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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

Well, here we go again. Just when we thought things were going well and some-what back to a "normal" life, we get smacked down with the Covid virus that just does not seem to be going away any time soon. I pray that everyone is doing due diligence in staying safe until this is really under control. It is sad that Florida is one of the highest numbers of cases. Much to my displeasure, I did catch the virus from going to Kennedy Space Center. My wife (Clare) caught it also but had different symptoms than I did. We are both almost done with all the symptoms of cold/flu issues and trust me-even with being totally vaccinated, it is NOT anything you want to experience! Nuff of that, just be careful.

On another note, this month (August) we did a total Zoom meeting and hopefully next month we can be back in the Post with a blended meeting.

We will have a September 11th ceremony (Saturday @ 10 AM) at the Post. My plan is to have it in the pavilion (weather permitting) with Zoom also and anyone wanting to attend at the Post is of course always welcome if you feel comfortable in doing so. This is the 20th Anniversary of the attack on the US and I have an awesome guest speaker coming. Our speaker is: Reverend Dr. Chuck Robertson, who is the Cannon to the Bishop of the Episcopal Church and was at ground zero. This will be a very meaningful ceremony for sure. The Post is looking great and still making improvements, so come on out.

Don't forget September 17th which is National POW/MIA Day. Thanks to the efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, we are bringing our Veterans home for proper burials as they so deserve.

I want to thank Steve Miglionico for stepping up as our 1st Vice, I really appreciate his efforts and look forward to possible new members. Talk to other Veterans about us. *"Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 are now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so bring them to a meeting and check out our awesome Post.

Have a Spooktacular Halloween!

Until next time, take care and God Bless.

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

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(bcolbert@usa.net)
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From Stephen's Korner—Stephen Miglionico

Fellow Veterans: As the First Vice Commander one of my main objectives is to try to ensure that you remain a member of the American Legion and this post. Just this past week I mailed out over 50 membership cards for those that renewed and paid their 2022 dues. Still there is about 70 or so that have not renewed yet, but I am not worried because you always come through and help keep your American Legion alive. You should have received your renewal by now.

My other objective is to recruit new members, and here is where I need your help. The Legion has changed its rules about who could be a member. In the past membership was limited to those who served during a war or conflict. Now, if you are Honorably Discharged and served since December 1941, they can join without being in a battle era. Therefore, I am sure you know of a friend, neighbor or family member who is eligible, SIGN THEM UP. Its easy to do the math, each one of you gets a new member, we DOUBLE the size of this post.

Respectfully yours.
Stephen J. Miglionico

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

Boys State—Bob Colbert

Our candidates are all back and in school. We had hoped to have them at the August meeting, but circumstances did not permit it. We have made contact with all four of our delegates and they have agreed to attend the September meeting to give their "after action" reports. If the COVID conditions continue, we may have them give their reports on ZOOM where we can record them and save them to the WEB page.

From what I have heard, all four of them had a great experience. We hope that they will pass the information on to their incoming Junior Classmates as to what Boy's State is and how much they gained from it.

LABOR DAY

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Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Fall is coming although you would never know it from the heat. Schools have opened and there is a glimmer of hope that there might be a "normal" coming soon. But caution cannot be lowered! "Throwing caution to the wind" when things start to look a little better is never a wise decision. Patience is the key to surviving this mess.

Post-wise, things are holding their own. Stephen Miglionico has accepted the position of 1st Vice Commander and is sending out the membership cards as the members pay their dues. Thank you, Stephen, as that takes some of the load off of me.

The WEB page has a new look. There is an article about the changes in another part of the newsletter.

Convention was interesting. One of the major changes over the last couple of years has been the addition of the "voting machines" that replaces the old "Post-by-Post" voice voting. Gone are the days of sitting in the main hall, freezing, and waiting for your Post to be called to announce your votes, one office at a time.

The Post looks GREAT! Thank you, Commander Middlekauff, Vice-Commander Miglionico, Sgt-At-Arms Kraeger, Chaplain Dover and Member Pinter! I may have missed some others and if I did, thank you too! When we are able to get back into full operation, I think that you will be impressed with what has been accomplished. AND THERE IS MORE TO COME! Our Commander is working on some other changes that will help make the Post more welcoming.

As we begin the new fiscal year, we will be looking for some new ideas and some help executing them. If you have a suggestion, send it to the Commander and copy me so that we can keep track of it. No idea is "stupid" and there is no limit to what you can suggest with the exception of

common sense. As health conditions improve, we can begin thinking of ways to promote the Post and the Legion Family. You will notice that I refer to it as the "Legion Family" and that is because there are actually three parts to our Post Family. Our Post members are our veterans; the Auxiliary Unit is an important part of our Post and has their own programs in addition to assisting the Post with some of ours; and our Son's Squadron which has been the sponsor of our Veteran's Breakfasts up until the VA was no longer able to send our veteran guests from the VA Nursing Home. We sincerely hope that conditions will change in the near future to allow the Son's to resume that welcome outing for our Nursing Home vets and the rest of us. If you have friends or relatives that are eligible for membership in any of our Post Family groups, please give them our contact information and encourage them to join. For Legion membership, please contact Stephen Miglionico at fra117br@aol.com or 407-401-6256; for Auxiliary membership, please contact Nell Colbert at necolbert@usa.net or 321-303-7445; and for SAL membership, please contact Jim Carten at architectjim3@yahoo.com or 407-415-9042. Contact information for everyone is also on our website.

