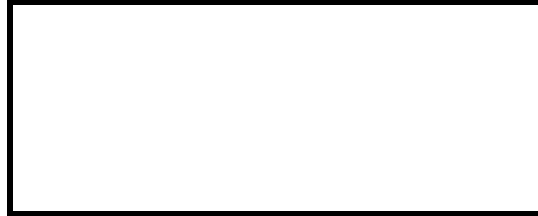


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Chaplain  
Robert Powell  
Sergeant at Arms  
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Roy Kelly

POST HOURS

Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

## Commander's Notes



### “What’s Happening?”

The next couple of months are going to be busy ones around the old post with parties, fund raisers, special events and lots more. All that require your support.; Let's start with this month. I am going to only give dates for the specifics which have been or will be covered by the Chair of each event, We start with the annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on the 6<sup>th</sup>. See flyer in the Bugle. On the 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual “**Early Bird Dinner**” followed by “**Initiation**” of all new members who have joined recently and those who have never been through the process. The Forty and Eight from Voiture 527 will be doing the honors. On the 11<sup>th</sup> is the City of Orange Veteran's Day Celebration held at Depot Park. This is always a great event. Come out, wear your cap and be a part of this event.. This event is followed by a **Free Chicken Buffet** dinner open to all at the post. Finally, on “**Thanksgiving Day**” the post is hosting Thanksgiving Dinner for all Veterans including any homeless person who wishes to join us. This event is also free and is being sponsored by Mel and Alicia Wancowicz. It was their idea and with the Legion Families' support we will see how it goes. There is a lot more going on, but remember for any of these events to be successful **YOU must support them**. Hope for all of you out there.

On a more serious note, our financial position has gone from dire straits to critical. At each meeting of the Executive Committee it is stressed that the post cannot continue as it has without a tremendous increase in our revenue stream, The options are not pleasant, but as we approach the New Year and face reality, I for one, don't see any other way. Expenses are far exceeding income and for too many years we have depended upon Banquet Hall rentals to pay for our programs. In my travels to other posts in the District, I have asked how they support their programs (Boy's State, Oratorical Contest, Hospital Programs, etc). The answer is always the same. Post membership contributions, fund raisers and normally some innovative idea that foots the bill. The Club Room, for all intents and purposes, supports its operation, but there is nothing left to pay taxes or support the programs the Legion is identified with. What to do? In the next two months the Executive Committee is going to prepare recommendations to present to the General Membership on the future of Orange Post 132. These are going to be tough solutions and for sure not popular ones. If you have thoughts on the direction the post should take, please submit them to me or any Executive Committee Member for consideration. There is no area of the post that is not up for review and the ultimate decision may be to eliminate one or more function. We cannot continue to operate as we have in the past.

That's 30 for this time, but remember:

**“Keep the faith**

Oliver

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# 1st VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

(Membership)

Hi, I'm Tom Wilkie



Those of you who missed your post's "Veterans Open House" on October 22nd didn't see all the improvements which have been made both upstairs and down as well as the good refreshments given out. Speaking of upstairs, remember to tell your friends that our Great Hall is available for rent for quincinieras, weddings, anniversary parties and other gatherings at a very reasonable price.

This is your last reminder to pay your annual dues of \$35 on or before November 10th in order to have an "Early Bird" dinner on us on November 10th at 6 P.M. Following the dinner, we will hold initiation of our many new members where they will be presented with their American Legion pins. Plan to be there. You'll be glad you did.

On Veterans Day (Friday November 11th), be at Veterans Park on East Chapman near the train station by 10 A.M. to honor all veterans. Following, we will have a chicken dinner at the post which will be free to all who come.

I hope to see you soon. Call me if you have any questions.

