



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California, NEWSLETTER, January 2025



VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all. Hope everyone's holidays went well and that you enjoyed many of the holiday-themed events we held here at Post 132 in December (here are just a few pics from the events).

As we end the year, our post has done very well. We continue to make improvements on our building, but we still have a long way to go. This coming year we will need to make improvements to the plumbing and the roof on our building. Contact anyone on the executive board to see what you can do to help. We also continue to have many events going on at the Post, so check our website at orangepost132.com to see what's happening. Thank you.

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**BRIAN JOHNSON,
POST 132 ADJUTANT,
ALR 132 JUDGE ADVOCATE**

The new year has arrived. 2025 brings potential and opportunity for all of us. And yet, it seems that every year, the holidays bring us the passing of so many of our sister and brother legionnaires. This is the bitter sweet part of the year that moves us toward spring and the signaling of our future. As our year changes, I like to encourage our members to look around your Post and see the great many changes, small and large, that have been the result of hard work by many, very dedicated, members.

We had so many new events and activities last year that we will look back on as happy memories; however, the Post leadership team is asking for your help. Actually, we are asking for your ideas for fun and exciting events and activities that serve our community of veterans as well as our Legion Family units. Sometimes it gets tough thinking up new and creative activities and events. We know that there are hundreds of great ideas just waiting for the suggestion. If there is something that you think might be an interesting activity or event, let's give it a whirl.

When was the last time you reached out to one of your buddies here at this Post, another Post or even the VFW just to check in? Staying connected with our sisters and brothers is such an important part of being a member of the legion family. If you need some help making connections, reach out to the Post leadership. We are careful to balance personal privacy with the need to stay connected. Let us know if we can help.

Well my friends, just a quick note this month. As many of you know, I recently had a hip replacement and am moving mighty slow just now. For those who have reached out with best wishes and prayers, thank you so very much. Your support has meant the world to us. I am looking forward to navigating the stairs at the Post again soon and the good Lord knows that I miss cooking breakfast on Sundays. We will be back again real soon.

Until then, I bid you a wonderful 2025. May you and yours be healthy and enjoy every blessing.

Brian "Spidey" Johnson,
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



**JOHN SCHUTZ,
LEGIONNAIRE 2ND
VICE COMMANDER,
AL RIDERS PRESIDENT**

As the sun sets on another year we stand at the threshold of a brand-new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this year bring you the strength to overcome any challenges, the wisdom to make the right choices, and the joy that springs from the love and support of those around you.

We need volunteers! It takes a lot of work to plan and prepare dinners, pitch in for clean-up days, and plan events. There are a small number of people who usually handle them, and we don't want those volunteers getting burned out.

Here are some of the important events for January 2025:

- JAN 3 FRI – SONS Dinner 6-7:30 FISH AND CHIPS
- JAN 4 SAT – RIDERS POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2
- JAN 5 SUN – Legion Breakfast 9-11AM PANCAKES
- JAN 6 MON – CALENDAR UPDATE MEETING 6:30 PM
- JAN 8 WED – AUX MTG 6 PM
- JAN 9 THUR – LEGION MTG 1900
- JAN 10 FRI – RIDERS DINNER 6-7:30PM MEATLOAF
- JAN 12 SUN – AUX Breakfast 9-11AM FRENCH TOAST
- JAN 14 TUE – SONS MEETING
- JAN 16 THUR – BINGO 6-8
- JAN 17 FRI – LEGION Dinner 6-7:30
- JAN 17 FRI – DOG TAG NIGHT (FREE DRINK)
- JAN 18 SAT – WRESLING 6-10 PM
- JAN 19 SUN – SONS Breakfast 9-11AM
- JAN 22 WED – POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2
- JAN 23 THUR – LINE DANCING 6-8 PM
- JAN 24 FRI – AUX Dinner 6-7:30
- JAN 25 SAT – Irish Coffee Day TASTING 12-2 PM
- JAN 26 SUN – Riders Breakfast 9-11AM
- JAN 31 FRI – AVU DINNER 6-7:30

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 3, 2025 - Four Chaplains Day – A Day to remember the four U.S. Army chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during World War ii

On the AL Riders side, here is our Schedule for January 2025:

- Jan 4 – SAT - RIDERS CLEANUP DAY 0900-1400
- Jan 10 – FRI - Riders Dinner Steaks or Meatloaf [Help setup 2:00 Dinner 6-7:30]
- Jan 11 – SAT - Riders Meeting (0830) Ride after: PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM & FLO'S
- Jan 18 – SAT – RIDE: March Field Air Museum Open 9AM – 5PM; Meet 0845 KSU 0900
- Jan 26 – SUN - Riders Breakfast THE SCRAMBLER (Setup 0700 – Breakfast (8:30 – 1100)

John Schutz
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**JOHN MINNELLA,
POST 132 & DIST. 29 IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER;
POST 132 & DEPT. OF CA JUDGE ADVOCATE**

Comrades and Friends! Happy New Year 2025!!!!