There is a "Help Wanted" paragraph elsewhere in the newsletter that describes some areas that our members could choose to help.

Until next issue ... Bob C





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 November-December issue—15October

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

We kicked off the new program year by participating in the Department Convention in early July. Our 2021-2022 Department President, Wanda Brandt, has chosen as her theme



We learned a lot and came home enthused about the upcoming year.

We also held our Installation of Officers on July 13th. The installation was a hybrid event; we had officers installed via Zoom and we streamed the event to our Facebook page. Paula Fox,



6th District President, presented Marge with our 100% membership ribbon for 2020.



Our Post and SAL Officers were installed, too.

In late July, we received some devastating news—our beloved Auxiliary sister and Unit Vice President, Cathy Diehl, went home to be with the Lord. Cathy was such an instrumental part of not just our Unit but also our Post and SAL Squadron. Cathy was always there to support the Legion's Holiday Angels shopping trip as well as supporting her grandson's in their activities with SAL, in particular helping with the Veterans Pancake breakfast every other month. For the Unit, one of Cathy's loves was the Poppy program and she would set up a distribution booth at the cemetery for Memorial Day. Cathy also loved our Education, Children & Youth, and VA&R programs and was always available to shop for the Veterans holiday food baskets for

Christmas and our Thanksgiving baskets for the Eastbrook food pantry. Our Legion family was well represented at Cathy's funeral in August where our Chaplain, Debi, offered a prayer during the service. Cathy will be dearly missed.



Our August meeting featured updates from our Girls State delegates, Olivia and Alyssa. Oh, what stories they shared!



We welcome new Veteran spouses along with the mothers, sisters, grandmothers and granddaughters who would like to actively support our military, our youth and our community through our community service projects. To become involved, please call Nell at 321.303.7445.

Check out our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>
or our website at:

www.AmLegionAux112FL.com
to see what we've been doing.



Notes from Our Service Officer

VA has announced that starting Aug. 2, 2021, it began processing disability claims for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and other areas. The Southwest Asia theater of operations refers to Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and the airspace above these locations. Additionally, this includes veterans who served in Southwest Asia beginning Aug. 2, 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001, to the present. These conditions must have manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

President Biden signed into law the Major Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2021. This change will authorize VA to carry out specific major medical facilities projects and also increase the amount of money that can be spent on each project.

Below are the guidelines for the new authorized users at Hale Koa Hotel and the Shades of Green Resort:

Veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former POWs, **all veterans with VA-documented service-connected disability ratings**, and individuals assessed, approved, and designated as the Primary Family Caregivers of eligible veterans under the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers are eligible Shades of Green Resort users when identified as follows:

- Veterans must present a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) indicating at least one of the three acceptable eligibility statuses (PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW, or

SERVICE CONNECTED); or HEC form H623A indicating placement in VA health care priority group 8E paired with an acceptable credential like a REAL ID-compliant State driver's license or a U.S. passport. Note: VHICs are issued to veterans enrolled in VA health care. Visit: <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/> for information regarding eligibility for the VHIC and the application process.

- Primary Family Caregivers must present their letter from the VA Office of Community Care that indicates they are assessed, approved, and designated Primary Family Caregiver of an eligible Veteran under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers and are eligible for these privileges paired with an acceptable credential like a REAL ID-compliant state driver's license or a U.S. passport.

Restrictions apply for Disney's Military Promotional Salute Tickets, Universal Orlando's Military Promotional Ticket offers, and the Stars and Stripes Length of Stay tickets.

To obtain VA forms, go online to <https://www.va.gov/health-care>

Authorized Government-issued Identification Cards:

- DoD common access card
- Real ID compliant driver's license
- Real ID compliant non-driver's license
- Enhanced driver's license
- US passport or passport card.





HELP WANTED—Bob Colbert

Our Post is totally and completely volunteer driven. While the American Legion has many very good programs, each Post can only participate in those that they can support. And support means having a volunteer “champion” and support from other members. The most successful programs have a SUPER champion who is determined to see the program move forward.

One of the programs that we support, where we will need your help in May and June, is the School Medals Program, where the Post presents citizenship medals to selected 5th graders (one boy and one girl) at several of the local elementary schools. We also present citizenship medals to one boy and one girl graduating from two of our high schools. And we also present Academic Achievement and Military Achievement medals to selected graduating ROTC students at both the high school and college levels. Our volunteers are there to present the medals and congratulate the students and there is a scripted speech

to be given. **That is the extent of the volunteer’s duty.** Selection of the student is done by the schools and coordinating the visits is done by the School Medal Chair. If you would like to take on a “Presenters” slot or maybe even the School Medal Chair, please let me know. Email is best, but phone calls, texts, or even talking at a meeting would work. Meetings are the least preferred as there is a lot going on and I have my attention divided.