For God & Country, and Membership too

Tom Wilkie (714) 283-8660

e-mail: [ibi-ubu@prodigy.net](mailto:ibi-ubu@prodigy.net)

# 3rd VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

## Gil Flores



Dear Comrades,

As stated earlier, your post has some important events coming up this year and in 2012, which fall under my purview. I encourage your active participation as these are some of our most important community service events. Please mark your calendars, and bring your children and grandchildren to our scheduled children's events such as our Halloween and Christmas parties.

**Also, we are seeking donations for our 2012 Oratorical Program which is scheduled for January 2012. Donations for this important American Legion Program would be greatly appreciated. All donations should be sent to AL Post 132 in the City of Orange.**

This year, something new has been added to the Oratorical Program by District 29. A "mock Oratorical contest" will be held on December 10, 2011, and will be hosted by Saddleback College. Additional information on this event can be found in your newsletter under separate cover.

### **Post 132 Upcoming Events:**

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| * <b>December 10, 2011</b>      | Oratorical Program "Mock Contest"<br>(See District 29 Guidelines enclosed herein)) |
| <b>December 17, 2011 (Sat):</b> | Children's Christmas Party- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.                                       |
| <b>January 2012:</b>            | Post and District Oratorical Contest held  |
| <b>February 2012:</b>           | Area Oratorical Contest held   |
| <b>April 7, 2012 (Sat):</b>     | Children's Easter Party- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  |
| <b>May 13, 2012 (Sun):</b>      | Mother's Day Breakfast (on Mother's Day)   |
| <b>June 17, 2012 (Sun)</b>      | Father's Day Breakfast (on Father's Day)   |

Our fundraising breakfast held on October 16, 2011 in support of our Oratorical Program was well attended by the membership and guests. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.**

Gilberto Flores  
3rd Vice-Commander

## SONS OF AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRE'S COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hi Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well. If you haven't paid your 2011-2012 dues, please, do so by November 10th. That is the day the Legion will be having its "Early Bird" dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. It will be catered and will be free to everyone who is a member in good standing (paid up). The next day we will be going to the park near the train depot for Veterans Day services. All will be invited back to the post for some good food and drink. Our next meeting will be on November 13th at 6:30 P.M. If you have any questions, call me at (714) 289-8197.

Sons in support  
Tommy Dees  
Commander 2011-2012

To fellow Comrades,

Thank you to all fellow members of this unit for your continual help to support the American Legion Post 132 to the best of your ability. Now it is time to show our enthusiasm any way we can. We urge all our members to be as active as possible and to please feel free to communicate with their officers as to any ways you may become more active.

As anyone can see, this unit is lacking in participation and we want to hear your ideas and to see you at the post more often for events. The Post's meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month on the main upstairs floor. Please, join us at these meetings. Our unit is a small portion of this body that meets only once monthly on a Sunday near the end of the month. These meetings are of utmost importance to regroup and decide the actions, outcomes and the future of the Sons of the American Legion Post #132 of Orange. Please, again, contact your officers to let us know if you are able to attend, appear tardy or choose to be absent.

New membership is a key to building the size of the Sons of the American Legion Post #132 squadron. Please, remember that the Sons of the American Legionnaires is an organization that is open to sons, nephews and grandsons of all ages to those who served proudly the United States of America in times of war. However it is evident that we need to adjust our focus on how to increase the camaraderie within ourselves. If it takes suggestions such as to form weekly bowling nights, bimonthly potluck with families, all kids softball evenings...let us know.

The last few meetings have been low in attendance but active with some ideas. We have discussed a number of ways we can participate more through fundraisers like music and dance lesson nights, wine tasting, cooking classes, car washes, bbq's... We have committed to donating to the Halloween party and need ideas for how to contribute our time throughout the upcoming Holiday Season. The economy is tight right now and it is of the utmost importance for us to show how we care and assist those in need. More important than any financial contribution is your presence and participation which is needed as often as possible.

