



COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE

I attended the 29th District Meeting. There were a couple of important items that are worthy of note: The first that caught my attention was the formation of the Veterans' Advisory Council Collation. There are 94 agencies in the county that support Veterans. The objective of the Advisory Council is to provide service to our Veterans more effectively.

Congratulations to the recently elected 2013-2014 Officers!

2013-2014 Post 132 Officers:

Melvin P. Wancowicz	Commander
Gilbert "Gil" Flores	1st Vice Commander
Pete Quintana	2nd Vice Commander
Joanne Barton	3rd Vice Commander
Isidro "Sid" Gauna	Finance Officer
Adrian "Mortie" Morton	Adjutant
Robert Mitchell	Judge Advocate
Leo Ouellette	Chaplain
Terry Morse	Service Officer
Mark Walker	Sergeant at Arms

Executive Board

Bill Hancock
Leo Ouellette
Terry Morse
Dale "Bear" Phillips

I look forward to working with the new officers as well as the newly elected Auxiliary, SONS and AL Riders and ask that you give your support to them as they assume their new duties. To show you support for our new officers, please plan to attend the Installation Ceremony on ***Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.***

At this time, I would like to thank Dale "Bear" Phillips, Tommy Dees, Mike Holmes, and Robert Powell from the SONS and a very big thanks to Frank Sellers for all the help with the Mothers' Day Breakfast. May God bless you all! Thank you for your support for our Nation's Veterans, our youth and our community. Your continued support is necessary to continue our mission. Reach out to all the Veterans you know and encourage them to join the American Legion and to actively get involved.

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

Dear Comrades,

As the American Legion year comes to a close at the end of June, I want to once again thank the officers and members for their contribution to our annual Legion membership drive. As I have mentioned several times, Post membership is not a one-person effort; it is a team effort. As a result of our membership team effort, our Post stands high in the District 29 membership ranking and delegate strength for the upcoming AL State Convention. As of 05/15/2013, our percentage goal has 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 have the second highest number of members in the District. All in all, this is an achievement that we should all be proud of.

Our **85th Anniversary Celebration** planning committee is making good progress for the upcoming **June 22nd** event. We have secured a vendor to display and sell military related items to the attendees at the celebration. The AL Tustin Post has agreed to provide the Honor Guard for our opening ceremonies. Our AL Riders will man the BBQ grilles in preparation of the menu for the celebration, and the AL Ladies Auxiliary will provide all the side dishes and condiments.

Our Executive Committee member Leo Ouellette will take care of the entertainment and provide a short presentation on the history of our Post. Finally, I am working on the invitation letters for the elected officials who represent the City of Orange and surrounding community.

In closing, I want to remind you to mark your calendars for our annual Fathers' Day Breakfast, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. The breakfast will be held on **Fathers Day, Sunday, June 16, 2013**. So Dads and Granddads, come on out and enjoy your special day. See you there!

For God and Country,

Gil Flores

1st Vice Commander
AL Orange Post 132

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Pete Quintana

THIRD VICE COMMANDER

Fifty-eight (58) Mother's and their families attended our Legion's Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday the 12th. I would like to thank Commander Mel, Bear of the AL Riders and his team for the wonderful champagne breakfast that they put together. I even showed up to handle the cashier duties and was told it was covered...lesson learned. When Mel says his team has it handled...he has it handled!!! Again to all the mothers...hope you had a wonderful day!

All four of our chosen delegates, their parents, Mel, Gil and I will be attending the mandatory May 16, 2013 Instructional Dinner. The function will be held at Newport Harbor Post 291. Our four selected candidates will actually depart for Sacramento for their Boys State week on June 21, 2013. Again, I'll try to keep everyone posted on this project and want to try to capture the delegates' thoughts and experiences after the Boys State week and share them. More to come.

I just volunteered to become a Greeter at the Orange County Animal Care and found that the City Drive facility is hosting a special Animals for Armed Forces event on Saturday, May 25th for our Armed Forces service men and women from 10 am – 5 pm. Special discounts on pet adoptions will apply during this event for our former and current military members. Sorry this may be a bit late based on the Bugle distribution, but I'll be on top of such activities going forward. For further information, please visit www.animalsforarmedforces.org or call (714) 916-5400.

