

THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California, NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2023





VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all: As we end 2022 and start a new year I want to thank everyone that helped make it one of the best years at the Post. In 2022 we had all the windows on the building redone and painted and new lighting installed in the parking lot. We did a lot of fundraising to get these jobs accomplished. As we move into the new year, we have a few more projects to do at the Post. The mens' bathroom and bar in the ballroom are next on the list. If you want to get involved and help out, let us know.

Thank you to my board for helping to make it a successful year. I also want to congratulate Justin Boxley on winning the Glock 19 raffle. And thank you Shoot SoCal for helping us with the raffle. Looking forward to having a great new year with you all.

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



Justin Boxley was the winner of the Post's successful Glock 19 raffle.



JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Well folks, 2023 is looking to be another great year for the Post. As I reported last month, 308 out of 482 members have renewed, which is almost 64%. I'll have a new update in February with updated numbers. But as of right now, this is a great place to be for our Post. But we can't lose steam now. Please keep reminding your fellow members to pay their \$50.00 membership dues. We're aiming to achieve 100% for the Post.

Please check our website at <u>www.orangepost132.com</u> to see what is happening at your Post.

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

Happy New Year to my Legion family! Welcome to 2023. We have been off to a great start with renewals and new members, but we still need to keep up the effort. If you have been waiting to renew your membership, you may be in Expired status. If your card doesn't say 2023 on it, you need to renew your membership. Our Post is a strong and vibrant place and each of our members make this a better place.

To renew your membership, you can come into the Post and pay your fees to the bartender on duty or to any officer. You can also go to the National web site and renew (<u>www.legion.org/membership/renewals</u>). On the National page, you can even print your own membership card on the spot. What are your resolutions for 2023? I hope they include visiting the Post and participating in meetings and activities. Your voice and your vote are important to us.

Do you know that you can make routine changes to your member information, print a replacement membership card, and see your membership status anytime you want? You just need to sign up for access to My Legion. You will need to reference the email address you have on file with the Legion. I can help you look that up if you need it. Just visit the My Legion portal at <u>www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home</u> and register to activate your access. It is free and easy.

That is it for now. There is always something happening at our Post so don't be a stranger. Come on down and enjoy a game, dance, sing, karaoke, enjoy a steak, wine, beer or tequila taste with your sister and brother Vets.

I can't wait to see you, down at the Post in 2023.

Brian "Spidey" Johnson,

American Legion & 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,

As we start this new year, may it bless you with health, wealth, and happiness. Now that it is a new year, I bet you're wondering how to find out what is happening at the Post so you can attend the events that we have scheduled. Here are a couple ways to do that: Read the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairwell; Take a look at the TV on the right side of the Bar; make sure Susan Wood has your email address so you can receive her weekly emails; Read the Bugle – if you or any other members are not getting it, contact James Gomez at <u>buglepost132@gmail.com</u>.

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ACTIVITIES We have Scheduled for 2023 to look forward to:

- Jan 21 SAT Comedy Night
- Feb 12 SUN Super Bowl Party Pot Luck
- Feb 26 SUN Wine Tasting
- Mar 17 FRI St. Patrick's Day Party
- Mar 18 SAT American Wake Band
- Apr 23 SUN Chili Cook Off
- May 20 SAT Casino Night
- Jun 11 SUN Whiskey Tasting

And we are still planning more events! In addition, the Post is still serving dinner each Friday (6:00 to 7:30pm) and breakfast every Sunday (9am - 11am).

On the AL Riders side: On January 13th the Riders will be serving Steaks or PORK CHOPS and Stuffing (6:00 to 7:30). Our meeting will be on Jan 14 (0830).

Here is our schedule for JAN 2023:

- Jan 13 Fri Riders Dinner PORK CHOPS/Stuffing [Help setup 3:00 Dinner 6-7:30]
- Jan 14 Sat Riders Meeting
- Jan 29 Sun Breakfast THE SCRAMBLER [Help setup 7:00 Breakfast 8:30-11:00]

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 New Year 2023!!!!! Welcome 2023! I am so happy 2022 is behind us! A big "thank you" to those of our Post who put the New Years Eve Party together and to those who attended. Post events are always tiresome projects and NYE is especially difficult.

