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Post 112 held its annual Christmas in July program again this year. You that did not attend with your children and Grand children really missed a celebration to remember. Member **Tom Yost** played Christmas music on his accordion while Santa (**Russ Kaufman**) entertained to the kids. A group of handicapped children from The Russell Home attended again this year and before returning home they were dancing to live music by **Charlie D & the Things Band**. Everyone had a great time. Hope to see more members and their families next July.

Start planning for the Oct.23rd. semi-annual Yard sale. Gerry Dress has more than doubled the amount of tables and spaces sold. This is getting to be a big fund raiser for your post and we hope to expand again during this sale. If you or your neighbors want a space or table call Gerry at 407 671 6404 or 407 671 8616.

Don't forget to bring the kids, grandkids and the neighbor's kids to **your** Post's Halloween party coming up Oct 31st. More details on this when information becomes available.

Start making plans to attend your Post's annual Christmas party which is scheduled for Dec. 17th. Last Christmas Santa visited us and had gifts for everyone in attendance.

Billy Dover has agreed to work with Ted Costello to start The American Legion **High School Oratorical Program**. We feel this too important to lay dormant any longer. With high dollar scholarship money available, it's important that our local students have a crack at it. This program is available to students from 10th thru the 12th grade.

Please read your Second Vice-Commander's report for additional information about upcoming activities.

YAHOO! GROUPS

See Bob to
sign up!

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Auxiliary FUN Night at Friendly's
- Shower for Homeless Veterans
- Sea Cadets

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2nd Vice Commander's Report

First, I want to thank the following for participation in the 100th birthday for CWO Sam Domino on July 12, 2010: Tom Roberts, Russ Kaufman, Ted Costello, Dick Padgett and Jerry Dress. This was one of the best I have ever seen.

The Christmas in July was a success. The kids from Russell Home (10 of them) all saw Santa and had a good time. There were 34 people signed in for the event. Let's make it even better next year. Thanks all who helped.

Our Burgers 'N' More in July was a success also. 16 people signed in. We also had a small birthday party with cake for Bobbie & Jim Misser. Let's make our next one bigger. This is your Post. Please support It!!!

September 18th we will have our Burgers 'N' More from 11 am till 2 pm. We need a large turn out. The following Saturday, September 25th, we will have our pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 am. Try us once & you will return.

I will be here at the Post on Labor Day, 6 Sept 2010 from 8 till 4. Anyone who wants to come by is welcome. Maybe we will have a small picnic (family style). Bring a covered dish. Let me know (Jerry) at the Post if you are interested.

October will be our busy month. The 16th is Burgers 'N' More and the Breakfast on the 23rd from 8 to 11 am. October 23rd we will also have our semi-annual Art-Craft Yard Sale from 8 am til 3 pm. Reserve your table and space. The cost is as follows:

10 x 10 space is \$10.00
8' table is \$10.00
6' table is 10.00
6' round table is \$10.00
Small table \$3.00

We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for sale during the Yard Sale. Please tell all your neighbors and encourage them to come out to support our Veterans activities. I would like to get about 60 spaces occupied. Call me (Jerry) at 407-671-8610 or 407-671-6404. Also I need help to put on this sale. Please call and volunteer to help. This is your Post. Let's get it going. I can't do it alone!

On Oct 31st we will have our Halloween party for the kids from 5 until 8 pm. See if you can get some donations for this party, please. We need treats for the kids as well as Halloween decorations to turn our Post into a Scary Haunted Ghost Post.

Have YOU Paid Your 2011 Dues Yet?
Please send your check to
PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

September

09/14 King, Alfred
09/15 Alvarado, Osvaldo
09/15 Yencso, Tom
09/17 Dudukovich, Jeffrey
09/20 Evans, Byron
09/21 McCormick, John
09/21 Pollack, Robert
09/23 Derwinis, Richard
09/28 Gomes, Manuel
09/29 McLendon, David

October

10/01 Kalmowitz, Stan
10/06 Pelletier, Carl
10/09 Costello, Ted
10/10 Krones, Duane
10/14 Tillery, Don
10/16 Miller, David
10/21 Shannon, Deborah
10/24 Colbert, Nell
10/27 Hoover, Richard
10/31 Rougeux, Albert

If you have a birthday in either September or October and are not listed above, it's because your Adjutant does

not have your date of birth on file in the Post's records. So that you are not missed in the future, please send your information to Bob Colbert at : bcolbert@usa.net so that he can update our database.



