

THE BUGLE



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







VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all. We had some great events last month, including wrestling, our first-ever Trivia Night, and Bingo, which has been getting really good attendance since we started it last year. I encourage those who have not yet participated in some of these fun events in the past, consider joining us for some of the Post gatherings in February. You'll have a great time.

Regarding Post infrastructure, several maintenance issues require our attention. The plumbing system and roof require some TLC this year. These improvements are essential to maintaining our facility's operational status. If you'd like to help out, ask one of the board members how you can help.

On **February 16**, we will host a special **fundraising breakfast**. All proceeds will benefit veterans in the community of the American Legion Post in Pacific Palisades. Although the Palisades Post miraculously survived the recent fires, they are working to support numerous veterans within their community who lost their homes in the disaster. Your attendance and financial support would be greatly welcomed.

And just because March 1st arrives faster than anyone expects, don't forget our **Whiskey and Cigar night**, happening in our 3rd floor speakeasy on Saturday, March 1, from 6-11pm.

Finally, we wanted to let you know about our three 2025 dates for our Post **Red Cross Blood Drive**. The dates are:

- Sunday, March 30, from 9am-4pm
- Sunday, August 3, from 9am-4pm
- Sunday, December 7, from 9am-4pm

Hope to see you at the Post!

Victor de la Rosa, Commander, Post 132 victorplent@yahoo.com (714) 227-5977



Hi Everyone: We're working hard at putting events together. Here is a sneak peek:

- AVU Valentine's Day Dance on February 15. Doors open at 6:00 PM with Dancing from 7-11. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Music by: BorderTown & Tejano TexMex.
- March 15 will be the St. Patrick's Day Bash. We'll be OPEN from Noon to 8pm and serving Corned Beef and Cabbage from Noon to 4 pm. Music by the Clocks.
- April 15th TAX DAY We be doing our Poor Mans Dinner for just \$5.00 from 6 to 7:30.

Here are some of the important events for February 2025:

- FEB 1 SAT Legionnaires POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2
- FEB 2 SUN Legion Breakfast 9-11AM EGGS, SAUSAGE & POTATOES
- FEB 6 THUR LEGION EXECUTIVE MEETING 7 PM
- FEB 7 FRI SONs Dinner 6-7:30 TAQUITOS
- FEB 8 SAT RIDERS MTG 0830
- FEB 9 SUN AUX Breakfast 9-11AM Chilaquiles
- FEB 9 SUN Super Bowl PARTY starts at 3:00 POT LUCK
- FEB 12 WED AUX MTG 6 PM
- FEB 13 THUR LEGION MTG 1900
- FEB 14 FRI RIDERS DINNER CHICKEN ENCHILADAS
- FEB 14 FRI M&M DRAWING
- FEB 15 SAT AVU VALENTINE DANCE UPSTAIRS 6-11PM
- FEB 16 SUN LA Fire Fundraiser Breakfast 9-11AM pancakes or biscuits & gravy
- FEB 17 MON CALENDAR Update Mtg (6:30)
- FEB 19 WED POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2
- FEB 20 THUR BINGO 6-8PM
- FEB 21 FRI LEGION Dinner 6-7:30 LASAGNA & GARLIC BREAD
- FEB 21 FRI DOG TAG NIGHT (FREE DRINK)
- FEB 23 SUN Riders Breakfast 9-11AM OMLETTE BAR
- FEB 23 SUN CHILI COOKOFF JUDGING AT 1:30 MUSIC NOON TO 5 PM
- FEB 27 THUR LINE DANCING 6-8 PM
- FEB 28 FRI AUX Dinner 6-7:30 smothered Pork Chops, mashed potatoes

February 3 is 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 February 2025 so far:

- February 8 SAT Riders Meeting (0830) Ride after meeting Corona Airport Cafe Express, 1161 Hidden Valley Pkwy, Norco, CA 92860
- Feb 14 FRI Riders Dinner Steaks or chicken enchiladas [Setup 2pm, Dinner 6-7:30pm]
- February 22 SAT RIDE: Korean Friendship Bell San Pedro, CA 90731 34.8 miles
- February 23 SUN Riders Breakfast OMLETTE BAR (Setup 0700 Breakfast (8:30 1100)

John Schutz

2nd Vice Commander, ALR Chapter 132 Director 949-870-2084, jschutziv@outlook.com







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

Comrades and Friends! Just a few words from your Post and Department Judge Advocate.

