

THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California, NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2021







VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all: First I want to thank everyone who volunteered and helped during Labor Day weekend. It was a very successful weekend for the Post. We could not have done it without your help. On another note, the Post is now open on Monday evenings (5-9pm). So if you like, you can come down to the Post and watch Monday night football.

The centennial celebration is coming up quick (Saturday, October 16). Hurry and get your tickets while we still have some. It will be a great evening.

For those of you who have not paid your dues yet, you can do so at the Post. Just see one of the officers and we can help you.

Please check our website for events we have coming up at the post at www.orangepost132.com.

Victor de la Rosa, Commander, Victorplcnt@yahoo.com, Phone (714) 227-5977







JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Well folks, our membership report is an awesome 48%. For being in our 3rd month of our year, that is awesome. Thanks to all of those who have come and paid your membership. But please, let's stay on this roll and keep it going.

Also, I want report that our Post centennial celebration is on Saturday, October 16. Tickets are available for purchase. They are \$40.00 each, or \$70.00 for 2 tickets, or \$300.00 for a table of 8. We are only selling a limited amount of tickets, so hurry and get yours before we sell out. We will NOT be selling tickets at the door. Tickets will only be available via RSVP. Please contact me by email at martinezjoseg@yahoo.com to reserve your tickets. They will need to be paid for in advance. Please go to our website at www.orangepost132.com to get more information.

I believe that's all for now. Be seeing you at the post...

Jose Martinez, 1st Vice Commander martinezjoseg@yahoo.com









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

I just looked at my calendar and September is almost gone already. Street Fair is in the history books. Kids are back in school. Where has the time gone? As 1st VC Martinez has reported, we are doing well on our renewals and we thank every one of our renewed members very much. Keep up the good work, folks. All members must renew before the end of the year to stay in good standing at your Post.

Some of our members have already taken advantage of paying their renewals online. When you pay online (https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew#legion-org), you have the ability to print your membership card right away. If you do not choose to print your card, I can mail you a card, but it takes a little longer. I do not get an automatic notification when a member renews online. I check on a weekly basis and add those cards to the renewal processing batch that I am working on at that time. Naturally, you can come down to the Post when we are open and one of the officers will be happy to handle your renewal and give you your card on the spot. At the same time, you can enjoy a steak or sing some karaoke, sweat in the Zumba class, be part of the fantasy football league or play bingo or a hand of poker – there is always something going on at the Post.

I am very excited about our Centennial Celebration on Saturday, October 16th. That is right around the corner so now is the time to grab your tickets, shine up your dancing shoes, pull out your party clothes and get ready to help us celebrate this important occasion. The Centennial Committee has been hard at work to plan a fun evening that will include recognition from community leaders, great food, music and dancing courtesy or everyone's favorite DJ Sommer. Unless you are planning to live to age 200, this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to celebrate our milestone birthday in our century-old historic building. See 1st VC Martinez or any officer for your tickets. They are going fast, so get them while they are hot.

In my parting thoughts, I wanted to say a special thank you to the Executive Board and the Membership of both Post 132 and Riders Chapter 132 for voting to make generous donations to the wild fire relief fund. You may be aware that many veterans and members of the Legion family in the Dixie Fire area have lost everything. In some cases, folks got out with a few valued personal items and the clothes on their back. Our contributions will give them a chance to stabilize while they take stock of their options. The generosity of the Legion family in California has resulted in thousands of dollars in desperately needed relief funds that are making a difference. That means that you are all making a difference. Thank you.

See you all at the Centennial Celebration.

Brian "Spidey" Johnson American Legion and American Legion Riders District 29 & Post 132 Adjutant ALR Chapter 132 Secretary adjutantdist29@gmail.com









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

Hi Everyone,

Post 132 is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, October 16. Did you know it's among the oldest in the state, and is the second oldest in Orange County? Join us on this special occasion – make your reservations ASAP – see Jose Martinez. There will be many dignitaries there, including Senator Josh Newman, Congressmen Lou Correa, OC Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, City of Orange Mayor Mark Murphy, City of Orange Police Chief Dan Adams, and representatives from the Orange County Sheriff's Department & City of Orange Fire Department to name a few.

