

THE BUGLE



#### American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER April, 2018



### AL POST 132 COMMANDER , JOSE MARTINEZ

I hope everyone is doing well. I know we have had a pretty rough Winter Season this year. A lot of people were sick with the flu. Hoping everyone is doing better.

As we enter the final quarter of this Legion year, things are looking up for the Post. As everyone knows, we had our new air conditioners installed in our banquet room. Air Concepts, the air conditioning company, also did work on our downstairs air conditioners, and now the club room is nice and cold. I am sure we'll be putting them to the test during this Summer months. We will also be starting a POS system. That is the "point of sale" system where you can start using credit cards to pay for your purchases. We are in the process of getting it set up and hopefully, soon enough, we can start using the POS system. These are the systems that you see at restaurants where you pay at the table. Since this is new to us, we will slowly introduce it to make sure everyone feels comfortable using it.

It is now time to start nominations for new officers at the Post. We've had a few members asking about positions at the Post, which is great, but we still need more new members to come in. So, if you know of anyone you would like to see on the Board, please come to our General Meeting (2nd Thursday of every month, at 7:00 pm) and nominate them. We need new faces and ideas. Remember, the younger generation are the ones who will be in charge of us soon enough.

As of March 19, 2018, the new clubroom hours will be from .3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 12 pm to 12 pm on Fridays; and 12 pm to 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The change in hours is posted on our website: www.orangepost132.com.

As usual, please keep yourselves informed of the Post's activities by going to the Post 132 website: <u>orangepost132</u>, and to our Facebook page. Again, thank you everyone for a banner six months. Let's continue the trend.

Semper fi, Jose Martinez

Commander AL Post 132 martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005

## HAPPY EASTER!

**Upcoming Events** 

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday (Also April Fool's Day) April 7, 2018, Umava Bus Trip to Valley View ; April 10, 2018 - Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala, UMAVA Taco Tuesday, AL Riders' Bingo; April 15, 2018 Open House Post 132 April 16, 2018, Legionnaires' Fundraiser at Zito's Pizza

### John Minnella, Judge Advocate



U.S.ARMY Dear Comrades:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues were invoiced months ago, were due no later than Jan. 1. If paid by Feb. 1, membership reinstatement is automatic but if not paid by Feb. 1, you are placed in a suspended status which (per Bylaws Art. XII, sec. 3) means YOUR POST PRIVILEGES ARE SUSPENDED ON FEBRUARY 1! If still unpaid on June 30, you are DROPPED from Legion membership (Art. XII, sec. 3) & must REAPPLY for membership!

By June 2017, Post 132 had 415 paid members but by Mar. 16, 2018, we only had 373 paid members, & 16 of those are new ones! In other words, only 357 of the 415 of 2017 have renewed!!!! We have potentially lost 58 members (I believe 3 moved on to Post Everlasting)!

PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE! NO ONE IN THE LEGION & AT THE POST WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN! GET YOUR RENEWAL IN TODAY. Come down to the Post and renew; or contact; 1st VC Victor De La Rosa (714/227-5977); Cmdr. Jose Martinez (714/380-2005); Finance Officer, Sid Gauna (714/371-6247); or myself (714/543-9005) and we will process you immediately.

**SUGGESTIONS ABOUT POST AND LEGION ACTIVITIES**. If you have ideas about how to improve our Post and the Legion, say something to your Post officers (they are listed on the rear page of every Bugle). I can assure you that EVERY officer wants to help improve our Post and the Legion and they welcome your thoughts and ideas.

That's my input for April, comrades. Please feel free to contact me (drjminnella@yahoo.com, 714/543-9005) anytime if you have any comments, concerns, or I can otherwise help you.

John Minnella, Post 132, Judge Advocate drjminnella@yahoo.com (714) 543-9005

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!





### Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

Attention all Auxiliary;

Here we are going into April and we need to think about ELECTIONS!

Our April meeting will be NOMINATIONS for the upcoming 2018-2019 year. It is with great appreciation to all of you for the Volunteerism that you have all given to our Auxiliary, our Veterans, Community, and Children.

I say that with great pride knowing that the Girls State participants have all been interviewed and chosen. We are sending six girls to Girls State this year. Marilyn Harris, with the assistance of both Carol Goss Holmes and Carolyn McMahon, interviewed these 6 girls. If I missed any others that participated I thank you as well. I know that these three ladies were traveling to interviews as they were scheduled.

