



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

June, 2017

COMMANDER AL POST 132, JOSE MARTINEZ

Well the votes are in.

I'm proud to say I will be Commander for another year. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be Commander again. The Adjutant will report on who else has been elected and appointed. We will also be looking for a new 3rd Vice Commander as our 3rd Vice will be leaving us around September or October. So if any Legionnaire is interested in the position, please inform me or anyone on the board.

Things are looking up for the Post. We accomplished a lot of our goals. We are ready to set new ones for the coming year. We are looking to do some much needed building repairs and also to get the parking lots redone. The cost for the parking lots is exorbitant, but hopefully with the help of the City and our neighbors, we'll be able to afford it. Just remember that, when and if the parking lots get redone, they will be closed for a couple of days.

Our Installation Dinner and officer swearing in ceremony will be on June 8, 2017. Hopefully we can fill the banquet room with attendees. All are invited to attend.

The Auxiliary is hosting a Father's Day Breakfast on June 18. Come on down and celebrate the dads.

With all that happens at your Post, please be sure to read the Bugle and remember to provide us with your email so that you can receive the monthly Bugle by email.

Semper Fi Jose Martinez martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005



Upcoming Events

- June 4, 2017UMAVA Bus Trip to Valley View Casino
- June 8, 2017 Installation of Officers Dinner (Potluck)
- June 13, 2017 Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala Casino
- June 18, 2017 Father's Day

1st Vice Cmdr. Victor de la Rosa

Greetings all.

Our membership is up to 104.55%. Great job! There are still positions open for our

new board. If you are interested, please come to the meetings. Our installation will be on June 8th. We will be having a pot luck dinner that evening so everyone, please attend. Continue to check

our website at: www.orangepost132.com.

Victor de la Rosa 1st Vice Cmdr. Victorplent@yahoo.com

2nd Vice Cmdr. William Stringfield

Hello, Comrades:

The Post election of officers and board occurred last meeting and I have the privilege of serving the members once again as Second Vice-Commander. What takes some of the

honor off is that no one else was nominated for the position. My wish is that more members would become involved with the decisions affecting the Post-either through the election process or attending the monthly meetings.

We do have some fundraisers, the proceeds of which go directly to needy Veterans. On June 5, 2017 the Katella Grill allows the Post 20% of every dinner bill. (Our flier must be presented at time of ordering your meal) The last dinner held there raised almost two hundred dollars. So, I hope we can approach or exceed that amount this time.

We also expect to offer commemorative coins for sale in the near future. They will have the American Legion logo, our Post number and city on them. More info to follow in the near future. As always, we have the shirt program. Our master designer and printer, John Schutz, has a catalog of unlimited designs. Either John or myself can be contacted to view them.

William Stringfield, 2nd Vice Commander william@wmstringfild.com.



Hello Post 132 family members,



I don't have too much this printing but it is very important to me. I am retiring after teaching for 26 years in the Anaheim district.

Over the years I have taught Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Astronomy, and Anatomy. It will be quite a change to not stand in front of a room full of teenagers 30 times a week, but I think I will adjust quickly. My wife and I will be hitting the RV trail for the next 2 years starting about September.

I will no longer be able to serve as 3rd Vice so if anyone is interested, talk to Commander, Jose Martinez.

The last event I will be involved in for Post 132 is the Boys' State Convention. Post 132's four attendees will be departing mid June for Sacramento. We wish all of them well. We will feature them on the next Bugle.

Signing off, for now.

Bruce Stevens, 3rd Vice Commander Email: phystchr@aol.com



Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again Comrades,

Well I thought this was going to be my last Bugle article but I guess not. Looks like I am in for another year, my 12th. Hope this is it! Wouldn't want to do a 13th. Can't say that I am excited about it but I will do the best of my ability to serve the Post as I have always done. I will try not to complain too much because I think it affects me more than anybody else.

So, things went well in April. We collected a whopping \$12.00 from the Donation Box inside the Museum. There were three rentals and a memorial that brought in good sales at the bar. The three upstairs rentals made more money in three nights than the downstairs bar did all month long. Not that the downstairs didn't do well, it's that the upstairs did better.

We received the regular monthly donation of \$100.00 from Robert Mitchell and \$100.00 from Chapman College Filming Crew. The Sons made their \$300.00 quarterly donation and also donated \$100 for the Children's Easter Party. Donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month. Remember, I will still be here.

