



COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE

If any of you have thought about becoming an officer of Post 132, now is the time to let that desire be known. We will be having First Nominations for officers at the April 11, 2013 meeting. If you go on the Internet to the National Website: www.legion.org and to the Department Website: www.calegion.org you will find a lot of manuals, brochures and forms that can be downloaded at no cost to you. Take some time and explore these two websites.

The last word is that the Department of California American Legion is still moving to a temporary location from the War Memorial Building so the building can go through a two-year retrofit and remodeling. Department is still supposed to be moving out of the building some time in April 2013. The new address will be: 205 13th Street, Suite 3300, San Francisco, CA 94103-5461.

Yours in Comradeship,
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander
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ADJUTANT

No article submitted.

For God and Country
Your Adjutant, Adrian "Mortie" Morton
US Army Retired

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Another brief observation - - - Those of us who are currently elected or appointed as officers of Post 132 have a responsibility to represent the membership and enforce our Constitution and By-laws. If members have a problem or complaint that they feel should be addressed, you can bring it to the attention of one of the Legionnaire officers and it will be looked at and action taken, if appropriate.

A recent example of this is a complaint from some members who were concerned that they had to pass by the area outside the back entry where other members were smoking. The complaints were looked at and as a result a smoking area has been designated and signage was put in place to identify it as our official designated smoking area.

The point here is that if you do have valid issues, they will be addressed and action taken if appropriate.

Robert Mitchell
Judge Advocate



1ST VICE COMMANDER, GIL FLORES

Dear Comrades,

I am pleased to report that our special St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dance, held on March 17th was an outstanding success! We had great attendance, outstanding food, and a good time was had by all. Additionally, due to the proceeds from the event, it enabled us to recoup a large portion of the funds our Post had allocated to send four high school juniors to the 2013 Boys' State program. Special thanks are in order to Esther Ouellette, President of our Auxiliary, who prepared an outstanding menu for the attendees at a reasonable price. *Thank you Esther for the great work you did in preparing an outstanding menu. We received many positive comments on the meal served at the St. Patrick's Day event.*

On another note, we experienced a positive spike in our membership rating as shown on the 3/14/13 Membership Report from the State office which reflected 95.06 percent of our Post's goal. This is an increase of 4.44% from last month's report. As of March 14, 2013, we have 357 paid members, 30 PUFL members, and 8 additional transfers for a total of 385 members in good standing. But, in order to hit the magic number of 100%, we have a little work to do before the April 10, 2013 deadline. The Post's Executive Board members have agreed to go all out in helping our Adjutant and me obtain the 100 percent goal. As I previously reported, membership recruitment and retention is an inherent responsibility of all American Legion Post members and we will continue to work hard in attaining the 100% goal.

Please continue to support our Friday night dinners, hosted weekly by several entities of Post 132. This includes the Legionnaires, AL Riders, the Auxiliary, and the SONs. Again, you can enjoy great music, and a good meal at a very reasonable price. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Friday night dinners and other Post 132 events.

Finally, we are still seeking member donations for the 2013 Boys' State program and other Post 132 programs. Your donations are vital in helping us conduct outreach programs and events on behalf of our Post. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

For God and Country,

Gil Flores

1st Vice Commander
AL Orange Post 132

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

No article submitted.

Pete Quintana

THIRD VICE COMMANDER

BOYS' STATE PROGRAM

Our AL Post 132 Chapter's Boys' State panel application interviews were held on Saturday, 3/9/13. Finalists chosen to attend this prestigious event in Sacramento, California in June are as follows: William Binning (Servite H. S.), Dominic Media, (Oxford Academy), Sam Yoelin and Hans Calle (Villa Park H.S.). The Alternate Delegate is David Martin (John F. Kennedy H.S.). I'd like to thank Virgil Swope for hand-delivering a few of these Boys' State High School applications on his own...including a most important visit to Villa Park.

I thank all our judges for their help with the Boys' State interviews....thanks so much to Leo Ouellette, Adrian "Mortie" Morton, and Bob Mitchell.

