



# THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020



## POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all

First off, I would like to congratulate Isidro (Sid) Guana for being honored on Veterans Day. It was well deserved. I would also like to congratulate Mike Holmes for being elected as the new Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 132 .

As you know this has been a trying year. As I write this Orange County has dropped back into the purple tier which means we can only have outdoor events. Also, you can find a link to our **Go fund me** page on our website at: [orangepost132.com](http://orangepost132.com). We can only hope that the pandemic will be over soon. Let's all please stay safe.

**Thank you, and may you all have a very blessed Christmas!**

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## JOSE MARTINEZ, 1ST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

I would like report that your post is doing an awesome job in membership. As of Nov. 13 2020, we are at 76.10% of our membership goal. We are exceeding the goal set by District 29 by 10%. This can only be done by you, the membership. But now is not the time to slow down either. We still need to reach 100%. So please call or contact other post members and let them know to please pay their dues of \$45.00 to the post. I know that with all your help, we can reach 100%.

**Please be careful during this holiday season. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Jose Martinez  
1st Vice Commander  
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(714) 380-2005





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

Last month I was lamenting the hot weather and now, Fall has arrived. I keep hearing reports that the Covid-19 numbers are on the rise. I know we have all been standing tall for more than eight months but let's not lose our focus now. Remember your masks, diligent hand washing routines and social distancing. Every single Legionnaire needs to come through this at the end healthy. Every one of you is important and we march together!

For Just a moment, I am going to switch hats to my District role to talk about an important opportunity for some of our sister and brother Korean War Veterans. I want to share information regarding the Republic of Korea - Ambassador for Peace Medal with you.

If you or a loved one served "in country" during the Korean War, you may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to United States Veterans who served in the Korean War. The Ambassador for Peace Medal was first presented to Veterans as a special memento for those who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to Veterans who cannot travel the long journey to Korea. Criteria:

1. To be eligible, the Veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. Your service must have been "in country". The medal is also available for the Veterans who participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955. You must have been on the Korean Peninsula and not just within the Korean Theater of Operations (Japan, etc).
2. The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to Veterans who are currently surviving in the United States of America. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased Veteran.
3. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, Veterans or their family members have to complete the application form. Veterans need to provide a copy of their DD214 or Discharge papers from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purposes.
4. District Commander Schneeberger is coordinating submission of these applications. You can obtain an application from me by sending a request to [adjutantdist29@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantdist29@gmail.com) You will need to return the completed application and supporting documentation to me in person (do not email your documents) and I will process them through the District Commander. In your email make sure to include your current mailing address and a contact phone number in case I need additional information for follow up.

Applications will be presented to the Republic of Korea Embassy for evaluation of qualifications and the Korean Embassy staff will make the final determination on the award. It is important to understand that this is a program of the Republic of Korea Embassy. The American Legion is only assisting them in identifying eligible individuals and has no role in the final determination of award.

Until we meet again, stay healthy and Go Army, Beat Navy!!!!

For God and Country,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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





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

Greetings all,

The Post is currently open on Friday Nights for dinners (6 – 7:30) and Sunday (9 – 11) for Breakfast. We are not sure how long Orange County will allow us to stay open and continue with these fundraisers but we are staying hopeful. **We definitely could use some more help so if your available please try and assist when you can.**

Upcoming Events:

Dec 4 (Friday) Sons Dinner  
Dec 6 (Sunday) Legion Breakfast  
Dec 11 (Friday) Riders Dinner  
Dec 13 (Sunday) Legion Breakfast  
Dec 18 (Friday) Legion Dinner  
Dec 20 (Sunday) Legion Breakfast

Also, please remember that we have a **Go Fund Me Page** to help raise money to keep our post open and for us to be able to provide support to our Veterans. Please let all your friends know – all donations are tax deductible – Here is the Link: [charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132](https://charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132)

Post Challenge Coins are 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.

On the Riders side:

Our fundraiser for a 70” Samsung TV is in full swing. Please see any Rider for tickets which are available for a donation of \$5.00 you receive one ticket and for \$20.00 you can receive 5 tickets.

The AL Riders’ dinner on Dec 11th will be Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings and of course our steaks.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**

JOHN SCHUTZ  
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**John Minnella,  
Post 132 Immediate Past Commander  
Post 132 Judge Advocate  
District 29 First Vice Commander  
Dept. of Calif. Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor**

Here we are friends at the end of 2020! What a year it has been!

As I write this, Thanksgiving hasn't quite arrived yet and it will be a truly memorable one, like no other in our lifetimes. Despite the inconveniences and fears, I hope you were able to get past that one safely and with your loved ones. Now we are on to a unique Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years Eve too. The events of 2020 have required that we concentrate on responding with new ideas and motivation. Our social events have been severely limited; our contacts have been necessarily circumscribed but we have survived and will survive.

All this forces us to take real stock of ourselves and what is really important. Those contacts with you that we had before March and presumed would be the case are now, when made, far more special.

