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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

We have not heard from anyone needing assistance after IAN, so I certainly hope all is well or at least OK. Your Post has donated money to organizations to help with supplies. Let us know if there are any needs that we can assist with in the surrounding area.

Again, 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 soon as in the past.

Several organizations are using our Post as a meeting hall, so hopefully it will also bring in some new members to join our cause.

I hope everyone had a Happy and safe Halloween. There were some reports of bad people putting drugs in pumpkins. I wish all our Veterans a Happy Day on November 11th and hope you can get out to the Orlando Veterans Day parade on the 12th in downtown Orlando. The parade always has a good turnout with many different participants and the streets are packed with spectators cheering. Let us also not forget December 7th when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas with family if possible and remember those less fortunate.

As announced in another part of the newsletter, we will be having our Christmas dinner get-together so please plan on attending.

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 is now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so come to a meeting and bring them with you.

You can reach me anytime on my cell and leave a message (407-739-4949). Thanks.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.
For God and Country,
Jim Middlekauff, Commander, Post 112

Happy
Thanksgiving

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

**To continue
getting Post 112
family emails, please
send your correct
email address to
Bob Colbert
(bcolbert@usa.net)
ASAP**

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From Billy's Korner—Billy Dover

As of today 15OCT22, we have 76 paid members out of 110 which sets us at 68.18%. Our goal is always to be our 110 plus ONE. There are 37 members who have yet paid and we are requesting you send in your payment of \$38.00 to AMERICAN LEGION POST 112 or you can do it on the American Legion website.

My question to you is what have you done for someone else today? Have you done a BUDDY CHECK or just called a friend and gave a GOOD WORD? We are all busy but know that if you need anything please let me or the Officers know and we will do what we can to help you out. As we come to the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we know that there are many in need of assistance. Please contact us if you are in need, know that we are all here on this earth to serve others and not to be served.

Invite your neighbors to join us either in person or on a ZOOM call and get involved. As a final note, I want you to keep this number **988** which is the **Suicide HOTLINE**, and protect yourself and your comrades.

For GOD and COUNTRY,
Billy Dover Jr., First Vice Commander

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

THANK YOU SEA CADETS

If you haven't been by the Post, the flat screen TV that was there seems to have had a power surge. When the Centurion Sea Cadets attempted to use it for training, it wouldn't come on. And, over the summer months, we had had several lightning strikes on the antenna next door.

So, the Centurion Battalion Sea Cadets have donated a new 65" television complete with a rolling stand! This new TV also has the necessary plugs to be able to be used as a computer monitor. We will look at bringing up the ZOOM participants on it for the next meeting so everyone in the room can see them.

This new television is a great advance and will be put to much better use than the previous set.

Our sincere thanks go out to the Centurion Battalion Sea Cadets for this addition to the Post!





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

I know that it hasn't happened, yet, but Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! And, Happy New Year! There. That takes care of the greetings.

Most important for you to know is that the Post 112 Family Holiday Celebration is going to be held at Perkins Restaurant on Friday evening, December 9th, from 6 PM to 10 PM. Since we do need a "head count" each family is asked to call or text me at 407-212-7262 and leave a message with your name and the number of people in your party or you can send an email to FLPost112@gmail.com. The "deadline" for the headcount is Wednesday, December 6th. There will also be a "gift exchange" like we did last year. If you wish to participate, bring a gift to get into the "pool." The recommended limit is \$20.

Safety first! The Commander has been spending time at the Post getting things done. The light on the back porch had burned out so it has been replaced. Also the motion sensor lights in the parking lot have failed so they have also been replaced. The parking area and porch are now well lit for your safety, especially since we will be going back to Eastern Standard Time before the next meeting. The electrician also discovered some wiring hazards that needed repair and they are being corrected. Thank you, Commander, for your efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

Your Post was quite fortunate to not receive any damage from Hurricane Ian. Other Posts were not quite so lucky.

If you have missed the meetings, the Post has given \$300 to the Department of Florida's Hurricane Relief to help Posts that sustained damage from Hurricane Ian and we gave another \$300 to the Mustard Seed who is also trying to help families in the Hurricane stricken areas.

With the holidays coming, the Post and the Auxiliary will be teaming up to help veteran families. The VA program to help veteran families provides the Post with a list of items for a veteran's family with children who need help making it memorable for the children. We also help the Auxiliary with presenting

a holiday food basket to veteran families that are vetted by the VA that contain the makings of a holiday dinner. The Post also helps the Auxiliary with the Eastbrook Elementary Food Bank. With inflation, it is hard to tell what this will cost, but we will not disappoint these families.

With the price of postage continuing to go up, we are hoping to get the bulk of the membership on EMAIL distribution. If you have an email address and are getting this newsletter by US Mail, please let me know what your email is, and we can save our Post a little more money. Of the \$38 dues, we get \$9 for the year. We have absorbed the last increase in the National and Department dues increase at the Post level to keep it from impacting on our membership. Of course, donations are always welcome, and they would be tax deductible if you made them.

Have you looked at the WEBSITE? <https://wpflpost112.org> is the place to check on updated activities around the Post. The calendar and Website are updated several times a month so that the latest information is available to the members.

