

#### American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER April 2019





# AL POST 132 COMMANDER, JOSE MARTINEZ

We are now in Spring and with all this rain we've had, everything is blooming. Even all the dang weeds. Lots of yard work needs to be done now .

But here at the Post, things are looking good. We continue to grow in membership across all units. I hope everyone is enjoying our new parking lots. What an improvement. We still have our parking lot fundraising thermometer up, even though it was moved to a place where no one can see it. We'll be taking it down soon. We raised just over half of what the parking lot cost. I would like to thank everyone who donated. It is because of folks like yourselves, that work hard in keeping your post looking awesome. Again, thank you all!

We have made strides in improving the Post inside and out. We are starting to add events during the week. Our "Karaoke Nights" have added a new excitement to the Post. That's happening every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. I have not been able to attend yet, but from what I hear, it is an exciting time. Hopefully I can attend the next one. We're looking to add more daily events. So keep your ears and eyes open for more events. If you have any ideas, please let us know. Our Boys' State Scholarship Dance was a big success. Thanks goes out to all who attended.

The Post will soon be entering into nominations for Post officers. We ask that you please get involved and become an officer. We need new faces with new ideas to help keep the Post going in the right direction. Please look into joining the board. Also, come to a General Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the every month at 7:00 p.m. See how a meeting is held. Be involved and help with making decisions that affect your Post. It takes each and everyone of us to run the Post.

Anyway, remember to keep reading the Bugle and go on the Post's website, www.orangepost132.com to find out what's going on at your Post...

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

#### HAPPY EASTER!

**Upcoming Events** 

- April Fools' Day April 1, 2019
- AL Riders' Quartermania April 7, 2019
- Children's Easter Party April 13, 2019
- Easter April 21, 2019 (Post 132 closed)
- Legionnaires Zito's Fundraiser April 22, 2019
- AVU Fundraiser Dance Post 132 April 28, 2019



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

Greetings all,

The Legionnaries' membership is up to 91.28%. We just need 38 more members to make our goal of 100%. If you know any potential members, please bring them to our great Post so they can see what they are missing. If you have not updated your membership and paid your dues, please see one of the officers at the Post.

On another note you may have noticed that we have new asphalt on our parking lots. We are still accepting donations to make our goal to pay for the work we have had done. So if you can help, it would be much appreciated by your post. Aim HIGH and thank you!

#### HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!

Victor de la Rosa 2nd Vice Commander 29th District American Legion



# 2nd Vice Cmdr. Bill Stringfield

Hello, Comrades: The February 11th fundraiser at the Katella Grill returned slightly more than \$100 to the

Post. I know these fundraiser locations are at places outside of our Legion Post and are not the easiest to attend. The turnout was a little disappointing, but to those who did manage to attend, many thanks. We held a fundraiser at Polly's Pies last Monday, March 18th. The results of that will be in the May Bugle.

Attached to this issue of the Bugle is a flyer for Zito's New York Style Pizza (4/22/19). This has been a popular place for our Legion fundraisers and I am pleased that Zito's has agreed to allow us there again. If you haven't been there before, now is the time to attend. The Post earns 20% of each total bill, so, please set that date aside.

#### HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!

William Stringfield wm@wmstringfield.com



John Minnella, Judge Advocate/Adjutant

**U.S.ARMY** Comrades, <u>Parking Lot Repaying Fundraiser</u>. We have raised about half of the \$30,000 needed

to payoff this project which the Post could no longer avoid. Please get your donation check

in to Finance Officer, Sid GAUNA ASAP!

<u>Karaoke Wednesdays</u>. The new Karaoke Wednesday night effort was a financial success in March and therefore your E-Board decided to continue it indefinitely. Come on out and show us your talent!!!

**Membership**. The Post is really close to reaching our goal of 436 paid members for 2018-19. If you haven't paid yet, please do so now so we can reach 100%.

