

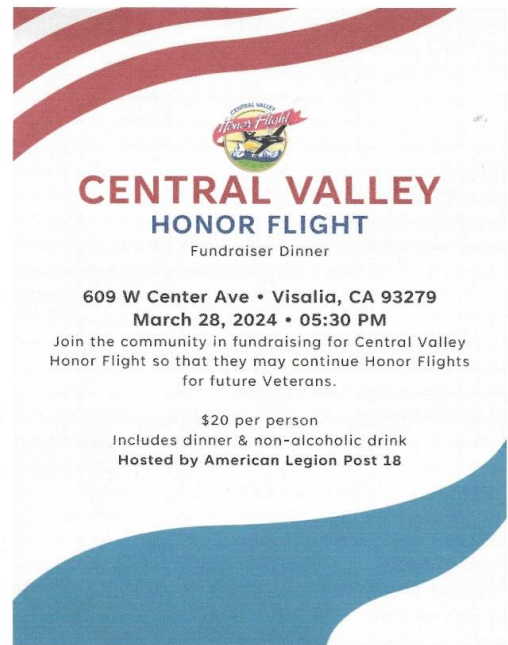


**CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 NEWSLETTER. Volume 5, Number 3, March 2024**

**Come to our March 2024 regular business meeting, March 14, at 7:00PM, Visalia Veterans Memorial Building, 609 West Center, across from Smart and Final.**

**Our Post 18 Community Diner to benefit Central Valley Honor Flight** –Join us on March 28th starting at 5pm for a fundraising dinner for Central Valley Honor Flight. It is open to the public. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixins on the side! \$20 per person, first come first serve. Hope to see you there!

The Honor Flight program brings veterans to the national memorials in Washington, DC, to commemorate their heroic service. If you are interested in participating in Honor Flight, contact Past Legion 18 Commander, Bill Goodreau, 559-679-3961.



**Blood Drive at our Visalia**

**Memorial Building** - Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood? One pint can help up to three people. So, help us save lives and save the date! Roll up a sleeve on **March 26th American Legion Post 18 is hosting a blood drive from 11-3 at the Visalia Veterans Memorial Building at 609 W. Center Ave, Visalia, CA.** Make sure to roll up your sleeves and help save some lives! Sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/ENpxWoj>



## Our American Legion Riders Chapter 18



Join the Riders. Check them out this Thursday, March 14, 6PM, Vets Memorial Bldg. You will not be disappointed.

Legion Riders  
Chapter 18  
welcomes new  
members! [Succ](#)  
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### Support and enjoy your Members Only Patriot Pub –

Exclusively for veterans, military, first responders and their guests. The Pub is inside the Memorial Bldg. **Hours are 4:00PM to 10:00PM, Tuesday through Saturday.** Closed Sunday and Monday until the return of football. Full bar, modest prices, excellent mixologists, pool table, large screen TV and great company. Open one Sunday in March for Saint Patrick's Day celebration, March 17, 4PM.





## **Coffee and Donuts in the Veterans Memorial Building –**

Every Wednesday at the Visalia Veterans Memorial Building, in the main dining room downstairs, starting at 6:30AM. The Memorial Building Board of Directors with American Legion Sierra Post 785 host an ‘all veterans get together’ until about 8:00AM. A large gathering of many vets from all the local veterans’ organizations. Modest donation for the coffee and donuts. Often, guests speak and provide info on issues pertinent to veterans.



## **Veterans ‘At Ease’ monthly gathering at Marie Calendars**

Every first Wednesday of the month at 10:30AM, veterans, family and friends get together at Visalia’s Marie Calendars for a meal and good company. No reports or other ‘business.’ It is a diverse group of people from different branches of service and different periods of service. Next gathering is Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Contact Navy vet Art Vallejo at 559-972-0642 if you wish to join the group.



## **Legion District 15 Meeting -**

**Saturday, March 9, 10AM, at Terra Bella Post 779.**

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**Come and meet the members of other posts in our district. Learn about what is happening at each post and at the next level of Legion affairs.**

**Adjutant’s Corner: Membership**

**We beat our 2024 Membership Goal** in January but we are still short of our Retention Goal. We still have 7 Annual members not renewed for 2024, **Please Renew NOW**. If you are having financial difficulties, let me know, we can do installments, or in extreme circumstances, the Post may pay your National and Department dues. **Multi-year renewals are now available:** If you renew **online** at **www.legion.org** you may renew for up to 3 years at the **current** rate. So far, 2 Post Members have taken advantage of that offer. 2 Annual members renewed in February. 1 member Transferred In from CA Post 1000. No Members Transferred Out. 1 Member transferred to Post Everlasting.

