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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I know you have heard this before, but make sure you are all prepared for hurricane season we never know what to expect. Please have your plans ready and supplies stocked up. You can always count on your Post to help though if needed. As I mentioned in my last note, we will continue with our "blended" meetings and hope for more members to feel comfortable enough to actually attend the meeting at the Post. We will provide snacks again as in the past.

The Post is looking really good, so stop by and check us out. Feel free to join us at a meeting and give inputs as to what you may want to see happening at the Post. I would like to hear from you and also to help out when you have some time. You can reach me anytime on my cell and leave a message (407-739-4949). Thanks.

Hopefully, we will have our Boys State candidates at our next meeting and hear of their experiences. Our awesome Auxiliary also sponsored Girl State candidates.

I had hoped that we could have a Sept. 11th ceremony at the Post, but again we will not be able to and is very unfortunate. I thank those who have the confidence in me to continue as Commander (for one more year). We still have some vacancies, so if you are interested in lending a hand and contribute to the Post just let us know.

Talk to other Veterans about us, overall the Legion is going strong but it would be great if we had more members who would participate; *"Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 are now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so come to a meeting and bring them with you.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.

For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff
Commander, Post 112



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From Billy's Korner—Billy Dover



So what do you do on a warm Saturday morning to help someone out? I had the privilege to represent Post 112 during a workday doing the final preparations for Army SGT Chad Rozanski's new home. The organization HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS built this home which is totally accessible for SGT Rozanski. Thank you Post 112 for allowing me to put a little sweat equality into making a veteran's life better. There will be an open house for all who wish to attend on 27AUG22.

Membership is what keeps our post open and functioning. As your new First Vice, I am requesting that you send in your 2022-2023 dues as soon as possible. I am working on a new member drive for the

new year and hope to have each of you participate. More to come on this topic. May God Bless you and our Great Nation this new American Legion Year.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Billy Dover Jr., 1st Vice



2023 Legion Dues are now being accepted!
Please send your \$38 check to
PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Post year! We had our installation of officers in July, and we are off and running.

Welcome our new Vice Commander, Billy G Dover, who also happens to be the Post's Chaplain and a Past Commander of the Post. Billy joined the Post in 1997 and has been active in many areas including the Sea Cadet Battalion and many of the Post activities. He has been the Post's Chaplain since 2019. Billy is also an EMT, working at the Daytona Speedway during their seasons. Billy is also a "dual member" as he is one of our Son's members.

Also, welcome our new Sergeant at Arms, Ron Gagne. Ron is also our Scouting Chair and has been in the Legion since 1973 and with our Post for more than 10 years. In fact, this is Ron's 50th year in the Legion. Ron is also quite active in the Boy Scout community, serving as a Unit Commissioner in the Central Florida Council in addition to working with the Post. Ron is also a "dual member" as he is also one of our Son's members as well.

Do not forget to welcome our two newest members of the "officer corps" of the Post when you see them.

If you want to become a serious part of the Post's staff, we still have openings, and I am sure that Commander Middlekauff would be happy to talk with you about it. If you want to see the job description of any of the positions, let me know and I will send them to you.

Some of the activities that we have targeted for the coming year are: Oratorical Contest, Boys State, School Medals, Christmas Gifts to a disadvantaged Veteran's Family and the Holiday Food Basket for several disadvantaged Veteran Families (in cooperation with our entire Legion family) and, of course, the Legion Family's Holiday Party.

These activities cannot be done without your help, so let us know what you can do to help the Post to help the community.

There are also several events coming up over the next year where we have not had enough help to hold at the Post. You saw that we will not be able to hold a September 11th Memorial. Some of the other events are Veterans Day (Nov 11th), Pearl Harbor Day (Dec 7th), Four Chaplains Memorial (1st weekend in February), Memorial Day and others. We want to make these dates and events memorable, but we need help to make them happen. Guest Speakers and other parts are just some of what it takes. With everyone's help, we could even start up a weekly "Coffee with a Vet" at the Post. Who knows what we could do but getting the Post back active is the goal.

There you have a few ideas, and I am sure that you have many more ways to improve our Post. Your "officer corps" cannot do it alone but we have done our best to keep the Post itself in top condition.

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.

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COPY DEADLINES:

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 September-October issue—15August
 November-December issue—15October

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Our Membership Drive for 2023 is off to a great start! As of 8/15, when this article was written, we have sixteen paid members for 2023 bringing us to 64% of our 2023 goal. To date, the following members have renewed for 2023:

Berrios, Marge
Berrios, Terry
Brown, Sharon
Caruso, Claudia
Colbert, Aurora
Colbert, Braelyn
Colbert, Nell
Colbert, Victoria
Costello, Christine
Doyle, Mary
Gagne, Lisa
Klinger, Staci
Knapp, Cheryl
Russell, Jo Anne
Shannon, Debi
Thompson, Madelda

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2023. If you are not listed above, please send your check to PO Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246 or pay on-line at the national website.

