



# THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020



POST 132 COMMANDER, JOHN MINNELLA

As you read this, Post 132 has reopened or is about to reopen, at least partially. Reopening is easier said than done and no one in our Post leadership, past or present, has any known experience with doing so. But, Post 132 must get back into operation as soon as possible. Though some of our expenses have been less in this interim, many (taxes, insurance, utilities, etc.) just continue while at the same time revenue dropped to nothing. Even worse, for many of us, including me, have been the weeks of lost companionship and friendship with so many great and dear friends, important for our emotional well-being. Many who fear leaving their homes and possibly contracting this feared illness need reassurance that it is now again safe to be among friends at the Post. Regretfully, our traditional Memorial Day services did not take place.

Just to make reopening easier (!), our beloved officials in Sacramento have imposed additional burdensome rules, regulations, and costs (especially regarding liquor sales) upon us and other operations that they somehow think will protect our members and patrons. It is not easy to be a business or non-profit in California, and it gets harder daily.

Our Post management hopes you will be patient with us while we gradually return to the way things were in early March. We will try to offer Friday night dinners weekly but with the price of beef having skyrocketed steak dinners may not be feasible in the immediate future though some ingenious alternatives should be offered. Weekly Tuesday night Karaoke should be possible but Friday night dancing is unlikely for a while. Post officer elections are upon us: we are expecting to have them on June 18 but our all-knowing state officials could delay us until July 9. There is no Legion National Convention this year and the Department of California will likely follow suit. All National, Department and even District officers are in effect remaining in their positions for another year because there were no clear procedures in place for this emergency. The Post had similar lack of provisions for anything like this.

On the positive side, we remain financially solvent thanks to the wise leadership of recent Post Commanders Jose MARTINEZ and Gilbert FLORES, as well as that financial genius and Post Finance Officer Isidro GAUNA, all of whom managed to provide us with a healthy but now rapidly dissolving monetary reserve that should enable us, with the prudent and stingy skills of our Executive Committee, to survive albeit with a much depleted but still positive reserve, gracias a Dios! Also on the positive, as of May 15, we have 511 Legionnaire members, which still leaves us in second place to Huntington Beach Post (they had 520) in District 29. Hopefully, as you read this, we have new members bringing us up ahead of HB. (Number one is Newport Harbor with about 4000 members.) Credit goes to First Vice Commander Victor DE LA ROSA (and F.O. GAUNA) who works tirelessly to enroll as Legionnaires every eligible veteran and active duty person.

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Many thanks are due to our Post Legionnaires, AL Riders, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Unit 132 who have suffered through this emergency as well and are always our Post's greatest support.

A special Happy Birthday June 14 to the US Army; and Happy Fathers Day, June 21.

Please check on our friends and relatives who are unable to care for themselves: the elderly, those already suffering from sickness, unemployment, disability, and those who are alone. Please keep our Legion Family members and friends who are not physically well in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of any Legionnaires, Veterans, service members, or members of the Post 132 family who are in some special need, please let us know so we can get in touch with them. Our Post is made up of many tough characters who have already experienced and survived hell. Flanders, Pearl Harbor, Imo Jima, Bataan, Okinawa, Midway, The Battle of the Bulge, Porkchop Hill, Tet, Falluja, and all the others were faced by many of our comrades who overcame terror, fear and certain death. The Legion itself, at its inception, survived World War I and the Spanish flu. These have been trying times for us but we pass this and every challenge if we remain positive, civil, and protective of each other and our people and faithful to our motto, "**For God and Country**".

Stay positive, safe, and healthy. Get some sun, and please contact any of our Post officers if we may be able to or can be of any help. Please feel free to contact me (714)538-6311 Post 132 office; (714)543-9005 direct; [drjminnella@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Auxiliary President

The month of May brought to us many blessings as we are given every day. As you are reading this article, experiencing life as we know it has been modified. However, the Auxiliary continues and does not seem to miss a step.

Esther and Leo continue doing the Bugle. Commander John keeps all informed of the process to open the Post and to be ready to have the camaraderie that we all miss.

The Poppies have been distributed, membership keeps growing, scholarships will be given, year-end reports were completed, blood drives are occurring, prayers are continual for the ill, lost loved ones and those having a hard time. So, with all that said there is not much more to report except that our Auxiliary Officers will be staying in place as requested by our State and District Office.

As we begin our New Fiscal Year next month may I remind you all that we need to focus this year on new Membership, new ideas always refresh our group with new faces and future officers. Officers will stay as follows. I personally want to thank the ladies for their courage and commitment to go another year. All members were notified, and it was unanimous that we do this.

