

THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER February, 2019

AL POST 132 COMMANDER, JOSE MARTINEZ

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Even though I've had a bout with an injury and a cold, my wife and I managed to survive the holidays.

Well, we are now into the new year. Amazing how time flies. The Post is doing very well also. We have started to raise funds for new parking lots. Hopefully we can accomplish this soon. I talked to John Minnella's daughter about making a fundraising sign, and she agreed to it. Hopefully, we'll get it soon to show our progress as funds are raised. Also, I have some good news. We will NOT be raising membership dues. But, it is important to know that it is imperative that everyone pays their dues on time. When dues are not paid, the Post has to cover for them. Which in turn causes everyone higher rates. So please, pay your dues to help keep the costs down for everyone else.

Also, we have had to say goodbye to Tommy, our clubroom manager. He is still a member of the Post, but no longer the clubroom manager. But, we welcome Melyssa. She has been hired to be the new clubroom manager. So when you go and order your drinks, please be kind and welcome her to her new position. She comes with many years of experience working in the bar industry. Let us help her succeed in this new challenge.

We also hired a new Building Manager. He is Ray Avila Gallardo, an Army Veteran. He comes to us with an extensive knowledge of the building and construction industry. He has already been hard at work at the Post. His help here at the Post will be invaluable. We will definitely put his expertise to use here at the Post.

Also, by the time this Bugle goes to print, everyone will know we have a pool table. Thanks goes out to DK Billiards. I personally know the owner and his wife. They gave the Post a very good deal on the purchase of the table. Please be patient with the Board as we try and figure out rules and regulations for use of the pool table. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Please stay tuned to the Bugle and the Website, (orangepost132.com) for all the upcoming events at your Post. Please participate in the events to help us keep costs down.

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

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ONE AND ALL!

• Groundhog's Day - February 2, 2019

• Lincoln's Birthday - February 12, 2019

• Valentine's Day - February 14, 2019

Upcoming February Events
Presidents' Day - February 18, 2019
Washington's Birthday - February 18, 2019





Greetings all,

I hope everyone has a good and healthy year. Our membership is at 83.03%. We still need new members and if you have not paid your dues, please see one of the officers and we can help you get them paid. Don't forget to check out our website at: **orangepost132.com.**

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS!

Victor de la Rosa 2nd Vice Commander 29th District American Legion Victorplent@yahoo.com





2nd Vice Cmdr, Bill Springfield

Hello, Comrades, We finally have a date at the Katella Grill. We had been unable to obtain

a new fundraising day since August of last year. The date is: Monday, February 11, 2019 from 3pm to 10 pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details. If we are to continue to have these events at the Katella Grill, they must be supported. Our Post gets 20% of what Katella Grill receives from what the members spend so it can be a significant amount if well attended.

We need to wish Chaplain/E-Board member; Leo Ouellette, who is the heart and soul of the Bugle. our sincere wishes for his speedy recovery from surgery this week. Leo and Esther's time and effort to put the Bugle together doesn't get the appreciation it deserves. Get well soon, Leo, we need you!

William Stringfield wm@wmstringfield.com

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Melyssa Umbertus Clubroom Manager

Hello everyone,

My name is Melyssa Umbertus and I am your new Clubroom Manager here at Post 132. I want to thank all of you for being so helpful and supportive in this transition.

I have been bartending on and off for the last 20+ years and I have never felt more welcome and appreciated as I do here with all of you. I am committed to doing the best job I can, as well as, bringing more fun activities for everyone.

Our Legionnaires just added a great new pool table to the game room! We have more surprises and activities in store, so please come in and have fun with us!

I welcome all of your thoughts and ideas and I hope to hear all of them. Let's make this Post great again!

The Bar is open Monday thru Thursday from 3pm - 8 pm; Fridays from 12pm to 12am; and Saturday & Sunday from 12pm - 7pm. Happy hour, as well as, drink specials are coming soon!

I'll have the football games playing on the TV's, as well as, music and some tasty snacks for your tummy. I look forward to hanging out with all of you!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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



Gerardo Robledo, Jr. 3rd Vice Commander

Hello all,

I hope everyone is doing well. Feb 10th, we are hosting the District Oratorical at 12 PM at our Post! Come out and support the candidates. **Upcoming Events:**

- April 13- Easter Party 1-3 P.M.
- Boys' State (To be determined)

I hope everyone has a nice Valentine's Day with your loved ones!

