



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021



POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all,

I hope you are all well and safe. We are still having the breakfasts at the Post every Sunday. As I write this, we are preparing to start the Friday night dinners again. I hope you can come out and support us. I would like to thank the crews that show up and volunteer for the breakfasts and the dinners.

We are also currently getting quotes to replace the windows at the Post. Most of them are in bad shape and need to be replaced. Please look for some fundraisers in the future to help fund the windows being replaced.

Please check our website to see what we have going on at the post. Thank you

HAVE A NICE VALENTINES DAY

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JOSE MARTINEZ, 1ST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

Well, we are now going into our 2nd month of the year. I am happy to report that the Post is at 87% membership. Thank you to all that have paid your membership. But please, we still need everyone else to do their share and pay their \$45.00 membership fees. We are on track for our 100% membership.

Let's continue to inform everyone to help the Post by paying their dues. Again, thanks to all who have paid.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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

Greetings Comrades. We are now driving forward with 2021. As 1st. VC Martinez has noted, we are doing a very good job with membership renewals and retention. I would like to thank our Executive Committee members: Bill Stringfield, Ernie Celaya, David Kulcinski and Sid Gauna for their efforts in helping us clear up old and incorrect contact information and for taking the extra minute to do a buddy check on many of our members. My Dad always told me that many hands make the work easier and these folks have proven it. Thank you gentleman!

I cannot go anywhere and not be confronted by political talk or Covid-19 talk so I am trying very hard to focus on doing other, positive things. Recently, a group of our Legion Riders members rode down to San Juan Capistrano to visit the San Juan Capistrano Veterans Memorial. This memorial is near and dear to the hearts of our sisters and brothers at Post 721 in San Juan Capo. Members of their executive board were heavily involved in the planning, material acquisition and establishment of the memorial. While it is in an out-of-the-way spot, it is a great memorial that honors citizens of SJC and members, past and present, of our great military. I shared a picture of our AL Riders at the memorial with Post 721 Commander Jess Perez and they proudly share our photo in their newsletter. Even in a time of pandemic restrictions, we can still support our home Post as well as other posts in our area. Together, we are stronger and together we will beat this pandemic and get back to business. I am excited for our future.

Stay safe and healthy out there. Be sure to stay tuned for information from the VA or your private medical provider regarding the availability of the Covid vaccine. You can always find information at the VA Covid web page: <https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/> or the County of Orange Health Care Agency Covid information page: <https://covid19info.ocgov.com/>

HAVE A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE VALENTINES DAY

Brian "Spidey" Johnson
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From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free. - Captain Jacques Yves Cousteau





**JOHN SCHUTZ—
LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER;
AL RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Greetings all,

I would like to start out by hoping that everyone is staying safe during these trying times. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

The Post is serving breakfast “TO GO” on every Sunday from (9 am – 11am) to raise funds to support our Veterans and to keep our Post alive. I would also like to thank all those that help with the breakfasts every week because without their support we would not be successful. For February here are the upcoming breakfasts:

FEB 7 - Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage

FEB 14 - Bacon or Sausage and Eggs

FEB 21 - Chorizo & Eggs

FEB 28 - Omelet Bar

We are now having an Opportunity Drawing for a brand-new HP Laptop Computer. Tickets are available for a donation of \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

On the AL Riders side:

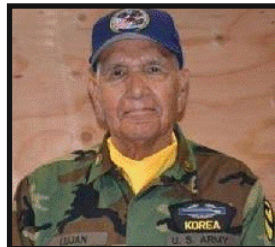
We continue to assist with breakfast every Sunday down at the Post. If you haven’t attended any of them you are missing out on some great breakfasts.

On Sunday January 10th the AL Riders honored UMAVA (United Mexican American Veteran Association) member, Sal Lujan who is a Korean War Veteran by having a “Ride By” in celebration of his 90th Birthday. Joining the AL Riders were many of his friends, family, Post 132 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and UMAVA Members, and we were all escorted to Sal’s residence by the Santa Ana Police Department. Sal was very delighted to see everyone that participated.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL!



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Sal Lujan, Korean War Veteran—90 years old! Happy Birthday Sal!



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

Here we are friends already into the second month of 2021! Christmas is just around the corner again! Haha!

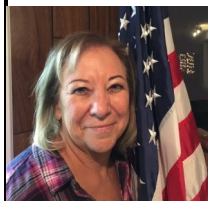
It is almost a year now that our Post has been closed. Despite the seemingly impossible, dedicated and creative friends of the Post have brought us through financially. Our membership continues to support us by renewing and joining. We continue to observe our traditions and rituals. We have learned to survive this unexpected and unique challenge.

