

American Legion Post 132  
PO Box 214  
143 S Lemon St  
Orange, CA 92866-1319  
Phone 714 538 6311



Non Profit Org.  
US Postage Orange, CA  
Permit 229



# BUGLE

## MARCH 2011 ISSUE

Post Officers	Page 1
Commander's Message	Page 2
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Message	Page 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Message	Page 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander's Message	Page 5
Adjutant's Message	Page 6
Club Room Manager's Message	Page 6
Auxiliary's Message	Page 7
Calendar	Page 8

## 2010-2011 OFFICERS

### AMERICAN LEGION

**Commander**  
**Oliver Taylor**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Tom Wilkie**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Virgil Swope II**  
**Finance Officer**  
**Sid Gauna**

### AUXILIARY

**President**  
**Esther Ouellette**  
  
**Secretary**  
**Evelyn Cummings**  
**Treasurer**  
**Carol Goss**

### SALS

**Commander**  
**Tommy Dees**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**TBA**  
**Adjutant**  
**Pierre Duco**  
**Finance Officer**  
**Pierre Duco**

### POST HOURS

Monday & Wednesday Through Sunday Open 12:00 Noon

## COMMANDER'S NOTES



### “What’s Happening?”

Three more months and this Legion Year will be history. It is hard to believe, but it is so. First nomination of Post Officers is Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the General Meeting. I have mentioned this fact for the last two months and now it is time to act. Remember, (this is a little know fact) you can nominate yourself for an office. So if you really want to effect change and make a difference, step right up. A couple of housekeeping things I need to bring to the attention of the membership. Last month the Ladies Auxiliary put on a meal for the Legion prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month. Not only was this a wonderful fellowship between the Ladies and the Legionnaires, with wonderful food. Gil Flores had approached me about doing such a thing. He approached The Auxiliary President and it came to pass. These kinds of ideas and action follow-up will bring new life to an old Post. Speaking of Old, did you know that on March 15<sup>th</sup> Orange Post 132 was ninety-three (93) years young. The old building has seen many a member come and go. We really need to start thinking about a really big bash for our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Things are really hopping around the Post. We are still working with the City of Orange to resolve building improvement issues and permits for same. We are looking at some new sources of income for the Post that does not include Banquet Hall rentals and the best news of all is that attendance at General Post meetings has shown great improvement. When you consider the membership rolls has over four hundred (400) names on it and we don't get a fourth at any meeting that is not good. BUT, and that is a big BUT, compared to past attendance we are really smoking. I Look at Newport Harbor Post 291 with well over three thousand members and if they can't get a hundred at a meeting I have no room to complain. The other side of that coin is we really need more participation from the general membership. I really try to keep meeting length to one hour and most of the time we are successful. If you don't make the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, make it a point to make the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I am looking for volunteers to man the Polling Station for next month. Normally there are two Post members and the Adjutant. The polls open at 4 PM and close at 7 PM and the date is Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in doing this most important job see me. One last reminder, the Club Room Manager has extended the hours that the Club Room is now open, Every day except Tuesday from twelve (12) noon until he runs out of patrons. Come on down and keep ole Bill company and wet you whistle. .

That's 30 for this time, but remember.

**“Keep the faith**

Oliver  
garengrovetaylo@aol.com  
714 791 4419 (Cell)  
714 534 8269 (Hone)

# 1st VICE-COMMANDER

## (Membership)

Hi, I'm Tom Wilkie  
Last year's 2nd Vice-Commander  
And Past 3rd Vice-Commander



More than 80% of our members have paid their dues for the next year. Have you? Your annual dues barely pays for printing and sending this newsletter, keeping you up to date regarding the many improvements and changes which occur each month. So, without your dues (only \$30 a year), we'll have to stop sending you the Bugle. And that isn't the only disappointment.

If you are no longer a member of this post, you will also miss out on the Friday night dinners and dances, beer on tap, great prices, the many social activities being planned and held and other new developments to benefit you. So, if you haven't yet paid your dues, please, do so now.

We now have a new cook, Lisa Lisajo. She will offer delicious steak, shrimp or fish dinners on Fridays for just \$9 - \$13 each. This will include baked or french-fried potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter, salad and dessert. A great price for such a large and tasty meal. So come on down every Friday to meet with your fellow veterans while you enjoy the food and music.

By the way- we are ALL on the Membership Committee. So ask your friends, neighbors and other veterans to become members of Orange Post 132. You'll be glad you did.

Tom Wilkie, 1<sup>st</sup> V.C.  
(714) 283-8660

2nd VICE-Commander  
Virgil Swope, II



From the desk of the Second Vice Commander & Building Manager:

No article this month

## Children's Easter Party



Saturday April 23, 2011  
1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

## 3rd VICE-COMMANDER Gil Flores



Our American Legion post held an interview session for candidates who submitted applications for our Boys State program. Three delegates and two alternates were selected for the highly competitive program. The young men selected as delegates were:

**Christopher Dekmezian**, Oxford Academy, City of Cypress

**Pars Parikh**, Kennedy High School, City of La Palma

**Joe Crosson**, Servite High School, City of Anaheim

**Alternates selected were: Brian Lai** (1st Alternate), Orange High School, City of Orange

**Kevin Luong** (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate), Oxford Academy, City of Cypress

Special thanks are in order for Tom Wilke, Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and Past Boys State Chair, who assisted me with the Boys State program, and Mr. Fred Whittaker and Albert Walraven who served as Interview Judges for the program.

The Post has received Boys State donations in the amount of approximately \$850.00 to date, but we still need \$700.00 more to cover the expense of sending these three fine students to Sacramento. Donations from American Legion members and supporters are solicited and welcome to ensure adequate funds are available for this important program. Donations should be sent to AL Post 132 in Orange.

