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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

The old adage, "time flies when your having fun," seems to fit right in about here. It seems like only yesterday that I took the reigns as commander and now I will be passing them off to my successor. I look around the post in awe as to the things that have been accomplished during my tenure and of course with great help and thanks to my fellow officers.

- Dick Padgett 1st vice has helped our membership grow. Dick was also instrumental in getting the rental increase from the phone tower.
- Jerry Dress 2nd vice, good lord, look at all the events he put together, Christmas in July, Burgers & More, Pancake breakfast, the beautification of the post grounds, the Christmas party and the list goes on.
- The faithful care that our Chaplain Cliff Buhrow did, calling on sick members, visiting them, sending get-well cards.
- The tenacious care of our finances by Dyke Shannon who sees to it that any money spent is definitely not wasted.
- My adjutant who brought us into the 21st century with our updated electronics, his careful taking of the minutes from our meetings both regular and executive. The newsletter that he and his bride, Nell, so diligently put together and mail out, as well as having it in living color online. No commander can function properly without a worthy adjutant and Bob Colbert has proven his worth many, many times.
- My Sgt at Arms Tim Healy who carries out his duties with a great degree of professionalism.

Another thing that took place was the establishment of the Sea Cadets headquarters and the establishment of our very active Auxiliary.

To the members who supported me while I was incapacitated. It seems that our meeting attendance has increased over the last couple years. If I missed thanking anyone for his or her help please know that it was not intentional. Of course I want to thank my bride (Marian) for handling the quarter-master goods and seeing to it that I conducted myself in a professional manner.

This July marks my 60th year of membership in the American Legion and what a wail of a ride that has been. Coupled with my 80th birthday I couldn't have asked for more. To all Legionnaires I want to thank you for all your support and remember it is the members that keep us the greatest veterans organization ever.

Our April meeting was very successful and surprising. Our guest speaker Myra Brazell gave a very thought provoking talk on suicide prevention and the questions were hot and heavy. This is something most veterans are acutely aware of and maybe know some one or know of someone that committed this act.

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YAHOO! GROUPS

See Bob to
sign up!

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Post Elections
- Department Convention
- 6th District Constitutional Meeting
- Boys State Update
- Sea Cadets Fundraiser

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Commander's Minute—cont'd. from page 1

Our surprise was, are you ready? The 6th District Commander, Bill Walsh, paid us a visit. Also the 6th district 1st Vice and the district chaplain. Bill brought us up to date on the upcoming events and told us where our membership stood we need 13 re-ups to make 100%. LETS GO GET THEM before our May meeting, May 11th.

Something was brought to my attention. Legionnaires you are welcome to borrow things that are in the post, providing they are not being used, however, you MUST sign out for whatever you borrow. Case in point we are missing several rifles, chairs, hot dog machine and the list goes on.

As many of you may know this will be my last newsletter as your commander, to some a delight, to some a surprise. No matter where you fit within the spectrum I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and to others your loyal opposition. Keep the post growing and down the path of truth, justice and the American way.

1st Vice Commander's Report

Legionnaires, please be reminded that May 11th is one of the most important meetings of 2010. Post 112 is in need of some new officers and all positions are open for nominations. If you are interested or know someone who is willing to step up to the plate one more time please come and let it be known. All elected offices are open including COMMANDER, FIRST VICE COMMANDER, SECOND VICE COM-

MANDER, CHAPLAIN and SGT. AT ARMS

Membership remains stable at 155 members with some prospective members on the horizon. Hopefully this will improve with new faces in leadership positions. Ladies and Gentlemen this is of utmost importance that you do your part during this election. Please show your **true colors** by attending this upcoming Second Tuesday, May 11th Meeting.

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Thanks to all who helped for our yard sale and all other functions over the past two months.

We had our Work Day and four people showed up. Thanks to Tom Roberts, Dick Padgett, Freddy Ruiz and myself. We got a few things accomplished.

Starting in May, we have scheduled May 8 for Burgers and More. We are starting to get people passing by to participate but we need more of our members to come.

Our Memorial Service is scheduled for May 30 at 11:00 am. I hope to have a band and also a firing squad. Please, let's have a big turn-out for this.

On the 29th of May we will have our monthly breakfast. It is holding its own, but without you we can not have a success. Please join us for breakfast.

We can't have successful functions without the cooperation and support of our members. It looks like all we have are "walk ins" and "passers-by" that support our activities. This is your Post - Please Support It! We need your help!

Our May and June schedule is listed in the newsletter under calendar of events on Page 8 – please put our activities on your calendar and plan to join us.





Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

May

06 Fred B Shipman
 09 Richard A Padgett
 11 John Hillenbrand
 14 Willie Newsome
 23 Thomas A Roberts, Sr.
 24 Alfonso Colon
 30 Paul T Finn, Jr.
 Edward N Blackwell



June

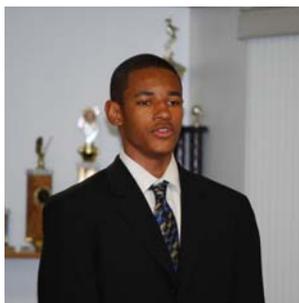
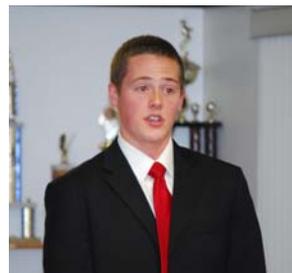
10 Richard Padgett
 14 Kenneth Heflin
 19 Tim Healy
 20 Catherine Alessonori
 21 Philip A Fitzpatrick
 27 William Mahoney

We would love to help you celebrate our members' birthdays, but we are missing the following members' birthdates:
 Gilbert H Barker
 Marveh A Barker
 George Beach
 Edward H Bennett
 James Bray
 Clifford Buhrow
 Susan L Cameron
 James W Carden, Jr.
 Andrew J Cohen
 Nelson Coll
 Miles C Dearden
 Ann M Delarot
 Dennis M Dixon

Donald E Flanagan
 Walter C Gardner
 George B Graham
 Walt Griffin
 William Gura
 Robert V Hodges
 Roberson W Hughes
 Patrick J Kelly
 John M Knapp
 David H Kratzer, Jr.
 William C Lawrence
 Francis M Lynch
 Richard L Meredith
 John E Merelo
 Milton D Miles
 Daniel Moya
 Gerald Mullenix, II
 Kerry Piltz
 John Pinelli, Sr.
 David J Reign
 Noreen F Swoszowski
 N. James Turner
 Marcelino R Usua
 Sylvia A Yost
 Bryan Zell

Boys State Update : Ted Costello, Chair

Everything is on track for Post 112 Boys State selectees. The next event is the orientation at Post 286 in Pinecastle. It starts at 9:00AM and usually last for two hours. This is an opportunity for the boys and their parents to get an over-view of the program and ask questions. There will be counselors and hopefully past Boys State attendees to answer questions. If any post member is interested in attending this orientation, just show up at Post 286 on time. Our candidates and alternates are pictured below:





Post Elections—Coming May 11th

The Post's election for the Officers for 2010-2011 is at hand! We will be holding the election at the May General Business meeting on May 11, 2010. The officers being elected are: Post Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Chaplain and two Executive Board "Members at Large." The other positions, except for Adjutant, within the Post are appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Commander and the Board of Directors. This meeting is your chance to MAKE A DIFFERENCE, so please be sure to attend and VOTE!!

Department of FL Annual Convention

All members of the Post are encouraged to attend the Department of Florida Annual Convention! This year, it will be held at the **Caribe Royale** which is located on SR 536, just off SR 417 (Greenway) **near Kissimmee** from **June 24-27**. Parking and admission is free. You are welcome to come out and participate in the various committees and classes. If you have an interest in any of the areas served by the Legion, and want to know more, this is the time to do it! The Post has three delegate positions where our Post gets to vote in the Department elections. These delegates are usually the Commander, First Vice Commander and Adjutant. If any of these people are not available, we can appoint a replacement, but it must be done **PRIOR** to the convention. In the past, our members have come away from the Convention with more knowledge about the Legion and what other Posts are doing. And, newly appointed/elected people have been able to get a handle on what their job entails.

Auxiliary Update

Unit 112 now has a Facebook FAN page in addition to our group page—if you're on Facebook, please become a fan so you can get the most up to date info about the unit's activities.

Our unit first fundraiser for 2010—a fun "**Bake-less Bake Sale**" - has gotten off to a great start. The fundraiser runs through the end of May and we hope that all of our members and all of our brothers and sisters in Post 112 will support our fundraiser. Funds generated will go towards our Reading Rockets service project and 2011 Girls State. To support our fundraiser, **please send your donation to the American Legion Auxiliary at PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733 or bring your donation to the May meeting.**

It's also **ELECTION TIME** for the Auxiliary, Our Nominating Committee (Nita, Liz and Lillian) are hard at work seeking out candidates for Unit President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. If you are interested in holding one of these positions, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible. Elections will be held at our meeting on **May 11, 2010**, just in time for the new officers to attend the 6th District Constitutional meeting on May 15th and the Department of Florida Annual Conference on June 24-27.

