



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020



POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all, I hope this finds you all in good health. I would like to thank everyone for the confidence in me by electing me as Commander for Post 132.

We have postponed the Post's Centennial Celebration. As soon as we can get things back to normal, or as normal as we can, we will set a new date.

As far as the Post is concerned, we are closed due to COVID-19. We will be keeping any updates that we get posted on our website at: www.orangepost132.com

In light of the closure of Post 132, we are not able to generate a considerable amount of income. As all of you members know, income is generated by: rentals of the up-stairs hall; rent for the parking north parking lot; dinners on Friday nights; breakfasts put on by the Sons and AL Riders; casino bus trips by the Auxiliary; rental of the clubroom for private dances and events, and personal donations by some members. All of this has come to a halt due to the ongoing COVID-19.

Many suggestions have been made by members to generate income for the Post, however, on Thursday, July 16, 2020, Post 132 Building Manager, Ernesto Lopez suggested that a "Go Fund Me" be created for Post 132. Having received support from the E-Board to go forward with this suggestion, Past Commander John Minnella opened an account for the Post and is awaiting final instructions from a financial institution which will be forthcoming. Hopefully we will get good results. Instructions for donating to the cause will be forthcoming from Past Commander, John Minnella.

Thank you, Ernesto for the suggestion, John Minnella for setting up the account, and the support of all our Board members in support of this idea! Everyone please stay safe. Thank you!

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

Greetings Comrades,

I have been elected to serve as Adjutant for Post 132 for 2020-2021. It is an honor to serve Post 132 as your new Adjutant. I have been a member of the Orange Post 132 and AL Riders Chapter for four years. I have served the last three years as the AL Riders Chapter Road Captain and Secretary. I also serve as: the AL Riders Area 5 Safety Officer; and as District 29 Adjutant.

If you have ever visited the Post for the AL Riders' breakfast, I probably cooked your eggs.

I am an Army Gulf War Veteran and a retired Probation Officer. My Wife, Julie and I have been married 30-years and our son, Ethan is a freshman at Cal State San Marcos where he is studying sports psychology and playing lacrosse.

As the new Post 132 Adjutant, I have created an account using MyLegion.org to process our new and renewing members. In August 2020, I will set up a routine for office hours at the Post on Thursday evenings. I will be available to process memberships then. I will also be available throughout the week by appointment.

This new process will reduce paperwork and postage expenses and will get our new members processed in days rather than weeks. I will keep you all updated on the process and will be coordinating closely with Susan Wood, Finance Officer, as we move forward.

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
 Brian Johnson <adjutantdist29@gmail.com> (714)356-8262





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

Greetings, Everyone,

What is the meaning of Volunteering? My definition is: One's giving of their time to a cause in which there is a passion to help! Well, with that being said, it's time to look at your membership. We could always use your help with a project or two. It's refreshing to see all the interests in becoming an Auxiliary member. I thank all those that have recently joined in the last 6 months, your membership is extremely rewarding! (If we were not hit with Covid-19, our interaction could have been more rewarding, however, God willing, we look forward to it in the near future.)

In the event of moving on with our Auxiliary responsibilities, we have 1) put together food and clothing and taken it to the VA where these items could be used; 2) provided bus passes to local Veterans so they may get to destinations needed for their care.

There are many things for the Auxiliary to do and fortunately we do not need to meet in order to get things done. So, with good thoughts as to how our State makes decisions - allowing the Post (Officers and E Board) to re-open, we patiently wait. Our best encouragement goes out to the 2020-2021 Officers, and by the way, **Thank you for all the dedication you give to this Post.**

Until we meet again, Be Safe! Please keep your eyes open for the latest information at Post 132's website: www.orangepost132.com.

Please be sure to visit our Website and we want to thank Leo & Esther Ouellette for publishing this Bugle. www.orangepost132.com.

“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS”.

God bless you and God bless America
Darlene “Just-Dar” Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
2016 – 2021
(714) 293-6157

REMINDER: If any one has questions, do not hesitate to email me at: justdar-dar@gmail.com
I work in the day so I may not get back to you right away, but I will respond.



