



# West Covina Post 790



18TH DISTRICT  
330 N. AZUSA AVE.

6TH AREA  
WEST COVINA, CA. 91791

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
(626) 331-9063

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THE LEGIONNAIRE

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



JANUARY 2025

## COMMANDER'S CORNER-

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! to all our American Legion families, hope you all had a really festive holiday in the season of giving and forbearing ... 🎁 🎄 ✨ 🧑🏻.

To all my friends & associates I am grateful for your well wishes and messages of return to good health. Miss you all and will return soon. Please continue to support your Post with our Officers and Staff that continue to maintain our Post and Legion business...

Again, thanks to all our Volunteers, elected & appointed officers for all they have done and accomplished this year for the "Good of the Legion" you are all a truly caring and concerned members that have been supporting what the American Legion stands for, together we are team 790 West Covina



God Bless America and good health

Happy New Year

Your Elected & appointed officers doing their work for the post.



## POST 790 NEWSLETTER 2025

- Commander  
Domingo Almanzar
- Jr. Past Commander
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Auggie Galaviz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Angel Salazar
- Adjutant  
Ernie Regalado
- Finance Officer  
Rob Sotelo
- Sgt-At-Arms  
Robert Rios
- Chaplain  
Charles Weiskircher
- Service Officer  
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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3 Year Term:

Sal Duran & Steve Iavicoli

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2 Year Term:

Carlo Marquez, Charles Weiskircher & Jefferey Johnson

### General Member Meeting:

1st Tuesday of the Month

@ 7:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

## The American Legion Post 790



### Service Clubs

**West Covina Post 790**  
**330 North Azusa Avenue**  
**West Covina, CA 91791**



### American Legion Post 790 General Membership Meeting

**Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

*Post-790 Steak-out dinner served every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday before General meeting 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. offering choice of steak or chicken Plus, side dishes, coffee & other beverages included. All for \$12:00 Steak-out dinner is open to the general public.*



### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 790

**Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

Auxiliary membership is open to Veterans & spouse of active service members or veterans living or deceased and mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters and nieces are also eligible.

For more information or to apply call (626) 331-9063



### Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

**Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

Membership is open to son's grandsons and nephews of Veterans & active service members. We invite new members.

For more information or to apply, call (626) 594-2656

If so, join an American Legion Riders...

**We are the American Legion Family, "Service to our Veterans, Family & our communities"**

**The "FOUR PILLARS" says it all...**



**Chaplains Corner**

**Charles Weiskircher**



Did you know that faith can fuel the soul, give us hope, and even help us manage pain? Connecting with something greater than ourselves — whether that's God, nature, community, or something else — can help us find peace, not only during the course of our day-to-day routines, but also in the midst of life's stormiest seasons.



### U. S. Marine Corp League meeting

**American Legion Post 790**

330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7p.m. — 9p.m.





**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander,**  
**Auggie Galaviz**

## BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.  
TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.  
TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.



Legionnaires, Members-Veterans and all our Family & Friends,

Wishing all had a great holiday.

Let us enhance our inner-community and outpour the significance of our organization to our Veterans & our communities, they can see what and why we do what we do as Veterans still serving America.

"For God and Country"

Always striving for Membership, if you don't quite understand the Department monthly membership chart feel free to ask at the monthly meetings, the First Vice Commander/Membership will explain and show you how we progress, grow and what this organization does for its Members and all Veterans.

### Thank you for your Service

Remember those Deployed & those that may need a helping hand not a hand out, lest, we forget our disabled, homebound Veterans alone and some with families afar unable to travel, send them a card or give them a call...



← You ask what is this?

and what is this? →

Come to the meeting...