President – Dar Phillips  
Vice President – Kathy Kulp  
2nd Vice – Teri Rodriguez  
Secretary – Carolynn McMahan  
Treasurer – Carol Goss Holmes  
Sergeant at Arms – Virgie Martinez  
Asst. Sgt. At Arms: Fina Cruz & Madeline Macias

E-Board Members  
Kitty Yackle  
Pat Wittman  
Elsie Mendez  
Dolores Aguilar

We also want to congratulate our new AL Rider Officers, the Legionnaire Officers and the Sons that will be coming on board for the New Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Please be sure to read the Bugle as well as our website: [www.orangepost132.com](http://www.orangepost132.com). We welcome all new members to our Post Family. It is important that before we act we must think about the possible reactions.

Darlene “Just-Dar” Phillips  
Auxiliary President, Unit 132  
2016-2017 2018 2019 2020 2021  
Chapter 132 Rider since 2010

### **MAY ALL YOU FATHERS HAVE A VERY BLESSED FATHER’S DAY**



### **MARTHA MALDONADO, AUXILIARY, UNIT 132, POPPY CHAIRMAN**



As Poppy Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 132, I extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our American Legion Family: Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SONS, and AL Riders for your generous contributions to our 2020 Poppy Fundraiser during this very difficult COVID-19 Pandemic. This has been a difficult time for all of us! I, as a proud Unit 132 Auxiliary Member, can’t express how grateful I am to you all! Your responses exceeded our expectations and we greatly appreciate it. The funds received will be used exclusively for the Veterans and their families.

THANK YOU and MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

*Martha Maldonado*



## Ray Alvarado, Commander Sons

Hello Post 132 American Legion Family,

I just wanted to take a brief moment to say I hope all is well and safe with all our American Legion Post 132 family members. We realize it has been a difficult and a trying time over the past eight weeks, however, we are taking the right course with this pandemic that we are experiencing.

I have seen and spoken to a handful of SONS and they are certainly anxious to get back to work at the Post. Since we have not had a meeting for quite some time there are no activities, fundraisers, or menus to report to you this month. That doesn't stop the fact that if you haven't paid your annual dues, please do so.

We wish the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, AL Riders, and Sons the very best and more importantly, social distancing. That's all I have for now.

Ray Alvarado  
Sons Commander  
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***ALL YOU DADS, HAVE A WONDERFUL FATHER'S DAY!***



## Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

Hi, Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone home, safe, and in good health. I personally, do not know anyone that has had the corona virus– do you?

Our Membership still needs 22 more of you to come forth and pay your 2020 dues. I do understand that it could be a difficult problem, so if it is – please get in touch with any of the Sons Officers – and we will see what we can do to help you remain a current member. Our Membership is at 88.1% at this time, and we are 17th in the United States including: Puerto Rico, Philippines, Mexico, and France; and 4th in the Western Region.

As Memorial Day has come and gone, we remembered our fallen soldiers, which could have been our Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters or Grandparents. We flew our Flags and said a prayer for all. Stay well and I hope to see you all back at our Post very soon. **God bless America!**

For God and Country,  
Mike Holmes, SONS Adjutant  
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**FATHER'S DAY WISHES TO ALL FATHERS!**



## JOHN SCHUTZ- AL Riders President

Hello my fellow Post 132 Legionnaire family.

First of all, I want to start out by saying, I hope everyone is safe and well during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the past month the AL Riders have been active honoring local Veterans as follows: we did a ride by passing Sgt. Sawyer's home to help him celebrate his 100-year Birthday; Provided 3 escorts for Veterans that have passed away: PO3 Tyler Montes; SCPO Antonio Egenias; and Bailey Bassenger. In addition, over the Memorial Day weekend, we did a 22 mile ride to bring awareness to Veteran suicide prevention, and to the Barstow Veterans' Home.

Hopefully we can get back to some normalcy and our Post will reopen soon. In the meantime, we have planned a Breakfast TO GO on June 28th from 0800-1100. If the Post is open, we will be serving downstairs in the clubroom. We wanted to give everyone a choice for what they feel comfortable to do.

Please stay safe and remember to wear your masks and wash your hands.

### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

JOHN SCHUTZ  
AKA Flyer John  
President  
American Legion Riders, Chapter 132



## JOHN SCHUTZ, POST 132, 2ND VICE COMMANDER,

Hello Everyone,

Currently we are still waiting for news about reopening Post 132. Once the Post reopens, we have some exciting events planned. To start off with we will have our Legion Family Challenge which includes playing Jenga, Pool, Darts, Checkers, and Poker. I'm also working on some Fundraisers: one at Zito's, and one at Polly's Pies. Of course, these are all dependent on when these restaurants are able to open for dine in service. Keep Safe!

### **ALL YOU DADS HAVE A GREAT FATHER'S DAY!**

JOHN SCHUTZ  
2nd Vice Commander  
American Legion Post 132



## Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again, fellow members of the American Legion Family. Well, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I don't have much to write about so how about some dirty jokes. No, not really, I might get fired. So then again...

