



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

If you know a Veteran (with low income) in need of help with a home project, please contact Alex Osborne, Neighborhood Revitalization Manager; Habitat for Humanity Orange County, 2200 S Richey St. Santa Ana CA 92705: (714)434-6200. Cell Phone: (949)742-0436; email [alex@habitaoc.org](mailto:alex@habitaoc.org)

### **Re: DD-214/Discharge Papers.**

Do you know where your discharge papers are? Does your family know where they are? We often hear from families that they don't know where they are. Without this important document your burial benefits will be delayed several weeks, unnecessarily. If you are considering making arrangements to be buried in a National Cemetery or wish to have a free headstone or marker, it won't happen until proof is given to the cemetery. To request your DD-214, go to the National Archives and Records Administration at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrees/>. Follow the instructions. You can also get assistance from the Veteran Service Office. Also, if you are not sure what you or your Family is entitled to, please call the Veteran Service Officer then talk to a claims officer, (714)567-7450.

One of the air conditioners will be replaced by August 1, 2013 thanks to your donations. This is for upstairs so we can rent the hall more often. We would like to thank all of you that donated for this.

### **Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:**

August 1, 2013 - Executive Board Meeting @7:00pm

August 8, 2013 General Meeting @7:30pm.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander  
[awancowicz@roadrunner.com](mailto:awancowicz@roadrunner.com)  
(657)224-9129 (Res), (714) 552-2007(Mobile)



**1ST VICE COMMANDER, GIL FLORES**

Dear Comrades,

American Legion (AL) Year 2012-2013 was an outstanding year for our Post membership retention. For the second year in a row, we exceeded the 100% goal. As your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, who is responsible for membership, I ask that you continue to work with me and the Legion members of our Post to keep that momentum going. We intend to be at the “top” again in membership this coming year, and with your help we can do this.

AL Year 2013-2014 is now upon us, and our new membership cards have been received at the Post. You have the option of paying your 2013-2014 dues through the Internet or mailing your check to Post 132 in Orange. I encourage you to pay your dues early in order to take advantage of our “early bird” incentive which will be a free dinner for you later this year.

On a further positive note, we have gained six new members this past month, and are a testament that folks have heard about the good things our Post has done, and will continue to do this year. I ask that you continue to support your Post on the Friday night dinners and the various events that will take place in the coming months. Please check your Bugle newsletter for the monthly schedule of events. And, by all means, please attend our monthly membership meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month.

In short, we have an exciting year to look forward to. I look forward to seeing you at our Post in the days ahead.

For God and Country,

*Gil Flores*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
AL Orange Post 132

### **SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

No article submitted

Pete Quintana  
2d Vice Commander

### **THIRD VICE COMMANDER**

This month I don't have much to add to the Bugle as things have been slow last month with the exception of the Boys' State. Upon their return, I will have more to contribute. We will be focusing on Labor Day and the upcoming Halloween Party for the children. Have a great Summer, until then, Regards,

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

### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

Not everyone thinks the way you think; knows the things you do; believe the things you believe; nor acts the way you would act! Remember this and you will go a long way in getting along with people!

#### **Post Everlasting**

Condolences go out to the family of: Henry M Hernandez who recently went to Post Everlasting.

Should anyone be aware of the passing of any members or anyone having medical issues, please let us know. We will be happy to hold them up in prayer. May God bless one and all!

Leo Ouellette  
Chaplain  
(714) 636-6275  
lmocon@sbcglobal.net



## **FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Greetings again, Comrades:

June was not a bad month at the Post. There was one rental upstairs and one downstairs. We received two deposits for upcoming rentals upstairs so that also helped.

We continued getting donations for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from the 29<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary, the Legion Riders and UMAVA totaling a little over \$1300.00. Thanks to all for the help and side dishes members brought in. Our expenses for the event were around half of that so the other half will go to the A/C Fund.

