



The Bugle Call



August 2020

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 1: Air Force Day
 Aug 4: Coast Guard Day
 Aug 7: Purple Heart Day
 Aug 10: D.O.D. Birthday
 Aug 16: National Airborne Day
 Aug 29: Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
 Sep 2: V-J Day
 Sep 7: Labor Day
 Sep 11: Patriot Day
 Sep 18: USAF Birthday
 Sep 18: Air National Guard Birthday
 Sep 27: Gold Star Mothers Day



Commander's Corner

--Phil Kispersky
 Commander

This all started so long ago.

First we had to cancel the Easter Egg roll. At the time, none of us thought it would last very long. Then the Club and Bar closed and meetings were cancelled. What the heck??? We still were planning for Pancake Breakfast and a car show, Memorial Day ceremony and of course the 4th of July. Surely we'd be up and running by the 4th!!! I mean, it's the 4th of July!!! A previously un-cancellable holiday!

I feel so empty with the shut-down. What IS life without our friendships? I GET to work and it has kept me sane and alive. I need human contact. The very thing that saved my life in the early 70's was moving to this little town and becoming part of the fabric. It got me out of faceless LA and gave me a home, a family, a purpose.

The past few months have been a real challenge for all of us. Although it requires time and effort to help as a member of the American Legion, it is

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worth every second I spend. And, although I have not had to stop working as some of you have, I miss the pressure to get the meetings organized, communicating with our members and our associated members and I'm looking forward to the first Monday or Tuesday or Thursday or Friday night dinner where we can get together, sit at a table and talk about us.

Make no mistake - I know how hard everyone works, who participates and makes those dinners and pancake breakfasts happen, because they invite me to help now and again. For me it's a wonderful feeling to watch you do your magic preparing meals and cleaning up. Always without complaints and always done with love in your hearts for our Post and for our Cambria.

I miss those meals and the socializing. Let us be positive, be hopeful for the health of our members and look forward to seeing one another again soon, at our wonderful Post.

Thanks to the Ladies and the Son's. Thanks to our Executive Board and our behind-the-scenes people like Scott. I miss seeing the Bar open, our ladies pouring drinks with a smile. I miss hanging out at the BBQ on Monday night, seeing friends.

A guy I've known since we were kids back in my hometown once told me "it takes a long time to make old friends". Both Cambria and the Legion are old friends.

Hope to see you soon.



Auxiliary Briefing

--Shelley Woeste,
President

This pandemic has really put a wrench in all our plans. We did have a great amount of our Legion Family donate to our Poppy Fundraiser in May. These funds are restricted to only be used on Veterans. Thank you

to all who donated!

The Auxiliary has been keeping in touch via virtual meetings. The Executive Board meets online and then the information is emailed out to all members for review for the general meeting. We have tried to keep in touch via the phone with our elder members to make sure they know we are here for them if they need anything. If you know of someone that needs help, please let me know.

We are excited to get back to our Thursday Night Dinners when the time is right. We do not think we have reached that time yet but hope it will be within the next couple of months.

We have the 2020-2021 membership cards in hand. You can mail in your \$30 for your yearly membership to P. O. Box 732, Cambria, CA 93428 with membership in the memo and Mary will send you your membership card. This will pay your membership until June 30, 2021.

I hope that we can get back to some normalcy soon and resume our dinners, meetings, and bingo!

**SALS**

--Ted Ashlock

So what do you say about the year 2020?? Well, there must be something positive to say about 2020. Some people have been unemployed. Some people have been over employed by the changes in the world. Some people have taken a vacation and other people have cancelled travel plans. Some people have been tested for the virus, some people have had the virus and others do not know anyone that has come in contact with it. Needless to say this year has not been a year someone would have predicted. There are always the television commentators making predictions for the upcoming year prior to New Years. I don't remember any commentators predicting a global pandemic and the shutdown of the economy. Remember the Y2K scare. The world is going to stop because of a new millennium. Whoever predicted Y2K is an idiot. With all that being said we hope the Post # 432 SALS and Cambria American Legion family are doing well. I look forward to the club being packed like it is right after the Pinedorado parade. Well, it will happen, hopefully sometime soon, but it won't be Labor Day weekend 2020.

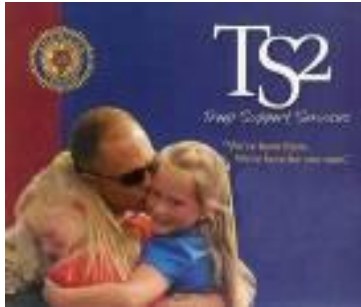
In normal times the August Bugle would be reminiscing and thanking the Legion family for a successful and

patriotic Fourth of July celebration. Also there would be a look-ahead discussion speaking to the virtues of handing out popsicles along the Pinedorado parade route. This year we would like to thank all who celebrated 244-years of freedom. Damn, I kind of miss those fireworks!!