I have been doing a little cleaning and organizing in the Clubroom office, something I should have done many years ago. I have been Finance Officer for 14 years and it has not been organized since before then. There is a lot of personal stuff from past managers we had over 15 years ago and other stuff going back 40 years. Some of this stuff is interesting and I am not throwing it away. It doesn't really belong in the Post Museum but it's Post History and we should display it somewhere.

Ernie Lopez, our Building Manager and Custodian, has been volunteering his time cleaning the upstairs bathrooms for the Blood Drives. I see him there once in a while cleaning outside when I go pick up the mail. Last week he repaired the upstairs kitchen floor. Great job Ernie!

In the Clubroom/Building Account we only had the donation I mentioned last month from Marilyn Harris. Well, this month she sent us another \$100.00 donation. For those of you who don't know who Marilyn is, she is currently serving as Commander of the Fullerton American Legion Post #142. She is also a Member of our Auxiliary Unit 132 since her husband Jeff is also a Veteran and is currently serving as 1st Vice Commander, also at Fullerton Post #142. Thank you Marilyn and Jeff for your kindness and support. Other donations that came early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account, six members paid their dues in April. I have given up trying to get the list of members that paid online in November, January, February, March and April. Any Member that paid online during those months and want their membership card, let me know. As of Friday, May 15th, we were over 107% but there is still a few out there that have renewed your membership. Again, if you get another Renewal notice and you have already paid your dues, ignore it. Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues. Any donations that came in early this month will be reported next month. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email me at: [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com).

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Sid Gauna, Finance Officer  
USMC

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY!!!**



## GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

I do not have any updates regarding the health of any of our members. However, we can all use prayers for peace and a sensible return to “normal”.

This prayer, related to Memorial Day, is from the Officers’ guide;

*“Let us pray. Almighty God, Giver of all victories, we thank Thee for the opportunities which abide in our land, for Thy guidance in the hour of peril and Thy tender love in times of need. Help us to remember with reverence the valor and devotion of our departed comrades; not only those whose bodies consecrate our country’s soil, but also those who sleep beyond the seas, and other whose resting places will not be known until that last day when the deep will have given up its dead. O god, teach us to honor them be ever cherishing the ideals for which they fought. Keep us steadfast in the cause of human rights and liberties, of law and order, and true Americanism. Give us the power to see and the will to do right. Grant that The American Legion may preserve the high ideals for which our comrades died. May Thy merciful blessing rest upon those they left behind. Keep us forever firm in righteousness, humble of heart, and unselfish in purpose. Amen”*

As always, feel free to reach out to me for spiritual support and guidance as you deal with life.

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**MAY OUR LORD BLESS ONE AND ALL FATHERS THIS FATHER’S DAY!**



## EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings all,

What a time we are all having during this awful Pandemic. Who would have thought that such a thing could happen? Well, we are all strong and God willing, will get through it, sooner than later. We all need to hang in there, do what is being asked of us all and before we know it, things will get back to normal!

As far as the Bugle is concerned, it is being circulated via email until the Post gets back to normal. This is to avoid incurring the costs of mailing it out via US Mail.

We look forward to getting back to normal and seeing everyone again very soon.

If you know of someone who is not receiving the Bugle, please let them know that they can access it via our website:

[www.orangepost132.com](http://www.orangepost132.com)

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## June 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <b>UMAVA E-BOARD MTG</b> 6 PM (Tentative)  <b>SONS' MTG</b> 6 PM (Tentative) 	3 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM	4   <b>AL E-Board Mtg</b> 7 pm	5   Sons, TBD-Steaks 6pm-7:30pm (Tentative)  <b>DJ SOMMER</b> 8 pm—12 am	6   <b>D-DAY ALLIED INVASION OF EUROPE (1944)</b>
7	8	9   <b>AUXILIARY BUS TRIP PALA CASINO</b>  <b>CANCELLED!!!!</b>  	10	11   AL General Mtg 7 PM   Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	12   <b>AL Riders/TBD Steaks</b> 6 pm—7:30 pm  (Tentative)	13   <b>AL Riders' Mtg</b> 8:30 am (Tentative)  <b>OC AVU MTG</b> 11 AM  (Tentative)
14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>   <b>AL RIDERS' FLAG LINE SANTA MONICA</b>  <b>US ARMY FOUNDED (1775)</b>	15 <b>ABATE MTG</b> 6 PM=8 PM  (Tentative)	16	17 <b>VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm</b>	18	19  Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-7:30pm  (Tentative)  <b>Midnight Cowboys Band</b> 8pm—12 am	20   <b>UMAVA GEN MTG</b> 9:30 AM (Tentative)  <b>SUMMER BEGINS</b>
21 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>  	22  <b>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)</b> <b>GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)</b>	23 <b>Premier Women Mtg</b> 6 pm—8 pm  (Tentative)	24	25   <b>KOREAN WAR BEGAN (1950)</b>	26   Auxiliary TBD/Steaks 6pm-7:30pm  (Tentative)  <b>5 Star</b> 8pm—12 am	27
28   <b>AL RIDERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> 8AM—11 (Tentative)	29	30   <b>Post 9/11 GI Bill Signed Into Law (2008)</b>				