Other donations for the A/C Fund came from one of our upstairs renter, Ernesto for \$300.00, The Sensor Corporation donated \$250.00 and our Judge Advocate, Robert Mitchell added another \$100.00. Proceeds from the July 4<sup>th</sup> food and other donations that have come in early this month will be reported on next month's article. After receiving the first quote, we are way short of what we will need to replace or repair two units. Ed Mowbray and John Ball made their regular monthly donations to the Clubroom. Also we received a generous donation from the Legion Riders for the Clubroom.

In the Legion account, we received donations from J.P. Woodward for the Veterans Hospital, Elwyn C. Walraven for School Awards and Friday Night Opportunity Drawing proceeds from the Auxiliary for Bugle expenses.

Clubroom attendance at the Friday night dinner and dancing continues to be great. But as I have mentioned before, the more we sell at the Bar, the more taxes we have to pay. We need more rentals. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com)

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



### SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

God bless Post 132; God bless our flag; God bless the USA; God bless our troops and keep them safe; God help them defeat our enemies; God bless our families, our children and our grandchildren. This Country was blessed by praying to God. George Washington was the father of our Country. He prayed to God for guidance and help to beat the British. By God's grace, we won. I am asking all of you to pray to God to save our Country, to save our troops, to save the American way of life, for love of our country, and the love of our Flag!

I know most of you have seen this from another report from me, but at this time, I have nothing that could be better than this as last month was our country's birthdate and we won our freedom.

**Lest we forget!!!!**

**Post 132 is looking very good with lots of good people to meet and socialize with, so come on down for the meetings (2nd Thursday of every month) and join us on Friday nights to have some good food, good drinks, a little dancing and for lots of fun.**

**For those of you that are in need of assistance with VA benefits, or problems, please contact me, Terry Morse at: (714) 633-8661 or at: [ceeingeeye@aol.com](mailto:ceeingeeye@aol.com).**

Terry Morse  
Service Officer/  
E-Board



### SON COMMANDER' S MESSAGE

Hi, Comrades:

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July. Once again, I thank all our Squadron members for their help at our dinners and breakfasts. The proceeds help to fund our programs. Our Sunday, August 11, 2013 breakfast from 9 am to 12pm will consist of ham, eggs, hash browns and more *yummy* food.

Please be advised that commencing in August 2013, the SONs have voted to conduct our meetings on the 2nd Sunday of every month - following our breakfast.

I thank my Finance/Adjutant Officer, Pierre Duco, for helping me set up the upstairs hall for the 29th District Installation Dinner.

The Labor Day Street Fair is coming up on Friday, August 31 to September 1, 2013. Post 132 will need volunteers. Should you care to help out, please contact the Clubroom Manager, Bill Hancock at (714) 538-6311 or you may contact me at (714) 289-8197. We hope to see you all there at Post 132.

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



### **Another Observation from The Judge Advocate**

I would like to take a few minutes and introduce our Commander to you. Now I know some of you, perhaps many of you are thinking “Where has this guy been? We know who our Commander is!” You are correct, we do know who he is. We all know Mel but how many of us really know Commander Wancowicz the man?

We know Mel because he chairs our meetings; we see him working behind the bar; we see him cooking in the kitchen; and we see him involved in many other functions at the Post and elsewhere. I wonder how many other Commanders are so thoroughly involved. Mel was recently elected to serve as our Post Commander for another year and has served as Commander of Post 132 two times previously. That in itself makes him unique among us but he is unique for other reasons as well. Mel has served our country well having served in two branches of the armed service. He served in the U. S. Navy 1951 to 1960 and was in the U. S. Army 1962 to 1966 including service in the Republic of Vietnam.

I doubt that there are very many Veterans that have been members of more than one branch of the Military services. We salute you, Commander, Mel!

