



COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE

I am taking this opportunity to thank my officers for the support they have given me this past year. The past year has been an exciting learning experience for me. We pulled together as a team, achieving many improvements around the Post. Most notably, the face lift of the social dining room.

At this time, I would like to thank the officers, the Auxiliary, SONs and the AL Riders for all the help putting together our 85 years of service to our Veterans and our community.

We haven't seen some of you members in quite some time. I do understand that you were an active member in the past but it has been a long time since you were here. I want to personally reach out to you and your families and have you feel welcome back at your Post. You previously had a good time dining and socializing with friends. We want you to come back and re-live those good times.

Congratulations goes out to the newly elected District 29 Officers: Oliver Taylor - District 29 Commander, Adrian "Mortie" Morton -1st Vice Commander, District 29, and Virgil Swope for District 29, E-Board Member. The Installation of District 29 Officers for the year 2013-2014 will be on July 20, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at Post 132.

In closing, I am looking forward to the next year working with the officers to achieve another banner year. I want to thank the Auxilliary, SONs and AL Riders for their support and service during this past year and I look forward to working with you all this coming year.

Yours in Comradeship,
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander
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1ST VICE COMMANDER, GIL FLORES

Dear Comrades,

As a result of our membership team effort, our Post finished high in the District 29 membership final rankings and delegate strength for the upcoming AL State Convention. As of 5/15/2013, the official membership closure date, our percent goal reached 102.22%, with delegate strength of 10 members. To recap, our numbers are as follows: (1) We now have 414 paid members; our 2013 goal was 405 members; (2) We are only 1 of 7 Posts that have reached the 100% milestone or better; (3) We were third in the District for membership percentages; and (4) We have the second highest number of members in the District. In short, this is an achievement that we should all be proud of. Thanks to all of our Legionnaires who made this happen. It was indeed, a great team effort.

On Friday, June 21st, I assisted the District 29 Boys State officers in registering and greeting our Departing 85 Boys State delegates and their families as the delegates prepared to depart to Sacramento for valuable training at Sacramento State University. Needless to say, there was excitement in the air as the boys boarded their buses at 11:00 P.M. for the 7-8 hour trip to our State Capital. We wished them God's speed on their journey and look forward to their safe return.

On another positive note, our **85th Anniversary Celebration** turned out to be a resounding success. Among our invited honored guests present were Teresa "Tita" Smith, Mayor of the City of Orange, and City Councilman Fred M. Whitaker. The City presented our Post with a Proclamation and praise for the work we do on behalf of our Veterans and their families. Other guests included Gaston Castellanos, District Director for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, and Asia Cunningham, District Director for Senator Lou Correa. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Post and they also had some very nice things to say about AL Orange Post 132. The Post also received a Resolution from Senator Mimi Walters, 37th Senate District. Scott F. McKee, California Department Service Officer, was also present and was representing the AL Department of California. All in all, the 85th Anniversary Celebration turned out to be a great event, with plenty of good will, great food and refreshments. A large number of people visited the Post throughout the day. On behalf of our Post, I wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary, the SONS, the AL Riders and our Post officers for putting together a memorable event. Also, special thanks are in order for AL Post 227, Tustin, for providing the Honor Guard for the event. Until next month,

For God and Country,

Gil Flores

1st Vice Commander
AL Orange Post 132

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

Hello!

Another year has gone by. I want to say "Thank you" for allowing me to serve another term as 2d Vice Commander. I want you to feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any concerns you may have. I look forward to serving you to the best of my abilities. Thanks, again.

Pete Quintana
2d Vice Commander

THIRD VICE COMMANDER

All four of our selected Boys State delegates, their parents, and designated American Legion focals from our Post attended the Friday night, June 21, 2013 bus departure, from the Huntington Beach ELKS Lodge No.1959, to travel to Sacramento for the 76th Session for the American Legion California Boys State week. Boys State activities are scheduled to run from June 22 to June 29th. As the saying goes...EVERYBODY went on this bus to Sacramento ...no private cars were allowed. The bus departed from the ELKS lodge at 7711 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 at 10 pm on June 21, 2013. Boys State allows the participants to learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of responsible citizens. The delegate activities will include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies and recreational programs just to name a few.

