



COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE

Remember on May 9, 2013 we will be having second nominations of officers and immediately following, election of officers. On June 13, 2013 installation of officers for the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, SONS and the AL Riders will take place. It is customary to have a pre-installation dinner, however, confirmation will be determined at the next Bugle.

Please take these nominations seriously as this is who will fill the necessary chairs to run our Post. Being a chair officer holds responsibilities and requires dedication to our post as well as to our members.

Personally I have found being an officer to be so rewarding and fulfilling. Being an officer for the new Legion year also comes with fulfilling the committees that are necessary to the post. You may not feel that this is the right time to become an officer but maybe it is the right time to head a committee or to become part of one. There are so many ways to dedicate your time and talent to the Post as we need you to become involved.

Yours in Comradeship,
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander
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JUDGE ADVOCATE

It has become very apparent to me that the "Bugle" is an excellent means of communicating with the membership in order to keep them abreast of Post functions and other items of interest. During the short time that I have been a member of Post 132 it is my opinion that the quality of our newsletter has continued to improve and I for one enjoy reading it. I hope you all do as well. That said I think Leo and Esther and all the loyal members that help them produce this worthy document each month deserve our gratitude. I salute all of you for your hard work and a job well done.

Robert Mitchell
Judge Advocate



1ST VICE COMMANDER, GIL FLORES

Dear Comrades,

I have great news to report regarding AL Post 132 membership. I'm pleased to inform you that our post attained 100% membership retention in early April. In fact, our membership percentage as of 4/18/2013 stands at 100.74%. As of April 18, 2013, we have 364 paid members, 30 paid-up-for life members and 14 transfers for a total of 408 members. District wise, our Post is one of eight Posts to achieve 100% membership. Needless to say, this is a noteworthy achievement, and I want to thank all who played a part in helping me reach this goal. Membership is a team effort and we all should give ourselves a pat on the back for this achievement.

On another positive note, your Post is making plans to have an **85th Anniversary Celebration** for AL Orange Post 132 the second oldest Post in the County of Orange. We have formed a planning committee to ensure that we put together a program worthy of our Post's great heritage and tradition during the past 85 years. We will have this celebration around the second or third week of June. So stay tuned as we forward more information to you on this important upcoming event. Our committee will be meeting weekly to put the anniversary event together as a team effort.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support of our Friday night dinners hosted weekly by the Post, the AL Riders, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion (SALS). By attending, you can always enjoy a good meal at a very reasonable price and help to support your Post. I look forward to seeing you again at some of the Friday dinners and other Post events.

For God and Country,

Gil Flores

1st Vice Commander
AL Orange Post 132

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Pete Quintana

THIRD VICE COMMANDER

All four of our Boys' State delegates and their parents will be attending the mandatory May 16, 2013 Instructional Dinner to be held at Newport Harbor Post 291. They will depart for Sacramento for their Boys State week on June 21, 2013. Again, I want to thank Selman Chevrolet's, personal donations and Gil's St. Patrick's Day event for allowing us to collect enough funds well in excess of \$2,350.00. This allowed us to host this event without requesting funds from our Post.

The Children's Easter Party was very successful. The event led by me, Susan Dinsmore and Jenny Guajardo and supported by Esther and the Auxiliary, was very well attended by 62 children which included 25 from The H.O.P. E Center. The food, Easter baskets and decorations were great and the children were thrilled. Door prizes included gold fish that were still ALIVE!! I wonder how they're doing now? The kitchen staff was wonderful with the best macaroni and cheese and chicken bites I've ever had. Special thanks for this team goes out to: Susie, Dar, Jack, Susan, Dolores, Dee, Gloria, and Joyce. Thanks also to the stage set-up team, the ladies that hosted the door: Esther, Dot, Mary, Leo and Kevin with the stage and sound and Bill and Chris for ensuring the Club Room was ready for guests young and old alike. Please note that last names, in most cases, have been omitted due to space considerations in the Bugle. This party was also supported by 13 ROTC cadets from Orange H.S, (three) 3 Sea Cadets and 19 of our own Post volunteers. The highlight of the Easter Party was the surprise visit by the Easter Bunny himself and his first assistant. The children loved it and the gifts, including personal visits and pictures with Mr. Easter Bunny were awesome. Special thanks and recognition goes to our surprise guests that made this happen for the children. Thanks much to the Area 6 Historian, Cynthia Martinez and the Grand Director of 40 ET 8 Child Welfare, Ray Espinoza.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank a very special person who has helped our Post hold our last three Community events. Morganna Dinsmore has been a key player for our Halloween, Christmas and this Children's Easter party. Even though she wasn't feeling well and was scheduled for a serious, pending surgery...she helped out at this event without saying a word. I would like to ask everyone to keep Morganna in your thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks as she recovers from her surgery that kept her in the hospital a good 5 days plus.

