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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Post 112 members:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and off to a great New Year. Perhaps some attended the Annual Christmas Dinner/Party at Perkins and enjoyed the time with others.

As some of you have noticed by being present, we have made many changes to your Post and it is really looking like an active Post again. Unfortunately, I cannot be there daily, but when I am there several people stop by. If you have not been there, stop by for a meeting or attend the Sons Pancake Breakfast (next one Jan 25, 2020). Commander Carten and his crew serve up some good chow, so come join them.

I am still working on getting a new sign by the roadway, and we are making progress on that. I can't wait to see the new LED sign to advertise our Post by showing events and announce other items.

The Four Chaplains Ceremony is on track for February 1st at 11:00, so plan on attending.

With the new requirements for membership, we need to beat the bushes and find new members to join us. This is something all members can do by talking to other Veterans about the new changes. "Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 is now eligible to join, including Active Duty" so let's get the word spreading.

The Post picnic is looking more like happening after the first of the year due to holidays, travel, etc. so look forward to that happening soon into the New Year.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for all they do to help the Post and assist Veterans.

Past Commander Costello is looking for someone to Chair the Boys State program; he has done his time and has done an outstanding job, but it is time to pass the wand to someone else.

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Further, I will not be running for the Commander position again. It has been a pleasure being the Post Commander; however, my two years has taken its toll and I also must pass the wand. I don't plan on disappearing, so I will still assist with whatever I can. The Post is in great shape, so whoever takes the helm will have an awesome Post to work with and great members.

Take care and have a GREAT New Year. For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff

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Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Welcome to 2020! As the American Legion, we cannot support a particular candidate or party publicly. You are, of course, encouraged to make your own decisions and privately support anyone you choose. Please DO NOT wear and LEGION markings, such as CAP or SHIRT or JACKET to ANY political rally. It is your duty to make these selections to the best of your ability and everyone needs to VOTE.

We end 2019 with some things in the works. The Son's have resumed their now bi-monthly breakfasts for the veterans at the VA nursing home. One of the veterans is a member of our Post, and it was good to see him. And, of course, the parking lot changes and wheelchair access after losing our front parking. The new fence was another change that was both good and bad as it hides our Post sign. We have a new sign under contract and the permits have been issued so it should happen soon. And adding guest speakers to the General Meetings was another change.

Coming in 2020, the Boys State Selection will happen in February and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Judging will be held at the February meeting, so put it on the calendar to attend. We sent four boys to Boy's State. The Auxiliary will hold their Girl's State interviews on February 23rd.

Speaking of elections – the Post elections will be coming up in June BUT, since we only have two more newsletters by then, I need to mention it now. The positions, this year, are: Commander; 1st Vice Commander (Membership & Recruiting);

2nd Vice Commander (Activities and Post facility); Finance (the Bookkeeper); Chaplain (he who keeps us straight with the Supreme Commander); and Sgt-At-Arms (keeps us “in line” at the Post). As your Adjutant, I have generally headed up the “nominating committee”, so I am making a noise now. Commander Middlekauff has done an outstanding job but he is asking to be relieved. He has been acting as the 2nd Vice Commander as well as the Commander and needs relief.

Advertising in the newsletter helps us to reduce the Post's expense in sending out the newsletter to those members who do not have access to a computer for whatever reason. We spend just over \$1 each to mail the newsletters for those who must go by US Mail. **We will not forget ANY veteran**, so we have an obligation to see that every member gets a copy of the newsletter. In this issue, we are adding two new advertisers to the list of supporters. The mailed copy is in black and white while the electronic version is available in color on the WEB and by email.

STAY CURRENT! The Post's WEB page has an EXPANDED calendar that is updated constantly. Go to the WEB page at <http://www.wpflpost112.org> for the latest information, especially between newsletters.

Finally, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! May 2020 be the best year possible for all.

Happy New Year!



ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Would your business like to advertise in our Post newsletter? This newsletter, with distribution via email and USPS to over 200 members and organizations, is now accepting advertising for our monthly newsletters.