The Flags on Main St were installed over the Fourth of July weekend. Thank you SALS for providing a little patriotic dignity when that dignity is incredibly needed.

The SALS have had highlights over the shutdown. Steve Kniffen put on a bootleg concert series. That is coming up with some creativity. The real highlight was the June first responder BBQ put on at the fire station. The BBQ was prepared by the SALS and sponsored by the Cookie Crock. The gesture to thank first responders and medical workers is the first thing that has made sense during the year 2020. Of the items that do not make sense, back in June Deputy Nicolas Dreyfus was shot in the face responding to shots fired in downtown Paso. Deputy Dreyfus is part of the Don and Barbara Campo clan. The Cambria SALS and Legion family will be looking forward supporting Nic in his recovery. Plans pending.

The August monthly meeting would be normally hosted at 6:30 on Wednesday August 19th. If everybody shows up at the shed around that time that would be normal. Thank you and I might coincidentally see y'all around the shed.



Troop Support Services Active Duty Roster

Last	First	Branch	Stationed
Azevedo	Will	USMC	Camp Pendleton, CA
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
Dewey Jr.	Ronald	USMC	Cherry Point, NC
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

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American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes

6 May 2020

Officers:	7
Members	9
Total	16

1. The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commander Kispersky as a virtual meeting on Jitsi.
2. The May Bugle was not published, so the April 2020 Virtual EBoard Meeting Minutes will be published at a later time.

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

Commander Kispersky announced that the EBoard does not support the Picnic in the Park or the Fireworks this year.

Jay Burbank announced that he will erect the Iwo Jima Monument on the 3rd of July and is seeking help raising and lowering the flag at sunrise and sunset while the monument is on display.

Applying for a COVID19 grant was discussed.

The repair of the Flag Memoria truck has not yet been accomplished.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: Paid 2020 membership is 179.

NEW BUSINESS

Karina Tiwana was nominated to be Sergeant at Arms.

The slate of officers for the 2021 year was elected by acclimation. The officers are:

Commander:	Phil Kispersky
1st Vice:	Brian Griffin
2nd Vice:	Dave Ehlers
Finance Office:	Jim Bahringer
Service Officer:	Rob Maston
Judge Advocate:	Jerry McKinnon
Chaplain:	Chuck McMillen
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Karina Tiwana
Historian:	open
Executive Cmtman:	David Lackman

Meeting was adjourned at 2000.

American Legion Regular Post Meeting Minutes

1 July 2020

Officers:	6
Members	3
Total	9

1. The meeting was called to order at 1910 by Commander Kispersky as a virtual meeting on Jitsi.

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

There will be a non-official ceremony at the Flagpole Memorial at 11 AM on 4 July. This is not advertised to be in compliance with social distancing.

First Vice Brian Griffin reported that he had a conversation with Blake Fixler of Supervisor Gibson’s office, and he was **(continued on page 8)**

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supportive of cleaning the graffiti on the corner of Main Street and Cambria Drive. The county sheriff's office has been contacted.

Second Vice Dave Ehlers reported that the ALA has decided against opening the patio for meals until August.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: Paid 2020 membership is 182.

Adjutant: Post 432 received Thank You notes from the Leffingwell students who received scholarships this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 1935.

American Legion Post 432 Executive Board Minutes

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant
DATE: 20 April 2020

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kispersky at 1900 with a quorum present. This was a virtual meeting held on Webex.

Officers Present: Bahringer, Burbank, D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Griffin, Kispersky, Lackman, Maston, McKinnon, McMillen, Soucie

Officers Absent: Corne

It was moved and passed that Finance Officer Jim Bahringer be added as signatory and Bob Johnson be removed as signatory for Mechanics Bank

accounts 551858313, 826714436, 9817194758, and 514640933.

It was moved and passed that \$1,500 be allocated for three \$500 scholarships to be awarded at the decision of Maureen Robles-Wilson.

There is no word yet on whether the Memorial Day ceremony will be allowed.

Permits for the 4th of July celebration have been submitted by Alan Fields. Negotiations for the fireworks display are being conducted by George Grey. It is not yet determined if the Picnic in the Park and the fireworks will be allowed. There was a discussion of perhaps we could hold the fireworks only (using social distancing in autos, etc.), but the cost and lack of income made this problematical.

We will attempt to have a virtual meeting for the May General Meeting. Karina Tiwana has the lead on this effort.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: Membership is 174.

Service Officer: Work on the flagpole repair is being deferred until the COVID-19 lockdown has passed

Chaplain: Phil Mills joined Post Everlasting on April 2.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Meeting was adjourned at 1953.

