



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020



POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all, As we head into the holiday season we are still only open for Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfasts. For all of you that have been coming out for the dinners and breakfast, thank you very much! We are always looking for more volunteers. Our hours and days of operation are always subject to change depending on where our county is in the Covid-19 tier system. Everyone please be safe and well.

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Happy Veterans Day



JOSE MARTINEZ, 1ST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

I'm proud to report that as of Oct. 9, Post 132's membership report is at 68.26%. This is awesome! I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues. But, please don't stop! We would appreciate it if everyone would pay your yearly membership dues of \$45.00 directly to the Post. Again, a BIG "THANKS" to everyone for paying your dues early.

On a side note, I would like to thank our Jr. Past Commander, John Minnella, past 1st Vice Commander, Victor De la Rosa, and past Adjutant, Susan Wood for their hard work in their membership duties as the Post was able to achieve 100% membership for the 2019-2020 year. Good job guys! Hopefully we can achieve our 100% again this year.

Please be safe as we try to beat this damn Covid-19. Until next month...

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

Jose Martinez
1st Vice Commander
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



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

Greetings Post 132 Family,

Fall is here, or is it? I don't know about you, but I sure am looking forward to some cooler weather and clearer skies at Casa Johnson. Things are starting to perk up around the Post and it is nice to see the Legion family coming back together. Our magnificent building gets lonely when I am the only one in it. During our shut down period, I have had lots of chances to take a moment and look around all the walls in the clubroom. When I do, I often think about the line from the preamble **"TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN ALL WARS"**. Unlike many Posts, we have a very solid, 100-year-old home. The walls of our Post, the Museum, everywhere you turn at the Post, preserves these memories and incidents that make up our history. Someday, I want to do some research and learn more about the pictures of the fresh-faced young men and women that marched off to the Great Wars. Did they return and become part of our community or were they among those who would never return, never grow old? This is a fitting remembrance as we lead up to Veterans Day.

That is our past and it is important but just as important is our future as a Post. As I sit in our General Membership meetings, I imagine what the meetings were like when the room was filled? I can see lots of Legionnaires all wearing their Blue Legion Caps all proudly reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble together. I'm sure it was cool! Our meetings now are much smaller. The truth is, we miss you all.

I want to challenge every member who can get down to the Post to come to a couple of meetings a year. That isn't too much to ask and every one of us is looking forward to the social time downstairs after the meeting. Come surround yourself with history and comrades as you help to support our future. Along the way, think about getting involved. Try a seat on the Executive Board or be part of organizing and guiding our Post into the future on a committee or project. It isn't a lot of extra work and I have found it to be very rewarding. We would love to have you join us and lend a hand along the way. When you come, remember your Blue Legion Cap. That is our uniform and a tangible symbol of our connection as members of The American Legion. Go Army!!! Beat Navy!

Brian "Spidey" Johnson
American Legion and American Legion Riders
District 29 Adjutant
Post 132 Adjutant
ALR Area 5 Safety Officer
ALR Chapter 132 Secretary / Lead Road Captain

Happy Veterans Day !

Have a very blessed Thanksgiving!





**JOHN SCHUTZ—
LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER;
AL RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Greetings all,

We definitely could use some more help with our dinners every Friday Night (6 pm – 7:30 pm) and breakfasts on Sundays (9 am – 11am).

Remember that we have a **Go Fund Me Page** to help raise money to keep our post open and for us to be able to provide support to our Veterans. Please let all your friends know – all donations are tax deductible – Here is the Link—[charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132](https://www.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132)

We still have Post Challenge Coins available for purchase and t-shirts for sale that can be specifically designed just for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

On the Riders side:

We are currently having a fundraiser for a 70” Samsung TV and for a donation of \$5.00 you can receive one ticket or with a donation of \$20.00 you can receive 5 tickets. Please see any of the AL Riders to make your donation and have a chance to take home this TV.

