

THE BUGLE



American Legion Post 132, Orange, California, NEWSLETTER, MAY 2022







VICTOR DE LA ROSA, COMMANDER

Greetings all: First and foremost I would like to thank Scott Conniff and Richard Cuellar from the Orange Fire Department for helping us get the rope back up on our flag pole (See pics on Page 6).

We have a lot going on at the Post. Please check our website at <u>orangepost132.com</u>. We're having some fundraisers coming up to replace the windows on our building. The windows are in really bad shape and we need get them replaced as soon as possible. Please look for ways you can help.

For all you Legionnaires out there, if you still have your dog tags, wear them to the Post on the third Friday of every month and receive a free drink. Just show your dog tags to one of the Post Officers and they will give you a token or ticket for a free drink.

This month we are having elections for Post Officers for the new year. Come down to the meeting and get involved and participate. Thank you.

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







JOSE MARTINEZ, FIRST VICE COMMANDER

As of April 22, membership stands at 82.58%. Which is 450 members of 545. Looks like we'll have to do more work beginning in July to get our 100% next year.

Otherwise, we are doing well at the Post. As you can see, our parking lot has been slurred. Looks really good. We are also looking to get our windows done on the building. We will be holding fundraising events throughout the year. Hoping everyone participates.

Also, I have been nominated and accepted to be the 1st Vice Commander for the 2022-2023 year. Thanks to Commander Victor for nominating me. Final nominations and elections will be the on May 12 meeting at 7pm. Please come and be part of what makes your Post tick.

We'll see you at your 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

I just came back from the 2022 Legion Riders Convention in Victorville. The Riders have had some significant changes over the last six months, including a completely new leadership. This can be an incredibly difficult challenge but the ALR DOC have stood up to the challenge and are creating a very positive culture that they are summing up in a single word: TOGETHER. This is their vision for the California riders this year and it dovetails nicely with the mission statement from the California Legion Department Commander: One Team, One Fight. Healthy Posts create a positive culture of mutual support and cooperation. They work TOGETHER. Each component of the Post Legion family knows and understands their role and how they support our mutual mission of serving Vets in our community. Healthy Posts find ways to use the individual talents of the members and family units to make their mutual Post a true home. You, as a member of the SAL, AUX, ALR or TAL are important to our success. Every meeting you attend, every event you help with, every new member you bring in makes a huge difference. Think about it. Are you a part of bringing our Post TOGETHER? Little things really do make a difference.

The last couple of months I have focused on individual volunteers in the spotlight, but this month I want to continue this idea of TOGETHER and how it actually works at our Post. Who doesn't like Taco & Karaoke Tuesday? Behind the scenes are two very active members of our Legion Family: Sommer and Mike! Did you know that Sommer is an active member of our Auxiliary unit? Or, that Mike is an active member of our Sons Squadron? They both freely give their time and talent through the year and Mike can be found dressed as jolly old St. Nick or the Easter Bunny for our children's holiday parties. TOGETHER, they make a difference at our Post. Everywhere you look you see examples of how our Legion family is interconnected with our family at home. Victor and Kathy, Mike and Carol, Victor and Toni, and so many more that I haven't mentioned. Each team brings so much to our Post family as they work TOGETHER, and their contribution is very much appreciated.

It is May and that means election time. It is my proud duty to inform our membership that the following Legion members have been nominated to serve as officers of your Post for Legion year 2022-2023:

- Commander Victor De La Rosa
- 1st Vice Commander Jose Martinez
- 2nd Vice Commander John Schutz
- 3rd Vice Commander Gerardo Robledo
- Treasurer Susan Wood

Executive Board (4 positions)

- Ernie Celaya
- Glen Davis
- Tom Duprey
- Ulises Godinez

Second nominations and the election will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 7pm. Nominations remain open for all elected positions so come be a part of the process. We are always looking for great ideas and fresh faces as we work TOGETHER for a fantastic 2022-2023 Legion year. See you down at the Post.

