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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2019. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and enjoyed the Post Christmas dinner get-together (for those that could make it). The Post provided some much-needed assistance to other Veterans that were not as fortunate as others during this time. Thank you to Past Commander Costello who helped organize a family in need as well as our Auxiliary Unit who assisted with the shopping. Perhaps 2019 we will be able to help more Veterans and families. I look forward to the New Year and having more programs at the Post. To start with, we will have our annual Four-Chaplains ceremony (Tentatively for Feb. 2) and will have more information on that as we move into the new year and scheduling of events. Along with this, we have an Eagle Scout project in the works to honor the Four Chaplains that will be permanently on display when completed. We do not have a completion date for this as yet, but it will be a really nice presentation I'm sure and greatly appreciate this effort. Another project will be the installation of our gas grill that was donated by Dyke Shannon out in the pavilion area. We will have a totally new look this year thanks to TDK construction and efforts of our members to make "our Post" more appealing. Our first "Post work day" was somewhat of a success. The members that could attend were able to complete many items on the work list. I want to send a special thanks to Jerry Wargo, a Fleet Reserve Association Branch 117 member who brought his pressure washer and cleaned up the entire back area of the Post voluntarily. There is still plenty to do and efforts are moving forward to make repairs to the Post, painting by TDK and signage by the roadway once we have an approved estimate. Our parking area is now in the back or rear of the post with entrance by the cell tower entrance. I am working with the Seabees to see if we can get some assistance to make the ground work more solid for driving on. I hope to get the Pancake Breakfast going again at the end of January, so stay tuned for that.

Our membership efforts are going strong and we appreciate everyone who renews. The American Legion is going strong, but we can always use new members or keep the present ones. If you know of a fellow Veteran that qualifies, feel free to bring them to a meeting or just get them to sign up. The First Vice, Steve Miglionico has initiated some new ideas to contact members and it seems to be working well. Thank you Steve for this assistance.

Be safe and hope to see more members at the Post in 2019. For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

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From Stephen's Korner—S. Miglionico

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday and let's look forward to the 2019 year.

First thing on the mind of Post 112 is membership. We currently have 44 members who have not paid their 2019 dues yet. I have been calling and sending post card reminders and members are stepping up and paying their dues. We are striving again for 100% renewals.

If you have not paid your dues yet, go get your checkbook and write a check for \$38.00 to American Legion Post 112. Then mail it to American Legion Post 112, P. O. Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733. See how simple that was. Thanks.

It is important that the Post keeps up to date information on you. If you change your phone number, address, e-mail, please let me know. It is even more important that we know if a member is deceased. We hold a special ceremony (Post Everlasting) for deceased members. The spouse/friend/family member should notify us either by phone, mail or in person.

R/Steve

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Wreaths Across America

This nationwide program celebrates those veterans who are interred in cemeteries across the nation on the 3rd Saturday in December each year and this was the first time that our Post participated in event at the Palms Cemetery on N New York Avenue in Winter Park. There are Post members interred here so we were proud to participate. Ted Costello and Bob Colbert represented the Post this year. We sincerely hope that we can have Post representation at both this cemetery and at Pineywood Cemetery on Lakemont Avenue next year. For more information, you can visit <http://wreathscrossamerica.org> where the history and details are available.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2018 is now over and we can look forward to 2019. With the new year comes some changes around the Post. Among other things, you may have noticed the new roadway and fence around the Post. These changes came from the apartment development behind the building but in the process, we lost parking along the front of the building. The first thought was to park on the grass in front of the Post; there is a gate of sorts that will be put there. But, that turned out to be a bad idea. The grass is soft and the traffic on it would destroy the looks of the Post from the roadway as well as present some issues for those walking across it. So, it was decided that the parking would be at the "rear" of the Post, in the Cellular Tower area. There is a gate at the end of the road by the apartments where the curbing is lower and it will allow traffic into the back side of the Post. There is also a door in to the building on that side that will be available during meetings and activities for access. The concrete pad by the fence line (inside the fence) will become handicapped parking and we are working to put in a sidewalk from the handicapped parking around to the front where the ramp will allow our less mobile members to come inside. We are also improving the lighting around the outside of the building to give everyone a safe pathway.

Membership is being handled by Steve Miglionico as far as making contact for renewals in addition to the notices that National sends out. Steve has helped get us past 70% and he is working to get us to 100% by the end of January. If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please drop your check in the mail today as your 2018 membership expired on December 31st.

Another project in progress is the updating of the Post's Constitution and By-Laws as well as adding "Standing Rules" which will be something new for us. The current Constitution and By Laws are

available on the Post's WEB page - <http://www.wpflpost112.org> and you can see the tab on the left side of the page. We hope to have the amendments ready in the near future but there is no specific date. If you have something to propose, send it to me and I will share it with the Commander and the Executive Board to consider your suggestion. Also, suggestions for the Standing Rules are requested. The reason for the Standing Rules is that National has recommended that items like dues and meeting days be covered there rather than in the actual Constitution and By Laws, thus allowing us to keep things current with a minimum amount of work.