Lastly, please don't forget the Fathers' Day Breakfast at our Post from 9 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 16th. Look forward to seeing many of you at this event!! Regards and have a great month.

Joanne Barton (714) 655-4770

Third Vice Commander

AL Post 132



FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Greetings Comrades:

May was a slow month at the Post. There were no rentals and our bank account went down again. We did get some deposits for upcoming rentals so that helped some. We had to pay Sales Taxes for 1st Quarter (Jan, Feb, & Mar) and that took us down also. We are still okay -- a lot better than we were a year ago! At that time our check book balance was negative 75% of the time.

There were a few personal donations -- Ed Mowbray and John Ball made their regular monthly donations to the clubroom. Mary Valdez made a nice donation for the children's parties. The Auxiliary made a nice donation for the clubroom barstools and their opportunity drawing proceeds were donated to help fund the 85th Anniversary Celebration coming up in June 22nd.

Clubroom attendance continues to do well and Friday night dinners are doing great. Haven't heard anything from anybody about helping fix the A/C units upstairs. It would be nice to have a cool hall for the 85th Anniversary Celebration. Until next month, yes, I will be back as your Finance Officer for another year. You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com

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

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It is with great sorrow that we have tragically lost one of our own members, MARIBEL RAMOS. The American Legion Post 132 Family sends condolences to her family and friends.

Members of American Legion Post 132



SERVICE OFFICER

May 15 was Peace Officers' Memorial Day. I for one forgot it and as I was waiting for my wife to get off work, I noticed the flag at half mast and I thought, "Oh, no, who died now?" Then as I went up to ask the guard at the gate, he told me what day it was and I must forget it every year. Here is the first paragraph of the presidential proclamation for this day.

"Day after day officers in every corner of America suit up, put on the badge, and carry out their sworn duty to protect and serve. They step out the door every morning without considering bravery or heroics. They stay focused on meeting their responsibilities. They concentrate on keeping their neighborhoods safe and doing right by their fellow officers. And with quiet courage, they help fulfill the demanding yet vital task of shielding our people from harm. It is work that deserves our deepest respect -- because when darkness and danger would threaten the peace, our police officers are there to step in, ready to lay down their lives to protect our own."

So many of our soldiers come home and they enter the police force and the words above speak for our troops as to what they do for us around the world and so this month May, we have a month that stands out for our police officers and our soldiers, we have armed forces day and we have one of the greatest days that give us a chance to say thank you to our men and women who have given their all.

So, on the 27th of May, Memorial Day, do something for our troops, living or dead. Come out and make a showing at an American Legion Post and the cemeteries. Stand and be recognized that as a people of our country, we stand and salute our troops, soldiers, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. Before I became a member of Post 132, I went to the cemetery in Fullerton and put crosses and flags on the fallen men and women who served and it is an honor to do so. When you see a soldier, reach your hand out and thank him. You will feel just as good as he will feel. God bless you all and keep you safe.

For God and Country,

Terry Morse
Service Officer, ceeeingeye@aol.com



SONS' COMMANDER MESSAGE

Hi, Comrades:

May went well with our dinner, breakfast and raffle. I want to thank the SONS that keep it together: Mario Beltran, Ray Alvarado, Brett (Eggman) Jackson, Toby DeLeon, Robert Powell, Mike Holmes, Jerry, Pierre Duco and a BIG "THANK YOU" to Esther Ouellette and Carol Goss Holmes for their ongoing support. Mothers' Day had a good turnout. Commander Mel and ALR President, Bear cooked up a great breakfast backed up by myself, Mike Holmes and Robert Powell. June 13 will be Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm. June 22, 2013 will be the 85th Anniversary of our Legion Post 132 building. There will be a DJ, food and entertainment. The AL Riders will man the BBQ outside. Thank you, Commander, Mel Wancowicz for your continuous support! Fathers' Day Breakfast will be on June 16, 2013 from 9 am to 12pm. Have a great Fathers' Day. Next SONS' breakfast and meeting will be on June 9, 2013.