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:

Penny Wars has ended. Congratulations to the Legionnaires! We raised \$285 overall. May will be an exciting month. We're having another Dog Tag Day on May 20th. All you have to do is wear your dog tags and you can have a free well drink or domestic beer on us. Here are more upcoming events:

- Every Tuesday Karaoke every Tuesday Night (6-9pm)
- Every Sunday Breakfast 9-11am
- Sun, May 1 Blood drive 9am-4pm
- Sat, May 7 We are in the City of Orange May Parade (Meet at Post at 10am)
- Sun, May 8 Mother's Day breakfast (free for Moms) 9-11am
- Sun, May 8 Blues band: Driving Sideways (1-4pm)
- Thurs, May 12 2nd nominations and voting for Post Officers (7pm)
- Sat, May 14 Spring Dance (5-11pm)
- Sun, May 15 Breakfast honoring Police Officers (Officers eat free) 9-11am
- Fri, May 20 Dog Tag Day. Wear your dog tags, get a free drink.
- Sat, May 21 Post cleanup day (9am-2pm)
- Sat, May 28 Blind beer tasting

OTHER ACTIVITIES we are working on:

- Junk in a Trunk (June)
- Wine Tasting (July)
- Beer Tasting (Sept)

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

- May 1 Eggs, Sausage, & Hash Browns
- May 8 French Toast, Eggs, Sausage & Potato Tots
- May 15 Ham & Cheese Croissants, Eggs, & Potatoes
- May 22 French Toast
- May 29 Chorizo & Eggs or Pozole

On the AL Riders side: Riders will be serving cheese enchiladas (\$10) or steaks (\$15) on Friday the 13th. The Riders meeting will be on April 14 at 8:30am. Here is our schedule for May 2022:

- Sat, May 7 Orange May Parade
- Fri, May 13 Riders Dinner [Help setup 2pm / Dinner 6-7:30pm]
- Sat, May 14 Meeting 8:30, RIDE 555 Chili Cookoff & 716 Blessing of the Bikes (11-4pm)
- Sat, May 21 Post Cleanup Day (9am-2pm)
- Sun, May 22 Riders Breakfast (Setup 7am / Breakfast 8:30-11am)

John Schutz 2nd Vice Commander John.schutz@mbww.com (949) 870-2084





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

Comrades and Friends!

Fortunately, from the Post Judge Advocate desk, there is nothing new. Post and District Legion Family officer elections are upon us and you are encouraged to run for something and help us operate the Legion. You can even nominate yourself. Basic requirement: An active membership card!!!!!

A bit of good news: Russian release of an American Marine veteran finally after long imprisonment.

I'm recovering from knee (meniscus) surgery so I can finally get out there on the dance floor for my cumbias and merengues!!!! (A little hint, Sommer and Tony.) See you Fridays and Tuesdays for sure!

Finally, please remember we are a close Legion Family despite our individuality; 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); and most of all remember our commitment to our Constitution and Country, though if you are a veteran, that reminder is really not necessary. If I can be of any help to you, feel free to contact me 24/7/365.

A happy Cinco de Mayo and Mothers' Day and an eternal remembrance on Memorial Day of those who gave everything.

John Minnella

Post 132 Immediate Past Commander (#85)

Post 132 Judge Advocate

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District 29 Commander

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DAVID ANDERSON, CHAPLAIN

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3–4

It's so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day struggle that is our lives. Making a living, paying bills, relationships at work and home, money worries, etc. But, the moment we let it all go, take a breath, and care for others, our problems diminish! God will reward you for loving your fellow human beings. All of us are created in God's image, regardless of race, gender, social status, wealth or lack thereof. When we reach out to someone in need, we are doing God's work. The next time you see someone that makes you uncomfortable; homeless, acting a little strange, physically or mentally handicapped, PTSD, or any number of things, reach out to them. Be safe, but reach out. Sometimes all it takes is for someone to acknowledge that they are here, they count, they are a human being, not to be ignored and walked past because we are afraid. Try it! You'll change someone else's life as well as your own!

We are removing the monthly Chaplain's Fellowship Meeting from the Post Calendar due to lack of attendance. If you are ever in need, please call me!