Boy’s State is another program that the Post continues to support. This is a little more involved but still not hard. Boy’s State activities start in the Fall! We begin contacting the schools where we solicit candidates through the Guidance Counsellors. Since the Boy’s State selection occurs in February, we try to get the Guidance Counsellors to begin looking for candidates in October. The chair maintains contact with the schools, coordinates the interviews with the Post selection team (usually at the February General Meeting) and sees the candidates at the required ori-

entation session.

A program that we would like to get started is the Oratorical Contest. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, national television commentator and talk radio host Lou Dobbs, and former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence. The winner of the National contest can earn up to \$250,000. This position is simple but requires some “up front” planning to make it happen. The contest would be held at the Post level in January. The topics are all drawn around the US Constitution. Just like the basic footwork for Boy’s State, contact with the schools must start in the Fall.

While there are many other programs offered through the American Legion that our Post could participate in, we need a “Champion” to head them up. If you want to know more, check with me when you have a chance. There is much more than I can put here, but if you are **Continued on Page 10**

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Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

We continue to live in interesting times. Our Annual State Convention came off quite well considering the protocols in place. It was wonderful to gather again with our friends and here all the good news of the work of the Sons. We will unfortunately not be restarting the Saturday Breakfasts in the fall as planned.

Our Legion family is certainly a

diverse group. All of us volunteers ready and able to assist veterans and their families. I wanted to recognize a member of the Auxiliary who made a significant impact with the Sons. Cathy Diehl was a fixture at the SAL Saturday Breakfasts as well as other Post activities. She was a tireless worker and always maintained her cheerful demeanor. Sadly, Cathy passed away

in August. We'll miss you Cathy....

For God and Country

Jim Carten
Commander, Squadron 112

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Chaplain's Thoughts:

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

So often we only think God sees us and hears us but does not answer our prayers. God has not promised us a pain free life but he has promised us an abundant life if we follow HIM. So how does God answers us, by our reading THE WORD.

A great reminder of an individual who did this was Desmond Thomas Doss, a conscientious objector. While he volunteered to serve in the Army during WWII, he refused to carry a weapon. His faith in God and THE WORD allowed him to go through ridicule and pain during

basic training. Becoming a combat medic, he saved numerous lives of those who ridiculed him. The Battle of Okinawa he rescued 75 men and lowered them down a cliff with no support. He was asked a question of what he thought when he rescued a member, and his answer was God give me the chance to save one more. This man received the Medal of Honor, was always thinking of how to save his fellow man even in the heat of the battle.



As I stated earlier, God does not promise us a pain free life. He places challenges in front of us to see if we trust him. Never waver from the truth that God is always with us even when we are dealing with difficult situations. His desire is for us to trust him in ALL THINGS.

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Our job is to continue praying and know that God will answer our prayers in HIS timing.

Let us pray: Dear Lord you know our pains and desires and we pray that your will be done. Give us the strength to trust in you in all things and to keep a prayer on our breath even during troubling times. This we ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.



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Post 112 New Website—Bob Colbert

The new WEB page!

Have you seen it? Take a look! It is at <https://wpflpost112.org>. The new look is quite a change from the older format. The calendar is interactive, and we are working to streamline things as we go. There is more to come, so you will need to check back often to see what has been done.



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interested, go to <http://legion.org> and look at "Programs."

And, on a more "local" level, we need a Historian, Judge Advocate, and 2nd Vice Commander to name a few,

The 2nd Vice Commander position is usually elected, but we did not have a candidate for this year. The 2nd Vice's "job" is to coordinate building maintenance and upkeep as well as assist the Commander with the meeting programs, such as guest speakers, etc. The 2nd Vice may also be asked to "chair" a Post Meeting in the absence of the Commander and the 1st Vice Commander.

The Historian is responsible for the Post "Scrap Book." It sounds harder than it is. The pictures and articles are collected by the Historian, of course, but can come from ANY member of the Post. With Cell Phones so prevalent, asking the members to take pictures at a Post event and send them to the Historian is almost a "no brainer." All the Historian needs to do is match the pictures with the events and put them in a scrapbook. There is an annual competition among the Posts each year. The winning Post gets "bragging rights" for the year as well as show off what the Post has accomplished over the last year.

The Judge Advocate for the Post is the "guardian of our Constitution and By Laws." This member does not need to be an attorney but that would be a welcome choice. The Judge Advocate would be the Posts Arbitrator in a conflict within the Post and would preside at such a meeting to ensure that the Post's Constitution and By Laws were upheld. A full job description can be provided if you are interested in serving as the Just Advocate. Contact the Adjutant for details.

There you have it! This just the "tip of the iceberg." If you have an interest in volunteering to help us at the Post, please think about it and let the Adjutant or Commander know.

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Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION



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CALENDAR

Sept	Event
6	Labor Day
7	Sons Meeting - 7 PM
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21	Auxiliary Unit meeting - 7 PM
Oct	
5	S A L Meeting - 7 PM
12	General Meeting - 7 PM
19	Auxiliary Unit meeting - 7 PM
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Please see our website at <https://wpflpost112.org> for additional dates and more detailed info about each event.

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