I want to put out a **BIG THANK YOU** for my fellow AL Riders who have been donating their time every Friday and Sunday to help put on our dinners/breakfasts. You all are making it happen and helping to keep our post in the green and open.

We rode to show our respect to USMC Major James J. McLaughlin , Jr to celebrate his 100th birthday. We also rode up to Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. For anyone interested in riding with us please take a look at our schedule posted on our web page.

The AL Riders’ dinner on Nov 13th will be Turkey Breast with Stuffing and of course our steaks. Breakfast will be on the 22nd all you can eat Pancakes, eggs, & Sausage.

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TO ALL VETERANS—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





**John Minnella,
Post 132 Immediate Past Commander
Post 132 Judge Advocate
District 29 First Vice Commander
Dept. of Calif. Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor**

Updated Post Bylaws were presented to the Post and approved at our October 8 General Membership Meeting. They have been submitted to the Legion's Department of California for their official approval. Once approved by Department, they go into immediate effect. We will now have comprehensive rules on how to deal with emergencies like the virus that suddenly closed us down last March. Every Post Legionnaire is entitled to a copy and will be furnished one upon request to me or the Post Adjutant, Brian JOHNSON. A copy is also available for review in the Post Commander's office which is open on Friday evenings. The standing Bylaws Committee constantly reviews the Bylaws for needed changes and always solicits the views of Post Legionnaires for study.

Thanks to careful emergency financial management of the Post, some innovative fund-raising ideas, and the support of so many members and friends of the Post, Post 132 continues to survive under extraordinary circumstances. Things are beginning to return to some semblance of the days before March 2020. Beyond survival, however, there remain urgent matters that also must be dealt with: replacement of the windows of our building; refinishing of our banquet room floor; installation of security systems; management of our museum; rebuilding of our financial reserve; restrooms upgrading; kitchen and bar improvements; additional Bylaws revisions; building accommodations for the disabled; and many other matters.

You can be sure your Post Executive Committee will be addressing all the issues facing us, and, if you are aware of other issues not addressed, please, please bring them to any Executive Committee member (they are all listed on the last page of each Bugle and many of us are at every Friday night Post Dinner); or bring them up at the Post General Membership Meetings on the Second Thursday of each month (if you are a Legionnaire) or through your allied organization (the Auxiliary, SONS, AL Riders, UMAVA, AVU, etc.). Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AmLegionPost132>) is also a convenient way to respectfully and quickly bring up matters relevant to the Post and Veterans and communicate with us.

November brings us to Veterans Day and Thanksgiving: a time to remember those who served and give thanks for, appreciate and reflect on what we have. Remember our friends and family who are not with us this year. Have a blessed and safe November and feel free to contact me anytime if I can be of any help.

John Minnella,
Immediate Past Commander;
Post 132 Judge Advocate;
Post 132 Bylaws Committee Chair;
District 29 First Vice Commander;
Calif. Department Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor
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Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

What's to come? The Season of Giving, I really did not know what that meant; but being here at Post 132 means Giving to our Veterans, supporting the Mission (Veterans, Community, and Children).

What has come of that is meeting and working with wonderful people. Friendships that build a foundation to a lifetime of Trust.

We must come together as a Unit and as a Post Family to continue the endeavors that Our Elders have brought to this Post Family. We need to come into the Post with open eyes and see what it is, that as an individual you too can bring this passion and find something that you enjoy doing with the Post, your Unit, your Chapter, your Squadron.

As November comes to our lives, we MUST be thankful for our abilities to Serve.

At this time, I would like to welcome our New Members that were installed to our Unit:

Margaret Garcia, Connie Wardon, Sandra Serrano, Lori McDermott, also our newest 8-month old Jr Member is: Amelia Cassidy, Great Granddaughter of Legionnaire Bill Siler, iii.

The Auxiliary would like to put out to our Membership, Friends and Community the Coat Drive is here. We are in hopes to have that many Coats or More for the Winter Season. This project is spear-headed by our Orange Assistance League. It is cold out there in the winter and let us try to keep our Veterans that live on the streets Warm.