In the Legion Account, dues barely trickled in. As of 5/12/17, we were at 104.29% at Department. Again, thanks to all that made that happen. Next year Bill Siler iii, our new Adjutant, will be taking care of Membership so I will not be reporting on it. I am going to have to find something else to fill my page in the Bugle. Maybe I can write about my retirement!

The Boys State Fund is still underfunded. Boys State Chairperson Bruce Stevens and his wife Mary donated \$400.00 and Boys State Candidate's parents, David and Cheryl Bui also donated \$400.00 to The Boys State Program. There is still time to make a donation. The Friday night Opportunity Drawings for last Friday in March and third Friday in April brought in \$190.00 for Bugle Expenses. We want to thank everybody for their Donations. Donations that came in early this month will be reported next month.

Thanks to all that come down and support the Post.

All for now. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at sidgauna@aol.com Semper Fi, Sid Gauna
Finance Officer



John Bloecher - AL Riders President

The AL Rider's are having Spaghetti and Meatballs and Steak for dinner on June 9th and breakfast will be Chicken Fried Steak on June 25th. The AL Rider's will be held on June 10th with a ride following the meeting. We voted in 3 new members to our fold this month, Brian

Johnson, Stacey E. Placencia and Clara Pon. We are very happy to have them with us. The AL Rider's will be fixing meatloaf dinner on June 21st for the guests at the Fischer House at the VA Hospital.

The election was in May and here the following results:

John Bloecher
Ray Wells
John Schutz
Melissa Wellinbring
Chip Williams
Spencer Hardy
Ken Kraner

- President
Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Road Capitan
- Chaplain
- Sgt. at Arms

I want to thank these individuals for stepping up and taking on the tasks of leading our group for the next year. These people are always there when needed, along with Bill Cook, Francis and Suzy Hardy.

John Bloecher President of ALR 132 jb1mf@yahoo.com

Tommy Dees - Sons' Commander/ Clubroom Manager

Hi, Comrades. Our Cinco de Mayo dinner was great. A big shout out goes to Brett "Eggman" Jackson, Mario Beltran, Mike Holmes, Toby, Esther Ouellette, Carol Goss Holmes and Nina and David Nomura of Tropic Starr and a HUGE Shout Out to Diane Dees Coatt's Graves Plumbing for making the applied as

and Scott's Craves Plumbing for making the enchiladas. They were so good that we sold out.

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Mother's Day breakfast was good. I want to thank all who helped. Mike, Brett, Mario, Toby and Carol. Get a new member by November!

The clubroom will be having DJ Sommer on June 2nd and she will also be playing on June 30. She is awesome and will be putting on a good performance..

Prices may be subject to change in the Clubroom in the near future. Have a great Fathers' Day all you great dads and husbands!

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

Mike Holmes Sons Adjutant

Members of the Sons of the American Legion are all ages. When you are a part of a great patriotic organization, you feel American Pride and Honor. Most of you are proud to be a member because it is

your way to honor your father, mother, grandfather, grandmother or great grandparents. A big Thank You to all who are a member of Squadron 132, and have kept their dues current.

Congratulations and welcome to new members: Kevin Davidson and Ray Pion. We need 8 more members to pay their dues for the coming year in order for the Sons to make 100% in membership. Please take a moment and mail in your check for \$15.00. Your card will be mailed to you immediately.

Cinco de Mayo was a good time for all. We served cheese enchiladas, rice and beans until we ran out of food. Everyone had a great evening of fun with the folkloric dancers putting on an exhibition as well.

We served 30 breakfasts for Mothers' Day. A big Thank You to all those who joined us. Our next dinner is Friday, June 3rd. Menu to be announced. If you can give us a hand in the kitchen that evening, it would sure be welcome.

Mike Holmes, Adjutant – Squadron 132 Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk or 714-803-0851





Well here we are in June, What's Left of the Month? Last month was Poppy Month and the Auxiliary, with the leadership of Dot Timmerman, we distributed Poppies and on the evening of May 26th Dot will have read "Flanders Field". It's a beautiful poem. We celebrate and memorialize all Veterans. But it certainly is a time of reflection to those who served our country for our freedom and have gone before us.

