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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112

I hope everyone is doing well and had a blessed Easter. If anyone is in need of assistance - please reach out to one of us.

As I mentioned in my last note, we will continue with our "blended" meetings and hope for more members to feel comfortable to actually attend the meetings at the Post. We do conduct our Legion Post Everlasting ceremony in May and November each year during meeting nights, so please feel free to join us for this.

Thanks again to the Chairman of Boys State competition (Bob), we will send more very qualified candidates to Tallahassee again this year and will report back to us at the August meeting. We are also conducting school awards and could use some assistance in presenting these awards if you have some time to help out. This is a very worthwhile annual educational program the American Legion has. Our awesome Auxiliary also sponsors Girl State candidates and assists with our school award presentations in addition to their own Essay and Scholastic Achievement awards presentations.

I hope everyone will take the time to attend our Family Day Memorial Day Ceremony this year at the Post. Our guest speaker, will be announced soon.

Our nominations have been complete for the next year, and I thank those who have the confidence in me to continue as Commander again and those who also continue to step up to help keep the Post active. 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; the Legion is going strong. *"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.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.

For God and Country,
Jim Middlekauff
Commander, Post 112



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

**To continue
getting Post 112
family emails, please
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email address to
Bob Colbert
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From Billy's Korner—Billy Dover

As of 16APR23, we have 95 paid members out of 110 which sets us at 86.36%. Our goal is always to be our 110 plus ONE. There are 15 members who have yet to renew 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.

With all the events occurring in the world people experiencing depression and anxiety and need companionship so I am asking you to pick up the phone and call a family member, or friend who is alone and just talk or better yet LISTEN to them.

Let us recruit and retain our members along with educating them on the four pillars of the American Legion. Your dues go to help us accomplish many of these four pillars.

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, WP Post 112

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

BOYS STATE—BOB COLBERT



Our Boys State candidates were interviewed in late February and our delegates and alternate will be going to Tallahassee in June.

I spoke with our Alternate and he has already been picked up by another Post so he will be attending as a delegate. As a rule, all our Alternates are picked up by other Posts, so in effect, we send more than the four that the Post pays for. Some Posts have a difficult time in getting young people to sign up, so the Alternates that other Posts have get a chance to attend.

We have asked the youth who attended Boys State to give us a brief report on their experiences at the August meeting.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

As you can see from the flyer on Page 7, the Post will be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th at 11 AM. There will be a guest speaker and a picnic style lunch. Since we don't want to run out of food, we are asking that you RSVP if you plan to attend. We must have the "head count" by May 21st at the latest. Please RSVP by calling the Post and leaving your name, number, and the number of people that are coming in the voicemail.

The Post elections will be held at the May meeting. The currently serving officers have offered to continue in their current positions with the addition of Larry Middour who has agreed to serve as the Post's Historian. The installation of officers will be held at the July meeting. Our meetings continue to be "blended" which means in person (at the Post) as well as on ZOOM for those who cannot be at the Post.

The annual **Department of Florida Convention** will be held at the Hilton, Lake Buena Vista on **June 15 thru 18**. The only cost to you to attend would be parking and anything that you wish to purchase. This is your chance to learn much more about the Legion in general and the various programs that it has. Classes run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon. The Department elections will be held on Saturday and each Post has a certain number of votes based on size of membership. Our Post has three delegates and three alternates. Would you like to be a delegate or alternate? The Commander and I will be attending so there is room for another delegate and three alternates. And, since the Post pays Department a fee for these positions, please do not apply if you are not planning to be at the Convention. Check with me for more details.

You can notice the difference when you walk in the door! Adding the two dehumidifiers has made a world of improvement and you can tell when you open the door. The Commander brought the two dehumidifiers in and within a couple of days, the change was noticeable. Thank

you, Commander, for thinking of this!

