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AMERICAN LEGION

Commander
Oliver Taylor
1st Vice Commander
Tom Wilkie
2nd Vice Commander
Virgil Swope II
3rd Vice Commander
Gil Flores
Finance Officer
Sid Gauna
Chaplain
Emmett Bowers
Adjutant
Adrian "Mortie" Morton

AUXILIARY

President
Esther Ouellette
1st Vice President
Harriett Mattos
Treasurer
Carol Goss
Secretary
Evelyn Cummings

SONS

Commander
Tommy Dees
1st Vice Commander
Chris Campbell
Adjutant/ Finance Officer
Pierre Duco
Chaplain
Robert Powell
Sergeant at Arms
Mario Beltran
Historian
Roy Kelly

RIDERS

President
Sam Holcomb
Vice President
Dale "Bear" Phillips
Treasurer
Darlene "Just Dar" Phillips
Judge Advocate
Butch Schmid
Sergeant at Arms
Skip Mc Gowan
Road Captain
Adrian "Mortie" Morton
Assistant Road Captain
Rich Jordan
Historian
Dianne "Lady Di" Mc Gowan

POST HOURS

Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

Commander's Notes



“What’s Happening?”

I would first like to commend the 1st Vice Commander along with the Adjutant for making us the first Post in the 29th District to achieve 100% in membership At the 5th Area meeting held on January 27th – 29th several District Commanders came up to me to Congratulate me on the accomplishment. I took no personal credit but deferred to the Post membership team. All I can say is **“a job well done”**. For those members who have not paid your dues for 2012, please do so. Continuous Years of membership is a prideful thing and takes time to accumulate. Remember if you miss a year paying your dues you have to start all over again. The Post continues to struggle financially. Every month at both the Executive Committee and General Membership meetings our Finance Officer paints a picture of gloom and doom. Yet every month the Post meets payroll, pays all the necessary bills and even gets some upgrades to the building accomplished. Don’t misunderstand me when I say the finance situation is a constant struggle and we all should tip our hats to Sid and tell him what a **“Wonderful Job”** he is doing managing the monies but the thing that impresses me the most is how the membership steps forward in time of real need. This past month it was Friday and the electrical bill **HAD** to be paid Monday or the Post was going to go dark. Gloom and Doom right? Sam Holcomb, ALR president walked into the Club Room Manger’s Office and wrote a check to pay the bill. It always seems that someone in the time of real need steps to the forefront. The Post still needs more participation from the membership. Coming out for dinner and dancing on Friday nights is a great thing and keeps the Club Room in the black (barely) but Bill Hancock our Club Room Manager must feel like the **“Maytag Repairman”** the rest of the week. If stopping in to have a couple of cool ones is not your cup of tea, pick a program and make a contribution. We are finally being recognized as a viable part of our community because of the events the Post sponsors (i.e. children parties. food collections,) and all the other programs we support. Oratorical Contest, Boy’s and Girl’s State, VA Hospital visit, all these things require money. Then there are the requirements that really cost. Taxes and all things that it takes to keep the doors open. Gas, Water, Electricity – you get the picture.

Over the year and one half that I have been Commander the Post never ceases to amaze me, Somehow, some way what ever needs doing gets done.

I would be remiss if I did not give a **“Tip of the Cap”** and a hearty **“Well Done”** to those who stepped up to the plate in refurbishing the Club Room Restrooms. Dora Rich was the leader in contributing money in support of this effort. Dale “Bear“ Phillips was the man when it came down to actually getting the work accomplished. In review of what we now offer for your comfort and what we had in the past is as different as night and day. The Men’s Room is not complete as there are little details still to be addressed. But one thing that is noticeably missing is the odor. That was a real treat to be rid of the odor.

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Tom Wilkie

1ST VICE COMMANDER

1st Vice Commander's Report

Good News! Our Post is close to 100% in paid membership for this year thanks to you and our newest members. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so now—just \$35. will carry you to July 1, 2013. Those who have not paid will be personally visited if you live locally.

We now have a new banner (3' X 8') which states "HALL FOR RENT" (and phone #); this will be displayed from the front of our Post building in the immediate future. If you, your neighbors, relatives or others whom you know are planning to have a reception for your birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, please contact Orange Post 132 (714) 538-6311. The cost will be quite reasonable, and we will give a special price for our members.

For God, Country and Community,
Tom Wilkie, 1st Vice Commander

Adjutant's Corner

1. CALLING ALL POST 132 WOMEN LEGIONAIRES— I haven't seen any of you at our meetings.
2. The post still has 55 members who haven't paid their 2012 dues as yet. 2013 dues are coming up in June so. Please, pay your dues NOW.
3. Be prepared to show your 2012 membership card before you get served at the bar. NO TICKET- NO LAUNDRY
4. Bingo at the L-1 ward of the VA Hospital on March 17th at 6:00 P.M. We need volunteers for this vital program. This is what we do to support our veterans.
5. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
 - (A) We voted to let our Service Officer, Terry Morse refinish the upstairs floor. Our hats are off to this Legionnaire who has volunteered to do the job. It will look great when he finishes.
 - (B) Our lower floor men's restroom remodeling is now finished and looks terrific thanks to Dale (Bear) Phillips. Thank you.
 - (C) Our 3rd Vice Commander, Gil Flores, reports that Boys State is just around the corner. We desperately need funds for this program or we may have to reduce its scope. It's a tax free donation so contact me to contribute.
 - (D) The electric stairs won't happen due to the Fire Marshall's Specifications.
- 6 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING:
 - (A) We will be going forward with gathering more information on selling our property in Florida.
 - (B) Bill Schuster won the 50/50 drawing which he donated back to the post. Thank you, Bill.
 - (C) We discussed installing an alarm system in the building as we've had recent damage to it.
 - (D) The post has 2 new members. They are Justin Standley and a transfer from Post 555, Leo Ellisalda. We welcome you both to Post 132.