On another note we want to thank everyone that supported the Booze Wagon Opportunity Drawing. It turned out to be a great success. We have some great events coming up in October so get out of the house and come on down to the Post and have some FUN!

- Karaoke every Tuesday Night (6-10pm).
- October 16 Post 132 100-Year Celebration
- October 17 Marines MC Bike Rally
- October 23 Children's Halloween Party (12-2pm)
- October 28 Bingo (6-8pm)
- October 30 Riders Bike Rally

Also, the Post is still serving dinner each Friday (6-7:30pm) and breakfast every Sunday (9-11am) to raise funds to support our Veterans and to keep our Post alive. Here are the upcoming breakfasts:

- Oct 3 Eggs in a Blanket
- Oct 10 Pancakes, eggs & sausage
- Oct 17 Biscuits & Gravy with Sausage, Eggs, & Hash Browns
- Oct 24 Omelet Bar
- Oct 31 Chorizo & Eggs / Pozole or Menudo

On the AL Riders side: On October 8th the Riders will be serving steaks (\$15.00) or our special homemade meatloaf (6-7:30pm). Our breakfast on October 24 (8:30-11am) is an omelet bar.

Here is our schedule for August:

- Oct 8 Fri Riders dinner (meatloaf) (6-7:30pm)
- Oct 9 Sat Riders Meeting 8:30am RIDE 716 Hoedown 3252 Florista St, Los Alamitos
- Oct 10 Sun RIDE 2021 Wall That Heals, Santana Park, Corona
- Oct 17 Sun Marine MC Bike Day
- Oct 24 Sun Riders Breakfast—Omelet Bar (9-11am)
- Oct 30 Sat 132 Bike Rally (11am-4pm)

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JOHN MINNELLA, IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER, POST 132 JUDGE ADVOCATE, DISTRICT 29 FIRST VICE COMMANDER, DEPT. OF CALIF. NATURALIZATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Comrades and Friends!

On Sept. 11, we sadly lost my immediate predecessor, Post Judge Advocate Bob Mitchell, who served in that position for many years. He was a close friend of our beloved Post Museum Curator/Chaplain/ Exec. Committeeman Leo Ouellette whom we just laid to rest. Until the COVID hit us, Bob, Leo and their wives and friends always occupied that table adjacent to the Clubroom dance floor's west end. Even though the Post has reopened, that Clubroom table just does not look complete with them missing.

The Department of California finally issued updated membership statistics and Post 132 is above the 50% goal target ahead of the Dept.'s Sept. 22 target date. We are at 50.83% as of 9/17, a tribute to the tireless efforts of 1VC Jose Martinez, Finance Officer Susan Wood, Adjutant Brian Johnson and many others determined to hit 100% membership. The goal this fiscal year (July 1-June 30) is 545 members. So far, 277 members have paid up. Many Legionnaires have not yet renewed. Remember, we have comrades who have sadly, recently transferred to Post Everlasting. Please renew (or join) NOW. You can drop off a \$45 check (payable to "American Legion Post 132") with the bartender or any officer (there's always one of us around) or mail it in (AL Post 132, POB 214, 143 S. Lemon St., Orange 92866).

For those of you who are Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and/or Riders, your membership dues are also due, needed and appreciated. Please pay now.

Post 132 will celebrate and commemorate its first 100 years with a catered dinner on Sat., Oct. 16, in the ballroom. You must purchase a ticket IN ADVANCE: \$40 each, 2 for \$70 (purchased at the same time), table (8 people max.) \$300. There will be music, dancing and a no host bar. I especially hope those longtime Post members that we do not see often attend so we can get more historical perspective at the event. The Centennial Committee deserves your support and great thanks for putting this complicated event together. Please make this event a success by purchasing tickets and actually attending.

