



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

July 2017



COMMANDER AL POST 132, JOSE MARTINEZ

I would like to thank everyone who attended the installation dinner and installation of officers on June 8th. We had a great attendance of not only officers to be installed, but family and friends. Thanks to the 40 & 8 for installing the officers. Congratulations to all the Officers of Post 132 that were installed.

The following Saturday, UMAVA had their 10 year Gala at Post 132. The event was attended by Congressman, Lou Correa; Assembly-Woman, Sharon Quirk Silva; Senator, Janet Nguyen; Rancho Santiago Community College Trustees, Nelida Mendoza and Claudia Alvarez; Santa Ana Council Members: Sal Tinajero and Juan Villegas; Fullerton City Council Member, Jesus Silva; Avelino Valencia from the office of Tom Daly, and the Mayor of this great City of Orange, The Honorable, Teresa "Tita" Smith. UMAVA received numerous Resolutions and recognitions from all the dignitaries. Congratulations to UMAVA for their milestone of reaching 10 years. If you do not know of UMAVA, their meetings are at 9:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of every month. I'm not only the Vice Commander of the organization, but also Honor Guard Team Leader. My wife, Carol and I are also on the Board of Directors. There are also many Post 132 members in UMAVA. To find out more about UMAVA please go to umava.org, or better yet, come check us out.

The following Sunday was the 1st fundraiser for American Veterans United (AVU). This organization is based in Moorpark. I, along with my wife, Carol, belong to this organization as well. We are starting an Orange County Chapter. We are still looking for more members to join so that we can become an official Chapter of AVU in Orange County. We will be planning more events at Post 132. To find out more about AVU, go to: avuinc.org, or come by for a visit. Check the website for our next meeting. My wife also makes menudo for the meetings, and the proceeds go to the homeless Vet program at our Post.

As you can see, we have been, and are always very busy at the Post. Please check the Post website at: orangepost132.com for all scheduled events. Hope to see everyone at the Post. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Semper Fi

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



Upcoming Events

- July 4, 2017—Happy 4th!
- July 8, 2017— Let's Dance
- Bus trip to Stateline (See calendar)



Bill Siler, III, Adjutant

Greetings all, The Department Convention was at the Riverside Convention Center June 21, 2017 through June 25, 2017. When I registered, I picked up the 2018 Membership Cards for our Post. Therefore, starting in July, we will start renewing Post Members' dues.

On June 22, 2017 was the Department Executive Committee Meeting (Dec.) at 0900.

On June 25, 2017, the last day of Convention, the Election of Department officers and the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention took place in Reno, Nevada.

Our next Legionnaire Post meeting will be July 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. All members are invited to attend this meeting. You can also pay your dues for 2018 and receive your 2018 card if you want to. I hope to see all of you there.

Don't forget to go to the Post Website (www.orangepost132.com), then go to events to see what is happening at the Post that you might want to attend.

The Post had a breakfast at 9am on June 18th for Fathers' Day! Fathers ate free and everyone else had the privilege of paying \$8.00 for the breakfast! This was a great place to bring Dad on Father's Day!

Submitted by William Siler III
Adjutant - Post 132



John Minnella, Judge Advocate

The Passing of Antonio "Tony" Mendez. As I write this, our Post and Legion family has just suffered the loss of our dear brother, Tony Mendez. WWII Army combat Veteran, 95 years old, husband and father. He was a fixture at Post 132 for many years. We all enjoyed his laughter and warmth and very presence and his absence now will be remembered. Rest in peace, Tony!

Department of California Convention. At the July Executive Committee and General Membership meetings in July, we will report on the significant events that took place at the Department of California Annual Convention in Riverside at the end of June. Post 132 had an active delegation there.

Visitors: James E. Palmer, Vice Commander of Post 2 in Augusta, Maine, stopped in and visited our Post and Museum Friday night on June 16. I and others tried to make him feel very much at home.

