

THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

September 2019



AL POST 132 COMMANDER, JOHN L. MINNELLA

U.S.ARMY Comrades!

The Labor Day weekend's annual Orange Street Fair is behind us once again. Thank you for your cooperation in this necessary inconvenience to our normal operation. It is a major fundraiser for all of us and the profit (which is substantial) from it goes to maintaining and improving the Post and our services for Veterans and our Legion Family. Special thanks are due the AL Riders for their operation of the north parking lot; the Auxiliary who performed cooking services; the SONs who cleaned up the Post over that weekend; and our Post staff and other volunteers. It was an extraordinary effort by all.

We finally have a new jukebox installed that we can enjoy once again. Karaoke Wednesday nights continue to be a success but may be moving to Tuesday night because our DJ may have a conflict that cannot be overcome. Even if you don't sing, listening to the local singing talent we apparently have is something to experience!

The Auxiliary will be having their Rummage Sale in the Banquet Hall on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, from 8AM to 4PM. No clothing or large furniture items please but other donations should be dropped off at the Post on September 12.

Membership renewals are doing very well. Last year, we reached a membership of 472 and we are at about 60 % of this year's goal of 474 already. However, there is no reason why we cannot get to 1000 members like we did years ago. All it takes is for each of us to recruit at least one new member, especially younger ones, and to encourage existing Legionnaires to pay their dues now.

Finally, please keep our Legion Family members and friends who are not physically well in your thoughts and prayers. Our Bugle Editor and Museum Curator, Leo OUELLETTE, and our former Post Judge Advocate, Bob MITCHELL, especially need your prayers at this time. If you know of any other Legionnaires having some special need, please let us know so we can get in touch with them.

That's my input for September, everyone. 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 and/or the Legion.

John Minnella Commander, Post 132





Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

To all, we recently had our first meeting of the new year for the Auxiliary. Having 4 new applicants apply for membership to the Auxiliary, two were installed at our meeting. We welcome each new member with open arms to hold true to our Mission. This proving to be successful. With all new officers in place and lots to do this next year, the Auxiliary is ready to take on the challenges of volunteering to an organization that is driven to HELP OUR VETERANS.

Please continue to join us in Post activities. The Orange Street Fair Labor Day event weekend is coming up. The following weekend, on Sept 7th we are asking for cookie dough donations as we will be baking in honoring our local first responders: Fire and Police with the delivering of cookies.

9/11 the Post Family will be hosting a 9/11 commemoration at 6:00 pm. We will never forget. Let's all join for this somber day of remembrance but most importantly let's continue to heal as a community.

Auxiliary continues to venture hosting a RUMMAGE SALE. See Flyer for all details. The ladies have worked hard to get the word out and rustle all the donations that are necessary to make this happen

"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 Bombeck

Well there is always a lot to report but now, I would like to ask that if you have the means to a computer keep the website available. www.orangepost132.com the information and bugle is on this site. If you have an email address and are being sent a bugle thru the mail please let the Commander or our Editors, Leo and Esther Ouellette they can send via email. This will keep mailing cost down.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. God Bless you and God Bless America

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2020

In Remembrance of: Dale "Bear" Phillips 1956-2017



REMINDER: The Auxiliary will be hosting a Rummage Sale on Sept 13th and 14th. See the flyer attached for information. This is a donated item Rummage Sale—NO CLOTHING OR FURNITURE! We have a Committee that is overseeing this venture and again, if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us. (Information provided on flyer attached to bugle). Start your early Fall Cleaning and remember the proceeds will go to one of the Many Auxiliary Programs.

Chapter AL Rider Since 2010



Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again, fellow Members of the American Legion Family.

Well, we are coming to the end of the first quarter and things are looking good. In the Clubroom/Building Account we had two rentals upstairs and a small one downstairs. Attendance, on the average, improved in July. Friday Night Dinners continue to do well and the clubroom, on the average, has been doing much better on Friday nights.

