

THE BUGLE



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







VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all. I hope you all are well and healthy.

On October 16th our post had our Centennial Celebration. It was a great event celebrating our Post turning 100 years old. I want to thank all the dignitaries and members that helped us celebrate. I'm sure a good time was had by all.

Now for November, we have Veterans Day on November 11. The city will resume the Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Depot park at 2:00pm. We will have a reception pot luck at our Post immediately after. That being said, we are moving the Legionnaires meeting and early bird spaghetti dinner to October 10 with the early bird dinner at 6pm and the general meeting at 7pm.

Please check our website for everything going on at our Post.

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







JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Well, we are at 55.23% of membership. We are ahead of our goal set aside by Department. Thank you everyone for that. But, please don't stop. We need to keep this trend going. Please continue to pass the world that dues need to be paid. Come down the Post on a Tuesday to enjoy karaoke or Friday night and have dinner. You'll be able to have a good time and pay your \$45.00 membership dues at the same time. And you'll be able to get your membership card on the spot.

On a side note, we held our Centennial Celebration on Saturday Oct 16. I wish to thank everyone who assisted me in preparing, setting up, organizing, and working the door. It was an almost ninemonth process. And I could not have done it without everyone's help. We had a really good time. Everyone that attended was very pleased with the outcome of the celebration. There are too many people to name, so I'm not going to try name everyone because I don't want to leave anyone out. But, you know who you are. Hope to see you at the Post...

Jose Martinez, 1st Vice Commander martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005









BRIAN JOHNSON, POST 132 ADJUTANT, DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT,

AL RIDER, SECRETARY/LEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

It is Halloween Time at Post 132

Our Post Centennial Celebration was October 16. Our Post and our building have seen so many important times. We have weathered many storms and crises and both still stand strong. I am very proud of our Post and what it represents to my own family. My great Uncle Keith found a home at 132 after his time as a sailor in WWII. When I attend meetings and events at the Post, sometimes, I wonder what it was like for him when he put on his Blue Legion Cap and attended meetings. Or the times he and Aunt Mary visited for social events. Then I realize that his time as a Blue Cap Legionnaire only represents half of the history of our Post. I think about the young fresh-faced men and women from Orange who departed for wars in Europe and Asia and I wonder how many came home to start their future in Orange County after serving. Some folks talk about our Post being haunted. Well, I don't know much about that, but I like to think that Post Everlasting means more than just a ceremony and that we are surrounded by the legacy of the Legionnaires who served with us, socialized beside us and now have transferred and wait for our eventual PCS. The next time you think you hear footsteps from the empty dance floor, see an unfamiliar blur in the corner of your eye in the clubroom or something else unexpected, lift your glass in a toast to our comrades who have served, socialized and loved the old place and people so much that they just want to stay and participate – now if we could figure out how to get THEM to pay their dues.... Happy Halloween folks.

Speaking of paying dues, as 1st VC Martinez has shared, we are doing very well with our renewals. Once I am finished with my report, I will be sending another batch of membership cards to our renewing members and new members. It was a real pleasure to vote in seven new or transferring members at our October general meeting. One of the comments I hear often from new and transferring members is that our Post seems to have stuff happening all the time. Well, it does. In fact, your 2nd VC Schutz is working hard to find new and creative events to enrich our Post and bring members together. I hear that the wine tasting event was a big hit and that there are more fun events on the horizon.

Events, dinners, breakfasts, Centennial Celebrations, the Street Fair. These do not happen spontaneously. They require time, planning and a little elbow grease from our members. The problem is, we don't have enough volunteers to give our regulars a break now and then. We need your help. Most of the things that happen around the Post don't take a lot of effort, they just need eager, helping hands. Every Friday night, we need a couple of folks to help in the kitchen, or take out orders, or help with light cleanup. Same thing on Sundays. Just a couple of folks make a huge difference – YOU can make a real difference. We need your help. Ask any Post Officer about volunteer opportunities. It is really fun and rewarding.

