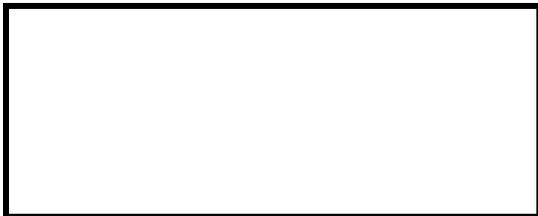


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POST HOURS

Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

Commander's Notes



“What’s Happening?”

I would like to start the New Year with some positive thoughts. I, personally would like to thank those members of the Post Family that have taken upon themselves to step up and make improvements to the building, Your efforts are noted and I wish to extend to you on behalf of the entire Post Family a “Well Done”. With that said, I would like to caution all members of the family that before any changes, modifications, improvements or any other alterations are made in the future that they be cleared through the Building Manager, The Building Manager is directly responsible to me as representative of the Post membership for the building. Intentions and ideas for improvements might on the surface make sense but in the long run may be counter productive to the long term goals for overall building maintenance and repair, I am not saying that you have to request permission to act. I am saying that we must be sure your efforts fit in the grand scheme of things. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation.

With this issue of the Bulge begins a new policy for distribution to the membership. As always these changes are driven by the economics supporting this effort and not a desire to change for changes sake, The truth is the Post along with sporadic contributions from members of the Post Family are not enough monies to cover current distribution. Printing costs and Postal costs steadily increase and as we add more and more members (that’s a good thing) we also add more and more cost (and that’s a bad thing). Also with the advent of electronic mail (email) and the Post web site it becomes apparent that we can greatly reduce our cost by modifying our habits. There are certainly advantages to electronic means of delivery (you get it in color and can print the pages you want hard copies of and not the ones you don’t) and every penny saved is a penny earned.

Remember on Sunday, February 12th, Orange Post 132 will host the 5th Area Oratorical Scholarship Contest starting at 1 PM. High School students will compete for the opportunity to compete in the Department Finals to be held on Tuesday, February 28th, at 1 PM at Lakewood Council Chambers. Please come out and support both these events.. Till next time remember to:

“Keep the Faith”.

That’s 30 for this time, but remember:

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Tom Wilkie

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy New Year! I hope you had a really great Christmas and are in good health. This membership year is now more than half over, so, if you have not yet paid your annual dues of \$35. Please do so now, or let me know if you have a question or problem that I may be able to help you with.

Post 132 is growing with new members joining us at the same time that our building interior is being worked on in order to make this an enjoyable Post to visit regularly.

Remember that we only have a General Meeting once a month, on the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm, in our “grand ballroom”. Please relate to your friends and others that our ballroom is for rent now, at a very reasonable rental price, for weddings, anniversaries, quincinieras and other occasions.

For God, Country and Community,
Tom Wilkie, 1st V.C. (714) 283-8660

Adjutant's Corner

I have only been a Post 132 member for a short while. However, I have observed that this post is exciting. There are lots of wonderful programs for our veterans and also supporting the city of Orange.

My thoughts are:

1. You members who hold a 2011 membership card haven't paid your 2012 dues yet. Please, pay them now or you will soon lose your continuous years of membership.
2. Post 132 has a hall for rent. Did you know that? **PASS THE WORD AROUND!**
3. We have contacted a company which will install an electric stair so handicapped people can have access to the lower floor for events and the bar. **BUT WE NEED DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THE PROJECT.** Remember, your donations are tax deductible!
4. All members need to take a bigger part in OUR POST. After all, we are a **LEGION FAMILY** and the post is **OUR** home.

Thank you.

