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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

I wish to first thank our outgoing Finance Officer of many years and Past Department Adjutant Dyke Shannon for all the years of dedication to the American Legion. As many of you may know he has resigned as our Finance Officer due to having moved out of the county. At the same time we want to thank our new Finance Officer Chuck Kuhn who has also served as our Post Commander a few years back for stepping up.

The hurricane season has truly been interesting for both our members and the Post. In 2004 we had three hurricanes hit us, and this season we've only had one so far. We have been blessed that most of our members had little to no damage and nothing as destructive as our comrades in South Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and other U. S. territories. What was interesting was that in all the news reports, we saw the negatives during the devastation but little of the positives. What many TV reports did not show was the work of the rescuers and the citizens of those regions working together to recover. Our Department Commander Comrade Shuga made numerous trips South to assist our Comrades in Key West. Neighbors were helping neighbors, military along with civilian rescuers working together to help, and private citizens donating time and money to help others recover. The Post was extremely lucky to only have minimal damage with one limb that punctured the roof and part of a shingle fell off. I was able to repair the hole, however, I will be having the insurance company check the roof since many of the shingles appear to have wind damage. This was the first time to my knowledge that we had to cancel the monthly meeting due to weather.

All too often we expect that it is our government's job to help and that is not the case. For those of you who do not know, the process starts with the cities and counties who must use their resources first and then the state requests help from other states and finally the

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

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Goldenrod Chamber and Post 112

Did you know That the Post is a member of the Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce?

The Post has been a member for many years and that means that we can have a presence at the monthly Chamber Business Networking Meetings where they have political and business personalities come for a luncheon and speak to the Chamber. Some of the recent guests have included the Orlando-Sanford Airport Authority, I-4 Ultimate Project, Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, Michael Ertel, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, Bill Cowells and others. Upcoming speakers include 5th District County Commissioner Emily Bonilla and Seminole County Property Appraiser, Joe Reilly.

If you would like to be added to the Chamber's email list, send an email to Goldenrod.Chamber@gmail.com and mention that you are a member of Post 112. That way you will be notified of the upcoming speaker for the months ahead. The luncheon cost is about \$10 per person.

Have YOU Paid Your 2018 Dues Yet?
Please send your \$38 check to
PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!

From Jim's Korner—Jim Middlekauff

Greetings fellow Post 112 members. I hope by now that everyone has recovered from Hurricane Irma and life is back to normal. The Post was lucky and only had minimal damage, although the car port is history. Thanks to our Commander, the small hole in the roof was patched and the Sea Cadets assisted with the debris cleanup. The 9-11 Ceremony had to be canceled along with our monthly meeting in September so we have some things to make-up due to that.

One of the big items is our Legion sign by Goldenrod Road since it is not functional at this point except being visible during the day. Thanks to our past Finance Officer, Dyke Shannon we now have a really nice gas grill, but I need to acquire some parts to get it totally operational. This should last the Post a long time considering how well it is built. There are still plenty of upgrades that can be accomplished, so if you have some spare time to help, I would greatly appreciate it.

We conducted a most worthy Post Everlasting Ceremony at our October meeting; if you were not there it was a wonderful service honoring those who have passed. By the time you read this, our picnic will have been completed so I hope it was successful. Charles Coleman, our SAL Commander, put in many hours helping me with this event. November is the half marathon, 5K run on Veterans Day, so come out and help support your Post.

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Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

The year is almost over! 2017 brought us some interesting times, didn't it? For one, there was Hurricane Irma where the Post had damage to the roof and had lost power for a while. Then there were the changes coming from the sale of the property behind us and we still have more of that to come as the road and our parking will be directly affected and fairly soon! There will also be some changes to the intersection out front that could become quite interesting. We need to think about the parking situation as that will impact us almost immediately. We are hoping for a traffic signal to be installed. We are also working on estimates on increasing the security of the Post property and building and improving our sign at the road.

We also said "goodbye" to several of our members this year. It was especially hard on us to lose John McCormick as he was a Post 112 member for more than 50 years. I know that, even as late as September, at his request, his daughter read the entire newsletter to him as his eyesight made it impossible for him to read it. We will miss our comrades who have joined the Post Everlasting.

We had a very successful "Post Family Picnic" this year. Last year's picnic was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. Our Sons Squadron along with some very dedicated volunteers did an outstanding job and NO ONE went away hungry. We even gained a couple of member/applicants from the activity and had a visit from the 6th District Sons Commander.

