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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

As your new Commander I want to thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me it is my hope that I can fulfill your expectations.

This has been a very busy year with activities galore. Thanks to Tom Roberts and Gerry Dress. I will attempt to highlight some of them.

A special thanks to the Committee Chairman Dyke Shannon and all who volunteered as school medal presenters. Those include Commander Tom Roberts, Dick Padgett, Catherine Alessandria, Ephifano Augusto, Jerry Mullinex, Tim Healy, Dyke Shannon, Cliff Buhrow, Richard Merideth, and Ted Costello. Combined there were a total of 29 Awards given to Student's of 15 Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. In addition to these awards an additional 14 Marksman Ship Awards were presented to the Oviedo High School Rifle Team during their Annual Military Ball.

As a Public service, Post 112 donated our meeting hall for 12 Days to the census Bureau for training. We also donate space monthly the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadet's for training.

The Sea Cadet Picnic was held May 2 with many families and friends were in attendance.

The work day scheduled April 3rd was somewhat disappointing in that only 3 people attended. We will have a better turn out next time.

Easter Egg Hunt was a great success Thanks to Gerry Dress and the Auxiliary Unit for a great job of planning and executing this function.

Christmas Party 2009 again was a Super Nice outing with 20 members and guest attending thanks again to Gerry's superb planning. Let's strive for a better attendance this Year.

Your Post 112 sponsored two yard sales this past year where many bargains were available. If you did not attend or visit participate we have more planned soon, so brush the dust off and save that GOOD stuff that you no longer want or need, bring it in for display. Just maybe someone is looking for that particular item. Gerry has tables available if you require one. Hope to see you there.

Christmas in July was a great event. We outdid ourselves again on this one. Many Russell Home kids as well as many local children were presented gifts by Santa himself. If you haven't attended one of these events it is very inspiring and enlightening. One should attend at least one event where handicapped kids are involved to realize how really blessed we as individuals are.

There are some positions as Program Chairman still open. They include but not limited to, Blood Drive, Children and Youth, Employment, and others. If you are interested in helping please contact me, Dick Padgett at 407.678.2330 or 407.222.0915 or 407.671.6404 or Bob Colbert at 407.619.9611. Thanking all of you in advance for your support.

Commander (Elect) Dick Padgett

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Dues & Membership Renewals
- Outstanding Youth Recognized
- Boys State Update
- Out with the old; In with the new!

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Out With the Old...In With the New

A Message from our Past Commander

Hi fellow Legionnaires, I would like to thank the post members for the beautiful floral arrangement at my brother's funeral. For those of you who didn't know, Jim was a combat medic. He endured the Normandy landing, the Battle of the Bulge but moreover, one of the things that he and other medics were required to do at the wars end was to go into concentration camps and treat the inmates who survived. After the funeral my nephew asked me if he could give the flowers to another veteran in the nursing home where my brother had lived. Without hesitation I said yes.

It seems I wrote my swan song in our last newsletter so let's call this page two. I do look forward to the position of Chaplain and hope that I can fulfill that job as would be expected.

As I close out my tenure as commander I would admonish you all to give our new commander Dick your utmost support. I understand he has some new ideas and with your 100% support these ideas will further advance our post. He knows that he has my support.

See you on July 13th for our installation. Let's fill up the room as we did last year
Tom

2nd Vice Commander's Report

Thanks you to all who helped with our functions for the past couple of months. A special thanks to a co-worker of mine from Hallmark Cards, Victoria Collazo, and her boy friend for helping to beautify the memorial garden. Thanks Vicky.

July 10th we will have a work day from 9 AM until 12 noon to get the Post cleaned up for our installation of officers. We have the following things that must be done: windows cleaned, trim grass at the fence line, mow and trim the yard and clean the bathrooms.

Tuesday, July 13, will be swearing in our newly elected officers. Dinner will be served.

July 17 we will have our "Burgers & More" for \$2.00 from 11 am until 2 pm. Tell your friends about this and let's have a big turnout. Drinks will be extra.

July 25, we will have our BEST (Christmas-in-July) from 12 noon 'til 5 PM. Santa will be there as well as good music. Admission is for each adult, a \$5 to \$10 new unwrapped toy. Kids are free. Lets have a big turnout. The Russell Home will have some of their kids here.

Saturday, July 31, will be our monthly Pancake Breakfast from 8 AM until 11 AM. The cost is only \$3.00.

Our August events will be listed in the calendar of events in the news letter.