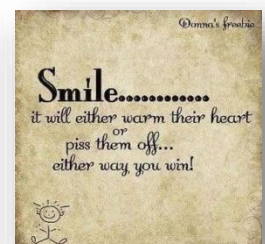
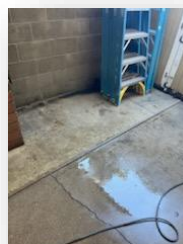
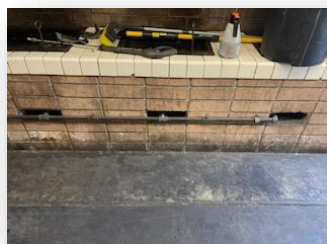
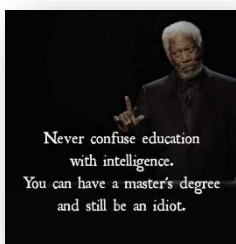
### Ways & Means



**2nd Vice Commander,**  
**Angel Salazar**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR My Legion Family, Join us for our monthly Steak-out and/or Chicken Tuesday 04 FEBRUARY**  
**Don't forget we will be closed/dark January, No Steak-out or meeting. C U February 2025**

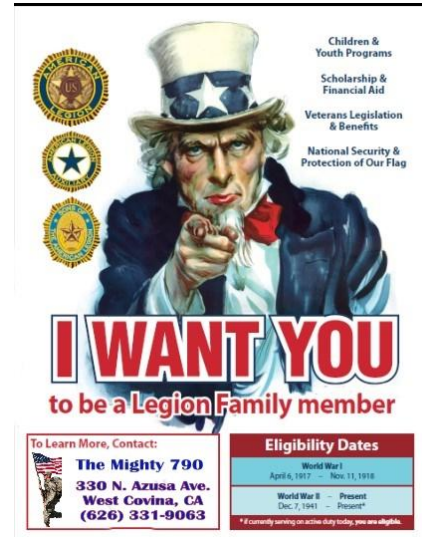
**Have you seen what our Post Adjutant has been doing for your Post? The Blessing of Cleanliness & Health.**





## Post 790 West Covina Veterans Programs & Membership

**West Covina City Veterans Club Post 790**  
**In Service to our Veterans, Family, SAL & Auxiliary.**



## “Members in Good Standing”

Comrades, Members you are the Veterans that make this organization what it is in this community. Your hard work & dedication has proven noteworthy, let's keep the momentum going. If you have not renewed your dues they are now due, as of January 2025 all not renewed are delinquent must show card.

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									12/27/2024
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	2	19	9	0	30	28	107.14%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	15	40	2	57	83	68.67%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	1	9	36	0	46	59	77.97%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	14	23	94	0	131	173	75.72%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	6	28	81	0	115	158	72.78%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	7	7	20	0	34	42	80.95%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	21	57	0	79	139	56.83%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	5	0	9	32	28.13%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	9	35	0	44	44	100.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	6	38	88	0	132	180	73.33%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	9	8	0	17	26	65.38%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	10	0	11	21	52.38%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	52	0	62	87	71.26%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	0	13	64	1	78	97	80.41%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	15	0	26	30	86.67%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	5	13	72	0	90	128	70.31%
790	West Covina	West Covina	8	63	173	1	245	310	79.03%
Total			50	293	859	4	1,206	1,637	73.67%
17									



Message from the Son's of the American Legion  
Squadron 790 Commander-Paco

Thank you for your Service  
welcome 2025

this year we plan on many family oriented programs  
between & with our Auxiliary, Son's of the American Legion  
Breakfast, Luncheons, Dinners, comedy shows & dances  
Clubroom meal specials and Pop-Up events.

Want to know more? come to the Post meetings

Check out our flatscreen video bulletin in the hallway with the latest Information & advertisements.

**Post 790 Membership, first Tuesday of the month, 7p.m.**

**Auxiliary meeting night, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 6p.m.**

**SAL meeting night, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 6 p.m.**

where your questions are answered and where you can find out what your post is  
doing...maybe you can be part of the family volunteer support leadership group.

**SAL Squadron 790 West Covina**

Commander: Paco Reyes  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Rick Robles  
Adjutant: Paul Aguirre  
Finance: Dan Bradeen  
Sgt. At Arms: Tony Velez



from the Desk of the American Legion Auxiliary  
790 Auxiliary President-Julie Morales

### **American Legion Auxiliary ALA-790**

#### **ALA Unit 790 Officers**

**President: Julie Morales**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Cindy Nemer**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Lori Gonzales**

**Secretary: Katie Neal**

Remember our fundraising programs that we do, benefits our Veterans and community. We have been fortunate to give back to our Veterans Food Bank, local schools with school supplies, and military families in need throughout our community. Keep on supporting our events.