Advertising rates per issue are as follows:

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1/2 page - \$ 18.00 (7 3/4"w x 4 3/4" or 3 3/4"w x 9 3/4")
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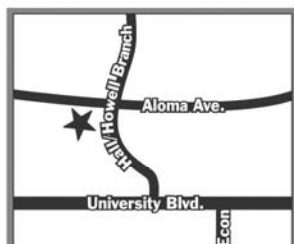
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert



2020 Membership

As of the last Friday Report posted by Department, Unit 112 leads the 6th District in membership with 20 paid members for 2020 or 91% of our goal. Cathy has done an awesome job of calling members who have not yet sent in 2020 dues. We were saddened to learn that Anita Yerkes and her family are moving from the area and that Nancy Waterworth's husband passed away awhile back. We also discovered that the phone numbers we had on file for a few members were no longer in service. If you've changed your phone number, please remember to let Nell know so our records stay current. Senior dues are \$36 and Junior dues are \$12. Please bring your check to the Unit meeting, mail your check to the Unit at PO Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246, or pay on-line by logging in to your account:

<https://members.legion-aux.org>

Please remember, your 2019 dues expire as of 12/31 and that means that you cannot enter any American Legion Post—your dues must be paid for the current year (2020.) If you don't know whether or not you've paid for 2020, please call Nell at 321.303.7445.

And, if you know of a friend or family member who is a Veteran, please remind them to join the Legion so that their spouse

(male or female) can join the Auxiliary.

Recent Projects

We delivered to Department's Fall Conference about \$1300.00 in various items for the homeless female Veterans project thanks to the generous donations from our Unit members, their co-workers and friends, Post 112, SAL 112, Post 243, and other Legion family members.



We also provided all the non-perishable food needed for a nice Thanksgiving dinner as part of our annual Thanksgiving Eastbrook Elementary fill-the-backpack project. With donations from our Post and our



SAL, we were able to fill 50 backpacks with Thanksgiving goodies. It was great to have Terry Berrios join us for this annual event.

And, of course, the Christmas season would not be complete without our annual Holiday Food Basket project for Veteran families who need a little help at Christmas. Marge,

Cathy, and Nell joined Legion and SAL members to shop for the Post's Angel Tree project and then proceeded to shop for our basket goodies.



Upcoming Projects

We're now getting information out to our schools about our Americanism Essay contest and our Poppy poster contest with the elementary schools and, of course, interviewing high school junior girls for the 2020 Girls State program. Our interviews will take place on Feb 23rd and we'd love to have all of our members participate. Come to the Post at 1pm for set up, interviews begin at 2pm. And, of course, the Four Chaplain's service is set for 2/1/2020 beginning at 11am at the Post.

Hope to see you soon!

As always, we welcome new ladies who would like to actively support our military, our youth and our community through our community service projects. To become involved, please call us at 321.578.8612.

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

On Thursday, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing, "Privatized Housing: Are Conditions Improving for Our Military Families?" to discuss improving privatized military housing for our military families. The CEO's from the five largest privatized military housing companies gave their perspectives and plans for bringing family housing back to the level our military families deserve. The subcommittee has been conducting extensive oversight of the privatized military family housing program and expressed concerns over systemic failures with the military and provided graphic and disturbing testimony about lead and mold exposure, rodent infestations, rude and dismissive from military spouses.

VA Claim Exams or C&P Exams The VA claim exam, also called a C&P exam, is different from a regular medical appointment because the examiner won't prescribe any medicine or treat you for your disability. This exam occurs only if you file a compensation or pension claim. It is a part of the claim review process and helps VA determine if your disability is service connected, the level of your disability, or if your condition should receive an increased rating due to it worsening. The amount of time

the examiner spends with you during your exam depends on what conditions you claimed and if VA needs more information to make a decision. The length of your visit could be very short, or last an hour or more. However, a mental-health evaluation typically lasts two to four hours. **THE EXAMINER MAY:** Ask you questions Observe your behavior Perform a limited physical exam Simply review your file with you Each exam is different. Remember, your in-person visit is only one part of the claim review process. Typically, examiners spend time before and/or after your appointment reviewing your medical records. Even if your visit is short, he or she is still carefully reviewing your claim.

THE VA CLAIM PROCESS

Claim Received STEP 1
Under Review STEP 2
Gathering of Evidence STEP 3
Review of Evidence STEP 4
Preparation for Decision STEP 5
Pending Decision Approval STEP 6
Preparation for Notification STEP 7
Complete

The Defense **POW/MIA** Accounting Agency announced three new identifications: 2 Navy (USS Oklahoma), 1 Army (Korea).

Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

Squadron 112 restarted our Veterans' Saturday Pancake Breakfast on November 30. We had 8 veterans and staff visit us from the Lake Nona VA and was good to see some familiar faces again. The breakfast will be held every other month with our next event scheduled for Saturday, January 25. Our breakfasts are now catered by Perkins Restaurant. Come out for some great food, fun, and fellowship with our veterans. Our suggested donation is \$5.

We also recognized Ares Diehl with his S.A.L. Five Star Award, the first one in our Squadron. Congratulations, Ares!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2020!

