



West Covina Post 790



18TH DISTRICT
330 N. AZUSA AVE.

6TH AREA
WEST COVINA, CA. 91791

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
(626) 331-9063

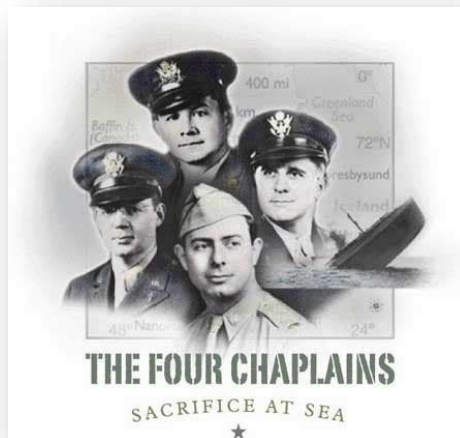
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THE LEGIONNAIRE

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

FEBRUARY 2025

COMMANDER'S CORNER-



🙏 God Bless America and good health

Remember, this month 1943 The Four Chaplains, also known as the Immortal Chaplains or the Dorchester Chaplains, were four chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS Dorchester sank during World War II. As the Dorchester went down, the four men helped guide soldiers to escape hatches and lifeboats, with each sacrificing his life vest to another soldier. **One Methodist, Rabbi (Jewish), Reformed (Dutch), Catholic.**

All District Post Chaplains are asked to attend this annual special event.

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

POST 790 NEWSLETTER 2025

- Commander Domingo Almanzar
- Jr. Past Commander Auggie Galaviz
- 1st Vice Commander Angel Salazar
- 2nd Vice Commander Ernie Regalado
- Adjutant Rob Sotelo
- Finance Officer Robert Rios
- Chaplain Charles Weiskircher
- Service Officer ✓

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3 Year Term:

Sal Duran & Steve Iavicoli

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 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

Post-790 Steak-out dinner served every 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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.



Close your eyes then barely open them....



U. S. Marine Corp League meeting

American Legion Post 790

330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina
 2nd Tuesday of the month - 7p.m. – 9p.m.





1st 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, **Tis The month of love** February, showing the sweetheart, you care, affection, adoration, devotion and friendship!

Membership! Why do we hear this over and over every year? Well Veterans, membership in any organization is the life force of our Post, without it or enough members, the American Legion could not accomplish its goals and mandates established under its "Constitution & By-Laws" with the "Four Pillars" as guidance.

Yes, membership is an annual intention, you ask why? An established Veterans organization as ours must and should comply its permissions to exist as a non-profit, the more members we have the more able we can represent and show congress we are Veterans still serving America through this venerable organization of men and women who so proudly served in their respective branch of military duty... "For God and Country"

Nothing is more important to an operating Post than membership, so, for those that have not renewed for 2025, please send in your dues, you are now considered delinquent by the organization. Let us continue the membership of Veteran support. Department has requested that 2025 cards be shown or no club service.

Thank you for your Service



Post 1st vice representing your Post at Department Caucus



Post 1st Vice attends and partakes Department membership training.



Ways & Means

2nd Vice Commander,
Angel Salazar



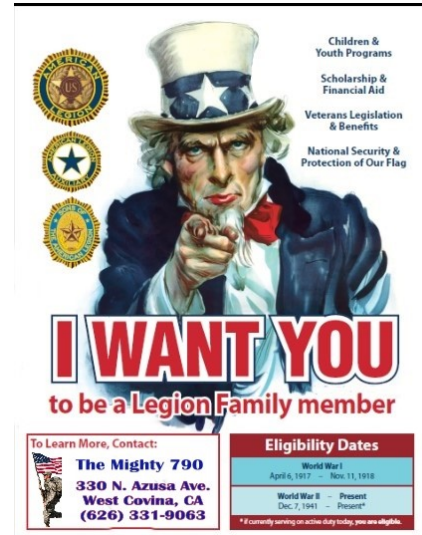
Post 790 Legion Family, Join us for our monthly Steak-out and/or Chicken Tuesday 04 FEBRUARY
We are forming a lot of new programs and other post events for our Legion family, so come on in and support your post and see what this post is about within your Veteran community and within our city.

"Most people don't want to be part of the process, they just want to be part of the outcome. But the process is where you figure out who's worth being part of the outcome."