Chaplain Dave, (714) 294-9245, anderson21us@yahoo.com





KATHY KULP, UNIT 132 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Thank you ladies for all you do. Melissa, your forward thinking and new ideas for the kids parties is appreciated. You and your team do a fantastic job, thank you. Dinner once again was a success. Thank you to all who work the Friday dinners. We have phenomenal women cooking the steaks. If anyone else is interested, please step up. The poppy donations are coming in. So far we have exceeded more than \$1K in donations. Over 900 letters and poppies went out. Thank you Martha for heading that up!

And so, on to May. May 1 is our blood drive. On Saturday, May 14, Auxiliary is hosting an evening of dancing with DJ Sommer. There will be food to purchase and a \$5.00 donation at the door. All proceeds go towards new windows. The next day, May 15, the breakfast team will be hard at work. On May 27, our dinner special is chicken cordon bleu with mashed potatoes. Looking forward to seeing everyone one at our next meeting on May 12. This is the meeting for nominations and voting. If everyone could help out and volunteer at least 2-3 hours a month we could get to know each other better. Again, thank you so much.

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









MIKE HOLMES, SONS COMMANDER

The SONS are hosting Mothers' Day breakfast on Sunday May 8th from 9-11am. We will be serving french toast, scrambled eggs and tater tots, as well as fresh fruit, coffee, and orange juice. Mothers eat free, so bring your families and enjoy a day with the SONS of the American Legion.

SONS, please make every effort to attend our meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2022. We will be having Nominations of Officers (You must be present or furnish acceptance of said nomination in writing to the Squadron Adjutant, subject to the approval of the members present at said meeting). Plus we'll be discussing other much needed business that must be taken care of.

The SONS Friday dinner is May 6th, with rotisserie chicken with baked beans and cornbread.

The SONS' June breakfast will be Sunday, the 12th. We are switching Sundays with the Auxiliary in June also, since they will be cooking Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 19th. Again, come down and enjoy some great food.

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





JAMES GOMEZ, BUGLE EDITOR

Commander de la Rosa wrote in his update that Scott Conniff and Richard Cuellar from the Orange Fire Department helped us re-connect the rope on our flag pole. I didn't have space on the front page for the pictures, so I'm including them here.

James Gomez, buglepost132@gmail.com



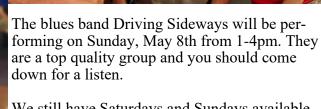


CLUBROOM UPDATE & PICTURES



We are proceeding full steam ahead. Attendance is growing more and more. Jose Martinez has been quite busy booking private events in the ballroom. The money we bring in from those events are very important in maintaining our facility.

Some of you have pointed out some areas in the clubroom that need some cleaning. I will try to take on as many of these as I can. It is just hard for me to get up off the ground once I go down there.



We still have Saturdays and Sundays available for members to have a private party. The club room is available to Post family members only. For \$270 you can have a party from 7pm to



Midnight. There are other terms and conditions. For more information about renting the clubroom, call me at (714) 606-2930.

Craig Coleman, Club Manager craigmo36@yahoo.com (714) 606-2930



STORIES FROM THE 1917 WALL



On the last Monday in May we observe Memorial Day, honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. military. In this Story From the 1917 Wall, we meet the first man from Orange killed in World War I: Clarence Otto Rozell (who went by his middle name, Otto).

Otto was born to Charles and Clara Rozell on July 21, 1898 in Otisco Township, Michigan, a small town northeast of Grand Rapids. Sometime after 1910 the family made its way to Orange, where Otto attended Orange Union High School (located in buildings now occupied by Chapman University). Newspapers from 1918 recount that Otto was a

popular high school student with a strong athletic record in football, basketball and track. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps on January 14, 1918 when he was 19 years old.

As part of the 6th USMC Regiment, 2nd Division, Otto served at Château-Thierry, France, during a victorious allied push from the Marne to the Vesle river in July 1918. This counter-offensive, known as the Second Battle of the Marne, marked the start of the relentless allied advance which culminated in the armistice with Germany about 100 days later.

