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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Our Christmas Party was a blast with twenty five in attendance. Steak and Breast of Chicken was served as a live band played. After dinner many danced to old familiar tunes. Others just enjoyed the music and conversation with comrades.

Thanks to Jerry our semiannual Yard Sale was a tremendous success. Freddy Ruiz and his family manned the kitchen, while Stan and the Auxiliary maintained our sales tables. Jerry was constantly on the move taking care of vender's needs, Since Venders have more than doubled our last yard sale.

We have established Post 112 as an official Drop off point for TOYS FOR TOTS. Although we were late getting started we delivered 6 toy packed boxes to the Marine warehouse to be distributed. With your help we will do much better next Christmas. A Big Thanks to all who helped with this very worthy program.

Billy Dover and Ted Costello revived our oratorical program. The first place contestant won \$100.00 and an invitation to compete in the next contest at 6th Dist. Thanks to Billy and Ted for this tremendous accomplishment. Inform your children and Grand Children Neighbors about this program there is potential to win around \$18,000.00 if they go to nationals.

Have YOU Paid Your 2011 Dues Yet?

Now that the new year is beginning, our 2011 Legion dues are now due. Our dues are \$25 per year but the Department gets \$21 of what you pay, so we only receive \$4 of your annual dues. Please check your card – if it doesn't say 2011, your dues have officially expired. Let's start the new year on a positive and generous note. Thanks –
1st Vice Commander Richard Derwinis.

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Auxiliary FUN Night at Friendly's
- Oratorical Contest
- Sea Cadets
- Flag Code

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2nd Vice Commander's Report

We closed our calendar year with our Post Christmas party at the Elks Club on December 17th. A great time was had by everyone attending.

Also, since just after Thanksgiving, we've been a drop-off location for the Marine Corp Reserves Toys for Tots program. During the three weeks we had the boxes at the Post, we filled to overflowing more than six boxes—not too bad for our first attempt at this program. Thanks to all who helped, especially our Sea Cadets who went above and beyond to bring in toys.

The new year will kick-off with our Executive Board meeting on January 3rd. Then don't forget our regular business meeting on the 11th, Burgers and More on the 15th and our pancake breakfast on the 29th. You can get a great burger and all the fixins from 11am to 2pm for just \$2 and our pancake breakfasts are served from 8-11am for just \$3. Lets all participate in these activities.

On January 31st, the 6th District will be sponsoring a bowling tournament at the Colonial Lanes on Primrose. This event is a fundraiser to help offset the transportation costs for Boys State and Girls State. Everyone is invited to bowl but if you can't bowl, please come and cheer on your favorite bowlers. Post 112 will have at least one team entered.

If you ever forget the dates or times for any meetings or activities, please don't hesitate to call Jerry at 407.671.8616 or 407.671.6404. Lets have a great turn out for our functions.

Within the next few weeks we'll have a selection of shirts, jackets and flags for sale at the Post. Watch for details.

We need your help and support to keep our Post great. Get involved in our activities - you'll have a lot of FUN and it will make you feel GOOD inside. You'll be glad you did!

Have YOU Paid Your 2011 Dues Yet?

Please send your check to

PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733

TODAY!

Chaplain's Report : Cliff Buhrow

Tom Roberts is still in Rehab and is taking dialysis treatments three times a week. Marion Roberts is at home recuperating. Charles Kuhn is still in the hospital with heart problems.

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of one of our newest Auxiliary members. Marilyn Updike, who had recently transferred into Unit 112, lost her battle with bladder cancer on December 18th. We are also sorry to announce that Debi Shannon's mother passed away Sunday, December 19th after a long battle with lung cancer. Debi is one of the Charter members of our Auxiliary Unit and Dyke is our Finance Officer.

Let's keep all of our Post and Unit families in our prayers.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

If your birthday is in January or February and you're not listed, please send an email to the Adjutant at FLPost112@gmail.com or let him know at the next meeting (or, as a last resort, drop a note to the Post).