The Post has really been involved this year with other Posts, City of Orange and other Legion events. I am most proud to be an officer of our Auxiliary. The ladies of our Auxiliary are a great group comprised of loving dedicated women that have hearts as big as the Moon. Working with the Legionaries, AL Riders and Sons has also been very rewarding. We all benefit in knowledge of different aspects of the Legion.

Elections were held in May. We have many new women in our Auxiliary and I have great hopes that many will step into the ring for the election process. Many of our officers have been involved with the Post for many years and some for a few, but nonetheless, all give their time as volunteers to help support all the programs that have been in place for decades. We are the largest Women's Volunteer organization in the country. All that you do is to benefit someone in need. I will give the newly elected officers names in the July Bugle. Our meeting and elections were moved to May 18th. The Bugle would have been published.

We have many things to look forward to in helping our Veterans, community and children. Two of our juniors and I participated in the Anaheim MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) on Saturday the 20th. This 5K Run helps to benefit the MEU at Camp Pendleton. The kids and I run twice a year and with the support of the Post, we do it with a smile. Well the kids are smiling....I am in back huffing and puffing but with every breath I have I am thankful that we have the ability to help!

June, what's happening? We have a full Calendar The Auxiliary District meeting will be held in the our Clubroom with the District Delegates voting for the New District Auxiliary for 2017-2018. Ladies, if you are able to attend, it will be an informative meeting. You are all welcome to attend on June 4th at 9:00 am. Then we have installation of our officers along with the Post officers on June 8th (2nd Thursday. The Post will be hosting a POT LUCK before installation upstairs. Think about what you would like to bring. Then Convention at the end of June (22-25) in the beautiful City of Riverside (It's Local). What an opportunity for those of you who might be interested in the election process for the Legion. Well, I hope to see you at as many events that you can attend. The Auxiliary is hosting a Father's Day Breakfast for all you dads. Dads are free! Please come and enjoy a great breakfast. See flier for details. The Auxiliary will be DARK (NO MEETING) in July as many are traveling. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY the Legion, Auxiliary, AL Riders and Sons go forth with their work to help those in need. May all be safe over our Summer months with travels and May God Bless All! Be sure to give your email address to The Commander (Jose Martinez) or Esther /Leo Ouellette as they publish the Bugle and with the increase in mailing costs, if you have the ability to receive by email please submit it so we can take you off the US mailing list. Remember you can find the Bugle on the Post' Website: www.orangepost132.com. Thanks for your time.

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

Happy Father's Day

John Minnella, Judge Advocate

U.S.ARMY

Post Support. This Post is very dependent on your active support. As you know, we have a very old and large (3 stories) building and like most of us older members require more maintenance and repairs. In addition to electric, insurance, telephone, janitorial and bathroom supplies, the building requires painting, window replacement, kitchen sup-

plies, appliance repair and replacement, parking lot repaving, and many more things. Our operating income really comes from hall rentals and Labor Day Weekend patronage, and to a much more limited extent bar sales profit, Friday night dinners, and the financial support of the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the AL Riders. Your annual dues provide the Post with very little income, most of the dues go to support our Department (California) and the National Headquarters.

We need your presence from time to time to help us stay afloat, especially on Friday nights. If you could commit to visiting the Post just one Friday night each month it would have a significant impact on The Post's finances, as well as forcing you to get some exercise dancing and the opportunity to socialize with many great people. Although we have a great turnout on some Friday nights, too many Friday nights just have a few of the regulars and the band goes home early.

<u>Meetings</u>: Thursday, June 1 is the Post' Executive Committee (Business) meeting; Thursday, June 8 is the Post' Regular Membership meeting.

<u>Post Participation</u>: Please consider getting involved in the operation of the Post. I have been serving as a member of the District 29 Executive Committee, visiting other posts within our District. I can tell you that others view us a model and inspiration. Regular and well-planned meetings are absolutely necessary. Our Post is a major operation and a leader in District 29. It needs your help and interest so that we can maintain our services and programs. You will find that your current leadership keeps the meetings moving, shorter in time, and usually interesting. Don't leave it all to a small group of 15 and expect them to do it all! Also, get new members, especially recent Vets! We need young blood!

<u>USA Naturalization</u>: I again remind you that if you know of any active or honorably discharged military who are **NOT citizens**, but would like to be, but haven't applied because of the ordinary \$680 filing fee, **they are ENTITLED to file WITHOUT ANY FILING FEE**. Have them contact me for more information.

