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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionaries of Post 112:

By now, I would think that most everyone has received your vaccination shots and hopefully with no side effects. It is a good feeling to feel somewhat safe again; however, I understand some reluctance to rid yourself of wearing a mask. By now, it is kind of like putting on your seat belt in the car! We have been having "blended" meetings now, with some at the Post and others still on ZOOM and is working well. We will continue with this until further notice.

It was a GREAT showing at the Posts' Memorial Day Ceremony, and I thank all those that took the time to come out and pay respects to all the military Veterans who have served but are not with us now. The Centurion Battalion Sea Cadets also did an outstanding job of assisting with the ceremony set-up/tear down and Color Guard duties. Our Auxiliary also helped with decorating, and special thanks to Marge Berrios, Auxiliary President, for reading the poem "In Flanders Field" as part of our ceremony. It was unfortunate that the wrong time was sent out by another organization in a mass e-mail of events; and even though a correction was sent out, there were still people showing up after our ceremony was over. Even though the Mayor of the City of Winter Park was not able to make it due to an accident, I have heard from several that it was a very meaningful ceremony. We can only get better at doing these!

I was thinking of having a Post 4th of July picnic on Independence Day, but with the convention and families with other plans we will pass for this year. This is the annual celebration of nationhood, commemorating the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Perhaps later in the Fall we can have a get-together when the temperatures are also more favorable to be outside. I hope you all have a great Summer and can enjoy some of the Florida activities, even with the heat of summer. Keep hydrated outside-even at the beach **Continued on Page 2**

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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

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for those enjoying being there.

We recently installed Laguna Oak vinyl flooring in the post and removed the old carpet that has been there for years. Also, we will be removing the tile around the kitchen area to eliminate trip hazards due to the differences in the height between the two flooring types. This will also improve the look immensely.

We held our election for 2021-2022 officers and will be doing the installation of officers at our July meeting. We do have some positions open, so please step-up if you are able.

Membership is at 85% and I know we can do better. Talk to other Veterans about us. *"Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, is now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so bring them to a meeting and check out our awesome Post.

With that, please stay safe and take care until we can meet again.

For God and Country.

Jim Middlekauff, Commander, Post 112

2022 Legion Dues are now being accepted!
Please send your \$38 check to
PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!

From Stephen's Korner—Stephen Miglionicio

July begins the membership campaign for the 2022 membership year. We did not make 100% membership this year, but with all that has been going on, we understand. We hope to be able to make 100% membership in 2022 but it will need your help.

Just to clarify, the dues for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron are \$20/year. The dues for Legion members are \$38/year. Auxiliary dues are \$36 per year for Senior members and \$12 per year for Juniors (those under 18.)

The membership year runs the calendar year, but the membership campaign runs from July the year before through June of the membership year.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

We are beginning another year and the Post is coming back to life! We have a new floor (which eliminated the musty odor), and we have a new set of steps on the West side of the building, where the parking lot is now located. We have a new roof. We have the Four Chaplain's Memorial by the flagpole. Our fire pit has been covered with a top to eliminate the gaping hole. We have two handicapped parking spaces on the West side with a firm pathway around to the ramp. And of course, we have the new fence and new sign out front. So, we have been busy keeping things going for you, our members and, I must say, that we owe almost all of it to Commander Middlekauff, Sgt at Arms Kraeger, Rene Pinter, Chaplain Dover, and other members of the Post. These are just the visible things. The building has been re-piped and other plumbing issues have been resolved. So, if you have not been to the Post, you are in for a treat!

Welcome our new (2021-2022) Post Officers and staff:

Commander & Service Officer Middlekauff
Vice Commander Miglionico
Chaplain Dover
Sgt at Arms Kraeger
Adjutant & Finance Officer Colbert
Scouting Chair Gagne
Trustee Shannon

The installation of these fine people will be held at the Post on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7 PM and the 6th District staff will be swearing them in. Members are invited to the Post to view the event, or you can watch it on ZOOM or Facebook. Even though we are open, we will continue to hold the meetings on ZOOM for those who live too far away or don't like to travel at night. The links are emailed to the membership the weekend before the meetings. If you do not receive it, please let me know by email at flpost112@gmail.com.

While I am not your "Uncle Sam," we do need YOU! We are still looking for a couple of chair-people and a 2nd Vice Commander, a Judge Advocate, and a Historian. The 2nd Vice Commander is the building manager and would handle the supervising the upkeep of the building; the Judge Advocate handles

disputes and discipline issues; the Historian does not have to do it alone as there are others taking pictures who can "feed" them to the Historian. The Historian would have to have access to a computer and internet to be able to receive the pictures from others. It would take less than two hours a month and maybe not even that much time depending on what activities the Post is having.

You may not know it, but we had a SUPER SUCCESSFUL Memorial Day Celebration. Thanks go out to the Post Family including the Auxiliary and SONS, as well as to the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Centurion Battalion Sea Cadets. Guests this year included members of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the first time. We want to thank everyone for helping to make this a successful event and look forward to doing more now that things are beginning to return to "normal."

