

Los Angeles County Council
General Meeting – Election of Officers
July 10, 2026
Alhambra Post 139

1. Meeting called to order with ritual at 7:02pm by Commander La Sala, without a quorum being declared.
2. Roll call of officers by LACC Adjutant
3. Introduction of distinguished guests by LACC Commander.
4. Bravo Zulu to Post 139 commander for hosting and hospitality.
5. Reports:

A) Service Officer	Steve V. Ramirez
B) Adjutant	Robert C. Brown
C) Treasurer	Gil Soto
D) Judge Advocate	Hugh E. Crooks Jr.
E) Sgt-at-Arms	Manny Vital
F) Chaplain	Dave Whalen
G) Vice Commander for Women	Rocio Palmero
H) Vice Commander Area 4	George Aguilar
I) Vice Commander Area 6	Auggie Galaviz

District Commanders:

1. District 17	Alex Herrera
2. District 18	Sam Cafiero
3. District 19	Karl Wilvert
4. District 20	Johnnie McDowell
5. District 23	Gregory Tayler
6. District 24	Kevin Niles

LACC Vice Commanders:

1. District 17	Stuart Chan
2. District 18	Irvin Flores
3. District 19	Fernando Gallardo
4. District 20	Larry Van Kuran
5. District 23	James A. Hadley
6. District 24	Melissa Orduna

Executive Committee:

1. District 17	Johnny Harris
2. District 18	Dago Perez
3. District 19	Angelo Maldonado
4. District 20	OPEN
5. District 23	James H. Wilson
6. District 24	Jacob O'Meara

Service Officer Report: No report

Adjutant: Send me a copy of all District Certification of Officers. \$60k payment from Dept is in the mail per Sam Flores.

Finance Officer: No report, Larry raised over \$2000 for VSO account.

Judge Advocate: No report

Chaplain: Post Everlasting: Tom Balard having issues. Ben Garcia. Son of Veteran Sam Scully Post 283. Jimmy Cummings Post 677 in the hospital.

Area 4 Vice Commander Report: No report

Area 6 Vice Commander Report: No report

Vice Commander for women: Glad for the support of LACC for the Womens Spill the Tea event.

District Commander Reports:

District 17 – Attended multiple events for the District and Area. Attended Convention. Report is attached

District 18 – Attended many events and convention. Breakfast at Post 280 first Sunday each month. July 17 is the District Installation of Officers. October 3rd is the Chili Cook of at Post 180.

District 19 – Held installation on July 8 @ Post 496. Attended convention and other events in the District. See attached report.

District 20 –. July 18th at Sun Valley Post will be a Cigar and Whiskey tasting.

District 23 – No report

District 24 – No report

LACC Vice Commanders:

District 17 – No report

District 18 – Gave a short report on appreciation. Glad to be here.

District 19 - No report

District 20 – No report

District 23 - No report

District 24 – Attended convention and grateful to represent the district. If you go be ready to do the work that is required.

LACC Executive Committee:

District 17 - No report

District 18 - No report

District 19 – Tomorrow will be a Fish Derby at Downey Wilderness Park. Free to the Veterans.

District 20 - No report

District 23 - No report

District 24 - No report

Committee/Commissions:

Hall of Fame: Sam Cafiero – Completed. Thank you to all that came out. New submissions will be due December 31st.

Finance Commission: No report

Membership: Manny Vital – No report – Revitalization at Norwalk Post for 4th Area.

Resolutions: Scott Sinclair

23 Resolutions at convention – 9 will be read at DEC.

Boys & Girls State – Hope to have kids next year.

Personnel: Larry Van Kuran – No report

Baseball: David Fuller – No report

SAL: Membership cards will be mailed to each Post. All SAL Districts hit 100% except 2. Lost 2 past detachment commanders.

Commander Report: Thank you for a great year. We had a lot of Firsts for this year and looking for a great year next Year.

LACC Website:

Special Presentation:

Old Business: None

New Business: 2nd Nominations & Elections

Commander: Dr. Cathy Cash – D23

VC for Women: Rocio Palmero –Mellisa Orduna = Melissa Orduna was elected.

Motion for a vote of acclimation for Dr. Kathy Cash for Commander of LACC. By Mr. Maldonado 2nd by Irvin Flores.

Good of the Legion: HR 9237. Bill has been amended several times. There are some bad items in the revised bill. Lots of discussion about this bill. CA Legislative approves the bill. The VFW and DAV are against the bill. The homeless go packages are now being distributed. Kudos to the LACC VSO's for a job well done what they did at convention. July 11 @ 1:00pm Post 252 Installation at National University. Looking to do a Legion night at Ontario Reign. \$25 per tix. February 19th. Food bank at Post 359 next Thursday 10-12pm. 25th is a street fair in Norwalk. Redondo Beach on 26th is having a festival. D. 17 installation on July 17th in Chinatown.

Next meeting August 7th Location East Pasadena Post 280 – Installation of Officers.

No further business to come before the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm by Commander La Salla.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Sinclair

LACC Adjutant