Now: Our most important event!!! I hope all of you will let your friends and neighbors know about our Arts & Crafts and Yard Sale coming up on Oct 23rd. Let them know that they can call up and sign up now. They don't have to wait until Oct. Cost for a 10x10 space is only \$10.00. If they need a table, the cost is \$10 for an 8' table, \$10 for a 6' round table and \$3 for a small table. Hoping for a mega booth set up. Let's have a big one!! I need your help. Please call me and let me know if you will help at 407-671-8616 or 407-671-6404.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

July

01 – Norma Jester
10 – Peter Berry
14 – Bill McCollum
16 – Richard Ammon, Jr
19 – Percy Inge
22 – Donna Brokop
27 – Howard Polen
28 – Terrence Brown
29 – Harold Messer
30 – Jerry Modell
30 – Thomas Yost
31 – James Dodd
31 – Barbara Messer

August

02 – Robert Block
06 – Russell Kauffman
11 – Jerry Dress
16 – William Arnold
16 – Larry Deitz
20 – Cheryl Knapp
20 – Staci Shannon
21 – Chuck Kuhn
27 – Robert Matteson
27 – Freddie Ruiz
30 – J Walter Tucker, Jr

Out of the 170 paid members of the Post and Auxiliary unit, 40 of them do not have a birthday in my records. If you didn't get recognized in this issue, and your birthday is in July or August,

PLEASE SEE THE ADJUTANT or send an email to FLPost112@gmail.com and get the information entered! If you send an email, be sure to send your name OR membership number and the date. Everyone deserves to be recognized on his or her birthday! We NEVER intentionally miss anyone, but the list is only as good as the information that is provided.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our JULY and AUGUST members!

Adjutant's Report

Our new officers are taking their positions. Our installation will be on July 13th and we hope that everyone will be there. We will be installing a new Commander, First Vice Commander and Chaplain. The Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Historian, Finance Officer, Service Officer and Sergeant at Arms will continue from 2009-2010.

Welcome aboard!

The Department of Florida Convention will have just finished when you receive this, so we may have some new information to present at the July meeting. These Conventions are free for Legionnaires to attend and anyone can sit in on the sessions, except the actual election as only delegates attend that. So, next year, plan to attend and see what is going on – it may pleasantly surprise you!

As we start into the new terms of officers, let all of us make a "New Year's Resolution" to help the Post both in membership growth and in volunteering to help out at Post functions. We need man power to help at several events during the year. This year, the Second Vice Commander is looking at changing the way members volunteer to help. He will be talking about that in one of the upcoming meetings and I think that you will like it.

We also have several committees that will need to be staffed and I know that you will see and hear more about this in the next couple of months. We will list the openings as soon as we can so that you can volunteer for something that interests you.

Let's make 2010-2011 the best year for Post 112!



Auxiliary Update

Our Auxiliary continues to be busy both with our own projects as well as supporting the Post's activities. Our May meeting saw us electing our new officers for 2010-2011. Congratulations to our new officers:

President—Aunita Padgett
Vice President—Liz Padgett
Secretary-Treasurer—Nell Colbert
Chaplain—Virginia Saunders
Sgt.-at-Arms—Johanna Langis

Our installation of officers will take place in conjunction with the Post's installation on July 13th. We do hope that all of our members can attend this special event. Remember, the Post will be providing a great dinner before the installation.

Our Unit was well represented at the 6th District Constitutional Conference also held in May, with Aunita, Liz, Nell and Johanna in attendance. Unit 112 received a number of recognitions at the conference for recognition of our efforts this year for achieving 100% membership (we closed the year at 107.7%) and for our Community Service food drive project.

The Unit's "Bake-less Bake Sale" fundraiser was very successful and we want to say THANK YOU to all of our Post brothers and sisters who supported our efforts.

Since our regular July Unit meeting will be busy with

our installation, we held a work day for the Unit on June 22nd where we worked on our fall service project, *Give 10 to Education*. Patterned after our very successful food drive last fall, our members made posters for the collection boxes that will be placed in local businesses in mid-July to collect school supplies for our local schools. There will also be a collection box at the post so please pick up some school supplies and drop them off at the Post when you come for the July meeting. Students need things like pencils, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, three-ring binders, backpacks, wide-ruled notebook paper, scissors, ink pens, colored pencils and construction paper.

Our new leadership is also hard at work planning for our committee leadership for the upcoming year. We are also beginning plans for our second annual membership luncheon. Last year's fun get together at the Olive Garden was so successful, we've decided to do it again.

And, finally, we were again well represented at the Department of Florida annual Convention at the end of June. Our members and officers attended lots of classes and are ready to hit the ground running!

As usual, our Auxiliary is always looking for ladies who would like to join our Unit and participate in our projects. For information, please contact Nell Colbert, Membership Chair, at 321.303.7445 or email Nell at necolbert@usa.net.

Electronic Attendance

The latest change in our By Laws allows for "Electronic Attendance." What this does for you, as a member, is allows you to attend either the General Meeting or the Executive Board Meeting over the phone or the internet when you cannot drive to the Post to attend. The information to call in or log in is provided in the meeting notices that are sent out by email. Our By Laws allow voting over the phone to count the same as those in physical attendance. For those who choose to call in, it is not a local number so we encourage using a cellular phone or a "broad band" telephone. If you log in, you will need speakers and a mike on the computer.

