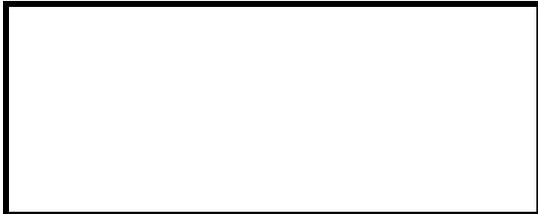


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POST HOURS
Wednesday Through Monday Open 12:00 Noon

Commander's Notes



"What's Happening?"

Membership, membership, membership! If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please, do so as soon as possible, The membership bus is filling up and you want to be sure you get a seat. Last general meeting (August 11th) the Post "***Welcomed***" four new members into membership. ***Comrade Butch Schmid*** transferred his membership from Brea Post 181 to our Post. Butch is currently Area 5, Vice President, Orange County American Legion Riders. More about that in a minute. Joining the ranks of membership was ***Nelson Morcillo***, United States Air Force, ***Corey Watidrop***, United States Marine Corp and ***Paul Wells***, United States Army. May your future be all you expect and more. On the subject of the American Legion Riders, at the August general membership meeting, the membership authorized forming a Rider Chapter here at the Post. Official application was made to the DEC of the Riders for the establishment of Orange Chapter 132 .Riders. This has been in the works for several weeks and I am happy to say it looks like it is going to happen, The majority of the current Rider membership will be transferring into Orange from Brea, Post 181. Come on down and meet out newest members and while you are wetting your whistle listen to some good ole country music on our new Juke Box.

Orange City Street Fair: The dates are Friday, September 2nd through the 4th. There is more information on what is going on at the Post in the Club Managers article. I just want to remind all members that parking during the event is ***FREE*** in the ***Post South Side Parking Lot!*** You must show your valid membership card to the attendant on duty. The North Side will be for paying guests. Bill has some real nice entertainment lined up. Band on Friday night, DJ in the afternoon and band at night both Saturday and Sunday, Food will be available and a couple more surprises. So on your way home from the fair stop in and pay old Bill a visit and help the Post out. Due to a recent change in the Post By-Laws there is only ***ONE GENERAL MEETING EACH MONTH!*** That meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM As the Uncle Sam poster said, "***We Want You!***" Every effort is made to hold meeting length to one (1) hour but seldom does it last two. What you think, feel or want to see happening at the Post is vitally important to us. We need new and fresh ideas relevant to all areas of the Post and Post operations. So please come join us once a month.

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



1st Vice Commander's Report:

About ½ of our 400 members have paid their dues to date; if you haven't paid yours yet, please do so now, as our Annual Early Bird Dinner is only for those who pay their \$35 annual dues by October 1st.

The Early Bird Dinner will be held downstairs, in our club room on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:00 pm; it will be cooked & served by members of Synergy's Drum & Bugle Corps. The dinner is at NO COST to all of you who have paid your dues.

Your Post will continue to be open all summer long, Tuesday through Saturday, from 12 noon until closing (at 6 pm or later). Come on down, see all the improvements, enjoy a cocktail, draft beer or soda, and fraternize with your fellow veterans—you'll be glad that you did!

For God & Country, and Membership Too

Tom Wilkie (714) 283-8660 (e-mail: ibi-ubu@prodigy.net)

3rd VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

Virgil Swope



We are ill-prepared for the Labor Day Street Fair! I guess we can make it up next year. Our rentals are not doing well either. As of the writing of this article, we have no rentals for the month. I have some other bad news, but no one wants to hear it so why waste the ink.

On a positive note, we do have the new Trust Deed for the property and it has been filed with the county recorder's office.

If anyone has a truck or a trailer that can handle 150 to 200 lbs we could use, we would appreciate the loan of it as we need to move a bar tapper from Santa Ana post 131 to our post and into the clubroom. If you have a pickup that will handle this load and would be willing to let us use it, please, contact me.

