



**GIL FLORES, COMMANDER, AL ORANGE POST 132**  
**DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT**

Dear Comrades,

As we wrapped up the 2014-2015 Legion Year, I'm pleased to inform you that we finished the year on a high note. We conducted our installation and dinner on June 11, 2015, made plans to attend the AL California State Convention and attained 100+ membership for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. These milestones are strong testament to the Post officers and members who strongly believe in the American Legion and the good works we do in the community on behalf of Veterans and their families.

On behalf of myself, I want to thank the Post's membership for re-electing me for a second term as your Post 132 Commander. My first year as Post Commander was a positive learning experience for me, and I stand ready to take the reins of leadership for the coming year. I also want to thank our executive board for their devotion and commitment to the Post as well. I was indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a strong and dedicated team of Legionnaires working with me hand-in-hand throughout the past year. In short, we had an excellent second quarter of 2015 as well, and the positive momentum continues.

Our finances remain steady, membership attendance to Post events continues to climb, and our membership renewal standings were among the best in the Department. Special thanks are also in order for those members and guests who attended and supported our many dinners and events. *Please continue to do so!*

Please check the Bugle calendar for Post upcoming events. Also, please attend our membership meetings which are held on the second Thursday of the month. Remember, this is your Post and we welcome your participation and involvement.

For God and Country

*Gil Flores*  
*Commander*  
*USAF*





**1ST VICE COMMANDER, VIRGIL SWOPE**

Here we are at the beginning of Legion year 2016 with an increase of dues to \$45.00 a year. Please remember so we don't have to be chasing back and forth to have the correct amount for your new membership renewal dues.

I want to remind everyone what the increase will do for our Post. Last year, American Legion Department of California increased dues and we didn't. We absorbed that increase. We asked the members to vote for an increase for dues and they voted a \$10.00 increase per year. After we pay the Department \$28.50 per member, we will retain \$16.50 per member. With our membership at 400 plus, we should have approximately \$6,600.00 per year.

This should be good for the next several years and it will provide some funds to support our programs. Although, as First Vice I am responsible for membership, it is up to all members to promote membership.

Please bring your dues to the next meeting. Remember, EARLY BIRD DINNER is for early payment of dues.

For God and country:  
Virgil Swope  
1st Vice Cmdr



**MORTON "MORTON" ADJUTANT**

I don't have much except to thank you Post 132 members for paying your dues. We are at 101% membership this year.

AGAIN, A REMINDER -- starting in July 2015, our new Legion Year, the Dues will be (\$45.00). I will have the 2015-16 membership cards at the end of June.

And thank you Commander Flores for the short installation meeting. Please support your newly installed officers. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!

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## 2ND VICE COMMANDER, JOSE MARTINEZ

Well, we had our installation of POST 132's, 2015-2016 Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and SON's Officers on June 11th. The AL Riders are having their installation at another date. Thanks to all family and friends that attended the installation. To all returning officers, "Welcome Back"; to all new officers, "Welcome Aboard" and *thank you all* for accepting the challenges of your positions.

On June 19, 2015, my wife, Carol and I, along with 3rd Vice Commander, Victor De la Rosa, and his girlfriend, Kathy, will be at the Elks Lodge in Huntington Beach to see our Boys State Candidates board the bus going to Sacramento. We will be there to wish them all well.

Post 132 has not had a Color Guard Detail for quite some time. Well, it was decided to form a Color/Honor detail and four of our Veterans agreed to step up. At this time, the team consists of: Jim Gaffney (U S Army); Victor De La Rosa (U S Air Force); Javier Rojas (U S Marines) and myself, Jose Martinez (U S Marines). We started our practices and have even been asked to perform our first presentation of colors on July 25, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church in the City of Orange. Please see attached flyer for more information. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will also be Posting Colors at our general meetings. ***We are highly encouraging more Veterans, male and female, to join the team. Please contact me for more information. I would like to thank the Legionnaires for enabling us to cover the costs of purchasing our uniforms. If anyone would like to donate to the Color Guard detail, please contact me. A "donation container" will be placed at the Post's bar if anyone would like to donate to our cause.***

Again, thanks to everyone who attended the Post's installation. It is our goal and we are determined to have a very good 2015-2016 year.

