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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionaries of Post 112:

I hope by now that most or at least some of you have received your vaccination or maybe like me, both shots. This is a stressful and struggling time, but with patience and perseverance we will get through this mess. I am working on a "call list" to see how everyone is doing, but before that happens you can feel free to call any of our officers for assistance or to just chat. Again, the roll out of the vaccine will pretty much determine our activities in the future, but thankfully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are still not very active at the Post; however, there is some activity going on. I pray that we can all see each other again soon in 2021. As for now, the Sea Cadets are only using the Post for training and using all the CDC guidelines to safely conduct their mandatory training.

Your Post is looking good and just needs us to safely return to use it as we remember in the past. Along with the Post looking great and operative in all respects, we need to push for membership. I know it is difficult presently, but we need to beat the bushes and find new members to join us. This is something all members should be talking to other Veterans about. *"Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 are now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so let's get the word spreading.

My plan as of now, is to continue with our monthly ZOOM meetings until further notice. We did conduct our annual Four Chaplains Ceremony on February 4th via zoom from the Post. No other ceremonies are planned for now. With that, please stay safe and take care until we can meet again.

For God and Country.
Jim Middlekauff
Commander, Post 112



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of December 15th, Yahoo discontinued their YahooGroups email reflector. To continue getting Post 112 family emails, please send Bob Colbert (bcolbert@usa.net) your correct email address ASAP

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Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

As you can see from the Commander's article, things are progressing. Depending on the overall progress in the fight against the virus, we may be able to start some serious activities, maybe in the Fall. The Commander and I are perhaps overly cautious in this respect, but the average age of the Post members is over 60, so it could possibly place our membership in jeopardy to resume too early.

Our ZOOM meetings have allowed the Post to continue activities despite the Pandemic. We will have had our Boys State interviews by the time that you see this article. We are set up to send 4 youth to Boys State this year and I know that the candidates are looking forward to it. The selection will be announced in the May-June newsletter.

Due to the pandemic, we have been holding some of our events "virtually." While it is not the same as being there in person, it still allows us to maintain tradition so to speak. We were able to hold a Memorial Day service and a Veteran's Day service and have put the links on the Post's WEB page. You are invited to view them whenever you wish. We had intended to have our Four Chaplain's Ceremony saved as a video but there were some technical difficulties at the last minute which prevented the video from being saved. We will be recording all future events, if possible, and they will be available on the Post's WEB page when they are done. Also, do not forget that the calendar on the Post's WEB page is updated several times each month, so check the site out. Our WEB page is located at <https://www.wpflpost112.org> in case you do not have it handy.

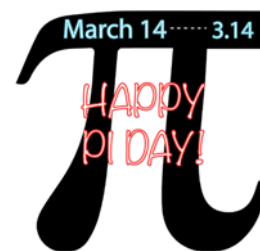
We have elections coming up in June with nominations opening in April and the "slate" to be set at the May meeting. We are always looking for new people and with any luck, we will be able to return to a somewhat normal meeting schedule. We have the following positions: Commander, 1st Vice Commander (membership), 2nd Vice Commander (Post building & programs), Chaplain, Sgt At Arms, Finance and up to three Trustees and four delegates/alternates the Department Convention. If you are

interested in any of these positions, please contact me and I will provide you with the duties involved. We also have several "Committee chair" positions that are usually filled once the new Commander is selected. Quite often, the "chair" positions continue with the previous chair but not necessarily.

The Department of Florida American Legion Convention is scheduled to be held on July 1-3, 2021 at the World Marriott on World Drive in South Orlando. The Commander and I will attend and there is the availability for four more people to attend either as a "Delegate" or "Alternate." The purpose of the delegates and alternates is for voting for the new Department Commander. Our Post has three delegate positions and three alternate positions. These are the "electors" from the Post to the Convention. If you are interested in seeing what other Posts are doing and learning more about the Legion in general, there are classes being held on position responsibilities as well as the General Session on Friday and Saturday. Attendance at the Convention is FREE except for a possible small parking fee at the resort. The Post pays the Legion fees for the delegates and alternates. And we recommend that a "box lunch" be brought with you as the food prices at the resort are rather high and there is a mad scramble during the "allotted" lunch break. So, mark your calendar now for this annual event.

