



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

January 2020



AL POST 132 COMMANDER , JOHN L. MINNELLA

start!

Happy New Year! And it should be one for the Post 132 Family. We are off to a great

We necessarily spent a lot of money in the second half of 2019 but, we incurred no new debt thanks to the significant generosity of the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Riders, and UMAVA. Individual and small organization donations also helped. The results: a repaired roof, gas leaks repaired, kitchen detailed, parking lots repaved, and more problems finally confronted and resolved. But raising of money was coupled with prudent and creative spending and management by our Post Executive Committee.

NATIONAL COMMANDER BANQUET. Post 132 hosted a banquet on December 13 for the newly-elected American Legion National Commander, Bill OXFORD. We had the opportunity again to show off Post 132 to a Legion National Commander, accompanied by the California Department, Area 5, and District 29 officials as well as many Riders, Auxiliary and SONS.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS. We missed a couple of Friday night dinners in December but there should be no further interruption in the foreseeable future.

ORATORICAL COMPETITION, BOYS STATE AND GIRLS STATE. The beginning of the new year means support of these three important programs that the Post supports. Please try to encourage local teens to enter these fantastic opportunities for personal development.

MEMBERSHIP. If you have still haven't renewed your membership in the Legion, the SONS, the Auxiliary and/or the Riders, please take a moment to do so. Running Post 132 is expensive. Insurance, staff, taxes, licenses, permits, electric, water, maintenance, and the like are major costs. Your modest dues payment helps us meet those expenses. We also need membership to develop future Post leaders and ensure that Post 132 continues offering 89 programs. Please make an effort to encourage family and friends to join us. Recent membership changes make eligibility simpler: service anytime since Dec. 7, 1941 to now and honorable discharge or currently active. Membership applications for the Legion, Auxiliary, SONS and Riders are available from most Post officers and at the Clubroom Bar.

BUGLE EDITOR. As I have mentioned many times recently, our Bugle editor, Leo OUELLETTE, cannot physically continue editing. If the Bugle is to continue, we need someone to take over. Please consider doing so and contact me immediately if you are willing.

Finally, please keep our Legion Family members and friends who are not physically well in your thoughts and prayers. Our Bugle Editor/Museum Curator/Chaplain, Leo OUELLETTE, our former Post Judge Advocate, Bob MITCHELL, UMAVA President Ralph COLIN, Rachel CABALLERO, Jack PERALTA, and many other friends of Post 132 especially need your prayers at this time. If you know of any other Legionnaires, veterans, or members of the Post 132 family in some special need, please let us know so we can get in touch with them.

There's a lot more going on at the Post. Check our Calendar within the Bugle and on the TV display over the Bar's left end for more details. Please feel free to contact me (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
Commander, Post 132



Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

Here it is, short and sweet! There aren't enough words to tell you how I feel as an Officer of this great Post 132 Family. Ladies, as many times, and for many years, I can only say **Thank You** for all you do for our Auxiliary, but it extends to the Post Family. Our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and of course our AL Riders (Who must be one of the 3 to be a Rider).

What did we do in December?

- We decorated at the VA with the AL Riders.
- Coat Drive (with the help of Orange Assistance League) 115 coats were donated by this wonderful organization and we turned around and the Mental Health Association in Santa Ana which provides many services to Veterans who are homeless.
- Most were able to Attend the National Commander's Dinner. I would personally like to thank Commander John Minnella for accepting the invitation to host such an event. It was great to see our own Chapter of Riders do the local escort and of course National Commander Oxford, was a gracious guest.
- Children's Party, our Auxiliary assisted with wrapping gifts. The Juniors came and helped as helpers that day as well.
- The Auxiliary just hosted our 4th Annual Volunteer Wish. Those that can attend the wrapping of gifts get to put in for a raffle of their Volunteer Wish. \$200 IS EARMARKED TO FULFILL THIS WISH. This year's Wish is to be fulfilled by Kitty Yackle who wished the money to go to our local Charity, Patriot and Paws.

We are blessed to have such a giving Post and many thanks go to our Commander for Opening the doors to all of us so that the Programs of the Post Family may be fulfilled.

