

THE BUGLE



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

VICTOR DE LA ROSA, POST 132 COMMANDER







Greetings all: As I write this, we are currently planning for the Orange International Street Fair taking place September 3-5. We are also looking for volunteers for that weekend at the Post.

October 16 will be our Post 132 Centennial celebration. There are still tickets available, so hurry and get yours. Also I want to thank all our members that have been volunteering and helping at our breakfasts every Sunday.

I want to send my condolences to the family of longtime and valued Legionnaire Leo Ouellette, as he has gone to Post Everlasting. You are and will always be missed.

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







JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

Well folks, we are starting the year in an excellent position. We are currently above 42% of membership. We still have not received our numbers yet from Department. But this is a really good start.

Thank you all for paying your dues. Remember to please come down to the Post to pay your dues. It helps us to keep better track of membership. Plus we have your cards here.

Thank you and 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

August is well underway and by the time you read this, the kids will be back to school. In my case, my son will finally move into the dorms after doing his first year of college on the computer in my guest room. Empty nester at last, but with mixed feelings to say the least.

We have been working very hard to develop plans for our Post 132 Centennial celebration and the Riders Bike Rally in October, and you have seen a bunch of info about our new Fantasy Football League starting at the end of August. And who can forget our biggest fundraising activity of the year, the Orange International Street Fair! There is always something happening at the Post and the most important missing piece just might be you. We can't wait to see our Legion Family as we all continue to come together again. Just stay safe. If you aren't feeling well, stay home and rest. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do. Consider, perhaps discuss with your doctor, vaccinations, not just for COVID, but for influenza, pneumonia, and shingles. These beasties have a way of popping up and ruining your day and we want to enjoy our Post with you, so stay healthy.

Swing by the Commander's office at the Post next time you visit. I want to extend a hearty thank you to 2nd VC John Schutz and Exec Board member Ernie Celaya for putting in a very hard day's work moving furniture, cleaning and painting the office. Yes, there are still spots to touch up but it looks a lot brighter and more spacious. Well done, gentlemen.

Thank you for your fantastic response at renewal time. We are almost at 50% already. We are planning for our Early Bird dinner in November as a thank you to members who have renewed by November 15th. When you renew at the Post, you help us meet our immediate obligations and plan for future events and activities. Just stop in when the Post is open and an officer or the bartender will be happy to assist you. We may not be able to give you your card right then but I will have it on the way to you just as fast as I can.

For the Street Fair, we will again be selling parking space for non members. The North lot will be completely dedicated to visitor parking and the South lot will be used for overflow visitor parking until noon each day. A paid up, current member of Post 132 may park in the South lot but you must show your current membership card. No exceptions. It seems that every year someone forgets their card, is the family member of a member, hasn't renewed or comes from another Post but likes our club, etc. etc. The Street Fair is a busy time and an important fundraiser so we have to strictly enforce this rule. You must show an active, current, paid membership at Post 132 to park in the South lot at no charge.

Come on down to the Post and get your renewal membership card just in time to enjoy the International Street Fair, and if you need a spot to cool off come on down to the club. Can't wait to see you there.

Time for me to get back to work. I have membership cards to mail!!!!

Brian "Spidey" Johnson American Legion and American Legion Riders District 29 & Post 132 Adjutant ALR Chapter 132 Secretary adjutantdist29@gmail.com



VFW Day September 29 2021









JOHN SCHUTZ, LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER; AL RIDERS PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Just a REMINDER the Street Fair is coming and WE CAN USE YOUR HELP. This is the Post's major fundraiser! So please volunteer to make it a success. There are 3 areas we need to cover (1) parking lot, see John Schutz (2) cleanup, see Jose Martinez & (3) food preparation, see Jean Willis.

The Booze Wagon Opportunity Drawing will be on Sunday September 5th and you don't have to be present to win. The Booze Wagon is filled with alcohol and you even get to keep the wagon! All the money will be going to support our fellow Veterans and the Post. Even if you don't drink, the contents could make some great gifts. Ticket donations are \$5 for one or 5 for \$20.

