



The Bugle Call



January 2018

A Monthly Publication for Members of the American Legion Post 432, Sons Squadron 432, and Auxiliary Unit of 432 of Cambria, California

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1: New Year's Day
 Jan 16: Martin Luther King Birthday
 Feb 2: Groundhog's Day
 Feb 4: USO Birthday
 Feb 14: Valentine's Day
 Feb 15: Presidents Day
 Feb 19: Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

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Commander's Corner

--Dave Ehlers
 Commander

Happy New Year! I hope everyone spent quality time with family and friends during Christmas and this Holiday season.

The Toys for Tots campaign was another big success this year thanks to the leadership of Terry Farrell who coordinates our community's activities. Thank you everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause which helped our local children and families. Also, a big thank you to the Auxiliary and those who helped prepare the gifts for distribution to our local, less fortunate, children.

Our TS2 program, led by Dave Pierson and Larry Willets, raised significant donations and sent signed cards with gift cards to our active duty members. It is important for all of us to reach out to our service members throughout the year but especially during the holidays just to let them know we appreciate what they are doing and that we are here for them should they need us.

Significant funds were raised this year through the Festival of Trees auction at

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the Vets Hall. The Plummer brothers' original tree was redecorated again this year and brought in another \$1150 for Honor Flight and the TS2 tree raised \$875. Thank you to those who purchased the trees and donated them back to raise additional funds and to those who made the final purchase.

Wreaths Across America was a huge success. We raised enough to purchase nearly 400 wreaths to decorate both the Cambria and Santa Rosa Cemeteries. Maureen Robles-Wilson led a wonderful ceremony prior to placing the wreaths. Thank you to Chuck McMillen for allowing the semi to unload onto one of his trucks and then bringing the wreaths to the cemeteries. Also, thank you to Maureen, Ron, and all those who help make this program successful. Great Job.

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their Post 432 membership. Now that the calendar has flipped to January, if you have not renewed your membership for 2018, your membership has expired but it is not too late to renew. Jim Hollingshead has the latest information on who still needs to renew. He is happy to assist you with renewing your membership or you can renew online via the American Legion website. Your membership enables our Post and the American Legion to support our Veterans, Active duty, community, and local youth programs.

Our Post has a busy year ahead and I look forward to working with our members as we continue to support our many programs. Our 4th of July

planning will be kicking off shortly along with other programs and we need your support. Please let me know where you will be able to contribute.

May everyone have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Auxiliary Briefing

--Shelley Woeste,
President



December is such a busy month for the Auxiliary. Thank you to everyone who baked for the Christmas bags, delivered the Christmas bags, helped with Toys for Tots, and those who came to the Christmas Party. We had

about 45 ladies there at the party. Woohoo!!!!

We are planning on having our annual Valentine's Day Dinner. The menu will be announced shortly, and I am sure it will be delicious. We will have it on Wednesday, February 14. The auxiliary ladies will once again be serving our guests. Be sure to keep your eye out for more information.

February will also bring the District meeting to our Legion. Both the Legion and the Auxiliary will have meetings on Sunday, February 25th. The Auxiliary will also be holding a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Legion Patio. I am sure this will be very informative, so all officers and committee chairman are invited to come and learn.

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I hope to see some new faces at the meetings this coming up year. It is only one hour a month, surely you can give up an hour to your Auxiliary to help us decide how and where to donate our money. Remember it is the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Vet's Hall.

Auxiliary Membership dues are due. This year's dues are \$25 and can be made out to A.L.A. and mailed to P. O. Box 732, Cambria, CA 93428. Remember we run on a fiscal year so your dues pay July 2017 – June 2018. If you have not paid since July 1, 2017 your dues are now delinquent as of 12/31/2017. If you have questions as to whether you are up to date, you can contact Lesli Murdoch at 423-4856.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year filled with love, laughter and good health.



SALS

--Ted Ashlock

Happy New Year's Post # 432 SALS!

Well, the SAL Squadron was up to its old tricks on Hospitality night, Thursday Dec 7th, the 76th anniversary of the invasion of Pearl Harbor, by giving away hot dogs

and hot chocolate down on Main St. The BBQ trailer was parked in front of the Chamber of Commerce for looks, and a gas grill was going with over 500 hot

dogs giving away that night. Steve Kniffen, I assume a couple of co-workers from the Sea Chest, and variety of different SALS enjoyed a lighthearted night giving away stuff. Mel was also part of the giveaway team. The evening was light hearted, and every one had a great time surprising the west village crowd with free stuff. And again, everybody likes free stuff. Hospitality night was a booming success. The SALS hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas season and enjoyed the wonderful spirit of giving.