Please give our Bugle Newsletter editors, Leo & Esther OUELETTE (lmocon@sbcglobal.net; (714)334-2961 your EMAIL address so we can send you the Bugle via email and save postage.

That's my input for June, comrades. Please feel free to contact me at (714)543-9005;

John Minella, JudgeAdvocate, Post 132, drjminnella@yahoo.com









LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

I am happy to report that no get well or condolence cards were sent out this month. Remember, let us know if they are needed.

Quips to ponder:

The Bible:

Basic information prior to leaving Earth

There is always something to be thankful for!

A bird sitting on a breaking tree branch doesn't worry because its trust is not on the branch but on its own wings.

Always believe in yourself!

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





EDITORS, LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Once again, thank you all who assisted with folding the Bugle for mailing.

Big reminder, your Board has voted to change the time of the Legionnaires' General Meeting to 7 pm, every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Quips to Ponder:

Today, I refuse to stress myself out about things that I cannot control or change!

Don't look back, your future is ahead!

Never lie to someone who trusts you and never trust someone who lies to you!

Editors,

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



LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

Dear Members:

Regarding the Museum,

I am still receiving donated items for display. A very BIG THANK YOU for all donations. All are very welcome and appreciated!

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

ANY MAN CAN

BE A FATHER.

IT TAKES SOME-

SPECIAL TO
BE A DAD!



Bill Siler, III, Adjutant



Remember that a **Quorum** at a General Meeting is 10 members.

The Officers of this Post shall be: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, and Sergeant at Arms.

The **elected** officers are the Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Four Executive Committeeman. Any post officer except the Commander, First Vice Commander and Second Vice Commander may serve in two offices if so elected or appointed.

The **Executive Committee** shall consist of the Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Junior Past Commander, and the Four Elected Committeeman, ALL are voting members. Post elections took place on May 11, 2017

Newly elected officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Commander - Jose Martinez

First Vice Commander – Victor de la Rosa

Second Vice Commander – Bill Stringfield

Third Vice Commander – Bruce Stevens

Finance Officer – Sid Gauna

Executive Committee – John Schutz

Executive Committee – Leo Ouellette

Executive Committee – David Maldonado

Executive Committee – Jesse Fawver

Officers appointed by the Commander are:

Adjutant – Bill Siler iii
Judge Advocate – John Minnella
Chaplain – Leo Ouellette
Sgt. @ Arms – Joe Mendoza
Service Officer – OPEN

<u>Please note that</u>: It was voted by the members present at the last General Post Meeting on May 11, 2017 that the General Post Meetings will commence at 7:00 P.M. <u>commencing in June</u>.

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Legionnaire E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	Sons, TBD/ Steaks 6pm-8pm	3
4 ***	5	6	7	8 Legionnaires Gen Mtg	9 AL DIPERSY	10
Auxiliary District Meeting 9 am Post 132			40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785	7:00 PM	AL RIDERS/ Spaghetti/ Steaks 6pm - 8pm	AL RIDERS Mtg—8:30 am Post 132
UMAVA Bus Trip Valley View Leaves at 9 am		D Day; Allied Invasion of Eu- rope (1944)	Mtg 5 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	AUXILIARY MTG 7:00 PM USS Liberty attacked (1967)	Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	
Sons' Meeting 12 pm	12	Auxiliary Pala Bus Trip Leave @ 9:00 am	#1034 - 6 PM	15	16 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm	17 UMAVA MTG 9 AM
		Umava Mtg 6:30 pm	Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm FLAG DAY U.S. Army founded (1775)		Midnight Cowboys Band 8pm—12 am	
Auxiliary Father's Day Breakfast 9 am—11:30 am	19	20	Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	22 Pledge of Alle- giance recognized by Congress (1942) GI Bill signed into law (1944)	Auxiliary/TBD/ Steaks 6 pm - 7:30 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	24
			First Day of Sum mer	Auxiliary Convention RVSD	Auxiliary Convention RVSD	Auxiliary Convention RVSD
25 AL RIDERS' BREAKFAST 8:00—11 AM	26	27	28	29	30 Legion Family Steaks 6 pm—7:30 pm	
Auxiliary Convention RVSD Korean War Began (1950)			Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	First U.S. Ground Forces arrived in Korea (1950)	DJ - SOMMER 8pm - 12pm	