Despite the Post's negative consequences due to the COVID pandemic, our Post finances are in a positive condition thanks to the careful money management of your Post officers and, in particular, the tireless efforts and extraordinary creativity of the Executive Committee's Fundraising Committee led by Finance Officer Susan Wood. Even the best creativity and management would have little effect without the continued support of you, our Post Legion Family and Friends, who continue to respond.

Please remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and their Gold Star families; those still serving; our veterans still with us and those that have passed on to Post Everlasting, and their families. Please remember those of our Legion Post Family who are in ill health, especially SAL Adrian GAUNA, Joe MENDOZA, Sam HOLCOMB, Auxiliary Carol Goss HOLMES, DJ Sommer and Mike NELSON, Immediate Past District Commander Sandy SCHNEEBERGER, Area 5 Vice Commander Harry WOODS, Immediate Past Department Commander Ed GRIMSLEY, and many others.

Finally, please remember we are a close Legion Family despite our individuality, and remember our commitment to the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution and the Legion's Four Pillars (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; Children & Youth). If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

John Minnella, Immediate Past Commander (#85), Post 132 Judge Advocate, District 29 Commander (714) 543-9005, drjminnella@yahoo.com

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Planning on getting married? Can't find an officiant? Or a church? Or location? Well, have we got news for you! We here at the Post can help you out. Our new Post Chaplain is an ordained minister. We can help you get your services done here at our American Legion Post. We are, and can be, your one-stop shop to help you get married. Please call Jose Martinez at 714.380.2005. Let's see how we can help.

Also, Auxiliary member Esther Ouellete would like to extend this message of gratitude for the support from the Post after the passing of Leo Ouellette in August:

To one and all that supported Leo by donating to the Go Fund Me page and attending his funeral service, as well as sending all the condolence cards, thank you all very much. It was very thoughtful of all of you. It meant very much to the family. God bless you all. — Esther Ouellette



American Legion Post 132 Riders were on hand to escort brother Leo Ouellette to Riverside National cemetery on Sept. 9.





KATHY KULP, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

It's already October. Time goes by so fast! We had a great turn out for the Street Fair. Thank you Jean, Toni, Linda and Sandra for helping out on Saturday and Sunday.

There are so many things happening in October: Our centennial celebration (don't forget to buy tickets), The children's Halloween Party (thank you Melissa for heading that up); The Bike Rally; And of course, the Friday night dinners, along with the bake sales that are now happening on Auxiliary night. For the dates for these events, please go to the calendar on The Post's website.

Our special dinner this month is pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and baked beans. Thank you again.

Kathy Kulp, Auxiliary President, Unit 132 caiazzi9@aol.com





MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER

A big thank you to our breakfast helpers: Son Cody Bain, as well as Auxiliary members Madelene Macias, Virginia Martinez and Carol Goss Holmes. We served over 30 breakfasts thanks to the Marine Riders coming in, as well as many members who came for breakfast. Looking forward to our next one October 17th. However SONS, we NEED YOUR HELP! Please make every effort to lend a hand and give me a call if you can make between 7:30-11am on Sunday the 17th.

Its time to pay your dues, if you haven't already sent them in! Dues are \$20, but if you are under 18 then its \$15. Please make your checks payable to SONS of American Legion and mail directly to me at 425 S Lilac Lane, Orange, CA 92868. Membership is coming in and I am sending out your 2022 cards. If you have paid me and haven't received your cards, please let me know.

Our next SONS dinner is October 1st. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, and baked beans for the special, and of course we will have steaks cooked by our Chef Tommy Dees.

Next MEETING is Tuesday, October 5th starting at 6pm sharp.

Mike Holmes, Sons Commander Rayncarolgossfam@aol.com (714) 803-0851

AMERICAN LEGION BUS GROUP



Unfortunately, there is no bus scheduled for October. The word is I can check back with them each month; and we are welcome anytime to bring our own transportation.