At this point, the cost for each Boys' State delegate is \$400.00 plus transportation with ancillary costs associated with the mandatory Instructional Dinner at Newport Harbor Post which will be hosted by Post 132. Toward this end, I cannot thank our Legion's support enough for the Sunday, 3/17/13 fundraiser event. This afternoon event, planned by our own 1st VC Gil Flores, was excellent and MANY thanks to Esther Ouellette (like I need to include our Auxiliary President's last name..?)...her enchiladas were to die for and I'd like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy weekend to support this effort. To date, \$2,350.00 has been collected from Selman Chevrolet's personal donation and the St. Patrick's Day event, but we are not done yet!!

The Children's Easter Party will be held as planned on Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 12 pm to 3 pm. (Pray for good weather). Susan Dinsmore and Jenny Guajardo are planning the menus and inviting the children. I'd also like to thank Pete Quintana for his generous effort in donating the candy for this event. A petting zoo is also planned for the children for 2 hours (Susan is focal). The AL Riders will provide oversight in the yard for protection of children during the petting zoo review and ROTC cadets (4 -5) have been contacted to monitor stair safety, etc. *Safety waivers (releases) will be submitted to parents for signature for children attending the petting zoo.* Children will be separated into groups by age for attending the petting zoo (2 to 5 yrs old, 6 to 10 and 11 and over age groups). Please let me know if you have any suggestions for this Easter event or more importantly...please advise of any question or suggestion that you may have.

Regards and have a great month and oh, YES!! Happy Birthday Gil!

Joanne Barton (714) 655-4770
Third Vice Commander
AL Post 132



FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Greetings from China. As you know, I have been sent to China for installation of equipment. Gil Flores has assumed the financial duties while I am gone. Questions should be addressed to him. I will be returning soon. Upon my return, you can call me at (714)371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com

Semper Fi,
Isidro "Sid" Gauna,
Finance Officer, 2006-2013

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Life" is a gift to us from God. The way we live our lives is our gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. ***HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!***

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us not forget why we have it ...
Because we are a people of faith.

We have faith in each other, together we stand.
We have faith in our leaders and faith in our land.
We have faith in the future. We're here to stay.
We're a people of faith. We take time to pray.

On September 11, we were hit hard!
The face of our nation, we were wounded and scared.
The towers are gone, but our spirit is back.
As a people of faith, we survived the attack.
There is still talk of terror and war in the news.
This is one battle, we must not lose.

We honor our troops on land, sea and air.
As a people of faith, we support them with prayer.
(To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.)

The family of Post 132 extends their condolences to the family of SONS' member Ray Alvarado for the passing of his father, Gilbert B. Alvarado, to Post Everlasting. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Emmett Bowers
Chaplain, Post 132



SERVICE OFFICER

Hello my fellow Legionnaire Family and friends:

Here we are, another month has passed us by. Easter is upon us so I hope we all take time to give our thanks to our Lord and all he has given and blessed us with.

I have not been doing much in helping anyone but I have guided a few Vets to the people that can get them with the help they need. Re: my comments on last month's Bugle, I felt like they fell on deaf ears. I did not receive one comment from anyone.

I have said my prayers for the soldiers who have given their lives in combat for us, to the ones that just died in training, and their surviving loved ones and families. I hope you have too.

We have a Department of California Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Seminar on Saturday, April 6, 2013. ***Please RSVP. Send an e-mail to: scott.mckee1@va.gov as seating is limited!*** It is from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. See attached flyer re: the VA Benefits Seminar.

Here is a prayer my wife, Elaine, made up that I love so much and I take it to many events:

*Our soldiers died, that we might live!
May, we be worthy of their sacrifice.
To
Honor their families,
Respect their Country,
Defend their moral heritage,
And
Let evil take no more from them!
So, help us God
'til, we see them again!
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Terry Morse
Service Officer
ceeingeye@aol.com



AL RIDERS, VICE PRESIDENT

April is almost upon us and I truly have a lot to be thankful for!! First of all I would like to send out my sincerest appreciation for all of the support I received while recovering from a mild heart attack. Your well wishes are truly healing when someone is down with illness or injury so ***Thank You*** for all of your support. I am back up to full steam again and have returned to work and am looking forward to many more years of health and wellness along with service to our Veterans, the American Legion and also to the Legion Riders!! I can't say enough about Long Beach VA and Long Beach Memorial Hospital where I received the best possible care from some of the most caring doctors and nurses around. ***Thank You!!***

On a lighter note April will be a busy month for us. First, we will have 1st nominations for officers for the Legion Riders, and yes, I am running for President of the Chapter!!