Join us for Dinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017 O 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Steak and Potato or Spagbetti Dinner

Featuring



Steak with

Baked Potato

Vegetables

and Salad

Or Try Our: Spaghetti Dinner with Meat Balls, Garlic Bread and a Salad for just \$8.00



Live Music Raffle Wheel of Opportunity

American Legion Post 132 - 143 S. Lemon St. Orange, California 92686



BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO TUESDAY, June 13, 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

BUS LEAVES 9:00 A.M. SHARP



NOTE: Time change:



Please BE THERE BY 8:30 A.M

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

WE MUST HAVE 45 SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP

*** Next bus trip is: Aug. 1. NO BUS TRIP IN JULY!



Hosted by Auxiliary Unit 132



Father's Day Breakfast

Sunday, June 18 9:00 - 11:30am

Scrambled Eggs * Hash Browns * Fruit Pastries * OJ & Coffee Chicken Fried Steak or Bacon Biscuits & Gravy Guests \$8

> American Legion Post 132 143 S. Lemon Street Orange 92868

BREAKFAST IS SERVED

June 25th, 2017 8 AM TO 11 AM

Enjoy a Cup of Coffee or some Juice with your breakfast

Country Fried Steak with Scrambled Eggs and Hash Browns

\$8.00



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

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION MAY 5, 2017 AT POST 132

Folkloric dancers top left and right. Below, left Tropic Star, Nina and David Nomura. Top left and right, Folkloric dancers: Samuel Miranda, Alexa Ortega, Maya Thompson and Grace Sanchez. Below, right, winners for the best outfits reflecting Cinco de Mayo, were Margaret Brown, Jack Peralta and unknown name.



AL RIDER and AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Below: While visiting in Monterey, California, Auxiliary President, Darlene Phillips, and hubby, Dale "Bear" Phillips visit with Navy soldiers in an attempt to recruit them.



Right:

Auxiliary President, Darlene Phillips, and Junior Auxiliary member, Sara Mason, participated in The City of Anaheim Adoption Committee which supports the 13th MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit), Camp Pendleton. Monies raised go to MEU's children's programs.

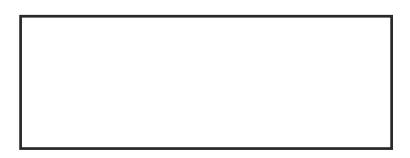
Sara Mason and Darlene were all Sponsored by Post 132'sLegion Family to run the 5K in Anaheim, Saturday, May 20th. They completed the 5K run without Mason as he was sick. However, Carol and Mike Holmes, Victor De La Rosa and Kathy Kulp attended in support of the event at the Riverdale Park. It was a great event and the Legion was represented.







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Legionnaires

Commander Jose Martinez 1st Vice Commander Victor de la Rosa 2nd Vice Commander Bill Stringfield 3rd Vice Commander **Bruce Stevens** Adjutant Bill Siler III Finance Officer "Sid" Gauna **Executive Board** Leo Ouellette John Schutz Joe Mendoza Service Officer **Building Manager** Henry Kamaunu Judge Advocate John Minnella Chaplain Leo Ouellette

Sgt. at Arms
David Maldonado
Historian
Sid Gauna

Auxiliary

President Darlene Phillips 1st Vice Pres. Esther V. Ouellette 2nd Vice President Rosie Williams Secretary Carolynn McMahon <u>Treasurer</u> Carol Goss Holmes Chaplain Diane Gallo Cook Sqt. At Arms Virginia Martinez Marshall Sheila Madrid Historian. **Carol Martinez** E-Board. Carol Martinez Dee Wilkie Bettie Ramirez

Sons

Commander Tommy Dees 1st Vice Cmdr. **Brett Jackson** 2nd Vice Cmdr. Chip Williams 3rd Vice Cmdr. Tom Flynn Adjutant/Finance Mike Holmes Sqt. at Arms Mario Beltran Chaplain TBD Historian Mike Holmes

AL Riders

President John Bloecher Vice President Ray Wells **Treasurer** John Schutz Secretary Suzy Hardy Sqt. at Arms Kenneth Craner Road Captain Chip Williams Asst. Road Captain TBD Judge Advocate TBD Historian TBD Chaplain TBD Web Master **TBD**