The downside news is the health update of SAL and Cambrian Rocky Fordyce. He is up at UCSF Medical Center waiting on a list requiring a lung transplant. Needless to say, the situation is of grave concern. Upon Rocky's return to Cambria the social support network is going to have to assist with life, medical and financial support to get Rocky Fordyce back on his feet. The prayer network is needed. If you would like the most current Rocky update please check in with the local or Coast Union crowd.

If there were an extra \$1000s in your wallet would you donate the money to Rocky's recovery? That question may not be a hypothetical, but could be a reality for someone if they participate in the January 21st NFL Championship raffle and BBQ presented by the Post # 432 SAL Squadron. Someone will win a \$1000 that day. SAL members have tickets for sale for \$25. If you are SAL member and you need to get tickets for sale contact Steve or Smokey. Please support this annual event to give the SALS the

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opportunity to continue being good citizens in the town of Cambria and dedicated supporters of the Legion Post # 432. The dollars raised on January 21st will allow the SAL Squadron to continue to give away hot dogs and popsicles, support youth athletics, and provide the means for the SAL BBQ machine to be available to support community fundraisers. And yes the winner could make a donation to Rocky's care on January 21, 2018, if they so desired.

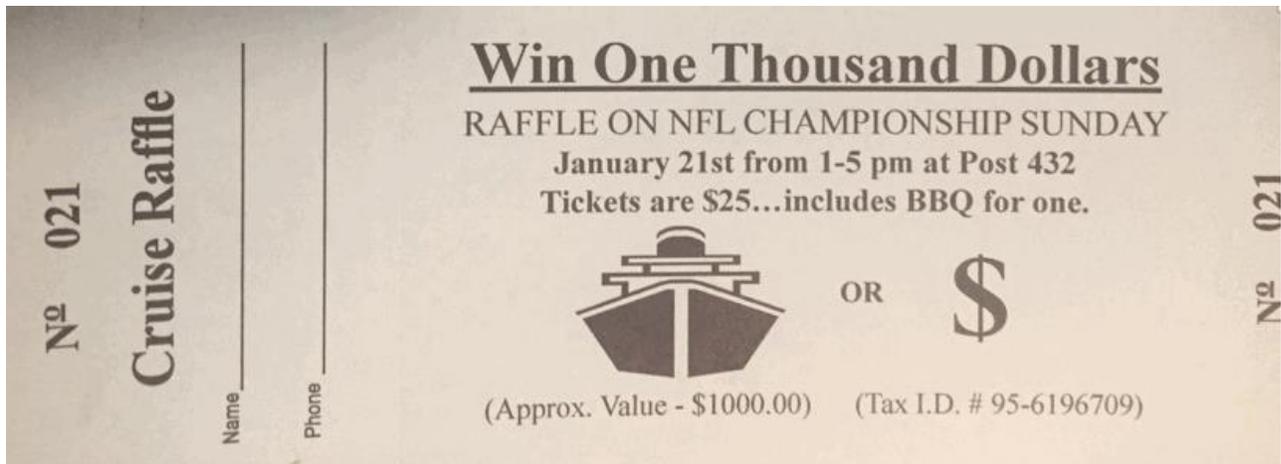
The January 2018 monthly meeting will be hosted on the patio starting at 6:30. Brian Griffin will be offering support to the SAL network by assisting with the group emails and distribution. Thank you Brian. The SALS can always use some support with the organizational items. Thank you, and I'll see you all at the January 21st Raffle and BBQ.

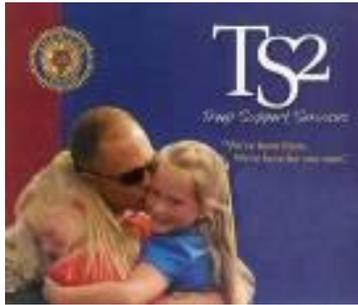
BUY A TICKET!

SUPPORT YOUR SALS!

Christmas is the time for gift giving, but your SAL Squadron gives all year long. For them to do this, they absolutely need your support. This is your chance to continue your support, and buying a ticket is almost painless. Come on! It's only 25 bucks!

Just so you know what a ticket looks like, gaze at the bottom of this page. One just like this (except for the serial number) can be yours. You can watch the NFL Championship and be eligible to be a winner. You can do anything you want with the prize. You can take the cruise or donate to Rocky Fordyce. Do it!





