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The poppy flower, specifically the red corn poppy, is a widely recognized symbol of remembrance worn on Memorial Day, particularly in the United States. This tradition stems from World War I, where poppies flourished amidst the devastation of the war, becoming a symbol of hope and remembrance for fallen soldiers.

Not all fallen soldiers are dead. To remember the fallen this Memorial Day, we remind you that this is a time of hope and resurrection too. Buy and wear your poppy, and remember those who have died for our freedoms, but also remember those who need a hope for the future

"They were quite the pair — she, a beautiful young girl with a bright, white smile; he, a homeless veteran with a scraggly beard and weathered face. Their friendship started out slow. The girl — who remains unidentified — began saying "hi" to Tony as she traveled to and from her workplace. Soon enough they were having small conversations and then regular talks and periodic lunches. "Tony tells me about his war stories, loved ones, and who should win the Super Bowl," she wrote in a Dec. 5, 2012, post on Reddit. "I tell Tony about my problems, loved ones, and how I don't really care who should win the Super Bowl."

From an outsider's point of view, it seemed the young girl was offering the old, lonely man an ear. But the friendship was reciprocal. Recently, the girl went through a difficult period emotionally, and Tony reportedly helped her navigate those tough personal choices. One day she was walking around feeling sorry for herself when she felt a tap on her shoulder. She turned to find Tony giving her a concerned look. He had something for her, he said. "From his army jacket, he pulls out a watch head. Tony takes my hand and gently places the broken antique in my palm." He went on to say: "I don't have much but I wanted you to know that you have done what many others would not simply by being my friend." The girl said she realized that when you extend yourself to those in need: "You get back not only what you gave, but infinitely more," she wrote."



## WHO'S NEW? EXPO

### Beyond the 12th Annual Veterans and Community Expo

And just like that... around 2pm on April 5, some 500 people from across the Coachella Valley and beyond were gone from the 12th Annual Veterans and Community Expo.

They had all celebrated the Valley's veterans, the 29 Palms Marine Corps Marines and explored ways to better provide veterans the services they need. Four outstanding individuals were honored, two local veterans and two active duty Marines and our list of VIP guests were matched up with cadets from the Desert Hot Springs Public Safety Academy for a unique opportunity for young High School students to interact with successful leaders from across the area.

From the fly-over provided by the Palm Springs Air Museum to the Patriotic program, to lunch prepared by the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, to the diverse group of 52 exhibitors, they experienced it all! Overall, this year's expo reaped dividends in many ways for veterans, our Marine neighbors from 29-Palms, residents from neighboring Veterans Village and the Coachella Valley.

So what's next? This event has been a one of a kind tradition for the Coachella Valley since 2010, matching the need for information and resources for our veterans. It started with a small group of 30 exhibitors and attendees at the Indio Armory that first year and led to increased attendance up to 1500 at the Riverside County Fairgrounds from 2012 to 2019. After the pandemic, it came back in 2022 in a new format at the Cathedral City Corps of the Salvation Army and has continued there drawing around 500 each year recently including a number of residents of the newly completed Veterans Village next door.

As we move into 2026 and a possible 13th Annual event, a number of questions put the future Expos in the balance. We need new leadership as Bill and Deanna Young seek to pass the baton to a new generation. We need to explore the possibility of returning to the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio to allow for more exhibitors, first responders, and more attendees. We need to find a way to keep this tradition going. Even in a civic sense, it gives help and honor to our American military heroes, mentors High School kids, provides an opportunity for the Valley to interact in a positive way with the Marine Base and is a unique Patriotic event that all can come together and support no matter their feelings in other areas.

Bill and Deanna would like to thank those of you who have been there with us through thick and thin, exploration and discovery....frantic times and satisfying experiences. As Albert Einstein once said, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." The Expo has been a labor of love for us, and we will miss it in our daily lives.

To that end, we will be having a roundtable Thursday, May 29th at 1pm at The Salvation Army Corps...30-400 Landau Blvd. Cathedral City, to discuss what groups/individuals will be a part of organizing and running the event starting next year. The vision is that this should be a joint effort of legislative support, city leadership and veterans community involvement. If you want to be a part of that meeting and those discussions, please RSVP by contacting Bill Young at [majorbill1@aol.com](mailto:majorbill1@aol.com) or 760/861-0037.

There needs to be a firm commitment now to make this event happen in 2026!





