

**THE BUGLE** 



#### American Legion Post 132, Orange, California, NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2022





# VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all.

I hope you all had good and safe holidays and a happy New Year. That being said, we are having a lot of things coming up at the Post, from a whiskey tasting to a raffle for a big screen TV. Be sure to check the calendar for the latest on what we have going on.

The Auxiliary and the Sons have been doing well with the Sunday breakfasts on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays respectively. For all the Legionnaires, don't forget to attend the general meeting on the second Thursday of every month at 1900 (7 pm). This is your Post. Be there so your voice can be heard and you can have a say in what we have coming up.

Victor de la Rosa, Commander victorplent@yahoo.com (714) 227-5977



#### JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Folks, we are at 67.71% of our goal. We are still 33% short of our goal of 100%. As of January 1, 2022, anyone who has not paid dues has become delinquent. So please come on down to the Post to pay your dues. You can see me, or most any Post officers, to pay your yearly dues of \$45.00.

On a side note, I would like to acknowledge Frank Garcia, from La Casa Garcia Restaurant. On Veterans Day, Frank donated a tray of rice, a tray of beans, and two trays of enchiladas for our get together at the Post. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Frank. You're awesome.

I hope everyone had an awesome holiday season. We will see you throughout the coming year at the Post. Please come down and enjoy yourself. Until then...

Jose Martinez 1st Vice Commander martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005



#### BRIAN JOHNSON, POST 132 ADJUTANT, DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT, AL RIDER, SECRETARY/LEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

New year = new possibilities, so welcome 2022. You have already heard from 1st VC Martinez that we are moving right along with membership. We are slightly behind the projected goals but, by the time you read this, about 2/3 of our members will have renewed and invested in our Post and our future. Thank you very much. If you are among the small number who have not renewed your membership, you are now delinquent. Please come in to the Post and see one of the officers or the bartender, or just pay online by going to Le-gion.org and clicking on the renewal tab. You can even print your membership card right there.

Why do we make such a fuss about membership every year? Your Post is a two-part entity. There are the Legion operations and the club operations. These two parts require very careful oversight to remain properly balanced. I want to recognize the hard work that your Executive Board and especially your Finance Officer, Susan Wood does to keep our Post moving in a positive direction. Without that leadership we would have been in real trouble during the pandemic shutdown. Right now, we are financially stable. With the help from rental of the hall, the club, the donations from caring members, our Auxiliary, SAL and Riders family and your dues, we are stable. The problem is, we live in a 100-yr old house and that house needs some serious care. Floors, plumbing, windows, electrical all need a facelift. Your dues play an important role but we need all hands renewed so that dues dollars can go to regular operational expense and we can use the generous donations to fund major projects and maintenance.

You may not know how your dues are spent. Let's take a look. For every renewal, we must pay our per capita or "per member' costs to our higher HQs first, just like taxes. This is that breakdown:

Member Dues National Per capita	- \$45.00 - \$18.50
Dept of CA Per capita District 29 Per capita	- \$15.00
Post Share	50c - \$11.00

Our membership goal for 2021/2022 is 545 members. As I write this article, we have 369 renewed so far. The math from here is easy. If every member renews and we meet our 100% goal, we get \$5,995 in dues to run our non-club operations. Did anyone else wince when you saw that number? Right now, with 369 renewals, we only have \$4,059 to pay our bills and keep the lights on. I couldn't pay the property tax on my home with that money and you can bet that we can't either here at your Post without your generous support and your renewals. Please renew this weekend. Get current, get involved and enjoy your Post.

Enough with the heavy stuff. It is time to spotlight another volunteer. The next time you are at the Post on a Sunday morning for breakfast, say hello to Jorge Carbajal. He will probably be doing a messy or unpopular task, but he will have his characteristic smile on his face. Jorge isn't an officer; he is a member who is there making a difference by helping out. Jorge, thank you for your dedication and your service. We can use all the help that folks can muster so come on down. It is fun, rewarding and really doesn't take a lot of time.

Brian "Spidey" Johnson, American Legion and American Legion Riders District 29 & Post 132 Adjutant, ALR Chapter 132 Secretary adjutantdist29@gmail.com



#### JOHN SCHUTZ, LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER, AL RIDERS PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. Speaking of the New Year, the Post's New Year's Eve Party was outstanding. If you weren't there, you missed a night to remember.