With a little luck, we should be able to reopen and return to our past operations very soon. Hang in there, stay tuned, and keep the faith!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



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**Susan Wood, Finance Officer
Post 132**

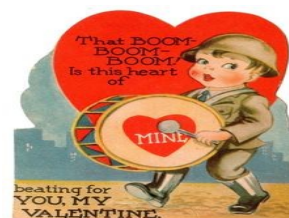
Greetings all! Well, one month into 2021 and not much has changed at your Post. We continue to have very limited operations resulting in very limited income. We truly appreciate those of you that have continued to support us over the past 10 months with your participation in drawings, making donations, paying your dues and enjoying our outdoor/take out Sunday morning breakfasts. We continue to apply for any and all financial grants that we become aware of. The OC grant for outdoor dining was awarded, we currently have 2 others that are pending decisions. If anyone is aware of other financial grants please pass along to your Commander and myself so that we can evaluate as to whether we are eligible to apply.

A special thanks to the following individuals who so graciously donated in the month of December: Bill Stringfield, \$100; Xavier Lopez, \$50; Patricia Whiteman, \$80; Mike Maldonado, \$50; Richard Cooks, \$500. Also, to our Auxiliary, AL Riders and Sons, thank you for your financial support, your time and resources that you so generously continue to provide to the Post.

It is our membership and family, working together, that has enabled us to meet our financial obligations during this period and to continue to provide community service. Much thanks to all of you. Stay safe.

HAVE A SWEET VALENTINES DAY!

Susan Wood, USAF
American Legion Post 132
Finance Officer, 2020-2021





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

Well January is almost over, and February is right around the Corner.

We are so 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 and also to the Post Family Volunteers with their dedication to helping for the last 6 months for the Sunday Breakfasts which will continue.

Now we will be serving Steak Dinners to go on Friday Night with all the fixins. You can find all ongoing information on Facebook or you should be receiving weekly updates.

The Auxiliary, along with the Post family, want to always be available to all that may have ideas or needs. Our mission is to Help Veterans, Community and Children.

Well in keeping this article simple and in saying "Happy New Year" and to all those that have been down with illness this Winter, we pray for each of you to have a speedy recovery. Remember, we are a family at our Post and if anyone is in need, please reach out if you need help. We will do our best.

Post 132 Family, please keep Auxiliary Member, Susie Flores, in your thoughts and prayers for the recent loss of her son, "Temo". We all pray that he is at peace with our Lord. God Bless You all and God Bless America!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart - Elizabeth Andrew

HAVE A VERY NICE VALENTINES DAY!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
2016-2021



Auxiliary member, Carol Martinez, is working with our District 29 to collect diapers and baby wipes for the 11th Marine MEU at Camp Pendleton. This division of Marines are deployed but their families are here SO, PLEASE, LET'S HELP! THERE ARE TWO WEEKS LEFT TO BRING DOWN DIAPERS TO THE POST.. Thank you for your anticipated donations!

TO THE PALA CASINO BUS GROUP:

The sad news is that there aren't any buses going to the Pala Casino at this time. It is completely unknown when they will start up again – BUT, we will be calling you as soon as we get the word to start up again. The good news is that we have not heard of any of our group having Covid-19. So please continue to stay well and we hope to see everyone again real soon.



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hello to ALL SONS,

Last month in my article, I indicated we would be having a dinner in February; but as of today January 24th, there will not be a February special. At this time, the Post is only offering a steak dinner **to go**, on Friday night for \$15; and there is a Sunday morning Breakfast every Sunday from 9 to 11, for \$10. See the Flyer in this Bugle for menus. All donations are going to the Post to keep the doors opened. SONS, if you come to enjoy a steak dinner or breakfast, you are supporting the Post – OR – just by helping with the setting up and/or clean-up.

We received a Thank You letter from the San Diego Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) for our donation of \$350; which will be used for toys and food for enlisted military and their families. They also assist with child care, child educational assistance, and services supporting wounded and ill at Balboa Naval Hospital.

OUR NEXT MEETING COMES UP RIGHT AFTER YOU FLIP THE CALENDAR TO FEBRUARY. IT'S TUESDAY FEBRUARY THE 2ND STARTING AT 6 PM. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE MEETING. Again, we are meeting on the main floor, where we can spread out, but if you don't feel comfortable attending the meeting, you will certainly be excused.

We need at least 5 members to make a quorum so hopefully, some of you can make it. Our Prayers and Condolences go to David Laguna and Family for the loss of his daughter. No further information at this time. May God bless you David and your family.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS!!