Troop Support Services Active Duty Roster

Last	First	Branch	Stationed
Azevedo	Will	USMC	Camp Pendleton, CA
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Balderama	Anthony	Army	Ft. Stewart, GA
Baldwin	Nathan	Army	Ft. Benning, GA
Brewer	Brendan	USMC	Camp Pendleton, CA
Burres	Robert	Army	Ft. Lewis, WA
Cartmill	John	Army	75th Ranger Regiment
Correa	Ernie	Navy	San Diego
DeRose	Brian	USMC	Camp Lejeune, NC
Dewey Jr.	Ronald	USMC	Cherry Point, NC
Estrada	Scott	Air Force	Elemendorf-Richardson AFB, AK
Ewers	Michelle	Army	Ft. Drum, New York
Gomez	Timothy	Army	Lewis-McChord, WA
Guidi	Robert	Army	Deployed
Harbeson	David	USMC	Camp Pendleton, CA
Harsh	Aaron	Navy	Coronado, CA
Matteson	Morgan Rose	Air Force	South Ogden, UT
McGhie	James	Army	Ft Drum, New York
Mislang	Rozel	Air Force	Tinker AFB, OK
Myers	Alex	Army	Fort Lee, VA
Patrick	Anthony	Army	Germany
Perez	April	USMC	Westover Air Reserve Base, MA
Taron	Zachary	Army	Ft. Belvoir, VA
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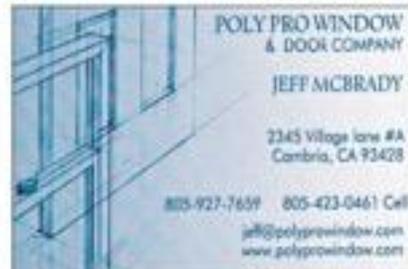
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Toys for Tots; the Legion collects and the Auxiliary distributes.

Terry Farrell, Past Commander

In the Cambria-San Simeon area, our American Legion Post #432 sponsors *Toys for Tots*. The Legion collects the toys and the Auxiliary distributes.

"Collecting" involves placing toy collection boxes at various locations in Cambria and San Simeon and purchasing toys and gifts with funds donated by the community. "Distribution" involves processing applications for toys from local families and packaging the toys and gifts for giving to the families. The CCSD provides the use of the Vets Hall side dining room for two days at no cost. In addition to collecting, storing, shopping and preparation work, there is the matter of transferring Santa's gifts from his warehouse to the Vets Hall and for that, we owe Todd Steeb, who transported over 25 large boxes of collected toys and many additional boxes of toys sent by the *Toys for Tots Foundation*, a great deal of thanks. The Auxiliary, with help from Suzanne Kennedy and ten Santa Lucia Middle School students, spent much of Saturday, December the 9th, getting ready for Sunday's distribution.

It should be noted that Shelley Woeste, President of the Auxiliary, started work on the distribution side of this operation in October. On Sunday, December the 10th, the Auxiliary ladies perfectly executed the well-planned mission.

The Auxiliary distributed new toys and other gifts to 229 children from 107 local Cambria-San Simeon families.

None of this could have happened without *Toys for Tots*, the American Legion, the Auxiliary and the support of a very generous community, which contributed funds and the needed "new, unwrapped, toys."



Help us go greener in 2018!



Beginning January 1st we will no longer provide Styrofoam to-go containers for our regular meals.

Remember to bring your own container for to-go meals or leftovers!

We have Bento Boxes for sale for \$1.00 each! Reusable 3 compartments!



American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes

John F. Ehlers, Adjutant

DATE: 6 December 2017

OFFICERS:	8
MEMBERS & GUESTS:	12
TOTAL:	20

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Ehlers with the usual opening ceremonies.
2. Our speaker tonight is Jerry Prayer. He gave a very interesting talk about the history and the structure of the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse Lens.
3. November Meeting Minutes and EBoard Minutes were approved as published.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

1. TS2 has collected about \$3,000 so far this season. The troops will be receiving Amazon gift cards for Christmas. Each donor is given a magnetic service ribbon.
2. We should have a wreath at every veteran's grave. That is 375 wreaths at the Cambria cemetery and 40 wreaths at the Santa Rosa cemetery. They will be distributed at 9 AM on December 16.
3. The Auxiliary will be distributing toys from Toys for Tots this Saturday.
4. The TS2 tree sold for \$1050 at the Chamber auction. The tree is located at Rabobank.
5. Honor Flight won the Pacific Eye contest and received \$5,000.
6. The Sons will be giving out hot dogs in front of the Chamber on Hospitality

Night. Laura McKinney will be serving pies for the Auxiliary in the patio.

