

THE AMERICAN LEGION



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- Sea Cadet Liaison
Richard Meredith
- Quartermaster
Marian Roberts
- Newsletter Editor
Nell Colbert

COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Have you seen what's going on in our post and have you heard of the things to come? Come to the meeting and see for yourself (DON'T FORGET THE MEETING IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH with free food.)

Speaking of things to come, our annual Christmas party is right around the corner. When we asked you where you wanted the party this year, everyone, I mean everyone said back at the downtown Elks. So let's get the tickets coming in and make this the biggest and best yet. And speaking of things to come, see the 2nd vice column for additional programs...and where can you help!

Were you here for the installation? Legionaries we had a blast, 68 people including Florida's Attorney General, Orange County Sheriff, and Judge Jim Turner. The food was fantastic, catered by Apple Spice Junction. What are we going to do next year?

Ted Costello, Marian Roberts, Nell Colbert and I attended the sixth district conference and the information we gathered was and is invaluable.

By the by, the National commander will be at department headquarters in November. He would like questions from the troops about how we can help the legion.

Also, in November we will be conducting an initiation for ALL new members so come to the November meeting and be initiated. If there is anyone out there that has not been initiated into the legion let us now and we do just that.

There is something for which we are very proud - the number of hours that are volunteered at the VA Health Care Center by Ted Costello, Tim Healy, Rob Calderwood, Nancy Travers, Chuck Travers, Ed Posada, Marian Roberts, Tom Roberts, Tony DiMarino and Tony's wife Hortensia - to the tune of about 540 hours per month or just over 106 hours per week. You too can put your name on this list!

Did you sign up a new member this month and get \$5.00?

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

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Special points of interest:

- Christmas Party Information
- Department Fall Conference

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New Marketing Budget: Donations Welcome

At the Executive Board meeting on October 5th, it was determined that we actually need to have a marketing budget. \$125 was moved from the Sixth District Picnic as we are not hosting it next year to the marketing budget. Tom Yost is our new marketing specialist and has been doing an outstanding job! But, he is spending

his own money and is not getting reimbursed. We did vote to provide money for the effort, and we also would like to have the membership help to donate to it. In a show of faith, Tom Yost made the first contribution of \$25 dollars, which moved him up a "notch" in the Booster's club. We also discussed purchasing two magnetic

signs for the Post, to let people know that the Post is participating in the Sixth District and other Legion functions. We are waiting for the quote on the actual cost of the signs and then will be asking for help in funding them, too. Dyke believes that he can get a set of signs for about \$50 and will check to confirm this price.

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Thanks to all who helped with the Arts and Crafts and Yard Sale, especially my partner in crime, Dick Padgett. Everything was a great success!

Starting in October (watch the calendar for exact dates) we have a NEW VENTURE called *Burgers and More!* That will run from 11am until 2pm. This will usually fall on the 3rd Saturday of the month but for October it's the 24th.

November also starts our monthly pancake breakfasts on the last Saturday of the month. Bring a friend and join us between 8am and 11:30am.

Our Christmas party is on December 18th at the Elks Club on Primrose. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will attend. The cost is \$17 per person.

Also in the works is a New Year's Day get together at the Post from noon until 4pm. Let me know if you will be there.

Adjutant's Report

We have had a busy couple of months. With the Installation of Officers in September and the Yard Sale in October, we have really kept our people occupied. And, now, the initiation will be held at the next (November) meeting.

But, don't get comfortable – there's lots more to be done.

The Lake Howell High School NJROTC needs help! They are in need of a medic (EMT or RN) as well as man power to handle their concession stands and help monitor and judge some of the events. It will be an exciting day and the Cadets will really appreciate the

help. If you can help, even for a few hours, contact Commander Polley at the school at 407-746-9040 or email him at david_polley@scps.k12.fl.us ASAP to let him know that you can help. Be sure to tell him that you are from American Legion Post 112.

By the time you see this, our Halloween Party could be in progress or over with. It is scheduled for 10/31/09 from 5 pm until 8 pm. But, if you are reading this before the 31st, Jerry Dress is looking for help with the games and helping the kids. Call Jerry at 407-671-

8616.

Jerry Dress spearheaded the Yard Sale with the help of "sidekicks" Tom Roberts and Dick Padgett, and Auxiliary members Nita and Liz Padgett. From all reports, it was a JOB WELL DONE! And, thank you, Tom Yost, for the excellent publicity job!

Our First Vice Commander, Dick Padgett, is out there looking for potential members! He has been in contact with the Army Reserve units and is headed to UCF in search

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Happy Birthday to YOU!!!



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

11/01 William Adams
11/03 Lawrence D Train
11/04 Daniel J LeFevre
11/11 John Berthold

11/12 Robert F Eckrich
11/16 James J Burns
11/26 Robert J Day
11/27 David Saul
11/29 Dyke E Shannon
12/03 Ambrosio Sanabria
12/05 Robert J Coleman
12/07 Ronald S Gagne
12/08 David Rhinehart
12/09 George E Larson
12/15 John R Rowland

12/23 William Vazquez
12/27 Robert J Thomas
12/31 Kevin O'Donnell

If your birthday is not listed above, it's because we don't have it. Please contact Bob Colbert at bcolbert@usa.net or 407.619.9611 to give him your information so we can be sure it is listed next month.



CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION FORM FILL OUT & RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

American Legion Post 112 Christmas Dinner Reservation

Name _____

Christmas Party - Number of people to attend: _____

Prime Rib (Number of meals) _____

Breast of Chicken (Number of meals) _____

Cost \$17.00 per person Total \$ _____

December 18th, 2009

* **Social hour 6:30PM**

* **Dinner 7:30PM**

BPOE (Elks)
12 N Primrose Ave
Orlando, FL 32801

For questions, call Tom Roberts at 407-657-4608 or
Gerry Dress at 407-671-8616

Reservations are due by December 11, 2009

Make checks payable to:

American Legion Post 112 and return to PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733



Sea Cadets by Richard Meredith

The Centurion Battalion has seen an increase in new recruits over the past couple of months which helps with the unit strength and allows for additional advancements for the senior cadets. This is very positive because it shows the desire of our youth to be involved in a well disciplined and structured environment that builds tomorrows leaders through action.

Our senior cadets continue to drive themselves and the junior cadets to achieve more and more which is evident in the continued advancements of our cadets. Our Lead Petty Officer, PO1 Leven, was promoted to Chief in September which is the highest rank a cadet can achieve in the Sea Cadets and he

is only the third cadet from the Centurion Battalion to achieve this rank. In addition to CPO Leven we are up to four PO2s, six PO3s, and twenty junior cadets.

In September the Coast Guard Auxiliary hosted a boaters safety course for our cadets which allowed the older cadets to earn their boaters license and taught all the cadets about the importance of safety on the water which they will put to practical use throughout the year as they use the unit's Zodiacs. The cadets continue to work on their military bearing and ceremonial drill which you can see at the Orlando Veteran's Day parade on November 14th.

Auxiliary Report

Our Auxiliary Unit is now ***SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS!***



In September we held our first annual Membership Recruiting Meet and Greet Luncheon at the Winter Park Olive Garden that saw four new members join our unit. After a brief presentation that told everyone what the Auxiliary is all about, we enjoyed great food and awesome fellowship. Our new members got to meet several of the current members as well as our Post Commander, First Vice Commander and our Adjutant and everyone left with a great door prize compliments of Jerry Dress and the Post. Tom Roberts also presented each lady with a rose as a thank you for supporting the Auxiliary.

Then, we kicked off October with our very first community service project, a food drive that will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank and support the Boy Scout Scouting for Food project. Collection boxes for the food drive have been placed at the Post, the Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce, Costco, CVS, Winn Dixie and seven different Walgreens locations. We will collect a lot of food for the needy in our community, and thanks to Tom Yost, our food drive has gotten some great media attention. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items to the November Post meeting.

We also held our first annual fall Planning Conference in early October where we identified a number of projects that we would like to complete this year. In addition to supporting the various Post projects during the year, the Auxiliary has some exciting projects planned including folding about 300 small flags as part of the Pocket Flag program; putting together two holiday food gift baskets for two reserve families in need; sponsoring a Give 10 to Education school supply drive that will kick off just before the first of the year; delivering our Reading Rockets program packets to Eastbrook Elementary for their first grade classrooms; hosting the blood mobile in conjunction with the spring Yard Sale and hosting a CERT training for the community surrounding our Post. We also want to do our first Poppy distribution for Memorial Day.

Our Unit also now has it's own email address, our own YahooGroup and our own Facebook Group page. We are also working on a webpage that should go live before the first of the year. For information on joining the Auxiliary, please contact Nell Colbert at wpfl.ala112@gmail.com or 321.303.7445 or any other Auxiliary member.



Meet Your Officers



This month, we spotlight Bob Colbert, our Post Adjutant.

Bob Colbert has been the Post's Adjutant since July 2008 and it seems like there is always something new to learn in the Legion. He is committed to serving the Post as best he can and didn't know that it would take as much time as it does. It's almost a full time job, and he is making it a labor of love.

Bob and Nell moved to Florida in 1970. They have four children (all grown) and two grandchildren. All of the children were in Scouting, which is why they are still in the program, working to help adults teach other children about scouting.

Bob worked at Walt Disney World in the animation department during the Park's grand opening. He also operated an

electronics repair service for several years, specializing in car telephones and answering machines.

Bob has worked for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office since 1976 and is currently in the Information Services Division as a Reports Specialist. Over the years, he has been instrumental in the deployment of the Mobile Data system used by the agency and training the Deputies in how to use it. He was also a supervisor in the 9-1-1 Center for 17 years.

He attended the University of Maryland and Seminole Community College over the years. He received his Florida Police certification in 1974 and has been a certified instructor for dispatchers for many years.

He is an avid amateur radio operator and is active in the US Air Force Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), now but operated a

MARS station in his off duty time while he was overseas. He is also active in the Civil Air Patrol as the Florida State Licensing Officer.