Do not forget, you can attend the meetings using your phone, laptop, desktop, or tablet. There is even a way to "dial in" with your phone if you don't have internet access. And we hope to be able to stream the meeting and events on Facebook Live, but we are still working on that. We would love to have your input and ideas on how to improve the Post and future activities.

Take care and stay well.





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Copy MUST be emailed to the editor as a jpg or Publisher file but payment MUST be mailed to the Post's PO Box or hand delivered to the Post by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Happy Pi Day, Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy April Fool's Day, Happy Easter and "Happy" all the other holidays that fall in March and April!

As with the other parts of our Legion Family, our Unit has continued to meet via Zoom due to the pandemic. **AND, our participation has increased!** We now have members who live in other parts of the country join us for our meetings and because our Constitution and By-Laws allow this, these members can fully participate just like they were sitting in a meeting room with us. Even though we will eventually start meeting in person again soon (we hope,) we will keep making Zoom available.

Even though we are meeting remotely, we are still busy carrying out the programs of the Auxiliary. All of our schools have been contacted about the Americanism Essay Contest and Girls State and we will be contacting our elementary schools about the Scholastic Achievement Awards in early April.

Our Girls State interviews were held socially distanced in-person at the Post on Sunday afternoon, February 28th. As of the writing of this article, we have seven outstanding candidates from five different high schools, some from as far away

as Avalon Park and Winter Garden because their local Units were not sending anyone to Girls State this year. Because this newsletter was prepared before our interviews were held, our selected delegates and a few pictures will be posted in the May-June newsletter.

Our March meeting will feature the judging of the Americanism Essay contest entries. We have been notified by a few schools that they have students who will enter the contest this year. All entries received will be scanned and emailed to all members so that you have time to read them and chose your favorites before our meeting on March 16th.

Awards presentations at our schools will be done a little differently this year due to the pandemic. Even though our schools have been open for face-to-face learning, the schools will not be holding their traditional end of the year assemblies with all 5th grade students and their families in attendance. Instead, the schools will be video taping the presentations and our certificates and medals will be dropped off at the schools prior to the end of the year so they can be included in the packets sent home with the students. Even students who are still doing distance learning from home will be considered for the Scholas-

tic Achievement medals and these students can also submit essays for the Americanism Essay contest.

The 6th District meeting was held at Mount Dora Post 35 on February 20th. For the first time since the pandemic began, the District Auxiliary held their meeting both in-person and via Zoom. This is the first meeting in almost a year that was attended by Unit 112 members and we were well represented. Before the pandemic, our Unit always had a few members attend these meetings so we do hope that in the future, all 6th District meetings will have a remote option.

We learned just prior to publication that our Post Commander lost his Brother-in-Law due to a massive heart attack. Please keep Jim, Clare and the entire Middlekauff family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.

We welcome new Veteran spouses along with the mothers, sisters, grandmothers and granddaughters who would like to actively support our military, our youth and our community through our community service projects. To become involved, please call Nell at 321.303.7445.

Check out our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>
or our website at:

www.AmLegionAux112FL.com
to see what we've been doing.



Notes from Our Service Officer

Senate Confirms McDonough as VA Secretary

The Senate approved Denis McDonough as the next Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). According to Military Times, he will be the second non-veteran confirmed to lead the VA. McDonough served as White House Chief of Staff under former President Barack Obama.