I wish these four (4) young men all the best experience and will provide updates as we go. Trust that all of you will have a great month and "talk" to you in July.

Regards,

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



FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Greetings again, Comrades:

May was a fairly good month at the Post. There were no rentals upstairs but we had one downstairs. We continued getting deposits for upcoming rentals upstairs so that helped. We finally started to get donations for air conditioning repairs. Stanley Moore donated \$350.00 and other donations have come in early this month that will be reported on next month's article. We are still 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. The Auxiliary's Friday night Opportunity Drawing (three of them) proceeds were donated to help fund the 85th Anniversary Celebration which was scheduled for June 22, 2013. They also donated their kitchen night proceeds. Bill Hancock, donated proceeds from the Post's T-shirt sales to the 85th Anniversary event fund. In the Legion account, we received donations from William Olsen and J.P. Woodward for the Veterans' Hospital.

Clubroom attendance continues to do well and Friday Night Dinners are doing 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. Any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at (714)371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com

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

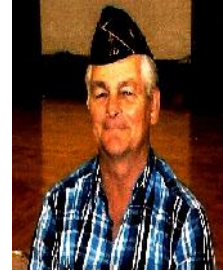
CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Post sends its condolences to the families of Gary Bustillos aka "Chief" and Brian John Cretney, Attorney at Law, members of the SONs.

As your new Chaplain, I would like to ask you all to remember your former Chaplain, Emmett Bowers and keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he is experiencing medical difficulties. Get well wishes go out to Oliver Taylor and Adrian "Mortie" Morton.

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 - Post 132



SERVICE OFFICER

I have not been contacted recently by anyone needing assistance with benefits, etc. I have, however, been very busy at the Post repairing odds and ends here and there.

I was able to assist the Post in presenting the school awards to the deserving students at Yorba School for their scholastic achievements. A worthwhile cause.

Fourth of July is coming up and I thank all the Veterans for the Independence of this Country. If it wasn't for them, who knows where this Country would be. So, I salute all of you Veterans for all your sacrifices.

Should anyone have any problems or questions re: benefits or any need of my service, please feel free to contact me at (714) 450-2620 or e-mail me at: ceeingeye@aol.com.

Until then, For God and Country

Terry Morse
Service Officer
E-Board

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- Q. What did one flag say to the other?
A. Nothing! It just waved!



COMMANDER' S MESSAGE - SONS

Hi, Comrades:

I regret to report that the SONS have lost two good members, friends and comrades. Gary Bustillos aka "Chief" and Brian John Cretney, Attorney at Law. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this difficult time.

Our installation ceremony was great. All of our newly elected Squadron Officers were present. Thank you Auxiliary Members for the great dinner previous to the ceremony. Our Squadron received many awards that evening. It was a job well done.

The Auxiliary had a "Big Shout Out" for the Best Fathers' Day Breakfast ever. Our Opportunity Drawing and Breakfast was successful again.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Nancy McDaniels for her donations and Jeremiah for his support. Also, Esther Ouellette and Carol Goss Holmes, thanks again for your on-going support to the SONS.

Our next dinner will be on July 5, 2013. We will be having Mario's World Famous Meatloaf. We will have our Big Breakfast Fundraiser on July 14, 2013.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY to all.

Tommy Dees,
Commander in Support
SONs of the American Legion - Post 132
(714) 789-8197; (714) 538-6311



Another Observation from The Judge Advocate

It may not be my responsibility to do this but I have done many things in my lifetime that were not my responsibility. Things that I believed someone ought to do. I believe that this is one of those things.