# EXPO





## THE WAR MACHINE and The Rest of the Story

To his classmates at West Point, he was "Old Jack." To General Robert E. Lee, he was "my trusty right arm." To his troops he was "Old Blue Light" until the first battle of Bull Run. Then one of the Confederate soldiers observed that their commander, standing bravely in the heat of the fray, looked very much...like a stone wall.

That was General Thomas J. Jackson. "Stonewall" Jackson.

In the War Between the States, his brigade - the first Brigade - was perhaps the Confederacy's most devastating war machine.

He trained his men to precision; he conditioned them to the height of responsiveness; he transformed their numbers into a cohesive organism, a virtually unconquerable instrument of war.

For the men who served under "Stonewall" Jackson, obedience was a key concept, discipline a way of life. Still, the General loved his men, and the men loved their General.

The images of the leader and the led blurred, fused, "Stonewall" Jackson and the First Brigade became an unbeatable package deal, the dread of the Union Army.

Of all the military units in the South, his was the killing machine.

It is for this reason that I wish to focus your attention on "Stonewall" Jackson's last battle, a fight both won and lost. That is THE REST OF THE STORY.

During the Civil War, the secret weapon of the Confederacy was no secret.

It was General "Stonewall" Jackson and his First Brigade. The discipline, the unflinching obedience of Jackson's men, the military brilliance of their leader, combined to comprise a most remarkable war machine. The tactical efficiency and ingenuity of Jackson's last battle was so outstanding that most modern military textbooks include a description of it.

It took place in May 1863, an encounter with Union general Joseph Hooker near Chancellorsville, Virginia.

I won't diminish the intricacy of Jackson's maneuvers by attempting to synopsise them here; but in the end, after already having divided his troops, Jackson divided them again, swung around to the right in a surprise attack and extended himself and his division beyond his own lines. They routed the enemy.

The battle had been won. And then, a tragedy for the Confederates. General "Stonewall" Jackson returning from the attack, was shot three times.



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"The Rest of the  
Story"



## Social Security Statement on President Trump's Memorandum, "Preventing Illegal Aliens from Obtaining Social Security Act Benefits"

Press Release

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

For Immediate Release

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The Social Security Administration (SSA) today expressed its full support for President Trump's memorandum, "Preventing Illegal Aliens from Receiving Social Security Act Benefits." This memorandum reinforces SSA's commitment to safeguarding taxpayer dollars and ensuring the integrity of the programs it administers.

"The Social Security Administration is dedicated to protecting the vital benefits that American workers have earned on behalf of themselves and their families," said Acting Commissioner Leland Dudek. "We are committed to working diligently to implement the President's memorandum and to ensure that benefits are paid only to those who should receive them."

The President's memorandum directs SSA to take several key actions aimed at stopping illegal aliens and other ineligible people from obtaining benefits under the Social Security Act. They include:

- Expanding SSA's fraud prosecutor programs;
- Investigating earnings reports of people 100 years old or older with mismatched records;
- Considering reinstatement of SSA's civil monetary penalty program; and
- Reinforcing program integrity measures so that only noncitizens who meet all eligibility requirements can receive benefits.

SSA administers three essential programs under the Social Security Act that support the financial well-being of over 70 million individuals. The Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program, established in 1935, provides retirement and survivors benefits, paying over \$1.3 trillion in fiscal year (FY) 2024 to approximately 59 million beneficiaries monthly. The Disability Insurance (DI) program, established in 1956, offers benefits to disabled workers and their families, issuing about \$157 billion in FY 2024 to over 8 million beneficiaries each month. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, created in 1972, supports aged, blind, and disabled individuals with limited income, issuing around \$56 billion in payments to 7.4 million recipients monthly, with some also receiving OASI or DI benefits. Additionally, the agency supports various national programs administered by other federal and state agencies including Medicare and Medicaid, among others.

For more information on SSA programs, including who is eligible and how to apply, visit [Benefit types | SSA](#) and [Apply for Social Security Benefits | SSA](#).



## FROM CONGRESSMAN CALVERT:



Free and fair elections provide the foundation for our democracy. Earlier this week, I voted for the SAVE Act to require states to verify people are U.S. citizens when they register to vote. This is a commonsense step to protect the integrity of our elections, which is why polls show there is strong bipartisan support for it.



# REAL ID NOW

Starting May 7, 2025, you will need a REAL ID or a valid passport to board domestic flights, board ships or to enter federal buildings.

