



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020



POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. Our Friday evening dinners and Sunday breakfasts have been doing very well. It couldn't happen though without all the volunteers working together. I want to thank all the volunteers from the Legionaries, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the AL Riders.

We have also had some great donations from the following donors: Ochoa's Chorizo in Anaheim; The Tartan Room; ALRiders, Chapter 132; Ray & Jean Willis; Mike & Carol Holmes; Bryan & Cheryl McCoy; and the Robbins family. Thank you all!!

Please check our website and see what we have going on at our Post.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL!



JOSE MARTINEZ, 1ST VICE COMMANDER POST 132

Hi everyone. It is great to report that we are at 63.10% of membership. This is great news. It is still important to remind everyone that we would appreciate it if you pay your yearly membership dues of \$45.00 directly to Post 132, rather than to National.

On a side note, I keep getting emails concerning flag disposal. We, as a Post, accept flags for proper disposal however, we no longer dispose of them at the Post, instead we turn them over to our local Fire Department. So if you have a flag for disposal, we ask that you please take them to your local Fire Department for disposal.

Until next month, please read the Bugle for updates.

Jose Martinez
1st Vice Commander
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HAVE A SPOOKY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!



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

Greetings Post 132 Family,

Others here have shared how much we appreciate the support of our Legion/SAL/Auxiliary and AL Rider family as we have found creative ways to beat Covid into submission. The response of our Legion family has really made me proud to be a member of Post 132. Covid has affected every one of us and in my case, the Covid 15 (or 20) pounds is a real thing. Not being able to get into the gym for months and not willing to eat like a bird equals a rounder Adjutant.

National has just the cure, I am doing 100 Miles for Hope. The 100 Miles for Hope campaign is a way for American Legion Family members to raise donations for the TAL Veterans and Children Foundation, as well as encouraging members to stay active in this time of social distancing. Participants have until Veterans Day to run, walk, or ride a bike or their motorcycle for 100 miles. It does not matter whether you walk for 100 miles, or combine walking with running or riding a bike to get the total distance. Any combination to reach the 100 miles is acceptable. How about breakfast or dinner at the Post followed by a stroll around the Plaza? This is self-paced and a great way to connect with other members of our Legion family. A couple of turns around the Orange Plaza or walks around Hart or Eisenhower Park are great ways to move the body and raise the spirits. Before you know it, 100 Miles.

To officially Join the 100 Miles for Hope, register at Emblem Sales. When you register for \$30 you will receive a RED tech T-shirt (men's, women's and children's sizes available), a sign and a link to download a certificate of accomplishment when you complete the distance. The Red tech T-Shirt is a perfect way to let people know that you are walking 100 Miles for Hope. Here is the link: <https://emblem.legion.org/100-Miles-For-Hope-Registration/productinfo/100MILES/>.

My favorite time of year is the Autumn. The days get shorter and cooler, we get to enjoy seasonal treats and spooky stories before we really launch into the Holidays. Let's do 100 Miles for Hope together this year and keep beating Covid into submission.

For God and Country.

Brian "Spidey" Johnson
American Legion and American Legion Riders

District 29 Adjutant
Post 132 Adjutant

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ALR Chapter 132 Secretary / Lead Road Captain
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STAY SAFE ALL YOU TRICK OR TREATERS!





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

It's Election Time...

For The American Legion, Advocacy is not Partisanship!

Ever since its founding at the end of World War I, one of the primary roles of The American Legion has been to advocate for legislation that benefits Veterans, both at the Federal and State levels.

Annually, Legionnaires gather in Washington, DC; their State Capitols and in their local municipalities to educate their representatives (Federal, State and Local) about suggested ideas for proposed legislation that will benefit members of The American Legion and the greater Veterans community at large. These activities include meeting with legislators and other elected officials in their local districts.

Because of The American Legion's tax status, what the organization does not do is endorse, or in any other way, promote or contribute to any publicly elected official in the name of The American Legion, either directly or indirectly. This does not mean that American Legion Posts or Districts cannot invite elected officials to their meetings to educate Legionnaires on relevant Veteran issues.

One important example of TAL (The American Legion) advocacy in action happened at the August 28, 2020 Department of California Executive Committee meeting. At that meeting, the DEC approved three resolutions **OPPOSING** November election Ballot Measures: Proposition: 15 (Increase Property Tax) would increase on small and commercial businesses. Proposition: 21 (Rent Control) would repeal rent control measures and create barriers for low income and homeless Veterans. Proposition 23: (Dialysis Availability} would interrupt dialysis care for individuals with kidney failure and need treatment three days a week; many Veterans with kidney failure would be impacted in a negative way.

