



ANAVETS MÉXICO Newsletter

Shoulder to Shoulder • Unit #19 / Dominion Command • August 5/ 2026

President's Message

Dear friends and supporters,

Welcome to the August edition of ANAVETS Mexico newsletter. We are excited to look ahead to our 6th Anniversary celebration this September, and we hope you will join us for an evening filled with music, dancing, food, and fun.

Tickets are available now, and we encourage everyone to get theirs early, as they tend to sell quickly. This event is always a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate our ANAVETS Mexico community, and support the work we do throughout the year.

We are currently considering a couple of local groups that need financial assistance and will soon decide where the funds raised will have the greatest impact. I would also like to recognize that we recently helped support the Los Moras Men's Rehab Center. You can read more about that effort below.



In This Issue

Upcoming Events

- Weekly fun darts and euchre
- Bingo at Scallions.
- 6th Annual Anniversary Celebration, September

Member News

This week we have two profiles for you.

Don't forget that Membership is now 50% off for the rest of 2026. Invite a friend to join!

Community Support

- Learn the Thriller Dance

Articles of Interest

- Second article in a series of 3 about Life After Service

Upcoming Events (Click here for full calendar [Events Calendar – ANAVETS MEXICO](#))

Date	Event	Location / Time
Every Thursday	Euchre and Fun Darts	Gonzalez Gallo 86 • 11:30
Every Saturday	ANAVETS BINGO	Scallions Restaurant • 1pm
Coming this Fall	Competitive Dart League	Gonzalez Gallo 86 • Time TBD
Starting September 2 through October 21	Learn the Thriller Dance and be a part of the celebration. Enroll at thrilltheworldajijic@gmail.com	3 rd Floor Plaza Bugambilias • Wednesdays 11:30-1:30 & Saturdays 10:30-12:30
September 16, 2026	ANAVETS 6 th Anniversary Celebration Tickets on sale now! Email: anavets.mexico@gmail.com ATTN: Tickets for 6 th Anniversary	Scallions • 4pm
October 24, 2026	Thrill The World Ajijic Fundraiser	Terranova School • 2pm



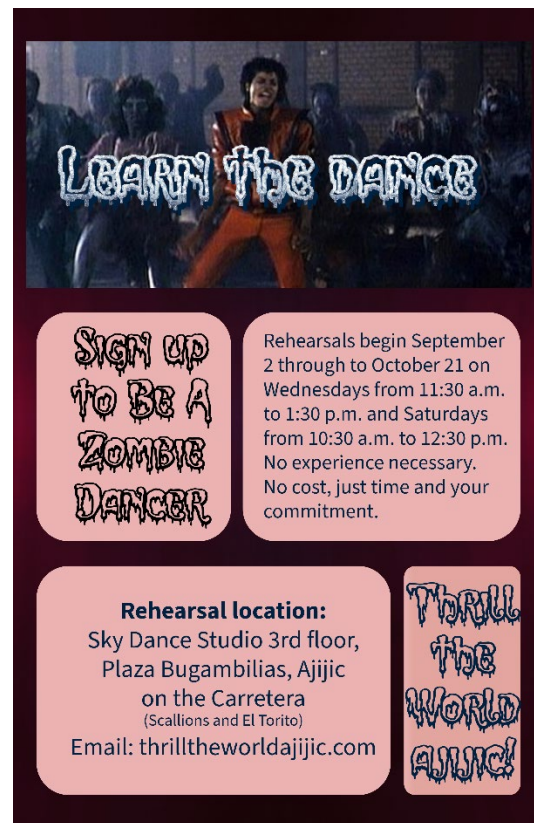
ANAVETS MEXICO
UNIT #19
SCALLION AJIJIC BISTRO

Happy Hour • Roast Beef Dinner
• Dancing music by Gargamel

16th SEPT 4:00PM

Ticket Cost \$450 pesos p/p
Ticket Sale at MAMA'S MUSICAL BAR
on Thursday 12pm - 2pm

anavets.mexico@gmail.com



LEARN THE DANCE

SIGN UP TO BE A ZOMBIE DANCER

Rehearsals begin September 2 through to October 21 on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No experience necessary. No cost, just time and your commitment.