We have had a busy March as the Easter Party for the Children; the Post sponsored a dance for the Boys State program and then of course "Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Dinner". Thank you Carol Martinez for your commitment to Children in Youth and the Welcome Home Dinner.

Thank you to all those who served during the Vietnam ERA but to all Veterans that have served our Country in all conflicts. Welcome home to all and to keep those in our Hearts and Prayers that did not return home.

It's very tedious to write to all of you knowing that you all support our Post. We appreciate all the efforts that Cindy Widdall, Jean Willis. Terry Rodriguez and, of course, with Henry, the Post looks so wonderful and is only going to look more beautiful with this beautification project. We thank the legionnaires for the comfort of our new A/C system that was installed. With this we can only hope for all the upcoming weeks to be filled with rentals upstairs.

Welcome to all our new members in the Auxiliary. We look forward to your membership.

"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

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips Auxiliary President, Unit 132 2016-2017 2017-2018 Proud Widow of Army Veteran, Dale "Bear" Phillips

## HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



### 1st Vice Cmdr. Victor de la Rosa

Greetings all,

Our Legionaries membership is at around 82%. We are always looking for new

members so, if you know of any Veterans, bring them down to our Post. Also, have them check out our website at: <u>orangepost132.com</u>. Also, make a note of the new hours at the Post. Monday through Thursday, the Post is now open from 3:00-8:00 pm. Friday, Saturday and Sunday the hours remain the same.

Thank you, Victor de la Rosa1st Vice Commander HAPPY EASTER!

Victor de la Rosa 1st Vice Commander Victorplent@yahoo.com



**3rd Vice Cmdr., Stacy Palencia** -Bollinger Hello Comrades,

HAPPY EASTER everyone!!! I hope everyone has a wonderful day surrounded

by family and friends.

Thank you all who helped to put together the Children's Easter party on March 24th from 1:00-3:00 pm.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with finding individuals for Boy State and assisted during the Boy State fundraiser dinner on March 25th. I would like to acknowledge all of the ones that sponsored and are helping these young men go to Boy State at no cost to them. We will be sending four youths to Boy State.

Also, the hours of our Post are changing. Starting on March 19th, Monday thru Thursday the hours of operations are now 3:00-8:00 pm. Friday will remain the same from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. Saturday and Sunday will also remain the same from 12:00-7:00 pm. But remember every Friday evening one of our own organizations have their dinner so, please don't forget to stop by and support.

Stacy Palencia-Bollinger 3rd Vice Commander spalencia13@gmail.com 714-420-6161

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!** 



#### 2nd Vice Cmdr. William Stringfield

I want to thank all those who participated in the March 5th

Katella Grill Fundraiser. We generated over \$1,000 for the Katella Grill from which we will receive over \$200. This money will be donated to the Boys' State Fund to help defray the costs. I am hopeful of getting another date from Katella Grill in late April or early May.

The officers and Board have voted to change the Post hours previously 2pm to 7pm to 3PM TO 8 PM, effective Monday, March 19, 2018. Friday and weekend hours are not affected.

#### HAPPY EASTER TO ALL MEMBERS!

William Stringfield, 2nd Vice-Commander william@wmstringfield.com



#### Tommy Dees - Sons' Commander/ Clubroom Manager

No article submitted.

Tommy Dees, Sons Commander, Post 132 (714) 538-6311





### Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again, Comrades. First Nominations are coming up this month and we are looking forward to seeing some new people being nominated for the various positions of elected officers. As for me, I see no light at the end of the tunnel. By the time you receive this, we should have already had our Boys State Fundraiser. Next month I will report on it and all the donations we received.

Clubroom Bar daily attendance has remained slow in February as it was in January. Friday Night dinners have continued to be fairly good. We had five rentals upstairs and three small ones downstairs which made up for the slow daily attendance downstairs. We also had a \$300.00 Donation from Rachel Arias for Pete Quintana's Celebration of life that was held back in December. The Sons, the Auxiliary, and the Riders each made a \$200.00 donation for the Children's Easter party. Mark Drake made a \$500.00 donation for The Museum and \$12.00 was collected from the donation box. The Fundraiser at Zito's Pizzaria brought us \$43.86 and Robert Mitchell made his regular monthly donation of \$100.00. Donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account Membership is slowly trickling in. Six members paid their dues and that was it. The Friday Night Opportunity Drawings brought in \$231.00 for bugle support. Donations that came in early this month will be reported next month.

