



# The Voice of Elegance

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**Commander**

Steve Turley  
**1st Vice Commander**

George Curtis  
**2nd Vice Commander**

Augustine Galaviz  
**3rd Vice Commander**

Peggy McIntosh  
**Adjutant**

Walter Martinez  
**Judge Advocate**

William Reed  
**Chaplain**

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**Service Officer**

David Miranda  
**Historian**

Ross Weber  
**Sergeant-At-Arms**

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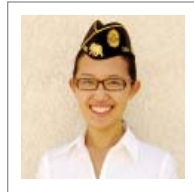
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## News

### Scribe's Column

By Kitty Chan



Fellow Legionnaires, thank you for welcoming me as the new scribe. For this issue, please take notice of several things. The dates for the 2007/2008 18th District Meetings are available. To save postage fees, we'll be emailing the bulletin to those who are interested. Postage is getting expensive. At the rate of how the mailing list is growing, the postage fees for the year is estimated to be over \$1,500. So, fellow Legionnaires, please let your post know you want your bulletin emailed. Also, for those who are not on the mailing list, the bulletin is viewable online on the 18th District Website: [www.ca18thdistrict.com](http://www.ca18thdistrict.com). To contact me, the email address is [scribe@ca18thdistrict.com](mailto:scribe@ca18thdistrict.com).

### Commander's Column

By John F. Garcia



The Eighteenth District's newly elected officers are planning a big successful year. We will be working together diligently to make sure that we stand out among the top districts in the Department of California by the end of our term.

The newly appointed district advisors to Department Commissions will be expected to make their reports at the District general meetings. We certainly have a lot of talent and experience within our 25 posts. We would like to see as much participation as possible at the District events and meetings by all of our appointed advisors. Also,

every post in this district is important to our continued success, and we encourage their respective leaders to participate at the district level. WE NEED YOU!

We must continue to create and support American Legion programs. It is not enough to be a dues paying member, or PUFL. We need you to be active and assist us in carrying out the various programs that are outlined by the Department and National officers.

A special congratulations to Rick Richardson and Covina Post 888's Class A baseball team for winning the 6th Area Championship at Jackie Robinson Stadium, (UCLA) on July 29th. We wish them the best as they go on to Yountville in their venture to win the State Championship. Hats off to 18th District Baseball Chairman Vince Delpidio for all the hard work that he did during the regular season, the 18th District and the 6th Area playoffs. Congratulations to Post 888's Class A baseball team for winning the third place trophy at the State Championship in Yountville. As one famous baseball chairman once said to his young baseball team "the playoffs is about character..."

There are many programs that need participation and volunteers. I would encourage every 18th District Legionnaire to find his or her own cause within the American Legion programs and lead the charge. Other Legionnaires will follow and you will see that all of your hard work will lead to a sense of accomplishment and pride in being a Legionnaire.

Thank you for your anticipated support this year and for continuing to be proud veterans.

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# News (cont'd)

## 1st Vice's Column

By Steve Turley



First things first. I would like to thank everyone for their support last year as 2nd Vice. I had a tremendous amount of mentoring and knowledge given to me.

This year, John Garcia left a big pair of shoes for me to fill, since the District made 100% membership goal. I will do my best to continue what the Commander did last year.

The membership drive kick-off breakfast and meeting was held at Pomona Post 30 on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Breakfast was served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and the membership meeting was held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All Post adjutants and 1st Vice-Commanders were welcomed to come and provide any input.

Thank you for your confidence and support in voting for me as your 1st Vice-Commander this year. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call me at (626) 497-1170.

## 2nd Vice's Column

By George Curtis



As this Legion year kicks off, everyone has high expectations. New officers are filled with hope and promise, mem-

bers are filled with expectations. During the year, these feelings often dwindle. This is where leadership starts. I hope that each of us will renew our faith and promise to support our new officers. Many activities are in the planning stages that are designed to bring back the fun in participating in District Activities.

We will once again hold a Day at the Races at Santa Anita.

If anyone has ideas that you think might raise a few dollars for the district, and they have worked for you in the past, please let me know. No serious idea will be rejected without a fair hearing. The only bad ideas are the ones you keep to yourself, and not share with anyone.

The year is young and we need some ideas and help with upcoming projects. If you are interested in helping out please call me at (626) 695-5430. I promise to return any missed calls.