We will keep you informed of any changes.

Carol, Virgie, and Mark

JAMES GOMEZ, EDITOR





This October edition of the Bugle, more than any other that I've worked on, has been filled to the brim with activities, news and submissions from members and supporters of Post 132. This is great news, since it means the Post, and the American Legion community as a whole, is active and thriving.

Keep on sending updates and I'll squeeze what I can into these pages. The deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

It's been great seeing everybody on Tuesday karaoke nights. If we haven't met face to face, please come say hello! I'm generally there.

James Gomez, Son & Bugle Editor buglepost132@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Robert "Bob" Mitchell 1933-2021







It is with great sadness that we inform you that our comrade, Lt. Col. Robert "Bob" Mitchell, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 87, passed away on September 11, 2021, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. He was an important part of American Legion Post 132, having served as Judge Advocate for many years.

Bob had served more than 30 years in the U.S. Marines and was stationed in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam on May 27, 1969 and retired after his service from Camp Pendleton in 1980.

As a civilian, Bob worked for Orange County Transit District, currently known as OCTA, as manager of the Maintenance Department for 12 years. He retired early to take care of his wife Nora when she was diagnosed with cancer. Later Bob met and married Alice in 1995.

Born on October 9, 1933, in Sewanee, Tennessee, Bob was a true patriot with a conservative approach to life. His family remembers him as a loving and non-judgmental man who was always ready to lend an ear. He played his harmonica and enjoyed dance music. Bob never lost his curiosity for mechanical things and interest in improving his environment. He especially enjoyed eating seafood!

In 2005 Bob was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He bravely tried to conquer this condition by seeing as many specialists as he could, and trying out different treatments. He adapted a manageable lifestyle with Alice, traveling to timeshare resorts and attending Friday night American Legion socials until he succumbed to his health condition that took his strength away down to his last breath.

In addition to his wife Alice, Bob is survived by his daughters from his first marriage, Debby and husband Scott Wheeler, their children Robert "Bobby" and Kristeen, Joanne and her husband Jack Lesko and daughter Megan. He is also survived by his sister Margaret Morton and his stepdaughter Erika and her husband Scott Nelson.

The Post sends its most sincere condolences to Alice, their family members and friends, and sends its gratitude and respect to our comrade and brother Bob on his arrival to Post Everlasting.