Semper Fi,  
Jose Martinez  
2nd Vice Commander  
martinezjoseg@yahoo.com





### **3RD VICE COMMANDER, VICTOR DE LA ROSA**

Greetings:

I am Victor De la Rosa, Post 132's new 3rd Vice Commander. A little background information about myself: I grew up in Santa Ana and graduated in 1982. I enlisted in the Air Force right after I graduated. After basic and tech school I was stationed at Griffess AFB, in New York with the 49th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron as a weapons specialist on the F-106 Delta Dart. In 1986 I was transferred to a civil engineering squadron as an electrician at Vandenberg AFB, California. In 1990 I went to Osan AB, South Korea, with a Red Horse Squadron. I was honorably discharged in 1991.

My girlfriend and best friend, Kathy Kulp, and I have been coming to Post 132 for about a year-and-a-half now and we enjoy dancing to all the great music.

I am honored to be elected as 3rd Vice Commander for this Post and will do my best to fulfill my duties. I also am a member of Post 132's new Color Guard Detail.

Should I need to be contacted, I can be reached by e-mail at: [victorplcnt@yahoo.com](mailto:victorplcnt@yahoo.com)

Victor De la Rosa  
3rd Vice Commander  
USAF





### **MESSAGE FROM JUDGE ADVOCATE, JOHN L. MINNELLA**

Dear Comrades:

During this new Post Administration year, I will endeavor to inform you by the Bugle and my written reports about local, state and national legislation of interest to and/or affecting veterans, and about legal and legislative news from the District, Department and National Legion organizations. The Department of California maintains an informative summary of veteran relevant legislative news at <http://www.calegion.org/html/legislative.htm>. If you have any specific interest, let me know and I will investigate and report about it.

If any Post member would like to propose a change or changes to the Bylaws, or even wants a copy of the existing ones, or wants to discuss any topic, contact me ([drjminnella@yahoo.com](mailto:drjminnella@yahoo.com); tel. 714/543-9005; fax: 714/542-2495). Proposed Bylaws must be presented in writing for formal consideration.

John L. Minnella  
Judge Advocate





### SUSIE FLORES, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

First of all, I want to acknowledge and thank our Past President, Esther V. Ouellette, for her dedication, commitment and leadership during the last three years that she served as President of Auxiliary, Unit 132. She provided an excellent example for me to follow as your newly elected President. She has been faithful to our Unit, the Legionnaires, the SONS, the Legion Riders and the families of Veterans we serve. She has mentored us and been faithful to living up to our motto – *For God and Country*. I would also like to thank Dee Wilkie for serving as our outgoing Second Vice. She and Harriett Mattos are not serving as Committee Chairs; however, I know they will continue to volunteer at events and be active participants at meetings and help others with committees.

The new 2015-2016 Auxiliary Officers and E-Board Members are as follows: **President** - Susie Flores; **1st Vice** - Jean Willis; **2nd Vice** - Rosie Williams; **Secretary** - Carolynn McMahon; **Treasurer** - Carol Goss Holmes; **Sgt. At Arms** - Gavina Lough Botheros; **Marshall** – Virgie Martinez (Terry Rodriguez resigned for employment reasons); and **Chaplain** - Darlene Phillips. **E-Board:** Carol Martinez, Darlene Phillips, Kathleen Griego, Nancy Rios and Rachel Caballero. I am very pleased that we continue to have some experienced officers and excited that many women accepted the opportunity to become officers and E-Board members on this year's Auxiliary team. We were installed at Post 132 on June 11, 2015.

I am so grateful that all of our Committee Chair Members were appointed immediately following elections. Committee Chair Members will need help throughout the year, so please be thinking about what committee(s) you will want to serve on. There is a place for everyone that wants to be involved. We will also need volunteers for our Auxiliary dinners held on the fourth Friday of each month.

Our Auxiliary Unit hosted the District 29 meeting at our Post on Sunday, June 7th. We had seven of our Auxiliary officers and Chairs in attendance. We provided breakfast which consisted of: burritos, croissants, fresh salsa, sandwich wraps, fresh fruit, banana-nut bread, candy, coffee and orange juice. Thank you ladies for all of your cooking, donations, set-up time and clean up. We were excellent hostesses and received many compliments.