Robert L. Mitchell  
Judge Advocate



### **AL RIDERS, VICE PRESIDENT**

Well, here we go again,

We are running into August in a hurry, Boy, time just seems to fly by these days!! As usual lots going on at Post 132 and with the ALR!! We have donated 30 backpacks to the Military Children's Charities for back to school and your Ladies Auxiliary has matched our donation Providing monies to purchase school supplies to fill those backpacks!! God Bless You Ladies for all that you do !! I would like to challenge the membership and the Son's of the American Legion and also The American Legion as well to purchase school supplies for these military children in need. There is always room for more donations to these deserving kids!! There are lists on the tables in the club room as well as at our display for items that are needed for these kids so please help!!

The ALR has also purchased a very nice Charbroil Tru Infrared grill to be raffled off on Labor day! It is on display in the clubroom and tickets are just \$2.00 a chance!! If you've never cooked on an Infrared grill this will be a real treat for the winner, food is juicy and tender, never dried out and no flare ups it is a different way of grilling and you will love it!! I own one and will never buy any other type of grill again I absolutely love this grill!! So come on down and check it out and get a couple of tickets!!

The Riders will be having a BBQ at the Post on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>. TRI TIP and Pulled Pork with sides!! Yummy Yum Yum!!!

The Riders will be having a pancake breakfast on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for just \$6.00. Also, the Riders dinner on August 9<sup>th</sup> will be Pot Roast with carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and as usual steaks with a baked potato. So come on down and enjoy some good home cooking by the Riders!! See you all at Post 132!!

Dale "Bear" Phillips  
President  
ALR 132





## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings, everyone,

I thought the month of July was going to be a relaxing time but boy oh boy, it has been busy. Mostly for personal events going on and also the Friday Night Dinners and District Installation Dinner at our Post.

The Auxiliary congratulates the Post 132 Legionnaires that were recruited to District as follows: Oliver Taylor (District Commander), Gilbert Flores (Adjutant) Mortie Morton (First Vice Commander) and Virgil Swope ( Executive Board), congratulations to all!

Some Auxiliary members (Carol Goss, Dot Timmermans, Gavina Lough Botheros, and I) are assisting on Friday Nights by overseeing the Opportunity Drawings, the proceeds of which go towards our Veterans and other necessary things like the Bugle. We thank you all for your support on Friday Night Dinners/Dance.

The Labor Day Street Fair is coming up on August 30 to September 2, 2013. Please come and volunteer your time during this weekend. The Post needs your help.

We are starting a new term with new officers. I want to take this time to request that you make every effort to attend our meetings if you have volunteered as officers or chairpersons. It is important that you obtain as much information to help you conduct your role as a person in charge. We can't let the Auxiliary go by the wayside. We need to be vigilant in continuing our job by demonstrating our involvement with the Veterans and the Community. Please get involved.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm wherein new members will be installed. Please join us in welcoming these new members and sharing in your experience as an Auxiliary member.

You are all invited to attend the upcoming Department Workshop on August 17, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Los Alamitos Post 716. You will learn quite a bit and it will be enjoyable. Thank you.

### Upcoming Events:

Pala Bus trip:	August 20, 2013
Next Auxiliary Meeting:	August 8, 2013
Department. Workshop :	August 17, 2013 8:30 Registration; 9am commencement, Los Alamitos, Post 716

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

**ADJUTANT**

No article submitted.

For God and Country  
Your Adjutant, Adrian "Mortie" Morton  
US Army Retired  
My Cell#: (714)856-0364 or Home #: (714)835-5717

**BUILDING/CLUBROOM MANAGER**

Hi, Comrades:

I got back from vacation and everything is going well at the Post. The Sunday, July 21, 2013 Post 132 Fundraiser Dance did okay but it could have been much better. We will need way more attendance at the August 18, 2013 Fundraiser Dance. Come on out and support this cause. It is for the air conditioner. We will all be a lot cooler for it.

I want to thank everyone that has donated towards the air conditioning systems. We have had a successful campaign towards purchasing the two air conditioners, one of which will be installed by Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

We welcome everyone at Post 132 on Friday Nights and at the Breakfast and Dinners.