We had a few donations this month. We received \$28.00 from ATM Machine Fees and on The Parking Lot Fund, we received \$20.00 from a Friday night guest, and \$900.00 from List Reports for the North Parking lot rental. The Wednesday night Karaoke could use some help! It is not a competition as the Commander states, it is just a lot of fun! There are no prizes awarded, so you have to buy your own drinks. Come and enjoy the fun. Donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account, we have already received over 50% of the Dues Renewals. Pay your dues before November 11th to get your free Early Bird Dinner on November 14th. *Again, the Renewal notice comes from National, but when you pay using it, your payment comes to our Post. If you get another Renewal notice and you have already paid your dues, ignore it.* Thanks to those that have already paid your dues.

Third and Fourth Friday Opportunity Drawings brought in \$280.00 for Bugle support. Thanks to all that come in and support the Friday Night Opportunity Drawings. Other donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month. You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com.

SEMPER FI, Sid Gauna, Finance Officer USMC





Gilbert Flores, Judge Advocate

As the new Judge Advocate for Post 132, I would like to acknowledge our Post Commander, John Minnella, and the Board for getting our Post off smoothly to a new year 2019-2020. The transition for our new Commander and

newly elected and appointed Officers went off without a hitch, and is a testament to the great leadership and dedication we have at Post 132. We must also acknowledge and thank our Past Commander---Jose Martinez---for his leadership and contributions to Post 132 as well.

Thank you Jose and our former officers. I am proud to be a member our new leadership team, and look forward to a productive and fruitful year ahead.

Should anyone need to contact me, you may reach me at: flrgil@sbcglobal.net.

Gil Flores Judge Advocate, AL Post 132





1st Vice Commander, Victor de la Rosa

Greetings all, we are off to a good start with membership. We are at

56.38% now as far as renewals and new members. If you want to renew your dues, just see one of the Legionnaire officers.

We are always looking for new members. Just for your information, membership has been opened up to more members. So if you know of anyone that didn't qualify before—they may qualify now!

Thank you!

Victor de la Rosa 2nd Vice Commander 29th District American Legion





John Schutz 2nd Vice Commander

Greetings all, I've been able to arrange a fundraiser at Polly's Pies on September 16th. I will have flyers down at the

Post shortly. If you go to Polly's the Post will receive a donation of 20% of your bill so please go down and enjoy one of their meals. The time is between 8am to 9pm

<u>Penny Wars</u> – The count is completed and we raised \$107.18. I bet you are wondering who the winner was? Well, in 4th place was the Legionnaires; 3rd place goes to the Auxiliary; it was really close on 2nd and 1st place with one raising \$43.93 and the other raising \$41.77! OK – the Winner was the SONs and 2nd Place went to the AL Riders. Congratulations SONs you are the WINNER of the Penny Wars and now have the bragging rights.

Continue to show your pride in our Post with a Post Challenge Coin. Remember we have t-shirts for sale that can be specifically designed just for you If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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



Gerardo Robledo, Jr. 3rd Vice USARNY Commander

No article submitted!

Gerardo Robledo Third Vice Commander gr50940@msn.com





Melyssa Umbertus Clubroom Manager

No article submitted!

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John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Well it's September and as Summer comes to an end it's kind of sad but the weather will start getting cooler as we move into Fall. The

ALRider's will be serving Cordon Blue and steaks for dinner on 9/13 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm so come early if you want one of our delicious steaks. We will have Breakfast

on 9/22 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, and it will be biscuits and gravy, along with eggs and hash browns. As you know, you will always get a great breakfast when the AL Riders are cooking.

There is still time to buy tickets for the Liquor Wagon, and Beer & Wine Cooler so don't miss an opportunity to win either one of these prizes. The value of the contents of the wagon and cooler is considerable and even if you are not a drinker, they would make great gifts.

The AL Rider's will be manning the parking lot during the Orange Street Fair. The cost of parking for non-legion members is \$10.00. Current Post 132 members are free. This Street Fair weekend is a great money-maker for Post 132 and the AL Riders are happy to help out!

As always, I want to thank our Legionnaire brothers and sisters, along with their families and friends for supporting our events, as well as, my fellow AL Riders who donate their time to assist in making our events successful. We have a great group and I could not ask for a better group of people to be associated with. **Thank you brother and sisters**!

