



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER JULY 2020



POST 132 COMMANDER, JOHN MINNELLA

Members and Friends of the Post 132 Legion Family:

Congratulations to our new Post officers: Commander Victor DE LA ROSA, Finance Office Susan WOOD, First Vice Commander Jose MARTINEZ, Second Vice Commander John SCHUTZ, Third Vice Commander Gerardo ROBLED0, and Executive Committee persons: David KULCINSKI and Sid GAUNA (two Exec. Comm. positions remain unfilled). Cmdr. DE LA ROSA has asked me to serve as Post Judge Advocate (appointive office) as well as Immediate Past Commander and I have agreed to do so.

Many Post offices are appointive and if you have some interest in participating in the Post leadership and are a Post Legionnaire I urge you to contact Cmdr. De La Rosa and volunteer. He and the Post will need all the help possible during this VERY difficult recovery period. There are many, many appointive offices including Historian, Sgt.-at-Arms, Bugle Editor, Museum Curator, Adjutant, Committee Members (Audit, Finance, Museum, Membership Development, Building Maintenance, Bylaws, Clubroom Management, etc.).

With over 500 Legionnaire members and another about 500 in our allied groups (Auxiliary, AL Riders, SONs, UMAVA, AVU and others), Post 132 is a big operation that requires close, dedicated and able management volunteers and the continued and substantial financial and human power support and involvement of the SONs, AL Riders, Auxiliary, AVU, UMAVA and others. During my short tenure, the Post had the good fortune of substantial support, cooperation from everyone, and positive attitudes. That resulted in the resolution of many urgent and necessary matters long delayed like: parking lot repavement, 5 air conditioner replacements, bar and clubroom remodeling, gas lines repair, kitchen safety certifications, rental and staff contract upgrading, issuance of formal of operating rules and procedures, licensure up gradings, and so many other matters.

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In addition to continuing to serve Orange Post 132 as Immediate Past Commander and Judge Advocate, I will be the new First Vice Commander of the Legion's District 29 (i.e., all the 27 posts of Orange County: some 8,500 Legionnaires). As I retire into the background of past commanders of this Post, I want to thank so many for making my tenure as Commander an easy and enjoyable one: EVERY Auxiliary member, SONS of the AL, AL Riders, and Post members and officers; Staff and Post friends and supporters. There are really too many to name here but you know who you are. It was a highlight of my life and an honor to have had the opportunity to be the Commander of Post 132 and represent this Post. I will do all I can to help the new Post leaders, especially during our recovery.

At the writing of this article, installation of new Post 132 officers is scheduled for the regular General Membership Meeting at 7pm on Thursday, July 9, in the Banquet Hall of Post 132.

In closing please feel free to contact me at: (714) 538-6311- Post 132 office; (714)543-9005 direct; drjminnella@yahoo.com) anytime if you have any ideas, comments, concerns, complaints, or I can otherwise help you, our Post, and/or the Legion.

John Minnella
Immediate Past Commander,
Judge Advocate
District 29 First Vice Commander

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY !!!!





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

My first thoughts of writing this article this month are to just give thanks to **HAVING A NEW DAY!**

Last Sunday being, Father's Day and the changes in our lives (COVID), I am in hopes that All enjoyed their day. It was a different day not being able to just freely go to the Post and prepare a delicious breakfast for the Dad's.

My article will be short as the Ladies just had their first meeting since all this chaos started, and now next month we will be in our New Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

What has happened since last month, well: Scholarships have been awarded to deserving recipients; Clothing and Food has been delivered to the VA; Bus passes were given to Veterans needing to get to appointments. The Post has slowly opened and with great caution. It seems members are feeling a little more comfortable with coming down to the Post.

I want to celebrate the Post Families' New officers. We, The Auxiliary were asked to **STAY IN OUR EXISTING OFFICER POSITIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR.** With that said, if you have an interest to be An Officer of the Auxiliary, we can make a change prior to Aug 30th.

There are so many thanks to so many people for all that is done at the Post. **SO, I WILL BLANKET A "THANK YOU" TO ALL THAT CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO BEAUTIFYING THE CLUB ROOM, BALLROOM, GAME ROOM, BATHROOMS AND ALL POST AREAS IN WHICH PEOPLE OFTEN VISIT.** I am proud of each Auxiliary Member of Unit 132 and it is an Honor to work with such dedicated women.

Please be sure to let someone know if you are not receiving this Bugle via email.

Thank you, Commander John Minnella for your great leadership in the 2019-2020 year at the post and Welcome, Commander Victor De La Rosa. We know that you will provide great leadership.

The July 24th Auxiliary Dinner will be Cordon Bleu with mashed potatoes. These ladies really pull it together and put on a wonderful dinner as does everyone every week. The Post is fortunate to have a complete family.