Okay, time to run to the Post Office, but before I do, I want to make sure that all of my Sister and Brother Veterans come down to the Post on Veterans Day to share in the camaraderie. You served, you sacrificed, you lost true sisters and brothers in the service of our great nation. November 11th is for each of you and I want to thank you for your service and our freedom. And, of course, I must give a heartfelt Semper Fi to my comrades who served in the United States Marine Corps on the 246th birthday of the USMC. I was an Army guy but I deeply respect my USMC comrades. Thank you for your service, Marines!

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,

If you weren't at our Centennial Celebration you sure did miss a great event. We had some good food, music, and comradery. The guest speaker told us about our Post and the City of Orange (very interesting). The Orange PD Chief and the Mayor of Orange were in attendance, to name a few.

We have some great events coming up in November, so get out of the house and come on down to the post and have some FUN.

- Every Tuesday night Karaoke (6-9pm).
- Tues, Nov. 9 Boy Scouts Court of Honor (7pm)
- Thurs, Nov. 11 Veterans Day
 - ♦ Serving Free Breakfast for Veterans (9-11am)
 - ♦ City of Orange Veterans tribute @ Depot Park honoring all who have served (2pm)
 - ♦ Post 132 Pot Luck (around 4pm)
- Sun, Nov. 14 DJ Ronnie
- Sun afternoon, Nov. 21 Driving Sideways.
- Sun afternoon, Nov. 28 5-Star Band

The Post still serves dinner each Friday (6-7:30pm) and breakfast every Sunday (9-11am) to raise funds to support our Vets and to keep our Post alive. For November here are upcoming breakfasts:

- Nov 7 French Toast, Eggs & Sausage
- Nov 11 SOS, Eggs, Spam (free for Veterans)
- Nov 14 TBD
- Nov 21 Biscuits and Gravy
- Nov 28 All you can eat Pancakes

On the AL Riders side:

On Nov 12 the Riders will be serving Steaks (\$15.00) or our special Turkey (6-7:30pm). Our breakfast on Nov 28 will be all-you-can-eat pancakes (8:30-11am)

Here is our schedule for November 2021:

- Sat, Nov. 6 DIVA Memorial Ride Rainbow Cafe / Doffo ride. Meet at 8am. KSU at 8:30am
- Sat/Sun, Nov. 7 Daylight Savings
- Thurs, Nov. 11 Veterans Day
 - ♦ Free breakfast for veterans (9-11am)
 - ♦ City of Orange Veterans tribute @ Depot Park honoring all who have served (2pm)
 - ♦ Post 132 Pot Luck about 4pm
- Fri, Nov 12 Riders Turkey or Steak Dinner (6-7:30pm)
- Sat, Nov 13 Riders Meeting (8:30am) Ride TBD
- Sun, Nov 28 Riders breakfast: All-you-can-eat pancakes (8:30-11am)

John Schutz, 2nd Vice Commander (949) 870-2084

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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!

October 4 we lost two selfless and humble leaders of California's American Legion: Immediate Past Department Commander Ed Grimsley and just-elected Area 5 Vice Commander Harry Woods, both close friends and supporters of Post 132.

Harry was a graduate of the US Naval Academy and Post Commander, District Commander and Department Membership Director out of his San Diego base. It was he who mentored so many of us, especially in the area of Legion membership development. We had just elected him as our Area 5 Vice Commander. He and I had spent many hours together over the years. He passed away at just 66 years old after returning from the Legion National Convention in Phoenix. He will be buried at San Diego's Miramar National Cemetery. Ed Grimsley, a proud Marine, had just completed the past two years as Commander of the Department of California. He successfully guided the California Legion through the pandemic. He was a familiar visitor to Post 132 (as was Harry Woods), always accepting every request to install our officers and attend our special events. Ed's services will be November 2, with burial also at Miramar.

