

American Legion Post 132  
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**DECEMBER 2011 ISSUE**

**BUGLE**



**2011-2012 OFFICERS**

**AMERICAN LEGION**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
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Commander  
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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Chris Campbell  
Adjutant/ Finance Officer  
Pierre Duco  
Chaplain  
Robert Powell  
Sergeant at Arms  
Mario Beltran  
Historian  
Roy Kelly

POST HOURS

Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

## Commander's Notes



### "What's Happening?"

"Tis the season to be jolly! The holidays are here and I am personally not ready. Along with the normal chores now we have to add gift buying, card writing and that most hated task by the majority of men – shopping. But as my old chief would say when I was a young seaman second, 'Quit your belly aching, you never had it so good.' He was, and still is, right. When I look at all the blessings the good Lord has bestowed upon me I am truly Blessed. Don't forget, among all the holiday hullabaloo, stop and thank whoever is your higher power for all the blessings you enjoy.

One thing I would like to touch upon is that this month marks the half way mark of this Legion year. The **Post 132 Legion Family** has done a tremendous job so far even with the many obstacles we have faced. To borrow a phrase from the Corps, "We improvised, we persevered, we overcame". I personally I am very proud of each and every member of the family for their contributions. No matter how big or small, your efforts are what makes **Orange Post 132 the best in the West! And I for one am darn proud of each member.** Even as I write these words I look ahead and see that there is much work to be done. We have got to improve our service to the community. That includes veterans first, our primary reason for existing. But along with that responsibility we must look out for the widows and children of those who have served and are still serving and are in need of a helping hand. We must never forget to honor our World War II veterans who are the last vanguard from what was called "The Great War". There have been no World Wars since and to that I say "**Thank God**" but we have lost so many to the police actions that our country has been engaged in. We have learned new terms. "Brain Washed, POW/MIA, PTSD and many others that our brothers in arms have and are suffering with. Yes, we have come a long way but there is still much work to be done. Pick out something that is near and dear to your heart and you can get passionate about and get involved. Remember our motto '**STILL SERVING AMERICA**'. From the Taylor household to your household "**Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.**

That's 30 for this time, but remember:

**"Keep the faith"**

Oliver

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### **District 29 Mock Oratorical Contest Guidelines**

The purpose of the **Mock Contest** is to stimulate interest and provide experience for participants, and to encourage a contestant to represent each Post in the District.

- Formal contest attire not required – relax
- All other standard timing rules and judging apply.
- Sequence of contestants will be drawn by lot.
- Contestants may witness performances and presentations of opponents – learn from their speaking style and the contents of their argument. In contrast to the formal contest, where they are held in isolation.
- All four topics will be used in the Mock Contest. Contestants may select their presentation topic, except that it may not be the same as used by the previous contestant.
- Post Scholarship awards of \$100 will be presented after completion of and participation in the District contest. Example, Post 862 authorized sponsorship awards for 5 contestants.
- All contestants will receive participation certificates.
- Scouts pursuing Eagle rank will be able to simultaneously complete criteria for the Public Speaking Merit Badge.
- Contestants may select their Post for sponsorship; alternately selection will be by lot, with a goal of even distribution among all Posts.
- Participation in the Mock Contest is not a mandatory prerequisite for the official District 29 Contest

**Mock Contest is scheduled for Saturday December 10, and will be hosted by Saddleback College in Mission Viejo.** It is expected that a pre-contest meeting will be needed to explain rules, format, etc. Time and place TDB.

