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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Post 112 members:

First, I hope everyone has weathered the brutal Summer heat and some severe storms. There is much going on around your Post currently, so if you have not stopped by—please do so. I have been trying to be present more often, but I'm not always able to be there daily. If anyone needs assistance, please leave a phone message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I would really like to establish regular Post hours, but that will be an item on the list to accomplish in the future. If at all possible, please attend a meeting and get updated on all the future improvements. Along with the Posts' improvements, I am starting a monthly Post work/clean-up day. Tentatively, it will be the next to the last week of each month on a Wednesday morning. I would like the members to own a piece of the Post, by that I mean help with repairs, be on a committee, etc. and by that we will once again have a strong and active Post. I am not "demanding" anything from the membership, just really need some help getting the Post back into good condition and improve the overall appearance. Anyone that is able and have some time, just show up and we can go from there with whatever you are able to help with (there is plenty to go around). Also, it will assist me in getting to know our members better and vice versa. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so soon. I thank those who have renewed and continue on to preserve the American Legion for a strong voice in Washington DC., all our programs and the many benefits that go along with being a member such as discounts for car rental, hotel stays at Motel 6, Wyndham Hotels and travel.

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to Past Commander Ted Costello, who was able to purchase 1200 challenge coins through the Legion Department to be handed out at the National Wheel Chair games that were held recently here in Orlando. To assist with the coins, Russ Kraeger, myself, and my wife Clare attended the games on the last day and physically handed coins out to our warriors that participated. These Veterans (both male and female) were so thankful to get this recognition along with the medals that some received; it was a really rewarding experience.

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Bob to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

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Ted has once again also excelled in directing the Boys State committee – well done Ted!

I cannot overlook all the assistance I have been receiving from the Post Adjutant as well! Bob has been awesome with communications and answering my questions. My main communication is via text or e-mail, as many of the officers and Past Commanders can attest to.

Best wishes to everyone. For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff.

Until the next time...

GET OUT THE VOTE!

It's that time of the year - Election time! Each county has a different ballot, and by now everyone should have been to the polls for the primaries (they were August 28th). The General Election will be held on November 6th but you can vote early, which means you have a chance to "beat the rush" and vote at your leisure. Again, each county is different, so check with your "Supervisor of Elections" WEB page for the correct information. By the way, a voter can vote early at any polling place in his or her county. On election day, you can vote only at your assigned polling place.

Need a ride to the polls? This year, American Legion Post 112 is offering rides to the polls for those who do not have a way to get there. We will pick you up at your home to go to the polls if you will give me a call. We are using cars, not vans, so if you are wheelchair bound or seriously immobile, you will need to call Lynx or some other van-equipped service. Our volunteers are using their personal cars and that limits the available equipment.

Finally, remember, this is important: Members of the American Legion can NOT wear anything that indicates membership in the American Legion when campaigning for any cause or candidate. The American Legion does not support ANY candidate or cause as the Legion. Wearing of **anything** that shows a relationship with the Legion creates the impression that the Legion is supporting that cause or candidate and we cannot do that! We, the Legion, and its members, do support the right and privilege to vote.

From the 2nd Vice Commander

As the 2nd Vice, I could also use some assistance with programs that will help promote Americanism and celebrate certain events/holidays. With the assistance of the Sgt. At Arms, we are keeping up with some of the maintenance, but as noted above – we cannot do it all. As for now, I plan on a Sept. 11th ceremony providing the work around the Post will allow this to happen. Parking and fencing would be a game stopper as I see it for now, but time will tell so stay tuned in. Hopefully, the road work planned with the entrance to the Post will not affect the monthly Pancake Breakfast that has resumed starting the 25th of August and beyond.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

We are off and running! Our membership is over 55% and the membership campaign has only finished its SECOND month! Great job everyone. Let's get to 100% renewals before the end of this year, so that we can start 2019 with 100% membership already completed.

Now to the Post ... We have a new Post Commander and he is AWESOME! Jim Middlekauff has taken off like a rocket and things are happening. He has started some changes around the Post and we will be sitting down shortly to plan out the rest of the 2018-2019 events. Some of the "normal" things are the Son's Pancake Breakfast, that resumed on the 25th of August and is held the last Saturday of each month.

