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## COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionaries of Post 112:

I hope by now that most everyone has received your vaccination shots. This is a stressful and struggling time, but with patience and perseverance we will get through this mess. Again, the roll out of the vaccine will pretty much determine our activities in the near future, but thankfully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are starting to get more active at the Post; however, we still must be cautious. By the time you read this, we will have had our first in-person meeting in April and also was attended on ZOOM. Those attending received BOTH vaccination shots, which was one requirement to attend.

The Sea Cadets are still using the Post for training using all the CDC guidelines to safely conduct their mandatory training. It was my pleasure to provide 3 autographed paperback books to them that was provided by Rick Campbell, who writes thrilling Submarine adventure stories. He has 6 books out and more on the way.

Your Post will have an Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM, so if you feel comfortable about attending, please do so. This will be held in our pavilion, but the main building will be open as well. As with the meeting, both vaccination shots are required for attendance.

We are at the point of elections, so please step-up if you are able, but we also still need to push for membership. If we all pull together, the going is not a strain on the few. This is something all members should be talking to other Veterans about. *"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 spreading.

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

For God and Country,  
Jim Middlekauff, Commander, Post 112

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## Phishing and Tech Support Scams

The article below was provided by Russell Colbert, one of our S.A.L. members, to help keep our members safe from phishing and tech support scams.

In an effort to further enhance your cyber defenses, we want to highlight a couple of prominent attacks that everyone should be aware of – phishing and tech support scams. These are active threats you or someone you know have likely been exposed to recently.

**"Phishing"** is the most common type of cyber attack that affects both normal everyday people and businesses like yours. Phishing attacks can take many forms, but they all share a common goal – getting you to share sensitive information such as login credentials, credit card information, or bank account details. In this type of attack, hackers impersonate a real company to obtain your login credentials. You may receive an e-mail asking you to verify your account details with a link that takes you to an imposter login screen that delivers your information directly to the attackers.

**"Tech Support Scams"** are when someone comes across an issue and is prompted to call a number for support. It could be a pop-up message while browsing the internet, or even something you searched for and thought you were reaching out to a reputable company. The malicious (and fake) "repair tech" is given access to your system, where they can gain entry into the network, including stored passwords, email activity, and banking details. These attacks have recently become more sophisticated in that they can blank the user's screen after being given remote access. Once connected, they may try to log into various sites like Amazon, eBay, banks, or gift card sites and purchase things without your knowledge. They may even try to collect payment information from you or ask you to complete a webform with sensitive details.

Although we maintain controls to help protect your networks and computers from cyber threats, increasing awareness is a critical component in combating these costly attacks.

If you do happen to find yourself in a situation with a pop-up, or someone you suspect logged into your computer with deceitful intentions, please power down your computer immediately and reach out to us so we can help you assess.

### What You Can Do

To avoid these schemes, we suggest the following practices:

- Do not click on links or attachments from senders that you do not recognize.
- Be cautious when clicking links in emails that you do recognize and closely examine the address before clicking (hover your mouse over the link before clicking to see where it will go). Many scammers can craft emails that have logos and appear legitimate, but the link address that shows will usually look abnormal.
- Do not provide sensitive personal information (like usernames, passwords, social security numbers, or bank/credit cards) over email.
- Watch for email senders that use suspicious or misleading domain names. Closely inspect the "From" address for typos.
- Inspect website addresses carefully to make sure they're legitimate and not imposter sites before trying to login.
- Be especially cautious when opening attachments or clicking links if you receive an email containing a warning banner indicating that it originated from an external source.

Thanks again for helping to keep yourselves, your data, and your company safe from these cyber threats.



## Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

WOW! What a year! COVID did not do us any favors, did it? But things may be starting to open up. The Post General meeting was held at the Post with LIVE PEOPLE! In March, the Executive Board approved the decision to try holding the meetings at the Post and still continue the ZOOM connection for those who haven't had their complete vaccinations or do not wish to travel to the Post. Those who have had their complete series, either both Pfizer or Moderna or the single J & J vaccination, are welcome to return to the Post. We do ask that you continue to wear a mask for now. Hopefully, that can change soon.