We have some other great events coming up in January, so get out of the house and come on down to the post and have some FUN.

- Every Tuesday: Karaoke (6-9pm).
- Every Monday & Thursday Night: Football
- Sat, Jan 8 DJ Pete (4-8pm)
- Sun, Jan 9 Driving Sideways (1-4pm)
- Sun, Jan 16 DJ Ronnie (1-5pm)
- Sun, Jan 30 Whiskey Tasting (1-4pm)

The Post is still serving dinner each Friday evening (6-7:30pm) and breakfast every Sunday morning (9-11am) to raise funds to support our Veterans and to keep our Post alive. For January here are the upcoming Sunday breakfasts:

- Jan 2 Pancakes
- Jan 9 Ham & Cheese Croissants, Eggs, & Potatoes
- Jan 16 Biscuits and Gravy
- Jan 23 The Scrambler
- Jan 30 Chorizo & Eggs / Pozole or Menudo

On the AL Riders side:

On Jan 14 the Riders will be serving Steaks (\$15) or our special Chicken Cordon Blue (6-7:30). Our meeting will be on Jan 8 at 8:30am. After the meeting we will be riding to FLOs for some breakfast.

Here is the AL Riders schedule for January 2022:

- Sat, Jan 8 Riders Meeting (8:30am), then RIDE to Flo's
- Fri, Jan 14 Riders Dinner, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Steaks
- Sat, Jan 22 RIDE TBD
- Sun, Jan 23 Riders Breakfast, The Scrambler

John Schutz 2nd Vice Commander John.schutz@mbww.com (949) 870-2084



#### JOHN MINNELLA, IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER, POST 132 JUDGE ADVOCATE, DISTRICT 29 COMMANDER, DEPT. OF CALIF. NATURALIZATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Comrades and Friends!

Happy 2022 all!!!!!

Suggested Post 132 resolutions for 2022:

1) Craig, the Clubroom manager and bartender, will have a large order of Asti Spumante sparkling wine on hand at all times!

2) We will raise enough money to replace the Post building windows and refinish the banquet room floor.

- 3) No one else will transfer to Post Everlasting.
- 4) Post membership will increase to 1000.
- 5) Every weekend the banquet room will be rented.
- 6) Sid Gauna will learn more Tex-Mex songs in Spanish for Karaoke Night.
- 7) The cigar smokers will remain outside while smoking.
- 8) We will find steak affordable enough to avoid having to raise the Friday night dinner price.
- 9) The Post Immediate Past Commander will get his own assigned parking space!
- 10) The Post Family will remain close, united, mutually supportive.
- 11) We resolve to enjoy life and not allow fear and panic to control us.

Finally, please remember we are a close Legion Family despite our individuality; remember our commitment to the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution and the Legion's Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; Children & Youth); and most of all remember our commitment to our Constitution and Country, though if you are a veteran, that reminder is really not necessary. If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365. God Bless.

John Minnella Immediate Past Commander (#85) Post 132 Judge Advocate District 29 Commander drjminnella@yahoo.com (714) 543-9005



Hello and hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

Another year of so many challenges for so many folks, but yet our membership continues to be generous, supportive and patient. With the help of so many, we have been able to accomplish some level of normalcy while conforming to legislated social mandates in the continuing struggle with the pandemic. Our appreciation and heartful thanks go to each of you.

There are so many folks to say thank you to and I apologize that I can't list everyone in this message. I do want to call out several special contributions over the past year. To our Post 132 Sons, Ladies Auxiliary, Riders and UMAVA — a BIG thanks for all of the dinners and breakfasts that you hosted. Your generous Christmas donations ensured that every child that came to our Kids Christmas party received a gift. We had remaining gifts, which we donated to other Veteran organizations. A big thanks to Mike and Sommer Nelson for "hosting" Santa and Mrs. Claus, ensuring that they showed up at our party to entertain the children and listen to Christmas wishes. Be sure to thank Melissa Robledo for all of the hard work she put into coordinating the kids party.

The Post 132 Christmas Bazaar was amazing and such a big hit. A great fundraiser for our Post and a lot of fun. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, hours of hard work and a lot of stress went into this event. We got such great feedback from everyone — vendors, workers, shoppers — we are excited for our 2022 Christmas Bazaar.