Did you hear? It has been announced that the cost of the First-Class Postage stamp will be going up (again). We have done very well in getting the newsletter emailed to the members and even though a few members are not able to receive email, the bulk of the membership has helped us to reduce costs. Over the last couple of years, we have been able to reduce the number of printed newsletters by almost half. The resulting savings allow us to help the community and veterans by reducing printing costs and postage costs. THANK YOU! If you are still receiving the newsletter by US Mail BUT have an email address, please let me know. The emailed version is in color and arrives earlier. Send an email to FLPost112@gmail.com so that we can "go green."

Check out the WEB site, too. You can always view the current calendar, which is in more detail than we can put on the newsletter, and even read past newsletters on the site. To view it, go to <https://wpflpost112.org>.

Activities are starting to pick up at the Post. Check the calendar and watch your newsletters for information. Be sure to see the articles about our School Medals program and Boys State in this newsletter.

Is there something that you would like to see at the Post? Let me know.





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:

- Business card size - \$ 10.00 (3 3/4"w x 2 1/4"l)
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- Full page - \$ 40.00 (7 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)


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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

We will soon be kicking off our membership drive for 2024 so please watch you mail for a letter from our Unit coming July 1st asking for your dues payment for 2024. Please remember, too, that last year, national increased their membership dues as did the Department of Florida, and as a result, our membership voted to increase our Unit dues to \$45 for Seniors and \$12 for Juniors to cover these increased costs.

We are always looking to grow our membership. The eligibility requirements for membership in the Auxiliary have changed — the male or female spouse of any Veteran (male or female) is 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. We encourage the spouses of all Post 112 Legionnaires to join our Auxiliary Unit out of respect for the service to our country made by YOUR Veteran! If you know of other community members who are eligible for the Auxiliary, please invite them to one of our meetings and encourage them to join.



In February, we interviewed eight awesome



young ladies, seven in-person and one via Zoom. Our Girls State delegates are getting ready to head off to Tallahassee in a few short weeks. We are sending two delegates and our two alternates stand a very good chance of being picked up by other Auxiliary Units who did not have enough girls inter-

view to fill their slots.

We received more than 30 essays for our Americanism Essay contest from two elementary schools and 4 high schools. Our March 21st meeting was spent judging all the essays and our winners from each school were forwarded to Department for the state level contest.

We have begun receiving the names of our Scholastic Achievement Award recipients from the eight elementary schools we cover. Five schools are in Orange County and three are in Seminole. The awards ceremonies are generally scheduled for the last few days of the school year, so we need lots of help making these fun presentations. There is already a prepared script so they are easy to do. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Nell at 321-303-7445 or necolbert@usa.net so we can work out the presenter schedule once we know the school dates.

Teacher Appreciation Week also takes place in early May. Traditionally, we provide a huge goodie basket of breakfast and fruit items to Eastbrook Elementary during the week of May 8th.

Our Nominating Committee met after our March Unit meeting to select a slate of officers for 2023-2024. The slate includes:

- President, Marge Berrios
- Vice President—Terry Berrios
- Secy-Treas—Nell Colbert
- Chaplain—Debi Shannon
- Sgt-at-Arms—Laurel Ross
- Historian—Madelda Thompson

Elections will be held at our May meeting and our Installation of Officers is held jointly with our Post and SAL Squadron during the regular Post meeting in July.

Below are some important dates to add to your calendar:

- 5/27—6th District Constitutional Conference—Post 35, Mount Dora—time TBD
- 5/29—Post 112 Family Memorial Day service and picnic—11am
- 6/15-18—Department of Florida Convention—Lake Buena Vista Hilton

Every month the Department produces a news magazine called the *Florida Canvas* that is mailed to every Unit and is also posted on the Department website; this month's edition can be found at:

https://alaf1.org/wp-content/uploads/ALAF1_VolXII_Issue9April2023s.pdf

The news magazine is chock full of interesting information about our Auxiliary programs and our Department President, Jane Hardacre, shares her adventures as she visits all the Districts around the state. Please take a few minutes and check out the current editions of the *Florida Canvas*.

Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday every month on Zoom beginning at 7pm. The link is emailed to members each month.

