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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Hi Great People,

Our post is moving right along and we will continue to do so...with your help.

The subject is "Where are the volunteers?" Jerry, it seems is at the post a great deal of the time but there is no one here to help. Let me correct that. Dick Padgett is here whenever possible. Good people this is your post so it is your responsibility to help and keep the post in its top-notch shape

The flag ceremony was a huge success. We retired over 1600 flags with the help of the VFW band the Italian American War Veterans, DAR and of course the DYNAMIC DUO, Yes! Jerry and Dick, if it weren't for these guys the program would not have been the success it was. Whenever you see either one of these guys make sure you thank them for all they do. I nearly forgot our Sgt at Arms was busting hi butt helping Thank You Tim (Healey) as well as the prez of the Auxiliary Nancy Travers. Santa Claus was here also and said he was anxious to come to the Christmas in July. Don't forget 26th of July at 1400 hours.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Department convention will have come and gone. We will fill you in what happened.

At the last meeting did you notice the price of the food, no! It wasn't a gourmet dinner but FREE. Donations are all that we ask.

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- July 4th Celebration
- Christmas in July
- Labor Day Picnic

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Christmas in July

July 26, 2009
2pm

**Bring the kids and an
unwrapped gift.**

Meet Santa!





1st Vice Commander's Report

We have had a very successful year for member ship this year, with over 155 members who have paid their 2009 dues.

At any time after July 1st. you can send your 2010 dues to get that project off your agenda. A

number of new members are in our paper mill and will emerge soon. When you see new faces around the Post, be sure to greet them with a warm welcome and invite them back.

Member ship applications are in a holder near our front door, take a few with you and be prepared to present same to prospective members. Bring a guest with you to the next meeting on July 14th.

2nd Vice Commander's Report

A sad Note. Breakfast is discontinued because of lack of support.

On July 4th we will be having a family style picnic from 12:00 till 4:00 P.M. with free food for everyone, there will be fun and games for all ages.

Then don't forget Christmas in July on July 26th., Cost will be a unwrapped gift for a child with a \$5.00-\$10.00 cost. These items will be donated to a charitable organization. The party begins at 2 pm and will last until who knows. Kids are free. Santa will be there to keep everyone entertained.

IF ANYONE HAS A IDEA FOR A PROGRAM

PLEASE CALL ME at 407-671-8616, if you will be attending.

Adjutant's Report

The membership drive is on! It seems like we just finished the 2009 Membership Drive when it's time to start on the 2010 Membership Drive. How come I keep getting notices, even though I sent in my money? Remember, the notices come from the American Legion National Headquarters. The next notice is ordered by National Headquarters and also involves "lead" time. The dues are paid to the local Post. And, your payment has to go from the Post to the State Department

and then to National, so there could be a delay in the arrival at the National Headquarters and another mailing could have already been set to go out before the record of your payment arrives.

We are moving the monthly Executive Board meetings from the present Conference Bridge to a GoToMeeting port. This is what allows Board members who may be some distance away or working late to participate in the Board Meetings

each month. The notice of the meeting will have the description of how to either call in or log on to the site to participate. AND, beginning in July, we will have the same access available on the General Meeting nights. The GoToMeeting can accommodate 15 people on line, so that should be adequate. The GoToMeeting is being provided through the courtesy of the Central Florida Disaster Services, Inc., at no cost to the Post.



Happy Birthday to YOU!!!



Happy Birthday to YOU! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday dear _____. Happy Birthday to YOU!

Coming Birthdays for July & August 2009

7-08 – Carl J Helton
7-10 – Peter B Berry
7-11 – Thomas C Herman
7-16 – Richard E Ammon, Jr

7-16 – Richard E Sevick
7-27 – Howard L Polen
7-28 – Terrence H Brown
7-29 – Harold W Messer
7-30 – Thomas E Yost
7-31 – Barbara E Messer
7-31 – James W Dodd
8-02 – Robert C Block
8-07 – Bradley A Bouters
8-11 – Gerard T Dress
8-13 – Frederic S Bryant
8-13 – Stephen Kaufman
8-16 – William H Arnold

8-16 – Larry H Deitz
8-21 – Charles W Kuhn
8-27 – Robert D Matteson
8-30 – J W Tucker, Jr

If you have a birthday during July or August and it is not shown here, then it is not in our records.

Please get with the Adjutant and have it added to your record.

Chaplain's Report

Your Chaplain reports that both Commander Roberts and his wife, Marian, continue to have health issues. Most recently, Marian was just in and out of the hospital.

He also reported the illness and death of Bud Moore over the last couple of months.

Bill Adams has also been ill and is still weak.

Your chaplain has travelled over 250 miles over the last year for visits to those that he heard about being ill.

Auxiliary Report

We have had a busy time. We still are in need of more ladies for our Auxiliary to help our organization grow. We are holding a get together on September 20th at 1:30 PM at the Olive Garden in Winter Park. If you know any ladies that have an interest in the Auxiliary, this would be a great time to bring them over and get to know who we are and what we are all about. We need people that are interested and this is a great way for them to meet us and we to meet them. Let me know if you have anyone interested by calling Nancy Travers by September 15th at 407-862-0773 or email at Gunship442@aol.com. Unfortunately, the luncheon

will have to be paid for by each one attending due to the limited funds in our account. Sorry for this being a problem but hopefully when we do this again the Auxiliary will be able to pay for prospective new members.

