

## THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NE

NEWSLETTER

**March**, 2018



#### AL POST 132 COMMANDER, JOSE MARTINEZ

Well, we are coming into the final months of the legion year. We will soon be nominating officers for the 2018-2019 year. We will be needing new people on the board. We have officers that have been on the board for years and now is the time to replace them. So please look into becoming an officer. We need new ideas, especially from the younger generation. Especially since it will be YOU, who will lead the post in the future.

Hopefully by the time the Bugle comes out, our new air conditioning units have been install. To update everyone, near the end of 2017, I was informed that Pacific Palisades Post 283 would give our post a \$20,000 grant for new ac units. Well I applied for the grant, and with the help of District 29 Commander Ken George (Post 132 Rider), we were able to secure the grant. Thank you Post 283.

Things at the post are looking up. I want to thank all help that I've recieved throughout the year. All the volunteers, working diligently getting the post ready for events, or just helping out in the kitchen. Without these folks, we would really struggle. So a big thank you to all who spends time volunteering.

On a side note, everyone who works here is a volunteer. Except for a few exceptions, everyone volunteers at this post. With that being said, not everything will go perfect. We do the best that we can. We are always looking for more volunteers. So if you can, please volunteer. Or if you can, come and help us in improving what we're doing.

As usual, please continue to read the bugle or go on the website to find out what's going on at your post. Until next month...

As usual, please keep yourselves informed of the Post's activities by going to the Post 132 website: <a href="mailto:orangepost132">orangepost132</a>, and to our Facebook page. Again, thank you everyone for a banner six months. Let's continue the trend.

Semper fi, Jose Martinez Commander AL Post 132 martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005



#### **Upcoming Events**

3/5/18 - Katella Grill Fundraiser

3/24/18 - Children's Easter Party

3/13/18 - Pala Bus trip, Taco Tuesday & Bingo

3/25/18 - Sons' Breakfast

3/18/18 - AL Riders' Breakfast

3/25/18 - Boys' State Fundraiser Dinner Dance

Featuring the "Cuates"

## U.S.ARMY

#### John Minnella, Judge Advocate

Dear Comrades:

#### NEW POST 132 BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:

In case you missed it, the five new amendments to our Post 132 Bylaws were published in full in last month's Bugle. You can find that issue of the Bugle published on our Post webpage and on our Post Facebook page. If you would like me to send you a copy of the new amendments and/or our complete Bylaws, just let me know. Every Post member should have a copy and be familiar with them, especially at Post election time which is almost here.

**MEMBERSHIP:** This Post and the American Legion will not survive if we do not bring in new and young members! We are not bringing in new members to replace those dying off. Each member MUST START EN-ROLLING NEW MEMBERS and encourage past and existing members to BECOME ACTIVE! I have found that one effective way to help is by wearing Legion shirts in public because that often starts conversations with non-member veterans and delinquent members who can be enlisted back into our ranks.

SUGGESTIONS ABOUT POST AND LEGION ACTIVITIES: If you have ideas about how to improve our Post and the Legion, say something to your Post officers (they are listed on the rear page of every Bugle). I can assure you that EVERY officer wants to help improve our Post and the Legion and they welcome your thoughts and ideas.

That's my input for March, comrades. Please feel free to contact me (driminnella@yahoo.com, 714/543-9005) anytime if you have any comments, concerns, or I can otherwise help you.

John Minnella, Post 132, Judge Advocate drjminnella@yahoo.com (714) 543-9005





Dear Legion Family,

Here we are Mid-February, the sun is shining, crisp air, and blessings for another day!

Celebrating the month of February with President's Birthdays, the ladies Auxiliary Past President, Susie Flores put together an afternoon to celebrate Our Past Presidents of the Auxiliary. We had 25 ladies in attendance on February 4th. We honored 6 Women Veterans, wow the stories. It's important for the awareness to be present at our Post for our members to know we have many Women Veterans and as President of this term, I would like to **Thank You** for your service. All of you bring to us such Honor of your service.

At this time, I would like to ask for good thoughts as one of our Auxiliary Members is on the mend with a broken arm. Harriett Mattos is one of our longer members and always steps up to help. We miss seeing her as she is currently taking it easy. She works full time and we all have such great respect for you. Your leadership and volunteerism currently allow for us to continue all endeavors in doing the same.

Our Auxiliary dinners will be Fish & Chips for this month of February and March. We will have steak dinners available as well. Be sure to come early as we do the best we can to provide dinners of your liking, but it is impossible to know how many will be in attendance. We love to see you and hope that your dinners are always enjoyed. I know that much love goes into all the efforts that the Legion Family put into preparation for your enjoyment.

