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BUGLE



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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

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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

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Vice President

Dale "Bear" Phillips

Treasurer

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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



Commander's Notes
"Comments from the "Old Salt?"

This edition of the Bugle marks the end of Commander Notes. The Commander's remarks next month (June) will come from the newly elected Commander. I want to say that acting of Post Commander has been a real challenge and sometimes a real pleasure and sometimes a real pain. To the officers that served with me I offer my sincere and humble **"Thank You"** for a job **"Well Done!"** What successes I have enjoyed would have not been possible without your assistant. To the membership, to trusted me to act as your spokesperson, I will be eternally grateful to you for the chance.

During the month of April there was an incident involving the Post and National. It seems on of our members heard at a "Friday Night Function" another member talking about the City of Orange "taking the Post property and Building, tearing down the building and replacing it with a Parking Structure. The member expressed to the National Commander his concerns about "losing a Post Home" . The national Commander sent a copy of the letter to the California State Commander who in turn contacted the District Commander to you know who at the bottom of the chain, you Post Commander. The bottom line was "there was no truth to the rumor". I only mention this event to point out the need to verify your facts before taking action. If it something that concerns or involves the Post, BEFORE you act, check with the Post Commander or any Post Officer to ensure you are in fact dealing with facts and rumors.

This month at the General Meeting of the Post, second nominations for Post Officers for Legion Year 2013 – 2013 will be held. The elected Officers of the Post are the Commander, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Commanders, the Finance Officer and four (4) members of the Executive Committee. All other Officers of the Post are appointee's and serve at the pleasure of the Commander, Elections will be held at the at the close of nomination of candidates. Needless to say this is really a great reason to attend this meeting. Remember the old saying, "if you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain." Let your voice be heard.

A **"Tip of the Cap"** to Terry and Elaine Morse for the many hours and hard work they Put in converting the Banquet Hall floor back to almost it's original appearance. On behalf of all the members of Orange Post 132, **Thank You!**

In the past I have always said **"Till next time remember to:** Keep the faith. For the last time **"keep the Faith"**.

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Tom Wilkie

1ST VICE COMMANDER

1st Vice Commander's Report

Last chance to pay your dues, if you haven't done so yet, if you want to have continuous years of membership and still receive the Bugle each month.

Over all, we are at 106% of dues received, thanks to most of our members and all of the new members that came and were accepted into our Post this year.

Come on down to the Post , it's open every day at 12 noon, except Tuesdays. There have been many improvements --in the bar area, lighting, bathrooms and grand hall refinished hardwood flooring. You will be proud of our Post now, so bring down your friends, and ENJOY.

For God, country and community,
Tom Wilkie, 1st V.C.

Orange, CA

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A Note From Your Adjutant

COMRADES:

A BRIEF ON THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 04/12/12

1ST VICE, WE HAVE REACHED 105% MEMBERSHIP. WONDERFUL

2ND VICE, WE ARE GOING TO EXTEND THE CHURCH CONTRACT TO BETTER ALIGN WITH THE LEGION YEAR. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE DETAILS.

3RD VICE, THE POST IS SENDING 4 BOYS TO BOYS STATE THIS YEAR. THE DINNER WILL BE ON THE 17 MAY, A COST OF \$156.00 WAS APPROVED BY THE POST. MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST WILL BE THE 13TH OF MAY AND THE FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST WILL BE ON THE 17TH OF JUNE.

THE POST HAD OUR FIRST NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 OFFICERS, FIRST NOMANITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS...

COMMANDER: MELVIN WANCOWICZ AND VIRGIL SWOPE II

1ST VICE: GIL FLORES, 2ND VICE: PETE QUANTANA: 3RD VICE: (OPEN) FINANCE OFFICER: ISIDOR GAUNA COMMITTEEMAN: DALE PHILLIPS, LEO OUELLETTE, BILL HANCOCK AND TERRY MORSE.

NEXT NOMANITIONS AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 10TH MAY 2012

I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION TO ALL POST MEMBERS, IF ANY MEMBER HEARS A ROOMER ABOUT ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE POST TO PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER OR THE ADJUTANT TO OBTAIN THE FACTS "TRUTH"

PLEASE COME TO THE IMPORTANT MEETING ON THE 10TH OF MAY 7:30 PM AND SUPPORT YOUR POST

THANK YOU, YOUR ADJUTANT ADRIAN MORTON (MOTIE) 714-856-0364

Note from School Awards Chairman:

The presentations of school awards is coming up in May. I am in need of assistance. Anyone interested in helping to present these awards please let me know by forwarding your telephone number or e-mail address to me at: (714) 636-6275 or lmocon@sbcglobal.net