2023 Resolutions. Tradition requires that we make resolutions about the new year. I suggest that you join me with the following commitments among others:

- 1. You will **volunteer** in the Post kitchen at least TWICE during 2023.
- 2. You will **attend** the monthly membership meeting of your American Legion family group.
- 3. You will make a significant **monetary donation** to at least one Veteran charity helping disabled Vets such as the DAV, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Tunnels2Towers, Fisher House, Wounded Warriors, etc.
- 4. You will visit the Post on Friday night at least ONCE EACH MONTH.
- 5. You will **recruit** at least one new member into the Post.

Preamble, Clause 6. As I promised in last Bugle issue, each issue I will review one of the ten clauses (pledges) of the Legion Preamble that we recite at each Legion function. Last issue I reviewed the fifth clause. The sixth one is "TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION."

Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of the American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of the Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, respecting our laws, contributing to charities and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward are never finished.

Finally, remember our mutual 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 National Constitution and Country though if you are a veteran, that reminder is normally not necessary.

Post 132 continues to operate ever mindful of any and all legalities. Should you become aware of some potential legal problem for the Post, please inform me at your earliest opportunity so it can be addressed. If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

John Minnella Post 132 Immediate Past Commander (#85), Judge Advocate, & Liaison to SAL Detachment 132 District 29 Commander Department of Calif. Assistant Judge Advocate 714/543-9005 drjminnella@yahoo.com



DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN

We celebrate another year ending and a new one beginning. Let us look back and appreciate the experiences we had and learn from the mistakes we made. And better still, let us look forward to this new year with the anticipation and excitement of a child. Embrace the New Year with a positive outlook and a determined spirit to make all your dreams come true.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Chaplain Dave (714) 294-9245 anderson21us@yahoo.com



Happy New Year!

2022 was a whirlwind with so many wonderful events and goals that were met, including a great Christmas party! Thank you all so much. Looking forward to many more memories and fun to share in 2023.

Our Breakfast is the second Sunday of the month. We'll be having pozole and chilaquiles. Our dinner is the fourth Friday of the month and the special will be Lasagna and garlic bread. See you then.

Happy New Year!

Kathy Kulp Auxiliary President, Unit 132 (714) 227-1831 caiazzi9@aol.com

KATHY KULP, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER



Membership Cards: IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS. Your 2022 card expired December 31st, 2022. Please make your check for \$20 (or \$15 for Sons under the age of 18), payable to SONS of American Legion and mail to: American Legion SONS, PO Box 214, Orange, CA 92856-6214, or drop them off to Craig at the Post clubroom bar. If you've received a post card regarding your dues, please follow the directions on it. They are the same as above. Just enclose your check made payable to the SONS for \$20. You can mark it Attn: James Gomez, Membership Chairman.

If you have paid your dues for 2023 and have not received your 2023 membership card, contact me at Rayncarolgossfam@aol.com and I will look into it.

Our next meeting: 2nd Tuesday, January 10, 2023, starting at 6pm sharp.

Please join us for dinner on Friday, January 6, 2023. We will be serving fish, chips, coleslaw, and a roll for \$12, and Steaks, baked potato, veggie, roll, and salad for \$20.

Next Breakfast: Breakfast will be biscuits and gravy along with scrambled eggs, sausage, and hush puppies from 9 to 11 on Sunday, January 15. Donation for breakfast is \$12. It includes orange juice and coffee, as well as Esther's banana bread. We look forward to seeing you. SONS: WE NEED YOUR HELP in the kitchen. Please contact me if you can lend a hand!

