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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Hi Great People,

Well Marian and I took a short trip up north and froze our butts off. I have an 84yr old brother in a nursing home and this was our prime reason for going. He just lost his wife of 62 years plus his health is not too good. Jim survived D-day and the battle of the Bulge as a combat medic. Take the time to visit with your family because someday they will be a long time gone.

Don't forget September 8th will be our installation and our 75th birthday party. Many dignitaries have been invited and the responses have been great. The Orange County Sheriff will be here as will our department commander. Jerry is planning a fantastic dinner for our guests and YOU. We do need to know if you are coming, let Jerry know so we have enough food. Dinner will be free, however, any donations would be appreciated.

Have you seen the changes in the post home lately? Maybe because you haven't been here.

See you at the installation!



It was in a restaurant that they met
Romeo and Juliette
He had no dough to pay the debt
So Romy-owed, while Julie-et



YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Auxiliary News
- Motorcycle Riders New Unit
- Post & Auxiliary Installation Dinner
- Equipment Needed for the Post

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1st Vice Commander's Report

Our post now has a new 25 foot Flag Pole which is more elegant and enhances the appearance of our Building. We also have added some Palm Trees with possible to be added at a later date. Come out to take a look and if possible volunteer some of your time and ideas to enhance the area. We need your help regardless of how little. Thanking all in advance for your consideration and HELP.

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Christmas in July was a success. We had 14 kids and 12 adults from the Russel Home. All Gifts were donated therefore no cost to the Post. A big thanks to all who helped and especially to Russ Kaufman (Santa Claus)

A special workday is planned for Sept. 5th and 6th to make preparation's for our Officers Installation scheduled for Sept. 8th. The Florida Commander will be in attendance along with a host of dignitaries such as Orange County Sherriff Denning and his wife. Orlando's Police Chief. Please call me if you can lend a hand on either of these days. Food will be available for those who volunteer I must know by Sept. 1st to plan and purchase vittles.

A giant yard sale is planned for Oct. 17th. Time for the event is from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Call Me to rent a table and spread the word throughout your neighborhood.

The annual Halloween party for kids is scheduled for Oct. 31st. from 5:00 PM Till 7:00 PM. Bring your and your neighbor's young'ns let them enjoy the evening.

Let's all start bringing can food for our Needy Family program any amount will be most helpful.

Other items being planned is our Monthly Breakfast possibly to start in Nov.—date to be announced. Also in the planning is a Burger Plus on one Saturday of each month where the price could be as low as \$2.00. Let me know what you think and whether or not you, and your friends will support it.

GERRY DRESS 2ND. Vice. PH. 407 671 8816 or 407 671 6404.

Adjutant's Report

Your Post has been busy over the last couple of months! We have successfully hosted the Second Annual Christmas in July (see the 2nd Vice Commander's report for details) and received a very nice "Thank you" letter from The Russell Home.

Dyke Shannon is off to the Legion National Convention as this is being written. We hope have a good report from him upon his return.

Our Second Vice Commander is working hard to set the stage for our upcoming Installation of Officers for both the Post and the Auxiliary as well as the Labor Day picnic. But, he can't do it alone! He could really use your help in setting up for the Installation AND the Labor Day Picnic! It will only take a couple of hours on Saturday and maybe Sunday, so give Gerry a call at 407-671-8616 to volunteer and get on the list to help.

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Happy Birthday to YOU!!!



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

Birthdays for Legionnaires and Auxiliary members for September and October:

09/01 Harry Shakes
09/03 Joseph Krokos
09/05 Ralph Wade, Jr.
09/06 Ira Fox

09/14 John Hawley
09/14 Alfred King
09/15 Osvaldo Alvarado
09/20 Byron Evans
09/21 John McCormick
09/21 Robert Pollack
09/28 Manuel Gomes
09/29 David McLendon
10/07 Raymond Saunders
10/09 Ted Costello
10/10 Duane Krones
10/13 Albert Rougeux
10/14 Don Tillery

10/16 Richard Hunt
10/16 David Miller
10/19 Willard Mayo
10/21 Deborah Shannon
10/24 Nell Colbert
10/27 Richard Hoover

If you have a birthday during September or October 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.

Post Historian—Ted Costello

I am soliciting your help with articles and pictures of post activities or awards that members presented. I am very limited in what I can do and any help you can give me would be appreciated.

I would also ask if anyone is interested in the Post Historian job please step up and I will help in any way possible. Thanks for you support.

Ted Costello, Post 112 Historian

Adjutant's Report cont'd.

AND, if you want to participate in the "Covered Dish Picnic" on Labor Day, Gerry is coordinating the dishes.

Membership renewals are coming in. If you have renewed, you have seen the letter that is being sent out. If you haven't renewed, now is the time! Remember that you are renewing for the 2009-2010 year and the rate is still \$25 per year.

