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American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021





POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all,

First of all, I want to thank the membership for believing in me enough and electing me as Commander for another year. I also want to congratulate all the elected officers for stepping up and volunteering. The installation of the newly elected 2021-2022 officers will take place on June 10, 2021.

We are now opening the Post more as we go. Starting in June we will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Also, every Tuesday will be Karaoke Night. Don't forget to keep checking the our website at www.orangepost132.com for any changes and updates. Thank you,

Have a great Father's Day!

Victor de la Rosa Commander Post 132 Victorplent@yahoo.com Phone (714) 227-5977





JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

Well folks, we are at 96.37% of our goal for membership. We need our last 19 members to their pay dues to get our 100%. Please pay your dues. Also, as we are finding out that of these last members, some have incorrect addresses or no phone number listed. If you have not paid your dues, please contact me at martinezjoseg@yahoo.com with the correct info, and I will get it corrected.

And we'll be seeing you at the Post.

Have a Happy Father's Day on June 20.

Jose Martinez 1st Vice Commander martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005







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

We are coming to the end of our Legion year and are finishing strong. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the wisdom and frugality of our Executive Board, we emerge from the toughest of the pandemic restrictions in a good position. We still need and deeply appreciate the support of our members but we are headed in a very positive direction.

Our membership numbers appear to be strong but it is hard to get a solid picture of the numbers due to technology changes implemented by National earlier in the year. If you have yet to renew your membership, please come on down to your Post and we will get you taken care of. We need and we value every single member.

Last night, we conducted elections for the officers who will take us forward into 21/22. While many of our officers will be returning for another term, it was exciting to see two newer members take a role on the Executive Board. Diana and Glen, welcome aboard and thank you for your willingness to serve our members.

Here are the election results:

Commander	Victor De La Rosa
1st Vice Commander	Jose Martinez
2nd Vice Commander	John Schutz
3rd Vice Commander	. Gerardo Robledo
Finance Officer	Susan Wood
Executive Committee Member	. David Kulcinski
Executive Committee Member	. Ernie Celaya
Executive Committee Member	Diana Diaz
Executive Committee Member	Glen Davis

John Minnella will continue as Jr. Past Commander.

The roles of Adjutant, Sgt at Arms, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Historian are all appointed roles. If you have an interest in serving in any of these roles, please reach out to Commander De La Rosa to discuss ways that you can assist.

It was really great to have a full house at our May meeting. I encourage you to join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. We usually have some time to socialize after the meeting so please join us. Your participation is really important. Remember to wear your blue Legion Cap which is the official uniform of The American Legion.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL DADS!

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 justice10658@gmail.com





100 Miles for Hope 2021

Again, this year, the National Commander has issued a challenge for all Legionnaires to participate in the 100 Miles for Hope program. This was a very successful program last year. 100 Miles for Hope raised important funds for the TAL Veterans and Children Foundation and raised awareness of the importance of our individual health. Now, it is time to lace up those walking shoes or strap on your biking helmet and get out and move for a very positive cause.

The 100 Miles for Hope campaign is a way for American Legion Family members to raise donations for the TAL Veterans and Children Foundation, as well as encouraging members to stay active in this time of social distancing. Participants have until <u>end of summer</u> to run, walk, swim or ride a bike or their motorcycle for 100 miles. In fact, we have one District 29 member who will be surfing – 100 great rides on her surf board - It does not matter whether you walk for 100 miles, or combine walking with running or riding a bike to get the total distance. Any combination to reach the 100 miles or 100 activities is acceptable. How about breakfast or dinner at the Post followed by a stroll around the Plaza? This is self-paced and a great way to

connect with other members of our Legion family. A couple of turns around the Orange Plaza or walks around Hart or Eisenhower Park are great ways to move the body and raise the spirits. Before you know it, 100 Miles.