Urgent Post Maintenance Projects. E Board Member: John SCHUTZ and Finance Officer Sid GAUNA recently reviewed the major building problems that MUST be resolved immediately. There's no room to list all of those but here are some of the major ones: building windows replacement and sealing; roof retarring; refinishing the Ballroom floor; parking lot usage security solution; remodeling toilets; modernization of the Bunker & Ballroom bars. Addressing these matters has been required for many, many years and cannot be avoided any longer. Resolving these tasks requires money, comrades, and dues alone will not suffice. We need your ideas for revenue generation. Our Parking Lot Funding effort was a great start. I believe we will need to have similar fundraising drives twice each year for a while until the really necessary projects are completed, and that we should ask the community and local business to help us.

**KP Duty**. We still need kitchen help on Friday nights. Virtually the same people voluntarily do the work (cooking the steaks, collecting the money, delivering the meals, washing the dishes, & cleaning up afterwards) every month. Every Post member, except those physically unable, should perform kitchen duty at least once per year. If all of us did that just one Friday per year, we would have the kitchen covered. Please contact Commander Martinez or myself and volunteer.

That's my input for April, comrades. Please feel free to contact me at anytime at the info below if you have any comments, concerns, complaints, or I can otherwise help you.

#### HAPPY EASTER!

John Minnella, Judge Advocate/Adjutant drjminnella@yahoo.com (714/543-9005;





Gerardo Robledo, Jr. 3rd Vice Commander

<sup>•</sup> Hello all,

**Happy Easter,** I hope everyone is doing well and that you were able to spend some quality time with friends and family. Hopefully you will all come out and support our Children's Easter party on April 13th from 1pm to 3 pm. As usual, we anticipate that the children will have a great time!

Thank you to all who attended the Boy's State fundraiser dance. It was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves. We had a record crowd. We have recruited delegates for Boy's State and they are eager to attend and represent our Post.

Upcoming Events: Boys State - June 22-29

Gerardo Robledo Third Vice Commander gr50940@msn.com



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

# The SONS were very happy to wish and celebrate the American Legion's 100 BIRTHDAY on March 15, 2019!

Being part of a of the American Legion is a great tradition and helping our Veterans and their families in so many ways. By just joining today, to honor the Veterans, that makes you eligible to be a part of this great tradition.

I am very happy to tell you that we now have 157 SON MEMBERS, with a percentage of 112.95%; and, I am awaiting membership information for 2 more applicants.

Donations were voted on at our last meeting. It was decided to give the Post \$200 for the Children Easter Party; and \$250 for the Boys State Program of the American Legion.

Our next meeting is April 9th at 6 pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

# We wish everyone a very blessed Easter!

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





# John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Well I assume everyone survived St. Patrick's Day, we had a great turnout for our March dinner of corn beef and cabbage and steaks. It looked like everyone was hav-

ing a great time. April 12th the Rider's will be serving Fish & Chips (not the frozen breaded fish crap) but fish we batter ourselves and cook. Plus our famous steaks with a baked potato, vegies & salad. On March 28th we will be doing breakfast, come join us and have one of Melissa's awesome bloody marys.

We have lost one of our brothers and Legionnaires, Ray Wells, he didn't die, he just moved to Pennsylvania. He was a valuable member of our Chapter and a great friend. Good Luck, my brother, on the next adventure of yours and Pat's life. God bless you both.

On April 7th the AL Rider's are hosting their first Quartermania. We will be serving hamburgers, potato salad and baked beans for \$8.00, The bar will be open so come down for the fun. Everyone I have talked to about Quartermanias say they are a lot of fun and the prizes you can bid on for a quarter are pretty nice. We will also have raffle prizes for you to get tickets for.

I want to thank our Commander, Jose, for all his support for the AL Rider's and our various events. We are very grateful being aloud to make our home at Post 132.

As always I thank all my fellow AL Rider's who donate their time to volunteer for our various events.

Well folks I want to wish everyone A VERY HAPPY EASTER and go forth and hide those Easter Eggs but don't hurt the bunnies!!!!