District 29 Officers were elected as follows: **President** – Cheryl Neiffer; **First Vice** – Cindy Mayfield; **Second Vice** – Jean Sudbeck; **Chaplain** – Carol Borgman; **Sgt. at Arms** – Kim Thompson; and **Marshall** – Kaye Hamby. Our Unit 132 received three Education Certificates of Participation: 1) for Giving 10 to Education; 2) for Giving Over \$50 to the Education Fund; and 3) for Giving Three (3) Scholarships Totaling \$2,000. Thank you, Carol Goss Holmes, for Chairing this Committee. Several of us will be attending the 2015 Department of California Convention in Ontario June 25-28. Carol Goss Holmes and I will represent the District by attending the Education Committee and PPP Committee Meetings.

Our next **Auxiliary Meeting** is on **July 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** We want to get to know you – the members (total of 125)! We are excited to begin our new year. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, questions, and feedback. Let me know how you would like to get involved. ***THERE WILL NOT BE A PALA BUS TRIP IN THE MONTH OF JULY!***

Susie Flores,  
Auxiliary President, Unit 132  
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**TOMMY DEES, SONS' COMMANDER/CLUBROOM MANAGER**

Hi, Comrades:

Installation has come and gone again. Where did the time go? It was a great turnout. Thank you, Mr. Eubanks and the 40-8 for the installation of our officers. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. We look forward to working with the Legion Family to make the 2015-2016 term successful.

The SONs will be having a BBQ in the Legion's south side parking lot on July 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Also, on Sunday, July 19, 2015 we will have a Matinee Day at 2:00 p.m. at our Post. We will be featuring *American Sniper*, with snacks. Coming in August, we will bring back the 50's Grease Night. Call the Post at (714) 538-6311 for more information.

Our next Dinner will be Friday, July 3, 2015 and our next Breakfast will be on July 12, 2015.

**Upcoming SONs Events:**

- SONs Breakfast: Sunday, July 3, 2015 - 9 am to 12 pm.
- SONs Independence Day BBQ: Saturday, July 4, 2015– 2:00 pm
- SONs Dinner: Friday, July 12, 2015 - 6 pm to 8 pm, Menu will be Meatloaf.
- SONs General Meeting: Sunday, July 12, 2015 (following breakfast)
- SONs Matinee: Sunday, July 19, 2015

For God and Country  
Tommy Dees,  
Post 132  
SONs Commander  
(714) 289-8197





**JACK INZAURO CONGETTO, AL RIDERS PRESIDENT, CHAPTER 132**

*I am unavailable at this time as I am traveling. The following article is submitted by our Past President in my absence.*

Thank you to American Legion Post 132 for allowing our Chapter of AL Riders to be members of the American Legion Family. The AL Riders will continue their mission to raise funds to support our Veterans.

We had a busy month in May with Remembrance to our Veterans that have gone before us. AL Riders went on a ride yesterday. Some may say that it was for fun but more importantly the camaraderie that we have as Riders with each other is most unique.

As most of you know, we are Veterans, SONS and Auxiliary members but the brotherhood, when we are on our motorcycles is "I GOT YOUR BACK", not just on our motorcycles but in our everyday lives. We made many stops, but together as a group, we discussed a lot of our upcoming events.

We met people that also belong to other Posts and spoke to them about joining our group or to join a Legion. We supported other Veteran causes and in a nutshell "What a Day"! We are a Chapter comprised of dedicated individuals that want something more in our lives so, we joined together to volunteer our time to support all Veterans. Someday or even now, we may need that support. So, with eyes wide open we will continue to help in any way we can. I hope that our journeys will always be filled with safety and happiness.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President these next few years and I am honored to say I am your friend.

***Thanks always to our Veterans!***

Dale "Bear" Phillips  
Past President 2013, 2014-2015  
American Legion Riders, Chapter 132  
Army Veteran







**SID GAUNA, FINANCE OFFICER**

Greetings again, Comrades:

We did well in May and we are doing well in June. Last week I was installed for my 26th year as Com-missiere Intendant (Finance Officer) for the 40 & 8 and I just got installed as Finance Officer for my ninth year at Post 132.