Rehearsal location:
Sky Dance Studio 3rd floor,
Plaza Bugambilias, Ajijic
on the Carretera
(Scallions and El Torito)
Email: thrilltheworldajijic.com

Thrill the World Ajijic!

Member Spotlight – This week we have two profiles

Jettie Clair “LeeClair” Pugh – 1st Vice-President



Jettie is known socially with her wife Carroll as *LeeClair*—was born and raised in Houston, Texas. She joined the U.S. Navy in 1978, serving first as a Gunners Mate before becoming a Master at Arms, where she handled shipboard law enforcement, investigations, small-arms training, and taught self-defense. A severe injury ended her military career after ten years, but not her dedication to service.

Her ANAVETS story began by chance when someone handed her three darts and said, “You’re on team 6.” The camaraderie won her over immediately. Today, Jettie proudly serves as **1st Vice President**, chairing the **Kit Shop**, **Sports**, and **Awards & Ceremonies** committees, and helping out wherever she’s needed.

Jettie enjoys billiards, poker, traveling, and hosting friends.

One of Jettie’s greatest adventures was sailing from St. Thomas to Australia with three strangers—an experience that led to a decade living aboard her own catamaran in the Caribbean. A world traveler, a soft-hearted movie fan, and someone who lives by her own values, Jettie keeps a motto close to heart: “**Some ask why. I ask why not.**”

Dianne Gibb – Unit Secretary



Dianne currently serves as Unit Secretary. She was born in Melfort, Saskatchewan, and raised on a prairie farm. She grew up in a one-room schoolhouse that could have stepped straight out of *Little House on the Prairie*. Those early years taught her resilience, teamwork, and the value of helping others—lessons that have stayed with her ever since.

Life took a wonderful turn when Dianne’s family moved to Edmonton in Grade 9 where she met Brian, her husband of 55 years. Together they raised three sons and built a life through hard work and adventure, from running Tupperware franchises across Canada to relocating to Halifax to help test a new national distribution model. When they retired in 2019, they packed a cargo van and travelled through two provinces, fourteen U.S. states, and five Mexican states before settling here in Lakeside.

Similar to Jettie, Dianne discovered ANAVETS by accident—showing up for darts in 2022—and quickly found a community filled with heart. Within weeks she was volunteering and later joining the Executive as Unit Secretary. Today, Dianne cherishes the friendships, the purpose, and the chance to give back. Whether baking sourdough, helping at Todo Bueno, supporting young mothers through Mi Beb  y Yo, or calling bingo on Saturdays, Dianne believes deeply in “Do unto others” and the quiet power of kindness.



Community, Service & Support

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact: anavets.mexico@gmail.com ATTN:
Volunteer Opportunity.

