



THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California

NEWSLETTER

January, 2019



AL POST 132 COMMANDER , JOSE MARTINEZ

Wow, another year has come and gone. We were really busy this past year. We accomplished a lot. From, not only celebrating each branches birthdays, but to completing our Legion tasks. Now, we must start getting ready for the next 6 months of this Legion year.

We are starting off with the Post's Oratorical. That will happen this month of January. From there we'll start preparing for Boys State, later in the year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out this year at the Post. We always hear about other Post that are struggling to stay afloat. Well, with the volunteers at this Post, we have been able to continue to grow. And that is because we haven't been tasked to hire people. For this, I thank all of you.

Unfortunately, as prices increase, we are tasked by National Headquarters to do more. So I'm sorry to announce, we might have to raise Legionnaire dues. We're not happy about this, and we know, no one will be happy with that, but it is probably the only way to survive. We will try to keep dues as low as possible. As we get more information, we will pass it along.

Well, let's hope the Post continues to succeed in all our endeavors. I'm sure we will. We have managed to be around for a long time, and I'm sure we will continue to be here for a lot longer. Remember, it is YOU who make this Post what it is. We can't succeed without all your help. Let's continue making this Post the one that everyone wants to be involved with.

And on a side note...back in the month of Oct, the Post had a 1-year memorial in honor of Dale "Bear" Philips, husband to Dar, our Auxiliary President. One of Bear's pet projects was our Homeless Veterans Program. He always believed that it was up to all of us to help those less fortunate than us. At the event, the word was passed, that in honor of Bear, any money collected would be turned over to the "Homeless Veterans Program". As it turned out, \$742.00 was collected, of which \$500.00 was donated by Past AL Riders' President, Sam Holcomb. Sam is a very dear and close friend of Bear's family and a big supporter of the Post. Thank you, Sam, and all those who have contributed. So, remember to read the monthly Bugle and go on the website to find out what's going on at your post.

One last thing folks, we have an opportunity to get our parking lots re-done at a very good price. We will start collecting donations solely for the north and south parking lots. If you wish to donate, please, see one of the Legion officers. Our goal is to collect a total of approximately \$25,000.00. Please help us in our goal to get our parking lots re-done. Thank you. God bless and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Semper fi

Jose Martinez

Commander, martinezjoseg@yahoo.com (714) 380-2005

Upcoming January Events

- New Years - January 1, 2019
- Blood Drive - January 13, 2019
- AL Riders' Breakfast - January 15, 2019



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

Greetings all, I hope your holidays are going well. Our Legionnaires' membership is at 77.75% so we are getting closer. If you have not renewed your membership yet, just see one of the officers at the Post to get it done. We are always looking for new members to join also, so if you know anyone that is interested, please invite them to the Post.

We are having a blood drive at our Post on Sunday, January 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please join us and help save a life. The AL Riders are also cooking breakfast that day and if you donate blood your breakfast will only be \$5.00. Now you can't beat that! We are also starting a donation drive to fix our parking lots. We need to raise about \$25,000. So, if you can please donate it will help out the Post. Thank you!

Victor de la Rosa
2nd Vice Commander
29th District American Legion
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**2nd Vice Cmdr,
Bill Springfield**

The November fundraiser at Zito's New York Pizza raised slightly more than \$84.00 for the Post. This meant that Zito's had more than \$420 in revenues from our attendees. I appreciate all who were able to be there to help our Post. While \$84 is not very much, it is still \$84 the Post wouldn't have had.

I am going to try to have our next fundraiser at the Katella Grill, a long time supporter of the Post. If I am able to get a date, it will be some time in February. I am hopeful in obtaining at least one more date at Zito's before my term as 2nd Vice-Commander expires.

I wish all our Post Veterans a very safe, healthy and blessed 2019.

William Stringfield
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**Tommy Dees
Clubroom
Manager**

Hi, Legion Family, The clubroom has been very slow lately due to the holidays.

We have the football playoffs coming up on the weekends. We will have food and drinks that are the least expensive in downtown Orange, so, bring yourself, friends and family to our Post for a good time. Remember, supporting your Post helps to support our Veterans, especially over the holidays.

On February 10th, the Sons will be hosting a Valentines' Champagne breakfast. So, do a good deed and bring your significant others for a great breakfast. It is a good way to start the day!

