





#### 2014 - 2015 COMMANDER, GIL FLORES

Dear Comrades,

It has been a busy month since your new leadership team assumed the leadership and responsibility for Post 132. We conducted our first E-Board and membership meetings as planned during the first two weeks of July. We hired a new Club Manager for our Post and received approval from the membership to look into bringing electronic bingo to the Post as well. We will soon meet with Orange City officials to begin the process. I will keep you informed as progress is made. We also received an invitation and attended an event to honor our WWII Vets at an event in Anaheim Hills. Seven of Post 132 officers were in attendance at this annual gathering, and everyone attending has a good time.

Also, I have started to look for a Webmaster in order to keep and maintain our Post website which is in need of improvement. Finally, on July 11, 2014 we had an American Legion Post 132 booth at the Veterans Resource Fair hosted by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. This annual event is well attended by the Veterans community and families. Thanks to Legion officers Leo Ouellette, Tom Willkie and my wife Susie Flores from the Ladies Auxiliary, for helping me represent our Legion Post at our booth during this important event. All in all, it was a great day for the attendees. Plus, a great lunch was provided by the Garden Grove Elks Lodge.

Membership wise, we have already received over 90 membership renewals for the 2014-2015 Legion year. We have the Post membership cards available and encourage you to renew early. Thus you can take advantage of the "Early Bird" renewal and will receive a free dinner later this year at our Early Bird Dinner event.

Event wise, please continue to check the calendar in the Bugle for Post dinners and other events planned for the near future. I welcome and encourage you to attend your Post dinners, dances and other events which will be held throughout the year on your behalf. Also, Post 132 is planning for the annual Orange Street Fair which takes place on Labor Day weekend from 8/29/14 to 9/1/14.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post at our Friday Night dinners and other scheduled events. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of Post 132.

For God and Country *Gil Flores, Commander* flrgil@sbcglobal.net (H) (714) 750-5337 ©(714) 803-6362







#### 2014-2015 FIRST VICE COMMANDER, MORTIE MORTON

- 1. This Post is proud to honor Robert Martel for his 60 years of service with the American Legion. He was so happy to receive this award.
- 2. Your 2015 dues are now due!!!!!. There are three ways to pay: 1) Send check to the post, 2) Put in envelope and give it to the bartender or, 3) Pay on line. If you have already paid your dues and you get a dues notice from National—please ignore it!
- 3. The Post's and National's membership renewal goal is by September 10, 2014. The Post should have 50% dues paid.
- 4. This year I have appointed a membership committee. We will work very closely with Adjutant, Oliver Taylor. Remember, these membership goals are set by Department—not by the Post.
- 5. I am asking you card holders to come to the next meeting which is on 14 August 2014 at 7:30 pm. You need to know how Post 132 operates and we need your ideas and input for fundraising ideas.
- 6. The next District 29 meeting is on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 10am at Post 716 in Buena Park. I have been appointed District 29 Training Officer.

Thank you!

For God and Country,

A. "Mortie" Morton 1st Vice Commander, Post 132 US Army Retired My Cell#: (714)856-0364 or Home #: (714)835-5717







#### 2014 - 2015 SECOND VICE COMMANDER

Things are slow at this time. Nothing to report.

Regards, Joanne Barton 3rd Vice Commander







#### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

James Shea has gone to Post Everlasting. Condolences has been sent to the Shea family for the loss of their husband and father James Shea. The American Legion Charter has been draped in honor and remembrance of James Shea, a long time member of Post 132.

We appreciate any and all information regarding our members/Veterans. The Chaplain's contact information is always provided in the Bugle.

The past should be left in the past or it can steal your future. Live life for what tomorrow can bring and not what yesterday has taken away. Everyday is a gift.

Leo Ouellette, Chaplain (714) 636-6275;© 334-2961 lmocon@sbcglobal.net







#### THIRD VICE COMMANDER

I am Jose Martinez, your new 3rd Vice Commander.