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PS: SONS –

This is a repeat from last month – If you have not renewed your Membership for 2020-2021, then it expired December 31, 2020. If your 2020 membership card is expired you can be refused service.

I AM STILL WORKING MEMBERSHIP; SO SEND YOUR DUES DIRECTLY TO ME: \$15.00 MADE PAYABLE TO: SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION AND MAIL TO: MIKE HOLMES, 425 S LILAC LN, ORANGE, CA 92868-4140.

PLEASE ADVISE ME IF YOU ARE ILL OR HAVING FINANCIAL CONCERNS. WE CAN ONLY HELP IF WE KNOW OF THE SITUATION. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. MIKE



GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades, February brings the remembrance of the Four Chaplains:

Early on the morning of February 3, 1943, the U.S. troop transport "Dorchester" was wallowing through icy seas off Greenland. Most of the 900 troops on board were asleep in their bunks. Suddenly a torpedo smashed into the Dorchester's flank. The troops milled in confusion on the decks.

In those dark moments of panic, the coolest men aboard were four U.S. Army Chaplains: First LTs. Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church of America), Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), John Pe. Washington (Catholic), and George L. Fox (Methodist). The four chaplains led the men into boxes of life jackets, passed them out to the soldiers with boat-drill precision. When the boxes were empty, the four chaplains quietly slipped off their own precious life preserves, put them on four young GIs and told them to jump. The Dorchester went down 25 minutes later in a rumble of steam. Some 600 men were lost, but the heroic chaplains had helped save over 200. The last anyone saw of them, they were standing on the slanting deck, their arms linked in prayer to the on God they all served.

Far away in North Africa, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, distinguished American clergyman and father of Chaplain Clark Poling, was crouching in a foxhole when he learned of the heroic death of his son and his three fellow Chaplains. In his mind was born the idea of a shrine in the memory of this noble sacrifice; a shrine where people of all faiths could worship God in a spirit of unit without the need of uniformity.

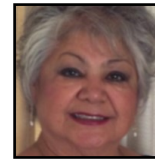
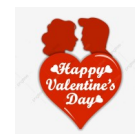
In the heart of a great city, Philadelphia, PA the Chapel opens its doors to people of all races and religious faiths. Every Sunday there is a service of worship. It is also a memorial to the Four Chaplains who went down on the S.S. Dorchester. It is an interfaith shrine; in it are three alter, one for each faith – Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Above the entrance burns an eternal light, which calls men to the unity these four chaplains so heroically demonstrated. Chiseled deep into the stone is this dedication:

Chapel of Four Chaplains
An Interfaith Shrine
Here is Sanctuary for Brotherhood
Let in never be violated

Susie and I were joined by God 1.2.21.



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First of all, on behalf of the Post 132 Family, congratulations, Glen and Susie. May God bless your union, keep you safe, happy and healthy.

Secondly, Things seem to be coming along at the Post.

We pray that life will get back to normal sooner than later.

HAVE A WONDERFUL VALENTINES DAY!




















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FEBRUARY 2021

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 SONS' MTG 6 PM  Ground Hog Day	3 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Signing of Armistice Day (1918)	4 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm 	5 SONS Steak Dinner 6 pm 	6
7 Breakfast TO GO Pancakes, eggs & sausage. 9 am—11 am 	8 ABATE MTG 7:00 PM Boys Scouts of America Founded (1910)	9 UMAVA E-BOARD MTG 6:30 PM AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!!  	10	11 AL General Mtg 7 PM  Auxiliary General Mtg 7 pm 	12 AL RIDERS Steak Dinner 6 pm   Lincoln's Birthday	13 AL Riders' Mtg 8:30 am AVU MTG 11 am 
14 Breakfast TO GO Bacon or sausage & Eggs 9 am—11 am   ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15  Presidents' Day	16 Premier Women Mtg 6 pm—8 pm	17 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	18	19 Legionnaires Steak Dinner 6 pm 	20 UMAVA GEN. MTG 9:30 AM
21 Breakfast TO GO Chorizo & eggs 9am—11am 	22  Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26 Auxiliary Steak Dinner 	27
28 Breakfast TO GO Omelet Bar 9am—11 am 						

**POST 132 HOURS: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE DURING COVID PANDEMIC.
SEE ATTACHED FLIERS FOR HOURS**

February -Breakfast Menu-

At the American Legion Post 132

February 7

Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage



February 14

Bacon or Sausage and Eggs



February 21

Chorizo & Eggs / Menudo



February 28

Omelette Bar



from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Cost: \$10.00

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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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**Where: Orange American Legion
Post 132**



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American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

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