To officially Join the 100 Miles for Hope, register at Emblem Sales. When you register for \$20 you will receive a commemorative medal plus opportunities to purchase other related items such as a hat, pin, t-shirt, etc. go to the following link for more information <u>https://www.legion.org/100miles/FAQ</u> Let's do 100 Miles for Hope together this year and keep beating Covid into submission. --

> 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

Hi Everyone,

Spring is upon us and it is great to see all our old friends and new coming back to the Post again. The post is now open Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. We are currently planning a Poker and a Bingo Night in June. And we now have Karaoke every Tuesday Night.

Our Opportunity Drawing for a Beer and Wine Wagon is in full swing. Don't forget to get your tickets, the drawing will be July 2nd just in time for the fourth.

Just a reminder the Post is serving dinner each Friday (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) and breakfast every Sunday (9 am - 11am) to raise funds to support our Veterans and to keep our Post alive.

For April here are the upcoming breakfasts:

June 6 – Biscuits & Gravy with Scrambled Eggs June 13 – Chorizo & Egg / Menudo June 20 – All you Can Eat Pancakes with Eggs, & Sausage June 27 – Omelette Bar

Important Dates

June 12 - Women Veterans Day June 27 - National PTSD Awareness Day

On the AL Riders side:

Our Father's Day breakfast on June 27th (0830 to 1100) will be our famous Omelet Bar

We also have some great rides coming up. Here is our schedule for June:

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June 6 Sun – RIDE Fort MacArthur Museum (Sunday 12–5PM) Meet @ 0930 / KSU @ 1030 Jun 11 – FRI Riders Dinner Jun 12 – SAT Riders Meeting June 12 - SAT – SUN – RIDE Rainbow Cafe/Doffo Ride. Meet @ 0800 / KSU @ 0830 Jun 19 – SAT RIDE - Area 5 Safety Training day - Norco - 9am - 2:pm Meet @ 0700 / KSU @ 0730 Jun 20 – SUN Father's Day Jun 27 – SUN Riders Breakfast Omelet Bar

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JOHN SCHUTZ 2nd Vice Commander American Legion Post 132 949-870-2084 John.schutz@mbww.com







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

Friends and Comrades!

At the May 13 General Membership Legionnaire Meeting (following nominations in April and May), your Post membership duly elected officers to assume office July 1. Congratulations to each of those elected and much thanks for volunteering to take on that great responsibility. Many are unaware of the work involved in keeping Post 132 solvent and prosperous. It is a massive job that demands dedication. Post 132 is fortunate to have Legionnaire members willing to do what is necessary. We are also fortunate to have dedicated, active and selfless Riders, SONs and Auxiliary who support our Post and the Legion and they also have new leaders assuming office to whom our thanks and best wishes are conveyed.

While welcoming the new leadership, great thanks are also extended to and deserved by our past leadership for their hard work in getting Post 132 successfully through a very difficult and unique term. When Post 132 began this unique and unknown odyssey in March 2020, no one knew how we would proceed. Initially no in-person meetings, no activities, termination of contracts and employment, cancellation of overhead to the bare minimum, cancellation of reserved banquets, possible suspension of elections, and all the other consequences of dealing with an unknown emergency not faced before by Post 132. Careful Post management by your Executive Committee and the loyal and generous support of our extended Legion Family and friends enabled Post 132 to survive.

Now, a year later, our Post Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SONs and AL Riders are back in full operation and at full membership and the Post is solvent, unencumbered by debt, and perhaps better for this experience. Our success in meeting the challenge of having survived this past year cannot however allow us to relax for a minute regarding the Post. There are urgent and massive challenges still before us that cannot be delayed: replacement of building windows and the banquet room floor, bar modernization, security system installation, increased parking spaces, replacement of another air conditioner, competent staff, and other very expensive and complicated needs. That will require further ingenuity, continued financial support, and the most careful management of our operations.

It appears that our Karaoke Tuesdays are back on a weekly basis, at least as long as there are patrons and participants and there are no more lockdowns. Your Post 132 crooners are almost pros and you too can be a "star" by just volunteering to sing the words on your selected song.

