



COMMANDER, MEL WANCOWICZ' MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone that volunteered to help during the Labor Day Street Fair. We at Post 132 anticipate doing very well during the three-day event.

Volunteers of America received \$2,000 for Orange County to administer the grant. Four other agencies announced that part of their grant will serve Orange County Veterans for another estimated \$600,000 to \$900,000. They include the U.S. Vets, Path Mental Health America and Family Crisis Center. SSVF Money can be used for low income Veteran families and individuals for supportive services such as: daily living services, transportation, legal services, rental assistance, deposits, child care and utility bills. This is a very flexible grant to promote housing, stability for Orange County Veterans. Lets make sure that Orange County Veterans are referred to the programs: Volunteers of America, 3600 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1736; Family Crisis Center, 2116 Arlington Avenue, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90018; United States Veterans Initiative, 733 South Hindry Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301.

Posts are still sending their mail to the old address. Mail is getting delayed any where from 1-2 weeks because of the wrong address. The new address is: American Legion Department of California, 205 13th Street, Suite 3300, San Francisco, CA 94103-2461.

Yours in Comradeship,
Melvin P. Wancowicz, Commander
awancowicz@roadrunner.com
(657)224-9129 (Res), (714) 552-2007(Mobile)



1ST VICE COMMANDER, GIL FLORES/DISTRICT 29 ADJUTANT

Dear Comrades,

We are off to a great start on membership retention and growth in this new AL Year. As of the 3rd week of August, a total of 170 members have paid their dues out of our total post membership of 430 members. This gives us a percentage total of approximately 40%. In accordance with Department guidelines and due dates, we must reach 50% membership by September 15th.

As I mentioned last month, our new membership cards have been received at the Post. You have the option of paying your 2013-2014 dues through the internet or mailing your check to Post 132 in Orange. I encourage you to renew/pay your dues now in order to take advantage of our "Early Bird" complimentary dinner taking place on the 14th November. Also, this will help us greatly in reaching the 50% membership goal by mid-September.

To increase Post membership, I am also obtaining information from the Department of California website to reach out to Post 1000 members who live in our service area. Members of Post 100 are Legion members who have joined our organization, but have not yet affiliated with a particular Post. One of my goals this year to invite these members to become active members of Post 132. I believe this will benefit not only our Post, but the members as well. And, if effective, it will increase our ranks!

Also, I ask that you continue to support your Post's Friday night dinners and the various events that will take place in the coming months. Please check your Bugle newsletter for the monthly schedule of events. And by all means, please attend our monthly membership meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month.

In short, we have an exciting year to look forward to. I look forward to seeing you all at our Post in the days ahead.

For God and Country

Gil Flores

1st Vice Commander
AL Orange Post 132

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

No article submitted

Pete Quintana
2d Vice Commander

THIRD VICE COMMANDER

All four of our selected Boys State delegates, their parents, and designated American Legion focals from our Post attended the Friday night, June 21, 2013 evening bus departure event for the Boy's State week of activity that ensued. I have since requested an "after action report" from each of our four (4) candidates. Thus far...I've been 50% successful in receiving these documents.....not bad! I think I'm keeping up with our favorite Wall Street Stock Market..hah. ..I'll keep watching!! At any rate, when I get all the inputs, I'll include an all up comment sheet for your review in my next newsletter. Just to bring you, our AL membership, up on plans for 2013 and early 2014 AL activities., please consider the next activities. Currently the Halloween party is scheduled for October 25 and the Christmas event is slated for December 13, 2013. Please advise if you have ANY ideas, activities, etc that should be considered to be added, deleted, whatever....to these parties that would please the children.. and their parents (grand parents...etc..) going forward,. Please advise....with any ideas going forward you know my contact numbers...and have a great month.

Joanne Barton
3rd Vice Commander, AL Post 132
(714) 655-4770

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Condolences go out to the following: Bassett family, Lester Rodiek family and the Hernandez family.

