



# THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021



## POST 132 COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA

Greetings all,

I hope you all are doing well. Currently we are in the midst of another stay at home order. But we at the post are still doing Sunday breakfasts for take out only. Check our website at [orangepost132.com](http://orangepost132.com) to see what is on the menu. Once we are allowed we will be serving in the parking lot again. Also we are always looking for more volunteers to help out. So if you can come on out and help out, please do.

Everyone please be safe and healthy.

**For current updates at the Post, please refer to our website at: [orangepost132.com](http://orangepost132.com)!**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## JOSE MARTINEZ, 1ST VICE COMMANDER, POST 132

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Post 132 is at 82.41% membership. This is awesome! However, please continue to ask all fellow Legionnaires if they are paid up and if not, to please pay their \$45.00 membership dues to the Post so we may reach our goal of 100%. Remember that in January, all members that are not paid for 2021 will lose all their voting rights. So please remind everyone to pay their dues!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Let's hope we can start getting back to the Post to begin celebrating again soon.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**BRIAN JOHNSON  
POST 132 ADJUTANT  
DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT  
AL RIDER, SECRETARY/LEAD ROAD CAPTAIN**

As I write this article, it is the week before Christmas and our Post has once again been closed due to COVID restrictions. This will certainly go down in our history as one of the most challenging years our Post has experienced and I want all of the members of Post 132, as well as, our sisters and brothers in the Auxiliary, the Sons and the AL Riders to know how much your support has meant.

The generosity of our members who have renewed their memberships at the Post, as well as, making supportive donations, those who continue to take advantage of our To-Go Sunday morning breakfasts and other socially distant activities, and especially those who have generously donated their time, great ideas and elbow grease has been a real gift. Thank you for your continued support.

Now, we are embarking on a new year, 2021. This will be a special year because we will be looking forward to celebrating our belated Post 100th birthday, the dedication of a new Korean War Memorial in our sister city – Fullerton this summer, as well as, a more somber remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9-11. I want to encourage all hands to keep an eye on our Facebook pages, web page and the Bugle and keep your eyes peeled for notifications regarding pop-up COVID-19 testing sites, Flu vaccination clinics and, as the year progresses, COVID-19 vaccination clinics all that are being sponsored by the VA. These clinics will be exclusive to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health Care system. As we hear about other, community based, opportunities. We will try to spread that word as well. Remember that you should always consult with your personal physician before you seek out any form of medical service. We want everyone to have a healthy 2021 as we turn the corner toward a return to normal operations.

As a final thought, we are rapidly approaching time for elections. Yes, I know it is months away but now is the time to start considering what you can do to help us shape the 21-22 year. There is a lot of work to do and you need your ideas and your input to help bring us back. You don't necessarily need to be an elected or appointed officer to make a difference, we are always looking for folks to contribute on committees or projects. We need to hear you voice loud and clear this next year.

**Happy 2021 to each of you. Let's make this a healthy and safe new year.**

Brian "Spidey" Johnson  
American Legion and American Legion Riders  
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**JOHN SCHUTZ–  
LEGIONNAIRE 2ND VICE COMMANDER;  
AL RIDERS PRESIDENT**

Greetings all,

I would like to start out hoping that everyone is staying safe during these trying times. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

As you may know, we have been forced to close the post, but the Post is still currently serving breakfast TO GO on Sundays (9 – 11) to raise funds to support our veterans and to keep our post alive. I would also like to thank all those that help with the breakfasts every week as without their support we would not be successful. For January here are the upcoming breakfasts:

- JAN 3 - Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage
- JAN 10 - French Toast, Eggs & Sausage
- JAN 17 - Biscuits & Gravy & Scrambled Eggs
- JAN 24 - Chorizo & Eggs / Menudo
- JAN 31 - Bacon or Sausage and Eggs

Remember that we have a Go Fund Me Page to help raise money to keep the post in the black and for us to be able to provide support to our Veterans. Please let all your friends know – all donations are tax deductible – Here is the Link - [charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132](https://www.charity.gofundme.com/American-legion-Orange-post-132)

We also have Post Challenge Coins available for purchase and t-shirts for sale that can be specifically designed just for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**On the Riders side:**

On Friday December 11th the riders delivered blankets and back scratchers to the VA Long Beach Hospital to show you our appreciation and thank them for their service, sacrifices, for answering the call of our country, and to let them know we care about them.

JOHN SCHUTZ  
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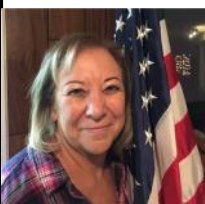
**John Minnella, Post 132 Immediate Past Commander; Post 132 Judge Advocate; District 29 First Vice Commander; Dept. of Calif. Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor**

Good riddance 2020! Welcome 2021! For most of us, there is almost nothing positive to remember about 2020. A virus that has taken the lives or good health of so many; ruined our social lives and businesses and healthy, growing and thriving economy. On the positive side, we have been blessed with the miracle of incredibly fast development of vaccines and therapeutic drugs; and development of innovative means to cope with the disruption of our normal routines. We have also witnessed for many of us the redirection of our lives to the really important: quality time with our families and beloved friends; increased recognition and appreciation of the common humanity and worth of ALL our neighbors; a deemphasis on the material things; and the joy and great value of even a simple hug or kiss or communication.