Tommy Dees
Clubroom Manager
Past Commander of Sons Squadron 132
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**Gerardo Robledo, Jr.
3rd Vice Commander**

Hello all, I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Children's Christmas party was very successful; the Auxiliary has done a tremendous job with the preparation of this year's Christmas party. Also, a big *thank you* to Santa Claus for stopping by to say "HoHoHo" to all the children and their families. I hope all of you *had a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!*

The oratorical is fast approaching- the Post will host the contest on February 10th at noon; \$500's worth of scholarship money will be awarded.

Upcoming Events: 2019, February 10, Oratorical; April- Easter Party!

Gerardo Robledo
Third Vice Commander,
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Mike Holmes, Adjutant/Finance Officer

Congratulations SONS!!! We made over 100% in Membership before Early Bird. I do believe that this is the first time this has ever happened. Thank you all for being a valued member of the SONS of the American Legion.

Thank you to Tom Flynn and his family for donating \$50 towards our Veterans Programs. We gave \$350 to a Veteran Family to have a nice Christmas. Their name was brought to our attention through operation Santa Claus from the Long Beach VA Hospital. That means they can have a Christmas tree, gifts for their children and food on the table.

On January 4th, 2019 the SONS will be serving a chicken dinner for \$8.00. Our next meeting is January 8, 2019, the 2nd Tuesday, starting at 6 pm. Hope you can be there. We will consider starting up a breakfast committee after the 1st of the year. More information to come.

My wife, Carol and I send to all of you a "Merry Christmas" and Happy New Year!

For God and Country
Mike Holmes, Adjutant
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Darlene Phillips, Unit 132 President Auxiliary

Family members, here it is, 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 (Who must be one of the 3 to be a Rider).

What did we do in December:

- Decorated at the VA with the AL Riders,
- Coat Drive (with the help of Orange Assistance League)
- Most were able to Attend the National Commander's Dinner, I would personally like to thank first Cindy & Ken Widdall and Henry for going over and beyond to beautify the Post for Commander Denise Rohan's visit.
- Ken & Clara George did a fantastic job with putting together the planning of the evening that also accompanied a complete Dinner, thanks to Ernesto and his wonderful family crew.
- Children's Christmas Party, our Auxiliary assisted with wrapping gifts. The Juniors came and helped as helpers that day as well. 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.
- The Auxiliary just hosted our 2nd Annual Volunteer Wish. Those that can attend the wrapping of gifts get to put in a raffle their Volunteer Wish. \$200 is earmarked to fulfill this wish. This year's Wish will be fulfilled by Veronica Hawkins and Sara Johnston who wished the money to go to the VA on behalf of their Pop/Grandpa Bear. They know firsthand how in the past the VA helped get Bear better when he was in need and know that monies, food, clothing all help those in need too!

So, in closing, on behalf of myself and my family, **WE WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY 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

In Remembrance Dale "Bear Phillips" Army Veteran 1956 - 2017

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Darlene "Just-Dar" Phillips
Auxiliary President, Unit 132
2016-2017 2017-2018

Wife of Army Veteran, Dale "Bear" Phillips "AIE"

PS: I will be MIA this New Year's as I will be hand delivering new membership cards all the way to Oregon. Welcome new Members Eric (Son) and Loretta (Auxiliary) Hollis. Yes, they live in Oregon but they will be fulfilling duties throughout the year. Both new members are eligible under each of their Fathers' service.





John Bloecher - AL Riders President

HAPPY NEW YEARS to all my American Legion brothers and sisters and your families. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Well, we are starting a new year and I hope it will be as successful as 2018. The AL Riders have a lot of rides planned for 2019 and we plan on continuing our efforts in supporting our fellow Veterans as we have in 2018.

We look forward to serving great meals and breakfasts and hope we will continue to have your support. We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs and our famous steaks and baked potato on Jan 11th. Breakfast will be on Jan 20th and it will be country fried steak. I hope to see you all at these meals.

As always I want to thank you for your consistent support and to all my AL Riders who continually dedicate their time to help make our events successful.

HAPPY NEW YEARS TO EVERYONE!