For God and Country,
Jim Carten, Commander, Squadron 112






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Christmas Party Pictures



Our annual Legion Family holiday party was held at Perkins on December 20th. It was great to see Jerry Dress, one of our oldest Legionnaires, and Calen and Ares Diehl, our youngest S.A.L. members. It was also great to see Aunita Padgett and Virginia Saunders, Charter members of our Auxiliary Unit.



Jim Middlekauff recognized his command staff along with recognizing SAL Commander Jim Carten and Auxiliary members Marge Berrios and Nell Colbert for all they do to help our Post.



Jerry Dress presented framed puzzles to several people who have been especially helpful to him over the last year or so as he has dealt with health issues.

And to end the fun night, everyone enjoyed the gift exchange.



Thanks to the Post for paying for everyone's meal again this year.



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Angel Tree Project



Last year Post 112 began participating in the Angel Tree project through the VA and this year, the family we selected was a family of four; a Dad and his three children, two girls and a boy. Again this year, our Auxiliary members, Marge, Cathy, and Nell helped with the shopping, and we were joined by several of our S.A.L. members who also assisted with the shopping. We invaded Target on the morning of 11/26 to look for a bicycle and bike lock for Dad, clothes and shoes for the girls, and a skateboard and clothes for the little boy. While it didn't take much time to find the items on their wish list, it was so gratifying to be able to help this Veteran family. The Auxiliary also



opted to make this family a recipient of one of their Christmas Veteran food baskets. Not only does the basket contain all the non-perishable fixins for a nice Christmas dinner, it also includes other staples that the family can use after the holidays and a \$25 Publix gift card for the family to use as needed.

Legion Family Recruiting

For the last several years, Auxiliary Unit 112 has been invited to participate at the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook Elementary School. This year, we made it a full family recruiting event. Marge, Cathy, and Nell, along with Adjutant Bob Colbert, set up the booth and distributed flags and Poppies to all the Veterans who attended the breakfast. We also had membership information available and spoke with each family about the changes in the Legion Family membership requirements. This is always a fun event and we are able to support the school as well as enjoy fellowship with the Veteran families at the school. After the breakfast, everyone was treated to entertainment by the schools Chorus, the Lake Howell High School NJROTC drill teams and Lake Howell's jazz band.





Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

JANUARY

2 Martin, Drew
2 Smith, Rhonda
8 Hohman, Glenn
11 Diehl, Ares
12 Loveitt, Lucille
12 Smith, Stephen
13 Telson, Rene
15 Brasher, Lawrence
15 Smith, Robert
17 Roberts, Wayne
19 Kraeger, Russell

FEBRUARY

21 Travers, Charles
21 Yerks, Kenneth
22 Purdy, Todd
25 Colbert, Russell
2 Moreno, Jasmine
6 Flanagan, Donald
6 Menier, Herbert
7 Ackley, Wayne
8 Dearden, Miles
8 Posada, Eduardo
10 Colbert, Robert
16 Kaiser, E Joseph
18 Sines, Irvin
21 Gagne, Lisa
23 Boyle, William

23 Brown, Donn
24 Anderson, Charles
24 Towles, Robin
27 Diehl, Cathy
27 Paquin, Joseph



The Four Chaplains Service



American Legion Post 112

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 7 Son's Meeting - 7 PM
- 14 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM
- 14 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
- 25 Breakfast at the Post - 8 AM to 11 AM

FEBRUARY

- 1 FOUR CHAPLAIN'S CEREMONY - 11 AM
- 4 Son's Meeting - 7 PM
- 11 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
- 23 Girl's State Interviews - 1 PM

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

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The Chaplain's Corner

Most of the time we pray when we are having a time of Desperation. As in all military service we would recite the Lord's Prayer and it explains that God will be with us in times of desperation. Psalm 34:5 *Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. 6 In my desperation I prayed, and the LORD listened; he saved me from all my troubles. 7 For the angel of the LORD is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.*

During the Christmas celebration as well as the New Year's celebration we should celebrate the beginning of eternal life. We need to look for the positive's in our lives and during the difficult times remember just as David did, we need to listen to what the Lord has to say and pray in at all times when we are blessed and in times of desperation.

As we celebrate the FOUR CHAPLAIN's Service on February 1, 2020, 11:00 A.M. think about those who were in desperation of their lives with the ship sinking and what giving by faith was accomplished by the Four Chaplains.

Prayer:

Please keep all our Veterans and their families in your loving arms, keep our military personnel, first responders and their families in your loving arms. God grant us the things to keep us safe in times of trouble. This we ask in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.