If you still need a REAL ID, here's what to do:

Start your application online at [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](https://REALID.dmv.ca.gov)

Gather your documents: proof of identity, proof of Social Security number, and two proofs of California residency

Visit a DMV office to complete the process

Appointments are filling up, so plan ahead and get it done early.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact my District Office directly at (760) 346-6342.

As always, it is an honor to serve you in the Legislature and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can help you with any other state issue.

Sincerely,

Greg Wallis  
Assemblymember, 47th District

# REAL ID



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REALID.dmv.ca.gov  
for more details



**Real ID Driver License/ID Card**  
To apply, you must visit a DMV office and bring:

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- **One proof of Social Security number** – Social Security card, original W-2 form, paystub, etc.
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- May renew online without going into a DMV office.\*
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# MILITARY HISTORY

**May 1, 2011:** U.S. Special Forces kill Osama bin Laden. Twenty-six Navy SEALs in two Blackhawk helicopters raided Osama bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. President Barrack Obama gave order on April 29th for the group to attack the compound. The conflict took 40 minutes and bin Laden was killed during the final 5-10 minutes of the fight.

**May 7, 1937:** Aviator sunglasses are first made available to the general public.

**May 12, 2018:** Four Korean War veterans unveiled a 1,000 pound statue of U.S. Marine horse Sergeant Reckless at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. In 1952, a group of U.S. Marines had bought Reckless from a stable boy in Seoul and trained her as a pack horse for their unit. In March 1953, during the Battle of Outpost Vegas, Reckless carried over 9,000 pounds of ammunition over 50 trips to shooting sites despite being wounded twice. She was awarded 2 Purple Hearts for her service.

**May 13, 1908:** The U.S. Navy Nurse Corps is established.

**May 18, 1917:** The Selective Service Act is passed. By the end of WWI nearly 24 million men were registered and 2.8 million were officially drafted.

**May 19, 1943:** Churchill and FDR plot D-Day.

**May 23, 2005:** The United States announced the U.S - Afghanistan Strategic Partnership as a part of the War on Terror.

**May 26, 1972:** President Richard Nixon and General Secretary of the Communist Party, Leonid Brezhnev sign the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT). Among the issues

discussed were the Vietnam War, the situation in the Middle East, Nuclear arms race and the foundation for a joint space flight program.

**May 26, 2025:** Memorial Day celebrated. It's now celebrated on the last Monday of the month of May and was first observed as Decoration Day in 1868 following the Civil War. The holiday honors and mourns all the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Memorial Day officially became a Federal Holiday in 1971.

**May 28, 1863:** The 54th Massachusetts Infantry, one of the most famous African American Regiments of the Civil War left Boston for combat in the South.



## ASFA ON THE FLY

### Palm Springs Chapter of the Air and Space Forces (AFSA) Summer Schedule

Even as we approach the summer season and a traditionally slower schedule for Coachella Valley organizations, the Palm Springs AFSA has a lot going on May through August before we ramp things up in September.

On April 3rd, 22 Cyber Patriot student competitors, 3 teachers and 2 ASFA sponsors enjoyed a field trip to Acrisure Arena. Acrisure Host, Chase Schulenburg coordinated the visit focusing on IT, Security and Sports Management Career opportunities. AFSA organized the trip and provided a pizza lunch in a 2nd Deck Executive lounge area.

Annually, we select a Teacher of the Year and present the winner with that award while nominating them for the California State award. Our past two local winners both won at the state level and moved forward on to the national level. This year's winner, IT teacher Dana Sanchez of Coachella High School will be honored on May 8th at her High School with representatives from the school district and several local legislators present. Among her many achievements was fielding a very competitive cyber-security team in last year's local AFSA cyber competition.

On June 23rd to the 27th, the inaugural 2025 Cyber Patriot Camp sponsored by AFSA will be held at CSUSB, Palm Desert Campus. Twenty five to thirty students from across the Valley are expected to attend. Classes will be daily from 9AM to 1PM. This is a great lead-in for students hoping to compete in the 2nd annual Coachella Valley Cyber Challenge starting in the Fall.

Regular meetings for the Palm Springs chapter of the AFSA are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Palm Springs Air Museum (PSAM). Normally these meetings include a special guest speaker. There are also informal monthly "Air Commando" get-togethers at Roc's Firehouse that can also include a special guest speaker. There will be no PSAM meetings in July or August, but they will start up again on September 4th.

