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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I hope everyone is doing well, considering all the heat. This year has been announced as a busy hurricane season, so please plan ahead. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask for help.

As I mentioned in my last note, we will continue with our "blended" meetings and hope for more members to feel comfortable attending the meeting at the Post since we have made many good changes. And, we are continuing to have a light meal before our regular meetings. **September will feature Chic Fil A chicken strips. Please let Nell know before September 6th if you plan to attend as we must order the food to have it ready for pick-up. You can reach Nell by phone or text at 321-303-7445 or by email at necolbert@usa.net.**

Our meeting in July went well with our installation of officers. I appreciate the time and dedication from the 6th District Officers who assisted. In August, we had our Boys State delegates give their updates.

The Flag Retirement project is still "in the works," so stand by for updates on this. Our Scout Troop is doing an Eagle Scout project to help us get it all set up.

Remember September 11th! We plan to have a coffee/chat/program on this date inside the Post (see more info in the newsletter) so please join us on the 11th from 10am – 2pm.

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 send your correct email address to **Bob Colbert** (bcolbert@usa.net) **ASAP**

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From Ted's Table—Ted Costello

My name is Ted Costello, I have been a member of Winter Park Memorial Post 112 for over 40 years. I have served as just about all post positions including committee chairmanships. Membership is the backbone and foundation of this organization, without getting new members we have a weak foundation and are staking the Posts future. I am asking that everyone able please ask someone you know if they are a veteran and then invite them to our post meeting to "meet and greet" and see just what our post does for our veterans, youth and community. We have great leadership in our post, now let us all be successful in growing our post with new members. I also ask that if anyone has suggestions on getting new members to join our Post, please don't hesitate to voice them to me or the Post officers.

We currently have 55 paid members for 2025. If you have not yet sent in your check for \$45 payable to American Legion Post 112 or used your login on the national Legion site to pay, please bring your check to the next Legion meeting on September 10th or our 9-1-1 event on 9/11, or simply drop that check in the mail to PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733-910.

Ted Costello, 1st Vice Commander,
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**2025 Legion Dues are now DUE!
Please send your \$45 check to
PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!**

Boys State—Bob Colbert



Boys State and Girls State are history! Our two of our delegates to Boys State and the one of the delegates for Girls State were at the August Post meeting to give us a briefing of what they learned and did.

As you may recall, the Post sends four delegates to Boys State and now with the help of Post 243, our Auxiliary sends two delegates to Girls State.

Each delegate had ten minutes to tell us about their experience and it gave the membership a chance to hear about the Boys State and Girls State for 2024.



The pictures are of the delegates giving their presentations.

And so now we put 2024 to bed and each of the delegates was asked to "talk up" the programs at their schools for next year.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

As we start the “new year” we have things happening. As we get farther and farther away from the damage done by Covid, the Post is recovering.

Patriot's Day (September 11th) is a special day for all of us. The Post will have a brief memorial program beginning at 10am, and the Post will be open until 2 PM for members and guests to stop by. We will have donuts and coffee available in the morning along with sandwiches and coffee/water in the afternoon for anyone who would like some. Stop by and visit your Post and see what we have been doing and all the great changes to the Post that have been made. Have you seen the new kitchen sink or the new refrigerator or the new windows in the Sea Cadet area? We hope to be able to record the ceremony and we will have it available to view later if this is successful. This is just one of the activities that the Post is planning for the coming year.

We are also planning for a Four Chaplains Ceremony in February and it's time, now, to begin setting the date for our annual Christmas Dinner. We have not set a date for the dinner so watch for it in the November/December newsletter or check the WEB calendar.

Do you have a <https://mylegion.org> account? Every member should set up an account so that you can update your address, phone number or email address and pay your dues online. There is also an area for you to list Emergency Contact information for emergencies.

If you check the Post's calendar on the WEB site, you will see that things are picking up around the Post, too. We could always use some ideas from you, too.

And, in case you didn't know, the American Legion has many programs of varying types. Currently, the following people have offered to handle these areas:

Blood Donor – Jim Middlekauff
Boys State – Bob Colbert
Civil Air Patrol (new this year) - Bob Colbert
Historian – Larry Middour
Oratorical – Billy Dover
POW/MIA - Jim Middlekauff
Religious Emphasis – Billy Dover
Scouting (previously Boy Scouts) – Bob Colbert
Sea Cadets – Doug Evans

That leaves quite a few other areas of interest open for someone to take the lead. We have about 100 members in the Post. Given that many have physical limitations, that still leave many programs open for you. Let me know if you need more information about any of these programs. Explore what the Legion is doing in the program and see if it fits into what your interests are. Check out “Are you passionate about ...” elsewhere in this newsletter.

I truly hope to see you at the September 11th event. The Commander and I will be there for most, if not all, of the event as will members from our Auxiliary Unit who will be helping out as they always do.

I remain yours in service. ~ Bob C.





