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## COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Post 112 members:

By now I hope everyone can “venture out” safely, taking all the necessary precautions. We are not over this Pandemic by a long shot yet and am really concerned that so many are not taking this more seriously. We must keep the faith that this will be less concerning by the end of this year. If you need anything, please do NOT hesitate to call me or one of our officers for assistance. Please be safe.

On a happier note; your Post is now OPEN. We had our first face-to-face and ZOOM meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and it went well. I had the Post set-up for “Social Distancing” as they say and along with masks, everyone was comfortable sitting in the Post again. It was a great feeling and pleasure to see some of our members venture out and attend our live meeting, as well as those attending via ZOOM. We will continue to serve the membership in this manner until further notice and until the CDC restrictions have been lifted. No food was served at this time, just your favorite coffee and water. With time, we may again have “snacks” available at the meeting.

We are not planning any major or large social events currently as well. It would be really nice to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and dedication of the really nice Four Chaplains monument by our flagpole. The Sons will be starting the Pancake Breakfast on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, but more to follow on that from Commander Carten. Personally, I would like to do something in August, but time will tell whether that may come about. With so many events being canceled, it is just too difficult to plan anything at this point and time and I’m sure you all understand why.

Thanks to ScoutsBSA Troop 613 and Tim Crumbly, we also now have an awesome looking retired flag collection box on the front porch of the Post. This was his Eagle Scout project and he made three of them! Thank you so much for this Tim. We will of course invite the troop to our ceremony and picnic later this year if we will

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**YAHOO!** GROUPS

**See Bob to  
sign up!**

**Do you**

**YAHOO!**

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be able to have something. If not an all-out get-together, perhaps minimum attendees and a ZOOM ceremony.

Please stay safe and take care until we meet again.

For God and Country.  
Jim Middlekauff  
Commander, Post 112



**2021 Legion Dues are now being accepted!  
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TODAY!**

## Membership Update—Bob Colbert

This year has been, at the very least, a challenge and, at the very best, it has been interesting. We ended the year with 130 members.

We did have a couple of important changes this year. Veterans who have honorably served since December 7, 1941 are now eligible to become members of the American Legion regardless of the time period served. This now opens membership to hundreds of veterans who were previously unable to join. Do you know anyone who falls into this category? Let them know. This change also affected the eligibility of their spouse to join the Auxiliary.

The Post will now be paying for any members who are World War II or Korean War veterans who are "Regular Members." The Post feels that it is the least that we can do for those who braved "The Great War" or the "Korean Conflict." This change was passed by our Executive Board in May. These members will still be receiving their July Membership Notice as we have no way to cancel it, but their cards will also be in the mail to them shortly after July 1<sup>st</sup>, when their dues can be paid to National. If you are a World War II or Korean War veteran, please **do NOT** send any dues money in. You are now and forever our honored guests.

Finally, the 2021 Membership Drive has started. The membership year is the calendar year but the membership drive is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and hopefully all dues are collected prior to the start of the new year.

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## Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

As we begin a new membership campaign for 2020-2021, let's look back at 2019-2020.

We had the Four Chaplain's Memorial ceremony in February and in April the memorial plaque was completed at the Post, leaving us with a continuing reminder of the sacrifices of those for brave men. We do intend to have a formal dedication of the memorial sometime later this summer or fall, conditions permitting.



We learned all about "social distancing" and have been able to continue keeping the Post alive with the use of ZOOM, a new online service that has been very helpful. We are still "social distancing" even at the Post with the chairs spaced out and we are continuing ZOOM so that you can actually see the meeting from home.



Our Memorial Day service was held on May 25th and was streamed live on our Facebook page as well as on Zoom. If you didn't see the video, you can watch it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL/videos/255263775785316/UzpfSTE0NjAzMzA0OTg6Vks6MTAxNTgyODM1NTIzODY5MTI/>

What used to be the "back porch" for the Post has become the "Front Door" for all intents and purposes. Since we lost the parking lot on the "road" side of the building, we are parking on the West side of the building so drive just past the building and you will see the gate to enter on the West side. There is plenty of parking, and there are two handicapped spaces (concrete pad) with a sidewalk and gate to get around the building

and come up the ramp on the East side of the building if needed.

Thanks to the hard work of Commander Middlekauff, all the above has happened this year! And, we have a new electronic sign on the Goldenrod Road side of the building. It is not quite like we wanted it, but it is according to Orange County code. We can now show upcoming events, etc., without having to worry about light bulbs burning out or messing with those old plastic letters.