Ray Alvarado, Commander Sons

Hello Post 132 Family, Happy August,

Well here we are again, trying to play by the rules in regards to Covid-19. I hope all of you are safe and in good health. With deep sadness and a heavy heart, we had two passings in the month of July: Sons Sgt. at Arms, Mario Beltran, recently lost his older brother, Art Beltran on July 7, 2020 and his Mother Eloise Beltran on Thursday July 17, 2020. Mario asked me to express his gratitude to everyone for the support, love, and donations he has received. Please keep Mario and Victor (his brother) in your prayers..

Congratulations to the following officers who will be serving this upcoming year: Ray Alvarado (Commander); Tommy Dees (1st Vice); Tom Flynn (2nd Vice); Brett "Egg Man" Jackson (3rd Vice); Michael Holmes (Finance Officer/Adjutant); Mario Beltran (Sgt. of Arms); Pierre Duco (Chaplin); John Shore (EB); Dave Jimenez (EB); and Monte Floyd (EB). When we return, let's get after it men. Again, congratulations to all of you! The Sons are back in the kitchen (God Willing) on Friday August 7, 2020 with a menu to be determined. If we are open, please, come and join us. The Sons look forward to working with our New Commander Victor De La Rosa and his team in 2021. Congratulations to all elected officers at Post 132. In closing, let me mention our active Sons of the American Legion. David Laguna, Joe Stokely, Dave Rogers, Troy Vincent, Toby De Leon, Jeff Ruvalcava, and Mike Dampf. Thank you for your support and commitment, There is no (I) in the word (team), I could not do this without you all. Everyone, have a blessed month of August and we look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Ray Alvarado
SONs Commander
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Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hello to all SONS, I hope this note finds you and your families all at home and in good health. It is with a heavy heart, that condolences go out to Sons member, Mario Beltran during this difficult time as he has just lost two of his family members: his older brother and his 96 year old Mother. On behalf of the Sons, we hope and pray that beautiful memories will bring you comfort, Mario.

Several of you have been sending in your dues which is really appreciated. I had promised to send you your card upon receiving your dues, however, I have not been able to do that because I have yet to receive the 2020-2021 cards from Department for the SONS of the American Legion. I do expect to receive them any day now, and I will certainly be forwarding them to you as soon as they are received.

In the meantime, please, jam my mail box with your renewals. Only \$15.00 – make check payable to the: SONS of the American Legion. If under 18 the dues are only \$8.00. Please mail directly to me – Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868. REMEMBER – BY PAYING YOUR DUES YOU ARE SUPPORTING OUR ORANGE SQUARDON 132. I look forward to the re-opening of our Post real soon so that we can once again get back to mingling and seeing one another. May God bless you all,

For God and Country
Mike Holmes, SONS Adjutant
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SID GAUNA, FORMER FINANCE OFFICER

Greetings Again, fellow Members of the American Legion Family,

Well, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I am back “one more time” for August since we haven’t been able to completely transfer everything to the new 2020-2021 Finance Officer, Susan Wood. The Bank has come up with new rules about changing Signatures on the Accounts and it may take a while.

In the Clubroom/Building Account, besides the donations I mentioned last month from Marilyn Harris and Joe Mendoza, Marilyn Harris made her fourth donation of \$100 earlier this month. We received \$500.00 from the Sons and John Rodriguez donated \$100.00 early this month. We were open on weekends in June and had income of a little over \$5000.00, but after figuring all the expenses related to it, there was very little profit.

We are closed now and no telling for how long.

Other incoming donations will be reported next month. In the Legion Account, Susan Wood, last year’s Adjutant, was able to find the list of all the Members that had paid their dues online so, I mailed them their cards. Department sent us the money they owed us, and we are starting the new year clean. We have already received over 100 renewals and our new Adjutant, Brian Johnson, will be mailing out the Cards to Members who paid their dues in May. As I said before, I have given up trying to get the list of Members that paid online in November, January, February, March, April, and May. Any Member that paid online during those months and wants their Card, please let me know.