Fortunately there are no issues at our Post at this time to my knowledge. Keep your eyes and ears open for any potential problems for us like necessary repairs that could injure people if ignored. Any potential problems should be reported to the Post Commander (Victor DE LA ROSA), the Post Building Manager, any Post Officer (they are all listed on the last page of every BUGLE issue) or myself.

Though the Legion National Commander and other AL National leaders will be visiting California in February, they will not be visiting Southern California. I will be meeting with them and our Department Commander, Nick ROSA, in Vacaville and in Folsom and do my best to represent Post 132 positively.

District 29 officer elections are upon us. In the past, Post 132 has had officers in multiple positions of leadership and that should continue. If you have some available time (not much is needed), consider getting involved at that level either as an elected or appointed officer. Contact me for more information. Post 132 is a leading member of District 29, and District 29 is the largest District (in numbers) in Area 5 (the 5 Districts of Southeastern California) and the entire Department of California.

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 Tel: 714/543-9005; Email: drjminnella@yahoo.com







DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN

Let us not talk about LOVE in February only. Let us give the other months some LOVE too. Let us spread LOVE every day of the year and show the world, we really care.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Corinthians 13: 4-7

Chaplain Dave anderson21us@yahoo.com (714) 294-9245





DIANA TRUJILLO, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy February! Thank you for making January a great Auxiliary month!

We have a big dinner event and Honoring Women Veterans on Friday the 28th. Our Chair is Dar Phillips, and she will let us know how you all can help. Dar and her husband are also making the special for that night. It will be an honor to have women veterans attending this great event!

Here is a fact: The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 allowed women to serve in all branches of the U.S. Armed forces. Today women make up 17.5% of active-duty military and 21% of the selected reserve.

Hope to see you at the post!

Diana Trujillo, Auxiliary President dtrujillo5280@gmail.com





JAMES GOMEZ, SONS COMMANDER

At our last meeting, our attending members unanimously elected **Mike Holmes** as 1st Vice Commander. Congratulations Mike! You're killing it with your dedication to membership renewals.

Big thank you to the volunteers for the Sons dinner and/or breakfast in January: Kevin P Anderson, Tommy Dees, Pierre Duco, Tom Duprey, Justin Fawver, Mark Fawver, Terry Hildenbrand, Mike Holmes, David Laguna, Michael Moss, John Shore and Kevin Wagner. (We also had someone making crepes at our breakfast ... I apologize for not getting your name, but thank you!)

Diana Trujillo spoke to our membership thanking the Sons for donating the 2nd floor ice machine, which is now installed. This will make supporting events on the second floor easier. No more having to go to the 1st floor to refill ice. We also voted to sponsor one participant for **Boys' State**, and contributed a donation of \$500 to the **Red Cross** in support of victims of the **Los Angeles fires**.

Sons Membership Renewals: If you haven't renewed for 2025 (and were active in 2024), you're still in the grace period to renew. 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 buglepost132@gmail.com





ARTIFACTS FROM THE CURATOR'S CORNER

This month's "Artifact From Our Museum" is made of a polymer and plastic blend. It is tan in color and semi round in shape. It has green camouflage netting and several words, ("thoughts" and "reflections") written in English with a black sharpie. It is a captured Iraqi Soldier's helmet.

Desert Shield ended on February 23, 2003, when Desert Storm began.

Under General Schwarzkopf, Allied Forces, spearheaded by American Soldiers and Marines, began the "Ground War" with the Iraqi Forces under Saddam Hussan. On February 27, 2003, American Forces entered and liberated Kuwait having destroyed most elements of the Iraqi Military in just 100 hours of combat.

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Many of our fellow legionnaires were there and or in the Global

War on Terror which followed. This Iraqi Helmet was a "Bring Back" by one of them; 3rd Vice Commander, Army Sergeant Gerardo Robledo, Jr., Global War on Terror Veteran, and member of 1st AD Bco 2/6 Infantry Company, "Death Dealers." He and his fellow soldiers wrote on it - and it is very interesting reading, encapsulating emotions and thoughts in the way American Forces have done since our Revolution; "Graffitti."