We have some great events coming in September so come on down to the Post and have some FUN:

- Karaoke every Tuesday Night (6-9).
- Sept 12 DJ Ronnie (1-5)
- Sept 16 Poker Night. (6-8)
- Sept 19 Blues Band (2-5)
- Sept 23 Bingo Night (6-8)
- Sept 25 Wine Tasting (1-3:30)
- Sept 26 Gold Star Mothers & Family (free breakfast) (9-11 AM)

Also, the Post is still serving dinner each Friday (6:00 to 7:30 pm) and breakfast every Sunday (9 am – 11am) to raise funds to support our Veterans and Post. For Sept here are the upcoming breakfasts:

- Sept 5 NO BREAKFAST
- Sept 12 Chorizo & Eggs / Pozole or Menudo
- Sept 19 Biscuits & Gravy with Sausage, Eggs, & Hash Browns
- Sept 26 French Toast, with Sausage, Eggs, & Hash Browns

On the AL Riders side:

On Sept 10th the Riders will be serving Steaks (\$15.00) or our special Tri-Tip Sandwiches (6:00 to 7:30). Our breakfast on Sept 26th (0830 to 1100) will serve french toast, sausage and eggs. Here is our schedule for September:

- Sep 3-5 Fri to Sun Orange Street Fair (Parking Lot Duty)
- Sep 6 Mon Labor Day POST CLOSED
- Sep 10 Fri Riders Dinner TRI-TIP
- Sep 11 Sat Riders Meeting 0830 Remember 9-11 RIDE 9-11 Memorial Ride Anaheim Hills Rotary Club Eucalyptus Park 100 North Quintana Drive, Anaheim
- Sep 18 Sat RIDE Wrightwood, CA (150)
- Sep 26 Sun Riders Breakfast French Toast, with Sausage, Eggs, & Hash Browns

JOHN SCHUTZ, 2nd Vice Commander American Legion Post 132 949-870-2084 John.schutz@mbww.com







JOHN MINNELLA, POST 132 IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER; POST 132 JUDGE ADVOCATE; DISTRICT 29 FIRST VICE COMMANDER; DEPT. OF CALIF. NATURALIZATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Comrades and Friends!

Normally writing this article is easy: recite the latest news from the perspective of the Post Judge Advocate and Immediate Past Commander; insert some humor; be interesting and relevant; and always be positive and encouraging. Fulfilling those article goals this past month of August and for this article has not been easy for me. At least 13 service members killed in Afghanistan, our nation's sudden exit from Afghanistan, and the passing of our beloved comrade, Leo OUELLETTE, have each made for a particularly sad August 2021. It seemingly cannot get worse and we can expect a better future.

Looking forward, we have our annual Orange International Street Fair event Labor Day Weekend and our Post 132 Centennial dinner celebration coming Saturday, October 16. Our Post membership, finances, rentals, and sales are excellent to the credit of your Post officers. Our American Legion District 29 and Post 132 in particular made generous contributions to the Dixie Fire Relief effort of the Department of California.

Please remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and their Gold Star families; those still serving; our veterans still with us and those that have passed on to Post Everlasting, and their families. Please remember those of our Legion Post Family who are in ill health, especially Joe MENDOZA, Sam HOLCOMB, Bob MITCHELL, Carol Goss HOLMES and others.

Finally, if I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

John Minnella, Post Immediate Past Commander (#85) Post Judge Advocate District 29 Commander 714/543-9005 drjminnella@yahoo.com









SUSAN WOOD, FINANCE OFFICER

After five months of steady increase replenishing our financial accounts from the COVID-19 impacts, July was a more challenging month. We saw only one banquet room rental which impacts not only our rental income but also our revenue from the upstairs bar. To compound that impact, taxes were due in July. From a forecast perspective, expenses incurred in July were anticipated. Rentals were down but the banquet hall reservations are increasing and looking positive over the next few months. Thanks to all of you for your support in coming down to the Post for dining and events.

