



### **COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE**

Improvements are still being made at the Post. Wall paneling installation for the back of the bar will begin April 14, 2014. After paneling is done, we will be installing two flat screen TVs that were donated by the SONS.

The Wacky Wednesdays will be on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in April. Also, Round Table meetings will be on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Remember, first nominations for Officers will be on April 10, 2014. If you have a desire to be an officer of Post 132, this is the meeting to come to. Make yourself known and submit your nomination.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander  
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(714) 552-2007(Mobile)

### **TO: BOARD OF OFFICERS**

**I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful Purple Heart necklace bestowed on me at the 3/13/14 meeting . I will cherish this from the bottom of my heart. Also, a very special thank you to Leo Ouellette for getting my Purple Heart to me. It only took three camels and three donkeys to get it here.**

**I also want to thank all the Board of Officers for doing such a good job and running a good Post for my husband, Mel, for the past two years as Commander. As you know, we will be moving to Arizona at the end of his term and we will miss all of you, but rest assured that we will be back to see how the Post is doing in the future. Thank you all!**

**Alicia Wancowicz**





**ADJUTANT**

1. I will start off to say I thank you members who have paid your 2014 dues. We have reached a little better than 90%. We have 10% to go to be at 100 %. There are still 90 members who haven't paid their dues yet. This year we have 24 new members and 6 that have transferred into our Post.

2. Soon after a vote approval, we have two members who have reached 50 and 60 years in the Legion respectfully, they are RICHARD MACK AND ROBERT MARTEL, We at the Post will be honoring them in the near future.

3. Next item, we had a great turn out at the recent Irvine City Council meeting from this Post to hear the Council vote on a 100 acres of land from the Great Park for a Veterans Cemetery. The vote was 4 to 1 in favor. AL Post 132 Legionnaires attending were Leo Ouellette, Commander Mel Wancowicz, District Commander, Oliver Taylor and District 29 Adjutant/1st Vice Commander, Gilbert Flores and me, Mortie Morton. (See attached photo)

4. A big Welcome goes out to new Executive Board Member, GERARDO ROSAS.

5. Commander Mel Wancowicz and his wife, Alicia, hosted a Special Dinner here at the Post 132 on March 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM, All proceeds went to the Boy's State fund.

6. The District 29 meeting will be held on April 13, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Newport Beach Post 291.

7. LASTLY If any of you members would care to serve as an American Legion Post 132 officer PLEASE step up to the plate. UNCLE LEGION NEEDS YOU!!!

8. FIRST NOMATIONS FOR OFFICERS will be held at the APRIL meeting.  
LASTLY, PLEASE PAY YOUR 2013-2014 DUES.

*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY*

A. Morton

Adjutant

US Army Retired

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### **GIL FLORES -DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT/POST 132 1ST VICE COMMANDER**

Dear Comrades,

At the Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting in Lakewood last month, the Department Membership Team presented an overview on Legion membership and its importance to the American Legion organization. They also reviewed the membership standings among all the Districts in the State of California with those present, and urged all attendees having membership responsibilities to continue focusing on membership. In short, this is my main responsibility as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, and I am pressing on with this effort.

Our Post 132 membership standing as of March 14, 2014 (latest stats) stood at 90.34%. Here are the latest numbers as posted on the Department membership website.

**2014 Goal: 414; 2014 Paid: 342; PUFLs: 29; Transfers: 3**

**2014 Members: 374; Percent Goal: 90.34%**

As noted, we are approximately 40 members short of hitting the desired 100% goal. Therefore we have started a mail out to the delinquent members and have started calling some of them in order to bring them back to good standing. As I have stated many times before, membership is a joint effort, and I ask for your continued support in bringing in new members. If you know any Veteran who does not belong to the Legion, by all means try to recruit him or her. Through a joint effort by our members, we have brought in 24 new members and 9 transfers from Post 1000 this past month. If you know a potential member, please contact me at the American Legion Post if you need membership forms or member information about the Legion. I thank you in advance for your support in this important endeavor.