<u>REPEAT</u>: Don't forget!!! First Nominations for next years' Officers is coming up in April. Get involved in the success of the Post. There are so many projects coming up next year. Come to the meetings and find out how you can help. The Building is falling apart. Well not really, but it needs a lot of work. There have been talks about forming a Building Association as we had about 20 years ago. Think about it. We need your INPUT!!!

All for now. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at sidgauna@aol.com Semper Fi, Sid HAPPY EASTER ALL!



Bill Siler, III, Adjutant

To all members:

Look at your membership card! If it has the year 2017 **PLEASE** send your 2018 dues of \$45.00 to Orange Post 132, 143 S. Lemon St., Orange, CA. 92866.

Also, our Regular Meetings are held on the Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. At this meeting the Post Members can come and help run the Post by giving us their ideas about what is going on and if and why anything needs to be changed. Come and support your Veterans by supporting Post 132 and all their endeavors to show appreciation for all Veterans' service.

Submitted by: William Siler III, Adjutant - Post 132 sileriii@aol.com

HAPPY EASTER!





## John Bloecher - AL Riders President

Well, thanks to our fellow Legionnaires, their friends and families. We had a great turn out for our corn beef and cab-

bage and steaks dinners. We sold out of food in about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Thank you so much for your support and I think everyone who was there for dinner really enjoyed it. I want to thank my fellow AL Riders who showed up to help cook and serve. I don't know what we would do without you. The AL Riders are very supportive.

We made another supply run for the Homeless Veterans in Santa Ana which is run by Jean Willis, along with Patriot n Paws, our two consistent donors. We are always looking for groups or causes that assist our Veterans. We are also going to be setting up a game room in the room next to the men's room with a couple of games to help bring more people into the Post.

The AL Riders are going to different bike nights to recruit new members for the Post and our AL Rider's Chapter. If you know of any Veterans or son of Veterans that is interested in joining us, please let me, John Schutz or Ray Wells know.

Here is what we are hosting at the Post for the month of April. On Tuesday the 10th we will be having Bingo after UMAVA's Taco Tuesday wherein they serve their delicious tacos. Come and join in on the fun. We have a great time and great prizes and remember, you are enabling the AL Riders to help fellow Veterans. On Friday night the 13th we will be serving our awesome fish and chips, along with the steaks and baked potatoes. We bread the fish ourselves and I must say, it is delicious. Come join us for a great dinner.

Due to conflicts in prior commitments the AL Riders will not be serving breakfast in the month of April but will resume serving breakfast in May. Again, thank you for supporting us at our meals and bingo.

Oh, by the way, the Wheel of Opportunity jackpot is over \$1,000 so don't forget to buy your tickets at the dinner on the 13th.

HAVE A BLEASSED EASTER!

John Bloecher President, AL RIDERS POST 132, jb1mf@yahoo.com



#### MIKE HOLMES, ADJUTANT,

I am so looking forward to seeing ALL of you SONS at our Open House on Sunday, April 15th. Please be sure and bring that invitation I sent you in March. If you did not receive an invitation from me, then come and see me at the SONS table on the 15th or contact me directly.

First nominations of Officers will be on Tuesday, April 3rd. at our general meeting 6:30 pm. 2nd nominations and elections will be on Tuesday, May 1st, at 6:30 pm, at the general meeting. Please make arrangements to be there to support the Officers of your choice – get involved – Your attendance is so important. If there is more than one person running for a position, the election will be by ballot.

We will be serving Pierre's meatloaf dinner with all the trimmings on the 6th of April. Thank you Pierre Duco for stepping up and helping out with a dinner.

I don't have our actual percentage on our membership; but it is up there around 130%. That is because of all of you. We thank you for your membership. And again, let me say if you are not receiving your Bugle by E-mail or snail mail, please let me know. Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk of phone 714-803-0851.

For God and Country, Mike Holmes, Adjutant – Squadron 132 Mike7335carol@yahoo.co.uk714-803-0851

## **HAPPY EASTER!**





#### LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

Get Well cards were sent out. Prayers were given and received.