I have been busy and will be busy this month, so I won't have time to do an article this month. I will fill everyone in on what is happening in next month's Bugle.

You can reach me at (714)371-6247 or email me at [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com)

Semper Fi  
Sid Gauna  
Finance Officer  
USMC



**TERRY MORSE, SERVICE OFFICER/BUILDING MANAGER**

God bless you and your families. Well I hope you dads had a great Fathers Day and will have a great 4th of July.

Rentals are going well. The Post is looking good with all the new display cases and artifacts in them. Remember to be safe this Independence Day. Try to keep cool as the heat is always the number one killer during Summer. Be kind and considerate to each other for the heat and rudeness cause fights. So let's all get along and have a good time.

I was disappointed at the Flag Day Ceremony here at the Post as there were no participants besides myself. No officers showed up. Had it not been for the SONs cooking Sunday, I wouldn't have had anyone witness the retiring of the flags. What a shame!

Come down for dinner, dancing and a good time on Friday nights. Have a happy and sane 4th of July.

Service Manager/Building Manager  
Terry Morse, (714) 633-8661  
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### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

Get well wishes to all who are ailing. Thoughts and prayers to all who are grieving.

*At my lowest, God is my hope. At my weakest, God is my strength. At my saddest, God is my comforter. The Lord said, "I will take your right hand and do not fear, I will help you!"*

Leo Ouellette (714) 334-2961  
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USAF



### **LEO & ESTHER OUELLETTE, EDITORS**

This month's Bugle is shorter than usual as not too much is going on during the month of July.

*If America is the Home of the Brave, why are the brave homeless?*








*Everywhere you go, leave a glitter trail of kindness behind you. Someone who needs it may just pick it up.*

*Husbands are the best people to share your secrets with.... They'll never tell anyone 'cuz they aren't ever listening!*

*If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that!*

Leo & Esther Ouellette  
Editors, lmocon@sbcglobal.net,  
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# JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			<p>1 40/8 Mtg Post 555</p> <p>Mtg 7:30pm Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6pm <b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p>	<p>2 AL E-Board Mtg 7 pm</p>	<p>3 SONs Dinner – TBD/ Steaks 6pm-8pm</p> <p>Tropic Star 8 pm-12am</p>	<p>4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b></p> <p><b>SONs' BBQ</b> 2:00 PM</p>
5	6	7	<p>8 VVA-Chapter 785 Mtg—5 PM Post 132</p> <p>Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6pm <b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p>	<p>9 AL GEN MTG 7:30 PM ALA MTG 7 PM</p>	<p>10 AL RIDERS' Pasta w/meatballs/ Dinner - /Steaks 6pm - 8pm</p> <p>Blue Highway 8 pm-12am</p>	<p>11 AL RIDERS Mtg—8:30 am Post 132</p>
<p>12 SONs' Breakfast 9 am—12 pm SONs' Gen Mtg 12pm</p>	13	<p>14 <b>NO PALA BUS TRIP THIS MONTH</b></p> <p><b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5 PM—8 PM</p> 	<p>15 VVA- Chapter 1024 Mtg—5 pm</p> <p><b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p>	16	<p>17 Legionnaires: Mexi- can Food/aks 6pm-8pm</p> <p>Midnight Cowboys 8 pm– 12 pm</p>	<p>18 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 am Post 132</p>
<p>19 <b>SON's MATINEE</b> Feature: <b>AMERICAN SNIPER</b> 2:00 PM.</p>	20	21	<p>22 Flag Lowering Orange Plaza 6pm</p> <p><b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p>	23	<p>24 Auxiliary/BBQ Chicken, baked beans/ Steaks</p> <p>5 STAR</p>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	<p>1953 -Armistice signed by Korea</p>	<p><b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5 PM—8 PM</p> 	<p><b>Wacky Wednesday</b></p>		<p>SONS/Hot Turkey, mashed potatoes/ STEAKS</p> <p>LOS CUATES</p>	
						

*Because of donations and support, Post 132 has been able to present school awards for over 28 years.*