The building maintenance fundraising committee is working hard. We have many great ideas so be sure to watch for upcoming events. All fundraising ideas are welcome and we really need our members, family and friends to volunteer to help with the events and activities. Many thanks to our Riders who donated \$1,000 to our building fund. Also be sure to notice our AC in the clubroom is being replaced. Thanks go out to Victor & Toni Munoz for their time and money in making this happen.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Post as we continue to work to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our Veterans and their families.

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





KATHY KULP, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

It is with a heavy heart that we look on to September with the loss of Leo Ouellette. His presence is, and will forever be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to his to his wife Esther and family as they find their way without him.

A big congratulations to the committee of ladies that organized the Oldies But Goodies Dance. It was a huge success . The event started at 2pm and to those who waited patiently outside for the doors to open... thank you.

A couple more things: Friday night dinner for the Auxiliary is the 24th. The special is chicken tostadas, or steak and baked potato, providing we have a volunteer to cook the steaks. We will also be having a bake sale with proceeds going to help homeless Veterans.

September 26, 2021 is Gold Star Mothers and Family Day. To recognize this special day, all Gold Star Mothers and Family will receive a free breakfast. Keep in mind that tickets are on sale for the Post 132 Centennial celebration, TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

The children's Halloween party is October 23. I think that's enough for now. Thank you for all you do. You are all so special.

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

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MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER

Thank you to everyone who came down to the breakfast on Sunday that the SONS were serving. We really appreciate your support. A special thank you to the young boys that came to help me. They are: Cody and Tanner Bain; and Ryan, Trevor and Blake Worden. Also thank you to SON member Mike Nelson for his helping hand.

Don't forget you are always welcome to come to any of the breakfasts at the Post. They are served Sundays from 9 to 11 am for \$10, which includes orange juice and all the coffee you can drink. I am usually there. I may be in the background helping out, but look for me; I'd love to say hi to you.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 7th, the very next day after Labor Day Monday. We need to start the meeting exactly at 6 PM so we can finish our business before the dance group comes in at 7 PM. Remember also there are tacos for dinner, downstairs in the Post clubroom.

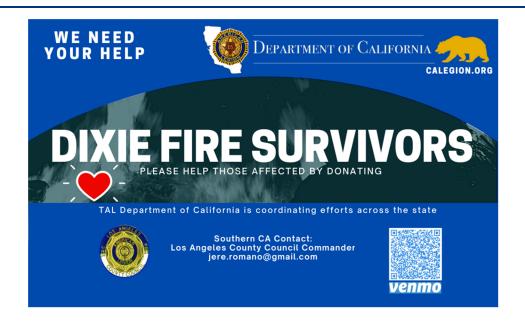
I am also Membership Chairman for the SONS. However right now, our Membership cards were lost and they had to be re-ordered from National. They are being printed and will be resent out to us. Thank you to many of you who have sent in your 2021-2022 dues. You will receive your cards as soon as I receive them.

Dues are \$20, and if you are under 18 the renewal fee is \$15. Please make your checks payable to "The SONS of the American Legion" and mail directly to me at 425 S Lilac Lane, Orange, CA 92868, or give me the money at the Post.

Come on down on Friday night, September 3rd, for a hamburger and fries which will be served by myself and my wife, Carol, along with Sid Gauna, Madelene Macias, and Virginia Martinez. No steak dinners will be served that evening. It's Friday night of Street Fair weekend. See you there!

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





AMERICAN LEGION BUS GROUP

To the American Legion Bus Group:

We are sorry to have to tell you that there is no further information regarding a date we might get to go to Pala



Casino. I know many of you are ready and waiting. Your hostesses have made a decision that when we do get to go to the Casino, a mask WILL BE required on the bus. If an opening date comes up we will be calling you. Keep the 2nd Tuesdays open and we hope to see you soon.

In the meantime come to the Post for a Breakfast served every Sunday. Just \$10 will buy you a complete breakfast, including your coffee and orange juice. Every Tuesday is taco night, along with Karaoke, and of course our Friday night steak dinner or the special. See the calendar for further information.