Adjutant's Report

We have a new Commander and staff for 2010-2011. We welcome Commander Padgett, First Vice Commander Derwinis, returning Second Vice Commander Dress, Chaplain Roberts and rest of the returning staff.

The Florida Department Convention was held at the Caribe Royale in June and was attended in part or all by Commander Padgett, First Vice Derwinis, Adjutant Colbert and Ted Costello. Dyke Shannon was out of area on business or would have also been there. The convention was quite interesting and the election process was a little drawn out. The presentations during the General Sessions were very informative and gave us ideas on things that the Post can do.

And, things are changing at National Headquarters, too! The National Web Site now has a way for our individual members to log on and see such things as the Post's calendar, latest newsletter and a brief announcement. All members

need to go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and create a log in with your email address, last name and membership number. Some of the other things that you will be able to do are check your information at National. This will allow you to see what National has on file and you can let the Adjutant know so that corrections can be made. So far, we have SEVEN members registered on this SECURE WEB site. Let's see how many members can log on by the next newsletter!

And, don't forget, if you are not able to come to the General Meeting, you can attend by either phone or computer. Contact me at 407-619-9611 for the telephone number and code or the log in information by Monday, the day before the meeting. We go live with the meeting bridge at about 6:50 pm and it stays on line until the meeting is over. The By Laws of the Post do provide for members who participate electronically to vote.





Sea Cadet Update: Richard Meredith



CENTURION BATTALION

It has been some time since our last newsletter article and the Sea Cadets have been extremely busy representing American Legion Post 112 locally and across the nation. The cadets finished their drill season this past May strong with a very active family picnic which had Post 112 swarming with activity as we recognized all the cadets for their accomplishments over the year. We had four cadets graduate this year and all of them plan to go to college this fall. I am pleased to announce the PO2 Erik Theroux will be attending the UNF Marine Corp ROTC program and will be officially sworn in later this month. Once again the Centurion Battalion had a strong representation at summer trainings by sending cadets and officers to 35 training contingents. Some of our cadets went to Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, Georgia, and throughout Florida. Our cadets attended SEAL, Rescue Swimmer, MAA, Culinary Arts, Helo Combat, Seabee, Basic Medical, various Recruit Trainings, and a variety of League Orientations.

We started our new drill season on August 7th strong with many of our former cadets coming back to encourage the next generation with their success stories. We like to start the first drill by giving the cadets a chance to tell their sea stories which brings the summer training activities to life for everyone and gives each cadet a chance to practice their public speaking. Mike Gentz of the Island X-4 Seabees came out and talked to the cadets about his experience as a Seabee in Vietnam which gave the cadets a chance to ask a lot of questions about what it means to be a Navy Seabee. Terry Brown from our Post 112 came out Saturday afternoon and

taught a group of the cadets some cadence calls that will help make their physical training a little more interesting.

The Centurion Battalion has a very exciting Field Training Exercise planned for September in the Ocala National Forest which will give the cadets a chance to apply the lessons they have learned by planning small group missions, executing the missions, and providing mission debriefs. The Battalion will be split in to two groups with both sides having set boarders for scenario purposes that will require the cadets to use military strategies to avoid being detected by the other side.

I am pleased to announce that the Centurion Battalions recruiting efforts have gone extremely well over the summer, while we ended May with 39 cadets with 4 of them graduating and 5 choosing to take on new activities this year our recruiting efforts resulted in 10 new cadets joining our unit in August and others contacting us daily. This promises to be a fun year and the word is getting out on all the Centurion Battalion does.

The Sea Cadets are working to finish renovating the garage area at Post 112 over the next month by getting the walls textured and painted along with laying tile to make the space feel a little nicer. The Centurion Battalion is grateful for all that American Legion Post 112 does to support our unit and look forward to giving a back in the upcoming year.

The Centurion Battalion will have a Car Wash fundraiser at the Chick Fillet located on University Blvd, Saturday, 02OCT10 from 0800 – 1200. We invite all of you to come out and support your local Sea Cadets.

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Winter Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112



FUN Night

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 <5-8pm>

Friendly's Restaurant

University Blvd. @ SR434

**Join us to raise money for our Unit Programs
to serve Veterans and Military Families**

Annual Auxiliary Unit 112 Membership Luncheon



**The wives, daughters and granddaughters
of all Post 112 members
ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED**

**To Join the Ladies from
Unit 112**

For our Annual Membership Luncheon

**Sunday, October 3rd, 2010
1pm**

**Winter Park Olive Garden
Hwy 17-92 across from the Winter Park Mall**

**Join us for a fun filled lunch and learn about how the Auxiliary
supports Legion activities and helps Veterans and Military
families in Central Florida.**

**Please RSVP to Nell Colbert by September 30th
necolbert@usa.net or 321.303.7445**



Auxiliary Update

Boy has YOUR Auxiliary Unit been busy since our last newsletter!