I invite you all to stop by our museum and view all the artifacts from the Gulf War and the Global War on Terror. And, the next time you see one of our "Younger Vets" at our Post, please remember to thank them for their service. Too many times we recognize the older vets and tend to "overlook" the ones that have been part of our nation's more recent wars.

Oh, and by the way.... "Kilroy was here!"

Frank Cook, Museum Curator / Past Commander (657) 468-5566, francisd.cook@yahoo.com



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EVENT COORDINATOR UPDATE





Hello Members and welcome to February!

January went by so fast and now we are in the year of the snake (Lunar New Year)! It's all about shedding that bad energy and allowing opportunities for growth and change.

If you made it out to wrestling, I hope you enjoyed the show! It was the Post's best attended wrestling show yet!

Our first Trivia night on Thursday January 30th was so much fun! We had 5 teams and lots of categories. Please join us for the next one in March.

Here is our list of events for February:

- Sunday the 9th **Superbowl Party** 3pm; finger foods available for purchase and as always we will have a pot luck and football squares for purchase and a coupe raffle gifts.
- Sunday the 16th **FIRE FUNDRAISER** "All you can eat Pancakes" or Biscuits and gravy, plus bottomless Mimosas for \$10. Please join us in raising money to support those affected by the fires!
- Sunday the 23rd **2nd annual chili cookoff!** Bring 2 qts of your HOMEMADE chili and compete against our Champion Joyce Y.

Time: 11am − 5pm
 Entry fee: \$25
 Judging: 1:30pm

♦ Entertainment: 12-4pm Roadhouse

Please email me at dtrujillo5280@gmail.com to enter as a participant.

Your Event Coordinator,

Diana Trujillo



Why become a member of the VA Healthcare? 'I have my own insurance, why should I sign up with the VA? Here's why.

You may not need VA Healthcare but what about later? Signing up now eliminates the hassle of signing up later when you may need their services.

Services provided to veterans change constantly, things that may not be covered today may be tomorrow.

Long Term Care is one example, the Elizabth Dole Home Long Term Act (S. 141) is a case in point. If signed by the President:

- It Expands access to a non-VA provider that would furnish all-inclusive care to elderly veterans living in the community.
- Updates electronic capabilities to assist veterans and caregivers using long-term health care and support services.
- Starts a pilot program that would address homemaker and health-aide services to veterans.
- Give reports and conduct studies on programs that provide medical and health services to elderly veterans in their homes and communities.
- Increase the limit on amounts VA would pay for long-term care provided outside of the department facilities.

Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Veterans Assistance Program, Spousal Assistance Program, should something happen to you, does your wife qualify? The current payment for DIC for a qualifying spouse is \$1612.75 a month, TAX FREE for the rest of their life.

Buriel Benefits: What do you qualify for?

These are just a few of the benefits you need to have answers to prior to needing them, so please sign up for VA Healthcare today. You may not need it now but someday you or your spouse might!