It is important that Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and AL Riders members get out and vote on the important issues of the day. This is our right as citizens. It is equally important to remember that the Legion is non-partisan and does not promote any single party or candidate. We do, as an organization, advocate on legislation that will have a direct impact on our fellow Veterans and their families. We are always in service to our Veteran community.

On election day, make sure your voice is heard. Please get out and vote.

Brian Johnson

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POST 132 JUDGE ADVOCATE JOHN MINNELLA
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER
DISTRICT 29 FIRST VICE CMDR;

As we enter our seventh month of drastically reduced Operations at the Post, it looks like we will survive this and learned how to function even better. Most of us know nothing about remote meetings but we know now how we can utilize them. We have learned how to keep the Post afloat on just a bare bones budget. We learned how to overcome draconian closure orders by operating outside on our large parking lot. Your Post 132 leaders have stepped up to the plate and faced the challenge directly. That means we will be able to get back into full operation again quickly.

Much thanks are due to the volunteers who show up every Friday night and Sunday morning to set up and later teardown tents, tables and chairs so we can get together; and to the Fund Raising Committee that has created and developed innovative ideas to bring in basic operational money. Most of you are unaware of the great investment of time and energy that keeps Post 132 in existence but it is people like this that enable Post 132 to survive.

Have a blessed and safe October and I look forward to seeing each of you soon!

John Minnella,
Immediate Past Cmdr;
Post 132 Judge Advocate;
District 29 First Vice Cmdr;
Calif. Dept. Naturalization Comm'n Technical Advisor





***SUSAN WOOD, FINANCE OFFICER
POST 132***

Hello all,

Thank you all for your patience and support during my first month as the new Post Finance Officer. A special thanks goes out to Sid Gauna who has ensured that the transition is smooth and seamless. I also want to thank everyone who has come out and supported our Post's fund raising activities.

With limited operations in September, we still managed to cover our fixed expenses (ie, building costs, utilities, etc). During the month of September, we re-implemented Friday night dinners and Sunday morning breakfasts with outdoor dining. These have been very successful largely attributed to the volunteers that put a lot of time and effort into setup, cooking, serving and in many cases donating the food. The booze wagon and Pizza Store opportunity drawings netted \$1,300. We also have a "Go Fund Me" page that I would encourage everyone to check out and share with your family and friends.

October looks to be another challenging month financially for your Post. We need everyone's help and support. We currently have an opportunity drawing with a Gift Card, chocolates, and bottle of wine from the Tartan Room. Only \$5 a chance. Stay tuned for other opportunities!!!

Stay Safe. Again, thanks to all of you for support.

Susan Wood, USAF
Post 132 Finance Officer 2020-2021

HAVE A SAFE , HEALTHY, AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

Just when we thought things were going to slow down - - Not at our Post!! We are having amazing POST Family Adventures. You ask "what you are talking about?" Well, there is the following:

*Sunday Funday for Breakfast. Lot's of camaraderie. So nice to see everyone.

Community has donated raffle items; Ochoa's Chorizo donated the chorizo for one of biggest breakfast's yet.

*Friday Night under the stars OK under the Pop-up tents. Steaks or choice of a Special entrée!

DJ Sommer donating her talents for entertainment. All the Legion Family has made this happen, and the Ladies' Auxiliary always takes the reigns and steps up to helping with the cause. I will say it now, and let you know how valuable your dedication is to the Auxiliary and to the Legion Family.

The 9/11 program was heartfelt. We REMEMBERED together as a Post Family and community, AND WE WILL NEVER FORGET!!!!!!

Our Auxiliary has just installed 7 New Members at our last meeting in September!

Welcome to the Legion Post 132 Family: Betty Chavez, Linda Salas, Marilyn Capel, Rita Licerio, Lynda Kangas, Claudia Cowell and Elsa Dimas (Elsa was able to join under her Son Alex (Army) who was home before heading back to North Carolina where he is currently stationed. They both JOINED while attending Sunday's Breakfast.

Ladies, thank you for seeking our Auxiliary and thank you for the Service to your Veterans.

I would like to mention at this time the Field of Valor which will be hosted at Handy School in Orange starting on November 7th. Please keep your eyes, and ears open for more information.