John Bloecher President, ALR 132. jb1mf@yahoo.com





# Melyssa Umbertus Clubroom Manager

I want to start off first with the biggest THANK YOU to Paul and Delores for donating their time and money to build us the new lit up beautiful wood boxes behind the bar. They make the bottles glow and now people can see what liquors we carry be-

fore ordering. Paul, Delores and Terry also went out and bought new glasses for the bar. There are plenty more new exciting upgrades coming to the bar. If anyone wants to pitch in and help, please come talk to me

Karaoke is great and going even better than expected! Please come support us and have fun doing it!

The bands will play in this sequence this month, 1) DJ Sommer 2) Blue Highway 3) Midnight Cowboys 4) 5 Star. Thank you everyone for your continued support!

#### HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

Melyssa Umbertus, Clubroom Manager (714) 538-6311 or (775)764-7584





Here we are going into April and we need to think about ELECTIONS! Our April meeting will be NOMINATIONS for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. This

meeting will be special and held on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM as this marks the Centennial of our Auxiliary's first meeting held at this Post. It is with great appreciation to all of you for the Volunteerism that you have all given to our Auxiliary, our Veterans, Community and Children. I say that with great pride knowing that the Girls' State participants have all been interviewed and chosen.

We are sending 6 girls to Girls' State this year; Marilyn Harris, with the assistance of both; Carol Goss Holmes and Carolyn McMahon, interviewed these 6 girls. If I missed any others that participated I thank you as well. I know that these 3 ladies were traveling to interviews as they were scheduled.

The "Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Dinner" took place on March 30, 2019. Thank you, Carol Martinez, for your commitment to this event. Thank you to all those who served during the Vietnam ERA but to all Veterans that have served our Country in all conflicts. Welcome home to all and please keep those in our Hearts and Prayers that did not return home. Thank you to all Veterans that have served this Country.

We have a busy month coming up — April 13th is the Easter Party for the Children; It's very tedious to write to all of you knowing that you all Support our Post.

We appreciate all the efforts that Jean Willis, Terri Rodriguez, and of course we thank Don Manthey for his wonderful skills and hard work in completing the upstairs Ladies bathroom. This project started with a group of women dedicated to the Beautification Project, The Taco Tuesday ladies. The Post is looking so wonderful.

Welcome to all our new members in the Auxiliary. We look forward to your membership.

Our dinner on April 26, 2019, the 4th Friday, we will be serving Meatloaf prepared by Bald Eagle Jack. Thank you Jack for all the support you give to your Legion Family.

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." ~Erma Bombeck

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2019

In remembrance and in our Hearts, Army Veteran, Dale "Bear" Phillips "AIE" 1956-2017





# Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings, again, fellow members of the American Legion Family,

Well, we are looking good so far this year. In the clubroom building account, we have two rentals upstairs and one rental downstairs. Daily attendance on the average has remained the same. Friday night dinners are improving. The AL Riders and Auxiliary each donated \$100 towards the purchase of a new coffee pot for the kitchen. We received \$32 from the ATM machine. Donations for the parking lot continued the first part of the month but has since stopped coming in. Following is a list of donors for February:

- Legion Riders \$400
- Mike and Carol Holmes \$100
- Anonymous donor- \$200
- Leo & Esther Ouellette donated \$1000
- UMAVA donated \$1000
- Carolyn Flynn donated \$100
- The Circle K Group donated \$1,353.52
- Ernie Lopez donated \$100
- Thomas Samples donated \$150
- Ray Alvarado donated \$200
- The Marine Motorcycle Club donated \$100
- Tony Sanchez donated \$45
- The List Report (next door) paid \$900 for the rental

Donations made in March will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account ten members paid their dues. Two new members and five members paid on line. Thanks to those that have paid their dues. If you haven't paid, please do so.

February 3rd and 4th Opportunity Drawings netted \$320. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com.

SEMPER FI, Sid Gauna, Finance Officer USMC



**EASTER!** 





#### RAY ALVARADO SONS COMMANDER

First of all, I want to acknowledge the SONS for the generous donation to Boys State and the Easter Party. You continue to put smiles on

young people's faces.