Gerardo Robledo Third Vice Commander gr50940@msn.com



Mike Holmes, Adjutant/Finance Officer

Congratulations SONS, you have exceeded the goal of 100% in Membership all the way up to 103.6% with 144 Members; and we are in 1st place in District 29. Pat yourselves on the back, for you guys did it! Way to go!

Dinner for Friday, February 1st will be Mike's Chili, with Cornbread and all the trimmings to add to it. Fritos, corn chips (My favorite to put on chili) onions, cheese etc. will be available for you to add to your chili. If you have any special toppings that you like – call me and I will try to provide them.

Our Champagne Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 AM on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH. Hope you can all come down and join us for our Breakfast. We will serve: French Toast Special. SONS, if any of you are in the area, please stop by for Breakfast.

If any SONS do not have a 2019 membership card, your dues are past do. Please send \$15 directly to me, so we can get you renewed and up to date. Do you know that just by paying your dues you are supporting the SONS and the American Legion?

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019, AT 6 PM. Looking forward to meeting you personally.

EVERYONE HAVE A VERY SWEET VALENTINE'S DAY!

For God & Country Mike Holmes, Adjutant 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868-4140 714-803-0851 Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk

Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

Well, January is almost over, and February is right around the corner. Calling all women to attend our 4th annual **Honor our Women Veterans** which honors our Past Presidents and Meet and Greet possible new members. Bring your friends and attend a fun, fact filled afternoon with the greatest bunch of women you could spend time with in an afternoon. We will be serving light refreshments. Sunday, February 17th, 2-4 pm upstairs at our Post 132 Please note this date has been updated. Please Join Us.

We are blessed to have such a giving Post and many thanks go to our Commander for opening the door to all of us so that the programs of the Post Family may be fulfilled.

The AL Riders and some of our Auxiliary went to the VA and undecorated Christmas. Until next year, we will do it again.

The Auxiliary's 2018 Christmas Wish was drawn this year by Carolynn McMahon. She extended Christmas cheer to a woman Veteran who was well deserved.

The Auxiliary, along with the Post family, wants to always be available to all that may have ideas or needs. Our mission is to help Veterans, Community and Children.

Our 100th Year Anniversary for the Auxiliary of the American Legion is April 9th. Hopefully our ladies can get together and celebrate this day.

Well, keeping this article simple and in saying *Happy New Year to all those that have been down with illness this Winter*, we pray for each of you to have a speedy recovery. Keep all that have recently lost loved ones in prayer. This is the time in our lives that the loss is greatest. Remember, we are a family at our Post and if any are in need, reach out if you need help. We will do our best to help.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Elizabeth Andrew

God Bless You and God Bless America!

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

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

P.s. Great News: We now have a pool table to enhance out great clubroom. If you have any questions regarding events: Please call Melyssa (Bar Room Manager) at the Post 714-538-6311 during bar room hours.







John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Well we made someone's day at our Friday night dinner when we had a gentleman win the Wheel of Opportunity which was very substantial!

The Post was rocking and we had a very successful dinner thanks to our fellow Legionnaires and my AL Rider's who donate their time and cooking skills.

We will be giving the Wheel of Opportunity a rest for awhile and are working on other opportunities to give you a chance to win some money or great prizes.

The AL Rider's joined the National Commanders' luncheon in Borrego Springs and the escort. Both rides were cold and during the ride to Borrego Springs we encountered snow and ice.

February 8th, we will be serving dinner and the Potato Bar will be on the menu along with our famous steaks. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:30 so get there early if you want a steak because they go fast. Sunday, February 17th, is our monthly breakfast which will be S.O.S so, Leo, make sure you are there since this is your favorite. Breakfast is from 8:00 to 11:00 and the bar will be open.

As always, I want to thank my fellow AL Riders who donate their time to help make our events successful. I am proud to be associated with these great people.

Melyssa is our new Clubroom Manager and she is doing an awesome job so, come down and have a drink with her. Remember, February 14 is Valentines Day so don't forget your favorite guy or gal.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

John Bloecher ALR 132 President jb1mf@yahoo.com



TOMMY DEES, PAST SONS COMMANDER

Greetings Everyone,

Regretfully, I am no longer Clubroom Manager at Post 132. This was a position that I enjoyed very much because of the camaraderie with all the Legionnaire Family and the members and Veterans. I congratulate Melyssa Umbertus as the new Clubroom Manager.