HAVE A GREAT LABOR DAY!

John Bloecher President, ALR 132



RAY ALVARADO, SONS COMMANDER

Greetings American Legion Family, If you received the September Bugle before Sunday August 25, 2019 please join us that day from 1pm – 3pm as the SONS are serving free ice cream cones, root beer floats, and all the goodies that go on it.

We hope all of you and your families had a wonderful Labor Day. Thanks to all of you that help out by cleaning the clubroom after each night of the Orange Street Fair, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you SONS for all you do and congratulations as our membership is at an all-time high.

Our SONs September meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month which is September 3rd. Please attend as there are many items to discuss. Don't miss out on our Sons' Friday Night dinner on September 6th where we will be serving Meatloaf, mashed Potatoes, and vegetables for \$8. Steak, bake potato, green beans, and salad will also be available all for \$12.

Tickets are now on sale for the Angel game fundraiser. Individual tickets are \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. Premier parking is also included in the package. A night to remember, in the Diamond Club, front row right behind home plate. The game will be between the Angels and Indians on Wednesday 9/11/19 at 5pm. The drawing will take place Friday September 6th at 9pm. The winner does not need to be present. Lastly, the SONs are hosting a "Close out the Summer" dance on Saturday night September 14th! It will feature our very own Tropic Star. Pre-Sale tickets are available at the clubroom bar or you may purchase them from any SON within our Squadron 132. Individual tickets are \$8 and \$15 per couple. Thank you American Legion Family for all your continued support. May God Bless the United States of America,

Ray Alvarado, Sons Commander, alvarador@scfuels.com



Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hi to all SONS,

Yes, it's me again. I am requesting that you send your dues in ASAP. Please send dues directly to me at: 425 S. Lilac Ln., Orange, CA 92868-4140, or you can make your check payable to: SONS of American Legion for \$15.00 and \$8 if under 18 years old.

We, at Squadron 132 very proudly received a Citation of Achievement in recognition for outstanding endeavors in the accomplishments of a current membership strength as of The American Legion's Birthday on March 15-17. This achievement surpassed the enrollment recorded by the Squadron during the preceding year! It was signed by: Greg K. "Doc: Gibbs, SONS National Commander; and Brett P. Reistad, American Legion National Commander. (See photo below)

The Sons' Baseball Ticket raffle is going on right now! The prize is: 3 seats behind home plate with free parking - a \$650 value. Tickets are on sale every Friday night or behind the bar. TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00. Drawing will take place on September 6, 2019 at 9 pm. Winner need not be present and will be notified if not in attendance.

The SONs are having a LUAU DANCE at the Post on SEPTEMBER 14, 2019. See flyer. We sure do hope you can attend it. Tropic Star will be performing.

For God and Country Mike Holmes, SONs Adjutant/Finance Officer 714-803-0851 Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk







LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

We recently lost two Post 132 Veteran members to Post Everlasting 1) Vernon Struck, a 73 year member and; 2) 43 year Veteran Member of Post 132, Lupe Hurtado and also an Auxiliary members, Helen Upahl and Nancy Nieblas-Sampos. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to their families.

Pray for the ending of illness and injuries. Many have informed me of medical problems. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Quips to ponder:

Life can only disappoint if you let it!

The world makes way for the man who knows where he is going!

Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it!

Leo M. Ouellette Chaplain, Imocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 636-6275 (714) 334-2961









EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Again, thanks to everyone named below for their help with the August Bugle: Jack Peralta, Rudy Herrera, Charlie Duron, Carol Martinez, Pat Wittman, Carolynn McMahon, Virgie Martinez, Carol G. and Mike Holmes. Pierre Duco, Mathew Valencia, Jenny Guajardo, We were done in record time. Thank you all for taking the time to come and help Leo & me with preparing the Bugle for mailing. We truly appreciate it.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING EDITORS OF THE BUGLE, PLEASE CONTACT US!!!!!!!

Leo & Esther Ouellette Editors, Imocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 636-6275



LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

The Museum is holding its own at this time. Changes will be made in the near future.