I don't recall ever attending a SONS meeting where all the chairs were taken. There certainly is a sense of excitement within our Squadron. It was nice to see three (3) new Men in our meeting in March. Thank you: John S. David L., Monte F., and the surprise visit from 1st Vice Commander, Victor De La Rosa.

We are back in the trenches Friday Evening April 5th preparing Fish & Shrimp plates along with French Fries. And of course, don't forget steaks are available as well.

Our "Date Night" gift basket finally arrived at the Post. It includes: a \$50 Black Angus Gift Card; \$25 AMC Movie Pass; \$15 Starbucks Card; a Bottle of Wine; cheese & crackers, and to top it off M&Ms. If you are interested in winning this gift basket, see the Bar Manager, Melyssa or any SON member for ticket purchases. They are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. We will roll out our next fundraiser in mid-April.

That's all I have for you now. Once again, have a warm and safe Easter and we will see you at the Post.

Thank You to All Who Have Served Past & Present.

# Happy Easter Blessings Everyone!

For God & Country Ray Alvarado Sons Commander, alvarador@scfuels.com







# LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

Spring is here but several people still need our thoughts and prayers!

# Quips to ponder:

Your life is like a window through which others can see who you are!

The good news is that the bad news can be turned into good news when you change your attitude.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity! A pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity!

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Thank you to the following helpers with the Bugle: Carol Martinez, Mike Holmes and Carol Goss Holmes, Martha Maldonado, Pat Williams, Pierre Duco, Mathew Valencia. Thank you all for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

#### ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING EDITORS OF THE BUGLE, PLEASE CONTACT US!!!!!!!

Leo & Esther Ouellette Editors, Imocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 636-6275



LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

Come check out our Museum! It is full of interesting items that were donated by many members, Veterans and family friends!

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













April 2019								
29SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
	APRIL FOOLS' DAY!	2 UMAVA BOARD MTG 6 PM	3 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	4 Legionnaires' E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	5 Sons, Fish & Shrimp/Steaks 6pm-8pm DJ SOMMER	6 UMAVA BUS TRIP VALLEY VIEW Leaves 9 am Start of WWI 1912=7 End of Perrsian War 1991		
7	8	9 Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala Leaves 8:30 am AUXILIARY Meeting 7 am SONs Mtg 6 pm	10 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 'S 100TH BIRTHDAY 1919	11 AL General Mtg 7 PM	12 AL RIDERS Fish/Chips/ Steak 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway	13 AL Riders' Mtg 9 am OC AVU MTG 11 AM Children's Easter Party Post 132 1 pm to 3 pm		
14	15	16	17 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	18	19 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cowboys Band 8pm—12 am GOOD FRIDAY	20 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am		
21 EASTER SUNDAY (Post 132 Closed)	22 ZITO'S PIZZA Fundraiser 4pm—9 pm Tustin Ave. Orange	23	24	25	26 Auxiliary Meatloaf/ Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	27 1rst Calvary Mtg 9 am		
28 AL Riders' Breakfast 9 am AVU Fundraiser Dance Post 132 1pm—5 pm DJ "Tony B"	29	30						

AMERICAN LEGION POST 132 CELEBRATES THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 100TH BIRTHDAY on March 15, 2019! Below are Post 132 officers, members and supporters participating in the celebration!



# AUXILIARY UNIT 132 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

# DAWN M. STOLLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in two (2) increments of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) each semester. Eligibility:

a) The Applicant must be

1. A Member of the American Legion Post 132 Family or related, to a member of the American Legion Post 132 Family; by being related to a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or the Riders.