For God and Country
Adrian (Mortie) Morton (714) 856-0364
Adjutant

Post Chaplain's Message

First, we wish to say, "So long" to our fallen comrades who have left this earthly realm and transitioned to their Post Everlasting. In the heavens.

A belated "Happy Valentines Day to all our beautiful ladies of the post!"

Here is a quotation by one of my favorite poets, Henry Waldo Emerson:

To laugh often and much; to earn the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and end the betrayal of false friends; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success.

Emmett D. Bowers

Post Chaplain

2011-2012

(714) 771-5962

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 meetings will 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 run 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 and women 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 take 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, March 11th, 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

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Sincerely,

Christopher Campbell

1st Vice Commander

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Finally, next month (April) is first nominations for Post Officers for Legion year 2012 – 2013. I would like it known that I am not a candidate for any office. It is time for fresh ideas in moving the Post forward There are many challenges facing the Post and its very servile. The City of Orange is considering re-zoning the area which includes the Post property. There is a **Santa Fe Depot** project that has already been planned and is moving through the development stages. The City is looking at re-zoning our property for mixed use. Our 2nd Vice Commander has been working diligently to keep involved in what the City is doing and what needs to be done to protect the best interests of the Post. **The Post has to develop a revenue stream to offset the cost of doing business as an American Legion Post.** The number of Posts that are folding, turning in the charters or just going away is not something we want to happen to Orange Post 132. The next Commander will need all the help and support he can muster to accomplish the tasks at hand. This is your Post and your Post needs your help. “I don’t have time, “I don’t want to get involved”, “I don’t know how to do all that stuff” are only excuses Work the chairs. Become a member of the Executive Committee and learn about Post operations and management. Become an Officer – and build your skills toward one day becoming “Top Dog”. Every position is open and the Post needs you. Last month one of our old members reported to the Supreme Commander at Post Everlasting. Phillip Petek, long time Chaplain for Orange Post 132 was one of the finest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.” Phil would take on any task he was asked to do and do it better or as the saying goes “exceed expectations, He never met a stranger. He loved talking about baseball and had more funny stories than a Mark Twain novel. But that was not really Phil. Phil was a good hearted gentleman that never had a bad word to say about anyone. No matter how dumb an act was, Phil saw some good in the effort. Because no one gets up in the morning with a plan to “really screw up this day”. We spent may hours together at the VA Hospital playing Bingo, or visiting the sick. Or just hanging out sharing life’s little dramas. I will miss him so very much. A Gentleman and a good friend. Rest in Peace Phil. A job well done! . . .

Till next time remember to:
“Keep the Faith”.

That’s 30 for this time, but remember:

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“UMAVA”

UNITED MEXICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FUNDRAISER DANCE

FEATURING:

“LOS QUATES”

WHERE:

ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION
143 S LEMON ST
ORANGE, CA

WHEN:

SUNDAY, March 18th, 2012

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DONATION: \$25.00 COUPLES
\$13.00 SINGLES

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

FOOD AVAILABLE

BUY TICKETS AT THE DOOR OR CALL
ELSIE @714-373-0634 or SID@949-310-8207
FOR TICKETS

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE TABLES

Sons in Review

To all Comrades

We hope you had a nice February and a nice Valentine's Day with the ones you love. We are looking forward to also have many occasions to see you this next month as well. It has been a pleasure to see many of you around the Post and we still need to see all the members of the Sons of the American Legion as soon as possible. A full squadron general meeting is becoming more and more important to regroup, discuss our involvement around the Post and the future of our activities.

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Editor's Comments

Regretfully, I will not be able to continue as your Bugle Editor after the April issue. On April 1st, Pat and I will finish our obligations we made to the Elks which will free up our time to travel. At that time we've made plans to start seeing our wonderful country.

If you would like to edit our newsletter, please, give Oliver or me a call. It is rather a thankless job, but rewarding in itself. It isn't very difficult (if I can do it, anyone can) and I'll give you as much help as I can before we get on the road. So, please, let Oliver or me know as soon as possible.

I've enjoyed the opportunity to be your editor. Thank you for your confidence.

Sincerely,
Walt Mc Bride
(714) 809-7712

MARCH 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	2 Just For Now Stuffed Pork Chops	3
4	5	6	7	8 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 P.M.	9 Bounty Hunter Bar-B-Que Chicken	10 Boys State Judging 9-11 A.M.
11 Sons Meeting 6:30 P.M.	12	13	14	15 Bugle Deadline!!!	16 5 Star Band Lasagna	17 UMAVA 9:00 A.M.
18 UMAVA Dance 3 P.M.-7 P.M.	19	20 Pala Trip Bus leaves at 9:00 Sharp	21	22	23 Tropic Starr Tostadas	24
25	26	27 VAVS Executive Board Meeting	28	29	30 Midnight Cowboy Stuffed Bell Peppers	31 Area 5
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