The Auxiliary's revised Constitution and By-Laws have been filed so **members can now officially participate electronically**. We tried it out at our April meeting and it worked great. If you cannot attend in person, just pick up your phone and call the number that will appear on the agenda. If you don't receive the agenda via email, please **call Nell at 321.303.7445 for the information you will need** to call in to our meeting. We want everyone to be there!

We are also looking for a few more ladies who would like to actively participate with us. Please contact Nell, our Membership Chair, for more information.



Adjutant's Report—Bob Colbert

The **Executive Board** is a very important group! The Board consists of all of the elected and appointed officers and all Past Commanders who wish to participate. The Board is responsible for the "Day to Day" operation of the Post. They, collectively, help to assemble the annual budget, set the Dues rate for the coming year and generally work out the details to make the Post a more interesting unit. The Executive Board meets on Monday – one week before the General Business Meeting – which is usually the first Monday of the month. The meeting is available by "Conference Bridge" for those members of the Executive Board and interested persons to attend electronically. Our By-Laws DO PROVIDE for electronic attendance, so Board members who call in are counted as present. EVERYONE who wants to attend the Executive Board meetings is WELCOME! You can attend in person or electronically. And, you may contact the Commander to get on the agenda to make a presentation, if you so desire.

The **Sixth District will hold its Constitutional Meeting** on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Post 53 in Sanford. The Auxiliary will meet at 9 am and the Legion will meet at 1 pm. We must have our delegates AT THE MEETING to vote! We are permitted three delegates based on the size of our Post. I must submit the names of the delegates WHO WILL ATTEND to the District before the meeting. The Sixth District calendar is on the Department WEB site.

There are several "jobs around the Post" that need to be filled. The Legion sponsors several activities that we have not addressed in the recent past. We haven't addressed them because we didn't have someone to "Champion" them. You should have already heard about our **School Medals** program for Elementary and Middle Schools, but did you know that the Legion also offers **college scholarships** and the Posts are the people who select the candidates to be presented to State and National? The Legion also sponsors **Baseball, Boy Scouts** (we sponsor two Venturing Crews), **Children and Youth programs, ROTC Medals, Junior Shooting Sports programs, Police-man and Fireman of the Year** (at the local Post level), **Oratorical Contests**

(at the local, State and National levels), **Employer awards** for those employing Veterans, and the list just goes ON and ON! Our Post hasn't even touched the tip of the iceberg, but with YOUR help, we can expand our presence in the community and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Department of Florida has a lot of information on programs, opportunities and other helpful tips. If you have INTERNET capabilities, check out <http://flordalegion.org> and you will find things that you may not even know existed! You can find the manuals and flyers for events that are standard across the country for Legion Posts to support as well as the Department calendar for months to come.

Guest Speakers is another area where we need to improve and YOU CAN HELP. No one likes to come to the Post each month and hear the "same old stuff!" A guest speaker every few months helps to "spice things up" and keep the interest alive. We would like to hear from you! Tell us who you would like to come in and make a presentation and we will make an effort to contact them. Remember that the topic should be timely and relevant to life and veterans. Let the Executive Board know, and we can follow up. Send an EMAIL to FLPost112@gmail.com (Our Post's email address), and tell us. Otherwise, call me at 407-619-9611 and talk to me! Attendance at meetings is only as good as the program offered and we want you to go home with information that you can use after each meeting.

Elsewhere in the issue is published a list of members whose **birthdates** do not show up in our records. A birthday is a very personal thing and, while no one wants to admit it, being congratulated on your birthday brings a smile to everyone's face and heart. We want to honor you on your birthday, but we can't do it, if you don't provide the information. Please see me, personally, at a meeting or send me a note (email or letter), or call me, if your name is on the list so that we can take that extra minute to honor you on your special day.

We have an **EMAIL address** – do YOU? The Post's email address is FLPost112@gmail.com. We are making an effort to reduce the costs to the

membership by sending the newsletter out by email. It costs \$0.44 each to mail the newsletter, and that doesn't include the time it takes to print, fold, address, stamp and carry them to the Post Office. The time and money can better be spent in other ways to serve the membership and we need your help. If you are receiving this newsletter by US Postal Service, and you have an email address, please let us know. The electronic version is in Color! And, it comes out at the same time the printed version is sent to the printer, which means that you will get it much sooner! And YOU WILL SAVE YOUR POST'S MONEY! This could mean that we can provide some other service to you or the community in the Post's name. In the next issue, we will talk about the Yahoo Group, and the features available to all members, there.