Better human beings never walked the Earth. Nothing pretentious about either of these fine men. They join so many of our comrades, relatives and friends who now populate Post Everlasting and they join in preparing that site for the rest of us following soon.

Veterans Day is almost here and we have another opportunity to honor and remember those who served and to educate those who do not know or have forgotten the incomprehensible price paid by so many for our country. A few weeks later we have our annual national day of thanks. Be sure you inspire others by your example during these patriotic events.

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





DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN

— For God will command the angels to protect you, wherever you go. Psalms 91:11

Hello! My name is David Anderson. I am the new Chaplain. I've been around for about four months now. I've met some of you, and many I have not! I try to be at the Post at least two days a week. Next time you see me, please say hello! I'm an Army Veteran. I live in Placentia with my wife of 36 years, Michelle. We have three grown sons and four granddaughters with a grandson on the way! I'm an ordained minister, and have performed many weddings. Looking forward to serving the Post family and all of your spiritual needs. Or, maybe just to talk!

When I was looking for a Post, I visited several. Never got the right "vibe" until I walked into Orange, 132. I felt at home almost immediately. The first person I met was Sid Gauna. He welcomed me with open arms, and told me all about the Post. Later our Commander Victor walked in. He welcomed me with the same enthusiasm! They both told me the Post needed a Chaplain. The rest is history.

I look forward to the future, and God willing, I will be your Chaplain for many years to come! I'll be Sharing some ideas in future issues.

Sincerely, Chaplain Dave, anderson21us@yahoo.com







SUSAN WOOD, FINANCE OFFICER

Yes, you really do have a Finance Officer at Post 132! I apologize for skipping the last two Bugle updates. Unfortunately my "paying" job has interfered with my favorite position of Post Finance Officer!!

September and October were great months for us financially. The Orange Street Fair was very successful. Your executive board has met and discussed the activities that went well and identified those areas to improve for next year (very few I might add). We could not have done it this year without the help of all our volunteers — your Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons! And a special shout out to your bartenders that worked so hard — Craig, Diana, Chris and Noelle. Our raffle for the booze wagon was also a huge success — look for our next big raffle coming your way soon.

Also want to thank those folks that donated to the Leo Ouellette GoFundMe page. We have put those funds towards our ongoing building repairs fundraising program. That would have made Leo very happy, since he donated so much of his time and effort towards our Post, specifically our museum.

We have a fundraiser committee meeting, Nov 3 at 6pm at the Legion. Everyone is welcome to come out and support these efforts, or you can reach out to me directly with your thoughts and ideas.

Come out to our monthly Post 132 General Membership meeting on November 10 for a complete financial report and get more updates as to what we have planned over the next several months.

Susan Wood, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 132, sdwood5015@yahoo.com





MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all the Sons who have been mailing in your 2022 renewals. We are at 50+ percent. I so enjoy going to the mailbox and having one or two renewals in there. Please continue to mail your 2022 dues to Mike Holmes, 425 S Lilac Lane, Orange, CA 92868.

Our dinner on Friday, November 5 will be fresh fish with fries for \$10. Of course steaks will be available with baked potato, etc. for \$15. Hope to see everyone there!

Beware, our meeting comes up right after Halloween on Tuesday, November 2 at 6pm. Officers we need you all there.

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





KATHY KULP, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! It's so hard to believe the year is almost over.

I'm sorry for those who could not attend the Centennial Celebration, I hope that there will be another time that we will have the opportunity to have our first responders at an event. They were all so gracious to be there and included. The celebration was a true success, thank you Jean and Linda as well as Linda's husband for helping set up for the event.

Lots of things coming up. Wednesday, November 10 will be our Early Bird Spaghetti Dinner as well as our meeting. November 11 is Veterans Day. There will be a ceremony at Veterans Memorial at Depot Park at 2:00 and a pot luck at the Legion after. There will be no Auxiliary dinner on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26.