Let's all make it to the January meeting to hear what else is new and upcoming. February will be the meeting where we will be selecting our four Boy's State candidates and their alternates.

We had a bang up Christmas Party at Perkins. This year, we actually had the biggest group ever and everyone had a great time. Next year, we may need to go someplace else to accommodate the larger crowd. There are some pictures from the party throughout this newsletter.

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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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1/4 page - \$ 10.00 (3 3/4"w x 4 3/4"l)
1/2 page - \$ 18.00 (7 3/4"w x 4 3/4"l or 3 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)
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If paid in advance for FIVE ISSUES, THE SIXTH ISSUE IS FREE!

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.

COPY DEADLINES:

Jan-Feb issue—15December
Mar-April issue—15February
May-June issue—15April
July-August issue—15June
September-October issue—15August
November-December issue—15October

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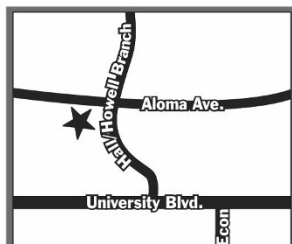
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

What a busy couple of months we've had.

Eastbrook Veterans Day Program

We participated in the Eastbrook Elementary School Veterans Day program on 11/9. We had a booth to distribute Poppies to the families attending. We also talked about the Auxiliary and its benefits for military families.



Eastbrook Food Pantry

In November we provided all the fixins for a great Thanksgiving dinner for 72 families at the school. Thanks to our Post and S.A.L. Squadron for providing funding assistance



for our project—we could not have done it without your support!



Poppies

To help us raise money to fund our Christmas basket project, we had a Poppy booth at Oviedo in the Park for Veterans Day.



Christmas Baskets for Veterans

Just in time for Christmas, we delivered four overflowing food baskets to Eastbrook Elementary to be given to Veteran families in need. Each basket contained food items for a nice holiday dinner worth about \$100 along with a \$25 gift certificate for Publix.

2019 Membership

If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues, your Auxiliary membership has expired! Dues for 2019 should be sent to :

ALA Unit 112
PO Box 2246
Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246

Senior dues are \$36 and Junior dues are \$12. Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their 2018-2019 dues. As of 12/15/18, the following members have paid their 2019 dues:

Marge Berrios
Theresa Berrios

Nell Colbert
Rory Colbert
Christine Costello
Takako Cunningham
Cathy Diehl
Mary Doyle
Staci Klinger
Cheryl Knapp
Aunita Padgett
Joanne Russell
Debi Shannon

Girls State

We will be interviewing candidates from local high schools on the last Sunday on February, 2019.

Americanism Essay Contest

We will be visiting schools in early January to present this years' essay contest information. Essays will be judged in late February and the winning essay writers will receive an essay medal at the end-of-the-year graduation ceremonies.

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

Welcome to the New VA.gov — Built with Veterans, for Veterans

This new site offers one place to access all VA benefits and health care services. I have used it personally and is easy to navigate, log into and find information you cannot get by making phone calls. You can sign in with your My HealtheVet, DS Logon, or ID.me account to track your claims, refill your prescriptions, and more. This started as Vets.gov but once you get there, it redirects you to VA.gov. Below are some of the items you can find there by clicking on the links.

Health Care

[Refill and track your prescriptions](#)

[Send a secure message to your health care team](#)

[Schedule and view your appointments](#)

[View your lab and test results](#)

[Apply now for VA health care](#)

Disability

[Check your claim or appeal status](#)

[View your payment history](#)

[Upload evidence to support your claim](#)

[File for a VA disability increase](#)

[File a claim for compensation](#)

Education

[Check your Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits](#)

[View your payment history](#)

[Change your current education benefits](#)

[Compare GI Bill benefits by school](#)

[Apply for education benefits](#)

Records

[Get Veteran ID cards](#)

[Get your VA medical records](#)

[Download your benefit letters](#)

[Apply for a home loan COE](#)

[Request your military records \(DD214\)](#)

The VA Mission Act of 2018 provides new funding for the Veterans Choice program and will eventually (approximately 1 year) be replaced with the Mission Act. New laws, policies, training and regulation must be implemented prior to having a fully functional Community Care program. This will allow Veterans to choose/use facilities outside of the VA and have the service covered by the VA. Stand by for more on this as I find out more information.

Arlington National Cemetery Update:

With the holiday season in full force, volunteers are needed to place wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery for an annual event held every December to honor our nation's fallen veterans. The organization Wreaths Across America is looking for people to join them on National Wreaths Across America Day to place 246,700 wreaths on all headstones and markers at the Arlington, Virginia cemetery. This year, it will be held on Saturday, 15 DEC. A convoy of tractor trailers carrying more than 250,000 balsam wreaths will be leaving from Maine on 8 DEC for the weeklong voyage to Virginia.