**"TRUE LEADERSHIP
MUST BE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE
FOLLOWERS, NOT
FOR THE
ENRICHMENT OF THE
LEADERS."**

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



Comrades, nothing is more important to an operating Post than membership, as Members you are the Veterans that make this Post what it is in this community. Hard work & dedication proves noteworthy by your continued membership. If you have not renewed, renew today & be part of the 2025 Legion family.

DISTRICT 18 Commander NEIL LA SALA (AREA 6)									
Department of California - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									1/24/2025
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
10	South El Monte	South El Monte	3	19	11	0	33	28	117.86%
13	Pasadena	Pasadena	0	15	49	2	66	83	79.52%
78	Keith Powell	Claremont	1	9	39	0	49	59	83.05%
139	Alhambra	Alhambra	14	23	97	0	134	173	77.46%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	6	28	89	0	123	158	77.85%
241	Abraham Lincoln	Baldwin Park	7	7	31	0	45	42	107.14%
247	Arcadia	Monrovia	1	21	62	0	84	139	60.43%
261	El Monte	El Monte	0	4	6	0	10	32	31.25%
279	Temple City	Temple City	0	9	35	0	44	44	100.00%
280	East Pasadena	Pasadena	6	38	92	0	136	180	75.56%
397	Monterey Park	Monterey Park	0	9	9	1	19	26	73.08%
431	Edison	Alhambra	0	1	10	0	11	21	52.38%
475	San Dimas - Glendora	Glendora	0	10	57	0	67	87	77.01%
508	Borinquen	Baldwin Park	0	13	78	1	92	97	94.85%
748	Reyner Aguirre	San Gabriel	0	11	15	0	26	30	86.67%
755	Charter Cove	Covina	6	13	79	0	98	128	76.56%
790	West Covina	West Covina	8	63	185	1	257	310	82.90%
Total			52	293	944	5	1,294	1,637	79.05%
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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
Legion & 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, 2nd Thursday 6p.m.

SAL meeting night, 3rd 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
1st 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

1st Vice: Cindy Nemer

2nd 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 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. However, we do not have a meeting in January.

Julie Morales
Auxiliary President



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Membership ID# (former member) _____ Post # _____ Phone # _____ Email _____ Gender _____

Please check wars 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 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.

01/20/25



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 SALT? _____ 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.

01/20/25



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 _____

Birth- 17 ☐ 18 and older ☐

Date of Birth (Required) _____ 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

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Eligible Through Name of Veteran (If living, must be American Legion member)

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 (45/1917-11/1918)

☐ 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 # _____



February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Post 790
2 Post Bingo Army Nurse Corp Founded 1901	3 Bingo WWII Four Chaplains 1943	4 Post Meeting Steak-Nite USO founded 1941	5 Bingo	6 ALA Mtg. Night 6p	7 Bingo	8
9 Post Bingo Superbowl Funday	10 Bingo	11 Marine Corp. League Mtg. 7p	12 Bingo	13 SAL Squadron 790 Meeting @ 6 p.m USMC Women's Founded 1943.	14 Valentine's Day	15 Club790
16 Post Bingo	17 Bingo Presidents Day Legal Holiday	18 Post E-Bd. Mtg. 6p.m.	19 Bingo	20	21 Dist. 18 Four Chaplains program	22 Pop-Up All welcome great buys
23 Post Bingo	24 Persian Gulf Conflict ended 1919	25	26	27	28 TGI Club790	

DISTRICT 18 (AREA 6)

Detachment of CA - 2025 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1/24/2025

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	17	17	47	36.17%
180	Canyon City	Azuza	9	48	57	94	60.64%
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	6	39	45	62	72.58%
790	West Covina	West Covina	3	19	22	43	51.16%
Total			20	141	161	356	45.22%

Federal budget freeze “will have **no impact on VA health care**, benefits or beneficiaries.”



Have you checked on a friend or family member? Or just anyone you may have an acquaintance with?

Alone at home, nursing home or hospitalized The American Legion “Buddy Check” program is one that shows “We Care” for our fellow man/woman, compassion, friendship, humanity...



The American Legion
BUDDY CHECK
Program

Los Angeles County Supervisor
HILDA L. SOLIS
First District • Chair Pro Tem

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
presents

**THE 4TH ANNUAL
LA VETERANS
RESOURCE EXPO**

Employment, Health, and Education
Resources, and more...