So, in closing, on behalf of myself and my family, **WE WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST HAPPY NEW YEAR EVER!**

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another " - Erma Brombeck

We are having meatball sandwiches on Friday, December 27, as well as the steak dinner.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
Charter Member of Chapter 132 Riders
2016-2020

In Remembrance "Bear Phillips" Army Veteran
1956 - 2017





John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Well we are starting a new year and as I can tell it was a very good year for the Post. The year ended with a visit from the National Commander, Bill Oxford, which was an honor for our Post. The ALR 132 had the privilege to provide a motorcycle escort for the Commander during his visit to Orange County. The banquet was well attended and the food was pretty good.

This month the AL Riders will be serving dinner on Jan 10th and the menu will be meatloaf and our awesome steaks. If you want a steak show up early because you know they go fast. On Jan 26th the AL Riders will be serving breakfast and the menu will be an omelet bar and pancakes. We hope you will come out and enjoy a meal with us and support these events so we can continue to help our fellow Veterans.

In December a number of our AL Riders participated in various Toy Runs to bring toys to children who would not have any for Christmas. I am so proud of my fellow AL Riders who dedicated their time and money to help our fellow Veterans and the men and women who serve our great country.

I hope everyone had a wonderful and Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

John Bloecher
President, ALR 132



RAY ALVARADO, SONS COMMANDER

Happy New Year American Legion Post 132!

Wow, can you believe another year has come and gone? I think you would all agree it sure has been an exciting year. Thanks to all of you, the Post looks FANTASTIC. What a great time we had on December 13th wherein the National Commander, Bill Oxford was gracious enough to visit our Post. We had a wonderful dinner and the speeches were very good. I know our Commander John Minnella had a lot to do with the success of that event. I also want to thank all the SONS for kindly voting in a \$1,000.00 donation for the roof repairs that our Post badly needs. Good job Sons!

Once again, we are back in the kitchen for Friday night dinner on January 3rd. We will be serving chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes/gravy, and vegetables, all for \$8. Steak and baked potatoes are \$12. Sons, our squadron has their monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 7, 2019 at 6:00pm. Be on the lookout for a Valentines Day gift basket the Sons will be raffling off on Friday February 7th. There will be a lot of great items in that basket.

May each and every one of you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year. Please be Safe.

May God Bless the United States of America,

Ray Alvarado, Sons Commander,
alvarador@scfuels.com



John Schutz
2nd Vice
Commander

Greetings all,

Well 2019 has ended and we are at the start of a New Year. **I hope that everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a magnificent New Year.**

We did really well with our Booze Wagon Fundraiser. I'm currently trying to arrange a night out at Polly's Pies in February.

Remember we have tee-shirts for sale that can be specifically designed just for you. Also we still have Post Challenge Coins available.

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



Gilbert Flores, Judge Advocate/Past Post 132
Commander

your Judge Advocate, and past Post 132 Commander, I look forward to another productive and rewarding year for 2020.

In January, our 1st Vice Commander--Victor--and I will start planning for our Post's 100th Anniversary. Accordingly, feel free to submit your ideas for our program and invitation list. We want to have a memorable celebration for this milestone event. In closing, may 2020 be a great year for you and your family members.

Have a very safe and Happy New Year!

Gilbert Flores
Judge Advocate
Past Post 132 Commander



Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings Again, Fellow Members of the American Legion Family.

I apologize for not having an article last month but the deadline slipped up real fast and caught me without one. Will continue where I left off.

In the Clubroom/Building Account the Rentals upstairs continue to keep us in the black. We had 2 rentals upstairs in September, 2 in October, 4 in November, and so far, 1 in December. Daily attendance has been good and Friday nights continue to do well. We had a few donations. We received \$43.00 from ATM Machine in September, \$42.00 in October and \$28 in November. On The Parking Lot Fund; we received \$900.00 each month from List Reports for North Parking lot Rental. The Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders each donated \$200.00 for the Children's Halloween Party and the Penney Wars was won by the Legion and it added up to \$106.18. The Building Fund is doing well. Tom Ela, the father of a boy we sent to Boys State last year, made a \$250.00 Donation in October. In November, we had an anonymous donation of \$300.00. The Riders, Auxiliary, Sons and UMAVA each donated \$1000.00 for roof repairs. We also had smaller donations of \$100.00 by Women's Premier Council, Philip Colin and Lupe Sainz. The Sons, Riders, Auxiliary and UMAVA each donated \$200.00 for the Children's Christmas Party. Other donations that came early this month will be reported next month.