THURSDAY MARCH 29TH, IS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS". IF YOU ARE, OR KNOW A VIETNAM VETERAN, WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR DINNER AND ALSO FOR THE PROGRAM TO WELCOME YOU HOME. PLEASE LET CAROL MARTINEZ KNOW IF YOU ARE IN ATTENDENCE. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE LOOK FOR OUR FLYER OR ASK ANY OFFICER AT THE POST.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

To all Auxiliary Members, I would like you to think about how you would like to Be an Officer for the 2018-2019 term. If you have feeling of: *thinking about it or, Well, I don't think that's for me,* You would be surprised. Email me with any questions or interests and I would love to talk to you as any of our officers would do the same. "WE NEED YOU!".

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2017 2017-2018 Wife of Army Veteran, Dale "Bear" Phillips "AIE"





#### 1st Vice Cmdr. Victor de la Rosa

Greetings all

Hope you all are doing well. Our legionaries' membership is up to 80%. We are

doing good but we can do better. If you know any Veterans that aren't members, bring them down to out Post so they can see the many activities and programs we have. Check our website and calendar. In March we have fundraisers and dances going on so mark your calendars and plan on being there.

Also, members remember the Legionaries monthly meeting is the second Thursday of every month. I hope to start seeing more members at our meetings. We have nominations and elections coming up. So come to meetings and be heard. Thank you! Aim High!

Victor de la Rosa1st Vice Commander Victorplent@yahoo.com





### 3rd Vice Cmdr., Stacy Palencia -Bollinger

Hello Comrades,

It is that time of the year. Boys State is being planned as we speak. The departure day will be June 15th @ 10:00 pm from

Huntington Beach Elks Club and they will arrive in CSU, Sacramento on June 16th at 7:00-9:00 am. They return on June 22nd at 10:00 pm and arrive back at the Elks on June 23rd at 7:00-9:00 am.

Payments for the groups sponsoring the delegates are as follows:

Bus & Transportation--> \$130 each (Due: March 10th; payable to: The American Legion District 29-Boys State Transportation)

Registration fee--> \$360 each (Due: March 10th; payable to: Department of California- Boy State)

Mandatory Orientation/Instructional Dinner--> \$15 each delegate, parents (2), and Post Representative; payable to: American Legion 29th District. NOTE: Boys State Instructional Dinner) Each check will be separate.

So, far we have one interested boy. If you know of any contacts that I may contact in order to fulfill all 4 slots that would be amazing. Thank you all!

Very Respectfully, Stacy Palencia-Bollinger 3rd Vice Commander, Post 132, 714-420-61spalencia13@gmail.com





#### 2nd Vice Cmdr. William Stringfield

Attached to this Bugle is a flier for a fundraiser at the

Katella Grill on Monday, March 5, 2018 from 3pm to 10pm. This replaces the fundraiser on 2/5/18 that was cancelled due to a generator failure at the restaurant. The Katella Grill kicks back to the Post 20% of each bill. Please schedule that date in and bring the flier so that they can credit the Post. We don't get many dates from the Katella Grill — The last one was in September 2017. So, we really need to have your support to keep us in their rotation of approved fundraisers.

Thank you to all who had dinner at Zito's on January 22, 2018. The AL Riders especially made an effort to be there. We did not get the return that we expected as Zito's required a \$500 gross sale rather than a \$200 gross sale as I thought, so, we came about 465 short. Our earnings for the night were only \$43.86. So, unless there is a policy change, it will not be worth the effort to have another fundraiser there.

We have received another order for Challenge Coins. So, if you didn't get one before, they are now available again. The coin features our iconic building in color and is perfect to have to celebrate the 90th birthday of our building in March/April 2018. The coins sell for \$10 each. Also, don't forget that we sell T-shirts with not only our Legion logo but the logos of many military units. If your unit isn't in our catalogue, our master artist and designer, John Schutz, can make one for you!

William Stringfield, 2nd Vice-Commander william@wmstringfield.com





Greetings again, Comrades. The year has started kind of slow for the first month. Hopefully it will pick up once it gets warmer. We will be having a fundraiser for Boys State again this year and hopefully it does better than it did last year. Requested donation will be \$10.00 per person and if for some reason you can't attend, how about sending in a donation of \$10.00 or \$20.00. We have over 400 members and if half of them sent in \$10.00 that would cover the \$2000.00 needed to send 4 boys to Boys State, a very worthwhile experience for those chosen. Think about it!

