please reach out to me so that I may assist in any way needed.

*The 3 Rs of 2024 membership*

## RECRUITMENT

So, whose job is **recruitment**? It is your right; everyone has the right.

## RENEWAL

Send out letters, A personal phone call, invite them to join in unit activities.

## RETENTION

Do you make your members feel welcome? Are you educating your members? Make a phone call, let them know you are thinking of them, maybe they just need a ride to a meeting. Take time to get to know them, a little kindness goes a long way.

Thank you for your hard work and I am looking forward to working with you all.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

### DIANA LIVAS

August was a tuff month, Earthquakes and Hurricanes. I hope you have had time to research any emergency programs available in your community. Remember, be prepared, have a plan in place. Knowing what to do and where to go can not only keep you safe/calm but save you time. Anyone have a chance to visit the National website?

National has set their Key Program Statements for this year as follows:

- The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.
- Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG). Contact the



Family Readiness Center at your nearby military installation for more information.

- Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/ MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the search for missing personnel.
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security>, check it out for some great ideas on how to support our programs.

In wake of our earth shaking, it's best to protect yourself right away. Here are tips from experts:

*If you're in a car:* Pull over and stop. Set your parking brake.

*If you're in bed:* Turn face-down and cover your head with a pillow.

*If you're outdoors:* Stay away from buildings. Don't go inside.

*If you're inside:* Stay and don't run outdoors. Stay away from doorways.

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#### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

##### **C.J. REYES**

Each unit should have current copies of unit, district, department and national bylaws as well as a current copy of Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLAY**

##### **LINDA FARISS**

Thank you to all who came out for the last PPP dinner. At the meeting, between a bite of great food, we decided to change our meeting nights to the last Tuesday of the month. Therefore, our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:00pm at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 11101 183rd Street, Cerritos, California. Please contact me at 310-245-3041 or [lindafariss@yahoo.com](mailto:lindafariss@yahoo.com) to RSVP. Please let me know if you are bringing guests.

#### **POPPY**

##### **ISA BEL GALLARDO**

It is that time of year when poppies are in bloom for us.

Just sending all the units and poppy chairpersons a friendly reminder. Our Poppy orders are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone has their orders ready, please send them in now.

Units are required to order and pay for poppies to be in good standing.

Fewer Veterans are available to produce the traditional paper poppies this year. They can be assembled by the unit members and or juniors, you may want to consider holding a poppy making event within your unit.

If you have any questions, contact me.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

##### **LORRIE LEWELLYAN**

Please do your best with sharing your unit's upcoming events so that we may share via Facebook and note in the newsletter.

#### **SECRETARY**

##### **LINDA FARISS**

Officers and Chairpersons, please continue to give me a written copy of all floor reports and complicated motions. Remember that the minutes of every meeting is considered a legal document and must be accurate.

#### **VA&R**

##### **DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hi Veteran Support Teams, Yes, that's you. Our most important program in my opinion. WHY?!

Without Veterans we wouldn't exist. Holidays are coming. Many Veterans out there and their families need assistance. Many of you do a lot of great things for Veterans, thank you. Please remember to report on your mid-year coming up in another month! Send reports to me and copy Diana. Let's get 100%, it's so easy.

Check <https://calegionaux.org/> for ideas if you need. Remember you do not have to do everything.

**LBVA** is open for activities at the Blind Center, contact Elizabeth Greco. When you contact Elizabeth, she'll give you many ideas.

You can also schedule with **CLC** recreation therapists Jessica or Kervirmarin. CLC will not allow activities inside and right now only allow eight people. Holidays are coming so think of gifts.

**L1** mental health needs sweatshirts and sweatpants, women and men. Woman sizes small to large and men medium to large. They also requested underwear and bras, small to large. No strings or metal on anything. They said it's great when people bring sandwiches, chips, pizza, and sugar-free sodas. Just give them a call and schedule a date.

**Villages of Cabrillo** are open for activities such as bingo, lunches, holiday lunches, pizza parties. Coordinate with Amy Sega-Lamsam at [Asega@usvets.org](mailto:Asega@usvets.org) or phone 562-233-4038. Remind them we are there for Veterans not staff. Amy is with US Vets.

**Violas**, a Veterans store at Cabrillo, is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to noon. They take women and men's clothes, clean and good shape (especially Men). If you have good shoes you are tired of, they will also take. They will accept working small appliances, dishes, flatware, and glassware.

**Compton Standdown** is coming up September 22-24. You can drop off items on Friday am or send a check. If you want to help, ask for Charlie Lonon. (See flyer)

**Volunteer Services** food bank always needs supplies.

**PIER** is open and more people are slowly coming. Unfortunately, with the construction next door, it's hard to get back there if they have to walk. They are open Monday-Thursday 8 am to 2 pm.

If you are on FB, please be sure to sign-up on American Legion Auxiliary Noisy 19 District page. It's updated regularly and you can add your activities.

Please come to District meetings. They are open to Everyone.

Thank you

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**DATES TO CALENDAR**

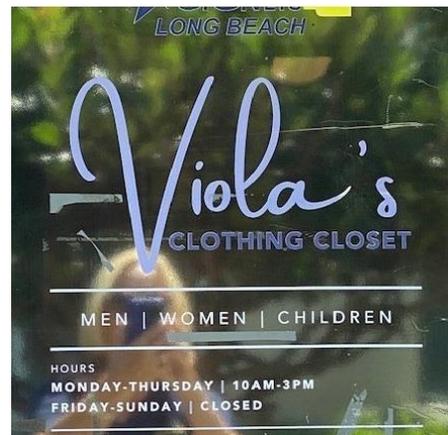
- 9/23-25 Compton Stand Down
- 10/1 D19 Breakfast Fundraiser @ Post 341
- 10/21 ALA Mid-Year Training @ 359
- 10/28 Post 411 & ALA Halloween Party
- 11/4 ALA 496 Quartermania

**DISTRICT COURTESY VISIT (DCV)**

- September: Unit 272 & Unit 723
- October: Unit 359, Unit 170, Unit 184 & Unit 833
- November Unit 341, Unit 496 & Unit 411

**DEPARTMENT COURTESY VISIT**

February at Post 496



*Who is taking a picture of Viola's?*



*Kathy Scruggs & Diane Okey from the South Bay shopping for the LBVA Food Pantry in Volunteer Services*

## DISTRICT 19 LEADERSHIP & CONTACT INFORMATION

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