## 3rd Vice's Column

By Augustine Galaviz

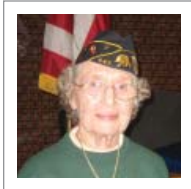


I would like to convey my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the members of every Post that form the

Elegant Eighteenth District for their VOTE of confidence as the 18th District 3rd Vice Commander for 2008. To the Delegate Members & Officers that cast a favorable vote in my stead, I will perform the duties in the highest tradition and honor of the American Legion. To the members who may have had some reservations, the performance of my duties will speak for itself in your reconsideration of a favorable decision to future task of responsibility in the American Legion.

## Adjutant's Column

By Peggy McIntosh



Vice Commander Turley had a great MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF...a very good turnout of comrades from

many Posts. If the 6th Area Membership Chairman Peter Duncan

can't get comrades enthusiastic and ready to "do what needs to be done," then no one can! Everyone needs to make a special commitment to do our share and EVERYONE should be proud of their service. Let everyone know that if The American Legion is involved, things are in good hands. So, for a start... "things that need to be done, like yesterday":

CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS IS DUE immediately following Post elections. If all offices and appointments are not filled, send what you have and follow up with a supplemental form later listing the remaining positions. POST AUDIT is due within 90 days of installation for the preceding year. i.e. July 2006 thru June 2007 (or Post fiscal year if it varies).

DISTRICT DELEGATE/ALTERNATES list is due ASAP after the start of the new Legion year, and before the first District meeting if you are to be in good standing and eligible to vote. This form was sent to each Post August 6th, along with a similar form for LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL. This form is due NOW, along with a check for annual dues of \$15.00, direct to the Los Angeles County Council at the address given on the form.

Thanks to all the Posts with their Certification of Officers in. Many have not sent their District Delegate/Alternates form, so please put a firecracker under the comrade responsible. There were many complaints on the delay on membership cards this year, and this "bump in the road" has been smoothed out, will not happen again, and had nothing to do with completion of various forms. However, the requirement of the last few years that Certification of Officers be filed before the release of membership cards is one of

## News (cont'd)

the best things that has happened! As this form is due immediately after Post elections anyway, there is absolutely no reason why this form isn't in as required, along with the Convention Delegates and Alternates form, (which has to be into Department Convention anyway). If it is not in, a delegate can always bring it to the Convention. Da - a - a.

The Youth Environmental Conference needs help from each Post!! The following is quoted from the most recent issue of the California Legionnaire:

"Although we have had another successful conference this year with 60 plus students in attendance, we can always use more participation from the Districts and Posts. Let's see if we can get the attendance up to at least 70 students. The Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy Commission is asking for additional help with a 'special fund raiser'. The sponsors of the program held each year, under the guidelines of the School District and U. S. Forestry Service in cooperation with The American Legion, have required the Commission to come up with up-front monies to put on this function. The bus company used to transport the students also required upfront monies. This forced the Commission into the task of needing to borrow enough money to assure the success of this year's event. Each Post in the Department of California is asked to make a donation of at least \$20.00 or more to help in the success of this program."

Let's get behind this 100% in District 18! Checks payable to the District "earmarked" YEC Special Fund.

### Immigration Laws

By Magda Torrellas

Dear Comrades,



Be on alert always, and make sure you contact all your elected officials about our safety and security when it comes to immigration laws.

Please read report copies on 23 July 2007.

FAIR Calls for Suspension of Visa Waiver Program in Light of New Intelligence Report

Washington DC - A new National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) report compiled by 16 government intelligence agencies, warns that another attack against the United States by al-Qaeda may be imminent. While the attacks of 9/11 were carried out by terrorists carrying Middle Eastern passports, the NIE cautions that al-Qaeda may use European-based operatives to perpetrate a future attack. According to the NIE a, "growing number of radical, self-generating cells in Western countries indicate that the radical and violent segment of the West's Muslim population is expanding, including in the United States."

Adding to the vulnerability of the United States is the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), which allows nationals of 27 nations to enter the U.S. without visas. With the growth of radical Islam in Europe, the VWP is a likely means by which al-Qaeda can move terrorists into the U.S. "Europe could become a platform for an attack against this country," admits Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

## Email it to me!

Legions and Auxiliary, Commanders and Presidents, we need your help. Postage fees are increasing as the mailing list grows. To save postage costs, we will start emailing the bulletin to members. Please collect a list of people who want to have their bulletin emailed instead of getting it in the mail.

#### Include:

- Contact Person in charge of list
- Post Contact Information
- Members and their emails

**Deadline:** 20th of the Month

#### Submit:

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Also, remind your members to unblock their spam filters to accept this email to receive the bulletin:

scribe@ca18thdistrict.com

For others who wish to see the bulletin, it will also be online on the 18th District Website:

www.ca18thdistrict.com

Thank you!