JANUARY 2011

01/04 Paul D Padgett

01/11 Beuford H Randall
01/17 Wayne D Roberts
01/18 Betty S Baldick
01/20 Roberto Rivera, Jr
01/21 Charles R Travers, Sr
01/23 Mark A Bernhardt
01/24 Harry T Scholer
01/25 James Morrisette
01/25 Emery P Bennett
01/27 Johanna E Langis

FEBRUARY 2011

02/05 William C Lawrence
02/06 Donald E Flanagan
02/06 Herbert J Menier
02/07 Wayne S Ackley
02/08 Eduardo Posada

02/09 Philip B Hale, Jr
02/10 Bob Colbert
02/15 Carol Moriarty
02/17 Marian E Roberts
02/23 Norma E Padgett
02/24 Walter B Griffin
02/25 Jose Cadavedo
02/25 Loren C Cawood, Jr



Adjutant's Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Post has had a good year! And, our Auxiliary has been outstanding! They have reached their membership goals, helped recognize the teachers at one of the elementary schools and provided two food baskets to families of two deployed service members. They also held their first Poppy sale and are getting ready for the next one. And, Friendly's Restaurant has been helping them to raise money for their projects. Finally, they have registered for a spot at Girls State and will be recruiting candidates in coming months. We can be quite proud of our Auxiliary for what they have done and offer them our support for the coming year!

We had some good times and we had to say goodbye to five members over the year. And, sadly, we have lost one of our Auxiliary members just the other day. The article about her will be posted elsewhere in the newsletter. We can take a moment of silence for all who have passed away.

On the lighter side, we picked up 11 new members over the last year for the Post. But, as I am writing this article, we still have 42 members who have not renewed for 2011. Our Vice Commander, Richard Derwinis, will be contacting these members to ascertain if there is a problem or not. We are hoping to achieve 100% membership PLUS ONE before the 1st of April. If we can attain 100% before that, it

would be great. Some of the Posts in the Sixth District have already reached their 100% mark.

Finally, our Post is taking part in the Department's Oratorical Contest for the first time in several years. A special thanks goes out to Bill Dover and Ted Costello. Ted has been coaching Bill on the ins and outs of the contest and Bill made contact with the schools and found our contestant. If you were at the December meeting, you were able to hear our Post's representative and just how good he is. Now, the Sixth District competition is January 16th at Post 19 on Lee Road at 2 pm. This is your chance to see what the other Posts have to offer in the way of competition and show support for our candidate.

Later on in the year, we will be choosing our Boys State candidates, hold two Arts & Crafts Yard sales, have our monthly "Burgers N More" and "Pancake Breakfasts," continue to support our Sea Cadets and the Boy Scouts and Venturing crews. We do have openings in the area of support the rifle teams at both Lake Howell High School and Oviedo High School. They are in need of coaches and judges for their activities. And, finally, what kind ideas do you have?

See you at the next General Meeting on January 11, 2011 at 7 pm.



Sea Cadet Update: Richard Meredith



CENTURION BATTALION

I want to start by thanking everyone that came out to support the Centurion Battalion in the Orlando Veteran's Day Parade last month, our cadets looked and marched extremely well. With all the hard work the cadets put into getting ready for the parade we decided to have a little fun in December, so we invited CDR Tony Almon, an active duty Navy Seal, to come out and PT with the cadets which was quite an honor for the entire Battalion. During PT the cadets learned how to perform team sit-ups with an eight foot log on their chest, followed by a 3 mile formation run, stopping along the way to perform various exercises. After PT CDR Almon shared an hour long presentation with the cadets and answered all their questions about what it takes to be a Navy

Seal. The remainder of the weekend was spent on team building exercises and squad competitions. On January 9th at 10:00 a.m. the Centurion Battalion will stand their annual inspection with our Regional Director, LCDR June Tillett, coming down from Jacksonville to personally evaluate the Cadets and our records for the year. The Centurion Battalion would love to see the members of American Legion Post 112 come out and support them at their Annual Inspection.