### **2012 AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

**The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.**

# 3rd VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

## Gil Flores



Dear Comrades,

### Post 132 Upcoming Events:

- \* **December 10, 2011** Oratorical Program "Mock Contest"  
(See District 29 Guidelines enclosed herein)
- December 17, 2011 (Sat):** Children's Christmas Party- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
- January 2012:** Post and District Oratorical Contest held
- February 2012:** Area Oratorical Contest held
- April 7, 2012 (Sat):** Children's Easter Party- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
- May 13, 2012 (Sun):** Mother's Day Breakfast (on Mother's Day)
- June 17, 2012 (Sun)** Father's Day Breakfast (on Father's Day)

***THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.***

Gilberto Flores  
3rd Vice-Commander

To fellow Comrades,

We have the Holiday season upon us and I would like to extend my Best Wishes to you and your loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and please enjoy a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year. From all of my family to all of yours, enjoy the celebrations and find every moment you can to share peace, joy and charity with those we can help.

Recently, we have had the opportunity to celebrate Veterans Day consisting of a number of heart touching events. We celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday in a very personal display of gratitude to those who wore the proud emblem of the "Eagle, Globe and Anchor". Then Friday afternoon, it was encouraging to see a fine number of comrades at the City of Orange Train Depot to attend the Salute to Veterans. Then our Ladies of the Auxiliary put together an amazing buffet for us to enjoy afterwards. Thank you to Oliver Taylor for your participation during the celebration and afterwards at the Post, to the Auxiliary for the luncheon and, without a doubt, from the deepest of our hearts goes the highest of gratitude to the Veterans who have served our country.

With the Holidays coming up, we encourage all members of the Sons of the American Legion to find a few ways that you can participate in the outreaches we offer here at the American Legion. There are many events that are coming up and you and your family will hopefully find some time to enjoy the "gift of giving" at this special time of year. If you find any time that you can drop in and help with any of the events on the calendar, we would appreciate your support. And more importantly than enjoying the time together, your help in working an event shows a lot for your willingness to help in this New Year coming up, and it will not go unnoticed.

To all American Legionnaires, Ladies of the Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion, while you are getting ready for family and parties in the next few weeks, the Sons want you to consider holding on to your "RUMMAGE" until the upcoming "SPRING CLEANING". Sometime in late February or early March, we are organizing a Rummage Sale: old desk, bikes, toys, working kitchen appliances, games, etc... All proceeds will be designated toward to our part in supporting the American Legion Post #132. We will keep you posted on the specific date and more details will come as the event comes closer. We thank you all of your donations and hope you appreciate an early heads up.

To all members of the Sons of the American Legion, with the enormous amount of things going on this December at the Post and, I am sure at your homes as well, the officers of our Squadron have decided to hold off the next Sons of the American Legion meeting until the third Sunday of January. This should give each of us some extra time to spend with family and to focus on the reason for the season. We still do hope to see you and hear from you around the Post through the month of December.

Again, the officers of the Sons of the American Legion extend all the best wishes to all of you through this upcoming time of year. Have an amazing Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all.

Christopher Campbell  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Sons of the American Legionnaires Orange – CA #132  
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**RUDY ROMAN BAND**

*Christmas DANCE*

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 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**

COME JOIN US FOR A  
***NEW YEARS EVE PARTY***



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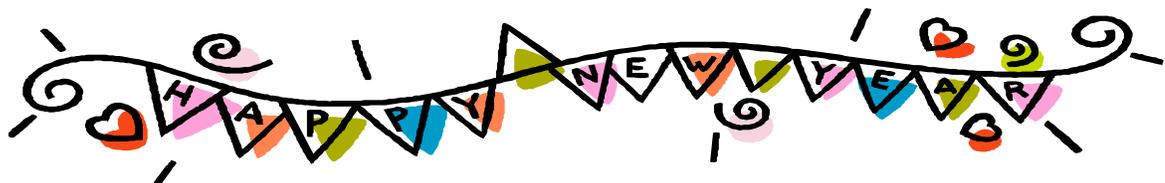


**DECEMBER 31, 2011**  
**7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**HOSPITALITY**  
**(1<sup>ST</sup> DRINK ON THE HOUSE)**  
**\$30.00 - COUPLE**  
**\$20.00 - PERSON**  
**MEXICAN FOOD FOR SALE**  
**PRE AND POST DANCE**