**Quips to ponder:** 

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love!

The door to the human heart can be opened only by the inside.

It is only the forgiving who are qualified to receive forgiveness.

Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed. It always brings in big returns!

Leo M. Ouellette Chaplain, USA Imocon@sbcglobal.net, (714) 636 6275



EDITORS, LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Thank you to the following Bugle helpers: Dot & Chuck Stalter, Carol and Mike Holmes, Mary Martinez, Maddie, Jack Peralta, Carol Martinez, Martha Maldonado and Pat Williams. You guys are all Angels.

Join us in celebration of our historic building's 90th Anniversary.

#### **Quips to ponder:**

Hope ends when you stop believing! Love ends when you stop caring!

Faults are thick when love is thin!

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart!

Editors, Leo & Esther Ouellette, Imocon@sbcglobal.net, (714) 334-2961



LEO OUELLETTE, CURATOR

Dear Members: Chapman College Teacher and eighteen students were given a tour of our museum. Several positive comments were offered.

Several new items have been donated and added to the collection.

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



April 2018							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 EASTER HAPPY EASTER AASTER APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2	3 UMAVA BOARD MTG 6 PM SONS' GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM	4 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	5 Legionnaires' E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	6 Sons, Meatloaf Steaks 6pm-8pm DJ Summer 8 pm-12am	7 UMAVA Valley View Bus Trip Leaves @ 9 am Clean up Day- Post 132 9am - 3pm	
8 Clean up Day at Post 132 9am - 3 pm	9	10 AUXILIARY BUST TRIP TO PALA Leaves @ 9:00 TACO TUESDAY By UMAVA 5:30 PM AL RIDERS BINGU 7 PM	11 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	12 Legionnaires Gen Mtg 7:00 PM Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 pm	13 AL RIDERS Fish & Chips/ Steaks & Baked Potato 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway 8 pm—12 am	14 8:30 am AL Riders' Mtg	
15 POST 132 OPEN HOUSE POST 132 12 pm - 4pm	16 Legionnaires' ZITO'S Fundrais- er - on Tustin Avenue From 4pm to 9 pm	17	18 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	19	20 Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cow- boys Band 8pm—12 am	21 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am 1rst Calvary Mtg 9 am	
22	23	24	25 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	26	27 Auxiliary Chicken or Beef Tostadas/Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	28	
29	30						











## LEGIONNAIRE SKILLS AND INTERESTS QUESTIONAIRE

Comrades: Post 132 is your Post! We want to make the best of it but more than just your annual dues are needed. Your Post needs your involvement in the following: management, maintenance, staffing, social calendar, events, announcements, and similar activities. You have opinions, complaints, needs, interests, etc Don't just gripe; tell us what you want, require, dislike, like, etc Please, take a moment, complete this, and return it to Judge Advocate John Minnella (fax 714/542-2495; email drjminnella@yahoo.com; mail 1820 E 17 <sup>th</sup> , Santa Ana 92705-8604) and he will see that it gets acted upon. I am a member of
I have the following skills:
I work (circle as appropriate): full time part time retired disabled I have worked in the following occupations:
<ul> <li>Membership Development Committee (1<sup>st</sup> VC)</li> <li>Museum Committee (Curator)</li> <li>Newsletter Production Committee (Bugle Editor)</li> <li>Newsletter Oversight Committee (Judge Advocate)</li> <li>New Member Initiation Committee (Sgt-at-Arms)</li> <li>Nominations &amp; Membership Eligibility Committee (Judge Advocate)</li> <li>Oratorical Competition Committee (1<sup>st</sup> VC)</li> <li>Personnel/Staffing Committee</li> <li>Riders Liaison Committee</li> <li>Sons Liaison Committee (3d VC)</li> </ul>
VA Hospital Visits Committee

## HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOR POST 132 BUILDING

We are very happy and honored to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beautiful, historic building.