For God and Country

Adrian (Mortie) Morton (714) 856-0364

Adjutant

2nd VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT Virgil Swope II



From the Desk of the Sec-

ond Vice Commander

The holidays are over and we are still here so I guess we should be thankful. Our future is in question. The City has advised that the Santa Fe Depot Specific Plan Update has Proposed zoning Changes and we are in the boundaries of the update planning area. This means the City is planning to re-zone our property. This may prevent us from using our property as we have been using it. It may prevent us from being to rent to anyone other than members. There will be a City Council meeting this month I do not have the date at this time but we will get the word out so that we can all go and be speak out. For all of you that have contact at the City please talk to your City Councilman and ask for their help. After all that news I am still talking to people that want to rent the hall. January and February are not good months for rentals but if you know a secret don't keep it to your self let us know about it. We have two Caterers that we can now use for anyone that wants to rent our Ballroom for parties so if you have friends or family that wants to have a party, we can provide a full service, food and beverage. Please give me a call if you have any questions. We still need to get the tapper moved from post 131 in Santa Ana to our Clubroom. I know there are other things I have forgotten but I will catch-up next month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virgil M. Swope II
2nd Vice Commander

Sons In Review

To all Comrades,

We hope that you all had a great Holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful New Year. We have a lot of exciting plans for our Post this year and we hope many of you will participate. Our sights should be set on making 2012 our best year ever.

As the Sons of the American Legion, we urge you to continue to be a part of the Post in any way you can. There are many ways you can participate. One important way is to attend the monthly meetings. The members of the Legion meet the second Thursday of every month to discuss new updates, events and programs which directly involve each of us. Your attendance at these meeting would give you the ability to hear the good news and the struggles we need to focus on. As a small squadron, we need to show our support every way we can.

In addition to attending meetings, we would appreciate any suggestions you may have for future events that can be headed up by the Legion. We have discussed fundraisers such as rummage sales, a car wash, dinners, dancing, karaoke and bingo nights. Your help in planning and organizing these would be much appreciated. We all need to put our heads together and start making things happen. "If you stay still long enough on the tracks, you will get ran over sooner or later." Please take this as encouragement to be a part of the American Legion and remember the foundation of this historical group of proud individuals - those men who served our country proudly.

We reach out to all the comrades of the Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Riders and Women of the Auxiliary, to help us advance the effectiveness of our Post. We need new members, but more importantly, we need existing members to renew their commitments to be an active part.

In closing, we look forward to seeing you at our meetings. To the members of the Sons of the American Legion, we have decided to move our meetings to the Sunday after the members of the Legion meet. This "usually" falls on the second Sunday of each month (sometimes the third). Please pay close attention for future calendar dates. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th, 2012. Please plan to attend.

As soon as possible, please make sure that we have your correct phone number and/or email. Communication is a key to our success so please keep in touch

As often as possible

As soon as possible

Sincerely,

Christopher Campbell

1st Vice Commander

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FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER

Greetings Again, Comrades. Well, I wasn't sure whether I should write an article or not but I will keep it short. The last 2 Rudy Roman dances didn't do well and we lost money, something we can't afford to do. I noticed very little participation from the Members. So I decided not to make any more unless we can negotiate a different agreement with the band. We were still under an old agreement made before I became involved. We are still having a hard time making ends meet. There were no rentals for the last three months with the exception of a couple of small Parties downstairs. Our Friday nights have been doing well and the Auxiliary has been having Raffles which are doing very well. There have also been some donations coming in to help out. I would like to thank those who have donated in the last two months for the Clubroom. Individual donations have come from John Ball, Orion Dix, Skip (from Legion Riders), Ed Mowbray, Dora Rich, Neil Stetson, Robert Mitchell, and Organizations like the Legion Riders, The Orange Barrio Historical Society and U.M.A.V.A. have also Donated. I would like to thank Dr. William Olsen and The Isaac Walton League for their continued support for the V. A. Hospital.

This month we are going to try something different. UMAVA has agreed to make some dances to fill in for the Rudy Roman Dances. The first one is on the Feb. 19th, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Prices are the same. All bar proceeds go to the Clubroom. If they don't make enough at the door to pay the Band, it will not come from the bar. It is a Group called "Los Quates". You will find a flier on page 7.

Enough for this month but before I sign off, for those of you that have said in the past that you don't come down to the Post because the Restrooms are unclean, thru individual donations and hard labor by Executive Committeeman and Legion Rider VP Dale "Bear" Phillips and his helpers, the Restrooms will be completely remodeled before the end of January. Great Job, Bear. Your hard work has motivated some of the members to get involved and help out. Even myself. But we need a lot more. Remember, this is YOUR Post. Until the next time.