We also held our elections last month. Nancy will continue to serve as President and Nell Colbert will become the Treasurer and will also be filling in as the Secretary until Virginia is able to rejoin the group.

Aunita Padgett has also joined the Goldenrod Chamber on behalf of the Auxiliary.





Post Activities

Patriotism knows no season but Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day are summer-time events at our Post. Were you there? Independence Day is still coming, so you still have a chance to join us for the celebration. It will be at the Post from 12 Noon to 4 pm, which gives you time to make it to the fireworks display of your choice.

And we have made a change on our meeting nights - dinner is free. Hopefully, the members can come a few minutes early and skip the drive -thru at McDonalds.

By the time that you see this article, the State Convention will be over. We are scheduled to have three voting delegates at the convention. We also had selected three alternates. We hope to hear from some of them as to the activities that went on, at the General Meeting on the 14th.

Disaster Awareness & Recovery: It's Hurricane Season!

Our year is half over! We are now in Hurricane Season as well as a new membership campaign. Memberships that are coming in will be receiving the 2010 cards.

But, as we swelter in the heat, take a minute to think about and check out you Hurricane supplies. Ideally, you should stock three days of non-perishable food, enough water for the number of people in the household for the same period, and secure important papers in a safe and dry place. First Aid kits, generators, and fuel could also be considered necessities, especially if you have medical equipment that require power or medicines that need refrigeration. And if you do have a generator, check it out NOW! Its no fun to have to have problems when it is raining, windy, and the power is out to find out that the generator won't start due to mechanical failure or bad fuel. The time to check this equipment is now! The time to

Another upcoming event is our annual Christmas in July on Sunday, July 26, from 2 pm until 4 pm or later. Here is a chance to "THINK SNOW" and set your mind to cooler times. While the party is for the "kids," it will also give you a chance to "get away" for a bit. Join your fellow legionnaires and others for an afternoon of fun.

Finally, take a look at the calendar. We will try to cover the time period of the newsletter plus a month. We hope that this will give you the time to plan to attend your Post's activities. Our Christmas Party is on the calendar, and it is December 18. This year it will again be at the Elks Club in Orlando and the cost is the same as last year, \$17 per person. Reservation information will be sent out September and November newsletters.

gather those important papers is also now!

And what are the important papers? Think about it! Birth certificates, marriage licenses, that DD-214 and insurance papers should be at the top of the list. Vehicle titles and other documentation should also be included. Now, many of us keep these items in a safe deposit box, but if you don't. Now is the time to think about getting a safe deposit box or find a safe place for these valuable papers.

Another key point is to agree on a meeting place and an "out of area" contact point for everyone to check in with! How may not be able to reach each other, but if everyone calls a central point that is removed from the problem, you can all stay up to date and the rest if your family members in other parts of the county will know that everyone is safe.



Meet Your Officers



This month, we spotlight Dick Padgett, our 1st Vice Commander.

Dick was born at home on a small farm in Sumter Co. Fl. On June 10 1933 being #13 of 15 children where he had plenty of supervision. Dick attended grammar school in Center Hill Fl. He moved to Groveland FL. and there attended Groveland HS. Dick was married to Aunita Dotson June 18, 1952 and this year they are celebrating 57 Yrs of togetherness. Dick and Aunita have 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls).

Dick joined the USAF in Jan of 1952 and was assigned to Hunter AFB, Savannah GA. He was assigned to 308 Bomb Wg. where he worked A&E on B-29's until fall of 1952. He was then transferred to Amarillo, TX. for Jet Fighter School. After completing A&E school at Amarillo TX. Dick was invited to a "vacation" in Korea. Where he was at K-13 (Suwan)

8FBW, 36th FBS (F-86's) from 1953-1954. Dick was discharged in Mar. 1956 but reenlisted 5 days later at Orlando A.F.B.. Dick was assigned to the 17th. Tac. Missile Squadron (Matador Cruise Missile) and then was reassigned to the 4504 TMG. Dick worked on the MACE Missile at Orlando and the Cape. In 1960 Dick was transferred to 6555 TMW and assigned duty on the MACE-B R&D project at Cape Canaveral . We took our MACE-B to Okinawa in 1961 was there 4 yrs. with his family. Dick returned "home" during the summer of 65 when he attended Basic Elect. School training at Biloxi MS, Dick was then transferred to Topeka KS where he worked C-130 Air Born Navigation Systems. Dick returned to Biloxi in 67 for 9 level school and was then transferred to Panama City FL with a variety of Fighters. During the spring of 1970 it was back to school at Biloxi where Dick was trained on LORAN-C and other associated computer equipment. Dick then toured Thailand for a year where was assigned to the

8th FB Gp. F-4, Specter C-130 and AC-47's. Dick returned to the land of the Big PX during fall season of 71 and retired Mar. 1st. 72 with 20 years of service.