Let's remember all Veterans and in November let's gather on Veterans day to make that day even more Special.

November: 7th Volunteer to the Field of Valor Sat 8-12, then Tues the 10th Let celebrate MARINE CORPS birthday, Wed Nov 11th 9-11 Veterans Day Breakfast All Veterans Free, Family and Friends \$5.00 per person Celebration at the Post ...Its A Wed 9-11 AM. Come down Celebrate our Veterans. November 12th Thurs Our Auxiliary Meeting downstairs at 7:00 pm.

It is important that before we act we must think about the possible reaction

I would like to ask that if you have the means to a computer keep the website available.

www.orangepost132.com the information and bugle is on this site. If you have an email address and are being sent a bugle thru the mail please let the Commander or our Editors, Leo and Esther Ouellette they can send via email. This will keep mailing cost down.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips

Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2021

Charter Member of Chapter 132 Riders 2011-2021

Chaplain, ALR 132 2016-2021(714) 293-6157

In Remembrance "Bear Phillips" Army Veteran





SUSAN WOOD, FINANCE OFFICER POST 132

Hello all,

With another challenging month financially under our belts, we are holding our own thanks to all of you that continue to come out and support your Post. Joining us for dinners on Friday night, breakfasts on Sunday mornings and contributing to opportunity drawings and silent auctions continue to be major sources of funding during these times. We also have a "Go Fund Me" page that we encourage you to share with family and friends. We also continue to look for other fundraising opportunities so if anyone has thoughts, ideas or suggestions please don't hesitate to pass them along to me or any other board members.

November will be another month of limited operations, bringing with it financial challenges. Please give it thought as to what you can do to support your Post so that we can continue to support our Veterans, their families and our community. I have only been your Finance Officer for several months but have been very impressed with the camaraderie, friendship and caring that I've experienced here at Post 132. Keep it up!!

Watch your flyers for upcoming events and opportunity drawings!!! We also have several classes that might interest you - Zumba (for the very hardy) and Yoga (not as difficult as Zumba, but still a work out).

Stay safe. Again, thanks to all of you for your support. Hope to see you at the Post at one of our events.

Susan Wood, USAF
Post 132 Finance Officer 2020-2021

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hello to all SONS,

YES, First Nominations for the office of Commander was done at our meeting on October 6, 2020. Nominations are as follows: Commander – Mike Holmes! Due to the fact that if I am elected the Commander, I must resign from my other jobs; so Nominations for the office of Treasurer was open and Dave Laguna was nominated; and for Adjutant - there were no nominations at this time. Nominations will remain open until Wednesday November 4th when anyone can still be nominated, with the election to follow. Sid Gauna will be asked to sit in on our meeting, and to be available to count ballots if needed.

We voted to change our meeting night to Wednesday, November 4th – due to November 3rd being election night. It is hoped all SONS will attend and vote for the candidate of their choice.

You all know that membership is the lifeblood of our organization, so if you haven't paid your dues, please send them in as ASAP. If you are having a problem and can't pay your dues, just drop a note to me or let any Officer know and we will be glad to give you a helping hand. Please mail your dues directly to me Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868-4140. I can be reached by e-mail also mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk or 714-803-0851. Fee is \$15, under 18 - \$8.00 and please make check payable to the "SONS of the American Legion".

Dave Laguna volunteered to make fresh breaded fish and fries for our dinner special on November 6th.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on WEDNESDAY, November 4th at 6 pm.