**Dues Increase:** Current Post 18 Annual Dues are \$40. Of that, \$18.50 goes to National and \$15 goes to the Department of California (\$33.50), leaving the Post with \$6.50. At this year’s National Convention, the National component of our dues was raised by \$5 to \$23.50, effective 1 July 2024 (Membership Year 2025). Rumor has it that at the March 13 meeting, the Department Executive Committee will vote to RAISE Department Dues by either \$2.50 or \$5.00. If any dues increase passes, the Post will also have to raise dues for 2025, probably to \$50 per year, as our Bylaws require Post dues cannot be less than the sum of National and Department dues. **Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL)** members, and those who upgrade to PUFL status before 1 July 2024, will not be affected by these increases.

2024 Membership Goal -	127
As of 29 February 2024:	
Paid-Up For Life Members -	24
Transfers from At-Large Posts 1000 and 1601 -	02
Transfers from other Posts	Paid 2024 - 06
Transferred Out -	-01
New Members -	05
Reinstated -	05
Annual Members Paid for 2024 -	<u>93</u>
Members in Good Standing -	135
2023 Members Not Renewed for 2024 -	07
2023 Post Everlasting -	07
Members on the Roster -	149
Percent of 2024 Membership Goal (135/127) -	106.30%
Percent of 2024 Retention Goal (120/127) -	94.49%

**Welcome Back - Transfer In:**

Greg Dais, USA, Vietnam, of Visalia. Greg is a Past Commander of Post 18, and Founding President of ALR Chapter 18

**Post Everlasting:**

Douglas K. Scarborough, USAF, Vietnam, of Visalia. 06/14/1945 – 02/26/2024

**March Birthdays:**

James Deimler                    4<sup>th</sup>    Walter Allen                    6<sup>th</sup>    Edward Rojas                    6<sup>th</sup>

**Adjutant's Corner, March Birthdays, continued:**

Ronald Stinebaugh 14<sup>th</sup> Wayne Endsley 15<sup>th</sup> Patrick Fox 27<sup>th</sup>  
David Hamilton 31<sup>st</sup>

Is your birthday this month but not listed? It might not be in our records. Send me the date, and I'll add you to the list for next year (and wish you a belated Happy Birthday next month).

**Continuous Membership** – 10 Years or more:

Walter Allen – 17 James Deimler – 42 Wayne Endsley – 30  
Ronald Stinebaugh - 23

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. If you post a change to myLegion.org please send me an email note. Also, please make sure your family knows to tell us if you become seriously ill or transfer to Post Everlasting. In addition to Prayers and/or Condolences, the Post Chaplain and Service Officer can assist with VA benefits and funeral arrangements. We are here to help.

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**Post 18 and the Visalia Community mourn the loss of Legion 18 member, Doug Scarbrough.**

Doug passed on February 18, 2024. During his Air Force service, Doug auditioned and was chosen to be the baritone soloist for the official U.S. Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants. Doug had the honor to sing in front of five U.S. Presidents, kings and queens, numerous foreign dignitaries, and at NFL and MLB games, as well as film a nationwide commercial and worldwide TV show. There will be a Celebration of Life for Doug on Saturday, March 16th at the Neighborhood Church, 5505 W. Riggin Ave, Visalia Ca at 2:00 pm.

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If you have photos, stories about your own service years, or events of interest to post members, please email to [b237eashland@yahoo.com](mailto:b237eashland@yahoo.com)



## Greatest Generation Mural Restoration Project –

From Mural Chair, Major Leon Lucas, USMC, Retired: I was able to get suburban pipe and steel to order the required pieces of pipe to complete the frames for the wall. They are being delivered to the wall, and the property owner, Johnny George, and his man Carlos, will cut the pieces and build the required frames to finish the frames to put the mural back into place.



## Visalia Veterans of Wars Sequoia Post 1864 Bingo Night!

The VFW is back with their bingo for the first time in nearly two decades.



VFW Post 1864, Visalia CA

*Presents*

### **BINGO NIGHT!**

\$10 for 10 Games

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6 - 9 PM

at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg

609 W Center St, Visalia CA

**POTLUCK AND SOCIAL AND GAMES!**

Bring a dish to share with your competitors!

(I mean fellow players!)

Good prizes. This is also a pot luck, so bring some food to share with everyone. Water and soft drinks provided.