We were also informed that the "Paid Up for Life" (PUFL) rates will be changing on October

1, 2009. These rates are going to be increased on that date. Contact me if you wish to compare the current rates against the new rates, but the average is a \$200 increase. And we need to have the paperwork in to the State by the middle of September to insure being able to keep the lower rate.

The Fall Conference is coming up in November in Orlando, so now is the time to begin planning to attend. All members are able and encouraged to attend. We will have more details later, but the dates are November 13 to 15.





Sea Cadets—Richard Meredith

The Centurion Battalion ended their 2008-2009 in May with our annual family picnic and cadet recognition which is always a great time for the cadets and their families. The Centurion Battalion had three cadets graduate in 2009: Justin Brook is attending college on a NROTC scholarship with plans of making the Navy a career, Josh Coon who is off to college in the Fall with plans to join the Marines upon graduating, and Benjamin McKinney who is off to college in the Fall with plans to join the Coast Guard upon graduating. While our local drill season ended in May that was just the beginning of Summer activities for our cadets as they went off to Summer trainings. Once again the Centurion Battalion was well represented by sending cadets to Recruit Trainings, Leadership Academy, SEAL, Coast Guard, Basic Airman, Advanced Airman, Field Operations, Ceremonial/Honor Guard, Master at Arms, NLCC Advanced Orientation, and Special Boats. The Centurion Battalion officially started their 2009-2010 drill season in August which was a good chance for the cadets to come back together and apply the new skills they learned from their summer trainings at the local level. The Centurion Battalion is off to a great start to the new drill season with a lot of exciting activities planned and as always we appreciate the support from American Legion Post 112.

Auxiliary Report

Over the last year, our NEW Auxiliary Unit has accomplished quite a lot:

- We drafted and approved our NEW units Constitution and By-Laws
- We received our NEW UNIT charter and saw our first officers installed in a special ceremony conducted by the Department of Florida Auxiliary officers
- We have become a Florida corporation and have received our Federal EIN
- We set up our own bank account
- We supported the Post's Yard Sale in February and held our first bake sale at the 6th District picnic in April to earn some money for our activities
- We established a YahooGroups for the Auxiliary so that we can keep everyone up to date via email (see meeting minutes and unit treasurer's reports when you must miss a meeting)
- We elected our officers for 2010 and are working on our installation program
- We've joined the Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce as a civic organization and have be-

gun attending the regular chamber activities

- We welcomed our first new member for 2010, Cheryl Knapp.

We also have some exciting activities coming up that we want you to know about:

- On September 8th, we will be celebrating our Post's 75th anniversary with a dinner to which many local dignitaries have been invited. Officers from the Department of Florida will be present to install both the Auxiliary and the Post officers for 2010.
- On Sunday, September 20th, we will be holding our first (hopefully to become annual) membership "meet and greet" luncheon at the Olive Garden located on Hwy 17-92 in Winter Park (across from Winter Park Village) beginning at 1:30pm.
- On October 17th, we'll again be supporting our post with their annual Yard Sale.

We've been pretty busy over the last year getting ourselves established as an active Auxiliary Unit and we'd love to have the spouses of every Post 112 member join us for the FUN!



Meet Your Officers: Ted Costello



This month, we spotlight **Ted Costello**, our Post Historian and Boys State Chairman.

Born October 9, 1939 Miami, Florida of Ted and Emma Costello. Moved to Chicago, Illinois and lived there until the age of 12 when my family moved back to South Florida. Attended Junior and High School in Miami. Graduated in June of 1957 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force. Attended basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas was immediately assigned to Air Training Command at Keesler AFB, Mississippi for Radio School. I also attended an advanced Intercept School upon completion. My first assignment was at RAF Chick-sands, England in December 1957. I met and married my wife Christine in 1960; we remained in England until February 1962. I was assigned to Travis AFB, California where we remained until June 1965. I was recalled to my old security command and assigned to San Vito, Italy for 2 years. My next assignment was Misawa AB, Japan until July 1971.

I received orders for DaNang AB, Vietnam closed down the base and was immediately assigned to Udorn AB, Thailand until June 1972. I traveled the Embassy Route to my next assignment in England right where I started my overseas career. We spent 4 years there with full intentions of retiring in the UK. Things changed and we returned to the US. I was on a special assignment at The National Security Agency in Maryland where I spent my last year. I retired in July 1977.

My brother set us up in business selling kitchen wares, I had no idea what that was about however, I knew how to manage people and resources. I had graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Psychology but soon realized that I needed a business background if I was to be successful in retail. I attended a small business school in Orlando and received another degree in business. I immediately went back to school and achieved my Masters Degree in Marketing. I burned out of retail after 7 years and bought into a wholesale marketing company as a partner in the same business. I was very successful

and retired in 2000.