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bar Open: 1-8pm Post Cleanup Day 9am-2pm
Breakfast (Legion): Eggs, Sausage and Potatoes \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	3 Bar Open: 5-9pm Four Chaplains Day Memorial 6pm	4 Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke 6-9pm	5	Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries E-Board Meeting Mtg 7pm	Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Sons) Fish & Chips (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	AL Riders General Meeting 8:30am AVU Meeting 11am Bar Open: 1-8pm
Breakfast (Auxiliary): Chilaquiles \$12 9-11am Superbowl Pot Luck 3:30pm - end of game Bar Open: 9am - end of game	10 Bar Open: 5-9pm ABATE Meeting 7pm	Casino Bus Trip 8:30am Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday Karaoke 6-9pm Sons General Meeting 6pm	Auxiliary General Meeting 6pm UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6:30pm	Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries Legionnaire General Mtg 7pm	Dinner (Riders): Chicken Enchiladas (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30 M&M Jar Drawing	15 1st Cav Mtg 9am UMAVA Mtg 9:30am Bar Open: 1-8pm AVU Valentine's Day Dance 6-11pm
Palisades Post Fundraiser Breakfast Pancakes or Biscuits & Gravy \$12 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm	17 Bar Open: 5-9pm	Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Premiere Women's Council 6pm Karaoke 6-9pm	VVA #1024 Meeting 6:30pm Post Cleanup Day 9am-2pm	Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries Bingo 6-8pm	Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner: (Legion) Lasagna (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30 Dog Tag Day Get a Free Drink	22 Bar Open: 1-8pm
Breakfast (Riders): Omelet Bar \$12 9-11am Chili Cookoff 11am-5pm Bar Open: 9am-5pm	24 Bar Open: 5-9pm	Bar Open: 5-10pm Taco Tuesday 3 for \$5 4 for \$6 Karaoke 6-9pm	26	Bar Open: 5-9pm Burger Night \$6 burger only \$10 burger & fries Line Dancing 6-8pm	Bar Open: 5-11pm Dinner (Auxiliary): Pork Chops (\$15) Steak Dinner (\$20) 6-7:30	March 1 Bar Open 1-8pm Whiskey & Cigar Night 6-11pm

FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEB 1 SAT - LEGION POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2

FEB 2 SUN - LEGION BREAKFAST 9-11AM EGGS SAUSAGE POTA

FEB 3 MON - FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

FEB 6 THUR - LEGION EXECUTIVE MEETING 7 PM

FEB 7 FRI - SONS DINNER 6-7:30 TAQUITOS

FEB 8 SAT - RIDERS MTG 0830

FEB 9 SUN - AUX BREAKFAST 9-11AM CHILAQUILES

FEB 9 SUN - SUPER BOWL PARTY 3:30 POT LUCK

FEB 12 WED - AUX MTG 6 PM

FEB 13 THUR - LEGION MTG 1900

FEB 14 FRI - RIDERS DINNER CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

FEB 14 FRI - M&M DRAWING

FEB 15 SAT - AVU VALENTINE DANCE UPSTAIRS 6-11PM

FEB 16 SUN - LA FIRE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
(PANCAKES OR BISCUITS & GRAVY) 9-11AM

FEB 17 MON CALENDAR UPDATE MTG (6:30)

FEB 19 WED - POST CLEANUP DAY 9-2

FEB 20 THUR - BINGO 6-8PM

FEB 21 FRI - LEGION DINNER 6-7:30 LASAGNA

FEB 21 FRI - DOG TAG NIGHT (FREE DRINK)

FEB 23 SUN - RIDERS BREAKFAST 9-11AM OMLETTE BAR

FEB 23 SUN - CHILI COOKOFF JUDGING AT 1:30

FEB 27 THUR - LINE DANCING 6-8

FEB 28 FRI - AUX DINNER 6-7:30 PORK CHOPS





Please join us on the day set aside to honor the four U. S. chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the ship USAT Dorchester sank during World War II

February 3, 2025

There will be a short Memorial Service at 6:00 PM

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

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BUS TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Rlease arrive by 8:30AM

BUS LEAVES 9AM SHARP, RETURM 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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Be My Valentine Dance

February 15, 2025
Doors Open 6 pm Dance 7-11 pm
American Legion Post 132
143 S Lemon St
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Join the fun!

Bring your own snacks
Raffle and Opportunity Drawing

BorderTown Rock-n-Roll and Tejano TexMex \$15 Donation

Contact: Tom 714-580-3246, Diane 714-760-7604,
Maggie 714-583-2204, or email avuoc.area3@gmail.com
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FEBRUARY 16 2025 FROM 9:00 TO 11:00

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
OR BISCUITS & GRAVY





AMERICAN LEGION POST 132 143 S. LEMON STREET, ORANGE, CA



BUS TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO Saturday, March 8, 2025

Please arrive by 8:30AM **BUS LEAVES 9AM SHARP, RETURM 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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> Elsie: 714-373-0634 Sid: 714-371-6247

When we call to confirm your reservation,

please respond within 2 days.

Leaving 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.





The Clubroom (Bar) will open at 5:00 Karaoke from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

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Friday - 5:00 -11:00

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