As the Commander mentioned, it is election time. Nominations will be held at the May meeting and the election will be at the June meeting. Per the By Laws, nominations are completed at the May meeting. Ted Costello is the chair of the nominating committee if you are interested in any of the positions. The elected positions in the Post are: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Membership), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (Facilities & Program), Finance Officer, Sgt At Arms, Chaplain, Historian and up to three Trustees. The various chairpersons and Judge Advocate serve at the pleasure of the Commander and the Executive Board. The Service Officer(s) must be certified by Department annually and are not elected. I am certain that Commander Middlekauff would appreciate some help in these positions. You can contact me for the actual job descriptions – I can email them to you.

The Department of Florida American Legion Con-

vention will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott near Disney on July 1 – 4, 2021. The Commander and I will be there. We have "openings" for up to three "Alternates" as we have our three "Delegates." As there is no actual charge for any Legionnaire to attend. Except for parking, the only actual expense may be lunch. The program is still in the works, but there is a Service Officer's recertification and other miscellaneous classes in addition to the General Sessions and the Election of Department Officers on Saturday. Parking is \$5/day. The Delegates and Alternates are the only members who are permitted into the hall during the election, but otherwise, almost all classes and meetings are open to all attendees. There is plenty to learn if you are interested.

Don't forget that you have a voice in the Post! We need your input for the coming year and what programs you would like to see the Post implement. From Guest Speakers at the meetings (suggest some) to possible activities like picnics, dinners, etc. Remember that all of these things would help to bring in new members and rejuvenate the existing ones after a year of COVID conditions. You can send the ideas to me at [bcolbert@usa.net](mailto:bcolbert@usa.net) or call the Commander or myself directly. It is your Post and we really want to see you come around now that conditions have improved. You may be surprised at the things that have been done around the Post, too.

Until next issue. Bob Colbert, Adjutant

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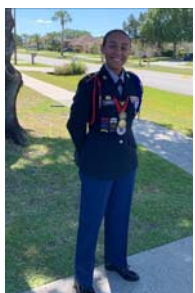




## Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Boy do we have a lot of information to share in this newsletter!

At the end of February, our Unit conducted our annual Girls State interviews. We had seven very talented young ladies participate, from which we selected our delegate and our alternate.



Unfortunately, our alternate gave up her slot because she had another opportunity become available to her. Our third choice gladly accepted the alternate position.

Both girls completed all their paperwork and attended the orientation last month. We recently learned that our alternate was selected to go as a delegate for a Unit in the Tampa area that was not able to interview this year.

Also in February, we submitted our grant application to the Orange County East Rotary Club and we were recently notified that our grant application will be funded for 2021. We will make a presentation at a club breakfast meeting in July.

We submitted five Americanism essays to Department for judging. We will find out if any of our

students won at the Department Convention coming in early July.

We have also contacted seven elementary schools to select their recipients for our Scholastic Achievement Awards. We will present medals and certificates to a 5th grade boy and a girl at the school's end of the year 5th grade awards ceremonies. We'll be looking for help from our members to assist with these presentations.

During May, we will celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week with the faculty at Eastbrook Elementary. We will deliver a breakfast goody basket during the week as a thank you to the teachers for all their hard work this year.

Our Post will be celebrating Memorial Day on 5/31 with a service at the Post and our Unit will have a part in the program. Please mark your calendar for 10am on May 31st and join us at the Post for this always inspirational service to honor our fallen heroes. Even though the service will be outside under the pavilion, you will need to wear a mask.

