



The Elegant 18th District
THE AMERICAN LEGION
20516 Arrow Hwy.
Covina, CA 91724

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18th DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

MAY

Monday, 9th – Executive Board – 7:30pm – Abraham Lincoln 241

Friday, 20th – District Council – 7:30pm – Abraham Lincoln 241

First Nominations of Officers

(Dinner 6pm)

JUNE

Monday, 13th – Executive Board – 7:30pm – West Covina 790

Friday, 17th – District Council – 7:30pm – West Covina 790

Second Nominations and Election of Officers

(Dinner 6pm)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you received this bulletin by the U.S. Postal Service, it means you are 1 of 125 individuals who I don't have an e-mail address for. Won't you PLEASE help your district save \$12.50 per year by giving me your e-mail address if you have one? If ½ of you have e-mail and let me know, the district could save \$844 per year. PLEASE HELP YOUR DISTRICT!



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Know Your District Officers

Districts have many goals and responsibilities in their charters. Many are administrative and report oriented with the Department. These are handled routinely by the officers and staff of the district. The achievement of these goals and responsibilities requires clear lines of communications. The district has the information to contact most officers in most posts. Clear lines of communications are a two-way street. To ensure the Posts have the information necessary to contact the District, this list will be published each month in this bulletin. *Your district officers are committed to assisting the 18th District posts in any way they can. Please feel free to call or contact them at any time.*

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Exec. Board Meets 2nd Monday

From the Commander

I had the pleasure of attending the 6th area caucus in Santa Maria. I would like to thank everyone in attendance. We were well represented at that meeting. I was able to attend the last E-committee meeting, then bad luck hit me and I blew out my right knee. So far they have drained my knee of fluid and an MRI. Then to see the doctor to see if I need surgery. Hope to see you all at the next District Meeting.

For God and Country

Gil Cardoza

From the 1st Vice Commander

Hello 18th District Members,

As of April 17, the National Membership Report states California stands at 37th place nationally at 90.27%. It still leaves California at 10,000 plus from achieving 100% by the target date of May 11, 2011. 18th District is at 80%. Let's work our membership to reach the goal of 100%. I am including a sample letter that you can use to send to members who have not yet paid their 2010-2011 dues. Please use this to try to get all members paid up.

Also remember, that the cut off date of May 11, 2011 will be used for the "Membership Excellence Award" for those Posts achieving 100% or better. We have one Post that has already achieved this standing. Congratulations Post 75. There are so many Posts that are close. I know that with a little effort, many of our Posts in the 18th District can achieve this goal of 100%.

Lou Dominguez

From the 2nd Vice Commander

OK everyone, we are in the final weeks before Convention. We are all set on where we will be for the Hospitality Room. We need donations, both monetary and libations, so that we will be able to carry on our tradition of being the best hospitality room at convention. Thanks to Post 755, we will have a hot dog station going at all times. We will also have a chips and salsa bar. Feel free to bring in your own "world-famous" salsa for everyone to try. These are just a few of the snacks we will have available for you all to enjoy. Please send all donations to Scott Sinclair, 615 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006 or give them to your Exec Board member, or bring them to the May District

Council Meets 3rd Friday

meeting. Please make sure you get your room reservations forms back to me as soon as possible. I must have them all into the Ayres Hotel by May 23.

For God and Country

Scott Sinclair

From the 3rd Vice Commander

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary:

Please be advised, District 18 members decided by a vote at the last District meeting to move the **Annual Picnic** to Saturday, **May 21** beginning at noon. We still need to have members and family call to advise me how many adults and how many children will be attending. We cancelled the Easter Picnic in April due to lack of funding and not receiving any calls from members. We need to ensure we have ample food, water, drinks and prizes for the children. Please contact me at (626) 939-4554 between 10am and 7pm. If you leave a message, do not forget to provide me your phone number with area code and the latest time I can return your call to reconfirm your guest list. Remember that our picnic is for American Legion Family members, including the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders, so please get the word out and distribute copies to your members. Don't forget to post a flyer in your Legion hall/canteen.

Yours in comradeship

Magda Torrellas

From the Oratorical Chairman

Anisha Gururaj, a high school senior from Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield, MO, earned an \$18,000 college scholarship and first place in the 74th annual National Oratorical Contest held in Indianapolis. Grace Marie Pyo from Powell, OH took second place, winning a \$16,000 scholarship, while Anastasia Kaiser of Orinda, CA earned a \$14,000 scholarship and finished third. The Oratorical Program was created by the American Legion to encourage young people to improve their communications skills and to study the U.S. Constitution. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the program. Consider your Post's participation in next year's competition.

Peggy MacIntosh



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Dear American Legion Member:

In checking our roster I noticed that the Post Adjutant does not yet have you recorded as having renewed your membership in The American Legion for the current year. Probably this has been nothing more than an oversight, but I did want to let you know that we are counting very much on your continuing as a member of our Post.

We are depending more and more on renewal dues notices to secure the dues from our present members. This seems to be the modern trend and does allow our membership team to spend more time in inviting other veterans to become members of our Post.

The American Legion is not placing less emphasis on current members. You are very important to us if we are to accomplish the many tasks facing The American Legion, both at home and in Washington. Please let me know if there is some service that our Post or Department can provide for you or if there is any particular reason that has kept you from renewing your membership.