John Bloecher
ALR 132 President
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AL RIDERS AT THE VA DONATING THEIR TIME TO DECORATE THE WARDS AT LONG BEACH VA HOSPITAL

Way to go, AL Riders and other volunteers who went to the VA to decorate the wards for Christmas.

You guys are dedicated Christmas Elves that the VA looks forward to having every year.
Have a very Blessed and Happy New Year to all of you!





Sid Gauna, Finance Officer

Greetings again, fellow members of the American Legion Family. Well, this year is about gone and GEEZ, how time flies. Soon it will be 2019 and it seems like I am still in the same place I was a year ago, STILL!!! Not much has changed in Clubroom Bar since last month. Friday Night Dinners are doing okay but they could be better. In November we only had two rentals upstairs. The good thing that is happening now is that since the 1st of November, we are getting \$900.00 Rental Fee for the north parking lot from the offices next door. This money is being set aside for the parking lot resurfacing only.

Irwin H. Lowen donated \$150.00 for where most needed and the AL Riders donated \$200.00 for the Children's Christmas Party. The Sons and Auxiliary also donated \$200.00 each for the Children's Christmas Party directly to the Chairperson. UMAVA also donated two bicycles, with helmets, for the Children's Christmas Party. Other donations that have come in early this month will be reported next month.

In the Legion Account, 18 members paid their dues and we had 4 New Members. We would like to welcome them into our Family. We were over 75% by December 5th so I assume we made Early Bird. Thanks to those that have paid their dues. If you haven't paid, please do so. We still have over 100 members that haven't paid. November's 3rd and 4th Friday Opportunity Drawings brought in \$241.00 for Bugle support. We also received a \$100.00 Donation from Edward J. Barbarow for Bugle support. Thanks to all that donated.

I hope everyone had "A BLESSED CHRISTMAS" and I hope the coming year brings you Peace, Happiness and Good Health to you and your Family. All for now. You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at: sidgauna@aol.com.

Semper Fi,
Sid Gauna, Finance Officer,
USMC



John Minnella, Judge Advocate/Adjutant

Happy New Year, Comrades!

Make your New Year Resolution to get involved with the Post! We need your participation, your ideas, your opinion! Attend our monthly business meetings (First Thursday/Executive Committee and Second Thursday/General Membership); our Friday Night Socials (dinner, full bar, music, dancing, etc.); the special events of the Auxiliary, AL Sons, and AL Riders. December has special Post family events. Check the monthly calendar events near the end of this newsletter for details.

Please contribute what you can to our Building Fund! We would love to see you and enjoy your company! **We MUST raise \$25,000 over the next weeks to repave our parking lots. Consider a one-time, segregated donation to the Fund so we can make repaving happen now.**

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

John Manilla,
Judge Advocate/Adjutant



**RAY ALVARADO
SONS COMMANDER**

We did it, another tremendous year has come and gone. I am so excited about the direction that our Squadron is heading in. For the first time in a while I feel we are becoming a well lubricated machine. Your excitement, enthusiasm, and participation are contagious.

Thanks you guys for passing a motion to adopt a family this past Christmas. You made a world of difference to a needy Veteran Family. Your generous giving to the Children's Christmas Party, as well as, the deep fried baskets, plates, and forks you purchased for the kitchen.

Moving on to the New Year, I want to encourage all SONS, your family and friends to attend the New Year's Eve Party hosted by the Post. Also, don't forget the Blood Drive they are having on Sunday January 13, 2019 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. On Friday evening December 7th we raffled off four Knott's Berry Farm Annual Passes. Congratulations to Becky Huston our Big Winner. ENJOY THEM BECKY!

Expect us back in the kitchen on Friday January 4, 2019. That evening we will have our usual Steak, Bake Potato, Green Beans, Salad, & Dinner Roll for \$12. Our special will be Chicken, Potato and/or Macaroni Salad, a Dinner Roll, & Desert all for \$8. On Sunday Morning February 10, 2019 we will be hosting a Champagne Breakfast. Our team will be serving French toast, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, & Coffee. "We can't wait to Top off Your Glass". We are also planning a really neat fundraiser next month. So, keep your eyes open on my February article. SONS, mark your calendar, please. Our next meeting is Tuesday January 8, 2019. Your attendance is not only important but very much appreciated. Lastly, On behalf of each and every SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, WE SAY THANK YOU! Without you, none of this is possible.

