

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
District 28

Community Service
End of Year Supplemental
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District 28 has been very active in our community. Covid made a lot of the work we were doing difficult, but our members sure found ways to thrive. Instead of getting in the doors of most of our normal haunts we used our dollars to help them out.

We supported our local community with donations through the following local Organizations. The Veterans Transition Center received \$200 for Thanksgiving Turkeys. American Legion Post 31 received \$410.70 for their Community Thanksgiving Feed. The Salvation Army received \$400 for Share Your Holiday, VTC, and the United Veterans Council.

District 28 took on a Special Project of G.I. Josie's this year. G.I. Josie is dedicated to support and serve women veterans, and their children, if applicable, whose lives are affected by the traumas received while they served in the military. They serve the women veterans who served us by providing proven non-clinical therapy options that allow them to step away from their daily traumas to find pockets of peace in their day and to let them know they are not fighting their invisible battles alone. So far this year we have raised \$500 for GI Josie.

Our Units also supported Veterans through Project Hero, an annual bike ride with disabled Veterans from Santa Cruz to the Santa Monica Pier. Units donated \$1,897 to Project Hero. We host a couple pit stops for them with snacks throughout Monterey County. We also host a BBQ for them in Carmel Valley.

Units held Kids Christmas, Easter, and Halloween Parties. One Unit hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner's and Raffle that earned \$2,343.08 for their Unit. One Unit participated in the City Holiday Festival by hosting a Cake Walk. All desserts were donated by our Auxiliary, and we had an abundance

of desserts. They raised \$308 for AEF. Participants from all walks of life participated in the cake walk including their local fire department and police department personnel. One Unit put together baskets and held a Silent Auction during a Veterans' Day Event in conjunction with the American Legion Riders. One Unit also participated in the Parade of Lights with a classic truck decorated with lights and a Unit 81 Auxiliary Sign.

The newest fundraiser that was introduced in our district was a Paint and Sip fundraiser. This Unit had 56 painters and raised \$675 for the Unit. They worked with the post in providing burgers and opening the bar for the attendees. Both the Unit and the Post benefited from this fundraiser.

Overall District 28 has had a pretty successful year in supporting our community and the veterans that surround us. We're still limited in what we can do in terms of events and bringing people into our Post homes. We're getting our name out into the community and participating in positive activities that give the Auxiliary a positive view among our members and the community.