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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Post 112 members:

Well, we are off and running at full speed already. We had our National Commander (James W. "Bill" Oxford) visit our Post and he was overwhelmed at how good our Post looks! We had a good turnout, but I wish that more had been able to attend – you missed a great show. Either way, Bill was impressed with all that we do. This made a great impression on our National, Department, and District Officers.

Now we need members to re-new their membership and gather NEW members to help with our programs, assist with Post functions, and attend meetings regularly. We are only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to getting a 100% membership, so try to help the Post. "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 out.

The Four Chaplains Annual Ceremony went well, considering we had to hold it inside this year. We had a good turn-out and need to thank our Sea Cadets, Auxiliary members, and SAL members for their help. Also, thank you to our ceremonial Chaplains from the FRA Branch 117 Steve Miglionico (also a post member) and Russ Luby, and to Post 112 member Lawrence Wartell. The fourth acting Chaplain was Sharon Chamberlain, the Hospice Chaplain. This ceremony is an Honorable Event at the National level, continuing our "For God and Country" slogan. The program is part of our history; it does NOT take away from all the men and women who have stepped up to defend our country and also gave the supreme sacrifice. Pictures from our ceremony are later in the newsletter. Our Four Chaplains memorial is almost complete now, so stay tuned for the announcement of the christening of the memorial, followed by the Post picnic.

We continue to make improvements to our physical plant.
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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

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The steps we use to enter the Post are now replaced, up to code and we have handrails! Come check them out. Our new LED road sign is now functional and looking good.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual Boys State interviews and will send four more youth to have a great experience to remember forever. See pictures later in the newsletter.

The SONS are doing an awesome job with the bi-monthly pancake breakfast, thanks to Commander Carten. Come out and enjoy some great food (from Perkins) and some chat with others.

The "Happening" Auxiliary is doing a great job supporting our Post and I am most thankful for that.

As mentioned before, 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. If anyone is willing to step-up, please contact our Post Adjutant or me. 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 God Bless.

For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff

Boys State

Congratulations to all of our candidates who interviewed at our February meeting and thanks to each of our Legion and Auxiliary members who came out to support these young men. We had four students from Winter Park High School, one from Lake Highland Prep, and one from Bishop Moore High School. Our four delegates are:

- Blake Cox, WPHS
- Levi Leuck, Bishop Moore
- Gillen Manos, WPHS
- Ben Boudet, WPHS

And our alternates are:

- David Lightman, Lake Highland
- Max Vargas, WPHS

Special thanks to Ted Costello for his many years of service as our Boys State Chair. Bob Colbert has agreed to step into this role for 2021.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Welcome to Post 112! If you read the Commander's article, you can see that we are not standing still! In fact, we have more going on now than ever before – and you can be a part of it. We had a fair turnout at the Boys State Selection on February 11. All six of the youth that tried out should be able to attend Boys State in June. We know that the top four youth are going to attend, and we provide the information to Department on the Alternates so that other Posts can select them. Financially, we only pay for our four delegates.

Please check out the WEB page for a full calendar of events. Our newsletter space is limited, and it only comes out every ODD month. The WEB page is updated several times during the month.

Post elections are coming! The nominating committee will begin looking for candidates in April and present a proposed slate at the May meeting where additional names can be added. The actual election will be at the June meeting to meet the Department time requirements. If you are interested in a particular office, please contact me for the outline of duties and job description as soon as possible. We have some fine people serving the Post and would like to welcome new people. Our elected positions are: Commander, 1st Vice Commander (Membership), 2nd Vice Commander (Program and Property), Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant At Arms and Historian. I can email

the job description for any of these positions to anyone who is interested. Not having email does not preclude you from applying and I can make hard copies of the descriptions for those without email. However, lack of an email makes staying up with events at the Post difficult.

The big need for volunteers will be for the School Medal Presentations coming up in May and June of this year. The bulk of the presentations are done in the early part of the day, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the individual schools. Several of the schools present on the same day and this is a problem if we don't have individual presenters for each school. The schools have not set their dates at this time, so I will keep you updated when they start letting us know.

A special thank you goes to our Commander, James Middlekauff. He has been the spearhead, project manager, foreman and all-around force for all of the recent improvements that have occurred at the Post. Russell Kraeger and Stephen Miglionico have been a big help, too.

Finally, congratulations to our six candidates for Boys State. Four of them will be sent to Boys State by our Post and the remaining two are Alternates, should any of the selectees not be able to attend. We will look forward to their reports in the fall about the event and how they were affected.