Not much for the Post Judge Advocate and Immediate Past Commander to say for the January 2025 issue of the Bugle except that I hope you had wonderful holidays in December and I wish you all the best for 2025.

I do want to encourage our events management to start scheduling live bands for two Friday nights of EVERY month for those members who like live music and do not attend Friday nights because of our lack of them. I suggest one Friday (and always the SAME Friday) is live Latin music EVERY month and another Friday (always the SAME Friday) is live Country music EVERY month. That should be broadcast to everyone and done consistently not for just one or two months but every month.

Personally, I prefer DJ but I have heard the complaint about our abandonment of live bands for a few years and I do believe that explains some of the reason for our declining attendance on Fridays.

Remember our mutual commitment to the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution and the Legion's Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; Children & Youth); and most of all remember our commitment to our Constitution and Country.

Post 132 continues to operate ever mindful of any and all legalities. Should you become aware of some potential legal problem for the Post, please inform me at your earliest opportunity so it can be addressed. If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

John "Juancho" Minnella
Post 132 (#85) & District 29 Immediate Past Commander; Post 132 & Department of CA Judge Advocate
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DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN

New Year's Day. A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written. New questions to be asked, embraced, and loved. Answers to be discovered and then lived in this transformative year of delight and self-discovery. Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, only dreams give birth to change.

"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness."

Isaiah 43:18-19

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DIANA TRUJILLO, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! We have had a busy and successful year, and I can't believe it's half over. Thank you to everyone who helps in all areas! I am grateful to be your president, and I appreciate each and everyone of you!

Thank you, Melissa, for another great Christmas kids party and all the helper elves who assisted.

Thank you to the ladies who showed up for our Auxiliary clean up day, and a special thank you to Marcie's husband for being part of the crew!

Wreaths across America was such a moving event! Thank you to all that attended!

We have a lot going on in the New Year. Please think about helping on a committee or event or just learning about an area in the Auxiliary. We will have a list available at our next meeting.

“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts” -Eleanor Roosevelt

Welcome to 2025!

Diana Trujillo,
Auxiliary President
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JAMES GOMEZ, SONS COMMANDER



I couldn't be more proud of the Sons in 2024. Our dinners and breakfasts have been doing well. Our renewals are coming in like gang-busters. And we've been sponsoring some great events! Let's keep the momentum going in 2025!

Our December 6 dinner and holiday kickoff party was a huge success! Thank you **Terry Hildebrand, David Laguna, Pierre Duco, Tommy Dees, John Shore, Mark Fawver, Justin Fawver, Kevin P Anderson, Ben Farmer, Mike Holmes, Richard Licerio**, and our Santa Claus for the night, **Mike Nelson**.



I couldn't attend our December 15 breakfast, but I'm told we sold approximately 25 breakfasts — a record as far as I can recall. Thank you **Mike Holmes, Tom Duprey, Kevin Wagner and Mark Fawver** for your help! You were definitely busy that morning.



And at the Kids Christmas Party the Post held on December 21, the Sons sponsored the gift bicycles shown here. Thank you **Mike Holmes** for spearheading that project on our behalf.

Our January 3 dinner will be steak or fish & chips. We return for breakfast on Sunday, January 19, serving biscuits and gravy. At both events we could use both volunteers and diners. Join us!



Sons, please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 6pm. We meet in the main ballroom.

Sons Membership Renewals: If you haven't renewed for 2025, please note your membership expires at the end of this month. You can renew at the bar, in person to me or Mike Holmes, or by mail. Send renewal checks for \$20 (\$15 for under 18) to Post 132 Sons, PO Box 214, Orange, CA 92856. Please use the PO Box, since it's more secure than the mailbox at the Post's physical address.

James Gomez,
Sons Commander
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ARTIFACTS FROM THE CURATOR'S CORNER

January 27th will be National Holocaust Remembrance Day. That was the date in 1945 when Auschwitz-Buchenwald was liberated by Allied Forces during World War II.