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

Some states do not charge income tax on military retired pay. In all states, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs disability payments are tax-free.

If you have issues with retired pay and state income tax, including changing your withholding amount, you can always contact DFAS for assistance. If you have issues with retired pay and state income tax, including changing your withholding amount, you can always contact DFAS for assistance. Defense Finance and Accounting Service, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E. 56 ST. Indianapolis, In, 46249-1200. Phone: 800/321-1080.

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) has dropped its requirement that patients and staff wear face masks in most VA medical facilities, ending a mandate that has been in effect for the past three years. Officials said Friday the department will still require masks in facilities where transmission risk is considered high, and masks also will remain mandatory in areas where COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to vulnerable patients, such as inpatient medical and surgical units, intensive care, chemotherapy, dialysis, and post-transplant units.

If discharge or separation papers are lost, duplicate copies may be obtained by contacting the: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St Louis, MO 63132- 5100. You can also request records online via the [National Archives](#).

Specify that a duplicate separation document or discharge is needed. The veteran's full name should be printed or typed so that it can be read clearly, but the request must also contain the signature of the veteran or the signature of the next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. Include branch of service, service number or Social Security number and exact or approximate dates and years of service. Use Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining To Military Records," available from our site (see instructions below), VA offices or at the VA forms web site (<http://www.va.gov/vaforms>). It is not necessary to request a duplicate copy of a veteran's discharge or separation papers solely for the purpose of filing a claim for VA benefits.

Dependent family members of veterans who died from illnesses covered by the [PACT Act](#) may reapply for survivor's benefits if they've had a claim denied in the past. The act also required that the VA give survivors who were previously denied those benefits another chance to apply for [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#) (DIC). The program provides compensation to dependents of service members who died in the line of duty or from a service-connected disease or injury.

POW/MIA update: One burial update, two identifications: Army (Korea) and 1 Navy USS Oklahoma, 1 Army Air Force (WW II).

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

THE AMERICAN LEGION



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WINTER PARK MEMORIAL POST 112
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday MAY 29, 2023 11:00 AM

Music and BBQ from Dustin's

Guest Speaker: TBD

***“HONOR OUR TROOPS THAT HAVE
GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR OUR
FREEDOM”***



**RSVP REQUIRED
BY MAY 21ST**



Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

As the fiscal year ends, we have our Squadron elections at the May meeting on May 1st and the installation of officers in July. Our current Squadron officers have agreed to continue for another year. We are looking for a Historian, if you would be interested.

We are going back to blended meetings at the Post and via ZOOM – starting at 7 PM. The meeting ID is sent out prior to the actual meeting by email. If you

didn't receive the reminder email, you can text me at 407-619-9611 and I will send the meeting ID to you.

The Squadron will be assisting with the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post on May 29th. We are there as guides and to help as needed (manpower). If you are available, please be at the Post by 10 AM to help with setup and as needed. After the ceremony and "picnic-style" lunch,

you would be needed to help secure the equipment, etc. It shouldn't take very long as we intend to end the event by about 2 PM. The Post is also getting support from the Auxiliary and the Sea Cadets. The event is an "RSVP" one, so be sure to either send an email to the Post at FLPost112@gmail.com or call the Post and leave your name, number and how many people are coming with you. RSVP must be done by May 21st.

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Each day we seem to have trials and tribulations, but it is brought on by our own thoughts, and actions. We can release all of these to God, through the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own.

In the Old Testament God made his dwelling place first the Tabernacle and then the Temple. Now that His SON, Jesus, gave his life for our sins so that we can have God in us through the Holy Spirit. He is there waiting for you to ask your request. Our temple (our body) allows the Holy Spirit to care for us and requires us to not neglect our bodies or indulge in bodily sins. We are all creatures of God and made in

HIS image. You need the wisdom to care for YOUR home (body) by balancing food, exercise, and rest. We have all failed at this and it results in consequences that we regret later. Can you remember a time when you were in trouble and tried to solve the situation by yourself? Had you asked the Holy Spirit to guide you the chances you would not have been in that situation.