We have all the bases covered, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SALs, and AL Riders.

So, I ask you as you read this entire Bugle, **ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT POST 132?** Would you go out and ask a family member or friend that you know to come join us? If so, next time, bring a guest down for dinner and get them the application they need to join our family and let them be a part of the organization that gives each of us the honor of serving our Veterans, Community, and Children.

There has been a change in the Auxiliary's next meeting. For the month of July, it is changed to Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7 pm. Please note your calendars. God Bless you all and God Bless our Country

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

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips
Auxiliary 2016 -2021
(714) 293-6157



HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!



Ray Alvarado, Commander Sons

Hello Post 132 Family,

I certainly hope all your families are safe. As you know we are not quite out of the woods yet but making progress. I want to thank the SONS who attended our spur of the moment meeting on Tuesday June 23, 2020. As you witnessed, it was very much needed. We are holding off on nominations at this time and all officers will remain as is. We did vote to give a little more than we normally do with our quarterly donation to Post 132. We have committed to give \$500.00 immediately. Thank you SONS for your generosity. Once again, we are back in the kitchen on Friday July 3rd from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. We will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and a bag of Chips. Rest assured, all SONS will have a face mask and gloves on. Please come down and join us. SONS, please do not forget our next meeting which will be at 6:00 pm. on Tuesday July 7th. Please consider paying your membership dues at that meeting. Lastly, thank you Commander Elect, Victor de la Rosa. for participating briefly in our meeting and mentioning the soon to be blood drive at the Post. And also, 2nd Vice Commander Elect & American Legion Rider President John Schultz. for being there as well and providing us with information on the Booze Wagon Fund-raiser. Gentlemen, I will do what I can to promote these two events. **May each and everyone of you have a wonderful 4th of July and we hope to see all of you soon.**

Thank you,
Sons Commander,
Ray Alvarado
raymondalvarado818@gmail.com
(714) 366-3245



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. We have 162 paid members for a percentage of 87.5%. We just had 2 additional applications to join the SONS, and 1 member paid his dues, so that will make us 165 paid members, with a percentage of 89.1%.

The new membership cards will be coming out around July 15st. So Dues are due for the upcoming year of 2020-2021. Dues are \$15.00 for anyone over 18 and \$8.00 for our Jr members. It would be greatly appreciated if you would write your check to The SONS of the American Legion for \$15 and mail to me as soon as possible to my address: Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868-4140

You can also drop your dues off at the Post. Please put them in an envelope address to me – with YOUR NAME, RETURN ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and E-MAIL ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE. I will send you your new card as soon as I receive them!

The SONS are in the kitchen the first Friday of the month which is July 3rd. Menu is not known as of this writing. Next meeting to be July 7th at 6 pm or announced if it is to be different.

Happy 4th of July!

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



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

What's happening at the Legion?

Want to know what is happening down at the Post? Take a look at our bulletin board as you come down the entry stairs or while you are at the bar, take a look at the TV on the far left.

We are now selling our Post's Centennial Tee Shirts for just \$25.00 and We are currently having our yearly BOOOOOZE Wagon Fundraiser. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be September 6th.

We are also working on a couple of different events. We are putting together a Beer Tasting night, Wine Tasting night, and a Texas Hold'em Tournament so stay tuned for more information.

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.

The AL Riders will be serving Tri-tip sandwiches and Steaks for dinner on July 10, 2020 and a pancake breakfast on July 26, 2020 from 8 am to 11 am. Please join us in supporting Post 132.

The AL Riders Officers for the 2020-2021 are as follows:

**President..... John Schutz
Vice President..... Tom Butters
Secretary..... Brian Johnson
Treasurer..... Michelle De La Cruz
Sgt. at Arms..... Ernie Celaya
Judge Advocate..... Bill Cook
Historian..... Frances Schuster
Chaplain..... Darlene Phillips
Web Master..... John Schutz**

John Schutz,
2nd Vice Commander Post 132
John.schutz@mbww.com

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

HAVE A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY !





Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings Again, Fellow Members of the American Legion Family.

Well, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I don't have much to write again so I will Make this short.

This may be my last Article since I have finally been replaced as Finance Officer. We had elections last week and Susan Wood was elected for the position. I was elected Executive Committee Person and will work with Susan all year as I slowly fade away.

In the Clubroom/Building Account we only had the Donation I mentioned last month from Marilyn Harris. Again at the beginning of June, she made her third \$100.00 donation. Joe Mendoza also donated \$100.00 early this month. Thanks Joe. We have opened up on weekends but it is slowly getting back to normal. Other donations that came early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account, 1 Members 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 in those months and wants their Card, 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 donations that came in early this month will be reported next month.