Here is a little history about myself: I was raised in Chicago since the age of 4. All of my education took place there, from kindergarten, to grade school, to high school. I graduated in 1976 and enlisted in the Marine Corps. I served for 15 years. I was honorably discharged in 1993 when President Clinton took office. I've been married to my wife, Carol for 22 years. We have one daughter, Jessica, and 3 awesome grandsons. I'm currently employed at a lighting distribution company in the City of Irvine.

I have been a member of Post 132 since November 2013 and have enjoyed my time spent here. I'm honored to have been selected as the 3rd Vice Commander for Post 132. I hope that you will be patient with me as I learn the responsibilities of the 3rd Vice Commander. My wife, Carol and I are also members of The United Mexican American Veterans Association (UMAVA), and I was recently appointed as their Color Guard Commander.

One of my duties as 3rd Vice is to oversee the youth programs. With regard to the Boys State Program this year, I accompanied Joanne Barton, (former 3rd Vice) on the return of the Boys from their visit to the State Capitol. They had an awesome experience, and are now back home with their families.

That's all for now. Should I need to be contacted, you can reach me at 714.380.2005 or at; martinezjoseg@yahoo.com.

Jose Martinez
3rd Vice Commander







#### 2014-2015 FINANCE OFFICER

#### Greetings again, Comrades:

All is well as we start the new year. June was a busy month with the installation of new officers and working to select a Clubroom Manager. We had three rentals upstairs and that helped a lot. We also booked a couple for upcoming months. If you need to book a party, get in touch with Terry Morse, our Building Manager. Or if you want a small party, you can book the downstairs Clubroom with Lori Robles, our new Clubroom Manager. I don't do rentals, I just take the money. Both upstairs and downstairs are looking very nice, thanks to Terry and Lori.

In the Clubroom, we had the regular monthly donations from Ed Mowbray and John Ball. Our Judge Advocate, Robert Mitchell donated \$100.00 for where ever we need it. We also received the Quarterly Donation of \$500.00 from the AL Riders. The Friday Night Kitchen Dinners and Friday Night Opportunity Drawings have done very well, however, it seems like everyone leaves early and leaves the band playing to an empty clubroom. I wonder if they are getting tired of the same thing and want change. If you have any ideas or suggestion, see Lori.

In the Legion Account, a few renewal dues were received for next year. New cards will be going out as we get them processed. Thanks for sending in your dues early.

That's all for now. Come on down and support **Your Post.** You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at sidgauna@aol.com

Semper Fi, Finance Officer Sid Gauna







#### **SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

#### NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED.

Terry Morse, Service Officer Contact me at (714) 478-4615 E-mail ceeeingeye@aol.com







#### **CLUBROOM MANAGER**

#### Hi, Everyone:

I am Lori Robles. I have been elected to serve as Clubroom Manager here at Post 132. I want to thank everyone who chose to give me the opportunity to serve as Clubroom Manager and I will do my best to do a great job. I have been employed as the bartender at Post 132 for the past 8 months and I am currently a Unit 132 Auxiliary Member.

I want to share a little about myself and my family. I was born and raised in the City of Orange. My great grandfather was a WWI Marine Veteran. My grandfather was a WWII Marine Veteran and he was a member of Post 132 in good standing.

My employment experience was serving as manager for many years at Mac Donalds, Stater Brothers and Taco Bell. As a result of having managerial positions, I gained much experience in supervising, accounting, inventory and dealing with the public.

I have been instrumental in making changes to the Post' clubroom area. It was a pleasure being involved and many customers complimented us on the improvements.

I look forward to working with the 2014-2015 Post 132 Officers and should anyone have a need to contact me, you may do so by calling me at the Post (714) 538-6311 or at my personal # (714)574-3973. Thank you.

Lori Robles Clubroom Manager Post 132







### FROM THE DESK OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED.

Robert Mitchell, Judge Advocate.







## **EDITORS' NOTE**

PLEASE NOTE: THE BUGLE SENT OUT VIA POSTAL SERVICE WILL BE LATE. IT WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2014 DUE TO THE PRINTING COMPANY MOVING IT'S LOCATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Life is too short to argue and fight. Count your blessings, value your friends and move on with your head held high and a smile for everyone.

#### "<u>VETERANS</u>"

We as Veterans are part of a family — a big military family brought together by an oath taken only you know when and where.