PLEASE don't forget our Mother's Day Breakfast at the Lodge from 9 am to 12:30 pm on May 12th ...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 again Comrades.

I am back from China and all I can say is "Good to be back! There is no place like home". It was a business trip to an industrial city so there was nothing to see or do. It was hot, humid and dirty. Hotel accommodations were great. The people were wonderful, and the food was great. That kept me from being miserable. Oh, and the beer was also good.

March was a good month for the Post. We had three rentals upstairs and a successful fundraiser downstairs. Our bank accounts are up again for a while. In the Clubroom account, we received the regular monthly donations from Ed Mowbray and John Ball. There were donations for the kids Easter party from The SONs and UMAVA among others given directly to the chairperson in charge. I also received donations from Rachael Arias and The Orange Elks for replacing the barstools in the clubroom . Boys State donations will be reported by the chairperson in charge. We also had a generous donation from the Orange Elks for the VA hospital and also from William Olson. Donations that came in after the end of the month will be reported next month.

Clubroom attendance has been great just about every day of the week. Keep in mind that we have to pay for what we sell and also pay Sales Taxes. Keeping our prices low brings in low revenue. It is still very important that we maintain the building so it is attractive for renting. With Summer approaching, we are going to get complaints about our A/C system upstairs. I know some members know someone that can give us a break in fixing or replacing our bad units. You can call me at 714-371-6247 or email me at sidgauna@aol.com.

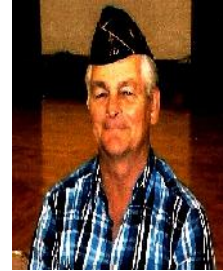
Semper Fi,
Isidro "Sid" Gauna,
Finance Officer, 2006-2013

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Condolences go out to the Commander's wife, Alicia and her family for the loss of her sister. Also to the families of: Gerald Bechtol, Stanley Coplus, Clarence Moreau and Lester Wadleigh, Jr.

Get well wishes go out to Legionnaire, Frank Martinez.

Emmett Bowers
Chaplain, Post 132



SERVICE OFFICER

Here we are again another month is about to close, I would like to offer our prayers and best wishes to families and friends of the people in Boston, we must all keep our faith at these times, American lives are at risk around the world and as for our soldiers, they are taken from us daily in the war, but now here in our homeland American lives are at risk now so keep alert and look about you to see what is going on and maybe we can save someone's life.

On Fri. the 4/ 19/ 2013 I was to have class on the service needs of our military men and how we can best understand their needs and problems at the Norco Post 328 but it was canceled, I will keep you informed of on any thing that comes up in the future on benefits and forms just be sure to always keep your records up to date and in a safe place were your wife are family members can find them it will save your love ones and yourself if there is a need to get you any help you need from the van. Well God bless America and you and your family, keep us all safe and out of harms way and our troops,

Sincerely,
Terry Morse
Service Officer, ceeeingeye@aol.com

EDITORS' NOTE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If any of you would be interested in helping with this year's School Awards Program - sometime in May-, all info and medals will be provided, here is your chance to experience the joy of acknowledging our youth and future leaders.

We are updating our records and we need your help. If you know of anyone not getting the Bugle, either by mail or e-mail, please let us know.

Contact me at: lmocon@sbcglobal.net or call me at: (714) 334-2961.



AL RIDERS, VICE PRESIDENT

Well here it is May already and as usual lots going on!! Elections will be taking place at the Legion for all American Legion families! Riders will have second nominations and elections on May 11th with Installation at the Legion General meeting Jun 13th.

May 12th will be the Mothers day Brunch at the Post put on by the Legionnaires to honor our ladies and mothers of Post 132!!

The Riders will be cooking on the 10th of May for the usual Friday night dinner (menu to be announced). May 27, 2013 is Memorial Day and once again the Riders will be having a BBQ at the Post after the ceremony at Tri City Memorial Park! This is the start of the summer season so come on down and enjoy delicious BBQ after the ceremony! The Riders will not be putting on a breakfast in May!!