It has been my pleasure to work with an amazing woman, Susie Cunningham, who in last 5 years has put together this event with her Committee the Community Foundation of Orange.

Thank you, Community Foundation of Orange, for all your help to our Post. BUT NOW WITH COVID, THEY NEED OUR HELP VOLUNTEERING ON NOVEMBER 7TH. SO, PLEASE ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP!! Please be sure to read the Bugle as there are so many activities upcoming throughout October, November, and December.

To our New Auxiliary members, thank you for seeking an organization that we hope will fulfill your Volunteer needs. You just joined one of the largest Volunteer organizations in the Country. With the hurricanes that have affected so many with such a fierce fury of devastation, the American Legion and Auxiliary programs have been able to assist Americans first hand. We will keep all in our prayers. Let's keep moving forward with all the Good we can do to help others.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless
~Sherry Anderson

I would like to ask that if you have the means of having a computer, keep the following website available: www.orangepost132.com. The information and Bugle are on this site. If you have an email address and were being sent a Bugle thru the US mail please let the Commander or our Editors, Leo and Esther Ouellette know so they can send it to you via email. To keep mailing costs down it is only being sent via email at this time.

God Bless You and God Bless America!
Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
2016 – 2021 (714) 293-6157





Tommy Dees, SONS First Vice Commander

As a result of Ray Alvarado's resignation as Commander for the Sons, Post 132, I am overseeing the Commander's position until October 6, 2020 wherein nominations for Commander will take place at 6 pm. It is imperative that all SONS members attend.

I want to thanks all the SONS that showed up and assisted with the September breakfast as follows: Mario Beltran, Brett "Egg Man" Jackson, John Shore, Mike and Carol Goss Holmes, Joe Stokely and Toby DeLeon.

The October Friday night Sons dinner will be lasagna and Garlic bread.

Tommy Dees
Post 132, SONS 1st Vice Commander



Have a very Happy Halloween and stay safe out there!



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hello to all SONS,

As many of you may or may not already know, our Commander, Ray Alvarado, unfortunately has resigned.

According to our By-Laws of the SONS of the American Legion, we must have an election of a new Commander; with 1st and 2nd Nominations and then election. Therefore, at our next meeting October 6th, we will have 1st nominations and on November 3rd, we will have 2nd nominations and election of a new Commander. Meeting time is 6 PM. Anyone in good standing (holding a 2020 or 2021 Membership Card) can run for the office of Commander, so please be thinking about it and bring your thoughts and nominations to the next meeting. It is very important that all SONS attend these next two meetings in order to vote for the Commander of your choice. All of the above information has been verified by John Paine, SONS District 29 Commander.

We still have many members who have not paid their 2021 dues. If you are one of them, please mail the dues to me ASAP. \$15 for over the age of 18; and \$8 for under the age of 18. If you are having problems and not able to pay your dues, please call me and let me know. Covid - 19 has caused and still causing many financial problems for many of us. Please advise me of any concerns. If you can't attend the meeting and want the information regarding the meeting - - please let me know. Mail your dues to: Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868-4140. I can be reached by e-mail also at: mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk or 1 (714) 803-0851.

Friday night's Dinner Special on October 2nd, is Lasagna (large servings) garlic bread, and apple sauce. Thank you to all the sons who have come and help to set up, cook and serve dinners and breakfasts. We couldn't have done it without all of your help thank you so much.

For God and Country,
Mike Holmes, SONS Adjutant
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**JOHN SCHUTZ—
LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER;
AL RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Greetings all,

The Booze wagon Opportunity Drawing was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported it. We have been working hard having dinners every Friday Night from 6 – 7:30 and breakfasts every Sunday from 9 – 11. It takes a lot of work and we are asking our Family Members to step up and assist us so we can keep our Post OPEN!

As we are allowed to reopen, we have some great ideas for some different events so stay tuned and keep your eye on our web site. We now have a Go Fund Me page so 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.

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ON THE AL RIDERS SIDE:

We have had some great rides to show our respect to some great Veterans. To name a couple of them we Rode to Honor Bill Scott 98 Years, Rode for the Ambushed LA Sheriff's, and Rode for Steve Sheron USMC who is battling stage 4 liver cancer.

We also want to thank all of our Legion Families and their friends that have been helping make our dinners and breakfasts a big success. The AL Riders' dinner on Oct 9th will be Meatloaf and of course our steaks and our breakfast will be on the 25th serving Omelets.