I want to also ensure that folks are aware that not only do our members give their time, but often donate the food, supplies, and other things needed to keep the Post active and safe. Their donations have enabled us to keep our menu prices constant over this past year where we have seen food prices rising. Thank you all!

And, finally, I want to express a special thanks to Jose Guevara, Christopher Aguilera and Drew Rothenberger for the most delicious BBQ rib, tri-tip and all the fixings served this month. Not only are they volunteering their time here at the Legion, but they also donate the food. All proceeds are given back to the Post. You guys rock!

Again, I would need a book to thank all of the members, families and community folks that have been so gracious and generous this past year. So, I just want to say THANK YOU ALL and I look forward to 2022 and the many plans to continue making AL Post 132 the best Post ever.

Sincerely,

Susan Wood, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 132, sdwood5015@yahoo.com





# **DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN**

The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid? —Psalm 27:1

As we head into the new year, remember... The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are. Celebrate endings — for they precede new beginnings. No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again. Every day is a chance to begin again. And remember do not fear! The Lord is your light and Salvation.

We'll begin the fellowship meetings after the first of the year. Let's talk about new beginnings! I'll put out a communication when we're ready to start. Everyone from the Post family is welcome. Sometimes just talking about something makes it better. Sometimes not. But we'll lean on each other for support.

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### KATHY KULP, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

The Auxilary owned the month of December! To the ladies that participated in our December breakfast, and Diana who planned the menu, we fed 81. The same day we held our Holiday Bazaar, another successful event. We will be hosting more. Dates to follow.

The Kids Christmas party, planned by Melissa Robledo, was so much fun. Thank you so much, Melissa, for taking it on. Another big thank you to Sommer and Mike Nelson for their constant support and helping make our events extra special by supplying the music and the special guests for our Christmas party. We also had a blood drive on the 19th, where we collected 17 units of blood.

ALSO: Our Auxiliary Unit 132, and one Legionnaire presented 41 Marines in Okinawa, Japan a gift card for \$20 to Subway, one of the restaurant choices they have available to them. This was requested by SSGT Jonathon Stratton, son of Past President Catherine Stratton, because he had many Marines in his Squadron that were away from their families for the first time, or had no family. Catherine brought it to the attention of Carol Goss Holmes, and we put it to a vote of the Auxiliary and were able to obtain the 41 gift cards, with individuals donations of \$520, plus \$300, for a total of \$820. Our ladies all helped with the addressing of the individual cards and Catherine and I finished them up the next morning, putting the Gift Cards in the envelopes and mailing them. We were rushing to get this done so the cards would arrive in Japan before Christmas.

I am very thankful to each and every one of you, and to my mentors especially. Thank you for your patience with me.

Happy New Year! May you all have many blessings with the new year.

Kathy Kulp Auxiliary President, Unit 132 caiazzi9@aol.com





# MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER

Happy new year everyone!

The Sons sent San Diego Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) a donation of \$350, which will be used for toys and food for enlisted military and families at Camp Pendleton. They also assist with child care, child educational assistance, and services supporting wounded and ill at Balboa Naval Hospital. We also sent \$350 to the American Legion Children's Foundation for Christmas gifts for military children.

We also purchased two Bikes with \$20 gift cards for helmets, four scooters, (two small and two large), six skateboards, (three small, three large), and many, many soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, and frisbees; spending over \$400, funded by the Sons and individual donations from members of the Sons. All the gifts were handed out to children at the Kids Christmas Party in December. The kids were so excited they got to pick a gift that they wanted.

Thank you to all of the younger Sons, who came to help with our monthly breakfast. They were: Cody and Tanner Bain, Trevor and Ryan Worden, Bryce Perkins, Mason Souter, Grant Hancock, and Andrew Phillips. Also thank you to Mike Nelson and George. I couldn't do it without all your help. A big thank you to Esther Ouellette for making that delicious banana nut bread and to Madelene Macias who lends a hand anytime she's asked.

Our next dinner will be Tamales on Friday January 7, 2022 for \$10. Of course, we will be serving our usual steak dinner for \$15.

NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 4, 2022, STARTING AT 6 PM. Hope to see you all there.

Membership is still due from some members. Remember your card has expired as of December 31, 2021. So renewal fees are due. \$20 for the year, and if under 18 – then its only \$15. Please make your check to Sons of American Legion and mail directly to me: Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868. Any concerns please call me 714-803-0851.

HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Mike Holmes Sons Commander Rayncarolgossfam@aol.com (714) 803-0851





#### A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Happy New Year everyone. The holidays are over and we begin a new year. Our Taco Tuesday with Karaoke has grown in popularity. We have been selling an average of 120 tacos each Tuesday night. Debbie has expanded the taco condiments to include tomatoes, onions, and sour cream. She also makes taquitos with old fashioned guaca-

mole sauce. We have some good singers, some great singers, and then there is me. When I sing, I like to bring tears to the eyes of the listeners, and I often do. Come on down and check it out. You don't have to have the greatest singing voice, just do your best, relax, and just belt it out. The most important thing is that you have fun. The karaoke jockey, Sommer, has a vast library of songs.

DJ Pete is scheduled to play on Saturday, January 8th from 4-8pm. DJ Ronnie is scheduled for Sunday, January 16th from 1-5pm. Come down and dance, have a drink and enjoy yourselves with your American Legion Family. The management is striving to provide a safe and clean environment so you can come down and not worry about getting into a fight.

We have a blues band named Driving Sideways performing on Sunday, January 9th from 1-4pm. They are a top quality group and you should come down for a listen.

We have surprise celebrity bartenders on Mondays from 5-9pm. Please come down and bring your autograph book.

Our wine selection has grown to include Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc. This is in addition to Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Also, we now have sparkling wine for \$12 per bottle.

Bartender Diana is serving on Thursdays from 5-9pm. This is usually my drinking day, so if you come in, I'll buy you a drink if you agree to sit through my timeshare seminar. We are thinking of having an Open Mic Night. The plan would be to come down and perform. Maybe do a standup comedy set, or read poetry, beatnik style. Maybe you could do magic or juggle. Let me know if you're interested.

I am happy to announce that on Saturdays and Sundays, the club room is available to Post Family Members Only, for private parties. For \$270 you can have a party from 7pm-12am. There are other terms and conditions. For more information call me (714) 606-2930.

Craig Coleman, Club Manager craigmo36@yahoo.com (714) 606-2930



HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### JAMES GOMEZ, BUGLE EDITOR



One of my favorite things in the Post clubroom is the 1917 wall, which features 158 courageous men and women from the local area who honorably served our country during World War I.

I think about their commitment and dedication every time I walk by, and I wonder, whatever happened to him or her? So starting this month I'm adding a



new feature: Stories from the 1917 Wall, where each month I'll use genealogical tools to search public records that tell the story of some of these 158 brave men and women.

James Gomez, Bugle Editor Member, Sons of the American Legion buglepost132@gmail.com

# **STORIES FROM THE 1917 WALL**



Harold Arlington Watson was born on February 7, 1899 in Orange. He was the 5th and final child born to Jonathan Watson, a local fruit grower, and his wife Lenna Barger Watson.

At the age of 18, Jonathan began service in the Army on April 9, 1917, during the 3rd year of World War I. He honorably served until April 16, 1919 as part of the 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division.

During World War I, his regiment participated in the French Meuse-Argonne Offensive in 1918 and the Battle of St. Mihiel. During the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, units of the 160th Regiment, along with units of the 307th Infantry Regiment, became known as the "Lost Battalion."

In 1918, Harold married Bernice Wilbur, the stepdaughter of an Orange general practitioner Doctor. Together Harold and Bernice had five children from 1919 to 1928. At least one of Harold's sons, Wilbur Watson

(1926-2000), continued his father's military legacy by serving as a Marine during World War II.

Sometime around 1941, Harold and Bernice divorced, and at the age of 42, he married Attie Thomas, 36. Together they had a son. According to his selective service registration (aka The Old Man's Draft) by 1942. Herold was 43 years old and working at

Draft), by 1942, Harold was 43 years old and working at the National Supply Company in Torrance.

Harold passed away March 8, 1950, at the far too young age of 51. We don't know the cause of death, but we do know he had at least one grandson at the time. Ultimately he had several great grandchildren. He's interred in Anaheim Cemetery. We thank you for your service and commitment, Corporal Harold Arlington Watson.