Please feel free to visit it and invite your families and friends as well.

Donations are <u>always</u> welcome and appreciated!

Leo Ouellette, Curator lmocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 334-2961



DAVID KULCINSKI WD6AJR President, Orange Post 132 Amateur Radio Club

By the time you read this, the Orange Post 132 Amateur Radio Club has become a reality as an official entity of the Post. The purpose of the club is shown in the Articles of Organization:

The Club is a non-commercial association of persons – military veterans and Legionnaires - interested in Amateur Radio, organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation and education, for the establishment of emergency communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, for the advancement of the radio art and the public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters, and for the maintenance of collegiality and a high standard of conduct.

The officers are:

President:	David Kulcinski WD6AJR
Vice Pres.:	Steve Brody N1AB
Secretary:	Steve Belasco N1BKB
Treasurer:	B, A. Skipper KC6WJJ

Club membership is open to anyone who is: a member in good standing with the American Legion; of good moral character; who have an interest in amateur radio and/or electronics; have an interest in the aims of the club; and be willing to voluntarily respond to and assist during declarations of emergencies or disasters.

Classes will be offered to provide training and testing for anyone interested in becoming an FCC licensed amateur radio operator. These classes will include the entry level Technician Class as well as upgrade classes for the General and Extra Class Amateur licenses.

We will be a local EOC (Emergency Operations Center) to assist government agencies in times of natural disasters or other emergencies. We will provide communication services as well as provide temporary food/housing as we are able.

Currently, we will be operating our club station out of a box, to be set up when needed. Going forward, a room will be constructed in a corner of the third floor meeting area and antenna structures will be erected outside and around the property as needed and in compliance with regulations pertaining to our status as an historical landmark.

David Kulcinski President, Amateur Radio Club, Post 132 Dkulcinski@yahoo.com (657) 225-3770





DISPOSITION OF TATTERED U.S. FLAGS





Our Post 132 accepts tattered and damaged American US Flags for proper and respectful "retirement" *as the law requires* and is entirely correct.

It has been a long standing tradition that damaged American flags may be deposited with any American Legion or VFW. Post 132 continues to carry on that tradition. <u>There is no need to involve your local fire depart-</u> <u>ment.</u>

We collect the flags left with us and deliver them periodically to be respectfully disposed of. We have a flag retirement collection bin in the Clubroom (southwest corner, near the west stairs).

We are very grateful to Christopher Iverson, Crematory Manager at Melrose Abbey Memorial Park and Mortuary, 2303 South Manchester Avenue, Anaheim (714/634-1981), for working with us in providing respectful disposal services without any charge.

Thank you, American Legion Post 132











September 2019							
UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 LABOR DAY Japan Signs Surrender 1945	3 UMAVA MTG 6:00 PM POST 132	440/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM KARAOKE 8 PM Flag Ceremony Orange Plaza 6 pm	5 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm	6 Sons, meatloaf w/ mashed potatoes/ Steaks 6pm-8pm DJ SOMMER 8 pm—12 am	7	
8 Yom Kippur Begins Sundown	9	10 AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO SONs Mtg 6 pm :30 AM	11 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM KARAOKE 8 PM Patriot Day Commemoration 6 PM-Post 132	12 AL General Mig 7 PM Auxiliary Mtg	13 AL RIDERS Cordon Blue/ Steaks 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	14 AL Riders' Mtg 9 am SONs/ HAWAIIAN DANCE 6 PM—10 PM	
15	16	17 Citizenship Day	18 Flag Ceremony Orange Plaza 6 pm KARAOKE 8 PM	19	20 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cowboys Band 8pm—12 am	21 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am OC AVU MTG 11 AM 1rst Calvary Mtg 9 am POW-MIA Recognition Day	
22 AL RIDERS BREAKFAST 8AM—11 AM Rosh Hashanah Begins (Sundown) 29	23 First Day of Autumn 30	24	25 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM KARAOKE 8 PM	26	27 Auxiliary Dinner/ Turkey Sandwiches/ Steaks 5 Star 8pm—12 am	28	

ANGELS TICKET DRAWING

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At The American Legion Post 132 143 S. Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866

\$8.00 each or \$15.00 for couples

Music by the Tropic Star

Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 132



September 22nd, 2019 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy With Scrambled Eggs and Hash Browns

All for Just \$8.00

"Some of the best biscuits & gravy your ever have."