**DANCE:**  
**8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.**



**MIDNIGHT COWBOY**  
**PERFORMING**





**AMERICAN LEGION POST 132  
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA**

*Presents our*

***ANNUAL  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY***

**DATE & TIME:**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

**ADDRESS**

**AL Post 132  
143 S. Lemon St.  
Orange, CA 92866-1319**



***Please RSVP to:  
Gil Flores, 714-803-6362 or  
Virgie Martinez, 714-545-6163***

***"ALL CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN  
OF  
AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS  
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
ATTEND"***



***"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"***

# PALA BUS TRIP

December 6th, 2011

American Legion Post 132  
143 South Lemon Street  
Orange CA 92866

Meet at the post at 9:30 A.M  
Bus will leave at 10:00 A.M. sharp  
For more information contact

Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451

Or Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984

## Auxiliary President's Message



Hello, everyone:

Again, things have been very busy for the Auxiliary. The Halloween Party was a success. The Auxiliary was very instrumental in helping the Legionnaires put on this function. A big "thank you" goes out to Gil Flores, Virginia Martinez and Jenny Guajardo for organizing it -- a job well done. The Legionnaires, the Riders, the Sons, the Auxiliary, and Wendy the Clown did a great job entertaining the children and painting their faces. Thank you all! Veterans Day was also successful. The ceremony at the Depot was very nice and the Post received approximately 200+ guests after the ceremony. Thankfully, the Auxiliary provided enough food to feed everyone. A big "Thank you" goes out to everyone who brought food and assisted in serving everyone. That's what it's all about. From what I heard, the food was pretty good. Jenny baked a wonderful patriotic cake. Thanks, Jenny.

On a side note, the Auxiliary received five new applications for membership on Veterans' Day. This is great! In the event that you know someone interested in joining, please let them know that a copy of the person's DD214 form that they are applying under is required when they apply for membership.

### **MEETINGS:**

Our next Auxiliary meeting is December 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Orange Post 132.

The next District 29 meeting will be on December 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Anaheim Post for anyone who is interested in attending.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

Ladies, we are still in need of chairpersons for various committees. Please consider helping us. It doesn't take too much work and it is very rewarding.

### **BUS TRIP:**

The next bus trip to the Pala Casino will be on December 6, 2011. Please be at the Legion at 9:30 a.m. as the bus will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984 or Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:**

At this time, a note of gratitude goes out to Dora Rich for her financial donation towards the improvement of the women's restroom at the Post. Bear, from the Riders, and his assistant did all the work so a great big "THANK YOU" goes out to them for their hard work. The ladies sooo appreciate this. Ladies, every time you see Dora or Bear, remember to give them a big "HIGH-FIVE".

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Our next event is the Christmas Party. Gifts and candy are being gathered so we will be ready for it. Jenny Guajardo is baking delicious pastries and selling them as a fundraiser on Friday nights for the upcoming Christmas party. Please support her -- they are very tasty and you won't be disappointed. Any outside donations towards this event are welcome. Please contact Gil Flores, Virginia Martinez or Jenny Guajardo if you have any questions.

### **VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE:**

Please keep in mind that the Food Drive is ongoing through December of this year. A little donation goes a long way. Any and all donations can be delivered to Orange Post 132. So, every time you come to the Post, remember to bring a non-perishable food donation with you. There are two containers at the entry ways. Please relay this to your families and friends. Every little bit helps. Thank you all.

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

A very faithful, devoted, beautiful and feisty Auxiliary member, Tina Archambault, recently passed. She is already being missed. She will always be with us in our hearts and prayers. Our best to her family.

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

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

## FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER



Greetings Again, Comrades.

Last weekend we had a good turnout on Friday night and I hope it continues. There was also a good showing for the Reception after the Veterans Day Services at The Veterans Memorial. We had money left over after we did payroll to pay some of our bills.