The Tuesday night Karaoke has slowed down some. Could be because of the holidays. Will be back on January 7th. Come and enjoy the fun.

In the Legion Account, 14 Members paid their dues in September, 17 in October, and 14 in November. We also picked up 10 new members during that time and 76 members have paid online. As of Friday, December 13th, we are over 84%. Again, if you get another Renewal notice and you have already paid your dues, ignore it. Thanks to all that have paid their dues.

The Polly Pies Fundraiser brought in \$147.23 and that along with \$100.00 received from Irwin H. Lowen is going for our Oratorical Contest Prizes. Third and Fourth Friday Opportunity Drawings brought in \$205.00 in September, \$271.00 in October, and \$227.00 in November for Bugle support. Thanks to all that come in and support the Friday Night Opportunity Drawings.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com.

SEMPER FI,
Sid Gauna, Finance Officer
USMC



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hi to all, SONS, We are only at 75% in Membership – which means that 45 of you have not renewed your membership AND as of December 31st, your membership is expired. So please take a moment and flood my mail box with your renewals. Make check to the SONS of American Legion for \$15 and mail to me. I will send your 2020 card back to you by mail as soon as I receive your check. PLEASE send your current address, phone number and E-mail address to me also. Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Ln, Orange, CA 92868-4140.

Thank you to Tom Flynn and his family for donating \$100 towards our Veterans Programs. Just want you all to know that we, the SONS, donated 4 large skate boards, 4 small skate boards, 4 scooters, and 3 soccer balls for the Children Christmas Party give away; along with \$200 for the Children Christmas presents.

On January 3rd, 2020, the SONS will be serving Chicken Cordon bleu with mashed potatoes and vegetable for the dinner special for \$8.00.

Our next meeting is January 7, 2020, the 1st Tuesday, starting at 6 pm. Hope you can be there.

My Wife, Carol and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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



Melyssa Umbertus, Clubroom Manager

Karaoke and Taco Tuesday are a real hit here at the Post. Come on down to hear good singers and have great tacos: 3 for \$5 every Tuesday!

Friday, January 10th Dr. Rx & the Party Pack will play again. A variety of different bands will be playing throughout the year so be sure to check the website calendar.

Happy New Year to all! Let's make 2020 an exciting and wonderful one.

Melyssa Umbertus
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Clubroom Manager
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LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

Please join us in praying for all our Veterans
Who are undergoing medical conditions,
specifically for Richard Garza of UMAVA
who is in need of prayer.

Again, if you know of anyone who is in
need, please notify us.

Quips to ponder:

Life teaches us to be less harsh with our-
selves and with others.

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a
knot and hang on!

If you expect to be upset, you will seldom
disappoint yourself.

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May God Bless
you this
New Year!



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Last month, the Bugle was off schedule as it
was sent at a different time than usual.
Therefore, Leo and I went ahead and folded
it and put stickers on it for mailing.

However, when we are back on schedule, we
will definitely be calling on our members for
assistance, again. You can bet on it.

Leo & Esther Ouellette
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LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

American Legion Rider, Sam
Holcomb absolutely loves our Post Museum
and as a result, on Friday, December 20,
2019, he has again donated \$1,000. This is
his third donation! Our hats are off to this
man! He is truly appreciated! A big
THANK YOU, SAM!!! We love you MAN!

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January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY!!!! VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Flag Ceremony Orange Plaza 6 pm	2 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm	3 Sons, Chicken Cordon Blue / Steaks 6pm-7:30pm DJ SOMMER 8 pm—12 am	4
5	6	7 UMAVA MTG 6:00 PM POST 132 SONs Mtg 6 pm KARAOKE 7 PM—11 PM	8	9 AL General Mtg 7 PM Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm COOKIE EXCHANGE	10 AL Riders/ Meatloaf/Steaks 6 pm—7:30 pm Dr. RX & The Party Pack 8 pm—12 am	11 AL Riders' Mtg 9 am OC AVU MTG 11 AM
12	13	14 AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO Arrive 8:30 am KARAOKE 7 PM—11 PM	15 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm Flag Ceremony Orange Plaza 6 pm	16	17 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-7:30pm Midnight Cowboys Band 8pm—12 am Persian Gulf War Begins (1990)	18 UMAVA GEN MTG 9:30 AM
19 Umava Casino Run to Pala leave 10:00	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 KARAOKE 7 PM—11 pm	22	23	24 Auxiliary Dinner/Meatball Sandwiches/ Steaks 6pm-7:30pm 5 Star 8pm—12 am	25
26 AL RIDERS BREAKFAST 8 AM—11 AM	27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)	28 KARAOKE 7 PM—11 PM	29	30	31 Umava Dinner/TBD 6 pm-7:30 pm DJ—Tony Bacalot	