AFSA is always looking for community partners to help with all of their activities. If you have any questions about Palm Springs ASFA, want to get involved in one of the above activities or just want to come and see us in action, contact Tony Della-Moretta at [tonydm@gmail.com](mailto:tonydm@gmail.com)





## THE WAR MACHINE and THE REST OF THE STORY

The wounds in themselves were not fatal. Jackson lived for several days in a weakened condition and then died of pneumonia.

Considering the morale of his men to the last, he had requested that his wounds be kept secret.

But the troops knew all along.

Among the strict orders he had issued to his brigade before the battle was immediately to gun down any unknown soldiers, and to ask questions later.

That is why Jackson's men, ever obedient, conditioned to react quickly, responded to the rustling in the dense woods of Chancellorsville by opening fire.

The "unknown soldier" they felled was their own General, "Stonewall" Jackson, returning from that daring foray beyond his own lines!

In the end, the unstoppable First Brigade - the Confederacy's most magnificent killing machine - had not broken down, but had merely turned on itself. Now you know the Rest of the Story.



"Hi"  
Notes



"People respond more to what you  
do than to what you say."  
Michael B. Kitson

#### LISTEN WITH YOUR WHOLE BODY

Let your body be part of your active listening. Let your face express a wide range of emotions to show you are listening (this is much easier if you are actually listening, rather than planning what you will say next). Make eye contact (effective communication is like an electrical current and it takes two to complete the circuit). Don't speak unless it is a validation of what is being said of a clarifying question (let the other person make his or her entire point before you speak and don't finish his or her sentences). Silence expresses more than you might think.

#### HABIT #41

The manner in which you pay your debts communicates a huge message. What does paying your debts communicate? Does it communicate dependability, reliability and responsibility? No, it communicates just the opposite. You can minimize your debt, create a budget, enroll in credit counseling, pay upon receipt or a dozen other things to ensure your bills are paid on time.

#### ON MEMORIAL DAY...

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." —Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The brave die never, though they sleep in dust: Their courage nerves a thousand living men." —Minot J. Savage

"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." —Adlai E. Stevenson II

"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran does not have that problem." —Ronald Reagan

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." —Unknown

"For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue." —James A. Garfield





*Annual Memorial Day  
Air Fair and Flower Drop  
May 26 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm*



This is a very special day at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Our Memorial service is dedicated to all of our fallen comrades, who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. In their honor, we highlight the service with a fly-by and flower drop of over 3,000 red and white carnations from Semper Fi, the only flying Mitchell PBJ-JI bomber (US Marine Corps and US Navy versions of the B-25). This most impressive ceremony is our way of saluting our fallen comrades. Visitors are welcome to pick up a flower to take home. Flight exhibitions & activities are scheduled all day long. Lockheed Martin Skunkworks' DARKSTAR will also be on view this day. Flower Drop Memorial Ceremony starts at 1PM, Flowers expected to drop by 2 PM. Regular admission prices apply. Kids 12 and under free with paid adult admission. Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the US Marine Corps.



# BITS AND PIECES

Find information about VA benefits, financial assistance, job placement, housing programs, mental health support and more. Battle Buddy is a free mobile app designed to connect Veterans and their families with the help they need.

[https://news.va.gov/139407/battle-buddy-your-direct-connection-resources/?utm\\_source=feature&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VetResources&utm\\_id=09APR2025](https://news.va.gov/139407/battle-buddy-your-direct-connection-resources/?utm_source=feature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=09APR2025)

## Allies Women Veteran Organizations Directory

<https://www.womenveteransalliance.com/allies>

Listings are for active: networking groups, local meetups, support groups, veteran service organizations, councils, and advisory committees that are specifically for women veterans. Women Veterans

**MEMORIAL DAY** - Gary Senise is grateful to again serve as an Honorary Grand Marshal for the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on the 20th anniversary of this important event.

This year will be a remembrance like no other, as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in World War II and the 250th birthdays of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

On Memorial Day – not just this momentous year of military milestones, but every year – please join in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Check local listings for broadcast times.



Eating a variety of nutrient-dense foods from each of the 5 food groups can help reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease.

Here are a few tips to incorporate into a healthy lifestyle:

Choose foods with little to no added sugar, saturated fats, and sodium. Build meals around protein foods that are naturally low in saturated fats, like beans, peas, lentils, chicken, seafood, and lean meats.