As I mentioned last month, we have been having a hard time making ends meet. The Rental that was scheduled for November never happened and not sure about December. We got behind in paying our bills but fortunately, we got a Donation from a member and we were able to catch up and maybe make it through the rest of this year. We still have the Property Taxes to deal with and our monthly Insurance Premiums plus Utilities. I have been trying to bring in some money by having The Rudy Roman Dances every month but it not the same as a rental. We would like to have more members attending, since most of the people that attend are The Band followers. We will have a Christmas Dance on the 18<sup>th</sup> and see what happens next year. Clubroom Manager will be having a New Years Eve Party. You can't go anywhere else and have a good time at these prices. THIS IS YOUR POST. SUPPORT IT.

I hear people asking how we can be having financial problems when they see busy Friday nights and think we are raking in the money. We do make money at the bar but we also have to pay for the beer and liquor. We keep our prices low for the members and only increase them for Parties or Fund Raisers like the Rudy Roman Dances. I have been asked by some members why on Friday nights you can get a beer for \$2.50 and on R. R. Dances you pay Admission and then have to pay \$3.00 for a beer. I tell them that Rudy Roman Dances are fund Raisers. I also hear about Rumors going "round that the reason we don't have money is because I am pocketing it. Believe what you want, it doesn't bother me one way or the other. Fortunately, I have always had a good job and I don't need to take anything from this Post. I might remind those of you that don't know, that I was asked (almost begged) to take this job, I did not volunteer for it and I can't get anybody to take from me. Come to the meetings. I have nothing to hide.

Our Legion Account is not in much better shape. With the money we receive from dues, after paying the Per Capita to Department, what's left is for paying for the Newsletter and Office Supplies. Right now it is not too bad because we have dues trickling in, but once the dues stop, we won't be able to afford the Newsletter. If anybody is interested in numbers, call me and I will give you the numbers. With Oratorical and Boys State coming up in the next couple of months, it will have to be covered by Donations. Get Ready and Help. I would like to thank Phil Petek for arranging the donations from The Izack Walton League for the VA Hospital. (Not sure if I spelled that right) And also thank William Olsen, John Ball, and Dora Rich for their continuous contributions each month.

So there it is. I don't plan to have another article for awhile because what I have written in these two articles, can pretty much be interpreted for each month and I don't need to take up space in the Newsletter. I would like to wish each and every one a Joyful Holiday Season from The Gauna Family.

**SEMPER FI,  
ISIDRO "SID" GAUNA JR.,  
FINANCE OFFICER AND PAST COMMANDER 1989-1990.  
YOU CAN CALL ME AT 949-310-8207 OR E-MAIL me at [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com).**

### Editor's Remarks

I have really been remiss in the past and, for that, I apologize. I sincerely appreciate (and so should all the rest of the members) and want to thank Leo and Esther Ouelette, Alice Pugh and Carol Goss who fold and tape the newsletters while I label them for mailing each month. I'm sorry that I have not recognizes them previously. I also want to let all of you know that the ladies restroom in the Club Room has been completely remodeled without the need of city permits. Dale Phillips, Vice President of the Legion Riders and his "Riders" did the physical labor and Dora Rich paid for the entire project. Please thank them when you see them!!!!!! Thank you so much, Dora, Dale. And the rest of the Riders

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# DECEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	2 Midnight Cowboy  Stuffed Pork Chops	3
4	5	6 Pala Bus Trip 9:30 A.M.	7	8 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 P.M. Early Bird Dinner	9 Bounty Hunter  Bar-B-Que Chicken	10
11 Rudy Roman Dance 3-7 PM District 29 Meeting 10:00 A.M. Anaheim Post	12	13	14	15 Bugle Deadline!!!	16 Tropic Starr  Lasagna	17 UMAVA 9:00 A.M. Childrens Christmas Party 1-3 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23 5 Star Band  Tostadas	24
25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	26	27	28	29	30 Night Moves  Chili Verde	31 New Years Eve Dance 7:00 P.M. Until 1:00 A.M.
						