USA Naturalization: I again remind you that if you know of any active or honorably discharged military who are NOT citizens but would like to be but haven't applied because of the ordinary \$680 filing fee, they are ENTITLED to file WITHOUT ANY FILING FEE. Have them contact me for more information.

Please give our Bugle Newsletter editors, Leo & Esther OUELETTE (lmocon@sbcglobal.net; (714)334-2961) your EMAIL address so we can send you the Bugle via email and save postage.

That's my input for July, comrades. Please feel free to contact me (714/543-9005; drjminnel-la@yahoo.com) anytime if you have any comments, concerns, or I can otherwise help you.



1st Vice Cmdr. Victor de la Rosa
Greetings all,



I hope you are all ready for a great Summer. There are a lot of activities going on down at our Post so check the monthly calendar and make your plans to be there. That being said, it is also the start of a new Legionnaire year and new year of membership.

Please see me or one of the other officers to pay your dues. Thank you!

Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

Victor de la Rosa
1st Vice Cmdr.
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2nd Vice Cmdr. William Stringfield

Hello, Comrades:

Our June 5 fundraiser at the Katella Grill was moderately successful. I picked up a check from them for \$167.33 and will present it at the next meeting. I have asked the Katella Grill for another date and will advise everyone once it has been determined.

I want to thank all who went there last Monday. I am still hopeful that at one of these events we will be able to draw from membership other than the dedicated officers and executive board from the Legionnaires, AL Riders, Sons and Auxiliary. Without their support the fundraiser could not be held. Please, if you are able, come and do your part in assisting with this fundraiser. The food is great!

Happy 4th of July to all. Please be safe in all you do!

**William Stringfield,
2nd Vice Commander**

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**3rd Vice Cmdr.,
Bruce Stevens**

Hello Post 132 family members,



To all of Post 132, I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer.

Our four Boy Staters are currently working and playing up in Sacramento at Boy's State. I will have a complete report when they return.

Mary and I attended the services for Tony Mendez on Wednesday. He was quite a guy and will be missed by many. There are not many like him and the Legion as well as the world is a bit poorer for his absence.

That is it from me at this time. Be well and prosper.

Happy 4th of July! Be safe!

Signing off, for now.

Bruce Stevens,
3rd Vice Commander
Email: phystchr@aol.com





Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again Comrades,

Greetings again Comrades. Let's see, what shall we write about today? I can't write about my retirement since I am still working part time. Maybe I should use larger fonts. I don't have any good jokes so I guess Leo and Esther will have to fill up the page.

Overall the bar did well in May. Friday Night Dinners also did well. We collected \$52.00 from the Donation Box inside the Museum. There were four small rentals upstairs with average bar sales. We received the regular monthly donation of \$100.00 from Robert Mitchell and that was it. Donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account some members are already paying their dues. We don't have the cards yet so those members are going to have to wait. The Boys State Fund is still under funded. I made a donation of \$400.00 so that we would not deplete the funds for the Bugle. There is still time to make a donation. The Friday night Opportunity Drawings for last Friday in April and third and forth Fridays in May brought in \$330.00 for Bugle Expenses. We want to thank everybody for their donations. Donations that came in early this month will be reported next month.

Thanks to all that come down and support the Post.

All for now. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at sidgauna@aol.com

Semper Fi,
Sid Gauna
Finance Officer





John Bloecher - AL Riders President

The Rider's will be meeting on July 8th at 8:30 am so Rider's please be prompt. We are serving Hamburgers, Sausage and French Fries plus Steak and baked potatoes on Friday

July 14th.

Now my birthday is on July 9th and expensive gifts or cash will be appreciated, I will be 70 and still good looking. We made dinner at the Fischer House for guests on June 21st and it was a hit.