Sadly, Otto was severely injured with a shrapnel wound on July 21, 1918 (his 20th birthday). He had six fractured ribs and a hemorrhage of the lower lobe of his right lung. He passed six days later.

Because news of Otto's injury/death came piecemeal, with agonizingly slow gaps between updates, Otto's parents at first refused to believe he was dead, newspapers reported. Hope was extinguished, however, when they received detailed letters from the chaplain who oversaw Otto's funeral and a fellow Marine who served alongside Otto when he was injured.

Otto was laid to rest at the American Cemetery and Memorial in Suresnes, France, just three miles west of central Paris (with views of the Eiffel Tower). The 7.5-acre cemetery contains the remains of 1,559 Americans who died in World War I and 23 unknown dead of World War II. Otto's brother, Vernon Rozell (who served in the Army during World War I and is also on the 1917 Wall at American Legion Post 132), visited the cemetery sometime after Otto's death and stated that it was one of the prettiest places he has ever seen.

In September 1918 Otto's high school held a memorial for the school's hero classmate. We too remember Private Rozell and thank him for his sacrifice and valor in the pursuit of freedom.

Part of an ongoing series exploring some of the 158 brave men & women on the 1917 Wall in the Post 132 clubroom.



MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast: (Legionnaires) Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm Blood Drive 9am-4pm Silver Star Service	2	Sons General Meeting 6pm Bar Open 5-10pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	4	Bar Open 5-9pm American Legion E-Board Meeting 7pm Cinco de Mayo Party \$3 Margaritas 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner: (Sons) Rotisserie Chicken, Beans, Combread (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30 Military Spouse	7 Orange May Parade Meet at 10am Bar Open 1-8pm
Banner Day Mother's Day Breakfast: (Sons) French toast, eggs, sausage, tater tots 9-11am (Free for Moms) Bar Open: 9am-5pm Blues band: Driving Sideways 1-4pm	9 ABATE Meeting 7pm	Bar Open 5-10pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	11 UMAVA E-Board Meeting 6:30pm	Bar Open 5-9pm Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm Legionnaire General Mtg 7pm	Appreciation Day 13 Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner: (Riders) Cheese Enchiladas (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30 Children of Fallen Patriots Day	AL Riders General Meeting 8:30am RIDE AVU Meeting 11am Spring Window Fundraiser Summer Kick Off Dance 5-11pm (\$5 cover) Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: (Auxiliary) Ham & Cheese Croissants, Eggs, Potatoes 9-11am (Police Officers eat free) Bar Open: 9am-5pm Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	Bar Open 5-10pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm Premiere Women's Council 6pm	18 VVA #1024 Meeting 6:30pm	Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner: (Legionnaires) Steaks, Baked Potato, Salad (\$15) 6-7:30 Dog Tag Day: Wear Your Tags Get a Drink	Post Cleanup Day 9am-2pm 1st Cav Mtg 9am UMAVA Mtg 9:30am Bar Open 1-8pm
Breakfast: (Riders) French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Tater Tots 9-11am Bar Open: 9am-5pm UMAVA Fundraiser Dance featuring The Cuates \$10 2-6pm	23	Bar Open 5-10pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	25	26 Bar Open 5-9pm	Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner: (Auxiliary) Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30	Bar Open 1-8pm Blind Beer Tasting (Time TBD)
Breakfast: Chorizo & Eggs or Pozole 9-11am Bar Open 9am-5pm	Memorial Day Post Closed	Bar Open 5-10pm Karaoke with DJ Mike 6-9pm	June 1	Bar Open 5-9pm American Legion E-Board Meeting 7pm	Bar Open 5-11pm Dinner: (Sons) Special (\$10) Steaks (\$15) 6-7:30	June 4 Bar Open 1-8pm

Breakfast Menu

MAY Sausage,

1 & Hash Browns
FROM 9 - 11 AM

8 YAM

French Toast, Eggs, Sausage & Potato Tots

FROM 9 - 11 AM

MAY 15

Ham & Cheese Croissants Eggs & Potatoes

FROM 9 - 11 AM

MAY

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French Toast, Eggs, Sausage & Potato Tots

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