The 6th District Constitutional Conference will be held at Post 53 in Sanford on May 8th. Check-in begins at 8:30am and the meeting begins at 9am. Masks are required. The election of our 6th District President for 2021-2022 will be held and Units must be present to vote. Election of the 6th District delegates to the national convention will also be held. As we get more information

about both the District meeting and the Department Convention, it will be shared with Unit members via email.

Several very important things took place at our April meeting. First, this was our first hybrid meeting in almost a year and we had great attendance both in-person and on Zoom. Not only did we set up our Nominating Committee to assemble a slate of officers for our elections in June, but we also agreed that we would begin streaming our regular business meetings to Facebook live. We will still have Zoom available and this will be the preferred remote access to the meeting, but members will also be able to participate in the meeting via Facebook. Watch our Facebook page on May 18th beginning at 7pm.

Have a wonderful Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Flag Day and remember our fallen on Memorial Day! Please wear your Poppy on Memorial Day.



**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.**

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## Notes from Our Service Officer

National Parks, wildlife refuges and other federal lands will all be free for veterans and Gold Star family members to use starting [Veterans Day](#), Interior Department officials announced. The change extends to veterans and Gold Star families the existing free admission policy already in play for active-duty troops and their families, as well as Guard and Reserve members. Free entrance for Gold Star family members is limited to those designated as "Gold Star" by law. To meet the definition, families must be the "next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a 'qualifying situation,' such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces," according to the release.

Retirees, as well as their dependents can be buried in any [VA National Cemetery](#), [Arlington National Cemetery](#), and most [State Veterans Cemeteries](#) for free. While VA and Arlington National Cemeteries charge no fees for a veteran to be buried there, they may charge a fee for a veteran's spouse to be buried with the veteran. Most State Veterans Cemeteries have residency requirements, and some charge a small fee for the burial of dependents. The VA will also provide a [free headstone or marker](#) for the retiree's remains at any cemetery in the world.

Florida has nine National Cemeteries (Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Jacksonville, Sarasota, South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, St. Augustine and Tallahassee). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides honorably discharged veterans, spouses and dependents with burial in a National Cemetery at no cost. Cremated remains are also accepted. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried if they predecease the

Veteran. The VA does not make funeral arrangements. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office toll free at (800) 535-1117.

**Starting April 12, 2021, FEMA** began providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. To apply, please call the dedicated toll-free phone number 844-684-6333. Applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely the result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.
- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant's name, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral expenses were incurred.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. *This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.*

**Next month**, the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall will have a remembrance wall featuring the names of approximately 36,574 Americans who died supporting the war and more than 7,200 Koreans who died while augmenting the Army.

Recently separated service members who believe they were unjustly or erroneously discharged or dismissed from the military, or want to upgrade how their discharge was characterized,

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now have one new last chance at appeal. The Pentagon on 7 APR announced it has created a new route for service members who separated on or after Dec. 20, 2019, to appeal their separation.

**POW/MIA update:** 1 New Identification and 1 New Burial – Both Navy from USS Oklahoma.

**TRICARE:** Military retirees and their family members' catastrophic cap depends on their group and, for Group A, the Tricare plan they use -- see below.

- You're in Group A if your sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment was before Jan. 1, 2018.
- You're in Group B if your sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment was on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

Tricare Reserve Select and their family members always use Group B rates, so their 2021 catastrophic cap is \$1,058.

Tricare Retired Reserve and their family members always use Group B rates, so their 2021 catastrophic cap is \$3,703 per year.

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

After what seemed like an especially long winter, spring is finally here! While things around the Post are calm, your Sons are ramping up for what we hope will be a strong summer and fall. We will be participating in both the District Constitutional Conference in May and the Detachment Convention in July. With everyone getting vaccinated we hope that we will be able to restart the Saturday Breakfasts and reconnect with our friends at the VA.

In the meantime, we can continue to do our Buddy Checks to check on those who protected us. Also, sign up for the 100 Miles for Hope. It's a great opportunity for anyone to get up and get moving. Even an armchair jockey like me can do a 100 of something.