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter the information about the coming Christmas Party to be held at Perkins Restaurant on University Blvd in December.

Our membership is still not at 100% and time is moving along. If you are among the 40 or so members who have not sent in your dues or re-

newed online, please consider renewing NOW while you're thinking about it. Our goal, this year is to have 100% membership renewal BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. If you paid prior to the 14th of October, you could have enjoyed the picnic for free as your reward for Early Bird renewal.

Now, a question for you Would you like to see more social activities at the Post? And, would you offer to help put them on and/or attend them? We want to bring the Post to life and we know that there are some things that we need to do first, like put in a "for real" kitchen, before we can put on things like dinners, etc, and we are studying those improvements plus working to find the funding for them, too. Please send me your ideas and comments. You can email them to me at FLPost112@gmail.com or send them through the "Snail Mail" to: PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0910. We will discuss them at the Executive Board meeting and let you know what we have learned at the next (November or December) meeting depending on when we receive them. Fair game are ideas for changes/improvements in the Post or the yard as well as activities. Let your imagination run wild! We do have some limitations due to the size of our property, though, so don't go completely HOG wild, please. (A football stadium would definitely be "off the table.")

I have given you a lot to think about and digest. We want to have you as an active part of the Post family, so "Don't be a stranger!"





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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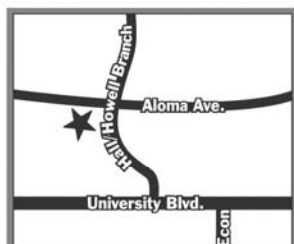
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

WOW! What a last few months we have had. Our Post home was very fortunate to have suffered only minor damage from Hurricane Irma and we've received no reports from our members that anyone experienced anything other than little to no damage, too. God has been watching over us, as usual.

We are thrilled to report that we now have eighteen paid members for 2018, giving us 82% of our membership goal. Thanks to the following Unit members who paid their dues for 2017-2018 since the last newsletter:

- Virginia Saunders
- Kimberly Sullivan
- Sabrina Sullivan-Cornett

By now, everyone not paid should have received not only the letter we sent in early July, but also the email (if you have email) reminder from national and most recently, the hard copy invoice mailed from national in September. We would like to clean up our membership drive before the end of December so we can focus on the other amazing Auxiliary projects. Thelma Smith will be calling those members who have not paid, just in case you didn't receive any of the email or snail mail mailings that have been sent. We value you as a Unit member!

If your name is not listed above, please mail your check for \$30 (for Senior Dues) or \$10 (for Junior Dues) payable to Auxiliary Unit 112 to:

Auxiliary Unit 112
PO Box 2246
Goldenrod, FL 32733

Or you can bring your check to our

next meeting on November 14th.

Due to the storm, our shopping for the Eastbrook Elementary School Food Pantry was delayed until mid-October. Marge and Nell delivered about \$475 in non-perishable



food items to the school on 10/17. We even had lots of help unloading Nell's

car from the school Principal, one of the custodians, and two SCSO Deputies who work at the school. The



food pantry is self funded and relies on donations from community organizations like us to help. Since this is an on-

going project, we need items like Macaroni and Cheese dinners, peanut butter, canned tuna, pasta sauce in plastic jars, and spaghetti, along with canned fruits and vegetables, pop-tarts, and boxes

of dry cereal. **Please add some extra items to your grocery list each week, especially when the store has these items on sale, and drop off your donations whenever you come to the Post.**

Our collection box is by the front door so it doesn't get confused with, and used as a trash bin. As a reminder, the Eastbrook food pantry helps to supplement the weekend meal needs of the families of students who need assistance. ***Please find it in your heart to help out.***

Upcoming Auxiliary projects include our annual National Education Week celebration at our three elementary schools, our Americanism Essay Contest for our elementary and high schools, and our Holiday food gift baskets at Christmas for needy Veteran families. And, of course, Poppies in November and Girls State in January! Please see the Legion Family calendar on Page 12 for additional important dates.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

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.