**BUILDING 4 - FAIRPLEX
1101 W. MCKINLEY AVE., POMONA, CA 91768
GATE 17 ENTRANCE**

FREE Admission and Parking


**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL!**

**Veterans, Reservists, Guards, Active Duty,
Military Families, Caregivers & Community**

Military ★
Veterans Affairs
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FAIRPLEX
INTERNAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

alma
Senior Center for Veterans


SCAN ME

 **THE 18TH DISTRICT
SPRING FLING
&
POTLUCK/BYOB**

March 29 2025 @ 1300
Bocce Ball & Games
Door Prizes/ Raffle (Bring Cash)

Follow the Elegant Penguin

**2930 THORNDIKE ROAD
PASADENA CALIF. 91107**
**JACK : 626-6175213
NEIL: 626-8338493**



FREE Dental And Vision Care Clinic For Veterans
And the Uninsured / Underinsured within the El Monte Community!
All Others First Come, First Served

Saturday, February, 01, 2025
 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 El Monte VFW Post 10218
 11126 Ramona Blvd,
 El Monte, CA

Veterans Needing Care
 Contact: Marc Tavera, Commander,
 VFW Post 10218
mjtavera@aol.com for priority registration

General Questions
 Jeff Grabow, LMV Clinic Coordinator,
 and VFW Liason
jeffgrabow.flyingdocs.lmv@gmail.com
 Text: (760) 898-0535

Hosted By:
 LMV The Flying Doctors, VFW POST 10218,
 Veteran Peer Access Network, SD-1,
 Vet Hunters Project,
 Seeds of Hope for Veterans & Healing California

Want to Volunteer? Register Here:
<https://www.flyingdocs.org/trip/el-monte-yfw-clinic/>



American Legion 18th District @ Long Beach V.A. Hospital pop-up services. the Legion information booth 01/31/2025

District 18 Sons Of The American Legion meeting

When - Tuesday February 11th,
 What time - 7 PM,

Where - Post 180. (819 N. Loren ave, Azusa, ca 91702)

Don't forget your S.A.L. cap.
 Dinner - Tacos 🌮

District 18
 S.A.L. Commander
 Samuel Cafiero

District	Officer	Phone	Email
District 1			
District 5	Tim	Aboudara, Sr.	707-494-4314
District 7	Bill	Bryant	530-409-8414
District 12	Curtis	Hamill	209-658-4691
District 18	Sam	Cafiero	909-993-7644
District 21	Michael	Hardy	760-620-9915
District 22	Shaun	Butler	760-484-3643
District 25	Neal	Hughes	909-912-4281
District 28	Paul	Martin	831-902-9653
District 29	John	Paine	714-267-4960

(per Certification of District Officers filed)



**Service to our Veterans,
 Family & Community**
**Developing an effective
 Post & Department
 fellowship affiliation, within our
 area for the benefit of our
 members and their Posts.**

As a department representative
 I will assure their message is
 conveyed and assist through
 mentorship and performance of
 our duties is within the American
 Legion by-laws & regulations.

**My experience continued as a
 Department Executive Board as
 18th District Commander that
 prepared and continued my
 edification to this position.**

CANDIDATE

Augustine Galaviz



ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Augustine "Auggie" Galaviz

A Blue Cap American Legionnaire,
 Native Californian, for the position
 of Department Vice Commander
 Area 6

Auggie's eligibility is established by
 his service in the U.S. Army, 1967-
 1971 and continued his service
 through his Veterans
 Organizations.

AMERICAN LEGION:
 Department Historian 2023-24,
 District 18 Commander 2021-2022
 & 2013-2014, past LACC
 Commander 2016, 100% Post
 Commander 6 of his 7 years, past
 Area 6 Adjutant, 6th Area
 Constitution & By-laws, Housing,
 Law & Order, 18th District Finance
 Officer, Judge Advocate & Scribe 9
 years, Past Commander's Club
 President 2018-2021, completed
 the American Legion Extension
 Institute online and classroom, Cal-
 Legion College, Certificates of
 Acknowledgment-County,
 Congressional & State as Veteran
 of the year by State Senator.

AFFILIATIONS:

VFW, DAV, MOPH, AM-VETS,
 VVA, HAAA, 82nd ABN., MOOSE,
 ELKS. SGVVEC

Auggie's Back Ground:
 Born in Los Angeles, and
 attended Cal State major in
 Business Management, ELA
 College major Social Science,
 Garfield High School, Career
 started Immigration service,
 Social Security administration
 then Veterans Administration
 retired VA Long Beach
 supervisor MAS, Notary Public &
 Realtor.

7 children, proud to say 2,
 Served in the U.S. Coast Guard
 and one grandson U.S. Army
 Airborne, the rest have brilliant
 professions & 9 grandchildren.