More updates next month

Virgil Swope
2nd Vice-Commander
(714) 342-2175

A special note from our District Commander

We have returned from the Department Convention in Ontario with gratitude for all of your support. I must first thank my wonderful wife, Yoko, who supported me and was my sounding board in the last year plus of campaigning, those supporters that encouraged me from the beginning, and also to you, the members of the State of California, who believed in me enough to give me the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander. I give my word to the California Legion Family that I will do my best to represent them in a manner that they will be proud, and aspire to at least equal those Commanders that have preceded me.

All last year I have stated that the most important thing within our organization is the concept of the California Legion Family. This family includes the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. As families interact there will be times that some members of the family will not get along, or agree on certain issues, but we must remember that each of us represents the largest Veteran's organization in the United States and must take the extra effort to compromise as we are here for our veterans. I also stated that we should take pride in the diversity of our organization and embrace it as one of our strengths.

I was asked many times during the last year, "If we elect you Commander, what are you going to do about Membership?" I usually replied, "Nothing, you have to do it, because if we want to increase membership it must start with each member at the Post level". I must now admit that was not a complete answer, because as your Commander, I have a responsibility to provide you, with the best Membership Team that I could. As a result of my deliberations, as we now have a new Membership Director, Janet Wilson in place along with an enthusiastic and experienced Membership Team, which exemplifies the diversity within the Department. I have met with her and she has shared her plans for membership and she has my complete confidence. Many individuals that previously were on the team were replaced because they were elected to positions within the Department, or moved to other equally important jobs. The new Team understands that membership is the life blood of our organization and have agreed that they will lead the way to a GREAT YEAR in membership, with the chant "JUST ONE!!!" This year, we must turn around the declining membership numbers. We must educate members and Posts on the workings of The American Legion by returning to the basics of recruiting.

The new Membership Director and I will be attending the annual National Membership workshop in Indianapolis where we will be negotiating new goals for the Department, and attempting to get the National Organization to put on specific training for the Membership Team in California, this will save the cost of the entire team going to Indianapolis and have the same results. Please remember that retention of our current members is equally important as the recruitment of the new members, revitalizing Posts, or educating active duty military on the benefits of joining the American Legion.

As you are aware we have been given a very tight budget this year, and in order to abide by the limitations given we will be trying to use technology this year to change the way we conduct business especially our Commissions. Those individuals that will be appointed to chair commissions will be given a choice of how they might want to have their meetings: through conference calls, using computers through Skype-type programs, or having a physical call-in. In order to have the latter a letter may be required which includes a plan on what will be discussed. In addition, each chairperson will be encouraged to submit an article to the California Legionnaire letting other Legionnaires know about their Commission.

I have requested that each of the District Commanders handle those problems that occur within their purview. Your Department Officers and Staff should be handling problems that affect the entire state not those that should have been handled within a Post. The Department Staff will do its best to continue to answer all questions, but please remember that there will be less of them due to the budget cuts that were approved.

I hope that each of you are as excited about the next year as I am. I again pledge that I shall perform at the highest level expected of your Department Commander.

See you all at the DEC in Dixon.

Hugh E Crooks, Jr.

Commander, Department of California

PALA BUS TRIP



September 13th, 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

Please join us
On
September 11th

A National Day of Service and Rememberance

Presented by Mindy and Glenn Stearns

2011 Honorees

Mohammad Ali
Ambassador George L. Argyros

Major General William Lyon USAF (Ret)

Master of Ceremonies

Roy Firestone

Menu Designed by Celebrity Chef
Cat Cora

For further information contact

Kristen Higgins

At (310) 235-7709

Clubroom Manager says:



Well, Street Fair is here again. We'll have bands and DJs all weekend long. Saturday and Sunday there will be a DJ from 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Saturday night from 8:00 P.M. until midnight Tropic Starr will play and 5 Star will play for the same hours on Sunday. Put your dancing shoes on and come down and enjoy the weekend with us. We'll serve hamburgers and hot dogs all weekend also. We now have a juke box so you can request your favorite songs to be put on it. And we'll have karaoke on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the months of September and October. Like to sing? Come down and give it a whirl.

**Bill Hancock
Clubroom Manager**

Wanted

Orange Post 132

is in urgent need of Post Members

to fill the following Post Officer Positions.