Please remember that Auxiliary and Legion eligibility requirements have changed—the male spouses of female Veterans are now able to join the Auxiliary as long as their living spouse is a Legion member. Also, Veterans can join the Legion if they served at any time after the beginning of World War II. If you have friends or relatives who are eligible for the Auxiliary, the Legion, or SAL, please encourage them to join our Winter Park family.

In July, we installed our officers for the 2022-2023 program year. Pau-

la Fox, 6th District President, and Charlotte Bass, the Department 2nd Vice President, handled the installation duties. Marge and Nell were installed in person at the



Post and in our years old tradition of having officers installed over Zoom, Terry and Debi were installed remotely.

Our Girls State delegates will be attending our September meeting on 9/20 to update us on their exciting experiences in Tallahassee as neither were available to attend our August meeting. Please try to attend so we can show these young women just how much we appreciate them.

In August, Nell, along with Post Commander, Jim, and Adjutant, Bob, did a little housekeeping at the Post. The Unit's file cabinet was no longer able to contain all of our required documents, so we worked together to clean out a lockable file cabinet that contained some outdated Legion materials, and the Post gave us the bigger file cabinet for our use. Thank you Post 112—we appreciate your support.!

Coming up soon, we will be completing our "Give Ten to Education" project by awarding to one of

the Eastbrook teachers a Scholastic Books grant that will allow each of her students to receive a new book every month this school year.

And, of course, November and December will feature our Veterans Day Poppy booths, the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook, our Eastbrook food pantry project, and holiday food basket project for the VA. It's starting out to be a very busy year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our future meetings. Watch your emails for the Zoom link and remember, you do not have to use a computer to join our meetings; you can join using your smart phone, laptop, or tablet. Call Nell if you need help.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We welcome all Veteran spouses along with the mothers, sisters, grandmothers and granddaughters of Veterans 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



Notes from Our Service Officer

eBenefits is moving features and capabilities to [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov). As part of this transition and to better inform our customers, we're updating our homepage to let users know up front what is on eBenefits versus what has transitioned to [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov).

Senate Passes the PACT Act: The Senate passed the *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022*, known as the *Honoring our PACT Act*. The bill now heads to the president for signature. To those Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors: you can apply for PACT Act benefits by filing a claim at [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov), and you can learn more about the PACT Act at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) or by calling us at 1-800-MyVA411.

New Deadline for Some Military Retirees, Dependents

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years, according to the Defense Department. There is no looming dead-

line for use of those old non-active duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026. In the meantime, cards with expiration dates are required to be replaced within 90 days of elapsing. The Defense Department began the effort to update all those IDs to the new format in July 2020, but the changeover hit delays caused by the pandemic. "DoD plans to phase out and cancel the existing card forms in 2026 when all existing cards with an actual expiration date will have expired. After then, only the USID card will be accepted for installation and benefits access. The new design closely resembles the Common Access Card, or CAC, format issued to active-duty troops and department civilians. A description of the new cards and a complete list of who is eligible can be found at <https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card>.

The Defense **POW/MIA** Accounting Agency announced six burial updates and ten new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea.





Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

We are beginning a new "term" for the officers of your Sons of the American Legion Winter Park Memorial Squadron 112. The officers for the 2022-2023 term were installed at the July meeting.



Jim Carten will continue as the Commander, Jim Middlekauff is our Vice Commander and Legion Liaison Officer. Bob Colbert continues as the Adjutant and the Finance Officer. As of today, the Squadron is at 37% renewal and counting. If you have not already sent your check for \$20 to the Squadron for your 2023 dues, please take a minute and do so now. We are hoping for a 100% renewal before 12/31/22. If you have any doubt, please remember that your card expires on 12/31 of the year that is printed on it. Unfortunately, there is no "pro-rating" done at the National Headquarters.

Be sure to check the Post Family Calendar at <https://wpflpost112.org/events> for the latest schedule of events at the Post. The calendar posted in this newsletter may not have everything as events get added between newsletters. The Post Family Calendar is updated multiple times a week. We are trying to bring activities back to the Post.

Our meetings continue to be held [on ZOOM](#). The Adjutant sends the ZOOM link out each month in an email. You can join the meeting using a computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone or dial in using a regular CELL phone. The dial-in number is not local so we do not recommend using a wireline telephone as long-distance charges could apply. Text the Adjutant if you did not get the meeting notice by texting 407-212-7262 before the meeting time.