NEWS to share: The SONS donated \$200 towards the purchase of bikes for the children of Camp Pendleton; \$200 for the children's Christmas party at our Post, as well as \$300 towards three bikes and helmets for their party giveaways. Also one of the Sons played Santa Claus along with his Auxiliary member wife, Mrs. Claus. What an exciting month we had. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



JAMES GOMEZ, BUGLE EDITOR

While researching this month's WWI profile, I saw something that blew me away. It was a newspaper clipping from a March 1932 issue of the Santa Ana Register about Post 132's annual dinner. It said the invited guest that night was George Washington Hall, a 90-year-old Vet from the Civil War! It's hard to imagine that we've had Civil War vets in our 100-year-old building. But we have.

To have a Civil War Vet speak in 1932 must have been what it's like when we meet a World War II Vet today: A rare and tremendous privilege.

We'll have 12 new WWI articles to look forward to this year! Happy 2023!

James Gomez, Bugle Editor buglepost132@gmail.com



ORANGE. March 25.—Marked by a delightful spirit of informality, the dinner given for members of the American Legion and members of the Legion auxiliary last night at the clubhouse proved to be one of the most delightful occasions of the year for the two groups. General arrangements for the dinner were in charge of Mrs. E. A. Halmes, president of the auxiliary. Talks were made by Mrs. Fannie Reeves, president of the auxiliary. Talks were made by Mrs. Fannie Reeves, president of the auxiliary. Talks were made by Mrs. Fannie Reeves, president of the auxiliary. Talks were made by Mrs. Fannie Reeves, president of the suciliary county council: George Franzen, fifth area commander: Mrs. Edna Franzen, twenty-first district vice president; Commander Lynn Wallace and Mrs. Haines. A special suest of honor was George Washington Hall, a 90-year-old veteran of the Civil war. An Easter egg hunt was staged after the dinner, hoth adults and children taking part.

CLUBROOM UPDATE & PHOTOS

It'll be a busy month in the clubroom! The last **Monday Night Football** game of the season is January 2. Come watch on the five-TV setup.





We have **Dogs of War Wrestling** at the Post on Saturday, January 7th starting at 7pm. See flyer on Page 11 for details and ticket cost. This is not an event organized by Post 132 itself, but a third-party event rental. But events like these bring in money for the Post, so if you like wrestling, come on down!

Ready for laughs? Come down the **Post 132 Comedy Night** on Saturday, January 21 starting at 6pm. Donation: \$20. Food available for purchase. See the flyer on Page 12 for details.





Tuesdays we have **Taco Night and Karaoke**. You can get tacos with ground beef on a white corn crispy shell, lettuce and cheese. Add tomatoes, sour cream, onions and a variety of taco sauces. One taco is \$2, or 3 tacos for \$5, 4 tacos for \$6. We also have taquitos, jalapeno poppers, fried mozzarella sticks and fried zucchini.

More clubroom updates & pics on next page ...





CLUBROOM UPDATE & PHOTOS

Don't forget, we have **Burger Night every Thursday**. Get a 1/3-lb burger with cheese for \$6, or make it a meal with French fries or onion rings (or both) for \$10.





As always, we're open Friday nights with **steak dinners** for \$20 (and specials for \$12), as well as **dancing**. And let's not forget breakfasts every Sunday for \$12.





Lastly, the club room is available for rental to Post family members only on Saturdays and Sundays for \$270. You can have the room from 7pm-12am. For terms and conditions, call Craig at (714) 606-2930.





STORIES FROM THE 1917 WALL



Lynn Best Wallace was born on May 15, 1896 in Missouri, the fifth of eight children born to farmer James Wallace and his wife Margaret Best Wallace. The Wallace family relocated from Missouri to Orange sometime between 1900 and 1910.

By 1917, 21-year-old Lynn was working as a merchant at his older brother's record store, Wallace Music, located on the Glassell side of the Orange Masonic Temple (where Pandor Café is today). In June that year, two months after the U.S. entered World War I, Lynn was summoned to the draft board.

His first day in the Army was March 6, 1918. We weren't able to find much information about his deployments and whether or not he served abroad, but we do know he was honorably discharged on February 21, 1919, three months after the end of WWI.