Thank you,

Leo Ouellette
Awards Chairman



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER

WELL I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO WRITE THIS MONTH EXCEPT THAT FOR MOST OF THIS MONTH WE HAVE BEEN IN THE BLACK. THE UMAVA FUNDRAISER WE HAD IN MARCH WAS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL, THANKS TO THE UMAVA AND LEGION MEMBERS THAT HELP PUT THIS ON. WE HAVE ALSO HAD 2 RENTALS UPSTAIRS AND THAT HAS REALLY HELPED. AS I SAID BEFORE, OUR BIGGEST ASSET IS THE UPSTAIRS HALL AND NOW THAT TERRY MORSE HAS REFINISHED THE FLOOR, WE SHOULD BE ON OUR WAY TO SUCCESS. NOW IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHO THIS PERSON IS THAT CALLS THE COPS EVERY TIME WE HAVE A RENTAL, WE SHOULD BE OKAY. SOMEONE JUST DOESN'T WANT THIS POST TO SUCCEED, AND WHO KNOWS, IT COULD BE ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

AGAIN I WANT TO THINK THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE MADE DONATIONS TO THE POST, PRETTY MUCH THE SAME ONES THAT DONATED LAST MONTH. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK TONY AND ELSIE MENDEZ FOR THE \$200 DONATION TO BUY CHAIRS FOR THE CLUBROOM. WE STILL NEED MORE OF THESE DONATIONS. SO FAR, WE DON'T HAVE ANY RENTALS SCHEDULED FOR MAY AND NO SUNDAY DANCES EITHER. SO WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET. TO ALL THAT SUPPORT THE POST, THANK YOU. TO THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOUR POST IS OPERATED, COME TO THE MEETINGS AND BE HEARD. DON'T BAD MOUTH PEOPLE AT THE BAR. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT BE LISTENING AND PEOPLE TEND TO HAVE BAD JUDGEMENT WHEN THEY ARE DRINKING.

I HAVE DECIDED TO RUN FOR ONE MORE YEAR AS YOUR F.O. WE SEEM TO HAVE A HARD WORKING TEAM OF PEOPLE RUNNING FOR OFFICE NEXT YEAR AND I WANT TO BE PART OF THAT TEAM. IF I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ME AT 949-310-8207 OR EMAIL ME AT sidgauna@aol.com

SEMPER FI,
ISIDRO "SID" GAUNA JR.
FINANCE OFFICER, 2006-2012
PAST COMMANDER, 1989-1990

AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
ORANGE POST 132

Award Ceremony



When: Thursday, May 10, 2012
Where: 143 South Lemon, Orange, CA
Time: 7:30 PM

"For What"

To honor all Post Officers and Members of the "Family" for their contributions to the American Legion and Orange Post 132 during calendar year 2011 – 2012. The Award Ceremony will follow the Post's General Membership Meeting which will include *"election of Post Officers"* for 2012/2013. This is a **'MUST ATTEND'** event and we hope to see **YOU THERE!**

**BUS TRIP TO THE
PALA CASINO**

TUESDAY, May 15, 2012

LEAVE FROM: AMERICAN LEGION POST
143 S. LEMON ST., ORANGE
PARK IN AMERICAN LEGION POST PARKING LOT -
On the North or South side of the building
BUS LEAVES 10:00A.M. SHARP.

Please BE THERE BY 9:30 A.M
FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON
WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER
PAY at time of BOARDING
RECEIVE \$5.00 BACK IN PLAY MONEY
Need Valid Drivers License, I D Card or Passport
RETURN AROUND 7:00 PM
YOU MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS:
Carol Goss: 714-978-2161
Alice Pugh: 714-532-5984
WE MUST HAVE 45 SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP

Word From the Clubroom Manager



We are having the Mother's Day Breakfast on Mother's Day, so bring the Mother down and treat her to breakfast on May 13th. I would like to thank Mel Wancowicz (a.k.a. Twinkle Toes) and the VFW for the \$50.00 donation for putting up the banner. The Cub Room is looking great thanks to all the volunteers that helped.

Yours in Comradeship,
Club Room Manager
Bill Hancock

Editor's Remarks

This is my first publication of the Bugle since I had done it briefly back in 2009 to 2010 when I assumed that duty when Jerry Hoosier became ill. Last month, I was asked to do it again... So... here I am again! First of all, I want to thank Walt for his tremendous job he had done while he was the Bugle Editor. Secondly, for his help in getting my desktop publishing software ready for this task. I am not new to publications, but, desktop publishing has it's own software and methods that I am learning since the last time I had edited the Bugle.

The first thing that needs to be pointed out for everyone is that if you are going to submit an event for the calendar... I need three things, especially for breakfasts and dinners: Date, Time & Place. If I don't know the times, you can bet that 495 people won't know as well.

As many of you know, I am the webmaster for the post as well. Here's the main advantage of that: If you receive your issues of the Bugle by mail, you can have it emailed to you in PDF format and/or download it from the website. Please do so and let us know that you can do that so that we can take you off the snail mail list and save the amount of labor and expense of doing it the old way. After it is printed, volunteers put on the labels and take them to the post office to be mailed. This IS a major undertaking right here.