We are looking for chair people for several functions within the Post. We already have some people who are willing to take on some committees, but to give you an idea of the selection, the committees are: Americanism; Baseball; Boy Scouts; Boys State; Blood Donor; Children and Youth; Disaster Preparedness; Employment; Historian; Law & Order; Legion Riders; Oratorical; POW/MIA; Religious Emphasis; ROTC/Shooting Sports; School Medals; Social Media; Special Olympics; Youth Law Cadet and 100th Anniversary. In the next few weeks, we will be putting the word out as to which positions we need to fill. If you are interested in helping out with a specific committee, please contact me or Commander Middlekauff.

We also need to update our Constitution and By Laws and create "Standing Rules" for the Post. The idea of "Standing Rules" is to handle things like meeting dates/times and other minor changes that are currently done in the Constitution and By Laws. By moving them to "Standing Rules" we will not have to make amendments and changes to the Constitution and By Laws for minor changes. The current Constitution and By Laws are available through the Post's WEB page

so that you can review them and recommend items to be changed.

The cost of gasoline seems to be rising slightly and it will begin to get darker earlier; many of our members may not want to drive to the meeting and that's OK! We have the conference bridge available to those who can not get to the Post for the meeting but still want to participate in Post decisions and stay abreast of what is going on. If you find that you want to call in to attend the meeting, send a text to me at 407-619-9611 or call the same number by 6 PM so that I can set the bridge up on the head table. You can use your computer or cell phone to join.

See you at the September meeting!





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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1/2 page - \$ 18.00 (7 3/4"w x 4 3/4"l or 3 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)
Full page - \$ 30.00 (7 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)

If paid in advance for FIVE ISSUES, THE SIXTH ISSUE IS FREE!

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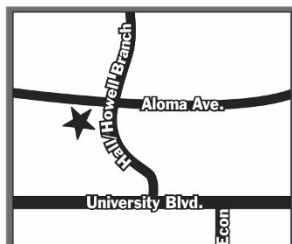
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

2018-2019 Installation of Officers

Our officers for 2018-2019 were installed at the August joint Legion Family meeting
 President—Marge Berrios
 Vice President—Cathy Diehl
 Secy-Treas—Nell Colbert
 Chaplain—Debi Shannon
 Sgt-at-Arms—Mary Doyle
 Historian—Aunita Padgett



When our Unit was chartered in 2008, Kathee Coughlin was the Department President. Kathee has continued over the last ten years to keep up with our activities and watch us grow. Marge and Nell caught up with Kathee at the 2018 Department Convention.

2019 Membership

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their 2018-2019 dues. Please remember that our Unit dues are now \$36 for Seniors and \$12 for Juniors. Dues for 2019 are now due and can be sent to the Unit's PO Box:
 Unit 112
 PO Box 2246
 Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246

Meeting Change

At our June meeting, the membership agreed to shift our meetings to the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month beginning in September so that we can use the main hall at the Post. This will allow us to grow our active member participation since we will have more space. We will also be able to bring in interesting speakers for our meetings. We hope to see everyone on September 18th.

Thelma Smith Memorial Service

During our September meeting, we will be honoring the memory of our Auxiliary sister, Thelma, who passed away last year. Please plan to join us on 9/18 at 7pm for the service that will include draping our charter. Our Department Chaplain, Lois Stachelrodt, will be assisting our Unit Chaplain, Debi Shannon, with the service.

6th District Meetings

The first District meeting for 2018-2019 will be held on September 8th at Mount Dora Post 35. Check-in begins at 9am and the meeting begins at 9:30am.

The 6th District School of Instruction will be held at St. Cloud Post 80 on 9/15. Check-in begins at 9am and the meeting begins at 9:30am. All Legion Family members are invited to attend.

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.



Our 10th Anniversary

Unit 112 celebrated our 10th Anniversary along with our Legion Family at the July Installation of Officers.





Notes from Our Service Officer

There has been recent changes to the VA Choice Program. The VA Mission Act of 2018 enables us to continue our mission of providing quality health care through partnership with community providers. There are many changes in progress to include how we handle authorizations for services. We are working diligently to expand our workforce and to reduce the authorization time to under six weeks. If it has been six weeks since you were referred to community care and have not received an authorization, please contact our Community Care Customer Service line at 352-548-6000 extension 3755.

TRICARE Update:

The final version of the fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, released 23 JUL, no longer includes a plan that would have resulted in unfair fee increases for many retirees and their families enrolled in TRICARE. This decision, made by leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, follows a campaign from the Military Officers Association of America and thousands of their members to get the measure removed, which would have eliminated the grandfathering for beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE prior to January 1, 2018 with the intent to establish a single co-payment structure for all beneficiaries. Congress's inboxes were flooded with over 17,000 MOAA-suggested messages explaining that, yet another round of fee increases was unacceptable for TRICARE beneficiaries.