And, Commander Middlekauff has agreed to remain our Commander for one more year! With all the local health problems and resulting turmoil, all the existing officers have agreed to remain in place for one more year and they were voted in at the June meeting. So, when you see the Commander, thank him for all his efforts and all that he has done. We are all volunteers and good volunteers are hard to find. We are hoping to have the "Installation of Officers" at the July meeting if possible. We don't know if it will be a "face to face" meeting or on ZOOM only. Stay tuned.

Let's all have a good summer and hope that life can get back to some semblance of order before long. Don't forget that we hope to be able to resume our "Breakfast at the Post" on the last Saturday in July. Since we are catered by Perkins, now, we do ask that you let us know in advance if you plan to attend. Call 407-212-7262 and leave your name and how many will be attending. This will tell us how many breakfasts to have ready.





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## Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and safe during this pandemic.

Even though our state has been under a Stay-at-Home order for the last couple of months, your Auxiliary Unit has still been busy. Our meetings switched from face-to-face meetings to Zoom video conference meetings. Now that the Post is open and we can have regular meetings again, we will continue to have Zoom available for those who can't attend in person.

We had a great speaker for our May meeting and our members got lots of valuable information from Dyke Shannon about the Legion LIT insurance program. We are working to bring in speakers at least once per quarter to talk about programs available in our community that are of interest to our members. **ALL Winter Park Legion family members are invited to attend our meetings whenever we have speakers.** The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, as part of their Elder Affairs office, has a program available where the county provides *Scent Preservation Kits* to families with vulnerable youth and adults—people with dementia or youth with Autism, for example—who might wander off. The scent kits are stored by the Sheriff's Office and can be used with the tracking dogs to help find missing individuals. **This program is confirmed for the Unit's August 18th meeting. See attached flyer.**

At our May meeting, we also confirmed that our 2019-2020 officers will hold their positions for another year. Our officers for 2020-2021

will be:

Marge Berrios, President  
Cathy Diehl, Vice President  
Nell Colbert, Secretary-Treasurer  
Debi Shannon, Chaplain  
Mary Doyle, Sgt.-at-Arms  
The Historian position is open. Please let Marge know if you would be interested in this vital position. We are also working on our committee leads for next year. If you have a passion for any of our programs, please let Marge know on which committees you'd like to serve.

We also held our annual Memorial Day Poppy drive and raised more than \$150 to support our Veterans holiday gift basket project. Special thanks to Brenda Brown, Marge Berrios, and Tijuana Flats for making this year's drive a success in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

And of course, it wouldn't be Memorial Day without helping the Post with the annual Memorial Day service. Nell streamed the service live to our Unit's Facebook page and also shared it with the Post's page. It was a moving service and while there were only four people participating at the Post, the service had many Facebook views and we also saw some of our members on Zoom.

We were notified in May that we were again awarded a grant by the Orange County East Rotary Club. The grant helps us fund Girls State and our many Children and Youth and Veterans projects throughout the year. While we usually receive the grant check at one of the regular Rotary meetings, this year the check was mailed to us since the club was not holding face-to-face meetings.

In mid-June Nell attended a Rotary meeting via Zoom to give the members an update on our Unit's activities.

We are anticipating that our installation of officers will be held in July in conjunction with the Legion and SAL installations on 7/14. We don't have a confirmed date as of this writing, so we do not know if the installation will be held face-to-face or be done via Zoom. We'll keep everyone posted as soon as the information is confirmed.

The 6th District Auxiliary has provided us with some dates for 2020-2021 as follows:

- 7/18 at Post 331, Orlando—6th District meeting
- 9/12 at Post 63, Winter Garden—6th District meeting
- 12/12 at Post 80, St. Cloud—6th District meeting
- 2/20/21 at Post 286, Pine Castle—6th District meeting
- 3/20/2021 at Post 55, Clermont—District Picnic
- 5/8/2021 at Post 53, Sanford—6th District Constitutional Convention

All members are encouraged to attend these 6th District meetings.

**As always, we welcome new Veteran spouses 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](http://www.AmLegionAux112FL.com) to see what we've been doing.**



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## Notes from Our Service Officer

WASHINGTON —Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemeteries will resume committal services in all but two national cemeteries on June 9, 2020. VA national cemeteries will begin contacting families who were unable to hold a committal service due to the COVID-19 pandemic to arrange memorial services for their loved ones beginning in July. VA national cemeteries will continue adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to prevent the spread of coronavirus by limiting the number of individuals attending committal services, practicing physical distancing between individuals not from the same household, ensuring all attendees and employees wear face coverings, encouraging frequent use of hand sanitizer, and asking sick individuals to stay home. The number of permitted attendees will vary based on state and local guidelines for gathering sizes provided the facility can accommodate larger groups while maintaining physical distancing. Families may continue to choose direct interment and opt for a memorial service at later date when restrictions have been lifted.