The Post supports the **Sea Cadet** program by giving them a place to meet and store their equipment. On April 17th we held a fund raiser for these outstanding youth! Did you attend? Were you able to help out? And, if the answer is "NO" then please take a minute and make a donation of \$5 to the Sea Cadet program. Send your check to the American Legion Post 112, PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733 and note on the check that it is for the Sea Cadet Program! I know that the program will make good use of your donation and the boys will see that the Post is more than just a place to meet!

Electronic Attendance is now possible and encouraged when you are "on the road" or away from the area and unable to attend in person. To attend ANY of our meetings, you can either use a telephone or a computer or both. Here are the instructions:

1. Please join my meeting. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/941767185>
2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. OR, call in using your telephone. Dial 218-844-4939 and enter the Access Code (Meeting ID): 941-767-185. If you did not log on by computer, you will not have a PIN, but if you did, add the Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting. This connection is available about 15 minutes before the meeting time.



Chaplain's Report : Cliff Buhrow

Our Chaplain, Cliff Buhrow, lost one of his sons and one of his brothers at the end of March. Please keep Cliff and his family in your prayers.

Our prayers also go out to one of our Auxiliary members, Virginia Saunders, on the passing of her husband and Post 112 member, Ray last month. Please keep Virginia and her family in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Cliff has also announced his "retirement" from his position as out Chaplain. He will finish out his term but we will be looking for a replacement for the 2010-2011 term. If you have an interest in serving as the Post Chaplain, please contact any member of the nominating committee.

We want to thank Cliff for his tireless service over the last two years.

Historian Update—Ted Costello

The Post Historian is an important job. In order to keep it current post events must be documented either by pictures or a written narrative. Our history goes back to 1935. The present book was put together with everything we could find both at the post and from older members. Such information on the Post's activities will be of considerable value in years to come. The work of collecting, preserving and recording the activities of the American Legion is a most important endeavor and while it demands much detail work, you will find it inspiring and rewarding. We all have the responsibility to contribute any/and all pictures, stories and items of interest as relates to the post. I would like to see someone step-up and take the Historian position that is more mobile than I am and continue the history of our post. Thank you.

Sea Cadets—A Great Day at the Post!



The Post held a fund raiser for the Sea Cadets on April 17, 2010. This is the first time that the Post has held such an event and it lasted all afternoon. We were able to cover our expenses and still had money to give to the Sea Cadets! The Post will present the check to the Sea Cadet Commander at our next business meeting in May.



Some of the entertainment included a "Bounce House," "Shower House – target game" Cotton Candy and other games for kids of all ages. We also had Tom Yost's accordion and the Bahia Jazz Band for everyone's musical delight.

This was our first attempt and the event was a GREAT SUCCESS! Next year, we will to do it better!





BOOSTERS

Our Boosters roll reverted back to zero as of the first of the year. If you would like to support your Post by making a financial contribution or you would like to make an in-kind donation of materials to the post, please contact any of our officers.

The starting amount is \$25 to be listed as a Booster. The levels 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 starts over.

The Boosters listed below reflect contributions made since January 1st, 2010.

Bronze— \$25 Bob and Nell Colbert
Silver— \$50 Ted Costello
Gold— \$75
Platinum— \$100+
•Chuck Kuhn
•Stan Kalmowitz

Note: the Post is looking for a portable dish machine. Please contact Tom Roberts if you can help.

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CALENDAR

MAY: (Honor our Military & Veterans Month)

- 01-02 Sea Cadets
- 03** Executive Board Meeting – 7 pm (ONLINE)
- 08** Burgers and More – 11 am
- 11** Dinner & General Business Meeting – 6 pm (ONLINE)
- 11** Auxiliary Meeting – 7 pm (ONLINE)
- 15** 6th District Constitutional Meeting—Post & Auxiliary
- 29** Pancake Breakfast – 8 am
- 30** Memorial Day Service – 11 am
- 31** Executive Board Meeting – 7 pm (ONLINE)

JUNE: (Support the Flag Month)

- 05-06 Sea Cadets
- 08** Dinner & General Business Meeting – 6 pm (ONLINE)
- 08** Auxiliary Meeting – 7 pm (ONLINE)
- 19** Burgers and More – 11 am
- 24-27** Department of Florida State Convention (Post & Auxiliary)
- 26** Pancake Breakfast – 8 am

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