VA Important phone numbers to call:

The VA maintains one call line for benefits questions, 800-827-1000, one for health care questions, 877-222-8387, another for online account problems, 800-983-0937, and one for burial eligibility information, 800-535-1117. The VA Inspector General's Office has its own hotline to receive VA complaints, at 800-488-8244. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has a hotline, 800-872-9855, to docu-

ment employee retaliation issues at the VA.

POW/MIA Update 109

The resumption of recovery and return efforts was a key talking point of last month's summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Numerous Veterans groups had lobbied the White House to emphasize the importance of the work in advance of the meeting, and praised plans to eventually bring home the fallen troops. More than 35,000 Americans died on the Korean Peninsula during the war, which lasted from 1950 to 1953. Of those, 7,700 are still listed as missing in action, with 5,300 believed to be on North Korean soil. From 1990 to 2005, 229 fallen service members were identified and returned back to America with the help of North Korean military staff. But that work was suspended 13 years ago amid deteriorating political relations between the countries.

Pentagon officials have said they believe North Korean officials currently have about 200 sets of U.S. remains that can be quickly transferred back to America once political and logistical issues are settled.

Military officials said the remains were loaded onto an Air Force C-17 at an air base in Wonsan, North Korea, and taken to Osan Air Base in South Korea. Service members from United Nations Command Korea and technical experts from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency were on hand for the event. United Nations Command officials confirmed that 55 cases of remains were turned over by the North Koreans.

Vital information for all:

One of the eventualities in life that spouses and families of Veterans face is the death of their loved one who served America in uniform. To

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help ease the burden on loved ones, veterans can make preparations in advance. The first step is to make certain the family has easy access to important documents such as:

- The veteran's discharge certificate (DD form 214).

- VA documents, if any, indicating a VA claim number.

- A copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees (if any previous marriages).

- Insurance policies, including beneficiary designation.

- A copy of the family will (not required for VA benefits).

- Location of safety deposit boxes (not required by VA).

- Business address, email address, office and cell phone numbers for local American Legion service officer.

Burial in a VA national cemetery -- Every eligible veteran who is entitled to burial in a national cemetery as long as space is available, and the following conditions are met:

- Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

- Veteran was not subsequently convicted for offenses involving prohibited weapons of mass destruction, genocide and international terrorism.

With certain exceptions, service beginning after Sept. 7, 1980, as an enlisted person and service after Oct. 16, 1981, as an officer must have served for a minimum of 24 months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. For a description of requirements refer to www.cem.va.gov

VA provides headstones and markers anywhere in the world for the unmarked graves of veterans who died before Sept. 11, 2001. For the marked graves of veterans who died on or after Sept. 11, 2001, double marking is authorized. Flat bronze, flat granite, flat marble, upright granite and upright marble type are available to mark the grave in a style consistent with the cemetery.

A U.S. flag is provided, at no cost, to drape over the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service. Eligibility for former members of Selected Reserves were added by Section 517 of Public Law 105-261. The flag will be issued once only for burial purposes and will not be replaced if lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

Burial and plot-interment allow-

ance -- You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if all of these conditions are met:

- You paid for a veteran's burial or funeral.

- You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer.

- The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met. The veteran:

- Died because of a service-related disability.

- Was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death.

- Was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay.

- Died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility.

- Died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care.

- Had an original or reopened claim pending at the

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the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date of death.

Died on or after Oct. 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA approved state nursing home.

VA will pay the following amounts:

For a veteran's service-related death: If the death was due to his or her service-connected disability, VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses occurring on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

For a veteran's non-service related death since Oct. 1, 2011: If the death occurred while hospitalized by VA, it will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses.

If a veteran's death was not due to a service-connected disability and the veteran was not hospitalized by VA, the veteran must meet at least one specific condition to receive up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance.

Son's of the of the Legion: Charles Coleman

The Sons of The American Legion at Memorial Squadron 112 has closed out our 2017-2018 fiscal year effective June 30, 2018. The goals we set for Veteran's Administration & Rehab, Community Relations and membership were all achieved.

We would like to thank Perkins Restaurant in Winter Park and Chick-Fil-A on University Boulevard for their and participation in our Project Vet Relief Fundraiser Program. We look forward to building a long-term business relationship with Perkins Restaurants and Chick-Fil-A in the future.