This month's "Artifact From Our Museum" is actually a collection of items from the most vile political system and regime in the history of the world: that of Nazi Germany.

One is made of wool fabric (German Paratrooper Garrison Cap). One is a set of German silver and zinc coins (Dated 1934-1945). One is a set of postage stamps (Used in Germany & throughout Europe). They ALL carry the symbol of the "Swastika," or as my three uncles that fought in WWII would say, "Hitler's twisted cross."



This symbol, and the regime it is associated with, have become infamous for the arrest, torture and murder of 6 million Jews and 11 million "others": Homosexuals, Mentally ill, Destitute, Catholics, Blacks (anyone of color) and "Gypsies" (anyone that was of "mixed" race). Well... that would be me and most Americans!

Properties and businesses seized, possessions taken, incarceration, hard labor and finally death. Or as the Nazi's labelled it, "A Cleansing" and "Extermination," of those that are "lesser than we."

By their definition I am "Gypsy", and my fate would have been decided by Hitler. It is said that "History repeats itself..."

Let us NEVER FORGET those 17 million and let us NEVER allow it to happen again - anywhere, anytime, anyplace!

Reflective Thoughts, Good Health and Good Tidings to You and Yours in the New Year.

Frank Cook,
Museum Curator / Past Commander
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EVENT COORDINATOR UPDATE

Hello and Happy New Year!

Thank you for a great December!

Thank you all for coming out for our New Years Eve Celebration! Thank you, John, for making that delicious Tri Tip!

We also had a nice turnout for Martini tasting and we are excited to offer a new tasting this month. Irish coffee tasting on National Irish coffee day. January 25th 12-2pm

We are also having our first Trivia night on Thursday January 30th from 6-9pm. Please see the flyer for details.

We will still be open on Mondays, and we will have line dancing back on 01/19/25.

Cheers to the new year and I'll see you at the post!

Diana Trujillo,
Auxiliary President
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PICS AT THE POST

Various pics from the Post in December



JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY POST CLOSED	2  Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries E-Board Meeting 7pm	3  Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Sons) Fish & Chips (\$15) Steaks (\$20) 6-7:30	4 Post Cleanup Day (Riders) 9am-2pm Bar Open: 1-8pm
5  Breakfast (Legion): Pancakes \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	6 Monday Night Football Bar Open: 5-9pm	7 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke 6-9pm	8  Auxiliary General Meeting 6pm UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6:30pm	9  Bar Open: 5-9pm Legionnaire General Mtg 7pm	10  Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Riders) Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	11 AL Riders General Meeting 8:30am RIDE after mtg. AVU Meeting 11am Bar Open: 1-8pm
12  Breakfast (Auxiliary): Stuffed French Toast, Bacon, Fruit \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	13 Monday Night Football Bar Open: 5-9pm ABATE Meeting 7pm	14  Bar Open: 5-10pm Sons General Meeting 6pm Karaoke 6-9pm	15 VVA #1024 Meeting 6:30pm Bunco 6pm	16 Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries Bingo 6-8pm	17  Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner (Legion): Special (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30 Dog Tag Day Get a Free Drink	18 Wrestling at the Post 6-10pm 1st Cav Mtg 9am UMAVA Mtg 9:30am Bar Open: 1-8pm
19  Breakfast (Sons): Biscuits & Gravy \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	20	21 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Premiere Women's Council 6pm Karaoke 6-9pm	22 Post Cleanup Day 9am-2pm	23 Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries Line Dancing 6-8pm	24  Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Auxiliary) Green Chicken Enchiladas (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	25 National Irish Coffee Day Tasting 12-2pm Bar Open: 1-8pm
26  Breakfast (Riders): The Scrambler \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	27	28 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke 6-9pm	29	30 Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries	31 Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner (AVU): Special (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	Feb 1 Bar Open 1-8pm