Also, 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.

John Schutz
aka Flyer John
President American Legion Riders, Chapter 132





GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Post 132 Legionnaire member for 23 years, Glen M. Becker. He was a Navy Veteran who served in Vietnam. May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

I continue to pray for the end of the limitations placed on us due to the pandemic. May God keep each of you safe.

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,

We hope this finds everyone in good health and happy in spite of this God awful Covid 19 Virus.

As bad as things are, thank goodness the Post is still functioning and staying afloat!

Much appreciation goes out to all of you volunteers for your support!!!

We don't know how much longer we will be able to continue as Editors for the Bugle. Things are pretty hectic for us right now. If anyone out there is interested in taking over, please, please give us a call!

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During COVID-19

**Stay Praying
Stay Caring for Self and Others (Stay Loving)
Stay Safe**





October 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm 	2  Sons, Lasagna/Steak 6pm-7:30pm DJ SOMMER 6 pm—8:30 pm	3
4	5	6 SONS' MTG 6 PM 	7 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Afghanistan War Began (2001)	8  AL General Mtg 7 PM  Auxiliary General Mtg 7 pm	9  AL Riders/ Meatloaf/Steak Dinner 6 pm—8:30 pm DJ SOMMER	10  AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am
11	12 ABATE MTG 6:00 PM  Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day	13  AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!!  1775 U.S. Navy Established 	14	15	16  Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8:30pm DJ SOMMER National Boss Day	17
18	19	20 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm	21 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	22	23  Auxiliary /Chicken Enchiladas/Steak 6pm-8:30pm DJ SOMMER 8pm—12 am Granada Cam- paign Began (1983)	24  UNITED NATIONS DAY
25  AL RIDERS BREAKFAST OMELETS 8AM—11	26	27  NAVY DAY!	28	29	30 Post 132 Legion Family/ Steaks 6 pm—8:30 DJ SOMMER	31  HALLOWEEN

**POST 132 HOURS: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE DURING COVID PANDEMIC.
SEE ATTACHED FLIERS FOR HOURS**

In lieu of this event being held at Depot Park and Luncheon at the Post 132,
I am asking our Auxiliary to Host this Event (With as many Volunteers as we can so that
the Legion (Our Veterans) can be honored)
LET ME KNOW IF YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. Thanks Ladies, Dar

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

**FREE BREAKFAST
FOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

**At the American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92868**



*Let's Celebrate
together!*

SOS, Eggs, and Spam



Guess who the big winner of the AL Riders Booze Wagon is?

Her name is: Katie Reiter. Congratulations, Katie! She received the prize on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Don't drink it all at once, Katie! A BIG Thank You to everyone that supported this fundraiser!





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

**Please Show Your Support and
Visit our GoFundMe Page**

LINK - charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132



POST COINS NOW AVAILABLE

WILL YOU ACCEPT

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Challenge Coin



just
\$10.00



A Little History

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. (Accidentally dropping a challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.) Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group.

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



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we're going digital

The Bugle is transitioning to an all digital format.
Now is the perfect time to make sure we have your preferred email
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with the following***

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Please bring your response to American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866.

OR Email it to either

Susan Wood (sdwood5015@yahoo.com)

Brian Johnson (justice10658@gmail.com)





15 % off

**Dine- In or Take Out
for All American Legion Members**

**The Pizza Store
380 S. Main St., Orange, CA
714-938-7300**

**Mon - Sat 11am - 8:30pm
Sun 4pm - 8:30pm**

WINNER!

Brian Scott was the big
winner of the Pizza
Dinner from the Pizza
Store!



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Those Who Support Us





RECYCLING FUNDRAISER



**When: Drop Off Every Sunday
8:00am ~ 11:00am**



**Where: Orange American Legion
Post 132**



**What: Aluminum Cans
and Plastic Bottles**

**Please Help
our Post so we can
Continue to
Help Veterans**



**Please separate your cans and plastic
bottles in different bags**

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Wine Fundraiser Event

*A Tartan Room
Gift Card worth \$50,
a great bottle of wine
and chocolates*

*A Fundraising Event To Support
American Legion Post 132 and
its Veterans*

*Ticket Donation
\$5.00 each*

*fund raiser to continue
until \$150 is raised.*



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2020 / 2021 Post 132 American Legion Officers

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