We are having a dinner on the 12th of April. I haven't decided on a menu yet but you can bet it will be something delicious in true Riders' fashion!! We will also be having a breakfast on the 28th of April this will be a full-on made-to-order breakfast with chicken fried steak, biscuits and gravy, bacon or sausage, eggs to order, toast, juice and coffee! So come on down and enjoy!!

We have several new members joining Post 132, some transfers and some new members, so please welcome the new faces at the Post! Also, we are participating in a golf tournament with Yorba Linda Post 679 on April 27th wherein we will be selling tickets for the Harley Davidson motorcycle drawing!! I will try and get a flyer to the Post with all the info for anyone interested in the golf tournament !!

Also, we are again having the Chino Air Show in May and will be selling tickets for the P51 Drawing. Last year we sold 3 Rides on the P51 and all the winners enjoyed the ride on the aircraft!! Tickets will be sold for \$25.00 -- same as last year!! So come on down and support Post 132 and all of the Legion Family as your support is what makes it easy for us to do the good deeds that we do for our veterans and their families. See you at the Post!!

Dale "Bear" Phillips
Vice President
AL Riders Chapter 132
Executive Committee Member Post 132

SONS COMMANDER

Hi, Comrades:

I want to send out my condolences to Ray Alvarado and his Family for the passing of his father, Gilbert B. Alvarado.

Captain Kangaroo (Dan Drew) will be released from the hospital April 1, 2013.

I want to give a big shout out to Brett "Egg Man" Jackson and Sgt. at Arms, Mario Beltran for putting up the remaining flags. If you have not seen the flags, please come to the Post to see them. They look great! It's like looking at an embassy.

The SONS Squadron donated \$100 to the Children's Easter Party and \$200 for new barstools. Last month's dinner and breakfast raffle did very well, thanks to your support.

The upcoming dinner on April 5, 2013 will be ham, mashed potatoes, veggies, gravy & rolls. April 14, 2013 is the Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast from 9 AM to 12 PM. SONS' next meeting will be: Sunday April 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

"For God and Country"

Tommy Dees,
SONs of the American Legion
Commander in Support
(714) 789-8197

BUILDING/CLUBROOM MANAGER

Greetings,

March was a busy month and a good one for the Legion rentals. The St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dance was very successful. We missed Sid but Gil is doing a good job sitting in for him.

Thank you for your continued support at our Friday nights dinners and all the Legion events taking place. We couldn't survive without the support of all you members and guests.

Yours in Comradeship
Bill Hancock
Building/Clubroom Manager
(714) 538-6311



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings, Everyone:

Carol Goss Holmes, Harriett Mattos and I attended the District 29 Meeting at the Santa Ana Post 131 on Sunday, March 10, 2013. It was stressed that the End-of-the-Year Reports are due. All members in charge of a committee, please submit a report of all the time, projects, and/or money you spent during your term as Chairperson to me or Carol Goss Holmes as soon as possible. We need to review and finalize any reports you submit prior to the April due date. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Auxiliary is very close to making 100% membership. Please, if you know someone that might be interested in joining the Auxiliary, please invite them to attend our meetings and functions. ***PLEASE, IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2013 DUES, PLEASE DO SO. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP!***

The St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dance for the Boys' State Program was very successful. We had a wonderful turnout and it seemed like everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who attended, enough money was raised to send the Boys to Sacramento.

Now it's onward with the Children's Easter Party which is being organized by Joanne Barton, 2nd Vice Commander, Susan Dinsmore, Jenny Guajardo and Morganna Dinsmore. This year we will not be having Wendy the Clown. There will be a Petting Zoo that will be overseen by the AL Riders for safety.

This year we have five delegates going to Girls' State as follows:

Kimberly Torres of Orange High School: 1st Alternate, Sarah Stelpflug
Kelsey Glastetter of El Modena High School: 1st Alternate, None
Eunha M Yi of Troy High School (Fullerton): 1st Alternate: Theodosia Chryssogelos
Grace McDonald Fullerton Union High School: 1st Alternate, Lindsay Angeli
Madeleine Blossom of Sunny Hills High School (Fullerton): 1st Alternatej, Helen Crowell
Congratulations, ladies!