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

# AUGUST 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 AL E-Board Mtg - 7 pm	2 Dinner- SONS  Midnight Cow- boys	3
4  US Coast Guard Established	5	6  1st Atomic Bomb	7 8 40&8 La Femme's Mtg-POST 555 7:30 PM  Purple Heart Established 1782	8 AL Gen Mtg 7:00 pm  ALA Mtg 7 pm	9 Dinner – Pot Roast AL RIDERS  The Possee – (Tommy Van)	10 AL RIDERS Mtg -8:30 AM
11 SONs' Break- fast 9 am—12 pm  SONs Mtg 12 pm	12	13	14  6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange  Japan surren- dered ending WW11 1945	15  <i>Bugle Articles Due!!!!!!</i>	16 Dinner - Cmdr  Tropic Star	17 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 AM  Dept. Work- shop 8:30 Reg 9am Los Al Post 716
18 POST 132 DANCE 3-7 PM-LOS CU- ATES	19	20 ALA PALA Bus trip -Arrive by 8:30 AM leave at 9 AM	21  6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange Plaza	22	23 Pork Chops - Dora  5 Star	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Street Fair 10 am  Just for Now	31 Street Fair ALR BBQ Tri Tip - 1pm-6pm DJ - 1PM - 5-Star 6PM – 11 PM
						

**BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO  
TUESDAY**

**August 20, 2013**

**(No bus trip in July)**

**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: 8:30 A.M.  
BUS LEAVES AT: 9:00 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)***

85th Anniversary Celebration  
June 22, 2013  
Post 132



Color Guard



Teresa "Tita" Smith, Mayor, Fred M. Whitiker, City Councilman  
Gaston Castellanos, District Director for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez

85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
June 22, 2013



2nd Vice, Pete Quintana; Commander, Mel Wancowicz &  
E-Board/Chaplain, Leo Ouellette



1st Vice, Gil Flores



**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 132  
FUNDRAISER DANCE**

**FEATURING**

**“LOS CUATES”**

**WHERE**

**ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION  
143 S. LEMON ST  
ORANGE, CA**

**WHEN**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013  
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

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

**DOORS OPEN AT 2:00PM**

**FOOD AVAILABLE**

**BUY TICKETS AT DOOR  
CALL SID @ (714)371-6247 or BILL (714) 538-6311  
FOR INFORMATION**

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

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## AUGUST 2013 ISSUE



### 2013-2014 OFFICERS



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1st Vice Commander  
Gilbert "Gil" Flores  
2nd Vice Commander  
Pete Quintana  
3rd Vice Commander  
Joanne Barton  
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Isidro "Sid" Gauna  
Adjutant  
Adrian "Mortie" Morton-  
Executive Board  
Leo Ouellette  
Dale "Bear" Phillips  
Bill Hancock/Bldg-  
Clubroom Mgr.  
Service Officer/Exec Board  
Terry Morse  
Judge Advocate  
Robert Mitchell  
Chaplain  
Leo Ouellette  
Sgt. at Arms  
Mark Walker  
Historian  
Mike Gutierrez

#### AUXILIARY

President  
Esther V. Ouellette  
1st Vice President  
Harriett Mattos  
2nd Vice President  
Rachel Arias  
Secretary  
Dot Timmermans  
Treasurer  
Carol Goss Holmes  
Chaplain  
Darlene Phillips

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Commander  
Tommy Dees  
1st Vice Commander  
Ray Alvarado  
2nd Vice Commander  
Brett Jackson  
3rd Vice Commander  
Toby Deleon  
Adjutant/Finance Officer  
Pierre Duco  
Sgt. at Arms  
Mario Beltran  
Chaplain  
Robert Powell  
Historian  
Mike Holmes

#### AL RIDERS

President  
Bear  
Vice President  
Rich Jordan  
Treasurer  
Darlene "Dar" Phillips  
Secretary  
Jean James- Pro Tem  
Sgt. at Arms  
Kenneth Craner  
Road Captain  
Chris Carlson  
Judge Advocate  
Ken Jackson  
Historian  
Melissa Willenbring  
Chaplain  
John Gomez  
Web Master  
Chris W. Carlson