This is my personal opinion, based on observations over an extended period of time. I hope you will all agree that Leo and Esther Ouellette deserve special recognition and our sincere thanks for their untiring dedication and service in support of the many functions of Post 132 and the Veterans we serve, and recognition for the Bugle that they produce every month for all members to see.

With very few exceptions, Leo and Esther attend virtually all General and Executive Meetings, Friday night dances, UMAVA dances, weekend breakfasts, and the vast number of other functions of our Post. In many instances, they (perhaps unknowingly) assume the role of "Champion" on their own initiative and help get the job done.

It is difficult to imagine a function at which we don't see Leo and Esther in a participatory role. I will go so far as to say they are truly "Ambassadors of Good Will" for our Post and are always among the first to greet new members or visitors with a warm welcome, a smile and some friendly conversation.

We all know that it takes teamwork to build an organization and maintain its reputation as has been the case at our Post. Leo and Esther have been fortunate to have had exceptional members working with them in our goal for excellence. I know it's risky to name people, however, I feel that I must name a few. The Commander, Mel Wancowicz for his availability whenever needed, Carol Goss Holmes has been unwavering in her help and support and her historical knowledge of the American Legion and Tommy Dees, President of the SONS is also deserving of special thanks for his exceptional efforts. The Riders as a group is always there to help with so many Post functions and projects so a special thank you goes out to them.

Robert L. Mitchell
Judge Advocate



AL RIDERS, VICE PRESIDENT

Well here we go again.

Wow! What a busy month for the Riders, as well as the Post! The Post celebrated its 85th Anniversary on the 22nd of June!! What a wonderful event the Legion Family put together. A special “thanks” to Leo Ouellette for putting together the Legion display tables with the memorabilia; to 1st Vice Gil Flores for getting the dignitaries to come; the Proclamations from the Mayor, from the State, and Congress was truly rewarding to all of the Post family!! The Ladies Auxiliary for the feast put on and all those wonderful deserts! We can all be truly proud of the work being done at our Post. It truly is inspiring to all of our members!!

The Riders have held the last ticket selling event on Sunday at Veterans stadium in Long Beach and now we will be giving away the motorcycle on Friday, June 28th, after the Friday night raffle. Come on down if you bought a ticket this could be your lucky day!!

Our officers will be installed on Saturday Jun 29th at 7:00 pm at the Post. You are all invited!

As the newly elected President of the American Legion Riders I am looking forward to continuing our relationship with Post 132 and continuing to grow and ever moving forward in doing the things we do best, raising funds to help our veterans and their families, our Post and our community!!

The AL Riders are going to slow down just a bit the month of July to get our wind back after a very busy month!! We will be cooking on the 2nd Friday of July. The menu will be Bear’s meatloaf with sides or steak as usual. \$8.00 for the special and \$12.00 for steak and trimmings.

We will also be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday July 28th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm! The menu will be: pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs for just \$6.00 (our “3and 3” breakfast).

Looking ever forward to the New Legion Year and congratulations to all of the newly installed officers of the Legion Family!! See you at the Post!!

Dale “Bear” Phillips
President, ALR - Post 132



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings, everyone:

Boy oh boy! Did we have a busy month in June! First of all, we had the Installation dinner and ceremony for newly elected officers. It all went well for the most part. Then we had the Father's Day Breakfast wherein we had a record number of guests. Whew, it got a little hectic but it all went well!

Then we had the 85th Anniversary Celebration of our building and the Post on June 22. It went amazingly well, with the exception of the amount of guests. Although the public was invited to share in this celebration, not too many showed up.

I can't thank all the Auxiliary members that assisted with the Installation Dinner, the Father's Day Breakfast and the 85th Anniversary Celebration enough. You are all Angels from Heaven. Thank you for all your hard work! Everything turned out great thanks to all of you; Rachel Caballeros, Carol Goss Holmes, Darlene Phillips, and her daughter Veronica, Alicia Wancowicz, Kriss, Dee Wilke, Mary Valdez, Gavina Lough Botheros, Virginia Martinez, Harriett Mattos, Susan & Morganna Dinsmore, Dot Timmermans, Jenny Guajardo, Kathleen Griego, Alice Pugh (for her donation), Terry & Elaine Morse and Jack Peralta. All of the other members not named from the SONS, AL Riders and Legionnaires, outstanding job, all of you! Also, I want to thank hardworking Dave of the Post! Thank you all!!!!

