



THE NOISETTE

MAY 2024

From the Desk of Madam President

DIANA LIVAS

May is such a special month.

This month we honor those who have moved to the everlasting, Unit Chaplains are required to attend our Chaplains memorial service. Unit Chaplains please come dressed in all white for the ceremony. If you cannot attend, please reach out to District so we can plan accordingly.

I congratulate those who have stepped into your newly elected positions for the upcoming year. Unit Data forms are due NOW to the Department and a copy should be sent to me.

Please forward me a copy of your Unit Election Information and the Transmittal of Delegates and Alternates form for Convention 2024, email to dlivas@att.net.

Anyone planning to attend Convention, I am looking for a few good men/women to help with registration and attending meetings, please reach out to me ASAP.

I would like to thank all the units who submitted your EOY reports, thank you! Looking back, I can see all the hard work we have done for our Veterans. Remember why you joined and how you have helped make the lives of our Veterans a better place.

In Service not Self.

**MAY
is
POPPY
MONTH**



**DISTRICT MEETING
and MEMORIAL
MAY 15
7:00^{pm}
NORWALK POST 359**



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DEBBIE BUTLER**

Hello Everyone,

Here we are at the end of the year with elections and Girls State. Hope your elections went well. Congratulations to all the young ladies who were selected for Girls State.

Have you submitted your Delegate form for Convention?

This is Memorial and Poppy month. Please join us at District meeting, May 15 at 7:00 pm for our Memorial Service to pay respect to Auxiliary members in District 19 who have passed.

Thank you for your membership in the Auxiliary and all you do for Veterans, Active Duty and their families.

**CHAPLAIN
DAWN BROWN**

Dear District 19,

I hope all has been well with you.

Reporting, Patti Galatioto Department Community Service chairperson suffered a minor heart attack. Mary Buquoi of Unit 833 had a fall and has been in the hospital for several days. She has multiple broken bones. June Losoya from Unit 496 has shingles. Jean Cooley from Unit 314 was in the hospital for her heart. Teresa Cornett from Unit 314 has been ill. Maryann Rupoochie from Unit 314 has been in the hospital with a UTI that went into her kidneys. Sandra Richardson from Unit 496 has been ill.

Please let me know of anyone who is ill or has passed away. Don't forget to attend our Memorial Service on May 15, 2024, during our District meeting at Norwalk.

Thank you.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
BECKY BULLARD**

Hope you wore purple last month honoring all our military children, they truly deserve your support.

School is almost out for the summer, but now is the time to plan for the next school year. Stock up on things for the schools, donating to food pantries for families of children in need in your community. Gather gently used clothes you don't need that a child of any age could use and are available for them through the thrift stores, this includes nieces, nephews, and grandchildren's clothes that they have grown out of. Also toys they no longer play with. You never know what makes a difference in a child's life even if you don't see the smile, you can feel it knowing you have done something special.

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST
BECKY BULLARD**

Well, it's almost the end of the year and then I'll be leaving this position. I have enjoyed it this year and being able to write to you and give little tips that might help, hope they have. Thank you, Diana, and everyone. Always remember to smile, it lights up the world when you are around and brings happiness to someone's sad face when they see it.

**EDUCATION
GAYLE STEWART**

I want to thank all units that submitted End of Year reports to me. It was nice to receive 10 reports out of the 11 units in our District. Great job ladies!

I did some research on what happened to the Poppy seals we ordered and never received. A call was made to the Department Education Chair to ask about the seals. She then made a call to the Department Secretary, Liz Doidge, and got back to me right away. Liz will be happy to mail the seals that were purchased, but she needs some information from us. She's asking that we give her the check number we sent to pay for them. With this number she will be able to look up the order and get the seals mailed out to the units.

**GIRLS STATE
BECKY BULLARD**

May 19th will be the Girls State luncheon at Post 496. We have 22 girls attending this year I'm hoping for more next year with a few new Units involved. We are choosing to help our new generation to become the best leaders they can be. Please come and meet these young ladies and their parents and think about what you can do next year to build our numbers with new leaders. You will truly be amazed. Thank you everyone for all the donations for the luncheon this year, you are truly appreciated more than you know. See you all there.

**JUNIORS
BECKY BULLARD**

We need to start training our young ones better about the past, so they are educated in why we are so avid regarding our veterans. Bring them to the Posts to help with things they can, let them talk to our veterans no matter how old they are, children all have questions they want to know. This includes both girls and boys, everyone needs to understand so they can pass it on as they grow and educate others. Teach them to be leaders and the reason it is to be a good follower along with being a leader, you



must be both. Having influence in someone's life, a smile and a thank you goes a long way.