NEWLY ELECTED 2013-2014 SONS OFFICERS:

Tommy Dees	Commander
Ray Alvarado	1st Vice
Brett Jackson	2nd Vice
Toby DeLeon	3rd Vice
Pierre Duco	Adjutant/Finance Officer
Mario Beltran	Sergeant at Arms
Robert Powell	Chaplain
Mike Holmes	Historian

Congratulations all! I look forward to working as a team with all of you!

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



More Opinions and Observations From The Judge Advocate

I know I've written a number of articles for inclusion in the Bugle where I've talked about my opinions and observations (some of you might think "yes" far too many). However since I am still harboring some I will share a few more with you.

I don't know how many of our members are aware of how successful our Post 132 is compared to many others, not just in our area but around the country. Our membership has grown and continues to grow and includes members that are transferring from other posts. They can see that ours is a Post that offers not only assistance for Veterans and their families but also ensures that there are activities that our members can participate in for their personal enjoyment.

These functions and activities that make Post 132 stand out above the others doesn't just happen because we are lucky. They happen because of good leadership and hard work which is demonstrated by so many with such tremendous dedication. I have mentioned in a previous article that ,in my opinion, we have a great "Hands on" Commander, Mel Wancowicz and an excellent staff that works well together to accomplish our goals. The success of Post 132 is a result of leadership and teamwork of not only the veterans of our Post but the AL Riders, the Son's and the hard working ladies of the Auxiliary. A major contributing factor as well is the support and participation of our very active members.

I salute our Post 132, our leaders and most of all I salute our dedicated members.

Robert L. Mitchell
Judge Advocate

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" goes out to Rudy Herrera for donating the American Memorabilia Collection on display at the Post.



AL RIDERS, VICE PRESIDENT

We are now going into The Month of June 2013 and the AL Riders would like to congratulate all of the newly elected officers of the American Legion, Auxilliary, and SONS of the American Legion!!

The Riders have elected new officers as well. They are as follows:

President: Dale Bear Phillips
Vice President: Rich Jordan
Treasurer: Just Dar Phillips
Secretary: (Soon to be filled by a new member joining the Legion and the Riders)
Sgt At Arms: Ken Craner
Road Captain: Chris Carlson
Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Historian: To be appointed by me after installation of officers.

Congratulations to my new and returning officers!!

I would especially like to thank our outgoing President, Sam Holcomb!! Sam has been instrumental in the growth of this Chapter and is extremely dedicated to our veterans and our causes. His leadership will be missed!!

We are getting close to giving away the 2006 Road King and it should happen by the 4th of July!! Keep your fingers crossed and good luck to all who bought tickets for this motorcycle!! There will be a BBQ on Memorial Day at Post 132 following the Tri City Memorial Day Ceremony at the Santa Ana Cemetery. It will be from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. Menu is Tri Tip, or Pulled Pork with sides for just \$7.00.

I look forward to serving the Riders and the Post for the 2013 to 2014 Legion Year!!

As always, Thank you for supporting the Riders as well as the American Legion. Without our members we couldn't accomplish anything so Thank You all!!

Dale "Bear" Phillips
Vice President
AL Riders Chapter 132
Executive Committee Member Post 132



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings, everyone:

June is certainly going to keep us busy. We were able to get our End-of-the-Year reports done thanks to Carol's perseverance.

Carol Goss Holmes, Harriett Mattos and I attended the Auxiliary District Meeting held at the Leisure World Unit 327. Presentations for End-of-the-Year Report Certificates took place. Congratulations goes out to Elaine Morse of Unit 132 for winning Third Place in Legislative Reporting. Also, Frances Schuster, our Membership Chairperson was acknowledged for achieving over 100% membership. Great job, ladies!

The Poppy letters all went out as well. Thanks to the following awesome Auxiliary members: Dora Rich, Frances Schuster, Dot Timmerman, Carol Goss Holmes, Mary Martinez, Shawna Goss, Dee Willkie, Virginia Martinez and Rachel Arias and me. I just want to say that **team work** is what keeps this Auxiliary going. It doesn't come down to just one person.

