

The logo for the American Legion Auxiliary. It features the word "AMERICAN" in a smaller font above the word "LEGION" in a larger, bold font. Below "LEGION" is a horizontal line, and under that line is the word "AUXILIARY" in a smaller font.

Department of California
District 28

Unit 81
Sunday, November 19, 2023

Good morning, Madam President, Chairs, and Members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Unit 81 has 36 members, including six new and two transfer members. At our last meeting, we performed a draping ceremony for one member, Evelyn Bernard.

In the last two months, we have accomplished a lot:

During our October meeting, we had the privilege of hosting not only Madam President Rebecca Glenny and members of the District, but we also got to see a presentation from the two Girls State Representatives. Before the meeting, we got to know each other with a nice taco dinner. In October, our Girls State Chair, Liz, organized a Fundraiser with a local Italian Restaurant, "Luigi's," where members of the Auxiliary sold over 200 meals to help our Girls State Program. We are sending four girls this year; these funds will help our Girls State Program. We celebrated Americanism and Children and Youth on Halloween by passing out 100 goody bags at the Legion Post.

On November 5th, six members of Unit 81 went to the "Back to Basics" training.

Our Americanism Program is up and running. Our unit distributed 48 classroom flags (2 ft/3 ft) during a Veterans Day Rally at the local elementary school. Our Americanism Chair spoke to the kids about the Auxiliary, the importance of the flag, and why we celebrate Veterans Day. During this rally, we celebrated one staff member who is a veteran. We were recognized in the local newspaper for our help with the rally.

One junior member/Girl Scout and three of her Girl Scout friends were also recognized in our local paper for giving all veterans a FREE pancake breakfast. This generosity is being sent to the National Department in consideration for a Good Deed Award.

Two members from our unit helped Molly and her Unit pass out flags at the Salinas Veterans Day Parade. Four more members attended the parade.

One member is getting together our social media accounts, so be on the lookout for Unit 81 and all our fantastic events.

We have upcoming events in December and January, so we will let you know more about them as we get closer. This ends my report.

Respectfully,
Sondra Castillo: Unit 81 President