



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

August 2017



COMMANDER AL POST 132, JOSE MARTINEZ

Our legion year began with sadness at our Post. As we all know, we lost SSgt. Antonio "Tony" Mendez, US Army. He passed at home with his family by his side. I would like to thank AL Post 291 for providing the Honor Detail. We also had the "Celebration of Life" at our Post following the funeral service. Thanks to all who attended. Tony had touched so many lives, as was evident by how many people attended both the service and the "Celebration of Life". To the Mendez family, we are sorry for your loss. To Tony, may you RIP and know that you are loved and will be missed.

The Post continues to do well. The fire department inspected the Post at the beginning of the month and found a number of discrepancies. I would like to thank our 1st Vice Commander, Victor De La Rosa, for repairing all of the electrical discrepancies. Also, thank you, Executive Committee Member, John Schutz. He is working with the 1st Vice Commander to get everything else done. We hope to have everything repaired and completed so that the fire department passes our inspection. Thanks guys. We have plans to try and get repairs done in and around the Post. I will be contacting City Hall to see if the City of Orange can assist us with our costly endeavors. Also, John Schutz will be looking for help in getting the Post cleaned up. We will get information on the website and looking for volunteers.

Remember that membership is now due. Please see our Adjutant, Bill Siler iii to renew your membership. We have received a 100% membership streamer for as long as I can remember. Hopefully we can continue that trend. So please renew your membership.

As usual, all information will be posted on the website, so please go on there to keep up to date on everything going on at your Post. We will be seeing you at the 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.

Semper Fi
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Upcoming Events

- August 1, 2017– Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala
- August 5, 2017 - UMAVA Bus Trip to Valley View
- Sept. 1-3, 2017 - Orange Street Fair -
- Sept. 10, 2017 - Blues Band, Memphis Kings 2 - 5 pm
- Sept. 11, 2017- Patriots' Day Commemoration 6 pm



Bill Siler, III, Adjutant

Unfortunately, no article was submitted by our Adjutant as he is overwhelmed with other business.

Submitted by William Siler III
Adjutant - Post 132



U.S. ARMY

John Minnella, Judge Advocate

Dear Comrades:

District 29 Installation at Post 132. Your Post 132 was the host for the Installation of District 29 American Legion, American Legion Riders, Auxiliary and Sons officers on July 15. In addition to those installed and their guests, relatives and friends, other Legion dignitaries were present and our Post got to showcase our great facility.

Annual Legion Convention in Reno. Over the years, there's usually little mention of the Legion Annual Convention because it is usually not convenient to attend. But this year, the convention is in Reno from August 18 to 24. There will be Legion delegations from every state and territory as well as from France, Philippines, Costa Rica, Mexico and other countries where there are Legionnaires. This is your opportunity to attend without "breaking the bank". For more info, see: <https://www.legion.org/convention> or contact me.

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.

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

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.





1st Vice Cmdr. Victor de la Rosa

Greetings all ,

I hope you are all having a great Summer.



You can now pay your dues for the new year 2018. We all need to recruit new members for the new year.

Please invite your friends and family down to the Post for our many events that we have lined up. Just check the calendar in the Bugle and on the website.

Thank you.

Victor de la Rosa
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3rd Vice Cmdr., Bruce Stevens

No article submitted.



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Bruce Stevens,
3rd Vice Commander

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2nd Vice Cmdr.

William Stringfield

Hello, Comrades:

We are finalizing the design of the Post 132 coin. We hope to have it for sale in the next month or so. The coin will be 1.75" in antique brass. It will have the American Legion logo, our Post number and city on the front. The reverse side has an image of our historic building with the American flag flying and the POW/MIA Flag beneath it. It is a beautiful coin and will sell at our Post for \$10.00. I will announce when they will become available as soon as they are delivered.

Also, please keep in mind this date: 9/18/17. That will be the next fundraiser at the Katella Grill. A flyer will be in the September Bugle.

Keep well!

William Stringfield,
2nd Vice Commander william@wmstringfield.com.



Sid Gauna, Finance Officer



Greetings again Comrades,

Greetings again Comrades. Well here we are again. I haven't officially retired completely but I have been off work for a couple of weeks now which came at a good time. It is that time of year again when I have to get all my receipts together from the past year ready for the Post Audit. That's what I have been doing the last two weeks. While I was working, I didn't have time to file any thing; everything went into a box. I will be going to work part time as needed for special projects only. Hopefully it will be when things cools down some. I missed taking my vacation in June so now I have to wait until October.