Post Cleanup Day

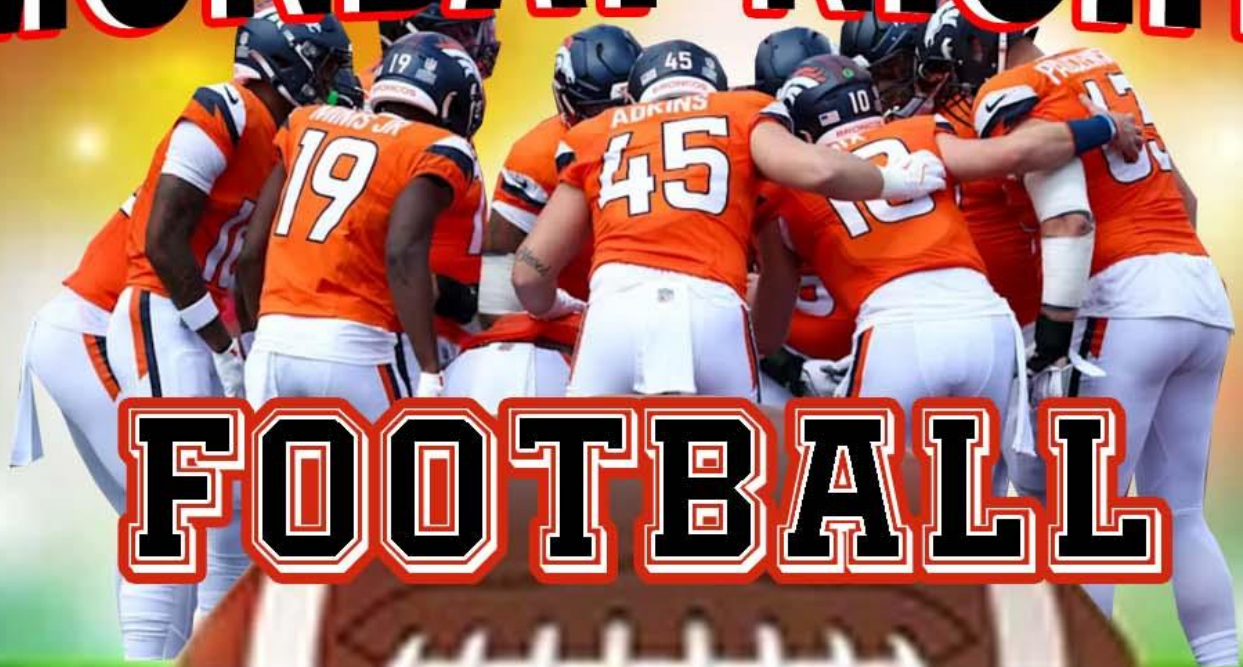
Saturday, January 4, 2025

9 AM to 2 PM

**Who: Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons,
Riders, AVU, UMAVA, and
anyone else who wants to Help**

**Take Pride in Your Post & Come out
and be a part of our CLEAN UP DAY**

MONDAY NIGHT



FOOTBALL

FROM 5 TO 9 PM

**JOIN US AND ENJOY THE GAME,
DRINKS, FRIENDS, CHEERING,
& A FREE HOTDOG**

**American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 132



BINGO NIGHT

THURSDAY,

January 16, 2025 6:00 to 8:00 PM

ONLY \$5 TO PLAY

**Cards \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00
per Game**

143 S. LEMON ST, ORANGE, CA 92866



DOG TAG DAY

At American Legion Post 132

**Friday,
January 17, 2025**



**Wear Your Dog Tags
and Receive
1 Free Well DRINK**

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CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING AT THE LEGION!!!

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BELL TIME: 7PM AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 132
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**CLEAN UP DAY
WEDNESDAY
January 22, 2024**