Please be advised that the Auxiliary is DARK during the month of July. We will not have a meeting nor will there be a bus trip to the Pala Casino during the month of July.

Upcoming Events:

Pala Bus trip: August 20, 2013

Next Auxiliary Meeting: August 8, 2013

Get well wishes go to Patricia Taylor and Rachel Arias.

Rachel was recently elected as the 2d Vice for the Auxiliary and she submitted the following message: *"Hello! Just a few lines to say "thank you" for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2d Vice President. I will do my best and if you should have any concerns or ideas, etc., please feel free to contact me at (714: 744-4541. I look forward to a very successful year!" Rachel Arias*

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

ADJUTANT

Having been under the weather for a while, I have nothing to report at this time. However, if any issues come up in the interim, please notify me! That's my job! My Cell#: (714)856-0364 or Home #: (714)835-5717

For God and Country
Your Adjutant, Adrian "Mortie" Morton
US Army Retired

BUILDING/CLUBROOM MANAGER

Hi, Comrades:

Everything is going well in the Clubroom. The June events have brought in high attendance and resulted in good income at the bar.

We are still in need of donations for the air conditioning and we thank all that have donated towards the need in the past.

The 4th of July is coming up and we will be having hamburgers/hot dogs for anyone wanting to come over and celebrate with us here at the Post.

If anyone has issues they want brought up with respect to what goes on in the clubroom, please feel free to let me know so we can deal with them. Otherwise, we welcome you to come and enjoy yourselves in a respectful way. We are making every effort to keep the place looking and functioning well for all to enjoy.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Hancock,
Building/Clubroom Manager

JULY 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10 6 Flag Lowering - Orange	11 AL Gen Mtg 7:00 pm ALA (NO MTG)	12 Dinner - Meatloaf/Steaks AL RIDERS The Possee - (Tommy Van)	13 AL RIDERS Mtg -8:30 AM
14 SONs' Breakfast 9 am—12 pm	15	16	17 6 PM Flag Lowering - Orange	18 <i>Bugle Articles Due!!!!!!</i>	19 Dinner - Cmdr Tropic Star	20 DIST 29 INSTALLATION S—POST 132 5 PM UMAVA Mtg 9:00 AM
21 SONs' Mtg. 10:00 AM POST 132 DANCE 3-7 PM-LOS CUTES	22	23	24 6 PM Flag Lowering - Orange Plaza	25	26 Pork Chops - Dora 5 Star	27
28 ALR Pancake Breakfast 9am - 12pm	29	30	31			
						

**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)

**SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
PRESENTED BY AMERICAN LEGION
POST 132
2013**

CERRO VILLA SCHOOL
Presented by: Virgil Swope

RECIPIENT

Mckenna Lu
Brett Dickler

HONORABLE MENTION

Michelle Pham
Jordan Garcia

HOLY FAMILY
Presented by Leo Ouellette

Kate Schmitt
John Russo

Cierra Roman
Eric Rivera

MCPHERSON MAGNET
Presented by Tom Wilke

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Jessica Yang
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Presented by: Leo Ouellette

Lesley Ramirez Gutierrez
Vincent Nguyen

Anissa Amarillas
Randy Lopez

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Presented by Tom Wilke

Ava Theodossin
Matthew Doan

YORBA
Presented by Terry Morse

Sierra Oster
Irvin Zamora

Mirka Sutelo
Moses Carias Lopez

SANTIAGO HIGH
Presented by Leo Ouellette

Cadet, Danielle Du (Academic)
Cadet, Abraham Murguia (Military)

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!





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Adrian "Mortie" Morton-
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