Families are like fudge, mostly sweet, with a few nuts!!!! Which one are you?

Leo M. Ouellette

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#### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July celebration!

The month of July was slow for the Auxiliary as we were dark this month (no meeting). I am looking forward to the upcoming year and anticipate it will be a very busy one.

The 2014-2015 District President is Elizabeth Tomlin. Carol Goss Holmes and I attended a District 29 meeting wherein the following information was presented: The theme for the 2014-2015 term is "Quilting". District 29 will be known as the "Orange Coast Stars". Each Unit was asked to pick a quilt patch which contained a star. It was requested that each Unit decorate it further and include the Unit # on it wherein it will be returned to District 29 in the future. It will then be attached to a quilt containing all the other Units' patches. The completed quilt will then be presented to the Department President upon her visit to District 29 in the future.

Also, the 2014-2015 membership cards were distributed to each Unit that attended the meeting. We will be able to mail out the new 2015 cards upon receipt of the renewal dues from you, our members. So, if you haven't renewed your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible.

On the first Wednesday of every month the flag ceremony at the Orange Plaza takes place. If you have not attended this ceremony, you should consider attending it. It is a tribute to our beloved Veterans and it is overwhelming.

Get well wishes go out to Jenny Guajardo, John and Juanita Alvarado, Peggy Gardner for speedy recoveries from their medical illnesses. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The 4th Annual OC Stand Down will take place on September 26-28, 2014 at the Tustin Army Reserve Center located at 2345 Barranca Parkway, Tustin, California. (Next door to THE DISTRICT –Former Tustin Marine Base). This event is sponsored by many organizations. For more info visit www.ocstandown.org or call (714) 547-0615.

I have a wish list for VAMC, Long Beach 2014-2015. Please contact me for further information at (714) 636-6275 or e-mail me at lmocon@sbcglobal.net.

That's it for now. Hope to see everyone at our meeting on Thursday 8/14/14 at 7:00 pm.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Next District 29 Meeting: August 3, 2014, 10 am -12 pm Cypress.

Next Pala Bus trip: August 12, 2014 - Arrive at 8:30 am, leave at 9:00 a.m.

Next Auxiliary Meeting: August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Esther V. Ouellette Auxiliary President, Unit 132 (714) 636-6275, lmocon@sbcglobal.net







#### MESSAGE FROM SONS' COMMANDER

#### Hi. Comrades:

4th of July went well. The Chicken and coleslaw and pies were great. I want to give shout outs to those who helped me on the 4th of July dinner as follows: Mario Beltran, Louie Avila, Dan Drew, Ray Alvarado for bringing the chicken. Esther Ouellette for bringing the coleslaw. Alice Pugh for bringing the pies. Thank you all for your support.

Our prayers go out to Frank Cook and his wife for their son's speedy recovery. John Shore sure is improving from his knee problem

Wacky Wednesdays are going great. They take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Beginning in August, we will be having Taco Tuesdays on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 4pm to 8pm. Come join us for some great tacos and salsa.

The SONs' next dinner is Friday, August 1, 2014. The menu will be meatloaf. We will have two breakfast in August. The first one will be on August 10, 2014 from 9 am to 12 pm. The second breakfast will be on August 24, 2014. The menu will be: Ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns, waffles and/or pancakes and fresh fruit. Champagne is available. Anyone going to church, let us know upon ordering and we will get you going early. The Orange Street Faire will be here again on August 29, 30 and 31, 2014, Labor Day weekend. If you would like to volunteer your time, come see the new Clubroom Manager, Lori Robles for details.

Congratulations, Lori Robles on your new role as Clubroom Manager. Thank you, Leo & Esther for putting up the 2014-2015 Officer pictures display. It looks great!

The SONs have a new card for 2015. Come down to the Post and renew your dues or see your newly elected Adjutant/Finance Officer, Ray Alvarado. Happy Labor Day. Don 't dri nk and drive.

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







### 2014 –2015 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT CHAPTER 132

Hello Post 132,

This letter will be brief as your Riders are in the planning stages of several upcoming events. The first of which is our breakfast that will be served by the Riders on July 27. It's bound to be top-notch as ALR chef Bear-r-Dee and his company of sous chefs will be preparing it.