We are having waffles, sausage and eggs for breakfast on July 23rd. I want to thank my fellow Rider's who continually dedicate their free time to help with the dinners, breakfasts and other function we are involved in. Thank you ladies and gentlemen, you know who you are. The AL Rider's would like to thank the other organizations at the Post: the Legionnaires, the Sons, the Auxiliary and our Commander, Jose Martinez and his officers for making a wonderful home for us biker trash. Bear and Dar have retired from the Rider's but are still a part of us and we are happy to have them. **We wish everyone a wonderful 4th of July, a great Summer and stay safe out there.**

John Bloecher President of ALR 132
jblmf@yahoo.com



Tommy Dees - Sons' Commander/Clubroom Manager



Hi, Comrades,

It's already Summer again. I hope all had a great Father's Day.

Congrats to all in-coming officers. I want to thank DJ Sommer. What a great job she did with the music.

I'm the Sons' Commander again this coming year. Let's get another 100 percent membership this year.

Thank you to all who helped throughout the year.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July. Don't drink and drive!

Tommy Dees,
Sons Commander, Post 132
(714) 538-6311



Mike Holmes Sons Adjutant

Congratulations all Sons! We made 100% in membership. Thank you to all.

I will be attending Convention in Riverside along with Jeff Ruvalcava and Austin Cook. Not sure of any others that are able to go at this time. We will bring home any information or awards that we have won. We, three, have signed up for a training class to learn more about what the Sons do so we can incorporate some new ideas for our Squadron.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post on Friday nights for dinner and dancing.

The Sons will be dark in July with our next meeting on August 10th at 6 pm.

Remember, we cook and serve dinner the first Friday of every month and can always use another helping hand in the kitchen. Enjoy your summer!

Happy 4th of July! Celebrate safely!

Mike Holmes, Adjutant – Squadron 132
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Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

Dear Members,

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

Yesterday was Father’s Day and celebrated by many fathers at our Post. I want to thank the ladies that came down and cooked for this special day for the dads. Roni Hawkins (honored Bear by cooking in the kitchen on Father’s Day while he is on the road). Frances, Carol Goss Holmes, Carolyn McMahon, Esther Ouellette, Susie Flores, Kathy Kulp, Carol Martinez, Jenny Guajardo, Terri Rodriguez, Cindy Widdall and our newest Auxiliary member, Madeline. Ladies, it is a great pleasure to put an event together and honor the Dad’s that could attend.

I want to celebrate the Post Families installation of new officers. It was a nice ceremony with a wonderful potluck. Thank you to all that could attend and for the yummy food that was brought to share.

Upcoming in July 8, 2017 the Auxiliary Dance Committee will be hosting a “Let’s Dance” party in the clubroom and this will be from 6-11:00 pm. At 10:00 pm the ladies will have Menudo for sale. This is a wonderful event that benefits our Veterans. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the bar. Sheila Madrid, and I are happy to get you the tickets you need.

The Auxiliary Dinner on July 28th will be Chicken Tostadas. 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, Sons, and AL Riders. The AL Riders are dual members. They must be one of the three to be an AL Rider. Bear and I are proud to be Dual Members as many of our Auxiliary ladies are also AL RIDERS. Our youth program is growing. We have Juniors that have made all of us very proud.

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, the next time you bring a guest down for dinner, get them the application they need to join our American Legion Family and let them be a part of the organization that gives each of us the honor of serving our Veterans, Community, and Children.

In closing, as most now know that we have lost a HERO from the Post, TONY MENDEZ was a friend to all. Bear and I would like to send our loving condolences to Elsie and the Mendez family. TONY you will be missed by all. God Bless you all!

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

Darlene “Just-Dar” Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
2016-2017 2017-2018
Wife of Army Veteran, Dale “Bear” Phillips



P.S. Remember you can find the Bugle on the Post’s Website: www.orangepost132.com. Thanks for your time.



LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

A few days ago, we lost a good man. Tony Mendez passed away and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have been able to call him a friend. Please keep his wife, Elsie and their family in your thoughts and prayers. He is already missed by all. May he rest in peace.