Post 132 is off to a good start in 2021. A large lawsuit has been settled. We continue to generate enough basic funding to pay our basic expenses. Membership has been maintained. We lead District 29 in every category and have the respect of all. And our fundamentals (Bylaws, Post Family relations, member interest and participation, building structure/repairs/maintenance, information distribution means to our members, Post reputation, Post officer quality and leadership, finances, legalities) are all sound. From the standpoint of being Immediate Past Commander and present Judge Advocate, I can sleep soundly regarding Post 132 and so can you.

So, we mourn the loss of many of our beloved family and friends, pray for those suffering with illness and hardship, and look forward to a better year for all of us. I cannot wait for a return to our past Post life but am confident it will be soon. Happy New Year!

John Minnella,  
 Immediate Past Commander; Post 132 Judge Advocate; Post 132 Bylaws Committee Chair;  
 District 29 First Vice Commander; Calif. Department Naturalization Commission Technical Advisor  
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**Susan Wood, Finance Officer  
 Post 132**

Hello all, "It's been another month of limited operations at the Post. With that, our income has been mostly comprised of donations, membership dues and the Sunday morning take out breakfast recently implemented. We are very grateful to the OC Restaurant Outdoor dining grant program that awarded us a \$1,000 grant to purchase outdoor dining equipment so that when the Covid-19 mandate allows for outdoor dining we will be prepared to re-institute our Friday night dinners and Sunday morning breakfasts. Along with that, many of our members and friends have donated generously and we are very grateful for their support. I encourage you to share our **Go Fund Me** page with friends and families. Please stay safe and healthy. Wishing all of us a wonderful 2021 and hope to see you at the Post when we resume operations.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Best Regards,  
 Susan Wood, USAF  
 American Legion Post 132 Finance Officer, 2020-2021



## Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 Auxiliary President

Here is it short and sweet! There aren't enough words to tell you how I feel as an Officer of this Great Post 132 Family. Ladies, as many times and for many years I can only say Thank You for all you do for our Auxiliary, but it extends to the Post Family. Our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and of course our AL Riders.

### What did we do in December?

The Post Family donated \$800 to MCC (Military Children's Charities.) What will they do with the monies? For Christmas they put together gifts that are given directly to a child whose parents are serving our Country. This is a local charity - one we have supported many times. This donation will make many children have a smile.

Coat Drive, with the help of the Orange Assistance League, coats this year were delivered to an organization with military volunteers assisting mental and homeless Veterans. This organization can hand out these coats to the needy as well as homeless Veterans. Thank you, Laura Farr, for making this delivery to this organization and thank you to the Orange Assistance League for their kindness and support to our Unit 132.

We are blessed to have such a giving post and many thanks go to our Commander for opening the door to all of us so that the programs of the Post Family may be fulfilled.

To all our Post family who have lost a loved one this year, we pray for you and hope that you may be comforted knowing that you have support from all our loving members of this Post.

So, in closing, on behalf of myself and my family **WE WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST HAPPY NEW YEAR EVER!**

**“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

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Darlene “Just-Dar” Phillips  
Auxiliary President, Unit 132  
2016-2021  
ALR 132 Chaplain 2016-2021

### **CURRENT UPDATE TO OUR BUS TRIPS TO THE PALA CASINO:**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the American Legion Bus Group. You all know who you are; and please pass on the Season greetings to anyone that is not on our E-mail. I was hoping to start up again in January 2021; but it looks like that has fallen through. As soon as we get a clearance, I will let you all know. Take care and stay well!**

God bless,

**Carol Goss Holmes  
Virgie Martinez  
Mark Crawford**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## Mike Holmes, Sons' Adjutant/Finance Officer

In order to make a Special Christmas for some Military children, the SONS voted to donate \$350 to the San Clemente YMCA; who hold activities for the Camp Pendleton Military Base. They will provide Christmas Gifts directly to the Military Children.

SONS, we don't have a dinner until the 1st Friday of February on the 5th, 2021. I mistakenly looked at the calendar and thought we had January 8; but the 1st Friday in January is New Years Day, and the Post is usually closed.

Prayers and our condolences are sent to the Mario Beltran and his Family, who lost his Brother and his Mother within a few days apart. Neither were related to Covid 19.

We also pray for anyone who has been sickened with this horrible disease and wish you a speedy recovery. We also pray that this epidemic will soon be over and we can get back to whatever normal is.