I will be supporting an American Legion Riders function at Post 155 in Colton so I will be absent on the day of the breakfast.

Another upcoming event is the Riders Poker Run and Toys-for-Tots event this coming November 22. We're planning a raffle, a silent auction, live entertainment and a great lunch at the Post. Hey, if you don't ride a motorcycle, you are welcome to participate anyway. You can pay the fee and do the Poker Run in your car if you prefer. If you want to ride a motorcycle one of these days, we have members who would be more than happy to advise you on the best ride for the money. Prepare though to get a wide variety of opinions.

I am actively involved in the on-going attempt to get a Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery built on the former MCAS El Toro property. The going is tough at times - given an understated but obvious bias against the effort by certain members on the Ad Hoc Committee. Hover, folks like us don't let tough times daunt or divide us. That toughness in unity is the very fabric of the membership of the American Legion and is the foundation upon which we have accomplished so much nationwide for so many years.

And your Riders? They're a dedicated and active group of American Legion Veterans and American Legion Auxiliary members. Of course we will always welcome new members, however we are really looking for members with a service-oriented outlook. We have a Cadre of dedicated members in the ALR Chapter 132 upon whom we depend to do 95% of the work. They have my everlasting gratitude.

Ken "KJ" Jackson President, ALR Chapter 132 kenjack47@sbcglobal.net (H) (714) 777-1276

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#### ADJUTANT, OLIVER TAYLOR

After a tour of being the District 29 Commander, I must say it is good to be back at Orange Post 132. It mirrors the old saying, *there is no place like home*. With that said, lets get to the heart of this article.

I made a promise to one of the Post Members that I would talk about Membership in this article. Not the recruitment of new members and getting the old members to pay their dues. That's the job of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. No, I am going to talk about the nuts and bolts or the administration of reporting membership. First item to remember is the Legion Membership year is from July 1 of the current year to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. There are several rules governing reporting and counting of membership for the current year but the bottom line is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. National sends out renewal notices to *ALL LEGION MEMBERS*, *ACROSS THE NATION* to pay their dues. This is a reminder if you have not paid your dues and a pain in the neck if you have. *All Post 132 dues should be paid to Orange Post 132*. You can do that in person while at the Post, via mail to PO Box 214, Orange CA, 92866. You can also pay via credit card, on line, and there are several other options. If you are confused about to whom and how to pay your dues, give me a call at the phone number at the end of this column and I will assist you. As far as National Dues notices, ignore them! If you have a membership card that is marked 2015, your dues for calendar year 2014 – 2015 are current. If not, after December 31, 2014 you are not a member in Good Standing. And that is a topic for another article.

Second item for this article is *the proper way to gain recognition at a Legion meeting*. The Post Commander is the Chair for the meeting and all actions/remarks/requests must go through him before they can be brought to the membership (or the floor). Stand up when you wish to be recognized. When the Commander acknowledges you, salute, give your name, and state your business. When finished, you may sit down or remain standing until proper action is taken. Remember, motions must have an action verb in the motion. Motions are to spend monies, have the Post take action, or to cease doing something. Expressions of concerns, displeasure of the way things are being done, or questions/remarks on the way business is conducted by the Post or Post Officers cannot be proceeded by *I make a motion*. Critical point here is identifying yourself and stating what your desires are.

Finally, remember my favorite saying" "Keep the faith"

