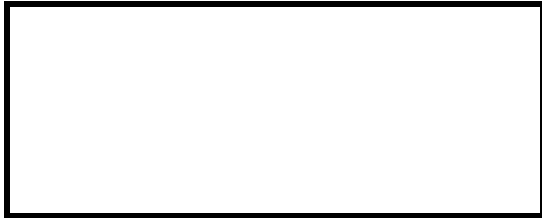


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Chris Campbell
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Pierre Duco
Chaplain
Robert Powell
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Mario Beltran
Historian
Roy Kelly

POST HOURS
Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

Commander's Notes



"What's Happening?"

The Post is moving ahead. There are several good things to report this month and a promise of much more and greater things to come. First let's talk about changes in the Post Officer Corps. I am happy to welcome William A. Wetzel to the Officer Corps as Post Sergeant -at-Arms. William (don't call me Bill) assumed his duties at the July general Post Meeting after being administered the oath of officer and installation by the Post Commander. I am sure William will be a great asset to the Post. Which leads me to the next great news. William has been acting as the Post Web Master. Thanks to his efforts we now have a web site.

ALPOST132.NET. That's correct! We are on the air. If you missed your copy of the Bugle it is available on the web site. Coming soon will be a history of the Post from its inception to current events. Want to know what is on the Post Calendar? Look on the web site. Membership, programs sponsored by the Post family (Post, Aux, Sons and soon to be (we hope) the Orange Chapter of the American Legion Riders, That's right Comrades, we are attempting to organize a Rider Chapter here at the post. There is a scheduled meeting on Sunday, August 21st at 2 PM to solicit members. We are really interested in you if you are a Rider. But come on down and get in on the ground floor of this effort. I said I was not going to take up space in my monthly article talking about the Post needs for participation by all our members. The fact that you paid your dues is wonderful but (and that's a big but) we need more from you. Only one General Membership Meeting per month. We make every effort to keep the meetings down to an hour at the most. At these meetings you learn about and can get involved in all kinds of good things to help your fellow Veterans. VA Hospital visits (more about that later), Kids programs, working with the homeless and so much more. Don't want to do that? OK the Post is looking for volunteers who are qualified plumbers, electricians, welders, AC Mach's, Painters – you name it, the Post needs your expertise. We recently had a plugged drain in the Men's Room that ended up costing you, the Membership, \$500.00 for a Plumber. The entire cost for the Kids Halloween Party was less than \$300.00. I'm sure you get my point. And by the way, if you have not stopped by and seen the updated Club Room, do yourself a favor and stop by and see ole Bill or Lori or Robb. You will like what you see.

That's 30 for this time, but remember.

"Keep the faith

Oliver
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714 791 4419 (Cell)
714 534 8269 (Hone)

1st VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

(Membership)
Hi, I'm Tom Wilkie



Dues are coming in fast—if you are one of these “Early Birds” you are entitled to a great FREE dinner at the Post at 6 PM on Thursday, November 10th (so mark your calendar!) If you have not yet paid your dues of only \$35. for the entire year of 7/1/11-7/1/12, don’t worry, you have until October 1st to pay dues and still be eligible for this Early Bird Dinner.

Have you asked your neighbors and friends if they have considered being a member of our Post? If not, this is a very good time to do this, as we are really fixing up the Post as money becomes available; already many improvements have been made in the bar, downstairs & upstairs. You need to come on over to see for yourself. By the way, if you have experience as a carpenter or plumber, we really need your help

See you soon.

Tom Wilkie,
1st Vice-Commander
(714) 283-8660

3rd VICE-COMMANDER

Gil Flores



Friends,

The following is a letter sent to me by a young man who competed in this year's Boys State and was sent to Sacramento:

Hello Mr. Flores,

I apologize for the tardiness of this e-mail, but my family just returned from a two week vacation and this was the first chance I had to write you. I just wanted to thank you for the once in a lifetime opportunity of attending the California Boys State. The experience was incredible! I learned things about my government that I never dreamed of understanding until the latter years of my development and college career and, for that, I am truly thankful. At first, the program took a little time to take off for me. The days seemed to be passing at a snail's pace, but by the end, I didn't want to leave. I was in the city of Marshall and I had the opportunity to meet some of the best and brightest kids in California and, even more importantly, we came together as friends at the end of the week long program. Again, words cannot express my level of gratitude for having been chosen by the American Legion and how great a time I had at Boys State learning about the different aspects of government. Thank you for this great opportunity and I look forward to hearing from you, Mr. Flores.

Best regards,

Chris Dekmezian

I plan to invite all 3 students to our August meeting to tell us about their experiences.

Regards to all,

Gil Flores

3rd Vice-Commander

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGIONAIRES MESSAGE

First of all, I would like to congratulate all the new squadron officers of 2011-2012 of Orange Post 132

First Vice – Chris Campbell
Second Vice – Pete Mullins
Adjutant/Finance - Pierre Duco
Chaplain – Robert Powell
Sergeant at Arms – Mario Beltran
Historian – Roy Kelly

We need more Sons to participate at the meetings. Please come in and support our Post 132.