The Wreaths Across America annual escort of handmade, balsam wreaths has become known as the country's longest veterans' parade. Marshal – National President of American Gold Star Mothers Inc., Becky Christmas – will lead the caravan as it travels down the East Coast stopping at schools, memorials and other locations along the way

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to spread the mission to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH. More than 75,000 volunteers gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to take part in last year's event. In addition to volunteering, the non-profit group also seeks donors to help raise money for the wreaths. The cost to sponsor a veteran's wreath is \$15. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, go to www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

USS Thresher Memorial ► Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Project

U.S. senators from three New England states recently wrote a letter urging Secretary of the Army Mark Esper to consider the USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Project, to establish a monument honoring the 129 men who perished aboard the submarine. USS Thresher sank off the coast of New England April 10, 1963. The submarine was built and maintained at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In response to the Thresher tragedy, the U.S. Navy instituted a new program to ensure the health and safety of U.S. submarines, establishing the Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance Program. SUBSAFE is one of the world's most comprehensive military safety programs and has helped provide maximum protection for Navy crews. No SUBSAFE certified submarine has ever been lost.

MEMORIAL: Ray Chavez, widely recognized as the oldest-surviving veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor, died Wednesday at the age of 106. He spent nine days on continuous duty in and around Pearl Harbor and said the scenes he witnessed left deep emotional scars. Over the next four years he rose to the rank of Chief, serving on transport ships that delivered tanks and Marines to shore in eight Pacific battles. Although he wasn't injured during the war, he retired from the Navy in 1945 with psychological wounds from the terrible things he witnessed

POW/MIA Recoveries & Burials ► Reported NOV 2018.

"Keeping the Promise", "Fulfill their Trust" and "No one left behind" are several of many mottos that refer to the efforts of the Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serving our nation. The number of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century are: World War II 73,025, Korean War 7730, Vietnam War 1604, Cold War (126), Iraq and other conflicts (5). Family members seeking more information about missing loved ones may also call the following Service Casualty Offices: U.S. Air Force (800) 531-5501, U.S. Army (800) 892-2490, U.S. Marine Corps (800) 847-1597, U.S. Navy (800) 443-9298, or U.S. Department of State (202) 647-5470.

This week, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced 13 new identifications. Returning home with full military honors are: 5 Army (Germany), 3 Marine Corps (Vietnam, Korea and Pearl Harbor) and 5 Navy (Pearl Harbor) service members.





Legion Family Christmas Party

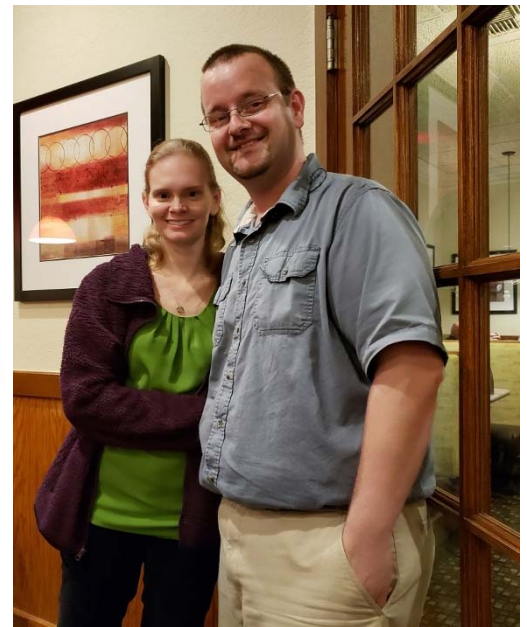
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Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

01/21 Yerkes, Kenneth
 01/25 Colbert, Russell

02/24 Anderson, Charles
 02/24 Towles, Robin
 02/27 Diehl, Cathy
 02/27 Paquin, Joseph

JANUARY, 2019

01/02 Smith, Rhonda
 01/08 Hohman, Glenn
 01/10 Martin, Druce (Drew)
 01/11 Diehl, Ares
 01/13 Telson, Pat
 01/15 Brasher, Lawrence
 01/15 Smith, Robert
 01/17 Roberts, Wayne
 01/19 Kreager, Russell
 01/21 Travers, Charles, Sr

FEBRUARY, 2019

02/06 Flanagan, Donald
 02/06 Menier, Herbert
 02/07 Ackley, Wayne
 02/08 Dearden, Miles
 02/08 Posade, Eduardo
 02/09 Hale, Philip, Jr
 02/10 Colbert, Bob
 02/18 Sines, Irvin, Jr
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CALENDAR

January

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 8 General Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
- 19 Fleet Reserve Meeting - 9:30 AM
- 23 Post "WORK DAY" - 9 AM - 2 PM
- 26 Son's Pancake Breakfast - 8 AM - 11 AM

February

- 4 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 5 Son's Squadron Meeting - 6 PM
- 12 General Meeting - 7 PM
- 16 Fleet Reserve Meeting - 9:30 AM
- 19 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM
- 23 Son's Pancake Breakfast 8 AM - 11 AM
- 27 Post "WORK DAY" - 9 AM - 2 PM

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