Speaking of "normal," we are beginning to look forward to more activities at the Post. Your staff will be working on some events depending on the health restrictions for the rest of this year and into next year. Do not be afraid to recommend an event.

We are also looking to overhaul our WEB page and the new page will appear in place of the current one when it is ready. The WEB page is the best place to see our calendar. The calendar in the newsletter is good, but if things change or get added between newsletters, you will not see them. The best place is on the WEB at <https://wpflpost112.org> and it is updated during the month whenever something is added to the calendar. You can also look at the sign in the front of the Post for the next event that is coming up. It will show the date and time of the event, but space is limited so I cannot put much there.

When you come to the Post, you are welcome to you the Post's Wi-Fi. Just ask one of the staff members for the password so that you can use your tablet, laptop or even your cellphone without using your plan's data.

Finally, I hope to see you at the July meeting or online. Either way it will be great!



ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Boy what a year this has been! And we're ready to kick off our new program year and the 2022 Membership year. To get a jump on our 2022 membership drive, please bring your check for \$36 for Seniors or \$12 for Juniors to our July meeting, or drop your check in the mail to the Unit's PO Box, Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246. Or, if you'd prefer, you can pay by credit card online by logging in to your account on the national website: <https://www.legion-aux.org/>

Since our last newsletter, your Auxiliary members have been very busy.

In May, we delivered our traditional breakfast basket to Eastbrook Elementary to recognize the faculty and staff during National Teacher Appreciation Week.



Towards the end of May we delivered certificates and medals to three elementary schools and one high school to recognize students who participated in our Americanism Essay Contest. The winning essay from

each grade level at each school received a certificate and Americanism Essay medal was submitted to the Department Americanism Chair to be included in the Department essay contest. This year, we received about thirty-five entries.

We also presented one boy and one girl at seven elementary schools with the Scholastic Achievement medal and certificate. There were no in-person ceremonies at the schools this year so we have no pictures of smiling student and parent faces to show. All the schools have indicated that they should be allowed to have in-person ceremonies next May.

We also elected our officers for 2021-2022 and for the first time in several years, we have a full slate for installation in July. Our officers for next year will be: President—Marge Berrios Vice President—Cathy Diehl Secretary-Treasurer—Nell Colbert Chaplain—Debi Shannon Historian—Terry Berrios Sgt-at-Arms—Madelda Thompson

In June we elected our delegates to the Department Convention 7/1-7/4, reviewed our budget for 2021-2022, solidified our committee chairs for 2021-2022, and did the first reading of our newly revised Constitution and By-Laws. There were

some edits to both the proposed budget and our governing documents. After the edits were made, new documents were emailed to all members for review. Please email Nell ASAP if you see anything that needs to be changed. We will hold a regular meeting on July 20th via Zoom and Facebook live (no in person meeting) to approve the budget and the Constitution and By-Laws.

We are looking forward to the Department Convention coming July 1-4 and our installation of officers at the Post on July 13th beginning at 7pm. The installation will be in-person as well as on Zoom; watch your email for the Zoom link. We will also be streaming the entire installation for the Auxiliary, Legion and Sons of the Legion to Facebook live. Hope to see everyone on July 13th.



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

Operation VetCare is Here to Help

Operation VetCare, a project of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), is here to help Veterans, service members, and their families who are facing special challenges as a result of their military service.

Open to all branches of the Armed Forces, VetCare may be able to help you with emergency home or car repairs. You could even receive gift cards to purchase food, clothing, and other necessary items!

How to Get a Virtual Appeal Hearing

Veterans can appeal to the [Board of Veterans' Appeals \(BVA\)](#) without leaving home! Just like a virtual doctor appointment, all you need is Wi-Fi and a phone, laptop, or tablet. By meeting virtually, BVA can be more efficient and increase the number of hearings available.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing [financial assistance for coronavirus-related funeral costs](#) incurred after Jan. 20, 2020.

VA Benefits for PTSD

[Posttraumatic stress disorder \(PTSD\)](#) can occur after exposure to extreme stress, such as combat, an assault, or a disaster. If you're living with PTSD caused by military service, you may be entitled to VA disability benefits and compensation.

Homeowner's Guide to Hurricane Season

Do you know how to protect your home during hurricane season? Find out how to get help if you have a [VA-backed home loan or VA housing grant](#) and your house is damaged by a hurricane, flood, or another [natural disaster](#).

Boys State—Bob Colbert

We did it! The Department of Florida American Legion was actually able to hold the Boys State event this year! After having to skip it last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was some concern, almost to the last minute, about whether the event would be held. The program is still taking place as this article is being written so we should be getting some feedback from our attendees at the August meeting. We sent four young men to the 2021 Boys State.

The reports that have come back over the years is that it could be a life altering event. Some of the participants have gone on to Boys or Girls Nation and beyond.

We are looking forward to hearing what the delegates have to say.