Communication is a key to our success so please keep in touch  
As often as possible  
As soon as possible

Christopher Campbell  
1<sup>st</sup> Vise Commander  
Sons of the American Legionnaires Orange – CA #132  
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# **RUDY ROMAN BAND**

## *Autumn DANCE*

ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION

143 S LEMON ST

ORANGE, CA

714-538-6311 or 949-310-8207

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011**

**3:00 PM – 7-PM**

**DONATION: \$13.00 SINGLES**

**\$25.00 COUPLES**

**DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM**

**FOOD AVAILABLE**

### PALA BUS TRIP



November 15th, 2011

American Legion Post 132

143 South Lemon Street

Orange CA 92866 Meet at the post at 9:30 A.M

Bus will leave at 10:00 A.M. sharp

For more information contact

Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451

Or Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984



## Word From The Adjutant



We are a Legion family named Post 132. All members need to realize this. We at Post 132 have a Commander named Oliver Taylor. We also need to realize this. His desires in running the post are nothing but the best. Your ideas on fund raising will be most appreciated. Please, send them to me and I will share them with Commander Taylor.

Your Executive Board reports are important to the post. Each officer should have a report to give at each regular post meeting. It doesn't have to be formal. Just put something on paper to show that you are doing your elected or appointed job.

I would like to thank John Minnella, Marv Howard and Gil Flores for joining me in visiting L-1 ward of the Long Beach VA Hospital. All enjoyed playing bingo.

Call or e-mail me any reasonable time.

Mortie Morton

Adjutant

Mortie37@ca.rr.com

(714) 856-0364

### Clubroom Manager says:



Hi Comrades,

I hope all is well with you. Don't forget the Early Bird Dinner. If you haven't paid your dues yet, pay before November 10<sup>th</sup>, and get a free dinner. Next day, on Veterans Day, there will be a ceremony at Depot Park and after it's over, everyone is invited to come on down to the Post for food and refreshments. Food is free.

I would like to thank Rachel Arias and Pete Quintana for donating and placing posts and chain around The POW-MIA Table. Job well done and it looks very nice.

I would also like to thank The Legion Rider Auxiliary Ladies for donating the table cloths and clear covers. Another job well done and it also looks very nice.

We will be having a Rudy Roman Dance on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. See Flyer.

**Bill Hancock**

**Clubroom Manager**





## Auxiliary President's Message



Greetings, everyone:

### **RECENT EVENTS:**

The American Legion Auxiliary, 5<sup>th</sup> Area Workshop was held at the Buena Park Post 354 wherein our new Department President, Linda Fercho, presided. Carol Goss, Harriett Mattos and I attended the workshop and had the privilege to meet the new President for the 2011/2012 term. Her theme, while in office, is the Wild West. Just about everyone was dressed in western wear. It was very informative and lots of fun. A few changes have been made for 2011/2012 year, especially regarding membership, and they will be passed along throughout the year.

Rachel Arias, Carol Goss, Harriett Mattos and I also attended the District 29 meeting at the Westminster Post 555 October 9, 2011. Our new Auxiliary District President, Tami Bell presided.

Our new District 29 President, Tami Bell, was our Guest of Honor at our October 13, 2011 meeting. It was a very interesting and positive meeting. She shared her past experience with the VA/R, and various other offices she has held while in the Auxiliary. She was very impressed with the enthusiasm of our members and enjoyed her visit.

Also in attendance at the 10/13/11 meeting was the Girls' State attendee on behalf of Auxiliary Unit 132, Jacqueline Garcia. For those of you that aren't familiar with *Girls' State*, it is an opportunity for a high school senior to go to a college campus for a week, along with hundreds of other seniors throughout the State of California, to learn about our government and how it is run. It enables these girls to participate in mock government campaigning to hold various city and state offices. Jacqueline ran for a couple of offices and although she didn't get elected, she came in second in one attempt. She expressed her deep gratitude for the opportunity to go to Girls State. She never imagined what it would be like and the affect it would have on her outlook towards her future endeavors. It definitely had a positive effect on her. Congratulations, Jacqueline and the best to you in your future endeavors. *Girls State is very important as it is an investment in the future of our youth.*

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, the Auxiliary and the Riders assisted the Legionnaires with the Oratorical Breakfast fundraiser. I believe it was successful and we want to thank everyone that came out and supported this fundraiser.