We are always looking to expand our programs but that takes volunteers. Would you like to help the Post and the Community? If you aren't certain about the American Legion programs, check out <https://legion.org> and search under "Programs." Your Post is willing to undertake any of these programs provided we have the member's support and assistance to make them successful. If you see a program in the National site that is of interest to you, let us know and let's see if we can make it fly.

I would really like to see as many as possible attend the Holiday Celebration on December 9th. We were thinking of "streaming it" but we couldn't find a way to send the food down the "wire." You'll just have to come and enjoy it in person.

Until next year!





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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the Post at PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0910 by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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Jan-Feb issue—15December
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 July-August issue—15June
 September-October issue—15August
 November-December issue—15October

QUESTIONS—Contact the editor at 321.303.7445 or email necolbert@usa.net



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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

CONGRATULATIONS UNIT 112! As of the last Department Friday Membership Report, we lead the 6th District in membership and are #5 in the entire state with 80% of our membership paid for 2023. We only have three members who have not renewed and to reach 100%, we need our unpaid members to renew and we must recruit two additional new members. If you know someone who is eligible for membership, please encourage them to become a Unit 112 Auxiliary member. If we can achieve 100% before Veterans Day, we would be eligible for a cash reward from National!

The Department Fall Conference is fast approaching. Auxiliary members from around the state will converge on the Caribe Royale Resort on November 18th for two days of classes and general meetings. The schedule was recently emailed to all Unit members. There is lots of great information in the Friday classes so please plan to attend if you can.

November and December will be very busy for our Unit. November is the annual Veterans Day program at Eastbrook Elementary where we always have the membership recruiting table from which we distribute Poppies and American Flags to all the Veterans attending the breakfast. Watch your email for additional information. All Unit members are encouraged to attend so we have lots of people who can share the Auxiliary story.

Our Unit also provides all the Thanksgiving fixins for the families at Eastbrook who are in need of a little extra help. We are anticipating that the need may be greater this year due to the economy and the recent hurricane. With assistance from the Legion and SAL Squadron, we won't disappoint the families who have come to depend on us for help.

And, of course, we'll also be providing holiday food baskets for Veteran families in need this year. Our baskets are distributed to the families participating in the VA's Giving Tree program out of Lake Baldwin. As soon as shopping dates are set, we will notify everyone by email so that those available can help with the shopping trips for the Veteran baskets and the Eastbrook food pantry projects.

And finally for December, please see the flyer on page 7 regarding the Legion Family Holiday Party. We'll be gathering again at Perkins Restaurant on University Blvd across from Costco on Friday, December 9th beginning at 6pm. Returning this year is the always fun optional gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a non gender-specific wrapped gift valued at about \$20. Each person bringing a gift will receive a numbered ticket. Towards the end of the party, we draw numbers out of a hat and when your number is picked, you can choose a gift from the gift table. Please be sure to RSVP before 6th to let

the Post know how many people from your family will be attending the party as the Post must give a final head count to the restaurant so they can plan for adequate staffing.

Beginning in January, we'll be busy contacting our high schools about Girls State and our elementary schools about the Americanism Essay contest and our Scholastic Achievement Awards. As usual, our Girls State selection will be held at the end of February and the essay contest entries will be judged also in February. Our Scholastic Achievement awards are presented as part of the 5th grade awards ceremonies in May. As usual, we will also need presenters for the May awards ceremonies as they are always scheduled on the same few days at the end of the school year.

Have a wonderful holiday season. We hope to see you on 12/9 for the Legion Family Holiday party.

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.

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or our website at:
www.AmLegionAux112FL.com



Notes from Our Service Officer

Veterans Affairs physicians will begin screening all department patients for [military-related toxic exposures](#) starting in November, the latest step in efforts to understand the scope and severity of injuries caused by [burn pit smoke](#) and other battlefield toxins. The screening tool will be expanded to all VA medical sites and the 9-million-plus veterans enrolled in VA medical care just before Veterans Day. Patients will be required to go through the screening at least once every five years, looking for any signs of lingering respiratory problems or emerging health issues. Tens of thousands of veterans from the Vietnam War, first Gulf War and Post-9/11 conflicts will be eligible for new health care coverage. Veterans will have one year to enroll and could be eligible for lifelong coverage if physicians find evidence of serious service-connected health problems.

Veterans of all eras will be eligible for [caregiver benefits](#) starting Oct. 1, an expansion that is expected to add thousands of families to [the program](#) in the next year. Stipends vary based on where veterans live, but generally hover around \$3,000 a month for the most severely wounded individuals and \$1,800 for others in need of around-the-clock care. VA officials also provide training and medical support for eligible veterans and family members.

Senate Passes COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors: The Senate passed VFW-supported [H.R. 7846](#), *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022*. It will now head to the president's desk for signature. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently announced that the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase for 2023 will be 8.7 percent. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The ad-

justment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022.