That's all I have for now. See you at the Post!!

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

SONS COMMANDER

Hi, Comrades:

I regret to report that the SONS have lost a member, friend, and comrade, Gerald Bechtol. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bechtol family at this difficult time. Our dinner, opportunity drawing, and breakfast were great last month. I want to thank the following people for all their ongoing support: Mario, Ray Ray, Bret (Egg Man), Jackson, Toby, Micah, Mike, Robert, Cmdr. Mel, Carol Goss Holmes and Esther Ouellette. Nominations and elections are here again. 2nd nominations and elections are on Sunday, May 19, 2013 after our breakfast. The Installation dinner will be on June 6, 2013 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Installation ceremony will follow at 7:00 pm. Happy Mothers' Day to all the *fine* ladies of the Legion Post 132 family. God Bless America! "For God and Country"

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

ADJUTANT

Hello, Legionnaires:

Another Legion year is almost closing. As you should know, the Legion year is from June to June, so our 2014 dues will again become due in June at \$35.00.

The Department Convention is coming up on June 25 through June 30, 2013. If any of you are interested in going, there are still rooms available. Please notify me.

We have a new member transferring to our Post. His name is Chris James, US Army Active Reserves. Please join me in welcoming him. Unfortunately, three of our members have gone to Post Everlasting. They are: Stanley Coplus, Clarence Moreau and Lester Wadleigh, Jr. Our prayers go out to their families.

If any of you members know of a Veteran, please encourage him/her to join our Post. We are a Legion Family. Call me or the 1st Vice Commander, Gil Flores and arrange membership.

Our Post had our first nominations for 2013-2014 Post officers. They are: Melvin Wancowicz, for Commander, Gil Flores, for 1st Vice Commander, Pete Quintana, for 2nd Vice Commander, Joanne Barton, for 3rd Vice Commander, Isidro Gauna and Virgil Swope for Finance Officer. For Committee men: Terry Morse, Bill Hancock, Leo Ouellette, Tom Wilkie, Oliver Taylor and Virgil Swope. Next nominations will be at our next meeting on May 16, 2013. We also have three officers running for District 29 Office. They are: Oliver Taylor for Commander, Adrian Morton for 1st Vice Commander, Virgil Swope for Committeeman. Good luck to all of you.

Lastly, don't forget our Memorial Day Celebration on May 28, 2013.

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



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings, Everyone:

What a busy month April was. The Children's Easter Party went on without any problems. Peter Rabbit was a surprise guest. The children all had a great time. The Pala Bus Trip went well. We had a full bus.

The Dawn M. Stoller Memorial Scholarship opportunity is here. It is a \$500 scholarship to be paid in two increments of \$250 each semester. The applicant must be: 1) A member of the American Legion Post 132 Family or related to a member of Post 132 Family; by being related to a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, SONS of the American Legion or the American Legion Riders.

If you know of anyone that is interested in applying for this and meets the qualifications, please contact Carol Goss Holmes at: (714) 978-2161 with any questions or information.

Attendance at our last meeting was low. It was unfortunate because we had first nominations. We are desperately in need of volunteers to chair our committees. Please, please, come to our next meeting on May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and get involved. It doesn't take too much of your time and your help will be priceless. We need to keep this Auxiliary going. Please consider stepping up and helping with this worthwhile cause.

Carol and I spent the better part of Monday, 4/15/13 preparing the End-of-the-Year reports. It took us a while, but we managed to get them done.

On Tuesday, I, along with Terry Morse, Leo Ouellette, Harriett Mattos, Frances Schuster and Gavina Lough— and my daughter Lori Moreno visited the Long Beach VA bearing gift bags for the T-2 Spinal Cord Unit. The Veterans were very happy to have visitors and receive the gift bags.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Auxiliary meeting: May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Nominations)

Pala Bus trip: May 7, 2013 (Arrive at 8:30 am leave at 9:00 am)

District Meeting: May 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at Post 327, Leisure World (Auxiliary only)

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

BUILDING/CLUBROOM MANAGER

Hi, Comrades:

April was a good month. All is well.