Clubroom Bar attendance has slowed down some. Could be the heat because some days, it has been miserable. The Friday night dinners slowed down also in June. That was probably due to graduation parties. But we are still in the black. We collected \$22.00 from the Donation Box inside the Museum. There were a couple of small rentals upstairs and a small one downstairs. The Color Guard presented Colors at Pacific College and received a Donation of \$300.00 for doing a Great Job. Congratulations Guys. 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 not much has been happening. Boys State selectees went to Sacramento and came back. The Chairman will have a report on that. The Katella Grill Donation of \$167.33 went to Boys State and also a \$50.00 donation from J.P. Woodrich. With that, we received enough donations to cover the Expenses for the four boys. Thanks to all that helped make this possible. Mr. Woodrich also sent in a donation of \$50.00 for the V A Hospital. The Friday night Opportunity Drawings for the third and forth Fridays in June brought in \$139.00 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

Greetings all,



The AL Riders had a very good turnout for our July 14th dinner and I want to thank all the Legionnaires and other guests who came out to support our dinner. Also, a BIG THANK YOU” to my fellow AL Riders who showed up to assist in the preparation and serving of our dinner. Without your help, we would not be able to put on these events. I wish we could get 100% participation for our dinners and breakfasts.

Our August 11, 2017 dinner menu will be: a baked potato bar and, of course, our delicious steaks. Please come over and join us. Our next breakfast is scheduled for August 20, 2017. The menu will be: French toast, scrambled eggs and sausage.

The AL Riders have donated \$400 to the Post, earmarked for repairing of the windows.

I hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July. Please pray for our country because we definitely need to. Summer is definitely here so please stay cool and we look forward to seeing you all at our next dinner and events.

John Bloecher President of ALR 132
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Mike Holmes Sons Adjutant

Hi to all Sons:



Guess what? We made 100% in membership by our skinny skin skin! We got the last four members in just under the wire. Thank you so much for making this happen. We got our 100% membership ribbon to go on our flag also. If you stop by the Post, ask Tommy Dees to see the ribbon. I hope someday to be able to meet you in person at the Post.

Our membership cards are in for 2018. Yes, already!!! As soon as you can pay your dues of \$15.00, and if under 18 years of age, it is \$8.00. I will mail you your new cards. Lets see if you can keep me busy addressing the envelopes to mail out your new card for 2018. I will be sending out reminders with return envelopes, so please get them back to me ASAP.

Thank you all, again! It feels great to be a member of the best Sons Squadron 132 in the District.

Mike Holmes
Adjutant – Squadron 132
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Tommy Dees - Sons' Commander/ Clubroom Manager



Hi, Comrades, I want to thank Diane Dees and Scott Craven for making the sloppy Joe's. They wee from scratch. Great job! Also, a BIG Shout Out to Brett "Egg Man" Jackson and Chip for showing up to help. Thank you! The Squadron have their new membership cards for 2018. Renew you dues so we can get another 100% ribbon for 2018. Good job by all! I want to thank the following people for helping my family with my sister's passing: Megan Badgwell, Manager; and proprietor, Creg Badgwell, Sal Enriquez Saenz, Roxy Trujillo, Angel Garcia and Bartender, Sommer Cruz. Thanks to all! Love you guys!

It is Street Fair time again. The Post needs your help for kitchen and parking lot. Please come see me or 1st Vice Commander, Victor de la Rosa. Victor will be in charge of the parking lot. He can really use the help. We will have the Tropic Star on Friday and D.J. Sommer will perform on Saturday and Sunday 9/2 and 9/3.

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





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

Dear Members, August, Summer, Vacations, Activities. It is understood that we are fortunate to enjoy these things. But as a volunteer organization we must put ourselves into the mode of Why do we volunteer? Our Auxiliary Membership is growing and we need to always remember the Auxiliary Ladies that for many years gave of themselves to do what we are doing today. We thank you for your years of service and we hope that we can continue to serve as you once did. By the way I know that you know who you are and are reading this article.

As we continue our summer months there are events coming up. Street fair on Labor Day weekend the Post will be open and if you are willing and able to volunteer time during this weekend let us know your schedule. Help as you know is always needed.

In July, the Dance Committee hosted a “Let Dance” party. It went well, you ladies dedicate time and effort for the good of our Veterans.

We had a request (Mary Stevens’ request) for items to be sent to a Unit serving our Country. Diane Shumaker brought some items and Carol Martinez took the task and put together items to fulfill this need and request. I would like this endeavor to continue throughout the year.

Our Post Family never lets us down. We continue to serve our Veterans unconditionally and with our best ability. I was fortunate to host a Family Reunion with my Mother’s side of the family. With that reunion, our Family could Honor the Men and Women that have served our Country. I would like to thank Jack Peralta, Army Veteran who personally contributed his time and effort to pick up an Air Force Pin to honor a family member.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” — Winston Churchill

Be sure to check the website if you have computer access:

www.orangepost132.com. It is always up-to-date and includes the current bugle!

It is important that if you can receive the bugle by email, let the Commander, Jose Martinez or the publishers: Esther and Leo Ouellette know your email address.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

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

Please keep Legionnaire, Tony Fenech in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers and condolences have been sent to those in need.

Quips to ponder:

Memories between friends are blessings
of the heart!

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever
wasted!

All the flowers of tomorrow are still in the seeds of
today!