The next Sons meeting is August 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Post 132.

Don't forget about the International Street Fair weekend. We need volunteers. We have live bands every day and we have food at Post 132.

Also, don't forget to renew your dues for 2012. It is \$15.00 for renewal.

Sons of the American Legion in support.

Thank you.

Commander – 2011-2012
Tommy Dees
(714) 289-8197



Chapter 47
Riverside

Chapter 53
South Bay

Chapter 335
Canyon Country

Chapter 446
Pasadena

Chapter 756
Long Beach

SATURDAY - AUGUST 6th
12:00 – 5:00 PM

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11301 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90073

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Picnic – Fun – Food – Fellowship
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DIRECTIONS
On the "Grand Lawn" inside the VA Grounds – West of the 405 Freeway
Take Wilshire West to San Vicente Boulevard, Go North 1/4 Mile
to the Eisenhower Gate and Turn Right – Event is on Right Side.
Parking Available in Lots #10 & 17

Bring Your Family and Friends to the Picnic and Festivities

Contact – RRosebrock1@aol.com

RUDY ROMAN BAND

SUMMER DANCE

**ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION
143 S LEMON ST
ORANGE, CA
714-538-6311 or 949-310-8207**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

3:00 PM – 7-PM

**DONATION: \$13.00 SINGLES
\$25.00 COUPLES**

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

FOOD AVAILABLE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
AND AT THE DOOR**

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE TABLES



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ORANGE POST 132**



**American Legion Rider Unit
INTERST MEETING**



**August 21, 2011
2 PM TO Who Knows**

Includes

**Information, Fellowship and Happy Hour Prices
Admission Cost FREE**

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DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CLUB ROOM**

Clubroom Manager says:



I hope everyone had a great 4th of July. We had hamburgers and hot dogs thanks to Master Chef, Chris Campbell, a new member of the Sons.

**Bill Hancock
Clubroom Manager**

Wanted

Orange Post 132

is in urgent need of Post Members

to fill the following Post Officer Positions.

ADJUTANT

SARGENT AT ARMS

If you have a desire to be part of a changing Post, contribute to and serve your fellow veterans, won't you please contact the Post Commander? As previously stated these are critical positions that we must fill to be successful. Won't you please help?

**Oliver Taylor
Commander**

Auxiliary President's Message



Greetings, everyone:

Things have finally slowed down a bit. We got through the 4th of July. There was a lot of patriotism out there on the 4th. It was wonderful to see all the support for our military and veterans.

MEETINGS:

We had only one meeting this month and it was on the 7th. There will be only one in August as well. It will be held on the 11th. A discussion will be held in September as to whether we want to continue having only one meeting each month or go back to having two.

Committee Chairpersons:

A list of Committee Chairpersons needs to be submitted to Department by August 1st, 2011. The following committees have no Chairperson as yet:

Girls State
Historian
Parliamentarian
Americanism
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
National Security
Public Relations

If you are or know of any members who are interested in chairing these committees, please, contact me at (714) 636-6275 and I will be glad to provide information regarding the duties of each committee. We need all the help we can get.

BUS TRIP:

There will not be a bus trip to Pala Casino in August. The next one will be on September 13, 2011 and will leave promptly at 10:00 AM.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:

At this time, a note of gratitude is sent to everyone who helps the Auxiliary in its endeavors to keep supporting our veterans.

In particular, I want to give a **Big Thank You** to Dora Rich, Harriett Mattos and Robert Powell for their continued hard work in the kitchen on Friday nights for the dinners. Also, a **Big Thank You** goes to Dora for her relentless effort in raising funds to support the veterans and the American Legion. You are amazing, Dora. Thank you!

VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE:

Please, keep in mind that the Food Drive is ongoing until December. A little donation goes a long way and can be delivered to the post. Each time you visit the post, bring a non-perishable donation. There are containers at the entryways. Please, relay this to your friends and families. Every little bit helps. Thank you all.

That's it for now. May the Lord bless and keep us all healthy and safe so that we may continue our endeavors to support our veterans.

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

Editor's Remarks

This month I want to thank Dora Rich for her generous contribution of her valuable time in creating the meals we have on Fridays. She also contributes some of the proceeds to support our cause. Thanks, Dora!

We won't be going to the VA Hospital this month, but some are contributing to that effort none-the-less. Thank you all. You are patriots! Keep up that spirit.

Walt Mc Bride
Bugle Editor

AUGUST 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Karaoke	5 Midnight Cowboy Stuffed Pork Chops	6
7 District 29 Meeting Los Alamitos 9:00 AM	8	9	10 USMC League 7 PM-9 PM	11 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 P.M.	12 Bounty Hunter Spaghetti & Meat Balls	13
14	15	16	17	18 Bugle Deadline!!! Karaoke	19 Tropic Starr Surprise Dinner	20
21 Legion Riders Meeting 2PM 6:30 PM	22	23	24	25 Orange Historical Society 5:30 PM- Karaoke	26 5 Star Band Enchiladas	27
28 Sons Meeting 6:30 PM. Rudy Roman 3-7 PM	29	30	31			
						