Sincerely,

POST COMMANDER

Amount of dues \$

Mail to:

Outpost 18

*Past Commanders Club
And Sweethearts
Installation*

*Tuesday - May 24, 2011
8:00 pm*

*Abraham Lincoln Post 241
4725 N. Maine Ave.
Baldwin Park, CA*

Refreshments & Raffle

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAYOR

Invites You
to the 14th Annual Veterans' Event

**REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS
& THEIR FAMILIES,
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011 - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

**ARCADIA COUNTY PARK
405 S. SANTA ANITA AVENUE, ARCADIA 91006**

FEATURING

- SKYDIVERS
- FLYOVER BY WWII FIGHTER PLANES
- FOOD BOOTHS
- LIVE MUSIC

NO COST

- IMMUNIZATIONS
- HAIRCUTS/MANICURES
- HEALTH SCREENINGS

ASSISTANCE

- EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
- VETERANS BENEFIT INFORMATION
- LEGAL INFORMATION

WorkSource

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES
WILL BE HELD AT 11:30 A.M.

BRING A DUPLICATE OF A MILITARY PHOTO
TO BE PLACED ON
THE "WALL OF REMEMBRANCE"

FREE ADMISSION

EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 626-967-1441 OR 909-394-2264.

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American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary,
Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders
District 18 Spring Picnic

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Noon - 5PM

Morgan Park
4100 Baldwin Park Blvd.
(next to Senior Center)
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

(Morgan Park has a fully equipped playground area, basketball courts, a large field and BBQ grills)

Bring your favorite outdoor chairs, blanket and canopy



Fried chicken, potato salad,
corn, sodas, iced tea,
games with prizes and karaoke

For information and to provide donation, call District 3rd Vice Commander Magda Torrellas at (626) 939-4554. Don't forget to call ahead of time and let us know how many adults and children will attend to ensure we have plenty of food and drinks.

(Please DO NOT call on the day of the picnic. I will be too busy to answer calls that day)



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What Happens Every Month in the Elegant 18th District?

Many Posts in the district have regular monthly breakfasts, dinners, entertainment, etc. scheduled on certain days (1st Sunday, 3rd Saturday, etc.). In addition, many Posts have special functions each month. This page summarizes these events. Wouldn't it be nice if we had more socializing and comradeship between our Posts here in the Elegant 18th? Review the calendar each month and try to visit one other Post each month.

May Post Activity Schedules

Breakfasts	
1 st Sunday 1	CANYON CITY POST 180 819 N. Loren Ave., Azusa (626) 334-9938 8am-12pm \$6 donation
	EAST PASADENA POST 280 170 N. Vinedo Ave., Pasadena
2 nd Sunday 8	CHARLES P. ROWE POST 30 239 E. Holt Ave., Pomona (909) 620-0943 9am-11am \$7 donation
	LA PUENTE POST 75 14929 E. Clark Ave., City of Industry (626) 961-5998 9am-12pm \$7 donation
	ARCADIA POST 247 615 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia (626) 445-4822 9am-12pm
	CHARTER COVE SQUADRON 755 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina (626) 966-7786 8-11am \$6 donation
3 rd Sunday 15	ABRAHAM LINCOLN UNIT 241 4725 Maine Ave., Baldwin Park (626) 337-1944 9am-12pm \$6 donation
	CHARTER COVE POST 755 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina (626) 966-7786 8-11am \$6 donation
	CANYON CITY POST 180 Menudo Breakfast 819 N. Loren Ave., Azusa (626) 334-9938 8-11:30am
	EAST PASADENA UNIT 280 170 N. Vinedo Ave., Pasadena
3 rd Saturday 21	WEST COVINA POST 790 330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina (626) 331-9063 8am-12pm \$6-\$8 donation
4 th Sunday 22	ARCADIA SAL SQUADRON 247 615 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia (626) 445-4822 9am-12pm
	CHARLES P. ROWE SQUADRON 30 239 E. Holt Ave., Pomona (909) 620-0943 9am-11am \$7 donation

Dinners/Functions	
Every Sunday 4-8pm.	CANYON CITY POST 180 Free music and optional dinner 819 N. Loren Ave., Azusa (626) 334-9938
Every Wednesday	ARCADIA POST 247 Taco Night 615 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia (626) 445-4822 6pm
1 st Tuesday 3	WEST COVINA POST 790 Steak/Chicken Dinner 330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina (626) 331-9063 6-7pm \$7 donation
1 st Saturday 7	CHARTER COVE UNIT 755 Derby Day w/Charter Cove Cup 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina (626) 966-7786 2-5pm
2 nd Friday 13	WEST COVINA POST 790 Boys' State Dinner 330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina (626) 331-9063 6pm
3 rd Saturday 21	CHARLES P. ROW POST 30 Steak Dinner w/Karaoke 239 E. Holt Ave., Pomona (909) 620-0943 5:30-7:30pm \$8 donation
	LA PUENTE POST 75 Dinner 14929 E. Clark Ave., City of Industry (626) 961-5998 6-8pm
	EL MONTE POST 261 Flea Market 4542 N. Peck Rd., El Monte (626) 454-5091 8am-2pm
	CHARTER COVE SQUADRON 755 Spaghetti Dinner 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina (626) 966-7786 5-8pm \$7 donation
4 th Sunday 22	CHARTER COVE POST 755 CRUISERS Pre-Memorial Day Car/Motorcycle Cruise 20516 Arrow Hwy., Covina (626) 966-7786 Noon-4pm
4 th Friday 27	ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 241 Steak and Karaoke Night 4725 Maine Ave., Baldwin Park (626) 337-1944 5-8pm



REMEMBER

May 30 is Memorial Day. Honor our lost comrades by attending a local Memorial Day service. Make the American Legion's presence known in your community.