Additionally, plans are also underway to have a Children's Easter event at the Post. Ms. Virginia "Virgie" Martinez, from the Ladies Auxiliary, has kindly volunteered to assist me with the Easter event. I really appreciate Virginia's and the Ladies Auxiliary's help on this worthwhile event. THANK YOU Ladies.

## **BUS TRIP TO THE PALA CASINO TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

LEAVE FROM: AMERICAN LEGION POST

143 S. LEMON ORANGE

PARK IN AMERICAN LEGION POST PARKING LOT

**BUS LEAVES 7:30A.M. SHARP,**

**Please BE THERE BY 7:00 A.M**

**FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON**

**WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER**

**PAY AT TIME OF BOARDING**

**You Will Need A Valid Drivers License, I D Card or Passport**

**YOU MUST CALL ALICE OR CAROL FOR RESERVATIONS:**

Alice Pugh: 714-532-5984 Carol Goss: 714-978-2161 Cell 714-473-2451

**WE MUST HAVE 45 SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP**

## **ADJUTANT'S CORNER**

(Jerry Hoosier 714 997 3337)

cyhugo@pacbell.net



Come on July – I'm tired of being cold! The VA Hospital visits are becoming an adventure with 14 and 15 patients there every Sunday. They are going through pizza as if they had never eaten before. We have been buying four, but I think we'll go to five this next Sunday. Come to think of it, with all the shortcuts that are being tried in this economy the VA may just be saying Post 132 will be here tonight so we don't need to feed them dinner! Fortunately we can keep up with trips to the VA because of donations received from you members. This month Dr. William Olsen continued his monthly contribution which was greatly appreciated. Another Post member that I want to express appreciation to is Feliz Garza. I don't have to call Felix to ask if he can help at the hospital. He calls me. Felix is a volunteer. He is involved with his grandchildren's school, the Boy Scouts, the Catholic Church and I don't know how many more organizations. Felix Garza is a PATRIOT! I would like to say something to our younger members. I know you are busy trying to get ahead in your job and raising the kids. But you should start thinking about getting involved as the current crop of Legionnaires are about ready to pass the torch and somebody is going to have to step into their harness or there won't be anybody to look after our veterans. Look at the calendar for the day and times for the next meeting.

**Clubroom Manager,  
Bill Hancock, says:**



We now have draft beer and we'll soon have 3 selections thanks to our 2nd Vice-commander, Virgil Swope. We also have a new band, Night Moves, for the 5th Friday this month. They're very good. I think you'll agree and enjoy their music as much as I do. So come on down & support the Legion. We need all the support we can get.

Clubroom Manager  
Bill Hancock

## Auxiliary President's Message

### **NEW ELECTIONS:**

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Unit 132, the position of Auxiliary President was deemed "vacant" at the January 20, 2011 meeting. First nominations for the office of President were opened and my name was placed on the ballot. Second nominations, and election was held on February 3, 2011. Having received no additional nominations, I was elected as our new President. My installation as President was done immediately after the election.

Since that left a vacant First Vice President open, and an opening for an E-Board person – the floor was opened for first nominations. They are as follows: First Vice President: Nadine Bales; E-Board: Rachel Aries. Second nominations, election, and installations were on February 17, 2011.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

If anyone is interested in an American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, particularly information regarding the Dawn M. Stoller Memorial Scholarship the cut-off date is May 1, 2011, please forward any inquiries to the attention of Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451.

### **AUXILIARY DONATIONS:**

Many people who donate to Unit 132 Auxiliary have no idea where their donations are going. The Auxiliary is sharing a list of donations it made for the years 2010-2011. The recipients are as follows: \$500 to the American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs/Rehabilitation for needy Veterans; \$200 to Long Beach VA Hospital for much needed sweat pants; \$200 for bus passes; \$300 for Christmas Gifts to Post 266; \$200 for bus passes for the blind and handicapped Veterans; \$200 to American Legion Child Welfare. \$300 to Synergy Drum Corps for assisting the American Legion in fundraiser functions; \$500 to Orange Unit 132 Children/Youth parties; \$400 to a Military family that returned from Afghanistan for a brighter Christmas; and last, but not least \$300 to the American Legion Post 132 to assist in the costs of printing and mailing the Bugle. Other donations go to many other recipients, too many to mention, i.e.: the ill, funerals, etc.

The Auxiliary also has occasion to visit the T2 (spinal chord injuries) Ward at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital in January and February of 2011. My husband, Leo and I visited in January and the February Valentine's visit consisted of myself, Virginia Martinez, Beatrice Valdez, and Harriett Mattos. At both meetings, we provided the veterans with healthy snacks, drinks, \$5.00 coupons books that the veterans could spend for personal items during their hospitalization. During the February visit, Junior Auxiliary Member Morganna Dismore and her mother Susan made special Valentine Cards that were included in the decorated Valentine Day bags.

If anyone is interested in joining the Orange Unit 132 Auxiliary, please contact me at (714) 636-6275. It is a very rewarding and worthwhile cause.

Thank you all for your support.

Esther V. Ouellette  
American Legion Auxiliary  
President  
(714) 636-6275



# APRIL 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Texas Renegades	2
3	4	5	6	7 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 P.M.	8 Bounty Hunter	9
10	11	12	13	14 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.  Bugle article Deadline!!	15 Tropic Starr	16
17	18	19	20 Folding & Labeling Newsletter At Post 10:00 A.M.	21 Post Meeting 7:30 P.M.	22 5 Star Band	23 Children's Easter Party 1:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.
24	25	26	27	28	29 Night Moves  Ritual Contest Santa Ana	30  Ritual Contest Santa Ana
						