We were honored at our September meeting when our Girls Staters attended. It's always a pleasure to hear what they have to say. Thank you Marilyn for all your hard work. The Legion will be selling tickets for our New Years Eve party, so don't be left out. Happy Thanksgiving!

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER



We are up and operating. Friday Nights are filled with fun. Come by and get a steak dinner and dance to DJ Sommer and DJ Tony. Tuesday Nights we have karaoke and tacos. Debbie makes some good tacos. They are selling like hot cakes.

Diana has been open for Monday Night Football & Thursday Night Football. Chicken wings, taquitos, jalapeno poppers, cheese sticks, and sometimes, her famous chili.

On Sundays we are expanding with afternoon music. On November 14 we have DJ Ronnie. On the 21st we have the blues band Driving Sideways. On the 28th, making a long awaited return, The 5-Star Band.

I am happy to announce that Saturdays and Sundays, the club room is available for private parties for Post family members only. For \$270 you can have a party from 7pm-Midnight. There are other terms and conditions. For more information call me at (714) 606-2930.

We are planning a New Years' Eve Party. The theme is The 80s. Dinner will be tri-tip, BBQ chicken, and all the fixins. Tickets are \$45.00 per person or \$80.00 per couple.

Craig Coleman, Club Manager



Happy 246th birthday Marine Corps, November 10, 2021



The Bugle would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

JAMES GOMEZ, EDITOR





Once again, we have another jam-packed issue of the Post 132 Bugle! Great to see so much activity happening at the Post.

Now that the Legionnaires have installed a Chaplain, we've now re-added the monthly Chaplain report. The Bugle sends a hearty welcome to Chaplain Dave Anderson, as well as his sons, to Post 132 (I met two of his three sons at the October Sons meeting).

For any Bugle-related content, email me at **buglepost132@gmail.com**

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NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Bar Open 5-9pm	Sons Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	Fundraiser committee meeting 6pm	AL E-Board Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Sons): Fresh fish & fries (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer 6-7:30	AL Riders DIVA Memorial Ride Rainbow Café/Doffo Meet @8am Bar Open 1-8pm
7 Daylight Saving Time Breakfast: 9-11am French Toast, Eggs, Sausage Bar Open 9am-5pm	8 ABATE meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	9 Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7pm Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	Early bird spaghetti dinner 6pm Legionnaire Gen Meeting 7pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Marine Corps B-day	Veterans Day Breakfast: 9-11am SOS, Eggs, Spam (Free for Veterans) Orange Veterans Day Ceremony @Depot Park 2pm Post 132 Pot Luck 4pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (AL Riders): Turkey Dinner (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer 6-7:30pm Celebrate Marine Corps Birthday	AL Riders Meeting 8:30am Ride: TBD AVU Mtg 11am Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: 9-11am Menu TBD Bar Open 9am-5pm Music: DJ Ronnie 1-5pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	VVA Chapter #1024 6pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Legionnaires): Steak, Baked Potato, & Salad 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Tony 6-7:30pm	20 1st CAV Meeting 9am UMAVA Gen Mtg 9:30am Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast (Sons): Biscuits & Gravy 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm Live Music: Driving Sideways Time: Afternoon	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm	24	Thanksgiving Day	No Friday Night Dinner Bar Open 5-11pm DJ Sommer	Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast (Riders): All-you-can-eat pancakes 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm Live Music: 5-Star Band Time: Afternoon	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke with DJ Sommer 6-10pm				





BREAKFAST

November Menu

French Toast with Sausage, Eggs & Hash Browns

SOS, Eggs, Spam (free for Veterans)

TBD

Biscuits & Gravy with Sausage,
Eggs, Coffee and Orange Juice

All you can Eat Pancakes with Sausage & Eggs

At the American Legion Post 132 143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92868





November 21 Sunday Afternoon

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





Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952, Park 11551 Trask Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92843

FREE exciting celebration for the entire family and community

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