The officers for the upcoming year at Squadron 112 have already been elected and installed. The newly elected officers are; Charles Coleman Jr (Commander), James Carten III (1st Vice-Commander), Bob Colbert (Adjutant/Finance), Billy Dover Jr (Chaplin) Caylen Diehl (Sgt. At Arms), Ares Diehl (Historian), Jerry Dress (Advisor/Liaison).

At the 46th Annual Department of Florida Convention of the American Legion, Squadron 112 received awards for our outstanding performance throughout the year. At the Convention, our 1st Vice Commander James Carten walked across the stage to receive the Certificate Of Recognition Award for our donations and fundraisers for the Project Vet Relief Program. Our Commander, Charles Coleman received the Most Valuable Piece Award for his efforts and participation in the Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement of members.

At this time, I would like to thank our American Legion Family here at Memorial Post 112, and our volunteers for their support throughout the year, especially, my 1st Vice commander, Jim Carten, for his loyalty and dedicated support of our Squadron throughout the year.

Also, I would like to personally thank Past Commander Billy Dover for his support, words of encouragement, leadership and help with my development as a Squadron Commander.

For God And Country,
Charles Coleman
Squadron 112 Commander





2018-2019 Installation of Officers

This year, our installation of Officers was done on July 10th. We are happy to announce that the officers for the Post's Family are:

Post 112

Commander - James Middlekauff
Vice Commander - Stephen Miglionico
Adjutant/Finance - Bob Colbert
Chaplain - Cliff Buhrow
Historian - Lawrence Wartell
Sgt At Arms - Russell Kraeger

Auxiliary Unit 112

President - Marge Berrios
Vice President - Cathy Diehl
Secretary/Treasurer - Nell Colbert
Historian - Aunita Padgett
Chaplain - Debi Shannon
Sgt At Arms - Mary Doyle

Son's Squadron 112

Commander - Charles Coleman
Vice Commander - Jim Carten
Adjutant/Finance - Bob Colbert
Chaplain - Billy Dover
Historian - Ares Diehl
Sgt At Arms - Caylen Diehl
Advisor—Gerard Dress

All of the above officers were sworn in at the meeting and welcomed by the 6th District installation team.



CONGRATULATIONS!



2018-2019 Installation of Officers



CONGRATULATIONS!

2019 Legion Dues
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POST WORK DAY
4th WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH
9AM - 2PM
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Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

September:

09/01 Shakes, Harry
09/03 Booker, James
09/05 Waterworth, Nancy
09/06 Fox, Ira
09/07 Cassata, Anthony, Jr
09/07 Mendez, Gary
09/08 Cunningham, Takao
09/14 Hawley, John
09/15 Alvarado, Osvaldo
09/18 Miglionico, Stephen

09/21 Pollack, Robert
09/22 Camille, Tiana
09/23 Russell, Joanne
09/25 Costello, Christine
09/27 Carten, Finnley
09/28 Gomes, Manuel
09/28 LaPeter, Alfred, Jr
09/29 Martin, Pamela

October:

10/03 Saunders, Virginia
10/08 Graham, George
10/08 Hodges, Robert
10/08 Yerkes, Anita
10/09 Costello, Ted
10/11 Cayden Azurin

10/14 Hickman, Thomas
10/14 Nelson, Robert
10/16 Miller, David
10/19 Colbert, Ashton
10/21 Shannon, Deborah
10/24 Colbert, Nell
10/26 Lowenberg, Chance
10/27 Norton, Thomas
10/28 Coll, Nelson



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School of Instruction

Date: September 15th

Place: American Legion Post 80

1019 Pennsylvania Ave

St. Cloud, FL 34769

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

9:00am Registration

9:30am Meeting

Come meet your District Chairman, learn about this year's Program's.

A light lunch will be offered for \$5.00



You will have a chance to win prizes from each of the Chairman that you visit.

Legion & SAL members are welcome to attend to Learn about our Auxiliary programs.

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CALENDAR

SEPT

- 3 LABOR DAY
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Fleet Reserve Meeting - 9:30 AM
- 18 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM
- 29 Son's Pancake Breakfast - 8-11AM

OCT

- 1 SAL Meeting - 6 PM
- 1 Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM
- 9 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 16 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM
- 20 Fleet Reserve Meeting - 9:30 AM
- 27 Son's Pancake Breakfast - 8-11AM

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

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