Any donations that came in early this month will be reported next month. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email me at: sidgauna@aol.com.

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Sid Gauna, Finance Officer
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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY ALL!



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GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Hector De La Riva on June 26, 2020. His wife Gloria and the rest of his family are in our prayers.

For the new officers, May God be with you on your journey for the next fiscal year. May He grant you the wisdom and courage to guide the Post to greatness.

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

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

Glen Howard, Chaplain
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*(NOTE FROM FORMER CHAPLAIN,
LEO OUELLATTE)*

After 7-1/2 years as Chaplain, we have a new Chaplain. It was an honor and privilege for me to serve you and our wonderful Post 132. I was happy to hear that many of you enjoyed our thoughts of the month in my articles as Chaplain. Best wishes to our new Chaplain, Glen Howard.

*God bless one and all,
Leo M. Ouellette*



EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings all,

We hope this finds everyone safe and in good health and happiness.

Due to health issues, we are seeking someone to take over the Bugle as editors. As much as we enjoyed the opportunity, we need to pass it on. Please contact us should you be interested.

Requirements: Member of Post 132 in good standing.

Leo & Esther Ouellette
Editors,
lmocon@sbcglobal.net





July 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM	2 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm	3 Sons, Hamburg- ers/Hot dogs 6pm- 7:30pm DJ SOMMER 8 pm—12 am	4 4TH OF JULY Independence Day 
5	6	7 UMAVA E-BOARD MTG 6 30 PM SONS' MTG 6 PM	8 Auxiliary Gen- eral Mtg 7 pm	9 AL General Mtg 7 PM Installation of Officers	10 AL Riders/ Tri Tip Sandwiches/Steak 6 pm—7:30 pm Music TBD	11 AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am John Bloecher Memorial 11:00 am
12	13 ABATE MTG 6:00 PM	14 AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!! 	15 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	16	17 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-7:30pm Music TBD	18 UMAVA GEN MTG 9:30 AM
19	20	21 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm	22	23	24 Auxiliary Cordon Bleu Mashed Potatoes 6pm-7:30pm 5 Star 8pm—12 am	25
26 AL RIDERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM—11 	27 Korea War end- ed (1953) Veteran Armi- stice Day	28 WWI Began (1914)	29	30	31 Legionnaires Dinner 6 pm-7:30 pm Music TBD	

THANK YOU !!!

Thank you so much for honoring me by naming the Post 132 Veterans' Conflict Museum after me.

Because of my medical condition, the Museum's duties have been taken over by a committee with Commander Elect, Victor de la Rosa in charge. This museum would not have been possible if not for all the help and donations from our members and friends. Especially the following, Terry Morse, who spent many hours renovating the room and getting us on our way; also, many thanks to all whose generous financial donations by our members and one individual in particular, AL Rider, Sam Holcomb, who went over and beyond generous. Thank you so much, Sam, we couldn't have achieved it without your help.

Many thanks also goes out to all the items donated by; our Veterans; members of Post 132, along with their relatives. A special thank you to Veteran, Frank Cook, who very graciously donated the majority of the Civil War items on display. A special thank you to my wife, Esther, who assisted wherever and whenever she was needed. I also thank our past Commanders, Jose Martinez and outgoing Commander, John Minnella as well as the Board for their assistance in regard to the museum. The names of donors are displayed throughout the museum.

As you can see, it was named after me but it was the result of many of our comrades that made it a success!

For God and Country, Leo M. Ouellette, Post 132 Chaplain, E-Board, Air Force Veteran



Above: Leo and Esther Ouellette.

Left: Outgoing Commander, John Minnella, Esther and Leo Ouellette and Elected Commander, Victor de la Rosa.

Right: Leo Ouellette and Sgt. at Arms, Ernie Ceyala.



Please come and join us for our
SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
July 26th - 0800 hours till 1100 hours

**Includes WAFFLES, Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Coffee, & Juice**



**What a Deal
Only \$8.00**

SAVE THE DATE - Support your Riders

**American Legion Riders
Chapter 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866**

BOOOOZE WAGON FUNDRAISER

**Tickets \$5.00 each
or 5 for \$20.00**

**Drawing will be September 6th, 2020
at 8:00 PM**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
Must be 21 or older to participate**



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Celebration of Life

in memory of
John “Diva” Bloecher
July 9, 1947 - March 30, 2020

*Please join Diva’s family and friends
in a memorial celebration of tribute
highlighting his dynamic and
remarkable spirit of a life well lived.*



SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

At the
American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866



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Post hours: Friday 3pm—11pm, Saturday 3 pm—8 pm, Sunday 3 pm—8 pm