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EDITORS, LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

A BIG THANK YOU to the following helpers with the folding of the Bugle: Mary Martinez, Jack Peralta, Dot Timmerman, Rudy Herrera, Lorraine Limon, Dee Wilkie, Terri Rodriguez and her grandchildren, Alex German and Alva German, Rosie Williams, Jojo Reyes and our grandson, Nathan Aragon. We broke our record and had it done within 1-1/2 hours. Thank you all!

Quips to Ponder:

Success isn't always about greatness, it's about
consistency and hard work!

Humor is the shock absorber of life.

It helps us to take the blows!

Most things worth doing are difficult!

The Legionnaires recently veiled our Charter to honor our friend and Legionnaire, Tony Mendez. The Charter is veiled for thirty (30) days in honor of one of our Legion Family that has gone to Post Everlasting. Please let us honor all those departing our Post. Let us know and each of our Legionnaire Family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and AL Riders) have a Charter ready for the honor that they all deserve.

Editors,
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LEO OUELLETTE, 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
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August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  AUXILIARY BUS TRIP TO PALA Leaves @ 8:30 am	2 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm Operation Desert Shield 1990	3  Legionnaires' E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	4 Sons, /Fish & Chips/Steaks 6pm-8pm  Tropic star 8 pm-12am US Coastguard Est. 1790	5 UMAVA Bus Trip to Valley View Leaves at 9 AM 1st Atom Bomb Hiroshima 1945
6	7 Purple Heart Medal Established 1782	8 Umava Board Mtg 6:30 pm	9 VVA #785 Mtg 5 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm 2nd Atom Bomb Nagasaki 1945	10 Legionnaires Gen Mtg 7:00 PM Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 pm 	11 AL RIDERS- Baked Potato Bar/Steaks 6pm - 8pm  Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	12 AL Riders' Mtg  8:30 am
13	14 Japan Surrendered Ending WWII 1945	15 Allied Invasion of Southern France 1944	16 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	17	18 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm  Midnight Cow-boys Band 8pm—12 am	19  UMAVA MTG 9 AM
20  AL RIDERS BREAKFAST: 9 AM—12 PM	21	22	23 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	24	25 Auxiliary/Chicken basket/Steaks 6 pm - 7:30 pm  5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	26
27	28	29	30 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	31	Orange Street Fair 9/1/17	Orange Street Fair 9/2/17 Orange Street Fair 9/3/17





BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

**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**

**BUS LEAVES 8:30 A.M. SHARP,
*NOTE: Time change:
Please BE THERE BY 8:00 A.M**

**FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON
WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER
PAY at time of BOARDING
RECEIVE \$5.00 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 Holmes: 714-473-2451;
Virgie Martinez 714-545-6163 or
Mark Crawford 714-722-7383**





Friday

6-7:30PM

August 11th, 2017

**Steak with Baked Potato,
Vegetables, Salad, and Desert
- OR -**

**Enjoy our Baked Potato Bar
With all the Fixings**



Sponcered by the American Legion Riders
CHAPTER 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY
August 20, 2017**

**TIME:
8 to 11 AM**

**COST:
\$8.00**



The MENU

**French Toast,
Scrambled Eggs,
Hashbrowns,
Sausage,
Coffee, & Juice**

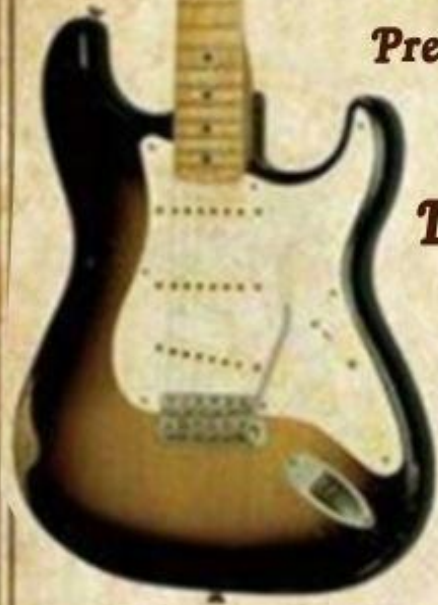
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SUNDAY BLUES

September 10th

\$10.00 per person

Pre-sale at the Bar or at Door)



**Come Enjoy
Live Blues on a Sunday**

Afternoon with

Memphis Kings Trio

"Check them out on YouTube"

**in our Clubroom
and Full Bar**



Kickin' off 2 PM (2-5 PM)

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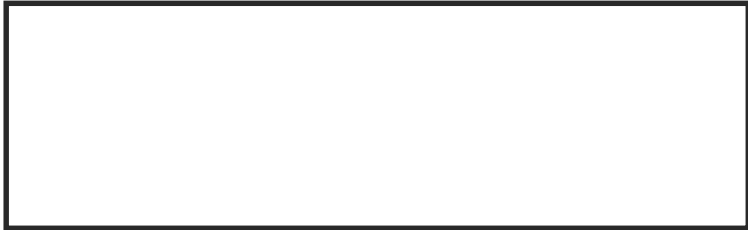
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POST 132 HOURS: Open: M,T,W,TH -2 PM - 7 PM; F, Sat. & Sun -12 PM - 7 PM