### **MEETINGS:**

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Orange Post 132.

The next District 29 meeting will be on November 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress, Unit 295, in case anyone is interested in attending.

### **TRIP:**

The next bus trip to the Pala Casino will be on November 15, 2011. Please be at the Legion at 10:00 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 10:30 a.m. and will return at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:**

At this time, a note of gratitude is sent out to new members Dar (Darlene) and Diane (Lady Di) from the Riders. They very graciously donated new red tablecloths for every table in the clubroom along with a very attractive centerpiece and a clear plastic cover for each table. It has definitely dressed up the clubroom. Their Chapter has also donated various flags and are raffling off a couple of very nice bicycles in the near future. So everyone come get your raffle tickets.

A big "thank you" goes out to Carol Goss, Virginia Martinez, Alice Pugh and everyone involved in assisting with the bus trips to the Pala Casino once a month. This takes a lot of work and it is one of our main fundraisers which keeps the Auxiliary going so "thank you" *all* for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The next event coming up is Veterans' Day on November 11, 2011. A ceremony will be held at the Veterans' Memorial on Chapman. A reception will follow at Post 132, put on by the Auxiliary-Unit 132. Come join us in paying respects to our Veterans.

### **VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE:**

Please keep in mind that the Food Drive is ongoing until December of this year. A little donation goes a long way. Any and all donations can be delivered to Orange Post 132. So, every time you come to the Post, remember to bring a non-perishable food donation with you. There are two containers at the entry ways. Please relay this to your families and friends. Every little bit helps. Thank you all.

### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to a very special person, Tina Archambalt. Tina has been part of the American Auxiliary – Unit 132 for over 60 years and is not doing too well at this time. She has held numerous offices while in the Auxiliary and on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary our most humbling get well wishes go out to her at this time. God bless you, Tina.

Also in need of get well wishes is Peggy Gardner, the hard-working member of the Auxiliary at the clubroom. Peggy works very hard to keep the clubroom and the kitchen maintained. Peggy, your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you. She is having difficulties with her arm and we wish her all the best in a speedy recovery.

### **COMMITTEES:**

There are several committees that still need to be chaired but recently the Poppy and VA/R have been vacated. These are two very important committees. If anyone is interested in assisting with these responsibilities, please contact me.

That's it for now. Thank you all for your continued support and may the Lord bless and keep us all healthy and safe so we may continue our endeavors to support our Veterans and their families.

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

## FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER

GREETINGS COMRADES. YES, I AM STILL HERE. I TRIED TO GIVE THIS JOB AWAY LAST MAY BUT NOBODY WANTS IT. MAYBE THIS IS THE REASON. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE ON OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. AS I HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE, I ONLY WRITE WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE TO SAY OR WE NEED HELP. AS YOU ALL KNOW THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN AFFECTING EVERYONE. WE HAVE SEEN IT HERE IN THE DECLINE OF HALL RENTALS. SINCE JANUARY, WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO GET OUR BILLS PAID. OUR UPSTAIRS HALL RENTALS HAVE JUST ABOUT VANISHED. WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE IN SEPT., HAD ONE THIS MONTH, HAVE ONE SCHEDULED FOR NOV. AND ONE FOR DEC. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PAY BILLS ON TIME OR BEFORE WE GET HIT WITH LATE CHARGES. IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO DO THIS, BUT UP TO NOW LATE CHARGES HAVE BEEN MINIMAL. I WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU A QUICK RUNDOWN AND TRY TO EXPLAIN THIS IN THE EASIEST WAY I CAN.