I would like to publically recognize several of our senior cadets that have recently enlisted in the United States Armed Forces and will be leaving for boot camp as soon as they graduate high school. CPO Anthony Meredith enlisted in the Army, PO1 Ashley Meredith enlisted in the Army Reserves, and PO2 Daniel Pilling enlisted in the Marines. I am proud of each of these cadets for their accomplishments in the Sea Cadets and for their decision to serve their country and I pray that they will remain safe throughout their entire enlistment.

The Flag Code: Tim Healey

The proper display and use of the United States Flag is the responsibility of every American citizen. It should be pointed out that the Flag Code is simply a guideline for proper flag etiquette. The law does not provide penalties for violations of any of its' provisions.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted by Congress in 1945 with the last change coming on Flag Day in 1954, when Congress passed a law which added the words "under God" after "one nation."
- When a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- It is permissible to wear clothing that looks like the United States flag but not made from an actual United States flag.
- The flag should not be printed on paper napkins or anything that is designed for temporary use and discarded.
- The flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Flags should never be dumped on the bottom of a grave prior to a veterans ceremonial funeral at a National Cemetery.
- The flag can be washed or dry cleaned.
- When the National Anthem is played, it is proper to stand and render the proper salute.
- A condominium association may not enforce any policy that would restrict a member of the association from displaying the flag of the United States on residential property within the association unless it involves a flag pole permanently imbedded in the ground.



Auxiliary Update

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of one of our newest members. Marilyn Updike transferred into our unit in November at the recommendation of her granddaughter, Grafton Day, the Vista volunteer from the National office who visited our Unit's installation this past July. Marilyn had been struggling for many months with bladder cancer and lost her battle on Saturday, December 18th. Please keep Grafton and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their loss.

We are also very sorry to announce the passing of Debi Shannon's mother on December 19th after a long battle with lung cancer. Debi is one of our Unit's Charter members.

Our Auxiliary Unit continues to be very busy. Since our last newsletter, we held a very successful FUNdraiser at the UCF Friendly's in mid-November which saw President Nita painting kids faces as well as entertaining guests with her puppets. This was so much fun that we're planning to do others throughout the year. **Please join us on February 16th at the UCF Friendly's Restaurant from 5-8pm and help your Auxiliary earn the money we need for our programs.**

Our unit completed it's very successful annual food drive to support military families and the community in early November. From the food collected, we were able to build two huge food baskets that were delivered to the Reserve Center for distribution to two active duty families in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Some of the monies raised through our Friendly's fundraisers went towards purchasing two \$25

Publix gift cards that went in the food baskets so that the families could purchase fresh foods for their holiday dinners. We also delivered several hundred pounds of food to the Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America Scouting for Food project that benefited the Second Harvest Food Bank. **Thanks to all of our Post brothers and sisters who supported our food drive.**

In October, our members began collecting grocery coupons that we deliver to the Reserve Center for use by military families. Since our coupon drive began, we have delivered coupons valued at more than \$3000. We are also collecting Box Tops for Education coupons, Campbell's Soup can labels and soda can pop tabs. **If you clip coupons and have coupons that you do not use for your own family, please drop them in the coupon box at the Post whenever you come. We would also appreciate your donation of soda can pop tabs, Box Tops for Education and soup can labels.**

We also took a huge box of goodies to the Fall Conference for the 6th District "Shower" for Homeless Veterans. **Thanks to all of our Post brothers and sisters who supported our homeless veterans project.**

Just before the fall conference, we helped Cheney Elementary School celebrate National Education Week. We provided pastries for the faculty on Monday and Nita and Liz did a special after school program on bullying on Tuesday. Muffins were enjoyed by the faculty on Wednesday and bagels and cream cheese were

delivered for the staff on Thursday. On Friday we delivered a huge fruit basket for the entire staff as a way of saying thank you for all that they do for their students. Funds for this project came from our Friendly's fundraiser.