Debt Relief for Those Impacted by Hurricanes: Veterans and families affected by Hurricanes Fiona or Ian can request a debt repayment suspension from VA by contacting the [VA Debt Management Center](#) at 800.827.0648. Requests for debt repayment suspension for medical care and pharmacy copayments may be made by contacting the Health Resource Center at 866.400.1238.

Beware PACT Act Scams: Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There has been an increase in email, phone, and [social media scams](#) targeting veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or to submit claims on their behalf. Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service, or asks you to sign complicated contracts. To report suspected fraudulent activity, email vaoighotline@va.gov or call 800.488.8244.

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





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Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

Let me be the first to extend my congratulations to our amazing squadron. As of the latest membership update, we lead our district with the greatest percentage of renewals received. This is a great testament to the spirit and the dedication of our mem-

bers. We may be small but we pack a punch.

As we get into these more temperate months let's make the extra special effort to reach out to our local veterans. There are so many in our neighborhoods

who just like to hear a friendly voice that supports them.

Lastly I want to thank you all for your contribution, be at large or small to this squadron. It is a great way to celebrate our forefathers legacy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

"RENEWED STRENGTH"

Isaiah 40:31

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Why do we need to renew our strength God made us human and gave each of us a brain to think. During this past couple of months, there has been hate and disconnect as well as change in our economy. Isaiah was going through the challenges of his life with God and dealing with spiritual burnout. Just as Isaiah did, I am asking each of you to wait for the Lord's, direction. Waiting is patient service that is not over-committed and overextended.

We all get depressed and or anxious when dealing with home life, finances, medical is-

sues, and relationships and yet we have an outlet. God gave each of us a brain to make decisions however what he really wants is for us to seek his will and not ours. Have you ever been late for an event and the harder you run the more likely you will fall and be later?

The most devastating thing we will deal with is loneliness and feeling inadequate but God will hold you close to him as in:

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with MY righteous right hand.

What a promise God has made to each of US, whether we feel worthy or not all you have to do is pray and let his Holy Spirit lead US, just as Isaiah did. God

has also allowed us to have individuals in our lives for friendship and counselling. **YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!!**

THE NEW SUICIDE HOTLINE IS 988

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, we know you are with us in the dark times and bright times in our lives. Let your Holy Spirit guide us and let us open our thoughts on YOU. We come to you asking for mercy for all those who were affected by the Hurricane. Be with our Government so that they will learn to lean on you instead of other individuals. Protect our military personnel and first responders along with their families. For God and Country, we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, AMEN.



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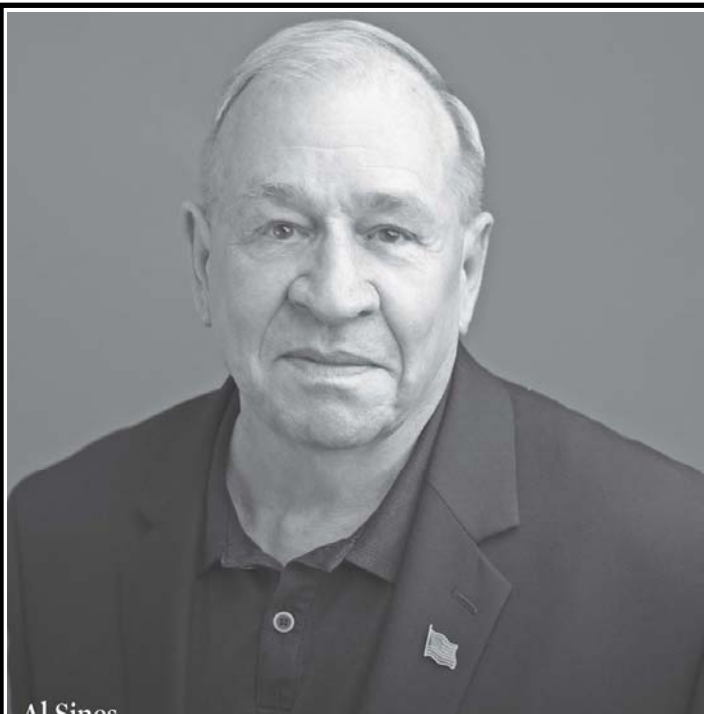
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or call Regent Leslie Beltz at 717-813-7157

The NSDAR motto is: God, Home, and Country

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NOVEMBER

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4	Camerer, Christopher D
12	Brizendine, Linda J
16	Doyle, Mary
16	Middour, Larry T
17	Chagnon, Armand H
19	Shannon, Dyke E
26	Day, Robert J
30	Brooks, Christian J

DECEMBER

7	Gagne, Ronald S
7	Gagne, Ronald S
8	Brown, Sharon
9	Berrios, Marge
11	Bettis, Earl W
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THE AMERICAN LEGION



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CALENDAR

November

- 1 SAL Meeting on ZOOM - 7 PM
- 8 ELECTION DAY
- 8 General Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Auxiliary Meeting on ZOOM - 7 PM
- 18-20 Fall Conference
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 6 SAL Meeting on ZOOM - 7 PM
- 9 Post Family Holiday Celebration - 6 PM
- 13 General Meeting - 7 PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting on ZOOM - 7 PM
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

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

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