### Widow's Pension Is Need Based

The VA widow's pension is payable to families with relatively low incomes, including both a surviving spouse and unmarried children. In order to qualify, the veteran must meet the requirements of military service, and the family must meet yearly family income limitations.

To meet the military service requirement, the veteran must generally have wartime service. For those who served before Sept. 7, 1980, 90 days of active military service is necessary, and at least one of those days has to have been served during a war-time period. For those entering active duty after Sept. 7, 1980, at least 24 months of service is necessary unless the full period for which the servicemember was called to active duty was shorter. In addition, at least one day must have been during a war-time peri-

od. In addition, the veteran must not have been dishonorably discharged.

Eligible family members include the surviving spouse, but benefits end if the surviving spouse remarries. In addition, children of wartime veterans can receive benefits if they are under 18, under 23 and attending an approved educational institution, or incapable of self-support due to a disability before reaching age 18.

### OVAHCS Moving Forward While Staying Safe

The Orlando VA Healthcare System has had a total of 134 COVID-19 positive cases. Of these cases 101 are Veterans, 32 are employees and 1 is a Humanitarian. Those affected not requiring hospitalization will remain at home to reduce the risk of spreading to others. Remember, if you feel sick do not come to work. This is the most important step employees can take to ensure that our healthcare system remains operational to care for our Veterans.

### Appointment

*Your safety is our top priority.* As our sites of care begin to expand face-to-face services, please be advised of new changes in place. To ensure we are doing our part in protecting our Veterans, we ask that all Veterans comply with the screening steps, wear a face covering [If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you at the screening stations], and follow the signage throughout the facilities that promote social distancing. All of these protocols help to prevent possible exposure while we continue to keep our doors open.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from WWII and the Korean War. 2 Army Veterans from Korea and 1 Navy Veteran from USS Oklahoma.



## Boys State 2021—Bob Colbert

I think that everyone knows that Boy's State for 2020 was cancelled. If you didn't, it was cancelled due to the pandemic, and the money was moved forward to pay for our four youth for 2021. It was indeed unfortunate for the youth who had been selected to go, and they have missed an extraordinary experience. We were very sorry to hear of the cancellation but keeping the youth safe was the only choice.

I want to take a minute to thank one of Boy's State's greatest supporters! Ted Costello has been our Boy's State Chair for as long as I can remember. This past year, Ted had asked to be able to step down and I offered to take it on from him. We have had a Boy's State program at this Post for as long as I can remember, and we owe it all to Ted. He has contacted the schools and "vetted" the candidates prior to our actual selection in February. The Post and those boys who have attended Boy's State in the past thank you for your dedication over these past years. WELL DONE!

We will begin soliciting for young men who are juniors in high school to apply for the 2021 Boy's State event in the Fall. Selection is done at the February meeting as a rule, and we need a good member turnout at that meeting to help in selecting the four participants. Please mark your calendar NOW for the February 9th meeting and plan to attend to show these young men just how much support they can

get from Post 112.

We select four candidates and four alternates to attend. As a rule, all eight of the youth will be offered a chance to attend. There are many Posts who do not have a selection process for candidates and notify Department. These Posts have also paid for the youth to attend Boy's State and the Department will select "alternates" from other Posts to attend for them. The bottom line is that we will be selecting 8 boys to attend while the top four will be attending for us.

This year, we will begin to accept High School Juniors from several more schools. We will hold two sessions, like primary and general elections, where we will narrow down the candidates to the final eight or ten candidates. We will be contacting four schools this year and hopefully will get some candidates from each.

