



# The Bugle Call

July 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

- Jul 4: Independence Day
- Jul 29: Anniv. Of Army Chaplain Corps
- Aug 1: Air Forces Day
- Aug 4: Coast Guard Day
- Aug 7: Purple Heart Day
- Aug 16: National Airborne Day
- Aug 29: Marine Corps Reserve Birthday



**Commander's Corner**  
--Jay Burbank  
Commander

We installed our newly elected officers during our June meeting. The Auxiliary Officers joined the Post Officers, and Jerry McKinnon acted as the installing officer for both organizations. Thank you, Jerry, for doing an outstanding job installing the elected officers. Congratulations to all.

I am looking forward to serving the Post as your Commander, and I appreciate all your offers of assistance – I know I'll be needing help and you all have the knowledge I'm lacking.

The 4th of July is Wednesday, which means it is time to come on down for our annual Picnic in the Park festivities. It will be a fun filled day with all the usual activities for the entire family. Please spread the word and bring the kids, grandkids, friends, or just yourself down to Shamel Park to celebrate with the community. Bring your appetite as we are bringing back our quality food this year with giant all beef hot dogs with premium buns, thick and juicy burgers appropriate for a 4th of July celebration,

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veggie burgers, and of course, the return of the pulled pork sandwich. There will be the usual games and the Linn's Pie Eating Contest along with three great bands. Fireworks will fill the sky as it gets dark. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the evening as we put the finale on our community's 4th of July celebration. We still need volunteers throughout the day. Setup is on Tuesday the 3rd and break-down and cleanup is on Thursday the 5th. The lists are posted on the wall of the Club patio. See you there!

June was a busy month for our community with our youth graduating from Santa Lucia Middle School, Coast Union High School, and Leffingwell High School. Maureen Robles-Wilson was the representing American Legion Post 432. As always, Jerry McKinnon presented the American Legion Student Award Medals. They did a fantastic job reviewing the key qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship, and Service. Be sure to let them know how much we appreciate them for representing our organization and thanks for a job well done. Thank you to our scholarship committee for selecting worthy recipients and to all those who support our youth.



**Auxiliary Briefing**

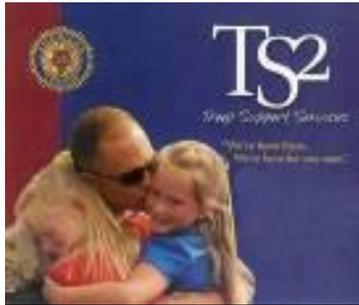
--Shelley Woeste,  
President

Thank you to all who came to the meeting in June. It was a productive meeting and the new officers were installed. I am looking forward to a new year filled with a great group of women.

As most of you know, we lost one of our very dear Auxiliary members a couple of weeks ago. Diane Turner passed away. She fought a very long battle with cancer. Her husband Paul also passed just shortly after her. Our thoughts are with their family during this difficult time.

The 4th of July is here. We will be shucking the corn on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 pm at the Legion. We can use all the help we can get. The more people, the faster it gets done. We are looking pretty good for volunteers in the food booth. If you are around, be sure to stop by and see if you can lend a hand with anything.

Since the 4th of July falls on our next meeting night, our next general meeting will be Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00 upstairs in the Vet's Hall. This will be the newly installed officers first meeting. I look forward to another successful year.



### Troop Support Services Active Duty Roster

Last	First	Branch	Stationed
Azevedo	Will	USMC	Camp Pendleton, CA
Balderama	Alexis	Army	Ft. Steward, GA
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
Cuevas	Emily	Navy	Fort Gordon, GA
DeRose	Brian	USMC	Camp Lejeune, NC
Dewey Jr.	Ronald	USMC	Cherry Point, NC
Estrada	Scott	Air Force	Elemendorf-Richardson AFB, AK
Ewers	Michelle	Army	Kentucky National Guard
Gomez	Timothy	Army	Lewis-McChord, WA
Guidi	Robert	Army	Fort Bliss, TX
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
Potter	Justin	USAF	Minot AFB, ND
Schmidt	John	USA	Fort Gordon, GA
Taron	Zachary	Army	Ft. Belvoir, VA
Torell	Jake	Air Force	Misowa AFB, Japan
Vialpando	Dylan	Army	Fort Leonard Wood, MO

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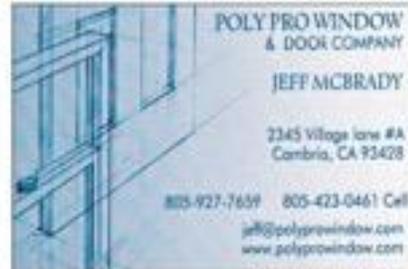
  
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## American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes

John F. Ehlers, Adjutant  
DATE: 6 June 2018

OFFICERS:	7
MEMBERS & GUESTS:	13
TOTAL:	20

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Ehlers with the usual opening ceremonies.
2. We had no speaker due to election of officers.
3. May Meeting Minutes and eBoard Minutes were approved as published.

### COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

1. Maureen Robles reported that Forrest Johnson is our Boy's State representative this year. She also reported that Kelly Wolff from Leffingwell got a \$500 scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships from Coast Union will be awarded tomorrow. She also reported that there were lots of volunteers for highway cleanup in May.
2. Commander Ehlers thanked all who helped on Memorial Day.
3. The next pancake breakfast will be June 16.
4. We need people to sign up to help on July 4.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Second Vice: Members of our Post met with Representative Carbajal to get our

region divested from the LA Hospital requirement.

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

Chaplain: Don Cowles and Harold Bauer passed away last month.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

#### **President Trump’s Executive Order Supporting Mental Health Care for Transitioning Service Members Now Underway**

Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the White House has approved an interagency plan to implement President Trump’s executive order supporting Veterans with mental health care and suicide-prevention resources during their transition from uniformed service to civilian life. Signed by the president in January 2018, the executive order directs VA, the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to collaborate to provide, to the extent consistent with law, seamless access to mental health care and suicide prevention resources for Veterans, with a focus on the first year after separation from military service. “This collaborative effort represents a critical first step for ensuring that service members transitioning from active duty to Veteran status understand that VA, DOD and DHS are committed to easing the stress of transition by providing the best mental health care possible,” said Acting VA Secretary Peter O’Rourke. “Transitioning to civilian life is difficult and, ultimately, this effort will make it easier for our Veterans.”

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### **VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals resolves record number of claims to date for FY 2018**

WASHINGTON — Underscoring the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) pledge to reduce the wait time for those appealing disability benefits claims, the Board of Veterans' Appeals, as of May 27, has signed more than 53,650 decisions to date in fiscal year (FY) 2018, which is approximately 86 percent more than the 28,839 decisions signed through the same period last year. The Board is currently on track to meet and exceed its FY 2018 total goal of reviewing a historic 81,000 appeals by Sept. 30, 2018. This pace paves the way for implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act, which has a target implementation date of Feb. 14, 2019, and will offer Veterans more choice and control over their claims and appeals process. "I'm proud of the Board for its dedication and commitment toward resolving appeals decisions for Veterans, and striving to reach a historic fiscal year goal of 81,000 appeals decisions delivered to Veterans," said VA's Acting Secretary Peter O'Rourke. "The Board's significant increase in results for Veterans and their families serves as another strong example of the department's commitment to getting it right for Veterans." In FY 2017, Congress allocated the Board approximately \$42 million, which was used to hire additional staff, primarily more than 200 decision-writing attorneys and 24 Veterans law judges. The increase in staff, along with streamlining several processes, contributed to the result. VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals' mission is to conduct hearings and decide appeals in a timely

manner. VA's disability appeals process is a complex, multi-step adjudication process that uses "open records," which allows Veterans to submit medical and lay evidence at any point from the beginning to the end of the process, including while the claim is pending on appeal; this may, in turn, require VA to develop further evidence on the Veteran's behalf

### **Trump Signs VA Mission Act**

President Trump signed the VA Mission Act Wednesday afternoon, which will facilitate military veterans' access to private-sector health care, should they choose to seek medical care outside of that provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

"If the VA can't meet the needs of a veteran in a timely manner, that veteran will have the right to go right outside to a private doctor. So simple and yet so complex," he said.

Mr. Trump announced to the veterans and members of Congress present at the Rose Garden event that vets fulfilled their duty with courage and "with this signing we take one more crucial step in fulfilling our duty to you." He emphasized how crucial it was for veterans to have choice within their medical care.

"If they're waiting on line for nine days, and they can't see a doctor, why aren't they going outside to see a doctor and take care of themselves and we pay the bill? It's less expensive for us, it works out much better, and its immediate care," he said.