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VISIT FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER, BILL OXFORD

A banquet was held on December 13, 2019 at Post 132 in honor of National Commander, Bill Oxford visit. Right: Cmdr. Oxford addressing guests.

BELOW, POST 132 AL RIDERS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ESCORTING NATIONAL COMMANDER TO THE BANQUET AT POST 132 WHICH WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MANY DISTRICT 29 GUESTS.



BELOW LEFT: POST 132 COMMANDER, JOHN MINNELLA AND NATIONAL COMMANDER, BILL OXFORD; BELOW RIGHT, NAT. CMDR., OXFORD WITH POST 132 SONS COMMANDER, RAY ALVARADO.

BELOW RIGHT: DANIEL CORREO, NAT. CMDR, BILL OXFORD, PAST AUXILIARY UNIT 132 PRESIDENT, ESTHER OUELLETTE AND POST 132, CHAPLAIN AND MUSEUM CURATOR, LEO OUELLETTE.





Celebrating 100 Years of the American Legion



**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 THE
UMAVA (UNITED MEXICAN AMERI-
CAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION) AND
AVU (AMERICAN VETERANS UNITED)
HAD A CHRISTMAS DANCE/
FUNDRAISER EVENT AT POST 132.**



**LEFT: ONE OF THE MANY AVU GUEST
THAT PARTICIPATED AT THE EVENT
WAS WALTER E. WOODWORTH, THE
VSO FOR AVU.**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 132

On December 12, 2019, the Auxiliary Unit 132 got together for their General meeting and followed up by wrapping Christmas gifts for the Children's Christmas Party and swapping home made cookie! Too many members to name, thank you ladies! The children had a very festive time at the party.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT TRI MANOR

On December 17, 2019, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 132 visited the Tri Manor facility in Orange and brought some Christmas cheer to the residents at the facility.

Below, are not only the Auxiliary 132 members but some residents at the facility, along with some young entertainers who assisted in entertaining the residents with Christmas caroling!





Join Us for Dinner

at The American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866

\$12 Steak

or

**Homemade
Meatloaf**

**January 10, 2020
Friday 6pm - 7:30pm**

Music & Dancing starts at 8:00pm

sponcered by your american legion riders

Breakfast

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY

AT THE LEGION - January 26, 2020 - 8 to 11 AM

OMELETTE BAR



\$10

*Shredded Cheddar
Diced Ham
Bacon Bits
Tomatos
Olives
Red Onions
Green Bell Peppers
Mushrooms*

*Eggs in a Blanket with
Hash Browns & Sausage*



\$8

*All you can eat Pancakes
with Scrambled Eggs*



\$8

WITH COFFEE AND JUICE

**Have Breakfast and Enjoy the Camaraderie of Fellow Veterans
American Legion Riders - Chapter 132
Post 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866**



AUXILIARY BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

**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**

**NOTE: Time change: Please BE THERE BY 8:30 A.M
BUS LEAVES 9:00 A.M. SHARP!**

**FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON
WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER
PAY at time of BOARDING**

**RECEIVE \$10.00 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: 714-473-2451 or 714-978-2161 (leave message)
Virginia Martinez: 714-224-8551 or
Mark Crawford (714) 243-7342**

**WE MUST HAVE 45 PASSENGERS
SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP!**

Karaoke



EVERY TUESDAY

night

And we're serving food as well

At The American Legion

Come and Join in on the FUN

7:00 to 11:00 PM

**For more information contact Melyssa at the Post
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 91866**

**ARE YOU READY
FOR SOME
FOOTBALL??!!**



**COME ON DOWN
AND WATCH ALL THE
GAMES HERE !**

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