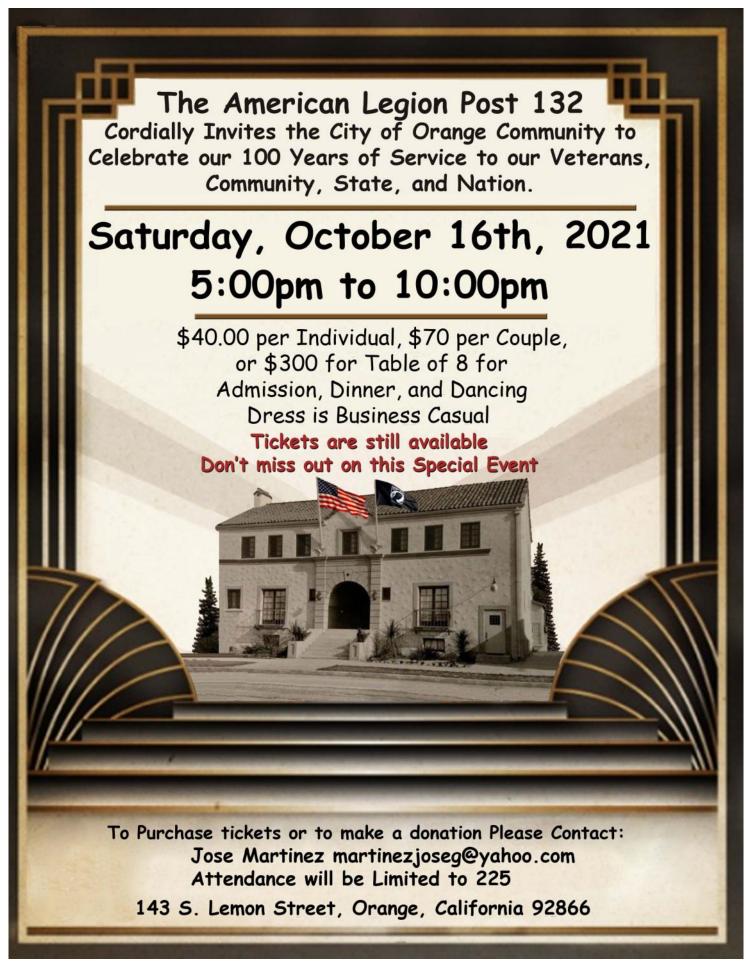


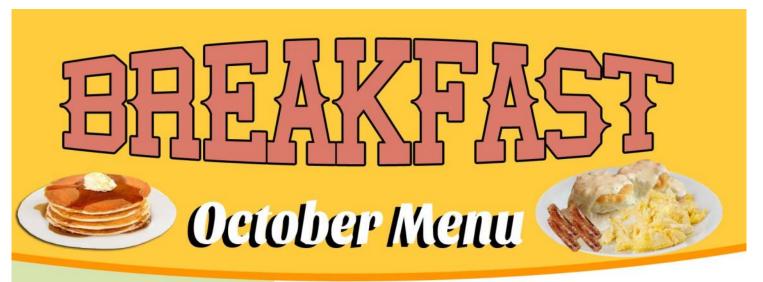




OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Dinner (Sons): Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fries 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer	Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast : 9-11am Eggs in a Blanket Bar Open 9am-5pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Sons Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	6	AL E-Board Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (AL Riders): Steaks (\$15) or homemade meatloaf 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Tony	AL Riders Meeting 8:30am Ride: Los Alamitos Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: 9-11am Pancakes, eggs & sausage Riders: Wall That Heals, Corona Bar Open 9am-5pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6:30pm	AL General Meeting 7pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Legionnaires): Steak, Potato & Salad 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer	16 UMAVA Gen Mtg 9:30am Bar Open 1-8pm Post 132 Centennial Celebration 5-10pm DJ Sommer
Breakfast (Sons): Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm Marines MC Bike Rally	18 Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Annual Quarter Auction Public Charity Fundraiser Upstairs, 5-8pm (Plus, Tamale Dinner for \$5) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	20	Poker Night 6-8pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Auxiliary): Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer	Bar Open 1-8pm Children's Halloween Party (12-2pm)
24 Breakfast (Riders): 9-11am Omelet Bar Bar Open 9am-5pm 31 Breakfast (UMAVA): 9-11am Chorizo & Eggs Pozole or Menudo Bar Open 9am-5pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	27 Navy Day	Bingo Night 6-8pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (UMAVA): 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Tony	Riders Bike Rally 11am-4pm DJ Sommer Bar Open 1-8pm





October 3rd

Eggs in a Blanket with Hash Browns & Sausage

October 10th

Pancakes with Eggs, & Sausage

Sausage

October 17th

Biscuits & Gravy with Scrambled Eggs

October 24th

Omelette Bar

Chorizo & Eggs or Menudo / Pozole

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Annual Quarter Auction Public Charity Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: American Legion Orange Post 132 (Upstairs)
143 S. Lemon St. Orange, CA 92868



Admission is FREE and includes 1 bidding number. Additional bidding numbers and Drawing Tickets will be sold. A Tamale Dinner and Beverage will be available for \$5.00. Doors open at 4:30. Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 PM or until gone. Live Auction Begins at 5:30. PLEASE RSVP for Food count.

Bring your quarters, cash, credit cards and checkbooks.

Be ready to bid on exciting items from a variety of local vendors.

90% of proceeds will go toward providing scholarships to deserving students at our Annual Mother's Day Tardeada.

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