His military career lasted from 1965 to 1969 in the US Army where he attained the rank of E-6. He served in Massachusetts, Okinawa and Virginia during that time.

Bob wants to see the Post grow and succeed and to that end, he works as hard as he can. He is currently working on building a WEB site for the Post, and has been able to bring our computers up to speed, and make sure that the wireless connection in the Post is functioning. He also streams the Executive Board and the general meeting over the internet for those members who are unable to attend. He has also established an email address for the Post – flpost112@gmail.com and monitors it for incoming mail.

Adjutant's Report

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of veterans or active duty personnel that could join or receive our help. And, did you know that you can get PAID to recruit? The Department is paying \$5 for each member recruited by an existing member. Be sure to use the \$5 Recruiting brochure at the Post if you find a new member so that you get the money!

Welcome to our new Media person – Tom Yost! We can thank Tom, in a large part, for the success of the Yard Sale! Did you see the mentions on the TV or in any of several community newspapers? They were there.

Finally, the Fall/Winter State Conference is coming up in a couple of weeks. Do you want to learn more about the world of the American Legion? Did you know that there is "On Line" education available to members for free? There is no cost to attend the conference, and there is plenty of parking at the Wyndham Resort at Sand Lake Road and International Drive. Take a look at the Department WEB site for the agenda and list of training opportunities at www.floridalegion.org – the conference is on the front page of the site.





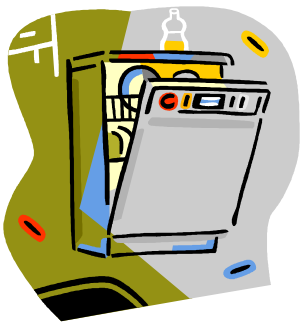
Media Relations Update—Tom Yost

In late August, I responded to a request from our Commander, Thomas Roberts, to take on the task of Post 112 Media Relations. I am developing a email & U.S. mail database of local select print and electronic media, along with a database of local veterans clubs and organizations, that may have an interest of our Post activities. I would appreciate your input to help me develop the databases. Contact me at tyost1@cfl.rr.com or 407-678-0943 with the name and contact info for a local print news outlet, a veterans club/organization, etc.

Print and electronic Media Releases were developed and communicated to over a dozen local select print/electronic media for the following activities: Annual Labor Day Picnic, Installation Dinner/Ceremony, "The Giant Arts, Crafts, and Yard Sale", Auxiliary "Meet and Greet Luncheon", and Auxiliary Community Food Drive.

When/If you see an item in the media pertaining to our Post or Auxiliary activities, please let me know and save and bring the print copy to our Post.

WANT ADS:



WANTED:

Our Post is in need of an upright freezer and a portable dishwasher for our kitchen!
If you can help by donating these items or contributing funds towards the purchase, please contact Tom Roberts.



Chaplain's Report

Marian Roberts was in and out of the hospital again and was not feeling well enough to participate at the Yard Sale. Hope you're feeling better soon, Marian.

Bill Adams is still weak but is getting around without a walker. We're glad you're doing better, Bill.

Broadus E. Campbell passed away on October 10th and his funeral was held on October 14th. Please keep the Campbell family in your thoughts and prayers as we enter the holiday season.

HELPFUL HINTS!

For those of you who have a clothes dryer and use anti-static sheets. In these sheets is a wax residue that can build up on the screen causing a slow down in airflow. Remove your filter and run it through your dish machine about every six months to remove the wax build up.



BOOSTERS

The starting point for contributions is the first of the year. We had to set a starting and ending point to be fair to everyone. The starting amount is \$5 to be listed as a Booster. Then, there are other levels, which are; Bronze at \$25, Silver at \$50, Gold at \$75 and Platinum at \$100. The amounts will be cumulative through the year, so that it is easier to attain the next level. At the end of the year, everyone goes back to start over.

We are proud to recognize the following individuals who have made contributions to support our Post's programs:

- Booster = \$5 / year
- Bronze = \$25 / year
- Silver = \$50 / year
 - Bob and Nell Colbert
- Gold = \$75 /year
 - Tom Yost
- Platinum = \$100 / year
 - Dyke Shannon

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CALENDAR

November

11/2 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
11/7 ? American Legion Riders to visit the Post – more info coming
11/10 6 pm Dinner, General Meeting and Initiation & Food Drive
11/11 Veterans Day! Enjoy the Orlando Parade
11/13-15 Florida American Legion Winter Conference
11/14 all day Lake Howell NJROTC Field Meet
11/21 11 am Burgers & More – until 2 pm
11/26 Thanksgiving Day
11/28 8 am Pancake Breakfast
11/30 7 pm Executive Board Meeting

December

12/8 6 pm Dinner and General Meeting
12/12 9 am Sixth District Meeting at Post 53, Sanford
12/12 11 am Burgers & More – until 2 pm
12/15 Deadline for Jan/Feb newsletter
12/18 6 pm Post Christmas Party and Dinner – Reservations required
12/25 Christmas Day

January

1/1 Happy New Year
1/4 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
1/12 6 pm Dinner and General Meeting
1/16 11 am Burgers and More
1/30 8 am Pancake Breakfast

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