SecDef Makes Masks Mandatory on All Military Installations

Newly appointed Secretary of Defense (SecDef) Lloyd J. Austin has ordered all service members and civilians on U.S. military installations - whether indoors or outdoors - to wear a mask to try to limit the spread of COVID-19, with limited exceptions. Steven Lieberman, Acting Principal Deputy Undersecretary, claimed infection control remains a high priority for the VA. The agency has given more than 1.3 million tests and the VA telehealth usage has increased by more than 1,400 percent. According to [Military.com](https://www.military.com), 121 VA employees and 9,200 VA patients have died from COVID-19. Since December 2020, the VA has provided more than 500,000 vaccines for "high-risk" veterans at 258 sites. In January 2021, the VA gave permission for veteran caregivers to also receive the vaccine at no charge. Vaccinations will be offered in accordance with the VA's phased risk stratification framework and will build upon elements outlined in the [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan for the Veterans Health Administration](#). Veterans and their caregivers can get the latest information and sign up to receive updates on the [VA's COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#). For a caregiver to get a vaccine they should contact their local Caregiver Support Coordinator. A list of Caregiver Support Coordinators can be [found online](#).

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update: Navy Seaman-USS Oklahoma.

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TODAY!**

Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

It has been pretty quiet here at the Squadron lately. I think it is pretty safe to say that we have had enough of Zoom meetings; but in-person meetings are still a ways off. Meanwhile, we will be virtually meeting with our 6th District comrades to work on different ways to deliver our support to the Legion family and keeping safe at the same time. These are some challenging times, and we will rise to serve. Please let us know if your Sons can do anything to serve you.

For God and Country,
Jim Carten, Squadron Commander

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- 4 Miles, Milton D
- 5 Saffioti, Gerald R Jr
- 6 Sears, Perry W
- 9 Brown, Richard C
- 10 Rosa, Juan M
- 12 Padgett, Aunita E
- 13 Azurin, Rodney A
- 14 Thompson, Madelda
- 14 Dover, Billy G Jr
- 16 Henriquez, Joseph A Jr
- 16 Coleman, Charles Jr

- 18 Braga, Cirilo B
- 25 Nazario, Rafael
- 26 Carden, James W Jr
- 27 Martin, Patricia A
- 29 Pohl, Stephen L
- 30 Horas, Thomas
- 31 Bonilla, Felix

APRIL

- 1 Leonard, George W III
- 3 Sprague, Donald A
- 5 Squire, Billy L Sr
- 5 Reedy, Jerry R
- 6 Rosado, Antonio
- 6 Holcomb, Gregory A
- 7 Agosto, Epifanio
- 8 Azurin, Chester R

- 10 Shoff, Sherwood A
- 17 Hanna, Leo C
- 24 Kelly, Patrick J



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Legion Family Members Helping Legion Family Members



Thanks to the generous donation of Auxiliary member, Aunita Padgett, we were able to provide our Vice Commander with a motorized chair after he suffered a stroke recently.

Legion Family Recognized by Eastbrook Elementary

We would like to thank and recognize Bob and Nell Colbert and American Legion Post 112 for donating the American, POW, and state flag to Eastbrook Elementary. Both Bob and Nell are members of the American Legion Post 112 and have been active at Eastbrook both as parents and volunteers. We are thankful for their kind service and their dedication to making Eastbrook a better place. The new donated flags will be flown with pride.



~pulled from the Eastbrook Elementary Facebook page



Looking for USN, USMC and USCG honorably discharged veterans to join the Fleet Reserve Association. You do not have to be retired, just a veteran. Dues are \$40.00 per year, BUT Branch 117 will pay half your dues for the first year when you join. We meet at the American Legion Post 112 in Winter Park every 3rd Saturday of the month at 0930. Contact Steve Miglionico at 407-301-6256.

THE AMERICAN LEGION



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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2 SAL Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
- 9 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM - ZOOM
- 9 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
- 16 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM

APRIL

- 6 SAL Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
- 13 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM - ZOOM
- 13 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
- 20 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM

Please see our website for additional dates and more detailed info about each event.

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