Be aware of how many calories you need per day. Visit MyPlate.gov to learn more.

Avoid sugary drinks. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to stay hydrated.

## 2ND ANNUAL VETERAN WOMEN'S SUMMIT

Come join us at the Annual Veteran Women's Summit where we celebrate and empower our incredible women veterans!

By Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Date and time

Saturday, June 14 · 8am - 4:30pm PDT

Location

Patriotic Hall

1816 South Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90015

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-veteran-womens-summit-tickets-1328705837929?aff=oddttdcreator>



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1 - National Day of Prayer  
 1 - Palm Springs Chapter of the Air and Space Forces Association (AFSA) monthly meeting. 2PM. Palm Springs Air Museum. Guest speaker and presentation. All welcome. Tony Della-Moretta at [tonydm@gmail.com](mailto:tonydm@gmail.com)  
 6 - Monthly meeting of Chapter 78 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Last Meeting until Fall Season (dark in June, July, August). 5PM Denny's. 42445 Washington, Palm Desert. 760-600-0684.  
 6 - Monthly meeting of VFW Post 3699. 6:30PM. American Legion Hall. Indio. Lenny at 760-668-5988.  
 7 - Monthly meeting of American Legion Post 739. 6:30PM American Legion Hall, Indio. Steve at 760-969-0035.  
 8 - V-E Day (Victory in Europe)  
 8 - Presentation of the 2025 Air and Space Forces Association (ASFA) annual Teacher of the Year Award. Noon. Coachella Valley High School. Jim McFarlin at [mcfarlin.jim@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarlin.jim@gmail.com)  
 9 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
 12 - Mr. Willards Closet. Cathedral City Corps of the Salvation Army located at 30-400 Landau Blvd. 10AM to Noon. Deanna Young at 760-832-2883 or [readback.veap@gmail.com](mailto:readback.veap@gmail.com) (Subject to decision to stay open) See attached flyer.  
 15 - Veterans Services Zoom Meeting. 9AM. stay in touch with activities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Contact Anita Worthen at [abird82@aol.com](mailto:abird82@aol.com) in advance

15 - Palm Springs Chapter of MOAA. General Membership meeting. Speaker: Major General Charles Rosefeld, USArmy, speaking on Disaster preparedness. 11:30AM Heritage Palms Country Club. Contact Terrie Heer at 503-347-7614 or [heercom@aol.com](mailto:heercom@aol.com) or go their website at PCS-MOAA.com Final meeting of season until October.  
 16 - MilVet Honors Military and Veterans Fundraiser and Gala. March Air Field Museum. 6PM. 951-902-9681 or [www.milvet.org/milvethonors](http://www.milvet.org/milvethonors)  
 17 - Armed Forces Day ... fly your flag  
 17 - The Ruck Challenge. 6:30 to 7:30AM. 5 and 10K competitions. American Legion Post 328, Norco. Go to [www.theruckchallenge.com](http://www.theruckchallenge.com)  
 17 - 22K Invisible Wounds Walk and American Legion Baseball Fundraiser hosted by Palm Springs Power. Walk: 7:30AM to 1:30PM and game at 5PM. See attached flyer. Jeff Cole at 442-322-9118 or Angel Herrera at 951-403-4027.  
 17 - Sallywood Awards ... Volunteer Appreciation and Open House. 11AM to 1PM. The Salvation Army, 30-400 Landau Blvd, Cathedral City. RSVP by May 2nd. Rubina.navarro@usw.salvationarmy.org  
 22 - Seniors Prom at the Salvation Army. 6 to 9PM. Cathedral City Corps, 30-400 Landau Blvd. Need to RSVP in advance. Rubina.navarro@usw.salvationarmy.org See attached flyer.  
 23 - Mr. Willard's Closet (special day due to Memorial Day Monday). Cathedral City Corps of The Salvation Army located at 30-400 Landau Blvd. 10AM to Noon. Deanna Young at 760-832-2883 or Readback.