All-in-all... If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Auxiliary President's Message



PAST EVENTS:

The Legionnaires and the Auxiliary teamed up to conduct the children's Easter Party and it was a huge success. Wendy the Clown, Shandra the photographer, and plenty of volunteers assisted with the crafts and saw to it that every child went home happy. Thank you all for your help.

Eight Auxiliary members and one Legionnaire paid a visit to the Veterans at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital T-2 Spinal Unit bearing Easter gift bags for 27 Veterans. It was a very heartwarming experience for us all.

NEXT AUXILIARY MEETINGS:

The Auxiliary will have two meetings in May as follows: May 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to conduct regular business. The May 10, 2012 meeting is for second nominations which will be preceded by the Auxiliary attending the Legionnaires' General Meeting wherein Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to Legionnaires as well as Auxiliary members.

The First nominations submitted at the 4/12/12 meeting are as follows:

President: Esther V. Ouellette
First Vice: Frances Schuster
Second Vice: Harriett Mattos
Treasurer: Carol Goss
Secretary: Evelyn Cummings
Sergeant at Arms: Dora Rich
E-Board: Darlene Phillips

BUS TRIP:

The next bus trip to the Pala Casino will be on May 15, 2012. Please be at the Legion at 9:30 a.m. as the bus will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984 or Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:

Alice, the wife of the Bounty Hunters' Band drummer graciously donated 3 tomato plants for the Friday night raffle. She is considering becoming a member of the Auxiliary which would be wonderful as this would enable us to reach our goal of 100 percent membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Girls' State Tea on May 5, 2012 will be held at Post 132, hosted by District 29.
Mothers' Day Breakfast will be served at Post 132 on Sunday, May 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be no charge for each mother's breakfast.
Fathers' Day breakfast will also be held at Post 132 on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be no charge each father's breakfast.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members and Veterans who are having medical issues. May the Lord watch over and bless you all with better health.

That's it for now. For God and Country! — Esther V. Ouellette, Auxiliary Orange -Unit 132, President, (714) 636-6275

MAY 2012 BUGLE article

Dear Comrades

I hope that every one is looking forward to a great summer. I hope you make fun plans with your friends and family but please remember to save as much time to enjoy the Orange Post activities as much as possible. The Legion Riders are planning a lot of trips, breakfasts and fundraisers so please come out and support them. Our ladies of the Auxiliary are stepping up in amazing ways and we are planning to support them the best we can.

Coming up this summer, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of Orange Post #132 has started taking nominations for the next year's squadron officers. The second nominations will be coming up at our May meeting. Please get in contact with your officers to confirm the date due to Mothers Day falling on the same day as that given Sunday.

As the First Vise Commander, my duty lies to recruit as many new members as possible. I would like to send out a plea to the members to the Legion. The simple name of our squadron is the "SONS" of the American Legion. I am going to continue to urge you gentlemen of the American Legion to invite your sons, step-sons, nephews and grandson to start participating and become members. The Sons of the American Legion should NOT just be a group of men who want to find a place to drink and hang out. The pride and legacy of our fathers is why this unit was formed. It is our goal to restructure the Sons of the American Legion back to the roots of our preamble; "...to honor our fathers who severed in the great wars..." We should refrain from just being a group of "want-to-be" Legionaries.

Not only should recruiting be our focus, but we should continue to support the post and projects that we have available. If you have any ideas of new fundraisers, please do not hesitate from bringing them to the officers so we can discuss them at the meetings. Do not forget attendance at the once a month Sunday meetings are the least we expect of you.

The New Year has come, Valentines Day has past and we recently celebrated Easter. Now we have Mothers Day and Memorial Day coming up and we are looking forward to seeing your participation at all the future events. Remember that as much fun as we have here, our income should be more important than just to maintain this Post. We are part of a much bigger intidy. We are a small part of a much larger cause than just to keep this building maintained. It is our goal to Support ALL our Veterans, our active military, their families and our fellow comrades. Please don't lose sight on that goal.

Communication is a key to our success so please keep in touch

As often as possible

As soon as possible

God Bless you and God Bless America

Christopher Campbell
1st Vise Commander
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MAY 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Cut-off Day for Member- ship	2	3	4 Midnight Cowboy <hr/> Stuffed Pork Chops	5 ALR Booth at the Chino Air Show / Girl's State Luncheon 11 am
6	7	8	9 The Marines Meet at the Post 7:30 pm	10 Special Post Meeting. Nominations for Officers and Elections	11 Bounty Hunter <hr/> Roast Beef Sandwich	12
13 Mother's Day Break- fast 9 am	14	15	16	17 Boy's State Instructional Dinner 6 pm Newport Beach	18 Tropic Starr <hr/> Spaghetti with Meat- balls	19
20 Boy's State Breakfast 9 am	21	22	23	24	25 5 Star Band <hr/> Enchiladas	26
27	28 Tri-City Me- morial Day, Santa Ana Cemetery 10 am	29	30	31		
						