As of Friday, June 17th, we were over 107% but there is still a few out there that have not paid. Thanks to all that have paid their dues. Any other donations that come in this month will be reported next month.

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

SEMPER FI,
Sid Gauna, USMC
Former Finance Officer





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

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful 4th of July, The Booze wagon Opportunity Drawing is in full swing and is filling up with top shelf booze. The beer and wine cooler is also filling up quickly. Remember the drawing will be on Sunday September 6th and you don't have to be present to win. All the money will be going to support our fellow Veterans and the Post. Even if you don't drink the contents they could make some great gifts. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

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.

Re: AL Riders,

Due to the COVID-19 Rules we are unsure if we will be serving a dinner in August. It is all dependent on whether the Post is allowed to reopen, BUT, we will continue to serve Breakfast on the 4th Sunday of each month (if the Post is closed, we will have it to go) and we could really use your support!

The AL Riders conducted their Installation of 2020-2021 Officers which was conducted by the American Legion Riders Department of California President, Rey Ruiz on July 11th. Congratulations to our new officers and a special thank you for stepping up to the challenge.

**John Schutz,
2nd Vice Commander Post 132
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**John Schutz
aka Flyer John
President
American Legion Riders, Chapter 132**



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GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades, Sons, Sgt. at Arms, Mario Beltran's mother and brother recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mario and his family. May they find the peace of God during this trying time.

We pray that God gives us patience as we live life during this pandemic.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me for spiritual support and guidance as you deal with life.

*Glen Howard, Chaplain
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**Message from Sons, 1st Vice Cmdr.,
Tommy Dees to Mario Beltran, Sons'
Sgt. at Arms:**

Mario, my family and I send you our sincere condolences for the recent loss of your mother and brother. Our prayers are with you! Please know we are here for you! You have my number! Find comfort in the memories of your loved ones as they will always be with you!

**Your family at the Post is here to support you in anything you may need !!!
God Bless you!**

**Tommy Dees
Sons 1st Vice Cmdr.**



**EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER
OUELLETTE**

Greetings, everyone,

We hope this finds you and your families safe and in good health.

There is not much to report, other than to congratulate our new 2020-2021 Legionnaire and AL Riders officers! The best to you all! We know you will all do a good job in your new responsibilities.

Leo and I are doing okay for now! Preparing the Bugle is giving us something to do other than house and yard work and going to doctor appointments.

It's unfortunate that we can't mail the Bugle out to all members without computers at this time, however, it is enabling the Post to save money by circulating it via emails and posting it on the website.

God willing, things will go back to normal sooner rather than later.





We wish everyone the best during this difficult time. Thank you all for keeping in touch with us via phone calls and emails. We so appreciate it!

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August 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 UMAVA E-BOARD MTG 6 30 PM SONS' MTG 6 PM US Coast Guard Est: (1790) 	5 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM	6 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm 	7 Sons, 6pm-7:30pm  DJ SOMMER 8 pm—12 am Purple Heart Med- al Est. (1782) Vietnam War Be- gan (1964)	8  AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am
9	10 ABATE MTG 6:00 PM	11  AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!! 	12  Auxiliary General Mtg 7 pm	13  AL General Mtg 7 PM	14 AL Riders/ 6 pm—7:30 pm  Music TBD Japan Surrendered End of WWII (1945) Nat. Navajo Code Talkers Day!	15 UMAVA GEN MTG 9:30 AM
16 National Airborne Day	17	18 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm	19 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm National Aviation Day	20	21  Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-7:30pm Music TBD	22
23  AL RIDERS FRENCH TOAST, EGGS & SAUSAGE-BREAKFAST 8AM—11	24 Korea War ended (1953) Veteran Armistice Day	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28  Auxiliary 6pm-7:30pm Dinner—TBD 5 Star 8pm—12 am	29
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Post hours: (Tentative) Friday 3pm—11pm, Saturday 3 pm—8 pm, Sunday 3 pm—8 pm