In the following weeks, our District 29 and Department of California, and the National organizations too, will be conducting annual conventions. As a District 29 officer, I will be attending or participating. If you have any interest in these, contact me or you can find information including links for remote participation and in person if available at legion.org (regarding National), calegion.org (Dept. of Calif.) and oclegion.org (District 29). If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL YOUDADS!

John Minnella Post Immediate Past Commander (#85) Post Judge Advocate District 29 First Vice Commander 714/543-9005 drjminnella@yahoo.com





Susan Wood, Finance Officer Post 132

Hello all,

Thanks to all of you that have supported and continue to support your Post over the past year. We are excited to start planning for the return and expansion of many of our services and activities that were suspended over the past year.

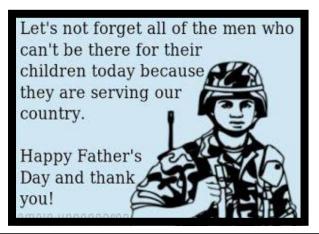
I'm happy to report that, for 2 months in a row, our revenue exceeded our expenses!!! An awesome achievement considering that we are still under limited operating hours. This is totally a result of the generosity of our members, their families and friends. We cannot thank them enough! Total revenue generated in April was \$18,901 with expenses of \$15,291 - a result of net income for the month of \$3,682!! Over \$1,700 of that income is attributed to the laptop fund raiser that we held in April.

With the Post expanding operations, we are focusing our attention to the many building repairs that are immediate and critical. To this end, we have asked for volunteers to be part of a building fund raiser committee. We will have our first meeting the week of June 1st. If you would like to participate please let me know by email at: <u>sdwood5015@yahoo.com</u>. If you don't have time to be part of this committee, but have an awesome idea for a fund raiser, please pass that along. Everything helps.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Post in the coming months. Take care.

Susan Wood, USAF AL Post 132 Finance Officer, 2020-2021

HAPPY A VERY BLESSED FATHER'S DAY!





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

The month of May brought to us many blessings as we are given every day. As you are reading this article, experiencing life as we know it has been modified. However, the

Auxiliary continues and does not seem to miss a step. Esther and Leo continue doing the Bugle. Commander Victor keeps all informed of the process to keep the Post open and continue the camaraderie that we all have missed.

The Poppies have been distributed, membership keeps growing, scholarships have been given, yearend reports were completed, blood drives are occurring, prayers are continual for those sick, lost loved ones and just are having a hard time.

So, with all that said not much more to report except that our Auxiliary Officers have been elected for the new 2021-2022.

As we begin our New Fiscal Year next month may I remind that we need to focus this year on New Membership, New Ideas always refreshing our group with new faces and future officers.

2021-2022 Officers Elect are as follows:

E-Board Members: Linda Salas; Martha Maldonado; Jean Willis

We also want to congratulate our New Rider Officers, and good luck to the Legionnaire Officers and to The Sons that will be coming on board for the New Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Please be sure to read the Bugle but mostly to go to the website: <u>www.orangepost132.com</u>

We welcome all new members to our Post Family.

It is important that before we act we must think about the possible reaction.

DADS, HAVE A VERY BLESSED FATHER'S DAY!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Chapter 132 Rider since 2010 justdardar@gmail.com



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer



Hello to ALL SONS,

Thank You to all those who came down to help with our dinner on May 7th and on Mother's Day. We served 35 Meatloaf dinners and actually ran out of food again; and they also got a piece of apple or cherry pie for dessert. Thank you Tommy Dees for cooking the steaks. We served 30 steaks, and ran out as well. Thank you Pierre for shopping for the raffle items. Everyone enjoyed them.

We served 43 Breakfasts on Mother Day, presenting 17 Mothers with Breakfasts from the SONS.

Don't forget that the Post is open on Sunday Mornings for Breakfast from 9 to 11. If you purchase a breakfast or dinner you are showing support for the SONS to the Legion Family. The funds for the Sundays Breakfast go to keeping our Post open and the bills paid.