Until next time, be well and stay safe.

For God and Country  
Jim Carten, Commander  
Squadron 112







## Snipe Signs—More Than Just a Nuisance!

What are they? Why are they there? Where can I find some? Who can put them up? Who can get rid of them?

Snipe signs are the little, and sometimes not so little signs, that are stuck in the “right of way” or fastened to light poles along the streets and roads. Some of them may be informative, but generally they are advertising someone’s business. And, as a rule, the owner of the sign did not ask permission to place it where you see it.

Finding them is not hard. They are everywhere! Just look along the streets and roads of the community, especially near intersections. Recently, we found them popping up inside neighborhoods advertising roofing companies after the recent hailstorm.

As a homeowner who services the “right of way” along your property, you could put up a sign temporarily, such as a “Yard Sale” announcement, something for sale or things along those lines. You would also be able to “advertise” a service that you have procured,

such as a roofing company that is doing work on your property. Just remember, it is YOUR CHOICE to put the sign in place and someone who happens to see a good space for his or her advertisement would need to ask your permission to put it in your yard.

As the person who maintains the “right of way” on your property, you are free to remove such items that appear on your property. You may call the owner of the sign to let them know that you have taken it down, if you wish, but you are not required to do so. You can also make a complaint to “Code Enforcement” and they may be able to send someone to pick up the sign, but that could take longer than you like. Calling Code Enforcement is still an option. It would be stretching the ordinance a bit to call these signs littering and since an officer did not see them being placed, not much could be done other than removing them.

The challenge with many snipe signs, especially the ones that

magically appear right after hailstorms or hurricanes offering roof repairs are not from legitimate companies; many times these are scammers who want to get into your pocketbook to take a large “deposit” to cover the cost of materials and who never show back up to do the work you paid them to do.

Maybe this clears some things up for you with the recent rash of roofing company signs that have appeared throughout our neighborhoods. If everyone that had them appear in their yards without permission were to just remove them and trash them, the owners of the signs would find someplace else to put them. These signs cost the sign owners money to print and often the people who placed them were paid to do it, too.

Please be careful if you choose to call the number you see on a snipe sign. Check out the company carefully to be sure they are legitimate and licensed in Florida before you part with your hard earned money!







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## Boys State—Bob Colbert

I think that everyone knows that Boy's State for 2020 was cancelled. If you didn't, it was cancelled, 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 in keeping the youth safe, it 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 many, many years 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 can 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 select up to eight boys to attend while the top four will be attending for us.

Selection has been done at the February meeting in the past. This year, with COVID limitations, we held the interviews ONLINE. We also did it on a Saturday which reduced the pressure of holding the selection on a school night. It went well, and we made the selection.

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 actual Legislature for action. Over the years, several of these "bills" have become actual 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 candidates will be selected out of the entire Boy's or Girl's State participants to go on to Boy's or Girl's Nation in Washington, DC. Our Auxiliary has had the honor of having one of their Girl's State delegates go on to Girl's Nation and from that experience has chosen to become an attorney now practicing in Washington DC. It is a "life changing" experience for many and everyone has come home with friends they will keep for life!

We will begin in the Fall to contact the schools to begin preparations for the February 2022 selection. More on this to follow in coming newsletters. Please mark your calendar NOW for the 2022 Boys State Interviews on February 26, 2022, so that you can attend and show these young men your support. The interviews will begin at 2 PM and we need help in setting up so members should arrive around 1 PM.



**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**





## Happy Birthday to YOU!

*Happy Birthday to YOU!  
Happy Birthday to you!  
Happy Birthday dear \_\_\_\_\_.  
Happy Birthday to YOU!*

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## CALENDAR

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- 4 S A L Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 9 Mother's Day
- 11 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 18 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 31 Memorial Day Ceremony - 10 AM

### June

- 1 S A L Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 8 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 8 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 15 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM - Post & ZOOM
- 20 Father's Day

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

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