Unfortunately, our egos will not allow us to ask for help. As the suicide rates continue to grow what if we ask our friends or acquaintances what we can do for them? Let the Holy Spirit guide you in everything you do and let HIS light shine on you and your family.

Remember the old cartoons in which the devil was on one shoulder and the angel on the other shoulder (evil vs good)?

Every time you make a decision which of those characters are you going to follow?

Let us remember, Memorial Day is a day to remember our lost brothers and sisters.

Let's Pray:

Dear Lord as we come to you let us remember that you and your son are with us through the Holy Spirit. Give us the strength to let the Holy Spirit guide us in ALL our decisions. Protect us from ourselves as well as our family, the service personnel, and their families, and our first responders and their families. We ask you especially, to HELP our country and its leaders. For this, we ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Billy Dover Jr., Chaplain.





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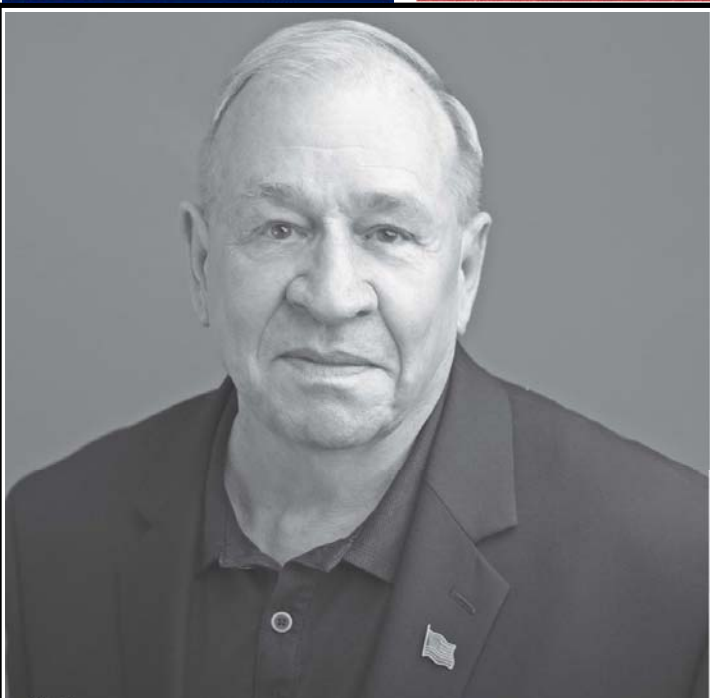
SCHOOL MEDALS—BOB COLBERT

School Medal season is here!

We are getting responses from the Elementary Schools that we serve and quite often, we get the same presentation dates from the schools. These presentations are usually in the last full week of May (22 – 26).

The presentation takes only a few minutes and we provide a “script” for you to use along with the medals and certificates for you to present to each student. We are usually first on the program at each school so presenters can leave after presenting their awards.

If you would be available to handle presentations, please let me know by emailing the Post at FLPost112@gmail.com or calling the Post and leaving your name and phone number. We will coordinate with you once we have the list of school dates compiled (before May 19th).

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MAY

- 6 Caruso, Claudia D
- 6 Colbert, Landon B
- 6 Squires, Mark S
- 9 Piltz, Kerry
- 15 Sexton, Caleb R
- 15 Sexton, Chase M
- 17 Muller, Charles J
- 21 Finch, Glenn H
- 23 Sprague, Arthur R Jr
- 24 Colon, Alfonso
- 30 Finn, Paul T Jr

JUNE

- 5 Fleming, John F Jr
- 6 Bruneau, George J
- 6 Cole, Leonard F
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- 13 Council, James M Sr
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CALENDAR

<u>May</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	SAL Meeting - 7 PM @ Post
9	General Meeting - 7 PM @ Post
16	Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM
29	Memorial Day Celebration - 11 AM

<u>June</u>	<u>Event</u>
5	SAL Meeting - 7 PM @ Post
13	General Meeting - 7 PM @ Post
20	Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM - ZOOM

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

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