So, if you suddenly remember that our meeting is tonight and you are just getting home, you can use the "Electronic Attendance" to participate.



Dues and Membership Renewal

Ladies and gentlemen, we have completed another Legion year! As the "election year" comes to a close, I wanted to take a minute to explain the membership and how it works.

Your ID card is good until December 2010. But, you will get your first "renewal" notice in a couple of weeks for "2011." This is because, while the membership year is from January 1 to December 31, the Legion, Department and Post's business year is July 1 to June 30 each year. So, the Post and the Legion are starting the membership drive for 2011 in July and it ends in June 2011. So, if you pay your dues AFTER July 1, we would normally credit it to 2011 and not 2010. This could mean that, if you don't have a 2010 membership card, you will get a 2011 membership card and start your membership ALL OVER

AGAIN, regardless of how long ago you joined, especially if the renewal slip says 2011.

And, the renewal notices continue until the payment actually reaches NATIONAL, which can take a few weeks after you mail it. So, you may receive a second notice after your payment, but you should not receive another one after that and you will have your new membership card to remind you that you paid for that year.

So, where does the money go? Of your \$25 in dues, the Post gives \$21 of it to the Department to split between the Department and National. The Post gets \$4 per member to use to pay for the postage for the newsletter, buy the paper for the newsletter, pay the utilities at the Post and cover any repairs that need to be made. We do have income from the

rental of space for the radio tower and we sometimes get a little money from other groups who use the Post for their meetings. The moral of the story is when a member pays less than the normal \$25, then the Post is actually using Post money to pay for your National and State portion and not getting anything. Our dues for 2011 will be the same \$25 and is not increasing.

Now you can see another reason for receiving the newsletter by email! It costs us \$0.44/each newsletter plus the cost of paper to send them out in the mail but it cost NOTHING to send it by EMAIL and you get it in color! If you have an email address, please let me know. It will help reduce the Post's expenses and gets the newsletter to you the same day that the printer gets it.

Fly Deterrent—This Really Works

Don't you just hate it when you're having a picnic or BBQ outdoors and the flies just won't leave you alone? Here's a trick that really works to help keep those pesky flies away from your food.

Fill a Ziploc baggie about half full of water and place 4-6 pennies in the baggie. Then hang the baggie in the problem area. This will keep the flies and wasps at bay during your outdoor activity.

Why does this work? The millions of molecules of water presents its own prism effect and given that flies have a lot of eyes, to them it's like a zillion disco balls reflecting light, colors and movement in a dizzying manner. When you figure that flies are prey for many other bugs, animals, birds, etc., they simply won't take the risk of being around that much perceived action.





Boys State Update : Ted Costello

On June 12, 2010 Post 112 Boys State representatives attended the orientation at Post 286 in Pinecastle. Oliver Kennedy, 6th District Chairman gave an overview of the program and a video was shown outlining the entire program. I was introduced to give the prospective of a past counselor and answer questions from the

floor. Chairman Kennedy announced the new time of departure to Tallahassee at 4 AM on July 11, 2010 from Post 286. He also said breakfast would be served for those that wanted to eat. I had a quick meeting with our boys and parents after the meeting and told them that it was customary to debrief the post of their experiences. We

all agreed that the post meeting on September 14, 2010 would be the best date/time. I also told them briefly about the Oratorical Program and they all seemed interested, someone needs to follow-up with them or the guidance counselor about getting involved.

Ted Costello/Boys State Chairman Post 112

YOUR Post in Action: 30 Outstanding Youth Recognized

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 30 boys and girls with the American Legion School Medal during the week of June 1 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, Jerry Mullenix, Dick Padgett, Tom Roberts, Catherine Alwsendri, Ephifamio Agosto, Cliff Buhrow, Richard Meredith and

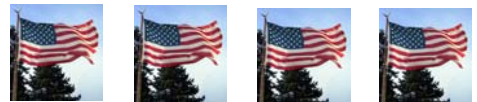
Dyke Shannon. With 15 individual Award Programs to cover, the above individuals did a GREAT JOB! The post presented the awards in person to these outstanding young people at their respective School Award's Ceremony in front of their peers.

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 mem-

bers all of the efforts are to help guild youth in the right direction. As a member-**take pride in what you do!!**

Submitted by Dyke Shannon, School Medal Award Chairman



Our Jerry Dress hard at work making our Memorial Day service an AWESOME EVENT!



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
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

28 June Executive Board Meeting (date change)

JULY:

4 Independence Day
10 Post workday—9am-12noon
13 Installation of Officers & Dinner (6pm)
17 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)
25 Christmas in July (12n-5pm)
31 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)

AUGUST:

2 Executive Board Meeting—7pm
10 Monthly Post Meeting & Dinner (6pm)
21 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)
27-9/2 American Legion National Convention
28 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)

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