Please let me know when we are needed. Let us help if we can.

Prayers and condolences have been sent to those in need.

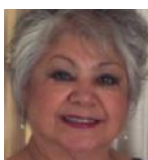
Quips to ponder:

A gentle answer turns away a pain.
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in every-
one's garden.

God will make a way when there seems to be no way.
Never quit!

Leo Ouellette
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EDITORS, LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

A BIG THANK YOU to the following for helping with folding the Bugle: Carol & Mike Holmes, Mary Martinez, Carol Martinez, Jack Peralta, Dot Timmerman and Maddie.

Once again, we remind you that if you don't get your Bugle by the 10th day of the month, let us know and we will forward one to you via e-mail or you can get one at the Post..

Quips to Ponder:

Cuddling literally kills depression, relieves anxiety, and strengthens the immune system.

One thing to do: Forgetting what is behind and looking toward what is ahead.

Dance before the music is over,
Live before life is over!
Amen

Editors,
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(714) 334-2961
EO OUELLETTE,
CURATOR



CURATOR

Dear Members:

Regarding the Museum, if you have not seen our Museum, it is open from 2-7 pm everyday the Post is open. All are welcome. There is no fee to enter, however, donations are welcome. ,

Items are being received even though we are running a little short of room. We will find a place. A big THANK YOU to all you donors!

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



July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 US Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 4TH OF JULY! 	5 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 5 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	6  Legionnaires' E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	7  Sons, TBD/ Steaks 6pm-8pm Tropic star 8 pm-12am	8  AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am Auxiliary's Let's Dance 6pm - 11 pm
9 SONs (Dark—no meeting)	10	11 Umava Board Mtg 6:30 pm	12 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	13  Legionnaires Gen Mtg 7:00 PM Auxiliary (Dark - no meeting)	14  AL RIDERS/ Hamburgers/ Steaks 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	15 AL/UMAVA BUS TRIP STATELINE Leaves @ 6:30 am Returns 11 pm
16	17	18	19 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	20	21  Legionnaires Dinner-TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cowboys Band 8pm—12 am	22 UMAVA MTG 9 AM
23 AL RIDERS' BREAKFAST 8:00—11 AM	24 Final US Ground combat of Korean War Began (1953)	25	26 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Korean War Ended (1953)	28  Auxiliary/ Chicken Tostadas/Steaks 6 pm - 7:30 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	29
30	31					



THE LOSS OF A GIANT MAN

Antonio “Tony” Mendez, WWII Veteran, left us and went to Post Everlasting on Thursday, June 15, 2017. He was known to all as our “WWII Veteran”. He was a giant of a little man that is already missed. Post 132 and UMAVA extends their condolences to the Mendez family. The photo below was taken at Tony and Elsie’s celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary! Tony was honored by so many at his funeral service and reception at Post 132. Rest in Peace, Tony!



Post 132 Installation of Officers for 2017-2018

On June 15, 2017, District Officer, Martha Huff, swears in all the incoming officers at Post 132. Congratulations and Thank You to all the Officers that have stepped up to assume their rolls and responsibilities to support this wonderful Post 132. For God and Country, God Bless America!



CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

Among many more guests, Carol Goss Holmes, together with: Mike Holmes; Victor de la Rosa; and Justin Stanley are just a few of the fathers celebrating the Father's Day Breakfast hosted by Unit 132 Auxiliary.