ADJUTANT

SERVICE OFFICER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

If you have a desire to be part of a changing Post, contribute to and serve your fellow veterans, won't you please contact the Post Commander? As previously stated these are critical positions that we must fill to be successful. Won't you please help?

Oliver Taylor
Commander

Auxiliary President's Message



Greetings, everyone:

I sadly open this article with a tribute to Ray Goss.

Auxiliary Unit 132 sends its condolences to Carol Goss and her family for the loss of her dear and wonderful husband, Ray on Monday, August 15, 2011. A great big "Thank you" goes out to Ray for all the years he served in the American Legion. He was quite the dedicated and good Legionnaire. One of the things I will miss about Ray is his dancing on Friday nights. He had a very unique way of dancing. God's blessings big little guy. You will surely be missed by all.

MEETINGS: Our next meeting will be on September 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., the second Thursday of the month.

At the last meeting on 8/11/11, there weren't very many members attending, but we got through it. It was voted that the Auxiliary would only have one meeting a month, rather than two. The meeting will take place on the second Thursday of every month. Should something important come up, an emergency meeting will be scheduled.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members have joined Auxiliary, Unit 132. On August 11, 2011 Elaine Morse was initiated as a new member. Gavina Laugh was initiated at a previous meeting. Thank you ladies for joining and welcome to Auxiliary Unit 132.

Right off the bat, Elaine has volunteered to become the chairperson for the Legislative and assist with the VAR Committee. Thank you so much Elaine for stepping up. We look forward to working with you and we know you will do a wonderful job. Gavina has also volunteered to chair the Public Relations Committee and assist with VAR which is being chaired by Lori Klossner. Many thanks to you, Gavina, as well.

This is exactly what is needed by the Auxiliary. If you know anyone that might be interested, please send them our way. We can sure use all the help we can get.

There are still some committees that need to be chaired by someone. Won't you please consider helping with one?

The following committees are still open:

Historian - I am attempting to take pictures of events so we have something to show at the end of the year.

Parliamentarian

Americanism

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

National Security

If anyone is interested, a description of the duties required are in your handbooks.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Please know that it is membership renewal time again. The fee for renewing membership with the Auxiliary is \$20.00. We ask that you please renew your membership as soon as possible so you can attend the early bird dinner in November for free. More information re: the dinner will be forthcoming.

BUS TRIP:

The next bus trip to the Pala Casino will be September 13, 2011. Please be at the Legion at 9:30 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION:

A great big "*thank you*" goes to everyone involved in assisting with the services for Ray Goss

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, please 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.

INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR:

Things are getting busy again with the kids and grandkids going back to school. But, before it begins, we have the International Street Faire to contend with. Post 132 is in need of volunteers to assist in the kitchen throughout the weekend. Please come by to volunteer if possible.

That's it for now. May the Lord bless and keep us all healthy and safe so we may continue in our endeavors to support our wonderful Veterans.

Esther V. Ouellette

President - Auxiliary Orange-Unit 132 (714) 636-6275

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Ray Goss

Editor's Remarks

Regretfully, we lost a very dedicated member last month. Ray Goss stepped in to assist in any way that was needed any time it was needed right up until his most recent illness. He will be sorely missed. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Carol, and the rest of his family.

I also want to take this time to thank Dr. William H. Olson, John Ball and Dora Rich who contributed to the post this month. We truly appreciate your donations.

Walt Mc Bride
Bugle Editor

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Karaoke	2 Midnight Cowboy Street Fair	3 Street Fair DJ 1:00-6:00 P.M. Tropic Starr 8:00—Midnight
4 DJ 1:00-6:00 P.M. 5 Star 8:00-Midnight Labor Day Street Fair	5	6	7	8 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 P.M.	9 Bounty Hunter	10
11	12	13 Pala Bus Trip 9:30 A.M.	14	15 Bugle Deadline!!! Karaoke	16 Tropic Starr National MIA/POW Recognition Day	17 UMAVA 9:00 A.M.
18	19	20	21	22 Orange Historical Society 5:30 PM- Karaoke	23 5 Star Band	24
25 Sons Meeting 6:30 PM. Rudy Roman 3-7 PM	26	27	28	29	30 Night Moves	
						