I joined the American Legion in the 1980's. A friend of my wife's husband asked my to attend a meeting at Winter Park Memorial Post 112 and the rest is history. I have served in almost every position at the post including 4 years as the commander. I have also served in Sixth District positions, Department positions and in 1997 as the Chairman of the Distinguished Guest Committee at the National Level, I am still a member of that committee. I have served on the Department Finance Committee for ten years and served as the chairman for 4 years. I am presently the Post Historian and Chairman of Boys State. I also serve as Sixth District VA&R Chairman. I am a disabled veteran who enjoys serving veterans and is why I volunteer my time at the Orlando VA Medical Center and the National Training Center in Clermont. I also enjoy working with our youth and the successes we have had.

My wife and I have two boys, Mark and Paul who are successful businessmen in the Orlando area. We have three grandchildren, Jessica, Carly and Matthew.

Boys State Update-Ted Costello, Chairman

This years Boys State was once again a success. The post sent three boys all from Winter Park High School this year. The post made excellent selections and the boys were very excited to attend this years session. I saw them off on July 8, 2009 at Post 286 in Pinecastle at 5 am. The post served a great breakfast for everyone and once again were great hosts. I heard from one of the boys who thanked the post for sending him and told about what a great experience he had at Boys State.

I am asking the boys to brief the post on October 13, 2009 at 7 pm, I would appreciate as much attendance from our members as possible to show these young men our support.

Ted Costello, Boys State Chairman Post 112





Motor Cycle Riders United for the Kids! Dyke Shannon

The Legacy Run is underway! Over 250 motorcycles and 400 riders will ride to National Convention raising money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. \$124,829.36 had been raised before they left the parking lot! So they are on well on the way to the \$400,000 goal! Please keep your thoughts and prayers with them, and let's have a fun and safe ride for the military kids! (Note—excerpt taken from The American Legion On-line Update Facebook post dated 18August209.)

At our last meeting several members discussed the possibility of starting a Legion Riders Chapter at Post 112. The American Legion Rider Program started in Michigan about 7 years ago with just a group of Legionnaires who all owned bikes and started riding together. This program has spread to all 50 states and has become a great membership tool. To be a Legion Rider you must be a members of the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the Legion. Legion Riders are a *Motorcycle Association* and not a "Club."

We have no idea as to how many members have bikes and would be interested in this great program. It takes 10 members to receive a Charter. This is a program of the American Legion and is under a post similar to other programs. The writer of this article is leaving today to participate in the American Legion Legacy Ride to the National Convention. We will meet in Jacksonville and tomorrow travel to Charlotte NC for the night, going on to Charleston WV to meet up with the Legacy Ride with over 250 bikes headed to Louisville for the National Convention. There will be about 20 bikes from Florida heading out. The Legion Riders are the largest contributor to the Legacy Scholarship Fund-see National Magazine. Riders do a lot in the local community as well in doing charity rides on a regular basis.

If you are interested call or e-mail the Post Adjutant and he will keep a list to see if we have enough interest. If we do not have enough, you can join a Riders Chapter in another post. This writer belongs to Sanford Post 53 Chapter. Please let us know if you are interested. Dyke Shannon

Chaplain's Report

I have been advised that Raymond Saunders had a stroke on April 9th. He is having difficulty with his right side and has a tracheal tube in place. Ray has had pneumonia but his condition has been improving. Ray is currently in the Pulmonary Hospital off Rollins Avenue. Gil Barker's wife and Auxiliary member Maveh, is having some medical issues. Gil and Maveh have been married for 64 years. Gil had lost interest in coming to the Post but on the Chaplain's encouragement, he will be attending the September meeting. Chuck Kuhn has been ill but is recovering. Marian Roberts also hasn't been feeling too well, lately, but, she did go with Tom on the trip North.

Long time post member, T C Herman has passed away. We also learned that 2nd Vice Gerry Dress lost his sister on August 18th. Gerry will be traveling to Pennsylvania to be with his family.

Please keep all of our Legionnaires whose families are dealing with death or health issues in your prayers.



BOOSTERS

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

- Ted Costello
- Bob and Nell Colbert

Gold = \$75 /year

Platinum = \$100 / year

- Dyke Shannon

The starting point for contributions is the first of the year. 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.

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.



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CALENDAR

September

- 9/1 7-9pm Bass Masters
9/5-6 Sea Cadets Weekend
9/7 noon Labor Day Family style Picnic
9/8 6pm Installation Dinner
9/8 7pm General & Auxiliary Meeting and Installation of Officers
9/12 9am 6th District Meeting & Auxiliary Training at Post 19
9/16 7pm Junior Bass Masters

October

- 10/3-4 Sea Cadets Weekend
10/5 7pm Executive Board Meeting
10/6 7-9pm Bass Masters
10/13 7pm General & Auxiliary Meetings
10/14 7pm Junior Bass Masters
10/17 8am Yard Sale at the Post
10/31 5pm Halloween Party for kids

November

- 11/2 7pm Executive Board Meeting**
11/10 7pm General & Auxiliary Meetings
11/13-15 Winter Department Conference

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