2020 Legion Dues are now being accepted!
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

2020 Membership

WE DID IT! Unit 112 reached our 100% goal of 22 paid members. Please help us welcome our newest members, Victoria Colbert, and Junior member, Braelyn Colbert, who became an Auxiliary member on the day of her birth in January. Just because we've hit 100%, it doesn't mean we're done with membership for the year. If you know of someone who is eligible for Auxiliary membership, please invite them to our March meeting. 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.

We were saddened to learn that Bob Cunningham, husband of our long time member, Takako, passed away last May, so Takako has moved to Rhode Island to be with family. Please keep Takako and her family in your prayers.

Girls State



On February 23rd we interviewed five amazing young ladies for our Girls State delegate and alternate slots. The girls came from three different high schools—Winter Park,

Haggarty, and Oviedo. As always, it was very challenging to pick just two girls! We look forward to hearing about their adventures in the fall.

Americanism Essay Contest

In mid-January we contacted five high schools and eight elementary schools about the annual essay contest. So far, we've received responses from three schools indicating that they will have entries this year. Entries are due to us by March 15th and we will judge the entries during our meeting on March 17th. The essays are always fun to read, so you won't want to miss our March meeting.

Save the Date

Our membership has voted to add speakers to our meetings in an effort to make our meetings more interesting. Our first speaker will be Dyke Shannon, former Adjutant for the Department of Florida American Legion, and former Finance Officer for Post 112. Dyke is a representative for the American Legion insurance program (LIT) - no he isn't going to be selling us insurance but he will be telling us about the programs for which we, as Auxiliary members, are eligible. So put May 19th on your calendar and plan to attend. This informative meeting will be open to our entire Legion family and refreshments will be served.

Elections

Also coming at our May meeting will be our election of offic-

ers. If you would like to serve as an officer in our Unit for 2020-2021, please let Marge or Nell know as soon as possible. We will be forming our Nominating Committee at our March meeting.

School Medals

Each May our Unit presents Scholastic Achievement and Americanism Essay medals at the eight elementary schools near the Post. Most of the Orange County schools set their 5th grade awards ceremonies for 9am on the same day—one of the last few of days of school. This makes it very challenging for one or two people to make it to the schools due to the travel distance between the schools. This is a FUN activity because it gives us the opportunity to not only recognize outstanding students but to also tell a little about the Auxiliary. If you would like to get in on the fun, please give Nell a call at 321.303.7445.

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 Nell at 321.303.7445.

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Notes from Our Service Officer

The military has failed to meet deadlines set by Congress for rulings on veterans' requests to correct records blocking them from receiving benefits, according to a federal class-action lawsuit filed last month. The suit brought by the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) charges that delays in processing the requests by the Boards for Correction of Military Records of the service branches amount to a denial of the due process rights of thousands of veterans.

In an interview and in statements, Bart Stichman, executive director of NVLSP, said that rulings on "lifetime benefits" for disability and retirement are at stake in the lawsuit, which names Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy, Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett and acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly as defendants. "Veterans who seek a correction of an erroneous less-than-honorable discharge or a wrongful denial of disability retirement benefits are paying a high price for the ongoing delays at the Correction Boards," he said. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 16, seeks to compel the "timely final decisions" of the Corrections Boards and gives the defendants until mid-February to respond, Stichman said.

"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 as of FEB 2019 are: World War II 73,025 of which over 41,000 are presumed to be lost at sea, Korean War 7665, Vietnam War 1589 (i.e. VN-1,246, Laos-288, Cambodia-48, & Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7), Cold War 111, Iraq and other conflicts 5. Over 600 Defense Department men and women -- both military and civilian -- work in organizations around the world as part of DoD's personnel

recovery and personnel accounting communities. They are all dedicated to the single mission of finding and bringing our missing personnel home. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced six new identifications. 6 Navy Veterans all from Pearl Harbor.

The Department of Defense has released a new list of locations outside Vietnam where herbicides like Agent Orange were tested and stored, a compilation that could provide some veterans proof of exposure needed to support their VA disability claims. But the list, published 27 JAN by the Department of Veterans Affairs, omits more than 40 locations previously noted as exposure sites by DoD in 2018 — deletions that could undermine other veterans' pending claims.

The new DoD list contains nearly 150 testing and storage locations, with updates that include specific dates of release or containment, as well as 26 additions, including places like Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and Johnston Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean. But it deletes or alters at least 50 previously identified locations, removing some dates and omitting testing sites like Hawaii, where the DoD previously said field tests were conducted, Puerto Rico, where herbicides were sprayed in forests between 1956 and 1967, and locations in Korea where components were stored. And while the new list contains six locations in Thailand, it adds a new clarification to those locations' descriptions: "No herbicide was sprayed in Thailand." The statement is in direct opposition to Defense Department documents that explicitly state herbicides were sprayed in Thailand in the early 1970s to protect bases from counterinsurgency attacks.