Second Nominations and elections are as follows:

COMMANDER:	Mike Holmes
1ST VICE:	Tommy Dees
2ND VICE:	Tom Flynn
3RD VICE:	Brett Jackson
CHAPLAIN	Pierre Duco
TREASURER:	David Laguna
ADJUTANT:	Joseph Stokely
SGT-AT-ARMS:	Mario Beltran

THREE (3) E-BOARD POSITIONS: Monte Floyd, Dave Jimenez, John Shore

OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY June 1st STARTING AT 6 PM. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE MEETING. We are meeting on the main floor, where we can spread out. Officers, you will be installed into your positions on Thursday, June 10, starting at 7 PM, as well as all other Legion Family Members. Please come dressed for pictures for the Board as well as the Installation. Lets all wear our shirts with the SONS emblem on them.

Dinner on June 4th is Taquitos, with rice and beans. Hope to see you there.

SONS, Please check your Membership Cards and see if they say 2021 on them. If they do, then you are paid for the current year! If it says any year prior to that, then you owe for 2021 dues. Let me know! You are supporting the SONS by keeping your dues current!

I am always open for suggestions, or comments, please get in touch!

HAVE A SUPER FATHER'S DAY!

MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk Rayncarolgossfam@aol.com 1 (714)803-0851





GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

As things start to open up more, I pray that all are safe and happy. With God's blessings we will return to normal.

God Bless All,

Glen Howard, Chaplain (714) 615-2370 g13how@gmail.com







EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings, all,

Based on the articles being submitted by our Post officers, things are looking up at the Post.

Unfortunately, we are not able to participate in the events going on at this time. We sure miss everyone and are happy to hear of the positive happenings.

We are still interested in passing on the Editor duties to someone that qualifies. Currently, we have been notified of a possible candidate. Will keep everyone informed.

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

HAVE A GREAT FATHER'S DAY!





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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SONS' MTG 6 PM KARAOKE 6 PM—9 PM	2	3 AL Executive Mtg. 7 pm	4 SONs Taquitos, Rice & Beans; Steak Dinner 6 pm—7:30 pm DJ Sommer	5
6 Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy 9 am—11 am D-Day Allied Invasion of Eu- rope (1944)	7 ABATE MTG 7:00 PM	8 KARAOKE 6 PM—9 PM	9 UMAVA E-BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	10 AL Gen Mtg 7 pm POST 132 INSTALLATIONS	11 AL RIDERS TBD Steak Dinner/ 6 pm-7:30 pm DJ TONY BACALOT	12 AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am AVU MTG 11 am
13 BREAKFAST Chorizo, Eggs & Menudo 9 am—11 am	14 U.S. Army Founded (1775) Flag Day	15 AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!! KARAOKE 6 PM—9 PM	16 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	17 POKER NIGHT 6 PM—9 PM	18 Legionnaires Steak Dinner/TBD 6 pm-7:30 pm DJ Sommer	19 UMAVA GEN. MTG 9:30 AM
20 Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage 9 am—11 am Fathers FATHER'S DAY	21 Summer Begins	22 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm KARAOKE 6 PM—9 PM Pledge of Alle- giance Recog- nized by Con- gress (1942) GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)	23	24 BINGO NIGHT 6 PM—9 PM	25 Auxiliary Tacos/Chicken Tostadas/Steak Dinner 6 pm—7: 30 pm DJ SOMMER Korean War Be- gan (1950)	26
27 Breakfast Omelette Bar 9am—11 am National Post Traumatic Stress Awareness Day	28	29 KARAOKE 6 PM—9 PM	30 Post –9/11 GI Bill Signed into Iaw (2008)			

HAPPY 246th BIRTHDAY U.S. ARMY!