Carol, Virgie & Mark

JAMES GOMEZ, EDITOR





American Legion Hall, Post 568 in Greenville, CA, burned down in August as the result of the Dixie Fire. Many members of Post 568 have lost their homes (we're thankful no deaths were reported). To help victims of the Dixie Fire, the Legion's Department of Cali-



fornia is coordinating efforts to raise contributions.

Although the deadline to donate physical items has passed, you

can still contribute financially. The Department accepts contributions via Venmo at venmo.com/u/legionlegacy. Or you can mail checks to: American Legion Department of California, RE: Dixie Fire Support, 1601 7th St., Sanger, CA 93657. Please see the image posted at the top of this page for more info.

James Gomez, Editor james.k.gomez@gmail.com (714) 906-9550

IN MEMORIAM

Leo Maurice Ouellette 1933-2021







It is with great sadness that we inform you that our comrade, Leo Ouellette, passed away August 13.

Leo was profoundly involved with Post 132, having served as Chaplain for eight years, as well as serving on the Executive Board Committee. He and his wife Esther also served as Editors of The Bugle newsletter for 12 years. As part of his dedication to Post 132, he founded the Military Conflict Museum inside the Post, which displays items from conflicts stretching from the Civil War to current day. The Post honored him by naming the museum after him. We encourage you to visit the Leo Ouellette Military Museum to see the legacy he left for everyone to enjoy.

Leo was born July 21, 1933, the fifth of seven children born to Arthur and Marie Anna Ouellette, a family of French Canadian heritage living in Lewiston, Maine. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for eight years where he specialized in communications. From February 1956 to January 1958, he served at NATO Headquarters on the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force in Izmir, Turkey. While stationed in Turkey, he served as a DJ for the American Forces Radio Television Service (AFRTS).

Following his service in the USAF, he accepted a position at Rockwell International, where he worked for 30 years. At age 46, he met and married his first wife Connie. Together they raised her seven children, who lovingly referred to him as "Pops" or "Dad," never stepfather. After 27 years of marriage, Connie passed away in 2005.

In 2006, Leo married Esther. This new chapter of life brought him even more sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who adored and respected him. The year following their marriage, Leo and Esther joined American Legion Post 132.

Leo and Esther had their own unofficial table in the Post Clubroom that they occupied every Friday night, without fail, until Leo's deteriorating health made it impossible to come in any longer. Looking over at that table on Friday nights, it's just not the same without him, Esther, former Post Judge Advocate Bob Mitchell and his wife, and their group of friends.

The Post sends its most sincere condolences to Esther, their family members and friends, and sends its gratitude and respect to our comrade and brother Leo on his arrival to Post Everlasting.

Thank you to the Ouellette family and John Minnella for contributing to this memorial page.











SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	AL E-Board Meeting 7pm UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Orange Street Fair 5-10pm Bar Open 12-11pm Music: 6-11pm Food: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers (\$5) 3-8pm	4 Orange Street Fair 10am-10pm Bar Open 12-11pm Music: 6-11pm Food: Hot dogs & chips (\$5) 3-8pm
No Breakfast Orange Street Fair 10am-10pm Bar Open 12-11pm Music: 6-11pm Food: Hot dogs & chips (\$5), 3-8pm	Labor Day Post Closed	Sons Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke 6-10pm	8	AL General Meeting 7pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (AL Riders): Steaks (\$15) or Tri-tip Sandwiches 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm Remember 9/11 memorial, 8pm	AL Riders Meeting 8:30am 9-11 Memorial Ride: Anaheim Hills Rotary Club, Eucalyptus Park Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: Chorizo & Eggs / Pozole or Menudo. 9-11am Bar Open 9am DJ Ronnie 1-5pm	13	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke 6-10pm	15	Poker Night 6-8pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Legionnaires): Steak, Potato & Salad 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm USAF Celebration 8pm National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 UMAVA Gen Mtg 9am AL Riders: Wrightwood, CA Bar Open 1-8pm USAF Birthday
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy with Sausage, Eggs, and Hash Browns. 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm Blues Band 2-5pm Driving Sideways	20	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke 6-10pm	VVA 1024 Mtg 6-8pm	Bingo Night 6-8pm Bar Open 5-9pm	Dinner (Auxiliary): Chicken tostadas, or steak & baked potato 6-7:30pm Bar Open 5-11pm	Wine Tasting 1-3:30pm Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns, 9-11am (Free to Gold Star families) Bar Open 9am-5pm Gold Star Mothers Day	27	Bar Open 5-10pm (Tacos) Karaoke 6-10pm	29 VFW Day	Bar Open 5-9pm	1	2