Semper Fi,
Sid Gauna
Finance Officer

The Legion Riders' Voice

Well, I finally had a chance to sit and write an article for the Bugle. First I would like to introduce myself to the Post members who have not yet met the American Legion Riders Chapter 132 Orange Post 132! My Name is Dale "Bear" Phillips and I am the Vice President of your new ALR Chapter! For those of you who don't know the ALR Is a Nationally recognized charter of the American Legion consisting of Veterans, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary who ride motorcycles! Our purpose is to support our Post, Our Veterans and their families wherever the need may be! We raise funds to donate to Veterans organizations and any soldier in need or his family. On behalf of the Riders I would like to say Thank you to Post 132 for welcoming us with open arms and allowing us to do what we do best (support our veterans) Many of you know that the riders are currently renovating the men's bathroom thanks to the generous donations of several Post Members So I am taking this opportunity to recognize these generous members:

Dora Rich for the generous purchase of the bathroom fixtures and tile for the floor

Sid Gauna for the purchase of the new sink and faucet and for a generous donation from his group, UMAVA, \$400.00 toward the purchase of new bathroom partitions. John V. Ibarra for his donation of \$150.00 towards the renovation Leo and Esther Oullette also donated \$100.00. Bill Hancock, your bar manager, donated \$200.00. ALR 132 donated cash and I am donating my labor to get this done!!

So Thank you for your donations and come on down and check out the bathroom which will be finished very soon!!

We will be having another Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Feb 26, 2012

This will be a 3 pancake 3 sausage and scrambled eggs for \$6.00 Funds go to support our veterans ! The breakfast will be from 9:00 till 12:00 so come on down and say hi to the Riders and remember we all need to support the Post !! Look for good things to come from the Riders in the next few months including our website which will be online by the end of January!! We have some outstanding raffles coming up soon and will keep you posted as well as look for flyers at the Post in February!! We have a new raffle for a ride on a WWII P-51 Mustang Fighter. Sponsored by ALR 132 and Chino Airport, Fighter rebuilders. \$25.00 Per Ticket limited to 100 tickets per ride. Tickets will go fast and we will continue the raffle indefinitely. Each raffle will be 100 tickets. Tickets will be available on line on ALR132 Riders web site coming first of Feb 2012. Tickets will be available at the post.

Getting long winded now so I will close for now !! See you at the Post!!

For God and Country always with Dignity, Honor and Respect,

American Legion Riders Chapter 132

Dale "Bear" Phillips

ALR Vice President

“UMAVA”

UNITED MEXICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FUNDRAISER DANCE

FEATURING:

“LOS QUATES”

WHERE:

ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION
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WHEN:

SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 2012

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

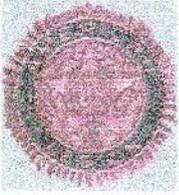
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The upstairs hall accommodates up to 300 persons downstairs accommodates up to 175 persons.

We offer special discounts to all veterans. By using our facility, you will be supporting the Veterans and there families. Please call (714) 538-6311 for additional information.

From the Clubroom Manager

The New Years Party was great. Every one had a good time. From the Door proceeds, we paid for the Band, donated \$200.00 to finish Men's Bathroom, \$100.00 to Boys State and paid for the food. There was no cost to the Legion.

Women's Bathroom is finished. Working on Men's now. The Entrance Door to the Clubroom is repaired. Don't need to spend \$500.00 to fix it, Sid fixed it. Thank You Sid. All the missing glass on the Trophy Cases has been replaced and the lights work thanks to Terry Morse, our Service Officer. Thank you Terry. He also put lights on WWI and WWII Pictures. The Clubroom is looking Great.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Hancock

Gil Flores, 3rd Vice Commander



Dear Comrades,

We kicked off 2012 with one of the Legion's most important programs—the Oratorical Contest. Mr. Timothy Perdew, a student at Oxford Academy, was selected to represent our Post for the follow-on phase of the program--the District Contest--held on January 22, 2012. Please note that Post 132 was one of only five posts (out of 25) in the District, to participate in the 2012 Oratorical Program. This speaks volumes of your Post's commitment to the community-at-large and continuous support of major Legion programs. In February, my focus will turn to kicking off our 2012 Boy's State Program. As I stated earlier, with the extraordinary talent we have in the surrounding private and public schools, I expect to have several outstanding candidates vying for a spot in our Boy's State selection process. Our Post would like to have at least three candidates selected for this year's program, but funds are needed.