American Legion Riders Chapter 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866



AT LAST!!!!!!

The National Service Act of 2019—The Legion Act

Prior to this Act being passed, certain Veterans applying for membership with the American Legion were denied membership due to specific time periods in which they served. This is no longer the case!

Finally, the National Service Act of 2019—The American Legion Act honors all Veterans to become Legionnaires regardless of the years in which they served.

If you or anyone you may know applied in the past and were denied membership at some point, please come join us at our Post 132. You will be welcomed to one of the most active Post in the area.

> American Legion Post 132 PO Box 214 143 S. Lemon St Orange, CA 92866 Phone #: (714) 538-6311



AUXILIARY BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 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

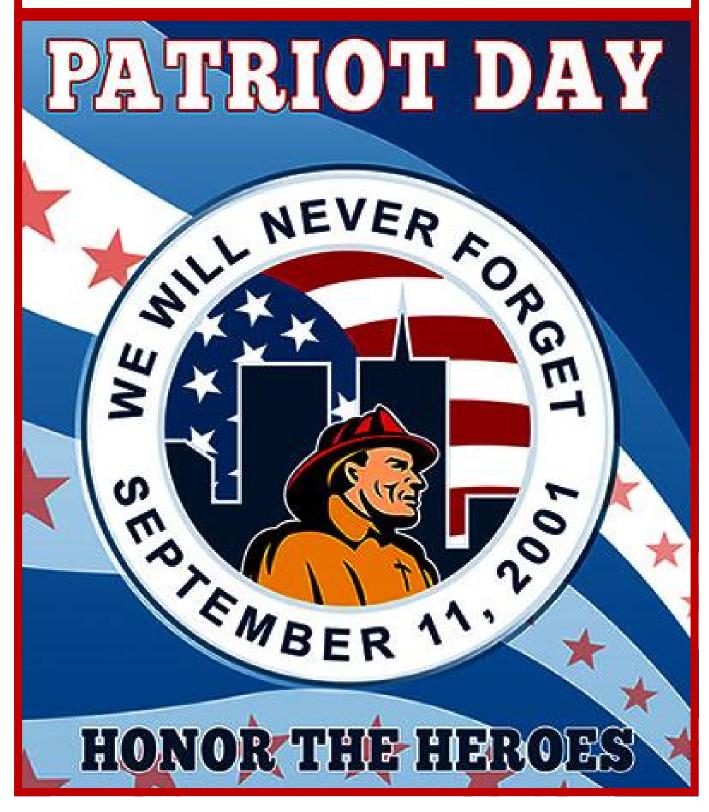
RETURN AROUND 6:00 PM

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!

COMMEMORATION

On 9/11 the Post 132 Family will be hosting a 9/11 commemoration at 6:00 pm. We will never forget! Let's all join for this somber day of remembrance but most importantly, let's continue to heal as a community!



LIQUOR WAGON

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT VETERANS \$5.00 EACH / 6 FOR \$20.00 **DRAWING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

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2ND PLACE BEER & WINE COOLER

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 132



Rummac

Friday, September 13 Saturday, September 14 8am -4pm 143 S. Lemon St., Orange

Drop off items on: Sept 7-8 from 12-3pm Sept 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 from 4-7pm NO CLOTHING OR LARGE FURNITURE

VETERAN'S BRACELET

Just \$5.00

Proceeds to Benefit our Veterans

Sponsored by your American Legion Auxiliary Unit 132 - 143 S. Lemon St., Orange, CA 92866



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2019 / 2020 Post 132 American Legion Officers

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POST 132 HOURS: Open: M, T, TH - 3 PM - 8 PM; (W, 3PM-12 Midnight) Fri, 12 PM -12 AM; Sat. & Sun -12 PM - 8 PM