As a quick review for those who have never been involved, Boy's State and Girl's State are American Legion and Auxiliary events where high school Juniors going into Senior year are able to spend a week in Tallahassee at the Post Family's expense to become immersed in State and Local Government. The candidates become City Council members, County Commissioners, State Representatives, members of the State Supreme Court and even Governor and Lt Governor for the time. Each is asked to come to Tallahassee with a "bill" prepared to present and be able to argue it. Should the "bill" be

passed and signed by the "Governor" it will be passed on to the elected Florida Legislature for consideration. Over the years, several of these "bills" have become laws of the State of Florida. It is a busy week starting early and ending late and there is little or no time for sightseeing or leisure time. The candidates come back home with a much better idea of how government works. Two Boys State delegates and two Girls State delegates are selected out of the entire Boy's and Girl's State participants to go on to Boy's or Girl's Nation in Washington, DC. Our Auxiliary has had the honor of sending one of our Girl's State delegates on to Girl's Nation and who, from those experiences, went on to become an attorney now practicing in Washington DC. It is a "life changing" experience for many and everyone has come back with a much better idea of how government works.

We will begin in the Fall to contact the schools to begin preparations for the February selection. I could use some help in making contact with the schools and if we have more than ten candidates (and I hope that we will) to help with first elimination round. More on this to follow in coming newsletters.





## Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

Your Sons Squadron has missed being with you on Memorial Day and Flag Day. This social distancing, which is vital and necessary, has been trying for so many of us. We must keep in mind that this is necessary for us to come though this storm together.

With the State slowly reopening, we are moving to being able to use the Post for our activities so long as we maintain the proper distancing and sanitation protocols. It is our hope that we will be able to return to the Veterans breakfast in July.

Until then, I wish you all a happy and safe Independence Day. Be well and I hope to see you soon.

For God and Country,  
Jim Carten, SAL Commander

## School Medals (2020 Style) - Bob Colbert

With the pandemic issues this year, we did not present any medals in person. Only two schools responded to our request for recipient names this year. They were Red Bug Lake Elementary and Dommerich Elementary.

We delivered the medals and certificates to Dommerich Elementary and they distributed the medals as well as putting the winner's names on their "Morning Announcements" that are done on-line each day. See picture on the right.

Red Bug Lake Elementary actually "filmed" the presentation without the students and then added the pictures of the students in their announcement.

Hopefully, things will be back to something like normal for next year and we will be back to the usual number of schools.

## 2021 Oratorical Contest - Bob Colbert

Each spring, the Department of Florida hosts an Oratorical Contest where District level winners compete for a nice scholarship and a chance to compete in the national contest. The 6th District Oratorical contest, which also offers a scholarship, is set for February 13th at Post 55 in Clermont. At our January Post meeting we will be conducting our Post Oratorical Contest and we need someone to champion this event by contacting our local area high schools to garner participants.

For those not familiar with the contest, students are given 6-8 topics ahead of time for which they research and prepare to speak extemporaneously for about 3 minutes. In order to give the students time to prepare, information should go out to the five high schools in our area after Thanksgiving but before Christmas break in mid-December. In the past, our Post has also offered a scholarship as an incentive to get students to do the prep work over the holidays to be successful in our contest.

If you would be interested in getting more information about being the Post 112 Oratorical Champion, please contact Bob Colbert at [bcolbert@usa.net](mailto:bcolbert@usa.net) or call 407-619-9611.

### American Legion Awards



James Xander  
Mrs. Teague

The award is given to a boy and a girl in the graduating classes of elementary school, junior and senior high school, and college.

Those who receive a medal exemplify six qualities that define character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service.

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Sophia Pitts  
Mr. Riegle





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5	Fonseca	David
10	Berry	Peter
10	Garceau	John
12	Furbush	Alan
14	McCollum	Bill
19	Velkavrh	Joseph
21	Settles	Den
24	Pinter	Rene
27	Evans	Douglas
28	Brown	Terrance

28	Wartell	Lawrence
29	Colado	Guy

### AUGUST

5	Colbert	Ryan
6	Diehl	Caylen
6	Kauffman	Russell
8	Belcher	Charles
11	Dress	Gerard
17	Singleton	Leon
19	Knapp	John
19	Leimer	Sharon
20	Klinger	Staci
20	Knapp	Cheryl
21	Kuhn	Charles
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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## CALENDAR

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Son's Meeting - 7 PM **ZOOM ONLY**
- 14 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM **ZOOM ONLY**
- 14 Post General Meeting - 7 PM **ZOOM ONLY**
- 18 Fleet Reserve - 9:30 AM **ZOOM ONLY**
- 21 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM **ZOOM ONLY**
- 25 Breakfast at the Post 8 AM - 11 AM—**PENDING**

### AUGUST

- 4 Son's Meeting - 7 PM & on ZOOM
- 11 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM & on ZOOM
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM & on ZOOM
- 15 Fleet Reserve - 9:30 AM & on ZOOM
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 18 Primary Election Day
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM & on ZOOM

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

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