Clubroom Bar daily attendance has remained slow in January. Friday Night dinners have continued to be fairly good. The Opportunity Drawing for the 1911 Pistol we had in December brought in \$830.00 profit after deducting the purchase price of the pistol. We also had \$840.00 profit after selling the first 100 challenge coins. We had one rental upstairs with very good bar sales which made up for the slow bar sales downstairs. The Sons made their quarterly donation of \$300.00 and Lt. Col, Robert Mitchell made his regular monthly donation of \$100.00. Sam Holcomb made a \$500.00 donation and J.P. Woodward made a \$25.00 donation for the Building Fund. Dan Hinojosa made another \$100.00 donation for the Museum and \$10.00 was collected from the donation box. Donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account, membership is slowly trickling in. J.P. Woodward donated \$75.00 for the V.A. Hospital. The Friday Night Opportunity Drawings for the month brought in \$213.00 for Bugle Expenses. Bruce Stevens donated \$200.00 for the Oratorical Fund. Donations that came in early this month will be reported next month.

Don't forget!!! First Nominations for next year's Officers is coming up in April. Get involved in the success of the Post. There are so many projects coming up next year. Come to the meetings and find out how you can help. The Building is falling apart. Well not really, but it needs a lot of work. There have been talks about forming a Building Association as we had about 20 years ago. Think about it. We need your INPUT!!! Email me at; sidgauna@aol.com or (714)371-6247

Semper Fi, Sid Gauna Finance Officer







Bill Siler, III, Adjutant

No article submitted!

Submitted by: William Siler III,

Adjutant - Post 132; sileriii@aol.com





#### John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Happy St. Patrick's Day and, in honor of all the little leprechauns, the AL Riders will be serving corned beef and cabbage as well as steaks for dinner on March 9, 2018.

The AL Riders will be meeting Saturday morning, March 10, 2018 at 8:30 am. On March 18, 2018 the AL Riders will be serving SOS for breakfast, so, we hope we will see you all at our dinner and breakfast. We will be hosting Bingo on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7pm after the Pala Casino run and Taco Tuesday. So, come and join us for the fun. The AL Riders are planning a number of rides.

You can visit our website for dates, times and destinations. I want to thank our AL Post 132 family for supporting the AL Riders' dinners, breakfasts and bingo nights which allow us to help our Veterans in our community. The Wheel of Opportunity is almost at \$1,000 so, buy a ticket and take a chance. Thanks to my fellow AL Riders who donate their time to make our events possible. You folks know who you are and I know I can always count on you. So, have a great March. We will see you at the Post.

John Bloecher ALR 132 President, jb1mf@yahoo.com



## Tommy Dees - Sons' Commander/Clubroom Manager

On behalf of myself and Squadron 132, we would like to give our condolences to Greg Baegwell and his family for the passing of his Aunt, Wilma Mae.

I want to thank all the Squadron guys who help in the kitchen, they know who they are. Our next meeting will be the 2nd Tues in March at 6 pm. And, wishing for everyone to have a safe St. Paddy's Day. Don't drink and Drive.

Tommy Dees, Sons Commander, Post 132 (714) 538-6311





We are planning on having a "Meet and Great" afternoon to be scheduled soon at the Post. We hope to meet ALL of you and get to know each and every one of you. New ideas will also be a welcome thought for discussion. More information to come. Fish and shrimp will be the menu for March 2nd along with steak for dinner that evening. Come on down and enjoy the evening with good food and dance to the music of D J Summers.

If any SONS do not have a 2018 membership card, your dues are past do. Please send \$15 directly to me, so we can get you up to date and renewed. Do you know that just by paying your dues, you are supporting the SONS and the American Legion? Looking forward to meeting you personally.

P.S. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call 714-803-0851 or E-mail me at:

#### Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk.

If you have an E-mail that can be used for receiving the Bugle, please send it to me and I will forward the E-mail address on to the editors – Leo and Esther Ouellette.

For God and Country, Mike Holmes, Adjutant – Squadron 132 Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk 714-803-0851











#### LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

Please remember, Lt. Col. Bob Mitchell and Veteran, Ed Romero in your thoughts and prayers as they are having health problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with all out Veterans wherever they are!

#### **Quips to ponder:**

Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship!

A friend is a person with whom you dare to be yourself!

Enjoy nature, it's cheaper than therapy!

Leo Ouellette Chaplain, USA, lmocon@sbcglobal.net









#### EDITORS, LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Thank you to the following helpers with the Bugle: Dot & Chuck Stalter, Carol and Mike Holmes, Mary Martinez, Maddie, Jojo, Cindy Widdall, and Jenny Guajardo. You guys are all Angels.

In April, we will celebrate our 90th Anniversary of our beautiful, historic building. Watch for more info in our April Bugle. We are happy for a grant allowing us to buy two new air conditioners for our second floor ballroom.

#### **Quips to Ponder**

The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend!

The only way to have a friend is to be one!

The only way to have a friend is to be one!

You know life is a real bumpy road, what you've got to develop are good shock absorbers!