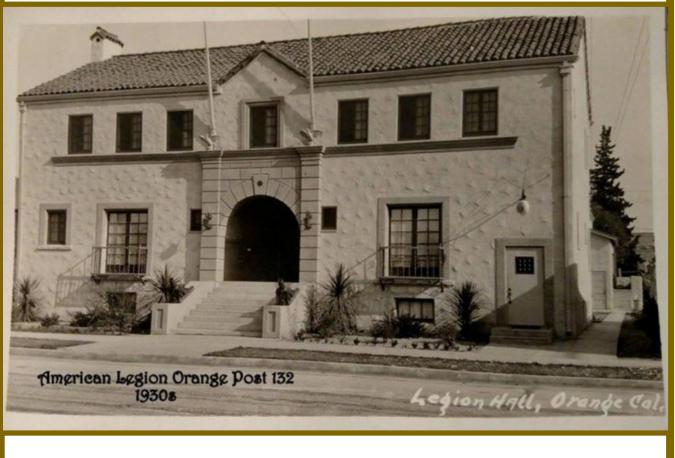
Post commander H. O. Wallace welcomed the Regional Commander Phil Dobson to dedicate our \$20,000, building.

Several local dignitaries, members, and local members were in attendance.

Several hard working members have dedicated their time and yes, money, to make it what it has become. We are proud of our members and welcome all.

If the walls of this building could talk, what wonderful, heartbreaking, and funny stories we would hear.

To this day, we diligently serve our members, and our community. All are welcome.





BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018**

## 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 \$5.00 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 leave message

Virginia Martinez: 714-545-6163 or

Mark Crawford (714) 722-7383

WE <u>MUST</u> HAVE 45 PASSENGERS SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP

## American Legion Post 132 building is 90 years old!





143 S. Lemon St. Orange, CA 92866 Orangepost132.com

# **OPEN HOUSE** Sunday, April 15th • 12pm-4pm

Visit our Military Museum = Refreshments = Kids Welcome = Meet & Greet Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, & Riders

Proudly serving our veterans for 90 years. Come visit us and see what we are all about! Event is open to the Public

## AUXILIARY

## DAWN M. STOLLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in two (2) increments of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) each semester. Eligibility:

a) The Applicant must be:

1. A Member of the American Legion Post 132 Family or related, to a member of the American Legion Post 132 Family; by being related to a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or the Riders.

2. Entering or already attending a dully accredited college or university, business, trade or vocational school.

b)The application shall be scored on the following basis:

1. Character

2. Basis of need

3. Americanism

4. Leadership

c) The application is to be in essay form from you with the following information included, submitted by **June 1st** to the American Legion Auxiliary, C/O Carolynn McMahon, 231 W Palmyra St #3, Orange, CA 92866 or by E-mail <u>carolynnlmc@gmail.com</u> and must include the following information:

1. Your name, address, phone number and your eligibility.

2. A description of your career objectives. Please include: how you plan to achieve them, what college you would like to attend, community service you have done, what you have already done toward achieving your goal, and your current grade level.

3. A short essay explaining why this scholarship would be beneficial to you.

4. A letter of recommendation from a person other than a member of the applicant's family.

5. Any further information about your accomplishments you wish to tell us about.

Applications to be judged by a panel of three (3) by members of American Legion Auxiliary, Orange Unit 132 or others who are in the education field (teachers for instance) not knowing the applicants. Winner of the Scholarship will be announced at

the time of Installation of Officers.

This Scholarship is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Orange Unit 132. Please call me with any questions.

Carolynn McMahon, Education Chairman, 714-355-4834



On behalf of the American Legion Post 132 we would like to invite you to

Zito's Pizza for a fundraising event on

## Monday, April 16, 2018



Bring this flyer to Zito's Pizza between 4-9pm 20% of your total bill will be donated back to the American Legion Post 132 Gift cards sale apply Bring your friends and family!

Zito's New York Style Pizza

2036 N. Tustin Ave, Orange 92865



## \*Post Hours\*

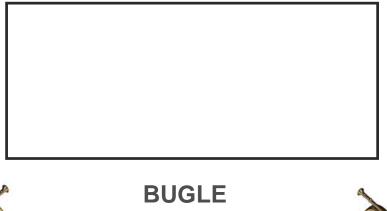
Monday-Thursday: 3pm-8pm Friday: 12pm-12am Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-7pm

Be sure to visit our military museum!





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







## 2017 / 2018 Post 132 American Legion Officers

**APRIL 2018 ISSUE** 

Legionnaires	Auxiliary	Sons	AL Riders
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