[veap@gmail.com](mailto:veap@gmail.com)  
 25 - Input for the June VEAP Readback due.  
 26 - Memorial Day Observed ... Fly your flag. Many events scheduled across the country. Check with your local American Legion or VFW post or your city/county webpages. A time to remember those who sacrificed all for us.  
 26 - Annual Memorial Day Air Fair and Flower Drop. Palm Springs Air Museum. 10 AM to 5PM. Flower drop about 2PM. 760-778-6262 or [palmsspringsairmuseum.org](http://palmsspringsairmuseum.org)  
 29 - Veterans Expo Planning Meeting. Discussion of the future of the Coachella Valley Veterans and Community Expo. 1PM. Cathedral City Corps of The Salvation Army. If you are interested in helping to keep this 15 year tradition going, plan on attending. Bill Young at [majorbill1@aol.com](mailto:majorbill1@aol.com) or 760-861-0037



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 6 - D-Day. Fly your flag proudly.  
 9 - Mr. Willards Closet. Cathedral City Corps of The

Salvation Army located at 30-400 Landau Blvd. 10AM to Noon. Deanna Young at 760-832-2883 or [readback.veap@gmail.com](mailto:readback.veap@gmail.com) See attached flyer.  
 14 - Flag Day ... Fly your flag also U.S. Army Birthday  
 19 - Veterans Services Zoom Meeting. 9AM. All welcome. Contact Anita Worthen at [abird82@aol.com](mailto:abird82@aol.com) in advance to learn more and to get connected.  
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 23 to 27 - Summer Cyber Camp for High School Students. 9AM to 1PM daily. Sponsored by the Palm Springs Chapter of the Air and Space Forces Association (ASFA). CSUSB Palm Desert Campus. 25-30 students from the Coachella Valley. Contact Jim McFarlin at [mcfarlin.jim@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarlin.jim@gmail.com)  
 25 - Input for the July Readback due.

# GALLERY OF HEROES

We need you, your family friends and ancestors in the Gallery of Heroes...

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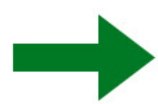


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## PROM 2025

**Celebrating Individuals with Disabilities**

Friday May 9th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

At The Salvation Army  
30-400 Landau Blvd  
Cathedral City, CA 92234

**Photo Opportunities**

**Food & Drinks**

Contact Roman Pllum for more information  
at 760-442-5820  
[Roman.Pllum.Sr@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Roman.Pllum.Sr@usw.salvationarmy.org)

Register Here



**\$20 Per Person.**

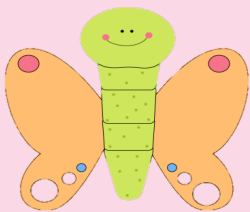
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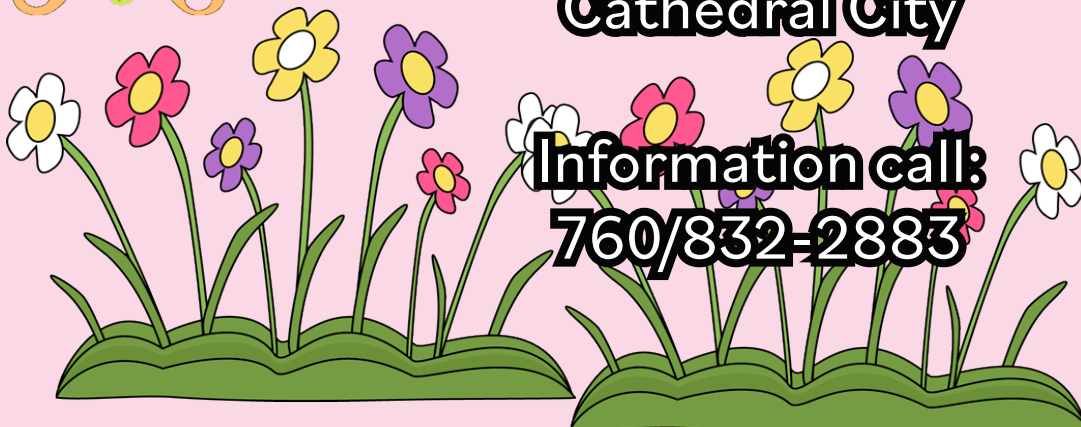


MONDAY & FRIDAY  
MAY 12TH AND 23RD  
10AM - NOON



**The Salvation Army**  
**30-400 Landau**  
**Cathedral City**

**Information call:**  
**760/832-2883**





CHARLOTTE W FAY

# CHAPTER 28



MILITARY VETERANS

# FOOD GIVEAWAY

**EVERY THIRD SATURDAY**

**DRIVE-THRU PANTRY**

**09:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Charlotte W Fay**  
**DAV CHAPTER 28**  
**4351 University Ave**  
**Riverside, California 92501**



**WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING**  
Military/Veteran Identification

**PANTRY SCHEDULE 2025**

JANUARY 18, 2025	JULY 19, 2025
FEBRUARY 15, 2025	AUGUST 16, 2025
MARCH 15, 2025	SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
APRIL 19, 2025	OCTOBER 18, 2025
MAY 17, 2025	NOVEMBER 15, 2025
JUNE 21, 2025	DECEMBER 20, 2025

**CALL FOR MORE INFO 951-369-8626**

**darrin.dav28pantry@gmail.com**

**ann.dav28pantry@gmail.com**

**In Collaboration with**

**The Women Veterans Unity Group Feed A Vet Program**





**Chapter 519 American Legion Riders**  
**present**

**22K Invisible Wounds Walk**

**& American Legion Allstar Baseball Fundraiser**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

**Hosted by Palm Springs Power**

**Walk is from 730am to 130pm**

**Legion Baseball game starts at 1700**

**All proceeds will go towards PTSD Awareness,**

**Suicide Prevention and the American**

**Legion Youth Baseball Team**

**\$25 early registration gets you a**

**22K Invisible Wounds t-shirt**

**\$10 admission to the American Legion Youth Baseball Game**

**Sponsor the event**

**Sign up a team to walk**

**Questions Contact:**

**Jeff Cole @ 442-322-9118 or**

**Angel Herrera @ 951-403-4027**





# LUNCH & LEARN

## SELF DEFENSE & SAFETY AWARENESS WITH DEBBIE LOVE

**"You don't have to be strong,  
you have to be smart"**

Debbie Love is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and Certified Instructor in Karate. Debbie has taught self-defense at colleges, high schools, middle schools, churches, camps, and more. She is also a best-selling author (x3), speaker, and Director of the Coachella Valley Network of Global Society for Female Entrepreneurs.



**THURSDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**12:00PM - 2:00PM**



**THE SALVATION ARMY  
30-400 LANDAU BLVD  
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234**

CONTACT: MAJOR RUBINA NAVARRO  
AT 760-324-2275 OR  
[RUBINA.NAVARRO@USW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG](mailto:RUBINA.NAVARRO@USW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG)





# SENIOR PROM

AGES 65 AND UP



Join us for a night of fun filled with dancing,  
food & beverages, and photo opportunities!

**AT THE SALVATION ARMY**

THURSDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

30-400 LANDAU BLVD  
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234

REGISTER HERE



FREE ADMISSION

CONTACT ROMAN PELLUM  
760-424-5820  
ROMAN.PELLUM.SR@USW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG



**Memorial Day  
Quiet Celebration  
5/26/25**

**All Day**

For additional information  
[www.generalpattonmuseum.org](http://www.generalpattonmuseum.org)







# KIDS SUMMER CAMP 2025

5 Day Residential Camp Experience for children ages 8 and above. Filled with camp outdoor activities, Bible based lessons, and camp themed activities. Your child will return with memories to last a lifetime.



## Sports Camp

July 7-11  
Ages 8-12



## Music Camp

July 12-19  
Ages 8-17  
\*Must be connected to Davis Center Programs



## SAY Salvation Army Youth

July 21-25  
Ages 8-12

## Teen Camp

July 28 - August 1  
Ages 13-17

**At The Salvation Army  
Lawrence M. Daley Camp and Conference Center**

26801 Dorothy Drive  
Calabasas, CA 91302

**Spaces are limited, Sign-Up Today!**



First Time Experience: \$50  
Second Time Experience: \$500

**Register with The Salvation Army Davis Center using the QR code**

Contact: Major Rubina Navarro 760-324-2275 [Rubina.Navarro@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Rubina.Navarro@usw.salvationarmy.org)



# PASS AREA VETERANS EXPO & JOB FAIR

**OPEN TO ALL MILITARY, VETERANS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**SATURDAY**

**August 16, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## LOCATION

**1310 Oak Valley Parkway, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
Albert A. Chatigny Sr. Community Recreation Center



## INFORMATION & RESOURCE EVENT

### VA & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE

Have your questions answered and update your knowledge about the current benefits available to you and your loved ones.

*Questions regarding your benefits? Bring a copy of your DD214 with you to the event. VA claims assistance is available.*



**PASS AREA VETERANS EXPO**

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