Editors, Leo & Esther Ouellette, lmocon@sbcglobal.net, (714) 334-2961





### LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

**Dear Members:** 

More items were donated to our Museum. As we celebrate our First Anniversary, once again, Thank You for all the donors.

Mrs. Susie Hostetler donated \$500 to our museum and was included in our Perpetual Honor Plaque.

Leo Ouellette, Curator lmocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 334-2961

#### **MUSEUM DONOR**

Left: Retired, Navy Captain, Myron Drinkwater of Lake Forest describesseveral donated items for our Museum with Curator, Leo Ouellette, which included a WWII grenade and a launch grenade and other items.



## **March 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Legionnaires' E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	Sons, Fish & Shrimp /Steaks 6pm-8pm  DJ Summer 8 pm-12am	3 UMAVA Valley View Bus Trip Leaves @ 9 am
4	Katella Grill Fundraiser 3pm—10 pm	6 UMAVA BOARD MTG 6 PM  SONS' MTG 6 pm	7 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM  Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	8 Legionnaires Gen Mtg 7:00 PM  Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 pm	9 AL RIDERS Corned Beef & Cabbage/Steaks 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	10 8:30 am AL Riders' Mtg
Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 AUXILIARY BUS TRIP TO PALA Leaves @ 9:00  TACO TUESDAY By UMAVA 5:30 PM  AL RIDERS BINGO 7 PM	Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	15	16 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm  Midnight Cow- boys Band 8pm—12 am	17 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1rst Calvary Mtg 9 am
18 AL Riders' Breakfast Country Fried Steak 9 AM—11:30 AM	19	20	21 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	22	Auxiliary Fish&Chips/ Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm  5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	Children's Easter Party 1pm-3pm
Boys State, Fundraiser Dance 3pm—7 pm w/Cuates	26	27	28 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	29	30 Legion Family/ Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm DJ Tony Bacolot	31













On behalf of the American Legion Post 132 we would like to invite you to Katella Grill for a fundraising event on

Monday, March 5, 2018 From 3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.







Bring this flyer to Katella Grill between 3-10:00 p.m. 20% of your total bill will be donated back to the

American Legion Post 132
Gift card sales apply
Bring your friends and family!

Katella Grill 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange 92867 (Corner of Katella & Main



# BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, March xxx, 2017

LEAVE FROM: AMERICAN LEGION POST

143 S. LEMON

ORANGE

PARK IN AMERICAN LEGION POST PARKING LOT -

On the North or South side of the building

NOTE: Time change: Please BE THERE BY 8:30 A.M.

**BUS LEAVES 9:00 A.M. SHARP!** 

FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON

WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER

**PAY at time of BOARDING** 

**RECEIVE \$5.00 BACK IN PLAY MONEY** 

**Need Valid Drivers License, I D Card or Passport** 

**RETURN AROUND 6:00 PM** 

#### **YOU MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS**:

Carol Goss: 714-473-2451 leave message

Virginia Martinez: 714-545-6163 or

Mark Crawford (714) 722-7383

WE MUST HAVE 45 PASSENGERS SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP



#### LEGIONNAIRE SKILLS AND INTERESTS QUESTIONAIRE

Comrades: Post 132 is your Post! We want to make the best of it but more than just your annual dues are needed. Your Post needs your involvement in the following: management, maintenance, staffing, social calendar, events, announcements, and similar activities. You have opinions, complaints, needs, interests, etc.. Don't just gripe; tell us what you want, require, dislike, like, etc..

Please, take a moment, complete this, and return it to Judge Advocate John Minnella (fax 714/542-2495; email <a href="mailto:drjminnella@yahoo.com">drjminnella@yahoo.com</a>; mail 1820 E 17<sup>th</sup>, Santa Ana 92705-8604) and he will see that it gets acted upon.

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Friday, March 9th from 6 to 7:30 PM
Saints and Sinners Welcome

Featuring

Corned Beef & Cabbage Served with baby carrots and red potatoes - Just \$8.00

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Stake with Baked Potato, Vegetables and Salad Only \$12.00

> Live Music & Dancing Starts at 8:00 PM

Sponcered by the American Legion Riders CHAPTIER 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866

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Only \$8.00

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY
March 18th, 2018
0800 hours till 1100 hours

Includes SOS, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Coffee, & Juice

American Legion Riders
Chapter 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866





# 90 Years allo... Our Post building opened! 1928



## Join us on Sunday, April 15 for our Open House! Refreshments • 10-4pm

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THOUSANDS OF ORANGE
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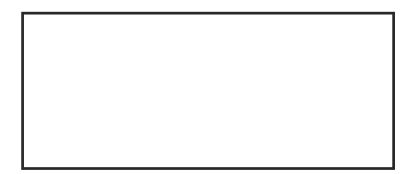
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