Our meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. However, we do not have a meeting in January.

Julie Morales  
Auxiliary President





## 2024 West Covina American Legion Post 790 Members VA & other Programs Available to Veterans



### Post 790 West Covina – “Children’s XMAS party, Quartermaster & Steak-out



### Post 790 receives 110% membership ribbon & Pins



**NO VETERAN SHOULD BE  
HOMELESS WHILE WE  
SPEND MILLIONS ON  
NON-CITIZEN BENEFITS.  
LET'S PUT OUR OWN  
HEROES FIRST.**





Have you signed up a new member, "Be the One" recognizing those that served, Veterans still serving



## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership ID# (former member) Post # Phone # Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Please check war area and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check [www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join) for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Initial Last  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (Required) ☐ Birth- 17 ☐ 18 and older  
 Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)  
 Previous Unit City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4600 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through Name of Veteran (Living, must be American Legion member) ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City State \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records)

Veteran served (check all that apply)

☐ WWII (4/9/1917-1/1/1918)

☐ Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea           |  |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- |  |                                      |                                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister      | <input type="checkbox"/> Self   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter) |                                      |                                 |

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo	2	3 TGI Club 790	4 Post 790
5 Post Bingo	6 Bingo	7 NO Post Meeting	8 Bingo	9 ALA Mtg. Night 6p	10 USNG Birthday	11
12 Post Bingo	13 Bingo	14 Marine Corp. League Mtg. 7p	15 Bingo	16 SAL Squadron 790 Meeting @ 6 p.m.	17 Operation Desert Storm began 1991	18 Club790
19 Post Bingo	20 Bingo MLK Day	21 Post E-Bd. Mtg. 6p.m.	22 Bingo	23	24 TGI Club790	25
26 Post Bingo	27 Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord 1973	28 US-Vietnam Cease Fire 1993	29			

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)							
Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT						12/27/2024	
Squadron	Name	City	New	Renewed	Total Members	Goal	%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0.00%
30	Pomana Charles P Rowe	Pomona	0	2	2	30	6.67%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	0	16	16	47	34.04%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	7	42	49	94	52.13%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	0	1	1	33	3.03%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	2	15	17	47	36.17%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	5	39	44	62	70.97%
790	West Covina	West Covina	3	19	22	43	51.16%
Total			17	134	151	356	42.42%





## VA is here for you.

1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number

Veterans Crisis Line: 988 and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

Vet Centers: 1-877-927-8387

Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or [Chat](#)

## My HealtheVet sign-in changes in 2025

We want to make sure you're ready for upcoming sign-in changes for VA websites and apps.

After **January 31, 2025**, you'll no longer be able to use your **My HealtheVet** user ID and password to sign in. Our records show you already have an **ID.me** account. We encourage you to start using your **ID.me** account soon so you're ready for this change.

Here's what to know:

- Don't worry. **My HealtheVet** isn't going away. We're just changing the way you sign in. We're moving to just 2 sign-in options (**ID.me** and **Login.gov**). We'll also require multifactor authentication (MFA) as an added layer of protection for your account. We're doing this to reduce the number of sign-in options Veterans need to choose from—and to protect all Veterans' information and benefits.
- Never give your information to anyone who says they can help you with signing in to VA websites—unless you're sure they're a VA employee or an accredited representative of VA. And always make sure a link is taking you to the official [va.gov](https://www.va.gov) website before selecting it from an email, text message, social media post, or online ad. You can always go to [www.va.gov/sign-in-changes](https://www.va.gov/sign-in-changes) for trusted information.
- If you need to verify your identity or add MFA for your **ID.me** account, we encourage you to do that soon. This process often takes about 10 minutes. [Learn more about verifying your identity for your account](#)



## More service members eligible for benefits after VA amends character of discharge barriers

VA is implementing a new regulation regarding [character of discharge determinations](#), allowing more former service members to become eligible for VA benefits, regardless of their military discharge. [Learn more on this new regulation.](#)