Our next meeting will be the 1st Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 starting at 6 PM, probably on the main floor, so we can spread out. Please plan to attend. Date is set and will not be cancelled. If you are not comfortable attending, we will understand.

**My wife, Carol joins me in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Please stay well and we look forward to seeing all of you next year.**

MIKE HOLMES,  
SONS COMMANDER  
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**PS: SONS - If you have not renewed your Membership card for 2020-2021, then it will expire December 31, 2020. I AM STILL WORKING MEMBERSHIP SO PLEASE SEND YOUR \$15 DUES DIRECTLY TO ME AT: MADE PAYABLE TO: SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION. MAIL TO: 425 S LILAC LN, ORANGE, CA 92868-4140.**

**PLEASE ADVISE ME IF YOU ARE HAVING SICKNESS OR FINANCIAL CONCERNS. WE CAN ONLY HELP IF WE KNOW OF THE SITUATION. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. MIKE**



## GLEN HOWARD, CHAPLAIN

Comrades,

A new year arrives. With it are prayers of a better year. We often set new goals at the beginning of a new year. I pray that we all become closer to our God.

January is Respect Life month during which time we pray for all lives from conception to natural death. A new President will be inaugurated, may the Lord guide him and his administration in leading the country.

Our Comrade, Jose Cruz Romero past to the post everlasting this past month. A special thanks to our 3rd Vice Commander, Gerardo Robledo for expediting Joe's membership to the post.

Condolences go out to the family of Past Commander, Oliver Taylor. His wife Patricia recently passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Oliver.

Also, for those that knew Roma Ernst, she also recently passed. Fred Sheppard was her companion for many years. They attended the Post on Friday nights wherein they would dance to Kansas City and other fast songs. She is missed. Rest in peace, Roma!

Condolences also go out to the family of AL Rider, Tony Olson for the loss of his mother, MaryAnn Olson.

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## EDITORS: LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE

Greetings one and all,

We pray that everyone is staying safe and doing well during this pandemic.

We miss the camaraderie at the Post big time. We can't wait for it to go away so we can resume life prior to it affecting the whole world.

Unfortunately, we are having issues with our computer so, if you don't receive the Bugle via email, please let us know. We will see to it that you get it one way or another.

In the meantime, everyone, please hang in there until this pandemic is under control and we can all go back to our normal life styles.

**We wish everyone a very safe, healthy, happy and blessed New Year!**

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## JANUARY 2021

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 SONS  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!</b> <b>POST CLOSED!</b>	2
3 <b>Breakfast TO GO</b>  Pancakes, eggs & sausage. 9 am—11 am	4	5 <b>UMAVA E-BOARD MTG</b> 6:30 PM  <b>SONS' MTG</b> 6 PM 	6 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Signing of Armistice Day (1918)	7 <b>AL E-Board Mtg</b>  7 pm	8 AL Riders/   <b>Check website for updates.</b>	9  <b>AL Riders' Mtg</b> 8:30 am 
10 <b>Breakfast TO GO</b>  French Toast, eggs & sausage 9 am—11 am	11 <b>ABATE MTG</b> 6:00 PM	12 <b>AUXILIARY BUS TRIP</b>  <b>PALA CASINO CANCELLED!!!!</b>  	13 VVA CHAPTER #1045 - 6 pm	14  <b>AL General Mtg</b>  7 PM  <b>Auxiliary General Mtg</b>  7 pm	15 Legionnaires   <b>Check website for updates.</b>	16  <b>UMAVA GEN. MTG</b> 9:30 AM
17 <b>Breakfast TO GO</b>  Biscuits & gravy Scrambled eggs 9am—11-am	18	19 <b>Premier Women Mtg</b> 6 pm—8 pm	20	21	22 <b>Auxiliary</b>   <b>Check website for updates.</b>	23
24  <b>Breakfast TO GO</b>  Chorizo & eggs Menudo 9am—11 am	25	26	27	28	29 <b>AL Family</b>   <b>Check website for updates.</b>	30
31 <b>Breakfast TO GO</b>  Bacon or sausage & eggs 9am-11am						

**POST 132 HOURS: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE DURING COVID PANDEMIC.  
SEE ATTACHED FLIERS FOR HOURS**



# JANUARY BREAKFAST

FUNDRAISERS YUMMY



**9-11am**

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\$10**



- JAN 3 - Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage
- JAN 10 - French Toast, Eggs & Sausage
- JAN 17 - Biscuits & Gravy &  
Scrambled Eggs
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## RECYCLING FUNDRAISER



**When: Drop Off Every Sunday  
8:00am ~ 11:00am**



**Where: Orange American Legion  
Post 132**



**What: Aluminum Cans  
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**Please Help  
our Post so we can  
Continue to  
Help Veterans**

**Please separate your cans and plastic  
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# THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2021 ISSUE

2020 / 2021 Post 132 American Legion Officers

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