WE ARE OPEN SIX DAY A WEEK AND JUST ABOUT EVERY DAY WE ARE OPEN, WE HAVE A FAIR ATTENDANCE. IT COULD IMPROVE BUT WITH THE ECONOMY AND THE COPS OUT TO GET DRUNK DRIVERS, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT PEOPLE DO NOT STOP FOR A FEW BEERS AFTER WORK AS THEY USED TO DO A FEW YEARS AGO. WE PAY FOR A CLUBROOM MANAGER AND CLEAN-UP PEOPLE FOR UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS EVERY WEEK. FOR ANY GIVEN WEEK THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A RENTAL, AFTER WE DO THE WEEKLY PAYROLL AND PAY FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT BAND, THERE IS NOT MUCH MONEY LEFT TO PAY ON THE MONTHLY BILLS OR EVEN THE BEER & LIQUOR WE SERVED. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PARTICIPATION ON FRIDAY NIGHTS. I KNOW SOME OF YOU ARE GETTING TIRED OF THE SAME BANDS EVERY MONTH BUT OUR CLUBROOM MANAGER IS WORKING ON GETTING OTHER BANDS THAT DON'T CHARGE SO MUCH. YOU CAN HELP OUT BY COMING OUT AND HAVING A FEW DRINKS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO STAY HERE ALL NIGHT AND GET DRUNK.

ANOTHER THING IS THAT OUR ELECTRIC BILLS ARE OUTRAGIOUS. EVEN WITHOUT ANY RENTALS, OUR UPSTAIRS BILL IS AROUND \$800.00, TWICE AS MUCH AS WE GET FROM THE CHURCH FOR USING THE HALL EVERY SUNDAY. WITH TWO OR THREE RENTALS, OUR BILL HAS BEEN UP TO \$1900.00. OUR DOWNSTAIRS BILL IS AROUND \$900.00. THIS YEAR OUR DEPOSIT FOR WORKMANS COMPENSATION INSURANCE HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 50% BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED PAYROLL. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT GET AWAY FROM PAYING. ANOTHER THING WE HAVE TO PAY IS OUR SALES TAXES EVERY QUARTER. AS BUYING, THE MORE BEER AND LIQUOR WE SELL, THE MORE TAXES WE HAVE TO PAY.

I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT HOPEFULLY MOST OF YOU HAVE GOTTEN THIS PART OF THE PICTURE. THE WHOLE PICTURE IS WAY MUCH BIGGER. HOPEFULLY, I CAN CONTINUE THIS NEXT MONTH. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THE WORD OUT TO YOUR FRIENDS THAT ARE HAVING BIRTHDAYS OR OTHER SMALL PARTIES. YOU, AS A MEMBER CAN GET A DISCOUNT FOR RENTING DOWNSTAIRS. TALK TO BILL HANCOCK, OUR CLUBROOM MANAGER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD DEAL. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY THAT'S GETTING MARRIED OR HAVING A 15<sup>TH</sup> PARTY, CONTACT VIRGIL SWOPES. RENTALS IS WHAT WILL KEEP US OPEN. THANK YOU WILLIAM OLSEN, JOHN BALL AND DORA RICH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THIS MONTH.

**SEMPER FI,  
ISIDRO "SID" GAUNA JR.,  
FINANCE OFFICER AND PAST COMMANDER 1989-1990.  
YOU CAN CALL ME AT 949-310-8207 OR E-MAIL ME AT [sidgauna@aol.com](mailto:sidgauna@aol.com).**

### Editor's Remarks

Thank you to all of you who attend our Friday night dinners and dances. Thank you also to all who buy tickets for the drawings for prizes and those who donate them. This helps keep our post afloat and assures that the dinners and dances will continue.

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# NOVEMBER 2011

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13 District 29 10: A.M. Post 555 Sons Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15 Pala Bus Trip 9:30 A.M.	16	17 Bugle Deadline!!!	18 Tropic Starr  Lasagna	19 UMAVA 9:00 A.M.
20 Rudy Roman 3-7 PM	21	22	23	24	25 5 Star Band  Tostadas	26
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