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

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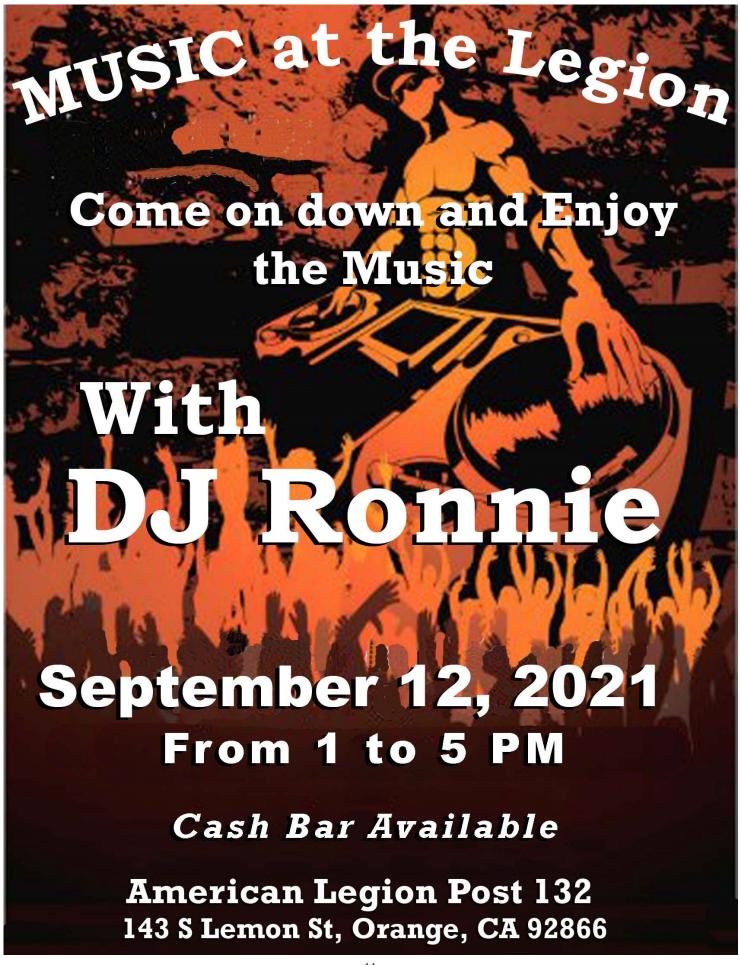
Great Music (6-11 PM)
Food available for Purchase (3-8 PM)
and our Bar will be Open
(Last Call 11:00 PM)
Parking \$10.00 while space lasts

Free Admission - Donations Appreciated

Friday
September 3
12 to 11 PM

Saturday
September 4
12 to 11 PM

Sunday September 5 12 to 11 PM



American Legion Post 132

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★ DATE: September 16, 2021 ★ From 6:00 to 8:00 PM

NO COST - A way to Get OUT and have some FUN

143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866

BLUES MUSIC

at The American Legion Post 132

September 19, 2021 From 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Music by: Driving Sideways







GOLD STAR Spouse & Family Day

to honor their sacrifice

THE POST WILL BE OPEN ON Sunday Sept. 26, 2021 from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM

Free Breakfast for our Gold Star Families (9-11am)



How 'Gold Star' Came to Be

The tradition of the Gold Star began during World War II. During the early days of the war, a blue star was used on service flags and hung in homes and businesses to represent each living active-duty

member. As men were killed in combat, the gold star was superimposed on the blue star to honor the person for his ultimate sacrifice to the country. Eventually, the mothers of those fallen service members became known as Gold Star Mothers, and their families Gold Star Families.

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