Get well wishes go out to the following members: Robert Kaniski, Skip McGowan and William Carnaham.

Should anyone be aware of the passing of any members or anyone having medical issues, please let us know. We will be happy to hold them up in prayer. May God bless one and all!

Yes, I am a strong person but every now and then, I also need someone to take my hand and say everything will be okay.

Leo Ouellette
Chaplain
(714) 636-6275
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FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Greetings again Comrades.

July was an average month for the Post. There was only one rental upstairs. We received two deposits for upcoming rentals upstairs and one for downstairs so that kept us from going under.

We continued receiving additional donations for the air conditioners. Adding to the \$1290 we received in June, we received the proceeds from the July 4th food donations, which included a \$100 check from Auxiliary member Alice Pugh. Other \$100 donations came from Mel Wancowicz, Phillip Colin, Robert Mitchell and a donor that didn't leave his name. Bill couldn't remember who he was. *(If you want to be recognized, let me know and I will mention you next month)*. We also received \$400 from Jack Peralta and \$550 from John Ball. Several donations (11) totaling \$450 were made by the family and friends of Legionnaire Robert Bassett in his memory.

As of July 31st we received a total of \$3611 in donations. We have replaced one air conditioner unit at a cost of \$4175.00. It was very helpful for the last parties we have had, but there were several rentals we lost due to not having sufficient cooling this Summer. Other donations that have come in early this month will be reported in the September Bugle.

Ed Mowbray and John Ball made their regular monthly donations to the Clubroom. A donation was also received from the Auxiliary to help pay for upcoming children's parties. In the Legion Account, besides incoming renewal dues, we received Friday Night Opportunity Drawings from the Auxiliary for Bugle Expenses.

The Fundraiser dance hosted by the Post on Sunday, July 21st was a disappointment. We had very little support from members and our profit was only \$348.00. Many of our regular non-member supporters were out of town and couldn't be here. I hope the one we have in August 18th turns out better.

Clubroom attendance continues to do well and the Friday Night Dinners are doing great. But it seems like I see the same faces, Friday after Friday. Where are the rest of the members? You can call me at (714)371-6247 or email at sidgauna@aol.com

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



SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

I would like to say that I am your new Service Officer at Post 132. I have lived in Orange for 18 years and I served in the U.S. Army for 3 years. I love the USA, I love the Flag that flies over it. I would like to thank all of you who have served and God bless you all and your families!

Now, for those of you that don't know me, I'll say this to the ones that do know me, know that I am not afraid to voice my opinion or to stand up with any Veteran that is being wronged. As far as I'm concerned, the Veterans are not taken care of and should have more benefits than our congressmen, senators and anyone that is coming into this country illegally. You Veterans have done a great service to our country and the country has a debt to you it can never repay.

I have just joined Post 132 last year and I have not taken any classes yet to get me up and running to the needs of the Veterans who need any assistance in getting benefits or help in services offered to you from the VA but I'll do all I can to get you the information you may need. My e-mail address is at the bottom of this page. Let me know what I can do for you.

And now, I would like to take this time to ask all of our members to support Post 132. It can only stand if we all stand with it and support it! Now, in my short year here, I have never seen more than 25 members show up at the meetings. This Post had a bad year last year and all of the members that have been supporting it and working to get the Post looking good inside and out, but we want to keep it up and running. This is your Post. It takes more help than we have right now and I hate to think that we are draining the members who keep giving and giving. I am begging you to please come down, see the Post. See how it is doing on Friday night dinners. Dancing is great! Just watching people dance is a show in itself. Our beautiful cook (Dora), prepares a meal on the third Friday of every month. I hate missing a meal prepared by her! The bands change every Friday. See our clubroom manager/bartender Bill, his assistants, Kris and Robert. So, if you have stopped coming, for whatever reason, come on back and see how the Post has changed. Help keep it changing for the best and tell us what we can do. Remember, it is your Post and for the Veterans. The power of the vote assures you a say but if you don't come, don't vote, then you get stuck with whatever you are left with. We just got a new Commander, Officers and Executive Board and we are on the move. God bless you all.