Sea Cadet Update: Billy Dover



CENTURION BATTALION

The battalion missed the first drill in September due to the hurricane which has set us back a bit. We have the cyber patriot team up and running along with a shooting team which hopes to be in competition in the spring. This next drill will be at the UDT/Navy SEAL museum in Ft. Pierce to assist with the SEAL Muster. We will also be marching in the December 2017 Winter Park Parade, as well as working the Orlando Marathon which benefits both the Post and the unit. Color Guard has already completed two events of which one was the Central Florida Navy League's Navy Ball. During that event the unit had a group to also conduct the MIA/POW Ceremony. One of the highlights of the ball was the

opportunity to meet Captain Sunita L. Williams, USN (Ret) who became an Astronaut and has 322 days in space along which included 50 hours and 40 minutes spacewalk the most of any female Astronaut. They also had the opportunity to meet one of the Tuskegee Airmen along with other members of the WWII members present.

It is an honor to serve you the Winter Park Memorial Post 112 as we begin our 15th year of the battalion. Your assistance has allowed us to teach the cadets the meaning of Honor, Courage and Commitment to not only the services but also to helping the veterans. May this holiday season bring you all joy and happiness as well as a prosperous NEW YEAR.

Respectfully Submitted
Staff of Centurion Battalion USNSCC





Notes from Our Service Officer

Greetings from your Post Service Officer: October 2017

The past few months have been busy for me assisting Veterans of all age groups as well as filing Temporary Financial Assistance forms for several needy Veterans. A "Veteran" does not need to be *retired* in order to get assistance either from the VA or the American Legion. While I may not have all the answers or able to actually file claims, I can assist in many different ways and have experienced Florida Veteran Service Officers willing to provide the proper assistance whenever I ask. Again, we do not have daily operational hours at the Post; however, if you call and leave a message- we will get back to you as soon as possible.

As AL members, we need to reach out to the active duty and recently served Veterans letting them know we cannot fight the fight for our rights without having strength in numbers. Our Benefits do not come "automatically" as many of us know through experience. Lets share the experience and knowledge with our younger Veterans.

Latest news from the VA:

All honorably discharged veterans of every era will be able to get a photo identification card from the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) starting in November due to a law passed in 2015.

The law, known as the [Veterans Identification Card Act 2015](#), orders the VA to issue a hard-copy photo ID to any honorably discharged veteran who applies. The card must contain the veteran's name, photo and a non-Social Security identification number, the law states.

A VA official on Wednesday confirmed the cards are on track to be available nationwide starting in November. Veterans may apply for the card online, but a timeline for how long it will take to receive a card after application has not been finalized, the official said.

No details were released on when that application process will open, what information veterans will need when applying or the web address they will use.

Thank you. Jim Middlekauff

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Thanks again to Charles, the Posts' pancake breakfast has been going well and the Veterans from the DOM at Lake Nona really look forward to coming. Our Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Perkins on University on December 8th at 6:30 PM if you want to join in.

I hope everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Thank you. Jim Middlekauff, Second Vice Commander





Son's of the of the Legion: Charles Coleman

The Sons of The American Legion here at Squadron 112 have been working diligently to increase our current membership and promote the Pancake Breakfast for Veterans.

Last month we reached our membership goal of 100%. The membership period is from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. Hopefully, we will be able to increase our membership by 25% come early spring 2018.

The Pancake Breakfast for Veterans is operating at peak performance, thanks to our team of dependable volunteers. Last month our team of volunteers; Donn Brown, Suzie Brown, Caylen Diehl Jr., Ares Diehl, Lynne Tillman, and Cathy Diehl were awarded Certificates Of Appreciation from the American Legion Memorial Post 112.

Also, present at the Pancake Breakfast/Awards Ceremonies was Ms. Natalie Smith, from the Lake Nona Veterans Hospital Office of Veterans Recreation and Therapy.

We just completed our Annual Early Bird Family Picnic here at Post 112. Among those present was the District 6 Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Richard Duncan. Commander Duncan is from Veterans Memorial Squadron 347 located in Lady Lake Florida. Commander Duncan took some time to share ideas and strategies about Programs/Fundraising with Squadron Commander Charles Coleman and 1st Vice Commander Jim Carten.

Squadron Commander Coleman commented, "I first met Commander Duncan last year

at the Fall Convention in Orlando and since then, he has been a strong supporter of Squadron 112".

Right now, we are preparing for our Fall Convention coming November 3-5. We're looking forward to meeting other members of the Sons of The American Legion, sharing information about the great work we are doing with Veterans, Children/Families and our Great Country.