And of course, what is November and Veteran's Day without Poppy's. Our unit had three Poppy booths at which we raised almost \$300 that will support the rehabilitation of wounded Veterans.

In December, our Unit adopted another needy Veteran and his family by providing enough food for a huge Christmas dinner. Post 112 adopted this same family by providing funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the children in the family. Our Auxiliary members did all the Christmas shopping and wrapped all the gifts that were delivered to a most appreciative family just in time for Santa to make his rounds.

2011 is looking to be just as busy as 2010 as we kick off the year with our Reading Rockets program and selecting our candidates for Girls State. **Again, the monies raised through our Fun Nights at Friendly's completely fund all of the projects that we do throughout the year so we do appreciate your coming out to have dinner with us at Friendly's.**

For more information about joining Auxiliary Unit 112, please contact Nita Padgett, President or Nell Colbert, Secretary-Treasurer. We are looking for eligible ladies who want to actively participate in the programs supported by the American Legion a the American Legion Auxiliary. We'd love to have you join us.



Oratorical Contest: Bill Dover

During the past four months I have had the pleasure of visiting the following high schools: Winter Park, Lake Howell, Oviedo, Trinity Prep and Masters Academy. The purpose was to have a member of each school participate in the Post Oratorical Contest. I visited each school two times, meeting with the Guidance Counselors in hopes they would educate the students on the chance to win scholarship money up to \$18,000. During this time period I spoke or e-mailed up to five students. Unfortunately we only had one participant.

On December 14, 2010, we held our Post contest in which we heard this one participant. However this one student impressed not only the judges but all members of the Post.

Mr. Daniel Schwindt, of Trinity Preparatory School did an excellent job in both the Prepared Oration and the Assigned Topic Amendment 27 and won our contest. Many of the members of the Post learned as much as the participant.

As the Post Chairman for the contest, it was a learning experience for me and an honor

to serve in this position. However this could not have been done without the assistance of the post members, for which I am truly thankful and the Executive Officers for their guidance.

Now that the post has had the opportunity to complete one of these contests, we have nowhere to go but up and I hope next year we will have even greater participation. My goal is to visit each school before the beginning of the year to have the leaders of each school encourage their students to participate.

Christmas Party: Bob Colbert

It may have been mentioned elsewhere, but if you didn't attend the Christmas Party at the Elks Club in Orlando, you missed some good food and good fellowship! We had 25 people in attendance and Santa Claus made his annual visit. Thanks, again, to Chuck Travers for making contact with the North Pole. And, there was dance music after the meal and several members got up and "cut the rug."



Photos courtesy of Lou and Marge Berrios.

Service Officer Update: Mike Dixon

- 1) There will be no change in VA payments for this year, again.
- 2) There are 3 new "Agent Orange" disabilities, as of from 10/31/10, being processed.
- 3) The new VA Hospital's final contract was let on 10/13/10. The VA expects to get the "keys" on 10/13/12.



BOOSTERS

Our Boosters roll reverted back to zero as of January 1, 2011. 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.

We want to extend our heart felt thanks to all of those members who made financial contributions or in-kind donations to the Post during 2010. We finished 2010 as follows:

Bronze—	\$25	
Silver—	\$50	
Gold—	\$75	Bob and Nell Colbert
Platinum—	\$100+	Dyke Shannon Chuck Kuhn Stan Kalmowitz Paul Thompson

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CALENDAR

JANUARY:

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Executive Board Meeting—7pm
- 11 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 15 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 29 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 30 6th District Bowling Tournament**
- 31 Executive Board Meeting—7pm

FEBRUARY:

- 8 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 12 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 16 Auxiliary FUN Night at Friendly's (5-8pm)**
- 26 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 28 Executive Board Meeting—7pm

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