THEREFORE I AM REQUESTING DONATIONS FROM AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS TO SUPPORT OUR BOY'S STATE PROGRAM. (It costs approximately \$500.00 per student to participate in the program).

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT OUR POST CAN SEND THREE DESERVING STUDENTS TO SACRAMENTO THIS YEAR AS WE DID IN 2011. IN SHORT, WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

Additional Post 132 Upcoming Events:

February 12, 2012:	Area Oratorical Contest held at Post 132, City of Orange
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)

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR POST ON THESE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS!

**Gil Flores
3rd Vice Commander**

Auxiliary President's Message



Happy 2012 to you all!

MEETINGS:

Our next Auxiliary meeting is February 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Orange Post 132.

The next District 29 meeting will be on February 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Post 354 – Buena Park. Any member may attend. Please consider joining me at these meetings. They are very informative.

BUS TRIP:

The Auxiliary's largest fundraiser is the bus trip to the Pala Casino. In order to arrange for a bus we need to have at least 45 people signed up for the trip. Please, we need your help to fill the next bus trip on March 20, 2012. (No bus trip in February). There has been a time change. Please be at Post 132 by 8:30 a.m. as the bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. and will return by approximately 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984 or Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451.

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

The Children's Christmas party was very successful. A big "Thank you" goes out to everyone who assisted in its success. Especially to Virginia Martinez (Children & Youth Chairperson), Jenny Guajardo, Gil Flores, and Diane McGowan's daughter who is a professional photographer. She graciously took photos of the children with Santa, developed them, and framed them during the party. Lots of children and their families left with smiles on their faces. Wendy the Clown was also present and did a wonderful job entertaining the children and painting their faces. This was an all-out effort by many of the Legionnaires, the Riders, and the Auxiliary, so thank you all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:

Dora Rich did it again. She donated the tile and the urinals for renovation of the men's restroom. Financial donations were collected to cover all the other essentials to complete the job. Bear of the Riders and his helpers are seeing to the installation. Thank you guys so much not only for the labor but for all the donations.

I want to thank all of the Friday Night crowds for your continued support of the Raffle, run by the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has managed to raise an average of approximately \$300 to \$500 a month. Your support of the raffle enables the Auxiliary to support Post 132 in its continued efforts to support the Veterans, their families, and the community. So, again, THANK YOU ALL.

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Auxiliary President's Message (Continued from page 10)

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bea Valdez, our Membership Chairperson. She recently lost an uncle and her grandfather (a World War II Veteran) is not doing so well.

Also, Carol Goss' daughter Shanna is having a difficult time with her health. Please keep her in your prayers as well.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The next event on calendar for the Auxiliary is Valentines Day. The Auxiliary is gathering Valentine gift bags for the Veterans at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital – Spine Unit. They are not to go without some sweetheart wishes.

Esther V. Ouellette
Auxiliary Président
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Editor's Remarks

I apologize for the lack of a newsletter last month. Few of the officers got their articles to me by the deadline so there wasn't enough material to warrant putting it together. Fortunately, this month was different. Thanks, guys. We really are in need of more cash flow. We all should strive to let our friends and neighbors know that they can rent our ballroom. And, if you know someone who would like to rent it, please, let one of our officers know so they can.

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FEBRUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	3 Midnight Cowboy Stuffed Pork Chops	4 District Oratorical Contest
5	6	7	8	9 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 P.M. Early Bird Dinner	10 Bounty Hunter Valentine Dance Bar-B-Que Chicken	11
12 5th Area Oratorical Contest 1 P.M.	13	14	15	16 Bugle Deadline!!!	17 Tropic Starr Lasagna	18 UMAVA 9:00 A.M.
19 UMAVA Dance 3 P.M-7 P.M. Sons Meeting 6:30 P.M.	20	21	22	23	24 5 Star Band Tostadas	25
26 ALR Pancake Breakfast 9 A.M. 'til Noon	27	28 VAVS Executive Board Meeting	29			
						