

Los Angeles County Council

General Meeting – Installation of Officers

August 7, 2026

East Pasadena Post 280

1. Meeting called to order with ritual at 7:10 pm by Commander La Sala, without a quorum being declared.
2. Roll call of officers by LACC Adjutant
3. Introduction of distinguished guests by LACC Adjutant.
4. Bravo Zulu to Post 280 commander for hosting and hospitality.
5. Reports:

A) Service Officer	Steve V. Ramirez
B) Adjutant	Scott Sinclair
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:

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| 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: Busy last 2 months. Have been all over LA County getting the word out and explaining benefits. Trying to obtain a grant from Palmdale. City of Lancaster would like to host a casino night to help the VSO team. Will be assisting the NSO at National and need \$2500 to support 2 VSOs. Have contacted 2500 veterans in the last month. Filed 560 claims. Obtained \$22 million for 100% veterans YTD. 4 VSO that will be taking the level 1 testing. We have 2 Level 2 VSO and 1 Level 3. Additional training will be available in Virginia coming up. Contact your local congressional rep for any changes that you would like to see on ratings. 1 VSO has been terminated. 1 VSO resigned. Office for SGV will be in El Monte.

Motion to support 2 VSO's at National of \$3100 by Larry Van Curran. 2nd by Jim Higuera. Motion passed.

Motion to support 2 VSO's at National with \$2500 with funds above and beyond by Jim Higuera. 2nd Jonnie Mc Dowell. Motion was defeated.

Adjutant: Send me a copy of all District Certification of Officers. \$60k payment from Dept has arrived. Turned over to Treasurer

Finance Officer: Report is on file. Motion to accept the finance report subject to audit by Sam Cafiero. 2nd by Danielle Dafault. Motion passed

Motion to dispense with further business to proceed with installation of officers by Dave Whalen 2nd by Mr. Maldonado. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Advocate: No report

Chaplain: Post Everlasting:

Area 4 Vice Commander Report: No report

Area 6 Vice Commander Report: No report

Vice Commander for women: No report

District Commander Reports:

District 17 – No Report

District 18 – No Report

District 19 – No Report

District 20 – No Report

District 23 – No report

District 24 – No report

LACC Vice Commanders:

District 17 – No report

District 18 – No report

District 19 - No report

District 20 – No report

District 23 - No report

District 24 – No Report

LACC Executive Committee:

District 17 - No report

District 18 - No report

District 19 – No report

District 20 - No report

District 23 - No report

District 24 - No report

Committee/Commissions:

Hall of Fame: Sam Cafiero – No Report

Finance Commission: No report

Membership: No Report

Resolutions: Scott Sinclair - No Report

Boys & Girls State – No Report

Personnel: Larry Van Kuran – No report

Baseball: David Fuller – No report

SAL:

Commander Report: Thanks to all for the past year. We finally had an audit. We went from 3 to 8 VSO's. We now have a website. Thanks to Dave M for putting it together. Thanks to Bobby Brown for his years of service.

LACC Website:

Special Presentation:

Old Business: None

New Business:

Commander: Dr. Cathy Cash – D23

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting. By Jim Higuera 2nd by Sam Cafiero. Motion passed.

Good of the Legion:.. None

Next meeting September 11·2026. Virtual meeting. Information will be sent out to all District Adjutants.

No further business to come before the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm by Commander Cash.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Sinclair

LACC Adjutant