In closing, please continue supporting your Post events and fundraisers for our programs which greatly benefit the Veterans and the community as a whole. I look forward to seeing you at our Post. And, last but not least, **Happy Easter to all!**

For God and Country  
*Gil Flores*





**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED.

Pete Quintana  
2d Vice Commander



**THIRD VICE COMMANDER**

Boys' State Candidate evaluations for June 2014 were held on Saturday, March 8, 2014. There were ten candidates from three local high schools that were interviewed during this event. The four finalist are: Richard Dunn and Matthew Beard from Servite High School; Yunsoo Lee and Abinahn Birds from Oxford. The alternate is: Matthew Rodriguez from Servite High School. Congratulations to all the winners.

I thank all the participating judges: Leo Ouellette, A. Mortie Morton, Bob Mitchell and Terry Morse for a job well done. I also thank Historian, Mike Guittierez for the great photographs he took. Thank you team for your wonderful support.

A Fundraiser Dinner/Dance for the Boys' State Program took place on Sunday, March 16, 2014. The attendance was outstanding. The food, prepared by Susie Flores and Virginia Gutierrez was delicious. Gil Flores, Sid Guana and Tony Mendez assisted with the ticket sales. The Cuates performed to everyone's delight. It was just an overall success and we thank everyone for supporting it.

Commander Mel Wancowicz and his wife, Alicia hosted another fundraiser dinner for the Boys' State on March 22, 2014 and we thank them for their generous support. The proceeds have enabled us to afford to send all boys to Sacramento.

The Children's Easter Party is scheduled for April 19, 2014. We are in the process of planning this event. Any suggestions or donations will be greatly appreciated. Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter.

Joann Barton, Third-Vice Commander  
(714) 655-4770





**FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER**

Greetings Comrades from China:

I will be gone for a couple of weeks. The month of March was a pretty good month, thanks to all of you. Your support for our Boys' State Fundraiser Dance was very well received and we thank you all for your support.

We will not have a UMAVA dance for the month of April but please join us for the Cinco de Mayo Dance in May. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com)

Semper Fi,  
Finance Officer  
Sid Gauna

**IN THE BEGINNING WAS GOD**

In the beginning was the 'word' and the word was 'God'.

All else was darkness, void and without form. So God created the heavens and the earth. He created the sun, the moon and the stars so that light may pierce the darkness. Upon the earth, God divided between the land, the sea and the sky, within each he filled with many assorted creatures.

The dark, salty, slimy creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans, God called them 'sailors' and dressed them accordingly.

The flighty creatures of the air he called 'airmen'. These He clothed in uniforms that were ruffled and foul.

The lower creatures of the land God called 'soldiers'. With a twinkle in his eye and a sense of humor that only He could have, God gave them trousers too short, covers too large, pockets for warming their hands. To adorn their uniforms, God gave them badges. And He gave them cords. And he gave them ribbons ... And patches ... and stars ... and bells ... and crests. He gave them emblems ... and all sorts of things that glittered ... and devices that dangled - - - - - When you are God, you tend to get carried away in a big way.

On the seventh day, as you know, God rested. On the eighth day at zero-dark-thirty, God looked upon the earth and was happy ... **GOD WAS NOT HAPPY!**

So He thought about His labors, and in His infinite wisdom, God created a divine creature to which He termed 'MARINE'. These 'MARINES', whom God created in His own image, were to be of the Air, the Land and the Sea.

To these he gave wonderful uniforms! He gave them practical fighting uniforms so that they could wage war against the forces of satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training that they might be sharp and ready. He gave them evening and dress uniforms. Sharp, stylish handsome things so they might profile with the ladies on Saturday nights and simply impress the Hell out of everybody.