American Legion Post 432 Executive Board Minutes

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant

DATE: 18 May 2020

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kispersky at 1900 with a quorum present. This was a virtual meeting held on Webex.

Officers Present: Bahringer, Burbank, D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Griffin, Kispersky, Lackman, Maston, McKinnon, Soucie, Tiwana

Officers Absent: McMillen

It was moved and passed that we spend \$215 for a Memorial Day Wreath.

We will have a virtual meeting on June 3. Jitsi will be used.

The idea of a drive-through hamburger fundraiser for Flag Day was discussed. The idea was rejected by consensus.

Karina Tiwana was charged with the lead of putting together an alternative 4th of July celebration.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: 2020 Membership is 179.

Service Officer: Buddy Campo's truck is down, and so work on the flagpole is impossible without his cherrypicker.

Adjutant: The Consolidated Post Report and the Certification of Officers has been filed.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Meeting was adjourned at 1955.

American Legion Post 432 Executive Board Minutes

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant

DATE: 15 June 2020

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kispersky at 1905 with a quorum present. This was a virtual meeting held on Webex.

Officers Present: Bahringer, Burbank, D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Griffin, Kispersky, Lackman, Maston, McKinnon, Soucie, Tiwana

Officers Absent: McMillen

Lynne Singer asked if we want to pay the insurance premium. The consensus answer was YES.

It is unclear if we can hold the regular July meeting in the Vets Hall.

Scott is meeting with the bartenders to prepare for the opening of the club.

Thanks to the Sons for displaying the flags in town over the Flag Day weekend.

Alternatives to the Picnic in the Park were discussed. Consensus was to hold a traditional 4th of July opening ceremony at the Flag Memorial as an unadvertised

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event. Social distancing can be used by attendees. Anything else that happens in the parking lot is not an American Legion Post 432 sponsored event.

The major flagpole has been repaired. It was moved and passed that the trucks and halyards on the service flagpoles be repaired at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: 2020 Membership is 182.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Meeting was adjourned at 2005.

**American Legion Post 432
Executive Board Minutes**

Compiled by John F. Ehlers, Adjutant
DATE: 20 July 2020

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kispersky at 1910 without a quorum present. This was a virtual meeting held on Webex.

Officers Present: Burbank, D. Ehlers, J. Ehlers, Griffin, Kispersky, Maston, McMillen, Soucie

Officers Absent: Bahringer, Lackman, McKinnon, Tiwana

Commander Kispersky thanked all that made the effort to hold a ceremony at the Flag Memorial on the 4th of July.

First Vice Brian Griffin reported on the status of the Flag Memorial security. The insurance company and coverage was discussed. Service Officer Rob Maston will contact the insurance company and ascertain what coverage we currently have.

The August General Meeting will be held via Webex.

Opening the Club was discussed. Consensus was that the Club must remain closed until such action is approved by the government.

Officers will be installed during a future General Meeting when open meetings will again be allowed.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice: 2021 Membership is 82. We have just started the new membership year. Bob Guidi has retired from the Army and is now living in Santa Barbara.

Junior Past Commander: Dave Pierson wants to address the EBoard at their next meeting about TS2. 450 wreaths have been ordered from Wreaths Across America. These wreaths will be placed on graves on 19 December.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Meeting was adjourned at 1945.

AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Phil Kispersky	471 - 0455
1st Vice Commander	Brian Griffin	924 - 1085
2nd Vice Commander	Dave Ehlers	927 - 1876
Adjutant	John Ehlers	927 - 3065
Finance Officer	Jim Bahringer	927 - 7465
Service Officer	Rob Maston	909 - 8164
Exec. Committee Chair	David Lackman	927 - 7752
Chaplain	Chuck McMillen	927 - 4650
Judge Advocate	Jerry McKinnon	927 - 8280
Sergeant-At-Arms	Marvin Corne	203 - 5786
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
1st Vice Commander	Don Dockstader	835 - 9087
2nd Vice Commander	Steve Kniffen	927 - 3266
Adjutant	Ted Ashlock	782 - 9076
Finance Officer	Matt Grzincic	903 - 3896
Chaplain	Alan Fields	927 - 1353
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Davis	909 - 0212
Historian	Phil Novoa	927 - 3048

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

President	Shelley Woeste	927 - 2544
1st Vice President	Mary Woeste	909 - 2478
2nd Vice President	Pat Williams	927 - 7017
Secretary	Cindy Pierson	203 - 5628
Treasurer	Nancy Carr	927 - 5111
Musician	Jade Bodine	395 - 1484
Chaplain	Bambi Fields	927 - 1353
Sergeant-At-Arms	Dixie Walker	927 - 3366
Historian	Dawn Montgomery	927 - 5166
Parliamentarian	Gwen Kellas	859 - 2646
Marshall	Kim Maston	909 - 8163