Terry Morse
Service Officer/E-Board
E-mail: ceeingeye@aol.com



SONS COMMANDER' S MESSAGE

Hi, Comrades:

I received great news for those of you who could not attend the general membership meeting for the Legion last month. The Squadron was given an award from the 29th District for a "Job Well Done". Let's keep it up! Dinner was great last month. Breakfast had a great turn out? I want to thank all of you that came down and supported our Squadron. I want to recognize all those people who helped in the kitchen: Myself; 1st Vice, Ray Alvarado; 2nd Vice Brett "Egg Man" Jackson; 3rd Vice, Toby Deleon; Adjutant/Finance Officer, Pierre Duco; Sergeant at Arms, Mario Beltran; Chaplain, Robert Powell; Historian, Mike Holmes/ and also Dan Drew "Captain Kangaroo".

I also thank the following members: Commander, Mel Wancowicz; Auxiliary President, Esther V. Ouellette; Auxiliary Treasurer, Carol Goss Holmes; and Auxiliary 1st Vice, Harriett Mattos for their on-going support.

Our next **dinner will be on Friday, September 6.** The menu will be Mario's famous world famous meatloaf from 6 to 8 pm. **Breakfast, Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 9 to 12 pm.** Menu will be: Pancakes, ham & eggs and hash browns all for \$6.00. **SONS' next meeting will follow breakfast.**

At our last meeting our Squadron voted and passed a donation of \$250. towards the new air conditioner. We now have our new membership cards for 2014. Please contact me or come to your Squadron meeting after breakfast to renew your membership. Let's get another 100 percent membership this year. The Post needs volunteers for the Labor Day Street Fair on August 30 to Sept. 1. Please consider helping. Enjoy your weekend. ***Don't drink and drive!*** Happy Labor Day.

Tommy Dees,
Commander in Support
SONs of the American Legion - Post 132
(714) 289-8197



FROM THE DESK OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

In the August Bugle, I introduced our Commander, Mel Wancowicz. I will continue with monthly introductions so you will know who the officers of Post 132 are and a little about them. As one of the officers and author of these articles, I will tell you a little bit about my background.

I was raised in New Jersey where I lived until 1950 when I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps as a private and served as an enlisted man for 14 years. I was subsequently commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

I served in Korea and Vietnam and a number of bases on both coasts of the United States until retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 31-1/2 years of service. Following my retirement from the USMC, I worked as Manager of Maintenance for the OCTD which later became Orange County Transportation Authority. My duties included maintaining the bus fleet and a variety of small vehicles, facility maintenance and inventory management.

After retiring from OCTA, I worked as an independent contractor in Budapest and Kaposvar Hungary overseeing the manufacturing of transit buses for the United States market.

I am a Life Member of a number of Marine Corps and Veterans organizations including Life Membership in the Disabled American Veterans and a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership in the American Legion for the past 18 years.

My wife, Alice and I are long time residents of the City of Orange.

Robert L. Mitchell
Judge Advocate



AL RIDERS, PRESIDENT

Well August is almost gone and September will soon be upon us!

Just a reminder -- the Riders are hosting a BBQ on Saturday, August 31, 2013. Menu will be TriTip, Pulled Pork and sides for just \$8.00. So come on down and enjoy!! Our menu for the Friday night dinner has not been decided upon yet but I can assure you it will be something delicious!!

August has been very busy for Just Dar and myself and also our Riders as well as. We have some illness in our families and we our always praying for recovery!! I don't have a lot to say at this time so this will be short. Come on down and support your Post and all of the Legion Family!! The Military children's charity school drive was very successful. Post 132 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, AL Riders, and SONS, along with the support of the membership, proved to be very rewarding for the charity!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your support! Without your help we couldn't do what we do so well -- helping our Veterans and their families!!!!