At the end of the Eighth day, God looked down upon the earth and saw that it was good. But was God happy? NO! God was still not happy! Because in the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing ... He did not have a Marine uniform! But He thought about it ... and thought finally satisfied himself in knowing that ... Well, NOT EVERYBODY CAN BE A *MARINE!*

*And some of you said we did not have a sense of humor.*





## **SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

*God bless the USA  
God bless our troops and keep them safe  
God help them defeat our enemies!*

Hope all of you are well and in good spirits. Resurrection Sunday is coming up so this is a good month to be thankful for all that our Lord has done and given us. A lot of people take it for granted. We must all pray and ask protection for our men and women who have served and protected us against the evil forces that surround us and try to take away what our men and women died to protect us from.

Now for what's been going on in March in the City of Brentwood, some of the officers from Post 132: Past Commander, Oliver Taylor, 1st Vice Commander, Gil Flores, E-Board/Chaplain Leo Ouellette and I went to honor those that have been keeping up the fight to prevent the City of Brentwood from stealing the land from the Veterans. We only wish more supporters would show up. They are there every weekend so, stop by and say "Hi". See what you can do to help! We need to keep fighting for this victory for our Veterans. While I was there, I stood on the curb with my flag and a sign. A few people honked their horns but most, I think, didn't know why we were there. I yelled from the curb, "Your Veterans died for your freedom! They fought to keep you safe! Won't you stand and fight for them? Don't let the City of Brentwood take this land from them!" I don't know if they even listened but I know they heard me. I wonder if they care? I think most people are only involved to see what's in it for them. That's the shame of it all!

NASA has sent us a heads up event of a solar eclipse and two blood moons before and two blood moons that precede it. For those of you that are interested, reference the Bible's Book of Joel 2:31 regarding the Blood Moon and the tribulations.

So thank you all so much for restoring my faith in our good God-fearing people who love our Veterans, who love our Post 132 and love what they are a part of. Come down to Post 132 and meet us all and join our group.

Terry Morse, Service Officer  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE**

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED.

Robert Mitchell, Judge Advocate.



**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

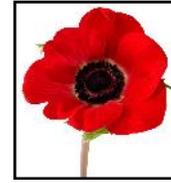
Condolences go out to Dora Rich for the loss of her sister. Get well wishes go out to Peggy Gardner and Juanita Alvarado who are having medical problems.

*Dear God: I need you everyday, every moment. Every second that I breathe, I need you. I am not strong enough on my own. Amen.*

*The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.*

Leo Ouellette,  
Chaplain  
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### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of March was very busy. The Boys' State fundraiser dance was a huge success. The attendance was great and everyone had a wonderful time. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance was also a good turnout. The corned beef and cabbage was outstanding. Thank you AL Riders for a wonderful dinner. We want to thank everyone that supports the opportunity drawings. These proceeds enable us to continue to provide needs to our Veterans.

At the Roundtable meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014, suggestions regarding the Wacky Wednesdays (pro and con) were discussed. We had the Wacky Wednesdays which turned out okay for the most part. However, rather than every Wednesday, they will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. The SONs oversaw all four of the March events, however, the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and hopefully the AL Riders will assist in the future with the underlying effort to raise more needed funds.

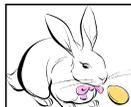
For those of you that have not attended the Flag Lowering Ceremony held every Wednesday at 6 pm, at the Orange Circle, you are invited to experience a very heartwarming, patriotic ceremony. Leo and I attended the ceremony for the first time and we were very impressed with it. The ceremony lasts between 30-45 minutes but it is worth the visit. We encourage everyone to attend this at least once. All Veterans are honored at this event. Then you can go over to the Post for their Wacky Wednesday Event.

I am sorry to say that the Saturday March 22, 2014 Boys' State Fundraiser Dinner did not have much support from our members. The dinner, prepared by our Commander was very good and Tommy Van of *The Posse Band* performed at no cost to the Post. We thank the band and their followers for their support as well as the few Post members that showed up for this dinner. In spite of the low turnout, the few that were there donated generously to the event. So thank you all for your support.