Legion Family Installation Pictures





The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover



There are times when you get frustrated, confused, and neglected by your world, your family, your job, or even medical problems. You may want to give

up and let others deal with the situation or worse you may think that taking your life solves the problems.

In 1 Chronicles 10: the Philistines fought against Israel, whose king was Saul, and Israel fled. The Philistines killed Saul's sons and Saul was injured in the battle.

1 Chronicles 10: 4-5

Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. (5) And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he

fell likewise on the sword, and died.

As you read the passage the mighty King Saul committed suicide instead of placing his trust in God. His armourbearer was a follower and also committed suicide. My question to you is what good did it do to commit suicide and what kind of example did it leave to the Israel people?

Today we lose an average of 22 service personnel, along with first responders to suicide. What did they leave behind? Who does it affect: mom, dad, siblings, wife, children, fellow service members? What the affected individuals think is why did I not see the signs, why did they not call me, and why did I not call them?

I personally lost a fellow firefighter friend about 5 years ago and this individual had everything going for him, including his two-year-old twins. Why did he not reach out is our question, unfortunately, his twins are not able to grow up and see their dad.

THE NEW SUICIDE HOTLINE IS 988

LET US PRAY: Dear God bless me each day and let your blessing be placed on my family, my friends, and comrades. Protect our Nation and those who serve us either in Government, Military, and First Responders. God, please protect me against evil thoughts and those who are thinking there is no solution. You are the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, keep your Holy Spirit guiding me not only in the good times but also in the bad. This we pray in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN

Boys State—Bob Colbert

Our four candidates have returned from the Boys State in Tallahassee and if all goes well, will be giving us reports on how they liked it and what they learned at the September meeting. As it will be a school night, they will have the option of coming to the Post or participating via ZOOM. We look forward to their reports.



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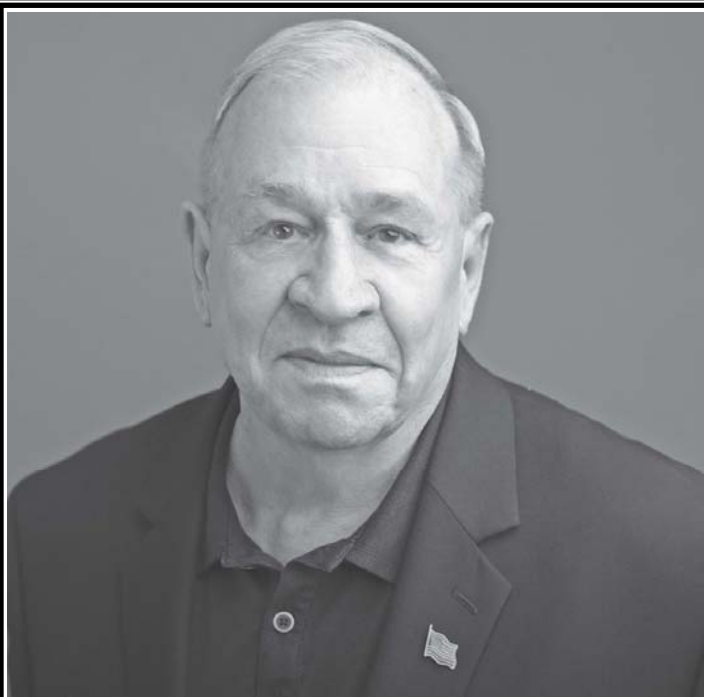
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Happy Birthday dear _____.
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SEPTEMBER:

1	Shakes, Harry S
5	Riordan, Robert J
6	Fox, Ira T
7	Mendez, Gary
14	Hawley, John H
18	Miglionico, Stephen J
19	Benjamin, Judith
21	Pollack, Robert A
23	Russell, Joanne W
25	Costello, Christine
27	Carten, Finnley J

28	Gomes, Manny W
29	Martin, Pamela

OCTOBER:

3	Saunders, Virginia
8	Graham, George B
9	Costello, Ted J
11	Azurin, Cayden
14	Beltz, Leslie
14	Hickman, Thomas
19	Colbert, Ashton A
21	Shannon, Deborah
24	Colbert, Nell E
27	Norton, Thomas J
28	Coll, Nelson





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CALENDAR

September Event

- 5 Labor Day
- 6 SAL meeting - ZOOM - 7 PM
- 13 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - Post and ZOOM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM

October Event

- 4 SAL Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM - Post and ZOOM
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 18 Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM

Please be sure to check our website at:
<https://wpflpost112.org/events>
for up to date information

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