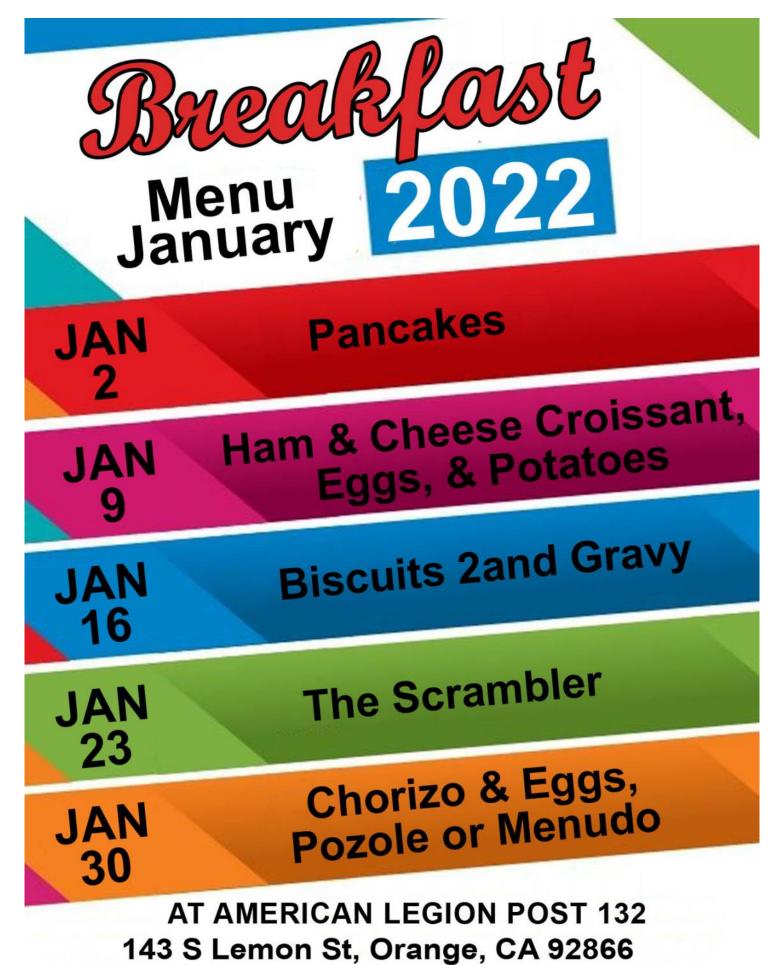
#### PICTURES FROM THE POST— DECEMBER AUXILIARY EVENTS



December was a busy month at the Post. Here are just a few pics of some of the Auxiliary activities. Thank you for providing these pics, Kathy.

# JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2 Breakfast (Legionnaires): Pancakes 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm	<b>3</b> Bar Open 5-9pm	4 Sons General Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	5	6 AL E-Board Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	7 Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner (Sons): Tamales (\$10) or Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30pm DJ Tony	8 AL Riders Meeting 8:30am Ride: Flo's AVU Mtg 11am Bar Open 1-8pm DJ Pete 6-10pm
9 (Auxiliary): Ham & Cheese Croissants, Eggs, Potatoes 9-11am Live Blues Music: Driving Sideways 1-4pm	<b>10</b> ABATE meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	11 Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	<b>12</b> VVA Chapter #1024 6pm	13 Eegionnaire Gen Meeting 7pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	14 Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner (Riders): Chicken Cordon Bleu or Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30pm DJ Sommer	<b>15</b> 1st CAV Mtg 9am UMAVA Mtg 9:30am Bar Open 1-8pm
16 Breakfast (Sons): Biscuits & Gravy 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm DJ Ronnie 1-5pm	<b>17</b> Bar Open 5-9pm	18 Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm Premier Women's Council Meeting 6pm	19	20 Bar Open 5-9pm	21 Dinner (Legionnaires): Steak, Baked Potato, & Salad (\$15) 6-7:30pm	22 AL Riders Ride TBD Bar Open 1-8p
23 Breakfast (Riders): The Scrambler 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm	<b>24</b> Bar Open 5-9pm	25 Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	26	27 Bar Open 5-9pm	28 Dinner (Auxiliary): Special TBD or Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30pm	<b>29</b> Bar Open 1-8pm
30 Breakfast: Chorizo & Eggs, or Pozole/Menudo 9-11am Whiskey Tasting 1-4pm	<b>31</b> Bar Open 5-9pm					



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