"Nobody deserves it more than our veterans," Mr. Trump said.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

New officers were elected:

- Commander: Jay Burbank
- 1st Vice: Phil Kispersky
- 2nd Vice: Brian Griffin
- Finance Officer: Bob Johnson
- Chaplain: Chuck McMillan
- Sergeant at Arms: Jonathan Wilson
- Judge Advocate: Joe Wood
- Service Officer: Sandy Valois
- Exec Committee: David Lackman
- Historian: Roland Soucie

These officers, as well as officers of the Auxiliary were installed by Jerry McKinnon.

**GOOD OF THE LEGION.**

Commander Ehlers was given a round of applause for his outstanding service as Commander for the last four years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**American Legion Post 432  
Executive Board Minutes**

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant  
DATE: 11 June 2018

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

Officers Present: D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Johnson, Angel, Griffin, Lackman, Wood

Officers Absent: Waltman, Hollingshead, Wilson

**COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

1. The four week income for the bar looks good.
2. Current 2018 paid membership is 198.
3. The 4th of July planning meeting was held earlier today. Coastal Commission approval has been obtained.
4. We are supporting the August 5th Louie Ortega Vets Express Shuttle fundraiser.
5. Our new email address is CambriaLegion432@gmail.com.
6. Pancake breakfast will be held on June 16.
7. There will be no General Meeting in July. The eBoard meeting will be held on the third Monday.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Chaplain: Diane Turner passed away. Chris Holland, a Sons Member, passed away.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

CALENDAR

 <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>The Bugle Call</p> <hr/> <p><b>July 2018</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">   <p>Cambria Post 432 www.LegionPost432.com</p> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Club Closed	2 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6  BUNCO 1900	3 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800  Corn Shucking 1900	4 Pinic at the Park  Club Closed	5 Dinner 1800 \$8 Cindy's Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	6 Hot Dogs \$2	7 Club Closed
8 Club Closed	9 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6  BUNCO 1900	10 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	11 Club Closed	12 Dinner 1800 \$8 Mary's Chicken Fried Steak	13 Hot Dogs \$2	14 Club Closed
15 Club Closed	16 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6  E-Board 1900	17 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	18 Club Closed	19 Dinner 1800 \$8 Cheri's Chicken/Broccoli Casserole	20 Hot Dogs \$2  <i>Bugle Deadline</i>	21 Pancake Breakfast 0800 - 1100 Club Closed
22 Club Closed	23 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6 ALA Executive Board Meeting 1900	24 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900	25 Club Closed Native Sons Dinner	26 Dinner 1800 \$8 Lesli's Fried Chicken	27 Hot Dogs \$2	28 Club Closed
29 Club Closed	30 Burgers & Brew 1800 \$6	31 Tacos, Tacos \$7 1800 Pool Tournament 1900				

**AMERICAN LEGION**

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1st Vice Commander	Jim Hollingshead	203 - 5190
2nd Vice Commander	Brian Griffin	924 - 1085
Adjutant	John Ehlers	927 - 3065
Finance Officer	Ron Waltman	909 - 2030
Service Officer	Bob Johnson	924 - 1410
Exec. Committee Chair	David Lackman	927 - 7752
Chaplain	John Angel	927 - 5817
Judge Advocate	Joe Wood	927 - 3759
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jonathan Wilson	801 - 4081
Bugle Editor	John Ehlers	927 - 3065
Historian	Roland Soucie	927 - 1108
Webmaster	John Ehlers	927 - 3065

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Commander	Smokey Drew	927 - 8687
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2nd Vice Commander	Rick Rammler Jr	395 - 1214
Adjutant	Steve Kniffen	927 - 3266
Finance Officer	Phil Navoa	927 - 3048
Chaplain	Alan Fields	927 - 1353
Sergeant-At-Arms	Mark Milligan	975 - 2745
Historian	Phil Navoa	927 - 3048

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

President	Shelley Woeste	927 - 2544
1st Vice President	Lesli Murdoch	423 - 4856
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Treasurer	Mary Woeste	924 - 0228
Musician	Jade Lehrman	395 - 1484
Chaplain	Bambi Fields	927 - 1353
Sergeant-At-Arms	Elie Brown	927 - 8591
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Parliamentarian	Sha Fouts	927 - 4347

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Secretary	Vacant	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Vacant	
Chaplain	Vacant	