The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

This past month with the hurricanes they have been a mix of emotions from those affected by these storms. Many of us expect things to be accomplished NOW, and yet we do not help ourselves or our fellow man. One of the greatest things in life is to have patience, and as I did my research on "PATIENCE", I found that the Bible is full of verses from the Old and New Testament. The children of Israel were impatient while Moses was on the mountain with God. The result was lack of faith and they turned to their old ways of honoring other gods. In Exodus the events of allowing the enslaved Israelites to leave the Egyptian masters showed God's grace to his people. During their adventure to the promise land the Israelites impatience almost convinced them to return to slavery, because they considered the Egyptian government gave them security. Once again all things are in God's timing not ours! We must have patience and the courage to allow God to open the doors that will lead to his protection moment by moment, day by day.

"Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience." Titus 2:2



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federal government steps in to assist. I recommend each of you look up <https://www.fema.gov/about-agency>, to find out information on FEMA and the recommendations on how to prepare for different disasters.

During the October meeting, we had a Post Everlasting Service; we honored eight of our members who have transferred to the Post in Heaven. Please remember their families each day in your thoughts and prayers. I wish to thank the SAL members who assisted in the service and all that they continue to do to support the Post. For those who do not know the SAL has truly stepped up to hold the monthly breakfast, took the lead on the family picnic and assist around the Post.

Membership is up to 71% as of this newsletter and we are asking you to send in your dues AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I know that it costs less than a meal for two people to pay your dues but the money goes to help the Post in its many projects. If you have paid and received your 2018 card, THANK YOU! To the new members who have joined for the first time or transferred in, thank you, too for joining our/your Post.

The next challenge we will face is the building of over 320 apartments behind the Post. The construction has begun with the demolition of the current woods to our North and the structures to the rear of the Post. These units will be classified as HUD units from one bedroom to three bedrooms units. The owners have stated that once built we would be able to park in the facility when we have big events, however until that occurs, we may be changing the parking at the Post. The current plan is for both the Post and apartment traffic to exit toward University Blvd (South) and if you have to go North you would do a U-turn further down the Goldenrod Road. The neighborhoods across from the Post and we are requesting that a light is used instead for the safety of all parties.

We now are entering the season in which many will be traveling - please stay safe. The November meeting will include discussions on the Post improvements and your participation is requested. The money spent on the Post requires a membership vote. In December, we will have our annual Oratorical Contest and once again, your assistance is needed. Remember these young adults will be competing for scholarship money and talking about the US Constitution

along with one of four amendments.

Please remember that our Post has a monthly breakfast and the VA Nursing home members visit during that time. Through the last year, we have seen some who have passed away, both Post members and Nursing home members, and some who may not be with us long, it is important to make contact with these veterans of past conflicts/wars.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party December 8, 2017 at Perkins Restaurant on University Blvd. The fun kicks off at 6:30pm.

Please keep our service members in your thoughts and prayers along with their families. Keep our first responders as well as our veterans and those who are stricken with medical, physical and mental issues. Through prayer, all things are possible.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and I pray that 2018 will be a great year for each of you, your families and the Post.

For GOD and Country,
Billy Dover Jr., Commander





Merry Christmas

YOU'RE INVITED

POST 112

CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

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UNIVERSITY BLVD AT FORSYTH ROAD

6:30PM—

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NUMBER ATTENDING _____

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

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11/03 Train, Lawrence
11/04 Lefevre, Daniel
11/12 Brizendine, Linda
11/16 Middour, Larry
11/21 Hosein, Sham
11/25 Incao, Dominick
11/26 Day, Robert

11/27 Saul, David
11/29 Shannon, Dyke
11/30 Brooks, Christian
11/30 Shaver, Jan

DECEMBER:

12/04 Gonsalves, Paul
12/05 Coleman, Robert
12/07 Gagne, Ronald
12/07 Sanabrina, Ambrosio
12/09 Berrios, Marge
12/11 Bettis, Earl
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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER:

- 3-5 Department Fall Conference - Renaissance @ Sea World
- 6 SAL Meeting - 6 PM**
- 6 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 11 VETERANS DAY 6TH ANNUAL MARATHON**
- 14 Auxiliary and Post General Meeting - 7 PM**
- 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 25 Pancake Breakfast - 8 - 11 AM**

DECEMBER:

- 4 SAL Meeting - 6 PM**
- 4 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 8 Post Family Christmas Party - Perkins Rest. - 6:30 PM**
- 9 6th District Meeting - Post 80 - 9 AM
- 12 Auxiliary and Post General Meeting - 7 PM**
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 30 Pancake Breakfast - 8 - 11 AM**

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

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