Also, we will be giving away the BBQ (on display at the clubroom) on Labor Day (September 2, 2013) at approximately high noon, so be sure to get your tickets!! Only \$2.00 a chance! That is all I have for now so we will be seeing you soon!!!

Dale "Bear" Phillips
President
American Legion 132 Riders

EDITOR'S NOTE

We recently celebrated, what I consider a very important date for my generation, "VJ Day", the official end of WWII, August 15, 1945.

Unfortunately, we are losing our Veterans of that era much too fast. We here at our Post would like to recognize and thank those Veterans. If you are a WWII Veteran or you know of one, we ask that you send us your/their name and a small biography so that we may pass it on to so many of us that have forgotten that important era of our lives.

Thank you in advance. Any information can be sent via mail, e-mail or delivered to the Post. My e-mail: lmocon@sbcglobal.net or Leo M. Ouellette, 9331 Catherine Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thought things would be slow in July as it was a dark month for the Auxiliary, but boy was I busy with personal family events and out-of-town company.

Our August meeting was very busy. We had 20 members in attendance which was a very pleasant surprise. Several new membership applications were submitted. We ask everyone to welcome the following new applicants to the Auxiliary: Danielle Amiee,Carolynn McMahon, Nancy Rios, Amanda Smith, Rosie Williams, Beth Watson and Lucy Lopez. Thank you ladies for volunteering. We look forward to working with you.

Carol Goss Holmes, Dee Wilkie, Harriett Mattos and I attended the Department Workshop at the Los Alamitos Post on Saturday, August 17, 2013. We had a chance to meet the new Auxiliary Department President, Anita Gibbs and her new officers. It was a very worthwhile event. Lots of information was shared. The theme for the 2013-2014 term is "Shooting Hoops for our Veterans" (See 2013-2014 Pin above)! Our District has chosen the name "OC Warriors for Veterans" Our colors will be camouflage. The President's special project is: Temporary Financial Assistance for Veterans: Veterans in need of assistance can contact Department for assistance.

Our National Auxiliary President for 2013-2014 is Nancy Brown Park. Her homecoming will be from October 16-20, 2013. She will be coming to Orange County. If you would like to participate in welcoming her I have the schedule and reservation costs. Please contact me at: (714) 636-6275 or send an e-mail to: Imocon@sbcglobal.net. Two of the Auxiliary Posts hosting her will be: Lakewood Post 496 and Newport Harbor Post 291.

I want to thank Alice Pugh for contacting and arranging for all the Auxiliary Angels (you know who you are) that stepped up to help with getting the Bugle folded and mailed out in August as I was incapacitated at the time. Thank you ladies for your help! You did a wonderful job. Also, thank you, Darlene Phillips and your two daughters, Samantha Hawkins and Veronica Hawkins for assisting Carol Goss Holmes with the Audit on Thursday 8/15/13. Your help is very appreciated. I also want to thank Harriett Mattos for assisting me in serving dinner at the Legion Fundraiser Dance on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Unfortunately, the fundraiser didn't bring in much of a profit as attendance, once again, was low.

Please send your prayers to Auxiliary Member, Leatha (Lee) Whiteriver for a speedy recovery during her stay at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Upcoming Events:

Pala Bus trip: September 17, 2013- Arrive at 8:30 am, leave at 9:00 am
Next Auxiliary Meeting: September 12, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Esther V. Ouellette
Auxiliary President, Unit 132: Imocon@sbcglobal.net (714) 636-6275



ADJUTANT

I will start off by saying that dues for your 2014 membership are now due. Please send in your \$35 now and you will qualify for a FREE “EARLY BIRD” DINNER, compliments of the Post. It will be on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. Don’t miss out on this meal.

The next General Meeting for Post 132 will be September 12 at 7:30 p.m. We had 8 members, not counting the officers and the E-Board members at our last meeting. This is pretty sad for a Post that consists of 430 members. This is your Legion Post family. Okay, we have a bar but we do other Veteran activities as well. I realize that some of you can’t make the meetings and you are in our thoughts.