**2015 AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS**

**CERRO VILLA SCHOOL**

**WINNERS:**

Hope Pickler; Noah Torres

**RUNNERS UP:**

Jamie Lee; Lucky Martinez

**PRESENTED BY:**

Gil Flores

**HOLY FAMILY**

**WINNERS:**

Allyson San Ramon; Aidan Finck

**RUNNERS UP:**

Evelyn Schmitt; Dylan Ventress

**PRESENTED BY:**

Leo Ouellette

**ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL – ROTC**

**WINNERS:**

Military Excellence: Cadet GySgt: Garrett Brunning

Scholastic Excellence: Cadet LcPl: Vanessa Flores

**PRESENTED BY:**

Jose Martinez

**McPHERSON MAGNET SCHOOL**

**WINNERS:**

Troy Nishimoto; Hailey Fink

**RUNNERS UP:**

Eli Foyle; Faith Galua

**PRESENTED BY:**

Leo Ouellette

**PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**WINNERS:**

Zoi Huynh; Brenna Chiarramonte

**RUNNERS UP:**

Edward Gomez; Tinh Nim

**PRESENTED BY:**

Terry Morse

**ST. NORBERT**

**WINNERS:**

Micah Navarro; Hayle Walters

**PRESENTED BY:**

Leo Ouellette

**YORBA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**WINNERS:**

Jacob Jacoby; Adrianna Rabadan

**RUNNERS UP:**

Ray Raymundo; Jacqueline Penfield

**PRESENTED BY:**

Jim Gaffney

JUNE 11, 2015 INSTALLATION OF 2015-2016 OFFICERS AT POST 132

Below, Post 132 Legionnaires being installation from Left to Right: Mortie Morton, Bill Springfield, Javier Rojas, Terry Morse, Jerry Rosas, Victor De la Rosa, Jose Martinez, Sid Gauna, Virgil Swope and Cmdr, Gil Flores.



Right: Commander, Gil Flores, presents Outgoing Auxiliary President, Esther V. Ouellette and Incoming Auxiliary President, Susie Flores with a Certificate of Appreciation from Legionnaires.



Below:

Installation of SONs officers.

Below:

Installation of Auxiliary members.



INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEBRATION  
BBQ

Hosted by: SON's

\$5.00 plate

DATE: **Saturday, July 4, 2015**

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: POST 132

143 S. Lemon Street

Orange, California 92866

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MATINEE

Hosted by: SON's

(Donations accepted)

Date: **Sunday, July 19, 2015**

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: POST 132

Featuring: ***AMERICAN SNIPER***

We will have snacks!

Come join us for some fun!!!

Please Join U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez  
Working Wardrobes VetNet  
CA Employment Development Department  
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Veterans' Fair



## Events and Services:

- ★ 10 am Department of Veterans Affairs  
eBenefits & Claims Workshop
- ★ 11 am Employment Panel
- ★ 10 am & 11 am Career & Resume Workshop  
CA EDD and Special Guest, Executive Career  
Coach and Consultant, Mike Marinoff
  - BRING YOUR RESUMES for Updating!
- ★ VA Mobile Health Bus
- ★ VA Eligibility & Enrollment
- ★ Free Health Screenings
- ★ Meet Local Veterans Organizations
- ★ Small Playground for Children
- ★ FREE LUNCH!

Saturday, July 25, 2015  
9 a.m.— 1 p.m.

Opening Ceremony at  
9:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
Grand Street Center (YMCA)  
146 N Grand St.  
Orange, CA 92866

Free Parking at Adjacent Parking Lot Across Grand

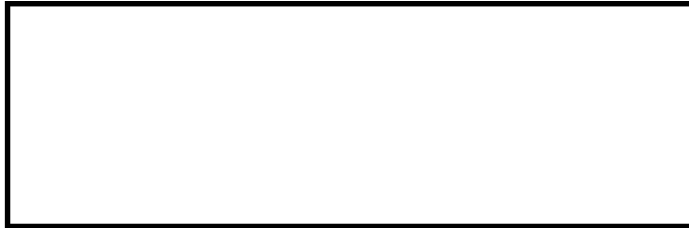
**All Veterans in Orange County and their Families are Encouraged to Attend!**

For more information, please contact: Sarah Lee, Office of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (714) 621-0102  
Workshop RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/event/16998009504>

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**BUGLE**  
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**2015-2016 OFFICERS**



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