Installations of new officers will take place on June 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

New elected officers for the 2013-2014 Auxiliary are as follows:

- Esther Ouellette.....President
- Harriett Mattos 1st Vice
- Rachel Arias.....2nd Vice
- Dot Timmermans..... Secretary
- Carol Goss Holmes..... Treasurer

All committee chairpersons will be listed at the next Bugle.

Upcoming Events:

- Pala Bus trip: June 11, 2013
- Next ALA Meeting: June 13, 2013 (Installation)
- Fathers' Day June 16, 2013 (Need volunteers to help with breakfast)
- American Legion Convention June 25-30, 2013 (Palm Springs)

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

ADJUTANT

Hello, American Legion Families:

June is just around the corner, which means our 2014 dues will be due. Any dues that are paid now will be on hold until the 2014 cards come out. Thank you Mel, Bear and all the helpers, that put on the Mothers' Day Breakfast. Newly elected Post 132 Officers are as follows: Melvin Wancowicz, Commander; 1st Vice Commander, Gil Flores; 2nd Vice Commander, Pete Quintana; 3rd Vice Commander, Joanne Barton; Finance Officer, Sid Gauna. Committee: Bill Hancock, Terry Morse, Leo Ouellette and Dale Phillips.

June will be another busy Legion month. We have the District 29 meeting and election of officers held at our Post on June 2nd at 10 AM, June 14th is Flag Day, June 25th thru the 30th is our Dept. Legion Convention at Palm Springs. Area 5 meeting on June 8 & 9th and lastly, we will be giving out the Legion Middle School awards.

Anyone who has changed your residence or phone number or plan to do so in the near future, please let me know so I can send in the paper work. It would be most helpful!

Lastly, anyone interested in becoming a Post 132 officer please step up to the plate. We have several openings. This is your Post and your Legion Family. ***ANY INFORMATION OR YOUR POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE MOST WELCOME.***

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:

June will be a busy Month. We have two rentals and most of all our big 85th Anniversary Celebration with an Open House which will include food, entertainment and numerous displays of memorabilia for your enjoyment. We want our members and guests to enjoy themselves at our Post, however, we ask that they conduct themselves in a respectful manner after all, it is the *American Legion*. We appreciate your support and look forward to many good times in the future.

Yours in Comradeship
Bill Hancock,
Building/Clubroom Manager

JUNE 2013

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9 AREA 5 MTG SONs' Mtg. 10:00 AM	10	11 ALA PALA BUS TRIP Leave at 9:00 AM	12 6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange	13 POST 132 Installation Mtg 7:00 PM Early Bird In- stallation Din- ner 6 PM School Awards	14 Dinner -Cmdr Steaks AL RIDERS Bounty Hunters US Army Founded Flag Day School Awards	15 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 AM
16 FATHERS' DAY BREAK- FAST 9AM- 12PM	17	18	19 Flag Lowering Ceremony 6 PM Orange Plaza DAV Mtg 8 PM	20 <i>Bugle Articles Due!!!!!!</i>	21 Dinner - Tropic Star 1st Day of Summer	22 85th Anniver- sary Celebra- tion- Open House Post 132 9am - 2pm
23 UMAVA DANCE 3-7 PM LOS CUATES	24	25 DEPT LEGION CONVENTION 6/25-6/30 PALM SPRINGS Animals for Armed Forces-Orange Korean War Began 1950	26	27	28 Dinner- Auxiliary- Stuffed Pork ChopsAuxiliary 5- Star	29
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**BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO
TUESDAY**

June 11, 2013

**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)

AL POST 132 PROUDLY PRESENTS
Our

Annual Fathers' Day Breakfast

DATE & TIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013

9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

ADDRESS

AL POST 132

143 S. Lemon St.

Orange, CA 92866-1319

BREAKFAST DONATION:

ADULTS (\$6.00), Children-Under 12 (\$3.00)

“Fathers and Grandfathers – No Charge”

Hosted by AL Auxiliary

***Please contact President, Esther Ouellette with
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Happy Fathers Day to all

Dads and Granddads”



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ORANGE, CA**

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**DONATION: \$25.00 COUPLES
\$13.00 SINGLES**

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00PM

FOOD AVAILABLE

BUY TICKETS AT DOOR

**CALL ELSIE @ 714-373-0634 OR SID @ 714-371-6247
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