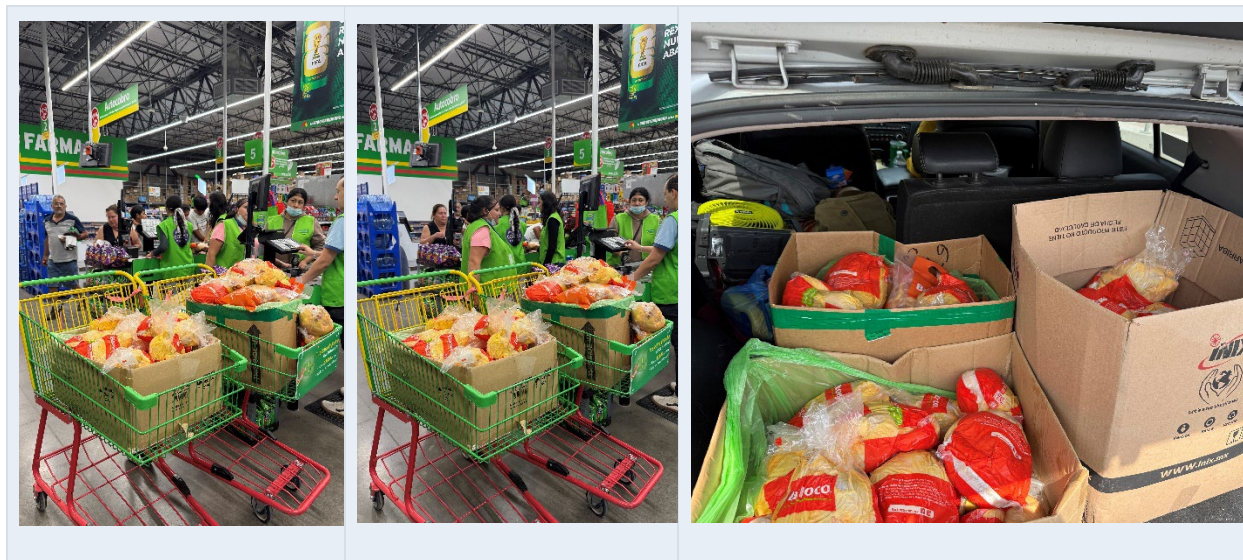
- Thriller Dance Group – See ad above
- Ticket Sales for 6th Anniversary & Thriller

Support Resources

ANAVETS México is here to help service veterans and members who may need support, guidance, or a caring point of contact. Whether the need is personal, practical, or community-related, inquiries will be handled with respect, discretion, and confidentiality.

Contact: Mary Lisenbery • Pveyes@hotmail.com

Photo Gallery



Los Moras Men's Rehab Center in Jocotepec

Thank you to all our members who generously donated funds to help provide food for the Los Moras Men's Rehab Center in Jocotepec. Together, we collected \$3,000 pesos and purchased 100 kilos of chicken, which was delivered directly to the center. Los Moras houses and feeds an average of 75 men, and the staff and residents were very grateful for the support, especially because protein is not always available with their meals. We still collect funds for this and other charities so if you wish to contribute contact us by email at anavets.mexico@gmail.com, ATTN: Donations.

Articles of Interest

Issue 2: From Unit to Neighborhood Building New Bonds

Camaraderie is hard to replace. This issue focuses on practical ways ANAVETS members and seniors can rebuild social ties and create a supportive civilian community.

Rebuilding Community and Connection

The friendships formed in service are forged by shared purpose. After retirement, those bonds need new places to grow. Building connections takes intention but delivers better health, more joy, and renewed belonging.

Look for groups, like ANAVETS, based on interests rather than just background. Hobbies—gardening, history clubs, games, choirs—create natural conversation and repeated contact, which is how friendships form. Seek intergenerational programs where schools and youth groups welcome older volunteers. Small, regular gatherings—monthly coffee, a game night, a walking group—build trust faster than occasional big events.

Be a connector. Introduce people, invite a neighbor to a meeting, or host a simple potluck. Use technology to supplement in-person contact when mobility or distance is a factor. Remember that routine matters: weekly anchors like a coffee date or a volunteer shift create dependable social structure.

Conversation Starters

- “What’s a small thing that made you smile this week?”
- “Tell me about a place you’d like to visit.”
- “What hobby would you try if time and money weren’t an issue?”

Action Steps

- **Join one local group**, better still, get a friend to join ANAVETS this month.
- **Host one small gathering** in the next six weeks.
- **Call one old friend** and invite them to coffee.



Quick Notices

Membership Reminder

Don't forget to join us on Thursdays! Fun darts and Euchre. Bring a friend! Hey, get that friend to join for 50% till the end of 2026.

Call for Submissions

If you have some interesting photos, stories, event ideas, or community announcements.

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