MEMBERSHIP

ISABEL GALLARDO

Have you turned in your Membership Data forms? The date to add members has been changed to June 19, 2024.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

LINDA FARISS

This month we have a special day for our meeting. We will meet on Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 pm at the Olive Garden Carson Mall on Avalon Boulevard. Please let me know if you plan to attend. At this meeting we will discuss keeping the meeting on a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday.

POPPY

ISABEL GALLARDO

Poppy orders have been distributed to a few units. If you have not received yours, please contact Isabel. The Poppy Financial Report is due before June 3, 2024.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

LORRIE LEWELLYAN

Thank you for submitting the end of year reports, we were just shy of 100%, yahooo.

Memorial weekend is around the corner. Plenty of opportunities to volunteer and show off our branding. Keep track of all your volunteer work, it will help during reporting time. It is important to capture data, for example, number of hours, number of people in attendance, audience being served.

VA&R

LBVA DEPUTY / VAVS

DEBBIE BUTLER

Hello,

I would like to thank everyone for their VA&R report. District 19 was in full force and participated in several activities at **LBVA** and local activities.

Thank you for providing sleeping bags, food, and hygiene items at **Volunteer Services** to assist Veterans. Many provided funding and needed items at the **Fisher House** and **PIER**. Bingo games were provided at **Gold Star Manor** with Veterans and families.

Don't forget the **Villages of Cabrillo**. They play bingo and like lunches and celebrations if you are looking for more to do.

The last Friday of the month is the **Social Connection** from 8:30-10:30 am at the LBVA. It's for Veterans. There are organizations that provide breakfast, clothes, information tables and the Auxiliary table for Lady Veterans. Anyone can help at the Auxiliary table.

LBVA Veteran Garden takes donations to purchase needed items. It's beautiful, stop by and talk with Manager/Veteran Scott Moon.

Thank you to those who bought baby items for the Veterans Woman baby shower to be held on campus on May 18.

A big thanks to District 19 Legion for their participation at LBVA with a BBQ at PIER and providing food to Volunteer Services. Thank you ship Iowa Legion for setting up with a market to provide food.

The Poppy Program at LBVA will start in the not-too-distant future. Lots to do first to get Veterans to participate and set up. Hope it takes off with lots of enthusiasm.

Memorial Day is coming up. Please remember those who died for all of us defending our Great Country.

The new Auxiliary year begins July 1. Welcome new and existing VA&R Chairpersons. Look forward to working with all of you. You may want to purchase the VA&R handbook from Emblem Sales.

Please attend a District meeting. Everyone is welcome. This month on May 15 at 7:00 pm.

IMPORTANT LBVA VOLUNTEER UPDATE

L1/M1 stated volunteers can set up bingo, however you must complete training on the talent management system (see article below). The training is *Mental Health Environment of Care Checklist (MHEOCC)* training for Non-Clinical Staff. That's the exact title but you can use the course number as well which is **VA1290950**. Once completed you must print the certificate to show proof. Only people who have completed training can play bingo in the L1 and M1 (Mental Health section). Also important to note, we cannot use *real* money as prizes, purchase canteen books AKA patriot books at the LBVA Patriot Store, you'll have to go during store hours to purchase. They are \$1.00 each.

Thank you!



DISTRICT 19 CALENDAR

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

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

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

Every 2nd **Sunday** morning, Breakfast at **Post 411**

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

May 15 – ALA District 19 Memorial Service

May 19 – District 19 Event, Girls State Tea at **Post 496** from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

May 24 – National Poppy Day

Many Memorial Day Events with opportunities to volunteer. Fleet Week, Vietnam Memorial Wall in Pico Rivera, Flag placement at the Riverside National Cemetery to name a few.

May 31 – Dinner at **Post 359**

Upcoming Activity

June 25-30 – Girls State

June 27-30 – ALA Department Convention

ATTENTION LBVA VOLUNTEERS

As mentioned above in the VA&R notes, changes are being implemented to allow access to certain areas on the LBVA campus, especially the health units. Here is a peak in the box as to what to expect and once finalized, we will send out an email so that you can get started with the process of registering and training. Two forms of ID are required and it's best to have an email account, this is used to log into TMS.

Process Steps:

1. Complete the Volunteer Application
2. Create a TMS (Talent Management System) account and complete mandatory training
<https://www.tms.va.gov/secureauth35/SecureAuth.aspx>
3. Conduct Face-to-Face Interview with Supervisor of Volunteering location (if applicable)
4. Complete Medical Screening Forms
5. Complete Medical Screening and bring Immunization Records
6. Complete Fingerprinting at the PIV Office
7. Complete in person Orientation and/or online training
8. Obtain Volunteer Temporary ID

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