May God Bless the United States of America, **Have a Blessed and Happy 2019!**

Ray Alvarado, Sons Commander,
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orangehills
ASSEMBLY

November 5, 2018

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 132
143 S. Lemon St.
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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to personally thank all of you for your generous contribution towards our Veteran's Day service. Because of your help and the help of many others, were able to bless close to forty Veterans and their families with care packages, gift bags, a patriotic service, and a great luncheon. This event was the kick off to our new and ongoing outreach ministry to our great veterans all over Orange County. Again, thank you for your part in this great ministry, and we hope to partner with you in the future.

In Christ's Great Love,

Brian Walkwitz
Lead Pastor
Orange Hills Assembly



LEO OUELLETTE, CHAPLAIN

Please keep your prayers coming at this time—lots of sickness is going on. Prayers and blessing to all who have lost a loved one and to those suffering from illnesses!

The Lord has been good to us but we need your help to repave our parking lot. Please help us!

Quips to ponder:

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you are going to go to bed with satisfaction.

Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you—as by the attitude you bring to life!

A library is a hospital for the mind, learn!

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Thank you to the following helpers with the Bugle: Mary Martinez, Pat Whitman, Pierre Duco, Mathew Valencia, Fina Cuz, Maddie Macias, Jack Peralta, Jessie Peralta, and Carol Martinez. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We were done in record time.

Leo & Esther Ouellette
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LEO OUELLETTE,
CURATOR



A couple of new items have been donated to the Post for the Museum. It is open to the public. Please inform your friends and family to come down and view it.

We now have security cameras installed in the Museum for protection against theft, thanks to John Schutz!

Leo Ouellette, Curator
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January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 	2 40/8 Mtg Post 555 Mtg 7:30pm	3  Legionnaires E-BOARD MTG 7 pm	4  Sons, Chick- en, potatoes & beans/Steaks 6pm-8pm DJ SOMMER	5
6	7	8 UMAVA BOARD MTG 6 PM  SONs Mtg 6 pm	9 VVA #785 Mtg 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	10  AL General Mtg 7 pm  ALA Meeting 7 am	11  AL RIDERS Spaghetti/ meatballs/Steaks 6pm - 8pm Blue Highway	12 9 am AL Riders' Mtg 
13 BLOOD DRIVE Post 132 10 am—4 pm	14	15  Auxiliary Bus Trip to Pala Leave 9 am	16 VVA CHAPTER #1034 - 6 PM Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	17	18  Legionnaires Dinner-/TBD / Steaks 6pm-8pm Midnight Cow- boys Band 8pm—12 am	19 UMAVA General Mtg 9 am
20  AL RIDERS Breakfast Country fried steak 8 am - 11 pm	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed	22	23 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza— 6pm	24	25  Auxiliary TBD/ Steaks 6 pm - 8 pm 5 Star Band 8 pm-12am	26 1st Calvary Mtg 9 am
27 Vietnam Cease - Fire 1973	28	29	30 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza—6pm	31		



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

There they are again, the Unit 132 Auxiliary ladies, putting together the Christmas gifts for the children's Christmas party. Thank you ladies for all you do! The Children's party was a big success thanks to you all and the many volunteers who helped as well!



BELOW:

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Together with Santa Clause, Unit 132 Auxiliary Children and Youth Chairperson, Carol Martinez, and Unit 132 Auxiliary Past President, Susie Flores conduct the Children's Christmas party with Santa handing out gifts and reindeer candy canes to the Children. The Children had a very merry time! Thank you all for your help with this event!



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**At The American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon Street, Orange, CA 92866**

DATE:

January 13, 2019

TIME:

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Open to all the Legion Family
(Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders, & Sons)
POC: Kathy - caiazzi9@aol.com**





BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

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143 S. LEMON
ORANGE**

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Virginia Martinez: 714-224-8551 or

Mark Crawford (714) 243-7342

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Chapter 132 - 143 S Lemon St, Orange, CA 92866

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December, 2018

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POST 132 HOURS: Open: M, T,W,TH – 3 PM - 8 PM; Fri, 12 PM -12 PM; Sat. & Sun -12 PM - 7 PM