7. Mel McColloch is getting permits from the Coastal Commission to install the Blue Star Memorial.

8. The pancake breakfast will be held on December 16th.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: Current paid membership is 177 versus our goal of 231.

Finance Officer: Come to the meeting to see the financial report.

Chaplain: Barbara Banner recently died.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

New state law allows Orcutt military veterans to finally fly Old Glory

BY THE TRIBUNE EDITORIAL BOARD

NOVEMBER 16, 2017 06:20 PM

Three cheers — and a bunch of bouquets — for the Old Town Orcutt American Legion Post. Thanks to its persistence, an absurd prohibition on flying the U.S. flag at monuments located on state right-of-ways has been overturned.

The Legion had a big assist from local Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, who sponsored legislation allowing American and California flags to be flown at gateway monuments throughout the state. (Gateway monuments are those "welcome" signs located at entrances to many communities.)

The controversy over Orcutt's attempt to fly Old Glory dates to 2011, when Caltrans denied a permit application for a patriotic monument near the Highway 101/Clark Avenue exit, just south of Santa Maria. Because the monument included a 60-foot flagpole that would fly

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the U.S. and California flags, the application was denied.

Sounds weird, but here's the reasoning: In the aftermath of 9/11, a California court ruled that impromptu displays of American flags hung from freeway overpasses amounted to political expression. If Caltrans was going to allow that, the court opined, it would also have to allow other political banners and signs — no matter their content.

Caltrans balked at that and decided to ban everything. On that basis, it denied the application from the Orcutt veterans group.

Outrage ensued. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors objected to the denial. Bill O'Reilly reported the controversy. Newspapers weighed in, with the L.A. Times offering this astute observation: "... one would be permitted to wonder if the folks at Caltrans have their heads shoved up their asphalt."

When Cunningham was briefed on the situation during last year's political campaign, he offered to help — and followed through by sponsoring AB 866, referred to as "The Fix." The bill unanimously passed the Assembly and state Senate and was signed into law by Gov. Brown.

NEW BUSINESS.

Jacob Rooker was obligated as a new member of Post 432.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Ron Waltman read the Certificate of Appreciation to Colonel "Chris" Christensen on his 100th birthday. Chris flew Air Force One for President Truman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**American Legion Post 432
Executive Board Minutes**

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant
DATE: 18 December 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Ehlers at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Officers Present: D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Farrell, Waltman, Hollingshead, Lackman, Griffin, Angel

Officers Absent: Wood, Wilson

Commanders Comments

1. Lesli reported that everything is good with the club.
2. It was moved and passed that banking services will be moved from Rabobank to Pacific Premier Bank.
3. It was moved and passed that the Club will acquire the Square Processing system, including an Ipad, cash drawer, and printer for a cost not to exceed \$800.
4. Our 2018 paid membership is 177 versus our goal of 231.
5. Wreaths across America was successful. All the veterans in both of our local cemeteries all received wreaths.

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6. The Blue Star Highway plaque is in. The grant has been approved.
7. Historian office is still unfulfilled.
8. District 16 will have their meeting in Cambria on February 28th.
9. Pancake breakfast will be held on January 20th.
10. Jim Bahringer will be our January speaker.

Second Vice: The fellowship dinner for the December meeting will be chili.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thursday Dinner First Come, First Served, Max 65	1 Club Closed	2 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	3 POST General Mtg 1800 Dinner 1900 Mtg. ALA. Mtg 1900	4 Dinner 1800 \$8 Glenda's Spaghetti	5 \$2 Hot Dogs	6 Club Closed
7	8 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 BUNCO 1900	9 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	10 Club Closed	11 Dinner 1800 \$8 Mary's Chicken Fried Steak	12 \$2 Hot Dogs	13 Club Closed
14	15 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 Club Committee 1700 E-Board 1800	16 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	17 Club Closed	18 Dinner 1800 \$8 Ron & Kitty's Jaeger Schnitzel	19 \$2 Hot Dogs	20 Club Closed Pancake Breakfast 0800 - 1100
21	22 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 ALA Executive Board Meeting 1900	23 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	24 Club Closed	25 Dinner 1800 \$8 Lesli's Fried Chicken	26 \$2 Hot Dogs	27 Club Closed
28	29 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6	30 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	31 Native Sons Dinner			

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