**POST 132 HOURS: TENTATIVELY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS!**



# Calling all Riders and Legionnaires

to participate in a flag line at the Santa Monica Pier

## Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

HELPING OUR  
VETERANS

John & Jimmy arrive  
at the Santa Monica Pier



Jimmy Matthews  
joined John in  
Pearl, Mississippi

October 1st  
John Ring departed from  
Tybee Island Pier, Georgia



**BRING A FLAG** and join us in giving John & Jimmy a rousing California welcome as they complete their **BUDDY WATCH WALK** from pier to pier across the U.S. in support of their fellow veterans.

Contact ALR Area 5 VP Gene Hobby for info: (760) 333-3114 . [area5vp@gmail.com](mailto:area5vp@gmail.com)

Walking to raise awareness for Veterans Issues:  
**PTSD . Homelessness . Addiction . Suicide . TBI . MST**

[www.buddywatchwalk.com](http://www.buddywatchwalk.com) . [www.facebook.com/buddywatchwalk](https://www.facebook.com/buddywatchwalk)

Donations accepted via [gofundme.com/f/buddy-watch-walk-pier-to-pier](https://www.gofundme.com/f/buddy-watch-walk-pier-to-pier)

# California

#MST

#Addiction

Walking Schedule:

May 30 - Blythe, CA

May 31 - Desert Center, CA

June 1 - Desert Center, CA (50 miles)

June 2 - Chiriaco Summit, CA

June 3 - Cactus City, CA

June 4 - Cactus City, CA (40 miles)

June 5 - Indio, CA

June 6 - Garnet/Palm Springs, CA

June 7 - Cabazon, CA

June 8 - Calimesa, CA

June 9 - San Bernardino

June 10 - Rest

June 11 - Los Angeles

June 12 - Los Angeles

June 13 - Los Angeles (60 miles)

June 14 - Santa Monica Pier

#Homelessness

[www.buddywatchwalk.com](http://www.buddywatchwalk.com)

# PANCAKE

**Breakfast to go or**

**If the post has reopened please join us  
downstairs.**



**June 28th, 2020**

**TIME: 8 to 11 AM**

**Includes Hot Pancakes,  
Scrambled Eggs, & Sausage**

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

## CALL FOR POST OFFICER FIRST NOMINATIONS

**Legionnaires!** We are at the end of the fiscal year of the Legion and Post. That means we elect officers at this time. We are guided by Article V of our Post Bylaws but they do not cover circumstances like we presently face with no in person meetings and there is no real guidance from the Legion District 29, California Department, and the National Organization all of whom are operating in similar ambiguity. The Executive Committee of the Post is thus left with using reasonable means to conduct fair and legal elections.

Normally, we would have in person first and second nominations at Post General Membership meetings. Since we cannot have those at the moment, the Committee has agreed to solicit FIRST nominations.

**OFFICES SUBJECT TO ELECTION:** Bylaws, Art. V, secs. 1 b & c.

Commander  
First Vice Commander  
Second Vice Commander  
Third Vice Commander  
Finance Officer  
Executive Committee person  
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Executive Committee person

**TERM OF OFFICES:** One Year. [Bylaws, Art. V, sec. 3.](#)

**FIRST NOMINATION PROCEDURE:** Submission IN WRITING BY POST MEMBER(S) IN GOOD STANDING. Write-ins are not permitted. Bylaws Art. V, sec. 2.

**NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE BY CANDIDATE:** Since there are no public meetings at present, acceptance must be IN WRITING. Bylaws Art. V, sec. 2.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nominators and Candidates MUST BE POST MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. Art. V, sec. 5. Eligibility to vote and to serve shall be verified by a Credentials Committee appointed by the Post Commander. Bylaws Art. V, sec. 4.

**FIRST NOMINATIONS SUBMISSION:**

Deadline: 5PM, June 15, 2020.

Submission method: Short letter stating:

Name of the Nominated Candidate.

Name, address, telephone number and email address of person nominating.

Evidence of the Nominating person's Post Membership in Good Standing (e.g.,

Current

Post Membership Card).

Sent (preferred), emailed ([susan.d.wood@icloud.com](mailto:susan.d.wood@icloud.com)) or delivered to "Adjutant, American Legion Post 132, 143 So. Lemon St., Orange, CA 92866-1319" to be received no later than 5PM, June 15, 2020.

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POST 132 HOURS: TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO COVID -19 PANDEMIC—NEW HOURS PENDING OUTCOME!