By 1924, Lynn had married Henrietta

Dasque, was working as a bookkeeper and raising a family. The Wallaces' first daughter Marie was born that year, and their second and final child, daughter Barbara Jean, was born in 1927.

You could say Lynn was a joiner. He was an active member of the Orange Lions, the Orange Masons, the Orange Elks and of course, the American Legion. In 1926 he was elected to the Post 132 executive committee, and led the Post's sponsorship of a city basketball league.

WALLACE, Lynn Best age 91; died July 19, 1987. Father of Marie Thayer and Barbara Willsey; grandfather of 6; great-grandfather of 8. He was a retired Orange County Clerk and a long-time resident of Orange. Friends may call at the mortuary

Friends may call at the mortuary Tuesday, July 21, from 2 to 8 pm. Services Wednesday, 11 am at Waverley Church, Santa Ana. Interment in Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana. Assisting the family, Shannon-Donegan Chapel (714/997-1234). By 1927, Lynn was working at the Citrus Tire & Rubber Company, a Goodyear Tire dealer at 118 W. Chapman St (where Bosscat

Kitchen is now). An active member of the Post, he was elected to the finance committee in 1928, vice commander in 1930, and eventually Commander in 1931. He's one of a few people who are seen on the clubroom's 1917 wall and the Commander wall.

Lynn's civic life started in 1930 when he was hired for the 1930 census. By 1938 he was serving as the OC Deputy County Clerk. By 1957 he had been elected to Orange County Clerk. After 31 years of duty with the county, Lynn retired in 1963.

He enjoyed post-retirement life for 24 years. When he was 83, his wife Henrietta passed away. Seven years later, he joined her on July 19, 1987 at the age of 91. The Wallaces are interred at Fairhaven Memorial Park. At the time of his death, he had six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. We thank you Private Wallace for your service to our country.

Part of an ongoing series exploring some of the 158 brave men & women on the 1917 Wall in the Post 132 clubroom.





JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Post Closed)	2 Monday Night Football in the Club Room 5-10pm	3 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	4	5 Bar Open: 5-9pm American Legion E-Board Meeting 7pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	6 Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Sons) Fish & Chips (\$12) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	7 Bar Open: 1-8pm Dogs of War Wrestling 7pm (For details, see Bugle, Page 11)
Breakfast (Legion): Breakfast Burrito \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	ABATE Meeting 7pm	Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Sons General Meeting 6pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6:30pm	Bar Open: 5-9pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Legionnaire General Mtg 7pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Riders) Pork Chops & Stuffing (\$12) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	AL Riders General Meeting 8:30am AVU Meeting 11am Bar Open: 1-8pm
15 Breakfast (Auxiliary): Pozole & Chilaquiles \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	16	17 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Premiere Women's Council 6pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	18 VVA #1024 Meeting 6:30pm	19 Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	20 Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Legionnaires) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	21 1st Cav Mtg 9am UMAVA Mtg 9:30am Bar Open: 1-8pm Comedy Night 6-10pm Donation: \$20 (For details, see Bugle, Page 12)
22 Breakfast (Sons): Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hush Puppies \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	23	24 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	25	26 Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	27 Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Auxiliary) Lasagna & Garlic Bread (\$10) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	28 Bar Open: 1-8pm
29 Breakfast (Riders): The Scrambler \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	30	31 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	Feb 1	Feb 2 Bar Open: 5-9pm American Legion E-Board Meeting 7pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	Feb 3 Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner (Sons): Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$12) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	Feb 4 Bar Open: 1pm-12am



January 21, 2023 - 6 to 10 PM DONATION: \$20.00

AMERICAN LEGION POST 132

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Virginia Martinez: 714-224-8551

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Monday - 5:00 -10:00 Tuesday - 5:00 -10:00 Wednesday - Closed Thursday - 5:00 - 9:00 Friday - 5:00 - 11:00 Saturday - 1:00 - 8:00 Sunday - 9:00 - 5:00

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