# Post Happenings

## Weekend Breakfast

- Sun., Sept. 2, 2007  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
\$6  
EAST PASADENA POST 280  
179 N. Vinedo Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 792-9938
- Sat., Sept. 8, 2007  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
\$4 - \$5  
WEST COVINA POST 790  
330 N. Azusa Ave.  
West Covina, CA 91791  
(626) 331-9063
- Sun., Sept. 9, 2007  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
\$6  
CHAS. P. ROWE POST 30  
239 E. Holt Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91767  
(909) 620-0943
- Sun., Sept. 9, 2007  
Sun., Sept. 23, 2007  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
ARCADIA SQUADRON POST 247  
615 E. Live Oak  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
(626) 445-4822
- Sun., Sept. 16, 2007  
9:00 AM to 11:00 PM  
\$4 - \$6  
CHARTER COVE POST 755  
20516 E. Arrow Highway  
Covina, CA 91724  
(626) 966-7786
- Sun., Sept. 16, 2007  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
\$5  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 241  
4725 Maine Ave.  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
(626) 337-1944

## Other Events

Labor Day Pork Rib BBQ  
with a whole lot of fixings  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Advance purchase required  
(Limited tickets of 100)  
CHAS. P. ROWE POST 30  
239 E. Holt Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91767  
(909) 620-0943

Steak Dinner  
3rd Saturday of the month  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Labor Day Celebration  
Mon., Sept. 3, 2007  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
CHARTER COVE POST 755  
20516 E. Arrow Highway  
Covina, CA 91724  
(626) 966-7786



*Covina Baseball Team visited the Yountville Veterans Hospital (August 6, 2007)*

## Correction Needed

Magda Torrellas has been listed as Adjutant of El Monte Post 261. She is not the Adjutant of El Monte Post 261, and she asks that she not be called on her cell phone.

# District Announcements



*First Executive Board Meeting (August 3, 2007)*



## 2007/2008 18th District Meetings

### Executive Board Meetings

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

August 13th	508	Borinquen, El Monte
September 10th	888	Chilelli Memorial, Covina
October 8th	280	East Pasadena
November 12th	247	Arcadia
December 10th	75	La Puente
January 14th	30	Charles Rowe, Pomona
February 11th	139	Alhambra
March 10th	755	Charter Cove, Covina
April 14th	180	Canyon City, Azusa
May 12th	241	Abraham Lincoln, Baldwin Park
June 9th	790	West Covina

### District Council Meetings

Held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM

\*Except December 2007 & June 2008

August 17th	508	Borinquen, El Monte
September 21st	888	Chilelli Memorial, Covina
October 19th	280	East Pasadena
November 16th	247	Arcadia
December 22nd	75	La Puente (Saturday at Noon)*
January 18th	30	Charles Rowe, Pomona - 1st Vice
February 15th	139	Alhambra - 3rd Vice
March 21st	755	Charter Cove, Covina - 2nd Vice
April 18th	180	Canyon City, Azusa
May 16th	241	Abraham Lincoln, Baldwin Park
June 13th	790	West Covina (Election)*

## Send your Submissions!

Please send District related announcements, articles, and images to the new Scribe, Kitty Chan.

**Text:** Less than 1/2 page

**Image:** 5 pictures max.; If digital, at least 3" x 3" @ 200 dpi preferred, no more than 3MB all together or you might get a bounced email

**Include:** Your contact and post contact information

**Deadline:** 20th of the Month

**Submit:** Email is the preferred submission since it will expedite the process.

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On the Subject Line, write:  
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Although, snail mail is available.

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Send away!!

## Upcoming

### 18th District Homeless Veteran Women with Children Christmas Party and Gift Giving

Confirmed date is on Friday, December 21, 2007 at Alhambra Post 139. Accepting any donations to help defray cost, at least \$10 from each post.

**Easter Break Children's Picnic**  
To be announced.

## Final Notes

### 18th District Executive Board Meeting

Mon, Sept. 10, 2007  
7:30 PM

CHILELLI MEMORIAL, COVINA POST 888  
1436 Hollenbeck Ave.  
Covina, CA 91722  
(626) 732-4888

### 18th District Council Meeting

Fri., Sept. 21, 2007  
7:30 PM  
(Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Please call to RSVP  
\$7 Donation)

CHILELLI MEMORIAL, COVINA POST 888  
1436 Hollenbeck Ave.  
Covina, CA 91722  
(626) 732-4888



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