As fellow members of the Legion family, I'm confident that you in particular will make this season extra meaningful and will enter into 2021 with a better appreciation for life and your relationships.

### **HOLIDAY GREETINGS EVERYONE!**

John Minnella,  
Immediate Past Commander;  
Post 132 Judge Advocate;  
Post 132 Bylaws Committee Chair;  
District 29 First Vice Commander;  
Calif. Department Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor  
714/543-9005; drjminnella@yahoo.com



**Susan Wood, Finance Officer  
Post 132**

Hello all,

Once again, we are under limited operations here at the Post due to covid-19 mandates. I would like to remind those that haven't paid their dues for 2021, please do so by mail to the Post. We also still have our "Go Fund Me" page that I would encourage you to share with family and friends. At this time, we rely heavily on our membership dues and donations to continue to meet our financial obligations for the Post.

Please watch our website and emails for updates on our Post operations. Stay safe.

Susan Wood, USAF  
Post 132 Finance Officer 2020-2021

**HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!**





## Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

Well the Holidays are here. Thanksgiving will have come and gone when you are reading this article. Without it being said "Reflect on How Thankful" we are to have each other, Our own Families and the Legion Family and Friends. We write these articles to let all know how and what our Legion Family is doing.

I want to Thank all those that helped with the Dinners and Breakfasts every week. Without the Support of Our Legion Family this endeavor would not be the success that it has been during these times that most of us have never had to face.

**Field of Valor and Veterans Day honoring all Veterans.** All came together with much success to help our Own as well as the Community. The Field of VALOR is a beautiful representation to our Americanism here in our own Community. I am proud to live in Orange as most of you have been here all your lives.

The Auxiliary is honored to have installed 4 more new members: Stephanie Ripley, Shannon Bain, Dale Stanley and Sharon Gaggos. Welcome ladies. We look forward to working with you. Some of these ladies and other new members joined us to Host the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Post. After Post Breakfast Kathy Kulp invited our Veterans, AL Riders and Patriot Guards to show honor to the Veterans at the Meridian Senior Home in Laguna Hills. Also showed Honor to a Gold Star Mother. These are some of the events and things that are just so heartfelt when you can Thank a Veteran in person.

Next month (December) as we all know it is starting to get cold and with efforts from our Orange Assistance League, we will have the opportunity to have available Coats for our Homeless Veterans. Please reach out to me, Dar Phillips at: [justdardar@gmail.com](mailto:justdardar@gmail.com) for any further information for this program.

**The AL Riders and Post 132 Family will not be decorating the Spinal Cord Unit at Long Beach VA on the First Saturday of December.** We will however be taking the donation from the AL Riders to Volunteer Services for the Christmas season. If you have anything you would like to include in that donation please contact me: Dar Phillips: [justdardar@gmail.com](mailto:justdardar@gmail.com). Some items to consider are: socks, underwear or snacks.

Ladies please join us at our meeting on Dec. 10th at 6:00 to have our Annual Cookie Exchange Please BAGGIE UP YOUR COOKIES, and the Christmas Wish drawing (TENTATIVELY) In lieu of the Children's Christmas Party THE POST FAMILY WILL BE DONATING TO THE MCC (Military Children's Charity). **Post 132 will be closed on Christmas day, 12/25/20 which is the Auxiliary dinner night. So there will not be dinner on that day!** God Bless You and God Bless America!

**HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips  
Auxiliary President, Unit 132  
2016-2021  
ALR 132 Chaplain 2016-2021



In conclusion: Please keep in prayer the new leaders of our Nation, the health and welfare of our Veterans, comfort for the families who suffered a loss, and for our own Post 132 Legion family.

In Remembrance: "Bear Phillips" Army Veteran



## Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hello to all SONS, The election results of November 4, 2020 are as follows:

Commander - Mike Holmes

Treasurer - Dave Laguna

Adjutant - Joseph Stokey

Officers were installed into their new positions right after the election by Sid Gauna. All other officers remain in place.

Our meetings will continue to be on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6 PM. It is requested that you all can attend. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

We will be serving tamales along with rice and beans on Friday, December 4 for our December special for \$10. Thank you for all you do.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



For God and Country,  
Mike Holmes, SONS Adjutant  
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**Alex Martinez (right) became a new member of the Sons under his grandfather's service in World War II, and was in the Navy himself.**

**He is out of work and the Sons presented him with Gift Cards for groceries and gasoline. Thank you for your service, Alex!**

**Welcome Alex to Post 132 Sons!**





## GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades, As Covid-19 continues its stronghold on the world let's take a minute to pray for all who have suffered from it. Those who have died and their families, those who have lasting complications after fighting the immediate symptoms, and those who are currently battling the disease, especially Jose Cruz Romero (currently in the VA Hospital in Long Beach. May God provide peace to all affected by this virus and may He bring an end to its devastation.