Thanks to your donations, we now have a new air conditioner upstairs. It cost lots of money to repair this aging system so a “BIG THANK YOU” for your help! We are now focusing on replacing the aged downstairs air conditioner with the remaining donations and we are *almost* there.

If any of you Veterans are having any problems, we are here to solve them, or refer you to someone who can solve them. So don’t hesitate to call the officers at Post 132. We are here to help! That is our job!. ***AGAIN, THANK YOU! GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE AMERICAN LEGION!***

For God and Country

Your Adjutant, Adrian “Mortie” Morton

US Army Retired

My Cell#: (714)856-0364 or Home #: (714)835-5717

BUILDING/CLUBROOM MANAGER

Everyone come on down to Post 132 and enjoy the Labor Day weekend Street Fair. We are charging \$10 to park on the north side of the building. We are having a DJ on Saturday and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. Performing bands: Just for Now will be playing on Friday night, 8/31/13; 5-Star will play Saturday night 9/1/13; Midnight Cowboys will be playing Sunday night 9/2/13. So come on down and enjoy yourselves. The AL Riders will be hosting a BBQ on Saturday and raffling off the BBQ on display at the downstairs clubroom on Monday, 9/3/13 at around high noon.

On another note: Changes to the Clubroom are in the works. The name plates that were mounted on the wall behind the bar in the Clubroom for years have been removed. They are being stored at the Post for anyone interested in obtaining them. Please contact the Clubroom Manager, Bill Hancock for any information regarding these nameplates at (714) 538-6311.

Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Hancock,

Building/Clubroom Manager, (714) 538-6311

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Street Fair Midnight Cow-boys	2 <i>LABOR DAY</i> AL Riders' BBQ Raffle 12 Noon	3	4 40/8 La Femme Mtg Post 555 7:30 pm. Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6pm	5 AL E-Board Mtg- 7 pm	6 Dinner - Meat-loaf - SONS Midnight Cow-boys	7
8 BREAKFAST - SONS 9AM-12PM SONS' MTG After Breakfast	9	10	11 Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6pm Patriots' Day	12 AL Gen Mtg 7:pm ALA Gen Mtg 7:pm	13 Dinner- AL Riders The Possee (Tommy Van)	14 AL Riders Gen Mtg 8:30 am
15 UMAVA Dance 3pm-7pm Los Cuates	16	17 ALA BUS TRIP PALA Leave at 9 am	18 Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6 pm Air Force Est. 1947	19	20 Dinner - Cmdr Tropic Star POW/MIA Recognition Day	21 UMAVA Mtg 9 am
22 1st Day of Autumn	23	24	25 Flag Lowering Orange Circle 6 pm	26	27 Dinner - Dora Pork Chops 5 Star	28
29	30					
						

**BUS TRIP TO PALA CASINO
TUESDAY**

September 17, 2013

**Leave from: American Legion Post
143 South Lemon Street
Orange, CA 92866**

**(Park in American Legion Post parking lot north or
south side of the building)**

NOTE: Time change:

**PLEASE BE THERE BY: 8:30 A.M.
BUS LEAVES AT: 9:00 A.M. SHARP!**

Bus returns around 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$11.00 per person

(Includes tip for bus driver)

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**You will need a valid Driver's License,
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You must call for reservations

**For more info, please call
Carol Goss at (714) 473-2451
Alice Pugh at (714) 532-5984**

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2013-2014 SONS -INSTALLATION



Left to Right, Robert Powell, Mike Holmes, Toby Deleon, Brett "Egg Man" Jackson, Ray Alvarado, Cmdr. Tommy Dees, Pierre Duco and Mario Beltran.

85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, JUNE 22, 2013



Left to right: SONS Commander, Tommy Dees; AL Riders, Dale "Bear" Phillips; Auxiliary President, Esther Ouellette; American Legion Commander, Mel Wancowicz; Honorable Mayor, Teresa "Tita" Smith; and City Councilman, Fred M. Whitaker.

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