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



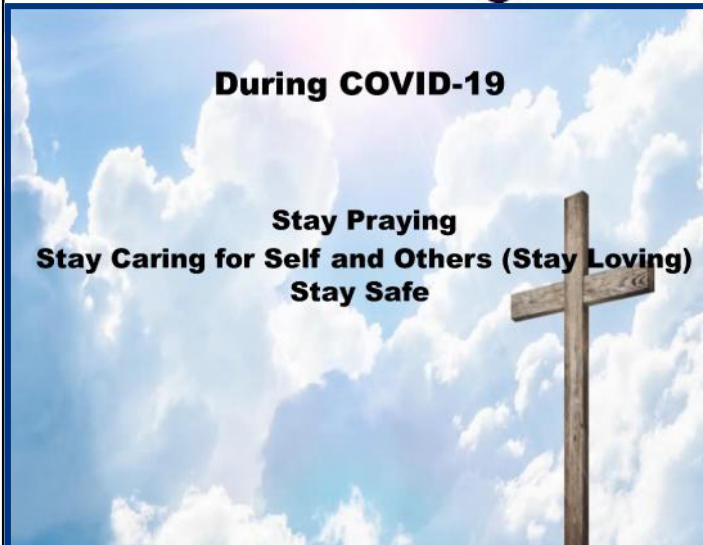


GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades, As Veterans Day approaches we say to our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, God bless you and thank you!

Feel free to reach out to me for spiritual support and guidance as you deal with life.

Glen Howard, Chaplain
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EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings Everyone,

Good grief, can't believe we are nearing the end of 2020! Hopefully everyone has safe and healthy holidays coming up! We are trudging along everyday, thanking God for our blessings!

As far as the Bugle goes, if you are not receiving it via email and you are able to get a computer, please notify us of your email address and we will add you on to our list so you can be kept apprised of the happenings at Post 132! You can reach us at the email address below!

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THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY VETERAN FOR YOUR SERVICE! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!





November 2020

ALL ENTRIES ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-19! PLEASE CHECK PRIOR TO ATTENDING!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Daylight Saving Time Ends Get clock back one hour!	2	3  ELECTION DAY!	4  SONS' MTG 6 PM	5  AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm	6  Sons, Breaded Fish & Fries/Steak 6pm-7:30pm DJ SOMMER 6 pm—8:30 pm	7 Handy School Field of Valor 8 am—12 pm
8	9	10 U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)	11 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Post 132 Veterans Day Breakfast 9 am—11 am Signing of Armistice Day (1918)	12  AL General Mtg 7 PM  Auxiliary General Mtg 7 pm Early Bird Dinner 5:30—6:30 Tentative !	13  AL Riders/ Turkey Breast-Stuffing/Steak Dinner 6 pm—8:30 pm DJ SOMMER	14  AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am
15	16 ABATE MTG 6:00 PM	17  AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!!	18	19	20  Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8:30pm DJ SOMMER	21 Granada Campaign Ended (1983)
22  AL RIDERS BREAKFAST Pancakes, Eggs Sausage 8AM—11	23	24 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm	25 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	26  Happy Thanksgiving!	27  Auxiliary /Steaks only! 6pm-8:30pm DJ SOMMER 8pm—12 am	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30					

POST 132 HOURS: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE DURING COVID PANDEMIC.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

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**Silent auction winner of Dodge Gift Basket, Silvia Bacolot.
Harley Davidson gift basket won by Lorraine Montejano (not pictured).
The baskets were auctioned at the October 4, 2020 Sunday breakfast at Post 132!**



THANK YOU!

**Volunteers for the Post 132 Sunday breakfast, October 18, 2020, from left:
Mason, Teri Rodriguez, Corin, Corina, Sara and Ernie! Your help was very appreciated!**





100 Years of service to our Nation, Veterans and community

The American Legion itself is an organization comprised of veterans that served their country during war time. The U.S. Congress granted the American Legion a national charter in September 1919.

Interestingly, Orange, California Legion Post 132 was organized in 1919 and received its charter on October 15, 1920, making it one of earliest Legion Post's in California

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**Nothing symbolizes the pride of membership like owning
the new post Challenge Coin**



THE BUGLE



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Post hours: (Tentative) Friday 3pm—8:30 pm, Saturday 3 pm—8 pm, Sunday 3 pm—8 pm