According to DoD spokesman Chuck Prichard, the new list replaces the one from 2018 and is the result of DoD's thorough review of the records for use,

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storage and testing of Agent Orange and other tactical herbicides outside of Vietnam. "Information within those records was assessed against stringent joint VA-DOD criteria for what constitutes a location where tactical herbicides were tested, used and stored.

The Appeals Modernization Act (AMA) of 2017 gave Veterans a greater choice in how to disagree with a VA claim decision. Giving Veterans more choice has been a top priority for VA. Cheryl Mason, the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, joined Ashleigh Barry on a special edition of VA News to take a deeper look at the modernized appeals process, discuss some early positive signs from the implementation of AMA, and to announce that Veterans can expect to see telehealth technology incorpo-

rated into the appeals process in 2020.

"The Appeals Modernization system was designed to give Vets primarily three things: choice, control and clarity of their claim's appeals process. And so that choice means they have options, they're no longer stuck in a situation," said Mason. Under AMA, Veterans can choose from one of three lanes to have their decision reviewed: (1) supplemental claim; (2) higher-level review; or (3) appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. If a Veteran chooses to appeal to the Board, he/she can choose from one of three dockets: (1) direct review; (2) evidence submission; or (3) hearing request. Which lane should Veterans choose? "We always advise Veterans to work with their representative..." Mason said. "While we have made it easier, it's still a little confusing to Veterans because

it is different. Veterans representatives can really advise them on what they need to do."

TRICARE Expands Coverage for Breast Cancer Screenings: To improve preventive health care services for women, on Jan. 1, 2020, TRICARE expanded coverage for breast cancer screenings to include 3-D mammography (also known as digital breast tomosynthesis). TRICARE will cover 3-D mammography as a population-based, preventive health care service through the provisional coverage program, which requires pre-authorization. TRICARE covers annual screenings for all female beneficiaries age 40, and older and those age 30–39 who are high-risk and have either a 15 percent or greater lifetime risk of breast cancer as determined by a screening instrument or who meet a risk factor.

National Commander's Visit

January 31st saw National American Legion Commander Bill Oxford visit our Post along with our Department Commander, 6th District Commander, and the Eastern Area Commander. The Commander enjoyed talking with our members about our Post, Auxiliary, and Sons activities as well as sharing some of his adventures as National Commander this year. This is the first time in many, many years that a National Commander has visited our Post home. Thanks to everyone who came out to meet our guests.



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The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Psalm 143:7-8

I lift my hands to you in prayer.

I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain.

Come quickly, LORD, and answer me, for my depression deepens

Don't turn away from me, or I will die.

Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you

Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you.

Just as David had great days, he also had days of depression as noted in Psalm 143: 7-8. We all have times of depres-

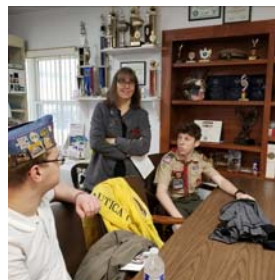
sion but we must follow David's example by praying for GOD's unfailing love. This is not a one time request we must be vigilant in asking for God's help each morning but we must trust that God is with each of us.

The suicide rate for service members, fire fighters and law enforcement is higher than ever before because of depression. Depression affects everyone at one time or other and we must be brave enough to ASK FOR HELP. The faith you have will carry you through those tough times and knowing that the Holy Spirit is with us all we have to do is ask for HIS help.

Prayer: Dear God be with us each day, your guidance especially during our times of depression and challenges we pray for your unforgiving love. Remind me to be thankful of all the blessings you have given me and remind me you are in TOTAL control of all things. Continue to be with our elected leaders and guide their thoughts to be a blessing to you. Protect our service members and their families at home and abroad, as well as our first responders who protect us at home. For this we ask in the name of the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, amen.

Four Chaplain's Memorial Service

On February 1st, we celebrated the Four Chaplains at our annual memorial service. Our Sea Cadets were on hand to help with set up and tear down; members of the FRA Branch 117 served as honorary Chaplains, as did our Post members; and our Auxiliary and SAL members handled the refreshments. It was great to see long time Post member and chief planner of the Memorial Service, Jerry Dress—thanks Jerry for all your hard work.






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CALENDAR

March

- 3 SAL Meeting - 7 PM
- 10 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM
- 10 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 17 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM
- 28 Breakfast At The Post - 8 AM to 11 AM

April

- 7 SAL Meeting - 7 PM
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 14 Executive Board Meeting - 6 PM
- 14 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Newsletter Articles due
- 21 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM

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

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