Picture compliments of the Department of Florida American Legion Boys State.





Memorial Day Service

May 31, 2021 was a bright and sunny day; it was warm, but there was a nice breeze ... a perfect day for our annual Memorial Day service. Please enjoy some of the photos from the day.



Have YOU Paid Your 2021 Dues Yet?
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TODAY!

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Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

At our meeting in June, we elected our officers for 2021-2022. The following men will be installed at the Legion Family installation on July 13th beginning at 7pm at the Post. The installation will also be available on Zoom and our "Happenin' Auxiliary" will stream the ceremony to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>

Commander – Jim Carten
Vice Commander – Jim Midlekauff
Vice Commander – Chester Azurin

Adjutant/Finance – Bob Colbert

We still need to fill the Chaplain and Historian positions; if you are interested, please contact Commander Carten at architectjim3@yahoo.com

We are still meeting monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. Our Adjutant emails the Zoom link to all members the weekend before the meeting so please watch your email and if you do not get the link, please contact Bob at bcolbert@usa.net. **NOTE – Since our installation of offic-**

ers is on the 13th, there will be NO SAL MEETING on July 6th.

Once the VA Nursing Home can send some veterans to the Post for the pancake breakfast, we plan to resume them. The breakfasts are open to everyone, and we do ask that you let us know PRIOR to the breakfast if you plan to attend as we have it catered and do not want to "short-change" anyone. More on that as the time approaches.

Hope to see everyone at our installation on 7/13.

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

As I set here in Panama City training Sea Cadets it is my desire to increase their knowledge of themselves. This includes self confidence in making a decision, "right or wrong", knowing that there are Veterans who were willing to give their life for you and the freedom we have.

Leviticus 16.2

The Lord said to Moses, "Warn your brother, Aaron, not to enter the Most Holy Place behind the inner curtain whenever he

chooses; if he does, he will die. For the Ark's cover – the place of atonement – is there, and I, myself, am present in the cloud above the atonement cover.

So, the question is are you listening to the LORD or to your own advice? We have the ability to ask God to watch over us and guide us just he talked Moses and his brother Aaron.

My prayer is that we listen to what God is telling us and to give all understanding to HIM.

That God protects our Nation and its leaders, our service men and women, as well as their families. Protect our first responders and their families. Protect our great American Legion that we may maintain the four pillars of this great organization. This is our prayer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

God Bless US and Protect our Nation.
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.
Billy Dover

**Installation of Officers
for the Post Family
Will be held on July 13
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Usually, the 2nd Vice Commander compiles a list of needed repairs and either manages a team of volunteers to make things happen or they meet with contractors and solicit bids for the big projects, the cost of which is borne by the Post after approval of the expenditures by the Executive Board. Because we do not currently have a 2nd Vice, our Commander, Jim Middlekauff, has been filling this position in addition to his duties as our Commander. Over the last 18 months, we have had our septic tanks cleaned and other plumbing issues handled, we have replaced the roof and most recently, we’ve had new flooring installed in our main hall. We also had new steps and a railing installed on what is now our main entrance. Jim has also handled the contractors for replacing windows at the post, air conditioning service, and the annual maintenance of our alarm system. Before Covid, we had regular “Work Days” where volunteers came to the Post to work on minor projects like inventorying the Quartermaster Store, cleaning counter tops and shelves, etc. Most recently, to get the Post ready for our Memorial Day service. Jim led a team of volunteers to pressure wash the outside of the building and the patio. Volunteers also assisted with trimming the palm tree beside our wheelchair ramp, and they cleaned/painted the grill box on the patio. Our team at work ...



Grill Box
Before



And
After



If you can help with simple projects like these or you would consider becoming our 2nd Vice, please contact Commander Jim!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

JULY

3 Yost, Thomas
5 Fonseca, David E
7 Mays, Deborah
8 Middlekauff, Byron J
10 Berry, Peter B
10 Garceau, John
12 Furbush, Alan R
14 McCollum, Bill
19 Velkavrh, Joseph
21 Settles, Ronald Dan
24 Pinter, Rene A
27 Evans, Douglas M
28 Brown, Terrance

28 Wartell, Lawrence
29 Colado, Guy D

AUGUST

5 Colbert, Ryan M
6 Diehl, Caylen A Jr
6 Kauffman, Russell W
8 Belcher, Charles R
17 Singleton, Leon
19 Knapp, John M
19 Leimer, Sharon
20 Klinger, Staci
20 Knapp, Cheryl A
21 Kuhn, Charles W
21 Mings, Phillip L
24 Smith, Donald P
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31 Bryant, Frederic S



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THE AMERICAN LEGION



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CALENDAR

July	Event
1-4	Department Convention
4	Happy Independence Day
6	SAL—NO MEETING
13	Post, Auxiliary, & SAL- Installation - Post, ZOOM & Facebook - 7pm
20	Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM & Facebook only
August	Event
3	SAL Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
10	Post General Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
17	Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - Post, ZOOM & Facebook

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

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