First of all, I would like to thank the SONS of the Legion for putting up the flags at the front of the building. Tony and Mary made a donation to the Club Room and I thank them for that. I also thank the following people for their donations towards the new barstools: SONS, \$200.00; Pete and Rachel \$50.00; and \$624.00 from the pickle eggs sales which totaled \$874.00. The Auxiliary donated \$200.00. Balance due on 4/19/13 for the barstools is \$393.00. We hope everyone likes the barstools. Along with the barstools, I ordered two racks for the new stove at \$120 each and 12 shot glasses for the bar at \$18 for 12.

I would like to thank Terry Morse for repairing the men's urinal by installing a kit and also for working on the upstairs bathroom. Thanks to all that donated and helped. I guess that's all until next time.

The Post looks forward to having its members and guests enjoy themselves at events and Friday Night Dinners and dancing here at our Post. We ask that you enjoy yourselves but keep in mind that this is the American Legion and we expect our members and guests conduct themselves respectfully. Please keep in mind that it is an honor to be a member of our Post and disrespectful behavior is not welcome. We hold our members in high regard and we expect that our members hold the Post in high regard as well. Thank you.

Yours in Comradeship
Bill Hancock,
Building/Clubroom Manager

MEMORABILIA CHAIRMAN

A debt of gratitude goes out to Jack Peralta for his donation of five banners on display at the 6275 Post. Come check them out.

Leo Ouellette

MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 40&8 La Femme's Mtg-P. 555 7:30 PM	2 E-Board Mtg. 7PM	3 Ham/Mashed Potatoes, Dinner - SONS Midnight Cow- boys	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 ALA PALA BUS TRIP Leave at 9:00 AM	8 6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange	9 AL General Mtg. 7:30 PM ALA General Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 Dinner- AL RIDERS Bounty Hunters	11 AL RIDERS Mtg -8:30 AM ALA DIST MTG 9 am Leisure World Post 327
12 MOTHERS' DAY BREAK- FAST 9AM - 12:30 PM	13	14	15 6 PM Flag Low- ering - Orange	16 Boys State In- structional Din- ner—Post 291 Newport Har- bor <i>Bugle Articles Due!!!!!!</i>	17 Dinner -Cmdr Steaks Tropic Star	18 UMAVA Mtg 9:00 AM
19 SONS' Mtg. 10:00 AM	20	21	22 Flag Lowering Ceremony 6 PM Orange Plaza DAV Mtg 8 PM	23	24 Dinner - Auxil- iary- Stuffed Pork Chops 5- Star	25
26 LEGION FUNDRAISER DANCE— 3-7 PM LOS CUATES	27 MEMORIAL DAY Tri-City Ceremony Santa Ana Ceme- tery 10 a.m. ALR BBQ follow- ing at Post 132	28	29	30	31 Dinner— Auxiliary Just for Now	
						

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Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451

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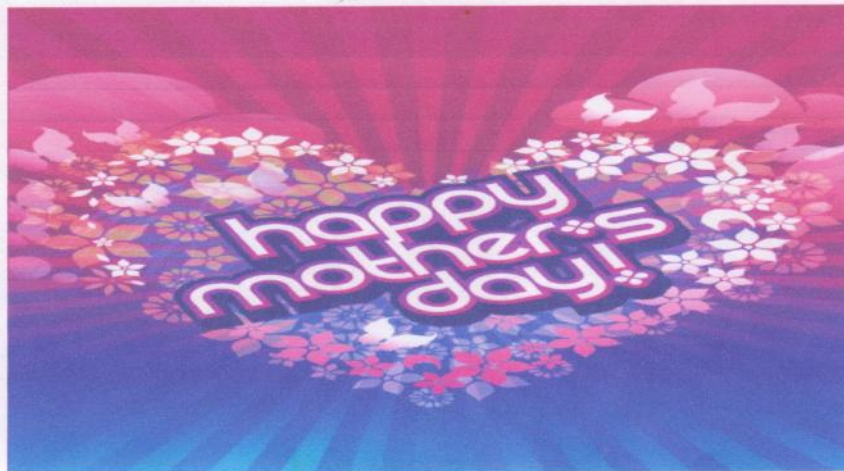
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A Visit to Long Beach VA T-2 Spinal Ward Patients



Legionnaire members and Auxiliary members, Leo Ouellette, Esther Ouellette, Gavina Lough Botheros, Frances Schuster, Harriett Mattos and Terry Morse visit the Long Beach Veterans' T-2 Spinal Ward patients on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, bearing gift bags for each patient.

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