



Unit 81 District Report
September 18, 2022

Good morning, madam president, chairs, and members of District 28,

In the department membership report on September 14, it states that Unit 81 has 13 members: including 2 juniors and 1 PUFL giving us 25.49%. On September 15, our unit submitted 27 more members on ALA MIS, and now Unit 81 has 40 members, including 3 junior members and 1 PUFL member giving us a percentage of 78.43% of our goal.

Gonzales Unit 81 started the 2022-2023 year on July 7th with the installation of our new officers.

We had a meeting in August to plan our activities and fundraisers through December.

1. Girls Stater's Visit - September 1
 - a. We had our two Girls State representatives Gabriela Herrera from Santa Carolina School and Diane Daniels from Soledad High School report on their experience at Girls State in Sacramento Ca.
2. District Madam President Esther LePore's Visit - September 1
 - a. We had the District President's visit on September 1st. In attendance were several district chairs including Madam President Esther LePore, Madam Vice President Rebecca Glennly (Membership, Junior Activities), Connie Reya (Chaplain, Palo Alto Veteran Hospital Representative), Angie Mata-Gay (Sergeant at Arms, Public Relations), Linda Lara-Guzman (Girls State, National Security), Sondra Castillo (Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Children and Youth), Paul Guzman (Post 81 Commander). We received words of encouragement from district visitors, and we are excited to have a wonderful year.
3. **October 15th** we will be having a **cupcake-walk** downtown Gonzales starting at 1:00 pm. The cash donation will go to Unit 81 AEF fund, if anyone would like to donate cupcakes to this event, please contact myself (Sondra) (559) 314-4653 or Connie Arellano (831) 682-6760.
4. **Luigi's Fundraiser Tri-Tip Sandwich Take-Out** (Fliers in your packet) - The pick-up dates are October 24-28 from 11:00am to 9:00pm, cash

donation proceeds will go to Unit 81 Girls State and Scholarships. You can purchase tickets from me today or email our Unit Girls State Chair, Liz Silva at (831) 235-5616.

5. **Charcuterie Fundraiser** - We will be hosting a Charcuterie fundraiser at 1pm Saturday, November 12 to support Unit 81 Americanism programs. Tickets will be available soon for the price of \$60.00. For more information, please contact Lorraine Worthy at lorraine@worthywine.net
6. **Cakewalk in December** - We will be having a cakewalk/bake sale at Gonzales' annual Holiday Lights this year where proceeds will support VA&R, specifically Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. We will be asking for anyone to donate when the event gets closer to the date.

One goal Unit 81 and Post 81 have for this year is to work more closely together. We would like to get on the same page, help each other, and function like a family. For this to happen, Post Commander and I will set up meetings throughout the year to collaborate and share our ideas. I encourage all Units to try to reach out to their Post Commander and do the same.

Sincerely,

Sondra Castillo



Gonzales American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 81

2022 Scholarship Fundraiser

TRI-TIP SANDWICH TAKE-OUT

From Luigi's Restaurant

346 Alta Street, Gonzales

Call ahead to let them know you're picking up – 831.675.7800

October 24 to 28 – 11:00 am til 9:00 pm

(Meal includes Tri-Tip Sandwich, Potato Salad, and Bottled Water)

\$20 per Meal

Proceeds will support our annual educational scholarships to the Girls State Delegates, sponsored by our Unit. Your support is appreciated.

Tickets available from any Unit 81 Member. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Linda Lara-Guzman at 831.229.2072 or Liz Silva at 831.235.5616

Checks may be made payable to: ALA Unit 81