2. Entering or already attending a dully accredited college or university, business, trade or vocational school.

b)The application shall be scored on the following basis:

- 1. Character
- 2. Basis of need
- 3. Americanism
- 4. Leadership

c) The application is to be in essay form from you with the following information included, submitted by June 1st to the American Legion Auxiliary, C/O Carolynn McMahon, 231 W Palmyra St #3, Orange, CA 92866 or by E-mail <u>carolynnlmc@gmail.com</u> and must include the following information:

1. Your name, address, phone number and your eligibility.

2. A description of your career objectives. Please include: how you plan to achieve them, what college you would like to attend, community service you have done, what you have already done toward achieving your goal, and your current grade level.

3. A short essay explaining why this scholarship would be beneficial to you.

4. A letter of recommendation from a person other than a member of the applicant's family.

5. Any further information about your accomplishments you wish to tell us about.

Applications to be judged by a panel of three (3) by members of American Legion Auxiliary, Orange Unit 132 or others who are in the education field (teachers for instance) not knowing the applicants. Winner of the Scholarship will be announced at

the time of Installation of Officers.

This Scholarship is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Orange Unit 132. Please call me with any questions.

CIVIL WAR MEMORABILIA Photos of articles in our Post 132 Remembering our Veterans' Conflicts Museum. Because some of you may not have a chance to visit our Museum, we are sharing some of the items we have collected with you. Also included are items from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and all other conflicts that are not displayed.



Below - 1856, .58caliber, rifled musket used by Confederate Army Zouave Units and Marine Units on both sides. It has two brass bands holding the barrel onto the stock. Most rifled muskets of the era were of three-band construction to support a longer barrel preferred by The Regular, Light and Heavy Infantry Units of both the Union and Confederacy. The two-barrel Musket was preferred by Marine units on both sides because of his high caliber bullet, lighter weight and it short size which made it easier to use as a club in hand-to-hand combat.



Right - 1850's Amputation Kit. Made in France, this kit was used by both Union and Confederate Surgeons during the war. It is estimated that 60,000 amputations occurred during the four years of warfare. This kit contains: a scalpel, a probe and a bone cleaver. it was used for smaller amputations of the hands, fingers, feet or toes.





Left: 1850's Navy Cutlass. This Cutlass was made by A&E Holler, Solingen of Germany. It was chosen by the US Department of the Navy in the 1840's to be the standard bladed weapon for use in excursions off the ship or for close quarter combat on a ship's deck. It was used throughout the Civil War by both the USN & CSN.

Right: In 1861 First hand grenade designed and developed by the North.

When thrown, the trigger in the bottom would explode, but if it did not hit properly, it would not explode and would be thrown back to the enemy. After several tries it was discarded as ineffective.





# BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

# TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 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 8:00 A.M BUS LEAVES 8:30 A.M. SHARP! FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER PAY at time of BOARDING RECEIVE \$10.00 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 or 714-978-2161 (leave message) Virginia Martinez: 714-224-8551 or Mark Crawford (714) 243-7342

WE <u>MUST</u> HAVE 45 PASSENGERS SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP!









On behalf of The American Legion Post 132 we would like to invite you to *ZITO*'s for a fundraising event on

> Monday, April 22, 2019 From 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Bring this flyer to ZITO's between 4-9:00 p.m. 20 % of your total bill will be donated back to the

**American Legion Post 132** 

Bring your friends and family!

ZITO's - 2036 N. Tustin St., Orange 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange 92867 (Corner of Tustin & Meats)

"No distribution of this flyer is allowed to patrons of the ZITO's either in the restaurant or arriving to the restaurant. This flyer is for members of American Legion Post 132, Orange and their immediate guests ONLY."

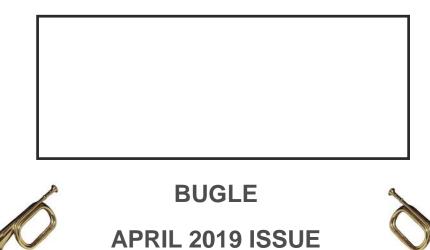


Thank you for your support of our Veterans!

Contact: Tony 714-251-4630 Dan 714-240-6831 / Gail 714-469-1565



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# 2018 / 2019 Post 132 American Legion Officers

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