However, in light of the 25+ years I have vested in Post 132 with the Sons, as Past Commander, and now on the E-Board, I plan to continue my involvement with the Sons in support of the Veterans at Post 132. which is very important to me. I am open and available where ever and whenever I am needed. I thank everyone for supporting me throughout the past years and I look forward to helping out whenever I can.

I WISH EVERYONE A VERY NICE VALENTINE'S DAY!

For God and Country Tommy Dees Past Sons Commander



Greetings again, fellow members of the American Legion Family.

Well, this year is off to a fairly good start. I hope to see a successful 2019.

Not much has changed in the Clubroom Bar since last month except that we have a new Clubroom Manager and a pool table. Friday Night Dinners are doing okay but they could be better. In December, there were no Rentals upstairs although, we did receive donations for two Quartermanias that were held in November and December. There was also a donation for a memorial of a Veterans family member and we had two small rentals downstairs. We received the following:

- \$900.00 rental fee for the north parking lot from the offices next door;
- Gordon Talmage donated \$200.00 for the Parking Lot Fund and;
- Lauri Miller donated \$200.00 for the Clubroom;
- The Fundraiser held at Zito's Pizza in November brought us \$84.66 and we received;
- \$23.00 from ATM machine fees;
- \$29.00 was collected at the Museum Donation box;
- \$35.00 in coffee donations for the last three months;
- New Year's Eve Party brought in \$550.00 at the door;
- Earlier this month we received a \$350.00 donation in Memory of Fred Barrera, a World War II Veteran, by his daughters Barbara and Jaci. Fred was a member of our Post for over 40 years and very much involved with the Post when I first joined in 1986. Their donation will be going into the Parking Lot Fund.
- November's Fifth, December's Third and Fourth Friday Opportunity Drawings brought in \$245.00 for Bugle support. Thanks to all that come in and support the Friday Night Opportunity Drawings. This money pays for most of the Bugle expenses and we have been able to keep from raising the Membership Dues.

Other donations that have come in later this month will be reported next month;

In the Legion Account, 16 members paid their dues and 4 members paid on line. Thanks to all that have paid your dues. If you haven't paid, please do so! We still have over 100 members that haven't paid. Everything else is going up.

I hope everyone is having a very good year with Peace, Happiness and Good Health. You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com.

Semper Fi, Sid Gauna, Finance Officer, USMC

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



RAY ALVARADO SONS COMMANDER

Happy 2019!

I hope all is well as you settle into 2019. I have very little information for you in this month's Bugle due to the fact that we have not had our January meeting as of yet.

However, I can tell you we are back in the kitchen on Friday night, February 8, 2019, preparing chili and all the trimmings for our Special. And as always on Friday evening, Steaks, bake potato's, green beans, salad, & Desert are also available. Two days later, on Sunday morning February 10th, we have a Champagne Breakfast. It includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, French toast, juice, and coffee.

We do have plans on purchasing new lights that shine on our American Flag at the front of the Post and we are still having discussions regarding our next fundraiser.

As I mentioned, I do not have much information at this time but we will be back on pace in March. As always, it's you we need to THANK!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS!

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



John Minnella, Judge Advocate/Adjutant

If you like billiards, you'll be happy to know that Post 132 now has a pool table for your use down in the "Bunker" (Clubroom)!

The Post parking lots, on the north and south sides, will be repaved this month. That will cost us close to \$30,000, making a major dent in our financial reserve that we cannot delay any longer. Your Executive Board voted to start an emergency, segregated Building Fund to get donations to pay off this major cost quickly. Please, do what you can financially to help. Thank you all!

That's my input for February, Comrades. Please feel free to contact me (714) 543-9005; drjminnella@yahoo.com) any time if you have any comments, concerns, complaints, or I can otherwise help you.

John Manilla. Judge Advocate/Adjutant

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!















LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

A reminder—Please let us know when you need help, especially in your time of mourning. Let us honor your loved one with the veiling of our Post' Charter for thirty days!

Quips to ponder:

Wisdom grows when we listen to the words of our elders!

Remember, our children are our messages to the future!

Don't forget the past, Just learn from it!

Leo M. Ouellette Chaplain, Imocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 636-6275 (714) 334-2961

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Thank you to the following helpers with the Bugle: Pat Whitman, Pierre Duco, Mathew Valencia, Mark Valencia, Fina Cuz, Jack Peralta, Carol Goss Holmes, Mike Holmes, Martha and David Maldonado, and Carol Martinez. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We were done in record time!