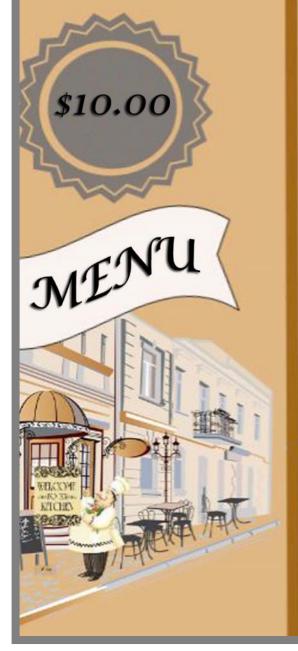




THANK YOU ARMY VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

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

Breakfast



From 9 to 11 AM

June 6, 2021 Bíscuíts & Gravy wíth Scrambled Eggs

June 13, 2021

Chorízo & Eggs / Menudo

June 20, 2021

All you Can Eat Pancakes with Eggs, & Sausage

June 27, 2021 Omelette Bar At The American Legion Come and Join in on the FUN EVERY TUESDAY The Clubroom (Bar) will open at 5:00 Karaoke from 6:00 to 9:00 PM





Cash Bar!

143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866

NO COST - A way to Get OUT and just have some FUN

> DATE: Thursday June 24th, 2021 TIME: 6PM to 9PM

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100 Years of service to our Nation, Veterans and community

The American Legion itself is an organization comprised of veterans that served their country during war time. The U.S. Congress granted the American Legion a national charter in September 1919. Interestingly, Orange, California Legion Post 132 was organized in 1919 and received its charter on October 15, 1920, making it one of earliest Legion Post's in California

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LINK - charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132





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GET YOUR POST CHALLENGE COIN TODAY



A Little History

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. (Accidentally dropping a challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.) Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group.

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





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2020 / 2021 Post 132 American Legion Officers

Legionnaires	Auxiliary	Sons	AL Riders
Commander Victor de la Rosa <u>1st Vice Commander</u> Jose Martinez <u>2nd Vice Commander</u> John Schutz <u>3rd Vice Commander</u> Gerardo Robledo, Jr. <u>Adjutant</u> Brian Johnson <u>Judge Advocate</u> John Minnella <u>Finance Officer</u> Susan Wood <u>Executive Board</u> David Kulcinski Sid Gauna <u>Jr. Past Commander</u> John Minnella <u>Service Officer</u> Jose Martinez <u>Building Manager</u> Ernie Lopez <u>Chaplain</u> Glenn Howard <u>Sgt. at Arms</u> Ernie Celaya <u>Historian/Museum Curator</u> TBD	President Darlene Phillips <u>1st Vice Pres</u> . Kathy Kulp <u>2nd Vice Pres</u> ident Terri Rodriguez <u>Secretary</u> Carolynn McMahon <u>Treasurer</u> Carol Goss Holmes <u>Chaplain</u> Kitty Yackle <u>Sgt. At Arms</u> Virginia Martinez <u>Asst. Sgt. At Arms</u> Madeline Macias Fina Cruz <u>Historian.</u> Carol Martinez <u>E-Board</u> . Dolores Aguilar Elsie Mendez Pat Wittman Kitty Yackle	CommanderMike Holmes1st Vice Cmdr.Tommy Dees2nd Vice Cmdr.Tom Flynn3rd Vice Cmdr.Brett JacksonTreasurerDave LagunaAdjutantJoseph StokeySqt. at ArmsMario BeltranChaplainPierre DucoHistorianGilbert FloresE-BoardMonte FloydDave JimenezJohn Shore	President John Schutz <u>Vice President</u> Tom Butters <u>Treasurer</u> Michelle de la Cruz <u>Secretary</u> Brian Johnson <u>Sgt. at Arms</u> Ernie Ceyala <u>Road Captain</u> TBD Judge Advocate Bill Cook <u>Historian</u> Frances Schuster <u>Chaplain</u> Darlene Phillips <u>Web Master</u> John Schutz

Post hours: (<u>Tentative</u>) Friday 5 pm—11 pm; Saturday 1 pm—7 pm; Sunday 9 am—5 pm