In December, we remember the "Day that will live in infamy", Pearl Harbor Day, December 7. That fateful day that finally pulled the United States into World War II. May the 2,403 souls who perished that morning rest in peace.

Hanukkah (December 10 to 18), the 8-day festival of lights, celebrates the redirecting of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The Menorah was lit with the oil found in the temple, enough for one day. A special process to create more oil for the Menorah took eight days to complete. Miraculously the Menorah stayed lighted for the 8 days.

Christmas (December 25) celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the King of all Kings. The Lord and Savior according to Christian Faiths.

Kwanzaa (December 26 to January 1) celebrates the 7 principles of Unity, Self-determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, *Purpose, Creativity and Faith.*

Glen Howard, Chaplain  
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## EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings Post 132 Legion family,

We are at the end of 2020, can you believe it? Where did the time go? Given all the changes due to Covid 19, it is amazing that we've come this far! Hopefully things will improve and get back to normal in the very near future.

**We are trudging along with the preparation of the Bugle. If anyone is interested in becoming the editors, please contact us and we will show you the ropes to getting it done.**

**Stay safe and have a wonderfully blessed Christmas and New Year!**

Leo & Esther Ouellette  
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## December 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  <b>SONS' MTG</b> 6 PM	2	3  <b>AL E-Board</b> Mtg 7 pm	4  Sons, Breaded Tamales/ Steak 6pm-7:30pm <b>DJ SOMMER</b> 6 pm—8:30 pm	5 <b>Somalia Cam- paign Began</b> (1992)
6 <b>9 AM—11 AM</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>BACON OR</b> <b>SAUSAGE &amp;</b> <b>EGGS</b>	7  <b>Pearl Harbor</b> <b>Day</b>	8 <b>UMAVA E- BOARD MTG</b> 6:30 PM  <b>WAR DECLARED</b> <b>ON JAPAN (1941)</b>	9 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Signing of Armi- stice Day (1918)	10  <b>AL General Mtg</b> 7 PM  Auxiliary General Mtg 7 pm <b>Hanukkah Begins</b> <b>Human Rights</b> <b>Day</b>	11  AL Riders/ Baked Potato Bar/ Steak Dinner 6 pm—8:30 pm <b>DJ SOMMER</b>  Germany and Italy declared war on U.S. (1941)	12  <b>AL Riders'</b> <b>Mtg</b> <b>8:30 am</b>
13 <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>9 AM—11 AM</b> <b>OMELET BAR</b>	14 <b>ABATE MTG</b> 6:00 PM	15  <b>AUXILIARY</b> <b>BUS TRIP</b> <b>PALA CASINO</b> <b>CANCELLED!!!!</b>   <b>Iraq War Ended</b> <b>(2011)</b> <b>Bill of Rights Day</b>	16	17	18  Legionnaires Chili Cook Off/ TBD /Steaks 6pm-8:30pm <b>DJ SOMMER</b>	19 <b>UMAVA</b> <b>GEN. MTG</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>Granada Cam- paign Ended</b> (1983)
20  <b>9AM—11 AM</b> <b>AL RIDERS</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>Chorizo &amp; Eggs</b> <b>Or Menudo</b>  <b>Panama Cam- paign Began</b> (1989)	21  <b>WINTER</b> <b>BEGINS</b>	22 <b>Premier Women</b> <b>Mtg</b> 6 pm—8 pm	23 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	24	25  <b>POST CLOSED</b>   <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>DAY</b>	26  <b>KWANZAA</b>
27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S</b> <b>EVE</b>  <b>Official End of</b> <b>WWII (1946)</b> <b>Kosova</b> <b>Campaign Ended</b> (2013)	January 1, 2021   <b>HAPPY</b> <b>NEW YEAR!!!!</b>	

**POST 132 HOURS: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE DURING COVID PANDEMIC.**



## FROM THE POST 132 FAMILY, CONGRATULATIONS, SID!



### VETERANS DAY 2020 HONOREE



**SID GAUNA**  
POST 132- ORANGE, CA

Sid will be honored this Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11 for his 35 years of service to Post #132.

As a former post Commander from 1989 to 1990, Sid has served in every Executive Committee position aside from Chaplain and was previously celebrated as an Honorary Life Member. He also serves as Finance Officer of UMAVA.

Join us at the Veterans Day breakfast to honor Sid for his service to our country as a U.S. Marine and to Post #132 all of these years.

#### Kind Words about Sid:

**"This post was in bad times, and he is fully responsible for bringing it back. I can't thank him enough for what he's done here."**

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DAR PHILLIPS | AUXILIARY PRESIDENT | LEGION RIDERS

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are trying to do here. He's a stalwart support of anything for veterans."**

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ELSIE MENDEZ, AUXILIARY MEMBER

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TONY OLSON | MARINE | LEGION RIDERS

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TONY B. | UMAVA





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



# THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

## ***we're going digital***

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Post 132**



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