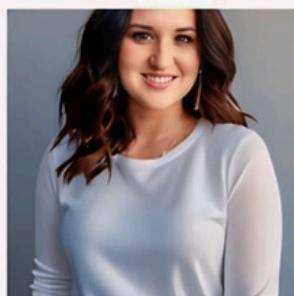


# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Sunland-Tujunga Unit 377  
*News in a Flash*  
Spring 2024

## President's Message



Did you know that members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback due to an act of nature or other personal crisis can apply for the **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**? This national grant assists our members with a maximum of \$3,000 per individual. Our members give so much back to our community and military families, they deserve help too. This is another reason why I am proud to be a part of the Legion family and just one of the reasons I feel motivated to help.



Why are you proud to be a member? What motivates you to help? At our meeting on May 5th we will be taking a deep-dive into our reasons and passion for membership. I hope you can join us!

Also, don't forget to stop by the Post every 3rd Saturday of the month for a hot dinner. Dinner is free for any veterans or service members in need, sponsored by our Auxiliary. Thank you to all the ladies of Auxiliary Unit 377 who make this possible!

**For God & Country,  
Chandra Young  
President**

## Chaplain's Corner



In honor of **National American Legion month in APRIL**, I offer this prayer:

The Legion and the Auxiliary are a family and it is my honor to serve in gratitude for our service men and women and their family! We praise you for the blessings of love and friendship, for our families and our homes. Lord, be with us and be our guide in time of need. Amen.



*Jan Adams, Chaplain*

**MEMORIAL DAY** reminds us of the high price of freedom and the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice and to honor their memory with gratitude. My prayer to the fallen:

Dear God, as we approach Memorial Day, may we honor and remember those who died that we might live in freedom. We remember our departed loved ones. Those we honor will be a part of our lives forever. Lord, be with us and be our guide in time of need.

# — May is National Poppy Month —



Time to respect our veterans with your generous donations. Helping our veterans needs to be done by all of us for the sacrifices they made for our country. Please give your donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 377, 10039 Pinewood Avenue, Tujunga, California 91042. Be sure to specify your donation is for the Poppy Fund.

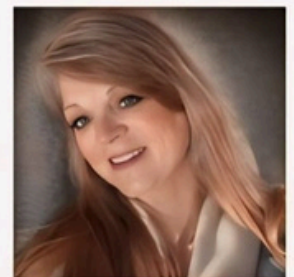


*Wendy Freeman  
Poppy Chairperson*

## Easter Pop Class



On March 22nd, Peggy taught an Easter Rice Crispy Pop Making Class. Over twenty people attended this fundraiser, netting the Auxiliary \$298. Each attendee got three pops which they could dip in either white or dark chocolate. Peggy then showed the class how to decorate the pops with baby chicks or Easter bunnies; sprinkles completed the look. Of course we have many super creative people in the Auxiliary who chose to shape their rice crispy pop into a carrot or an egg. The options are endless. Extra pops were made and sold individually. Everyone had a great time at this enjoyable fundraiser.



*Peggy Carroll  
1st Vice President*

## We are So Proud!

Olga and Juvi Segura's son, **Elliott Adolfo Segura**, has joined the **United States Air Force**. Elliot attended Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and Glendale Community College before entering Basic Training on 18 March 2024 as an AMN—Medical.

God bless all the men and women serving our country.



## American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Fundraiser



The ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY is See's Candies Fundraiser month. Juniors will receive a portion of all sales ordered on line using the link below or the QR code. The link and the QR code will take you directly to the fundraiser page.



Ashley Carroll  
Fun Committee Chair

Just think of all the people you know who would like to receive a box of candy — family members, children away from home. friends, teachers, good neighbors, the mailman or any other “sweet” person in your life. Not ready for candy now? Don't know what they like? No problem....Order gift cards, order lots of gift cards! Your order can be shipped anywhere you want.

**Don't forget mom! If you would like your candy to be delivered by Mother's Day (May 12th), you must place your order by May 4th.**

***The Juniors THANK YOU for your support!***

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/americanlau\\_ala\\_unit\\_mothers\\_day30/Reb\\_Val7501/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/americanlau_ala_unit_mothers_day30/Reb_Val7501/candy)



## Operation Gratitude Let's make it 3000 or more!

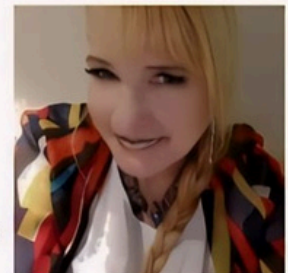


Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a table set up at the Post where notes of gratitude can be written to deployed veterans. These notes will be compiled at the end of June and will be given to Operation Gratitude. They will be included in Care Packets that are

sent to deployed veterans. Please stop by and write as many encouraging, thank you notes to our vets as feasible. There are no limits on the number of notes an individual can write.

Cards, coloring pages, stickers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pens and other craft supplies will be available so feel free to let your creativity flow! The more we send to Operation Gratitude, the more veterans that can know someone at home is thinking about them and cares. Last year we were able to send approximately 2000 notes. Hopefully, we surpass that this year!

***THANK YOU for your participation! You do make a difference.***



Rebecca Valdivia  
Parliamentarian /  
Past Unit  
President

## It Can be RENTED

The American Legion Hall can be rented for parties and events. The Legionaires continue to make improvements and the Legion Hall has become very photogenic. Hall rentals are a very good source of income for American Legion Post 377.

Remember to inquire about a rental next time you or your friends or neighbors need a lovely venue. And it comes with a liquor license! For hall rentals contact Vincent Valdivia, Commander 818-606-2144 or the Legion Hall 818-353-9856.

## Auxiliary Unit 520

With regret, we wish to inform you that after 92 years in existence, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 520 in Sun Valley is disbanding. Ann Philcox, Unit 520 President, made the announcement at our meeting in April stating Auxiliary Unit 520 could not find enough members to take leadership positions. Ann made a donation of \$200 to Saddles for Soldiers as part of their disbanding protocol.

### One of the Ten Principles of the American Legion

—From the Preamble of The American Legion

No. 4. "To Preserve the Memories and  
Incidents of Our Association in  
the Great War"



Quite naturally World War veterans are proud of their honorable service to their country. Every veteran can demonstrate his support of this high principle by affiliating with The American Legion and by supporting its ideals.

From the Record Ledger — 4 January 1940

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**Next Auxiliary meeting is Sunday, May 5th at 1330 hours.**

**— Please join us —**

**We will be electing board members.**