From 9 AM to 2 PM

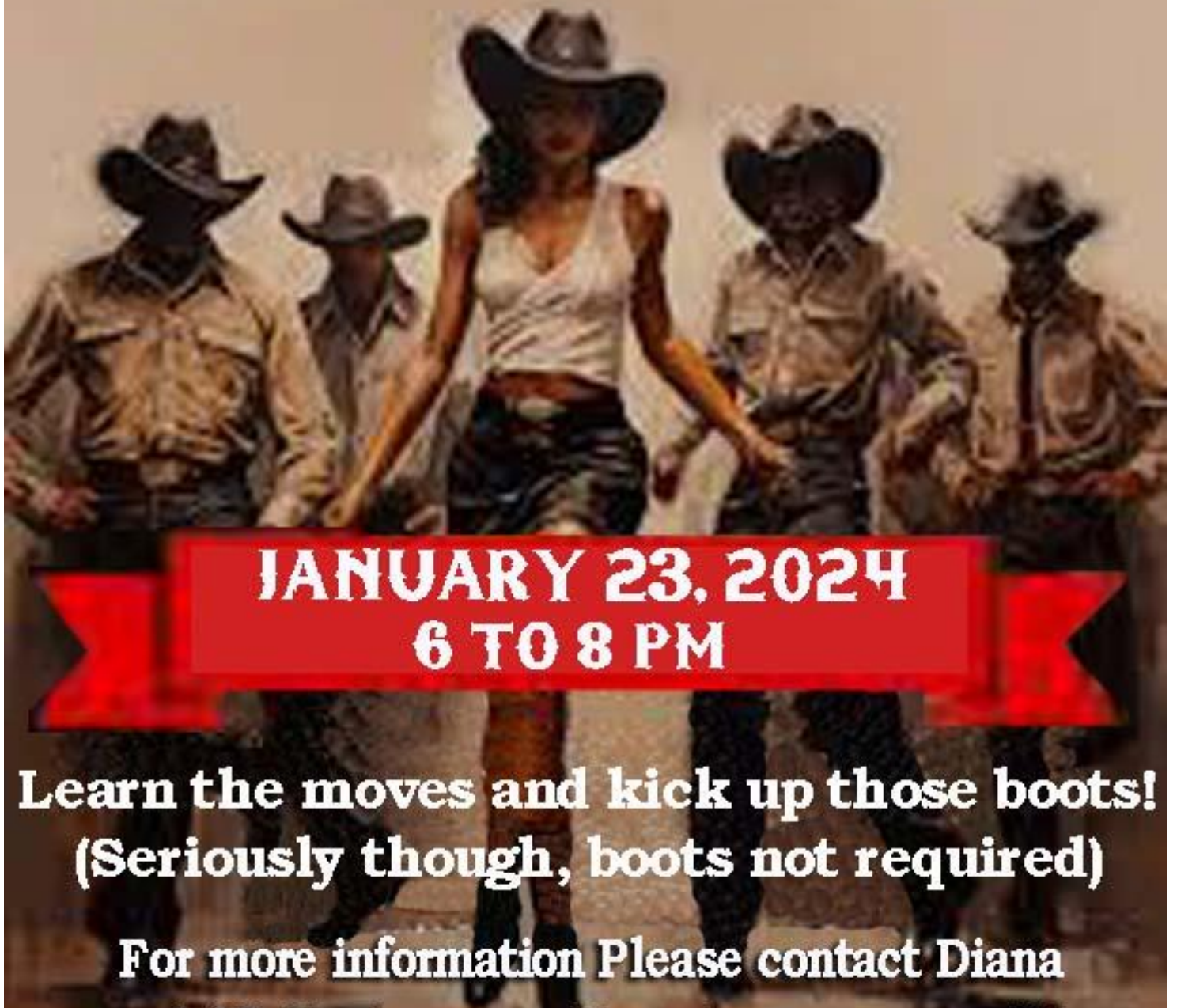


**Take Pride in Your Post
& Come out and be a part
of our CLEAN UP DAY**

LINE DANCING

AT

AMERICAN LEGION POST 132



JANUARY 23, 2024
6 TO 8 PM

Learn the moves and kick up those boots!
(Seriously though, boots not required)

For more information Please contact Diana
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA

IRISH COFFEE TASTING



Saturday, January 25



from 2 to 4 PM
JUST \$20.00

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TUESDAY**

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\$15
PER PERSON



BUS TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

Please arrive by 8:30AM

BUS LEAVES 9AM SHARP, RETURN AROUND 5PM
FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON includes tip for bus
driver. Pay at time of boarding.

Bring valid Drivers licence, Passport, or ID card.

--->YOU MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS<---

LEAVE MESSAGE IF WE DON'T ANSWER

Carol Goss Holmes: (714)473-2451 or

Virginia Martinez: (714)224-8551

When we call to confirm your reservation,
please respond within 2 days.

Leave from American Legion Post 132

143 S. Lemon Street, Orange 92866

(We must have have 50 signed up to go)

Park on the north side of building until full
and then on the south side of the building.

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\$15
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BUS TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO **Saturday, March 8, 2025**

Please arrive by 8:30AM

BUS LEAVES 9AM SHARP, RETURN AROUND 5PM

FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON includes tip for bus driver. Pay at time of boarding.

Bring valid Drivers licence, Passport, or ID card.

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LEAVE MESSAGE IF WE DON'T ANSWER

Elsie: 714-373-0634

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Leaving from American Legion Post 132

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American Legion Post 132 HOURS

Monday - 5:00 - 9:00

Tuesday - 5:00 - 10:00

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday - 5:00 - 9:00

Friday - 5:00 - 11:00

Saturday - 1:00 - 8:00

Sunday - 9:00 - 5:00



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