The Girls' State Luncheon will take place at our Post 132 on April 27, 2013 at 11 am. The Auxiliary Unit 132 will assist in hosting the Luncheon. Our Chaplain, Dar Phillips has arranged for fresh fruit to be donated for this luncheon. Thank you so much, Darlene.

Don't forget, first nominations for new officers is here. Please come to our next meeting and give us your input re: new officers.

I want to take this time to thank the following people for their help in the kitchen on Sunday 3/17/13 (St. Patrick Fundraiser Dance) and the 3/22/13 Friday Night dinner: Harriett Mattos, Robert Powell, Carol Goss Holmes, Joyce Atherly, Dot Timmermans, Gavina Lough-Botheros, and Tommy Dees.

Upcoming events:

District 29 Meeting: Sunday April 14, 2013 - 10 AM at Newport Beach Post #291
Pala Bus Trip: Tuesday, April 9, 2013 - **Arrive at 8:30 a.m., leave at 9:00 a.m.**
Next Auxiliary Meeting: Thursday April 11, 2013 - 7:00 PM (*Please note the time change*)

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Leatha Whiteriver, Nadine Bales and everyone suffering from illnesses or troubled times.

Esther V. Ouellette
Auxiliary President
Unit 132,
(714) 636-6275

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Also, in our last Bugle, the labels were incorrect when mailed out to our members. We apologize for the mix-up. The problem has been corrected and we hope this time around everyone's name is correct. If not, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Thank you all for all your help.

Leo & Esther Ouellette
lmocon@sbcglobal.net or (714) 636-6275

APRIL 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 40/8 La Femme's Mtg-P. 555 7:30 PM	4 E-Board Mtg. 7PM	5 Ham/Mashed Potatoes, Dinner - SONS Midnight Cow- boys	6 VA Benefits Seminar 9 am-3pm Santa Ana Post 131 SONs Dist Mtg 9 am Post 555
7	8	9 ALA PALA Bus Trip Arrive at 8:30 AM-Depart at 9:00 AM	10 6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange	11 AL General Mtg. 7:30 PM ALA General Mtg. 7:00 PM	12 Dinner- AL RIDERS Bounty Hunters	13 AL RIDERS Mtg 8:30 AM
14 SONs' Break- fast 9am-12 pm District 29 Mtg 10 AM Newport Post 291	15	16	17 6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange USMC MTG 8 PM	18 <i>Bugle Articles Due!!!!!!</i>	19 Dinner -Cmdr Steaks Tropic Star	20 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 AM Military Chil- dren's Ball Post 132 4:30 pm - 11:30 pm
21 SONs' Mtg. 10:00 AM	22	23	24 Flag Lowering Ceremony 6 PM Orange Plaza DAV Mtg 8 PM	25	26 Dinner - Auxil- iary 5- Star	27 Girls' State Luncheon 11 am -3 pm Golf Tourna- ment Post 679
28 AL RIDERS' Breakfast 9AM - 12PM UMAVA Dance 3pm-7 pm	29	30				
						

BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO

TUESDAY

APRIL 9, 2013

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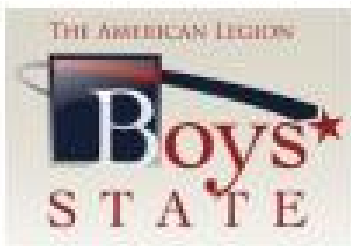
For more info, please call

Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451

Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984

Virginia Martinez at: (714) 545-6163

(We must have 45 signed up to make the trip)



AMERICAN LEGION ORANGE POST 132



Boy's State 2013 Chairwoman/Co-Chairman: *Joanne Barton, Gilberto (Gil) Flores*

Boy's State Panel (Judges): *Adrian (Mortie) Morton, Robert Mitchell and Leo Quiñette*

Boy's State Applicants: *William Binning, Hans Calle, Sam Yoelin, Dominic Medina, David Martin, Sergio Dimas, and James Alan Lopez*



AL ORANGE POST 132

BOY'S STATE 2013 DELEGATES



SCHOOLS REPRESENTED AND NAME OF SELECTEES (Delegates):

Servite High School - William Binning

Villa Park High School – Hans Calle and Sam Yoelin

Oxford Academy – Dominic Medina

John F. Kennedy High School – David Martin (Alternate)

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Saturday, April 6, 2013
From: 9:30 am to 3 pm

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