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# **AUGUST 2014**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6 40//8 Dinner/Mtg 6pm & 7:30 pm Post 555 Wacky Wednesday 4pm—8pm VVA-Chapter 785 Mtg—5 PM Post 132 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6pm	7 AL E-Board Mtg	8 AL RIDERS' Dinner - Crazee Chicken/w/sides 6pm - 8pm The Posse 8 pm-12am	9 AL RIDERS Mtg—8:30 am UMAVA Mtg 9:00 am
10 SONS-Breakfast 9am-12pm SONs Gen Mtg 12pm	11	Auxiliary PALA BUS TRIP Leave at 8:30 am  Taco Tuesday 4pm - 8 pm	Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	14 Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm AL Gen Mtg 7:30pm	15 Dinner—Steak/ Cmdr 6pm - 8pm DJ—Rick 8 pm - 12pm	16
17	18	19	20 Wacky Wednesday 4pm—8pm Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6 pm	21 Roundtable Meeting Legion Family Units/members 7:00 pm	22 Dinner - Dora Pork Chops 6pm- 8 pm 5 Star 8 pm - 12pm	23
24 SONS- BREAKFAST 9AM—12PM	25	26 Taco Tuesday	27 Flag Lowering	28	29 Dinner—TBD 6pm—8pm Intl Street Fair Tropic Star	30 Intl Street Fair ALR BBQ 12PM-5PM Tropic Star
		4pm - 8 pm	Orange Plaza 6 pm		8 pm—12 pm	8pm—12pm
31 Intl Street Fair Music—Frank Chavez	LABOR DAY SEPT. 1				OF THE PORCE	

# AUXILIARY BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO

TUESDAY - <u>AUGUST 12</u>, 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:

<u>PLEASE BE THERE BY: 8:30 A.M.</u>

<u>BUS LEAVES AT: 9:00 A.M. SHARP!</u>

<u>Bus returns around 5:30 p.m.</u>

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 Holmes at (714) 473-2451
Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984
(We must have 45 signed up to make the trip)

#### TALARC

What would you do if an emergency developed from an earthquake, flood or terrorist attack and you either needed to let people you know that you and your family are OK, or needed to find out if someone not in our area was OK? Chances are phones, even satellite phones will not work, because of overloading or shut down by the government.

During an emergency, our Post may be asked to house people. After all it does have a kitchen and ample space for many people. Support facilities can be supplemented. What if these people wanted to get messages to family members elsewhere in the country?

What if we told you a way does exist and that we could use it? Legion Headquarters has already taken notice of this and established TALARC. THE AMERICAN LEGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – TALARC.

Many people are familiar with CB radio and confuse amateur radio (ham radio) with CB. Perhaps this confusion can be cleared up with a simple comparison. You are in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in a row boat (CB), or in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on a modern day aircraft carrier (HAM). This is the difference between CB radio and amateur radio. The stark difference between the capabilities of CB when compared with amateur radio is the same comparison between day and night. With amateur radio you would be able to talk with other people **ANYWHERE** in the country, and get a message delivered. Perhaps that may not be enough and you would like to talk with people in another country – pick the country, and go ahead and do it, not a problem. Let me restate a crucial point: You the reader can directly make the contact and pass the message.

During August 2006, the American Legion held a National Convention in Salt Lake City. Resulting from the convention, all posts were urged to become involved with local Citizen Corps activities, and to establish their own programs under the affiliation with Citizen Corps with the full acknowledgement of the Department of Homeland Security.

Just of few of the goals resulting from the meeting are:

- Raise public awareness about appropriate actions to take regarding emergency preparedness, disaster response and volunteer services.
- Support activities that cultivate an appreciation for the benefits and responsibilities of citizenship, including special events linking preparedness to citizenship on Flag Day.
- 3. Assist providing the VA Hospitals and nursing homes with emergency preparedness.

To quote the Legion "The American Legion was founded on the four pillars of strong national security, veteran's affairs and rehabilitation, fostering Americanism and mentoring children and youth. By actively engaging your post in the community with a disaster preparedness program, our post will be fulfilling a need in all four areas. As partners with the Department of Homeland Security, Legionnaires can step to the forefront in their communities as advocates of national security and preparedness."

How to follow through:

- Since amateur ratio requires a license from the FCC, a test would need to be taken. The cost of the test is \$14.00.
  The study manual is also approximately \$14.00. The study manual provides both the test questions and the answers.
- The equipment needed includes a ham band radio and that would cost approximately \$500, depending on what is purchased, and the direction selected to proceed.
- 3. An antenna that would cost approximately \$100.
- 4. Coax cable costing approximately \$100.
- 5. Headphones, approximately \$100

So, for, approximately, the post will be able to follow through and get on the air.

#### Written by:

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