Four of our members participated in the Department of Florida convention at the Caribe Royale Resort at the end of June where we were recognized for our outstanding community service efforts in 2010 and for achieving 107% of our membership goal for 2010.

In conjunction with the Post's installation on July 12th, we welcomed the officers from the 6th District and special guest, Grafton Day, from the American Legion Auxiliary National office, who installed our new officers:

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

Grafton presented our Auxiliary



Unit with a brand new American flag that flew over the National Cemetery on July 4th.

Your Auxiliary also has completed it's Give 10 to Education project. We had collection boxes in numerous locations in East Orlando and Winter Park and

received donations as well from Costco (50 backpacks) and Target (\$100 gift card.) The funds from Target were used to purchase additional school supplies to supplement the huge donation of supplies we received from the community. We had a service day on August 16th where we stuffed the backpacks and on August 17th, we delivered the backpacks to Cheney and Little



River Elementary Schools, both of which have a large percentage of their students on the free or reduced lunch program. Military children at the schools were given priority in receiving the backpacks at the schools. We had so many sup-



plies left over after stuffing the backpacks that we were also able to support the National Guard Family Readiness program.

So that Your Auxiliary can do more to support Veterans and Military families, we will be holding our first fundraiser for the 2010-2011 year and we hope

that you will come out to support us. **We will have a FUN Night at Friendly's Restaurant located on University Blvd. at SR 434 just outside the UCF campus from 5-8 pm on Wednesday, September 22nd.** The restaurant will be donating up to 20% of the total sales for the evening to our unit. At the same time, we will be distributing information about the Auxiliary (and the Legion) to interested families in hopes of recruiting a few more smiling faces for our unit. Our very own President, Nita Padgett, will be entertaining guests with her ventriloquism. Come out, bring the kids and the grandkids and support your Auxiliary unit.

We are also getting ready for our **annual Membership Luncheon** at the Winter Park **Olive Garden** on **October 3rd at 1pm.** Wives, daughters and granddaughters of all Post members are invited.

And ... **we're having a shower!** It's not a baby shower, nor is it a bridal shower—it's a shower for homeless veterans. The Department of Florida and the 6th District are sponsoring a homeless shower and we would like to ask that you support this endeavor by dropping off personal hygiene items, cleaning and laundry supplies, etc. that can be used by the homeless veterans in Central Florida. **Please bring your donations to the Post through the November meeting.**



Chaplain's Report : Tom Roberts

First I want to thank my good friend and former Chaplain for filling in for me at our last meeting. This shows true comradeship.

On the sick list.

- Freddy Ruiz with Gall bladder problem, from Mayra's note it seems he had gangrene which hopefully was removed and he is back home now.
- Rob Calderwood and his wife

Ann are both in poor physical condition (keeping it private)

- Yours truly, I went in the hospital with congestive heart failure that, after extensive diuretics that was cleared. However they discovered a very serious kidney infection. I spent a week getting that semi-cleared but I have certain restrictions I have to follow at home, like no driving for two to three weeks, only

64 ounces of liquid per day and the list goes on.

If you know of a fellow Legionnaire that is ill or in the hospital, please don't hesitate to call me at 407-657-4608.

The values we give our children today far outweigh the valuables we leave them when we pass.

Yours in the Faith, Tom

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

THE GINGHAM DRESS

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

"We'd like to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped.

"We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obvi-

ously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus."

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked! "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, and then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million

dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it cost to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?"

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

A TRUE STORY by Malcolm Forbes

"People will forget what you said; People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." Amen



BOOSTERS

Our Boosters roll reverted back to zero as of January 1, 2010. 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

No new contributions were received since the July—August newsletter.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

- 6 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot's Day
- 14 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 18 6th District Meeting at Post 286 (Aux)
- 18 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 22 Auxiliary FUN Night at Friendly's (5-8pm)**
- 25 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**

OCTOBER:

- 3 Auxiliary Membership Luncheon—1pm**
- 4 Executive Board Meeting—7pm
- 12 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 16 Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 23 Arts & Crafts Yard Sale (8am—3pm)**
- 30 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 31 Halloween Party (5-8pm)**

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