2017 AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS

CERRO VILLA SCHOOL

WINNERS:

Zachary Shenouda

Maci Goerlinger

RUNNERS UP:

Luke Mendoza

Mia Gaffoglio

PRESENTED BY:

Victor de la Rosa

HOLY FAMILY

WINNERS:

Cecelia Motherway

Hans Garcia

RUNNERS UP:

Rachel Nguyen

Connor McClure

PRESENTED BY:

Leo M. Ouellette

McPHERSON MAGNET SCHOOL

WINNERS:

Nicole Nasr

Rafael Marcelo

RUNNERS UP:

Haley Spranger

Ethan Kerr

PRESENTED BY:

William Stringfield

PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

WINNERS:

Evelyn Delgado

David Lara

RUNNERS UP:

Destiny Vega

Isaac Adetoye

PRESENTED BY:

John Schutz

ST. NORBERT

WINNERS:

Suyeko Manson

Dominic Galuppo

PRESENTED BY:

Leo M. Ouellette

YORBA MIDDLE SCHOOL

WINNERS:

Faith Bonilla

Brian Valencia

RUNNERS UP:

Jessenia Bonilla

Brian Valencia

PRESENTED BY:

Felix Garza

AL RIDERS BEING THOUGHTFUL AGAIN!

On June 21, 2017, the AL Riders giving from the heart and cooking from the belly. The ladies and gents of the AL Riders provided a beautiful dinner for the Fisher House at the VA in Long Beach. It was much appreciated by the folks that stay there in order to be with their Veterans that are in the hospital. It's our way of giving back as some of our very own have been in that facility.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARMY

Army Veterans gather at Post 132 to celebrate the Army's anniversary. It was founded on June 14, 1775. Jack "Bald Eagle" Inzauro is holding a cell phone with Bear's picture so he could be included in the photo!



LET'S DANCE

The Post 132 Auxiliary is hosting the "Let's Dance" event at the Post again. The past dances proved to be very successful in the past. Our hats off to the group of Auxiliary women that are organizing it. Come one and all to enjoy yourselves. You won't regret it.



A promotional poster for a "Let's Dance" event. The background is dark blue with a starry pattern and a checkered dance floor at the bottom. A large blue banner at the top contains the text "LET'S DANCE" in yellow, outlined letters. Below the banner, the date and time "Saturday, July 8th, 6:00pm - 11:00pm" are written in white. To the right, "DJ Tony B" is written in a stylized yellow font. The location "American Legion Post #132 / Downstairs Club Room, 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866" is listed in white. On the left, "\$10 PER PERSON" is written in red. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "Auxiliary Unit 132 is hosting 'Let's Dance' all proceeds go to support our Veterans and Veteran Programs" and "Contact: 714.538.6311" in black.

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A poster for a "Casino Turnaround to Stateline" event. The poster has a red border and a white background. At the top, it says "LIMAVA IS PROUD TO HOST" in red. Below that, "Casino Turnaround to Stateline" is written in large, blue, outlined letters. To the left of the text is an illustration of playing cards and stacks of chips. A red banner below the title says "SATURDAY • JULY 15TH". Below that, the text "Bus Departs @ 6:30 A.M. Sharp" and "143 S. Lemon Street, Orange" is written in black. The price "\$40 Per Person" is written in large blue letters, with "Must be 21" in smaller black text below it. "Games & cool prizes" is written in blue. Below this is a row of four sets of playing card symbols (spade, diamond, club, heart). At the bottom, the text "CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: CAROL MARTINEZ 714.380.2004" is written in blue. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of small, repeating figures.

LIMAVA IS PROUD TO HOST

Casino Turnaround to Stateline

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Games & cool prizes

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CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:
CAROL MARTINEZ
714.380.2004

JOIN US FOR DINNER

Friday - July 14, 2017
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM



Try our
**Succulent Steak
with Baked Potato,
Vegetables, and desert (\$12.00)**



Or Choose Our



**Hamburgers, Sausage with
French Fries, Salad,
and Desert
\$8.00**



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS - CHAPTER 132
143 S. LEMON STREET, ORANGE, CA 92866

WAFFLE BREAKFAST JULY 23, 2017

**Breakfast includes:
WAFFLES, Sausage;
Eggs; Juice/Coffee
and all the fixings
(Strawberries, Blueberries,
and Whip Cream)**

**8:00 - 11:00 am - at the
American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon St.
Orange, CA 92866**



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