After retiring from the military, Dick was lucky and acquired a position as staff Engineer at WFTV CH-9 where he work as Staff. Engineer and later Asst. Chief Engineer. During his time at Channel 9, Dick purchased and assisted in maintaining various and assorted equipment as needed. Dick remained at WFTV for 28 Yrs. and retired Mar. 2000.

Dick is a member of Masonic Order (Home lodge is Lodge 36 located at Apopka Fl,) Member of Orlando Scottish Rite Bodies, Member of VFW Post 4287, Life member of AF SGT. Assoc., Life Member KWVA 173, Live Member TREA and Member of AM Post 112.

It's Time for Christmas .. In July, that is!

Our annual Christmas in July activity is fast approaching and you won't want to miss out on all the FUN as well as lending a hand to help out children from families less fortunate than ours.

Join us for the festivities on Sunday, July 26th beginning at 2pm. The only cost is an unwrapped gift for a child—gift should cost between \$5 and \$10.

Bring your kids and grandkids to meet Santa!

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Post 112 Recognizes Outstanding Youth, Dyke Shannon, School Medal Award Chairman

Winter Park Post 112 continued their practice of recognizing outstanding young people as they graduate to the next level of their education. Post 112 members recognized 26 boys and girls with the American Legion School Medal during the week of May 28 to June 7. This prestigious Award is based on 6 simple principles of being a good citizen. They include *Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service*. The award is made to the graduating class from Elementary to Middle, Middle to High School and High School Graduation.

Thanks to the efforts of Legionnaires Ted Costello, Tim Healy, John McCormick, Jerry Mullenix, Terry Brown, Dick Padette, Chuck Kuhn, Richard Meredith and Dyke Shannon. The post presented the awards in person to these outstanding young people at their respective School Award's Ceremony in front of their peers.

The number of awards this post sponsors is very high for a small post,. Many larger posts only present a very few awards. Along with the other programs this post conducts, it is testament to the dedication of the members to invest in the Youth of America.

Members should take pride in what the Post sponsors; School Medal Program, three boys to Boys State, ROTC Awards, Shooting Sports, the Sea Cadet Program, Boy Scouts and others. For a Post with 140 members all of the efforts are to help guild youth in the right direction. As a member-**take pride in what you do!!**

Post 112 is Now WIRED!

Did you know that we actually have a Wi-Fi access point at the Post? It is a secure point for member's use. Contact the Post Adjutant for the access code. There is no cost for use by the members.

And, we will begin to open the meetings up to members who are not able to get to the meeting. We will begin in July to offer GoToMeeting access to those who contact the Adjutant for the log in instructions. This connection will give you two way audio access to the meeting. Perhaps, in the future, we can actually send video or a copy of the agenda over the connection.

At this time, up to 15 people can actually connect to the system. This will give us a starting point to see if this type of service is needed.

Remember, you MUST notify the Adjutant at least 24 hours PRIOR to the meeting to receive the WEB address and log in code. You need to have a "broadband" internet connection or unlimited long distance as the conference bridge is NOT an 800 number.

HELPFUL HINTS!

Whether broom bristles are plastic or straw, when brooms are made to stand on the bristles the bristles tend bend. To prevent the bending and increase the life of the broom, either hang it up off the bristles or stand it with the bristles pointing up.



BOOSTERS

We have discussed the Boosters List at the Executive Board Meeting and here is the result. We will resume the Boosters List with the September/October issue, if there are any Boosters to list.

In addition to having a Boosters List, there will also be different levels of participation for the list. The idea is to divide it into categories. Here is the category list:

- Booster = \$5 / year
- Bronze = \$25 / year
- Silver = \$50 / year
- Gold = \$75 / year
- Platinum = \$100 / year

The member will be listed in the appropriate category for the calendar year. At the beginning of each year, we will start over, but the November-December list will appear in the January-February issue, and then we begin a new year in the March-April newsletter. AND, the amount is cumulative during the year, so it is possible for a member to be a "Booster" in one newsletter and then "Silver" or "Gold" in later newsletters. The Finance Officer will provide the information to the newsletter's editor for each issue.

We look forward to the Booster's List resuming and having the membership making donations. Donations to the Post for any of the Post's supported activities or for the improvement of the Post would be part of this program, so it will be easy to become a Booster.

If you have any questions, please contact the Adjutant or the Finance Officer.

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CALENDAR

July

- 4** **2 pm** **Independence Day Social**
- 6 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
- 7 7 pm Bass Masters
- 14** **7 pm** **General Meeting**
- 22 7 pm Junior Bass Masters
- 26** **2 pm** **Second Annual Christmas in July**

August

- 1-2 Sea Cadet's weekend
- 3 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
- 4 7 pm Bass Masters
- 11** **7 pm** **General Meeting**
- 19 7 pm Junior Bass Masters
- 31 7 pm Executive Board Meeting

September

- 1 7 pm Bass Masters
- 5-6 Sea Cadet's weekend
- 7** **Noon** **Labor Day Get Together**
- 8** **7 pm** **General Meeting**
- 16 7 pm Junior Bass Masters

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