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



The Museum is doing okay. We are still getting donations and are finding a place for everything. We appreciate all the support we are getting from everyone who visits.

Thank you!

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



Love is like the wind.

REMEMBERING OUR 'VETERANS' CONFLICTS' MUSEUM

During January 2017 we were very fortunate to be able to find a way to honor our Veterans' Conflicts. Without the following people, we would not have the museum at our beautiful and historical Post 132 building.

<u>Frank Cook</u> – Army Veteran, Frank Cook, gave me the incentive to create the Museum after he donated his family's collection of Civil War memorabilia, which is priceless! I had to provide a home for his donated items which lead to many more donations from many other donors.







<u>Terry Morse</u> – Army Veteran Terry Morse, a hard-working Veteran, we would not have our small, but beautiful, museum. He worked his butt off to accommodate our needs for the Museum. We appreciate all you did, Terry, thank you so much!







<u>Sam Holcomb</u> - Thank you to this very thoughtful and special man and his very generous financial donations. It would have taken a long time to raise the needed funds to accomplish our goal! Sam, you are Awesome, thank you!







And, of course, THANK YOU to all of you donors who have donated so many special items that has made this museum so very special. I remind you that the Museum is open to you all at any time the Post is open!

Leo M. Ouellette Curator, Post 132 "Honoring Veterans' Conflicts" Museum

February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Sons, chili- cornbread/Steaks 6pm-8pm DJ SOMMER National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day
3 SUPER BOWL 2 PM POTLUCK!	4	5 UMAVA BOARD MTG 6 PM SONs Mtg 6 pm Chinese New Year	6 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	Legionnaires E-BOARD MTG 7 pm ALA Meeting 7 am	8 AL RIDERS Potato Bar/ Steaks 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway	9 9 am AL Riders' Mtg
10 ORATORICAL 12 PM Sons -Champagne breakfast 830 am—1130am \$8	KATELLA GRILL FUNDRAISER 3 PM—10 PM On Main & Katel- Ia, Orange	Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala Leave 8:30 am Lincoln's Birthday	13 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM	14 AL General Mtg 7 pm VALENTINE'S DAY!	15 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cow- boys Band 8pm—12 am	16 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am
AL Riders Breakfast. SOS 8 AM—11 AM Auxiliary Meet & Greet Luncheon! 2pm—4 pm	President's Day Washinton's Birthday	19	Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	21	Auxiliary Chicken Cordon Blue/ Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	23 1rst Calvary Mtg 9 am
Operation Desert Storm 2-24-91— 2-28-91	25	26	27	Start of Vietnam War (1961)		











ARE YOU READY

SUPPER BOWL

PARTY STARTS AT 2 PM

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH/SNACKS AND YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 3, 2019 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 132 143 S. LEMON ST., ORANGE, CA

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

February 10, 2019

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

OFF RIGHT!!



Location: American Legion Post 132 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866

Menu

- *Scrambled Eggs
- *French Toast
- *Sausage
- *Coffee
- *Juice



Support your American Legion SONs





Join us for an evening of great food and dancing.

Music Starts at 8pm

Friday February 8, 2019
Dinner 6pm - 7:30pm

Entree Choices

Steak with Baked Potato,
Vegetables, Salad & Desert (\$12.00)

Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings (\$8.00)

Special Raffle for a Sweetheart Basket

Sponsored by your American Legion Riders

Post 132 - 143 S. Lemon St. -Orange - CA - 92866



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR
SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 17TH - 0800 HOURS TILL 1100 HOURS



Includes SOS, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Coffee, & Juice



American Legion Riders

Chapter 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866



On behalf of The American Legion Post 132 we would like to invite you to Katella Grill for a fundraising event on

> Monday, February 11, 2019 From 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.







Bring this flyer to Katella Grill between 3-10:00 p.m. 20 % of your total bill will be donated back to the

American Legion Post 132
Gift card sales apply
Bring your friends and family!

Katella Grill 1325 W. Katella Ave., Orange 92867 (Corner of Katella & Main)

"No distribution of this flyer is allowed to patrons of the Katella Grill 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."





BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 MUST HAVE 45 PASSENGERS SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP! NEXT BUS TRIP MARCH, 2019



American Legion Post 132 PO Box 214 143 S. Lemon St Orange, CA 92866 Phone #: (714) 538-6311

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