Next to come is Easter. The Children's party will be on April 19, 2014 commencing at 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Also, we will be visiting the Veterans at the Long Beach VA on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. We will leave the Post at 6:30 pm. and return at approximately 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact me. We will caravan. The final end-of-the-year reports from all Auxiliary officers are due. Please submit your final time and cost tallies for the 2012-2013 year to me as soon as possible. Thank you all for your support. **We are also receiving nominations for Auxiliary Officers. Please step up and volunteer to help. We need you!.**

#### Upcoming Events:

Next District 29 Meeting: April 13, 2014, 10 am—12 pm  
Next Auxiliary Meeting: April 10, 2014 7:00 p.m.  
Next Pala Bus trip: April 8, 2014 - **Arrive at 8:00 am, leave at 8:30 a.m.**  
VA Visit T-2 Ward: April 8, 2014 - Leave Post at 6:30 pm  
Esther V. Ouellette  
Auxiliary President, Unit 132  
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### **MESSAGE FROM SONS' COMMANDER**

Hi, Comrades:

Our dinner and breakfast were great! I want to thank Dora Rich, Toby Deleon, and Laura Davis for their donations. A Big Thank You to Auxiliary President, Esther Ouellette, Commander Mel, Carol Goss Holmes and Rosie Williams for their on-going support as well. The AL Riders donated a sound bar for the big screen TV that sounds very good. The SONS are having an East Basket Drawing with all kinds of goodies, including a \$100 gift certificate to Orange Citrus Bar and Grill in downtown Orange. You can get tickets at the bar from Lori Robles, Ray Alvarado, or see me. Winner does not need to be present. The drawing will be held on April 18, 2014. The SONS bought a 40" flat screen TV and the Legion, Auxiliary, Riders bought one for the wall, behind the bar. They will go up as soon as the renovations are completed, hopefully by April 14, 2014.

I want to thank Pierre Duco for a fantastic job he is doing for the squadron as Adjutant/Finance. Also, thank you to the SONS Officers: Ray Alvarado, Brett (Eggman) Jackson, Toby Deleon, Mario Beltran, Robert Powell, Mike Holmes and the rest of the Squadron.

Our next dinner will be on April 4, 2014, breakfast on April 13, 2014 from 9am to 12pm. Our meeting will follow with First Nominations.

Wacky Wednesdays have been going very well. The Post has special drink prices and we have food from 4pm to 8pm. We also have music for everyone. Please come on down for a good time and support this event. All proceeds are for the emergency Veterans' Fund.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Mel Wancowicz and a Happy 29th Anniversary to Mel and Alicia Wancowicz, The Children's Easter Party will take place on April 19, 2014 at 1pm to 3pm.

**HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!**

Tommy Dees  
Commander in Support  
SONs of the American Legion, Post 132  
(714) 289-8197





**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
**CHAPTER 132, POST 132 , ORANGE, CA**

Well Spring is just about upon us, and that means we are drawing closer to the end of another Legion year!

Time to start the nomination process for the new officers for Post 132 and the AL Riders. ALR's first nominations will be at our next meeting on April 12, 2014, at 8:30 am at Post 132 with 2<sup>nd</sup> nominations and elections in May! Just-Dar and myself will **not** be running for office again as we both need a break! With my work schedule and Dar's schedule we just can't give the commitment required to maintain our Chapter in the way we both have been committed to for the past three years. So it's time for our members to step up to the plate and consider running for office!! We will still remain involved to the best of our abilities as we are able and will support the Chapter and the Post as much as we can, but we both really need a break to recuperate and recharge our batteries!! I call on our members to take a good hard look and remember all that we have accomplished as AL Riders and really think about running for office and continuing the excellence we have achieved together since we have been at Post 132!!

To move on we will be having fixing fish on April 11<sup>th</sup> for the ALR dinner, along with steaks as usual! We will also be having a breakfast on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with made-to-order eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, hash browns, and toast. We will also be having an omelet bar with all of your favorites: veggies, ham and cheese, made-to-order, however you want it!! Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Post!!

***HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!***

Dale "Bear" Phillips  
President ALR 132



# APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 40/8 Dinner/Mtg 6pm & 7:30 pm Post 555  <i>Wacky Wednesday</i> 4pm—8pm Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6pm	3 AL E-Board Mtg. 7:30 pm.	4 SONS' Dinner - 6pm-8pm  Midnight Cow- boys 8 pm-12am	5
6	7	8 Auxiliary Pala Bus Trip Arrive at Post 8:00am Leave at 8:30 am	9  Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6pm	10 AL Gen Mtg 7:30pm <u>First Nominations</u>  7 pm Auxiliary Gen Mtg.	11 ALRIDERS' Dinner - 6pm - 8pm The Posse 8 pm-12am Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991	12 AL Riders Mtg—8:30 am  BOYS' STATE Interview 1:00 p.m. Post 132
13 SONS' Breakfast 9am—12pm SONS' Gen. Mtg 12pm  DISTRICT MTG POST 291 NEWPORT 10 am PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16  <i>Wacky Wednesday</i> 4pm—8pm Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6 pm	17 <i>Roundtable                      Meeting                      Legion Family                      Units/members                      7:00 pm</i>	18 Dinner Steak/Cmdr 6pm - 8pm  Tropic Star 8 pm - 12pm GOOD FRIDAY	19 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 am  CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY 1pm—3pm
20	21	22	23	24	25 Dinner - Dora Pork Chops 6pm- 8 pm  5 Star 8 pm - 12pm	26 GIRLS STATE TEA—11AM POST 132
<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>			Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6 pm			
27  ALR Breakfast 9 am—12 pm	28	29	30			
						

**AUXILIARY  
BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO**

***TUESDAY - APRIL 8, 2014***

**Leave from: American Legion Post  
143 South Lemon Street  
Orange, CA 92866**

**(Park in American Legion Post parking lot north or south side of  
the building)**

**NOTE: Time change:**

**PLEASE BE THERE BY: 8:00 A.M.**

**BUS LEAVES AT: 8:30 A.M. SHARP!**

***Bus returns around 6:00 p.m.***

**Fee: \$11.00 per person  
(Includes tip for bus driver)  
Receive \$5.00 back in play money**

**You will need a valid Driver's License,  
I.D. Card or Passport**

***You must call for reservations***

**For more info, please call  
Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451  
Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION**

**POST 132**

**WACKY**  
**WEDNESDAYS**

*EVERY 1st and 3rd*  
*WEDNESDAY*

From: 4PM TO 8PM

**MUSIC**

**DRAFT BEER**

**PITCHER OR GLASS**

**WINE & MARGARITAS**

**HOT DOGS-\$1.00**

**NACHOS/CHEESE-\$1.00**

**COME ON DOWN!!!**



## **SUPPORTING THE CAUSE!**



*American Legion District 29 Adjutant/AL Post 132 1st Vice Commander, Gilbert Flores, AL Post 132 E-Board/ Chaplain, Leo M. Ouellette, AL Post 132 E-Board/Service Officer, Terry Morse, District 29 Commander/Past AL Post 132 Commander, Oliver Taylor and Cypress, Post 295 Commander, Andy Rubulio attended the Sunday, March 9, 2014 rally at the West LA Veterans Home in support of the Old Veterans' Guard.*

*The Guard and supporters have held consecutive weekly rallies for the past six years. Mission: "Save the Home" from non-Veteran related special interest groups on land which was deeded in the 1800's for the care and rehabilitation of wounded and disabled Veterans. Last year a Federal Court ruled that leases to these groups were unlawful and not in the interest of Veterans. An appeal to overturn this ruling has been filed on the lease's behalf.*



## BOYS' STATE COMPETITION



Boys' State Candidate evaluations for June 2014 were held on Saturday, March 8, 2014. There were ten candidates from three local high schools that were interviewed during this event.



The four finalist are: Richard Dunn and Matthew Beard from Servite High School; Yunsoo Lee and Abinahn Birds from Oxford. The alternate is: Matthew Rodriguez from Servite High School. Congratulations to all the winners.

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