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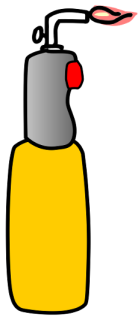
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Our *House Building* Auxiliary—Nell Colbert



As you've already heard, our Auxiliary theme chosen by our newly elected Department President, Charlotte Bass, for the 2024-2025 program year is:

"Securing our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future."

#MembershipsTheKey in our goal of **#BuildingTheHouse**.

We kicked off our membership drive as of July 1st and we are thrilled to report that not only do we lead the Units in the 6th District in membership, but we also lead the entire Department of Florida with the highest percentage of renewed members to date! So far, 23 of our members (79.31% of our membership goal) have already paid their 2025 dues!

Our challenge this year is to grow our unit. We finished last year with 26 paid members, but our goal this year is to bring our membership to 29. The more members our Unit has, the better we can serve the Veterans in our Post along with working and even expanding what we do as we work the Auxiliary programs.

So what have we been doing recently?

In June, Marge, Debi, and Nell attended the Department Convention. And our June meeting

featured the election of our 2024-2025 officers. Again, congratulations to President Marge, Vice President Terry, Secretary-Treasurer Nell, Chaplain Debi, Sgt at Arms Laurel, and Historian Madelda.



Our July meeting featured the installation of our 2024-



2025 officers along with the officers for the Post and SAL. Special thanks to District President, Penny Kanbara and her team for supporting our Unit. Pictures below are the officers for Post and Squadron 112.



Also in July, Nell attended the Department Workshop and picked up lots of valuable information that will help our Unit as we work the Auxiliary programs. Our Post Adjutant also attended the Workshop and found lots of interesting information that can help our Post.

In August we joined the Post for updates from our Girls State delegate and the Boys State delegates. Pictured below is one of our delegates receiving her medal from Marge.



Our August 20th meeting will be a calendar planning session. Please join us on Zoom!

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

VA has released a Redesigned Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, called AHOBPR 2.0, to better identify and investigate adverse health conditions typically attributed to airborne hazards and burn pits exposure. New features include broader participation criteria, clear opt-out procedures, and automatic registration based on DOD records. While enrollment in AHOBPR 2.0 does not influence a veteran's health care or benefits, the data collected will help VA develop more advanced treatments, use more precise predictive medicine, make better informed decisions pertaining to presumptive conditions, and deliver targeted proactive and preventive care. [Read more](#) about the registry and [toxic exposures](#). Locate an [accredited representative](#) for help filing a related claim.

PACT Act is Two Years Old!

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act is now two years old. This law has been the most significant expansion of benefits and health care for toxic exposed veterans and their survivors in over thirty years.

To reach this milestone, VA has processed more than 2 million claims in 2024 – another [all-time record](#), on pace to surpass last year's record by more than 27%. VA encourages all Veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors to [learn more about VA](#) and apply for their world-class [health care](#) and [earned benefits](#) today.

VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) supports Veterans and service members who are transitioning from the military to college life and certain qualified dependents. VSOC counselors are available at 104 college campuses across the country to provide benefits assistance and counseling to help you prepare for viable careers.

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The Defense **POW/MIA** Accounting Agency has announced one burial update for a service member who has been missing and unaccounted for from the Korean War.-- [Korean War Army Master Sgt. David P. Sluder](#)

Labor Day

Scouting America at Post 112

Summer is over and so is summer camp for our Scouts. Both troops are continuing their high level of activity. And, since Saints Peter and Paul Church is undergoing renovations, we will have the Girl Troop meeting at the Post for a few Sundays over the next couple of months. They will also be holding a Court of Honor where rank advancements are presented. In addition, one of the girls will be working on her Eagle Project at the Post to prepare the materials for the Project. The actual project is being done for another organization that will benefit both that organization and those who visit it. We may be able to get some pictures for the November/December newsletter.



Does your loved one have a hard time asking for help or admitting that they sometimes feel lonely at home?

If they've been independent their whole life, telling their family they need help can be a difficult conversation to have. Be supportive and allow them to express their concerns. Caregivers also find it hard to admit they're getting tired. Remember that one person can't do it alone. Without some extra support, you may get burnt out. Admitting you need help doesn't mean you're not providing excellent care. To provide the best care, you also need to look after your own health and well-being.



It's always a good idea to know what services are available before you need them. If you're an older adult, or a caregiver, the best time to consider adult day services is now.

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Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

As summer is ending and the new Sons year is underway, let us hit two items with maximum effort:

Membership - my personal goal is to have our squadron at 100% by the end of 2024. How do we do that? We can all pay our dues on-line, bring them to the next in-person meeting, or

mail it to the Post. This year's dues did not go up so they are still \$20. We do not have to wait until the last minute. Also, reach out to your friends and colleagues and see if they would like to become part of one of our nation's greatest patriotic and service organizations. New blood will bring new possibilities.

Time is precious for all of us but time spent in-service to our veterans is priceless. We need to give back to them for all that they gave to and for us - freedom and democracy. Please join me.

For God and Country,
Commander Jimbo

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Mark 2:5 ***"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of palsy, Son thy sins be forgiven thee."***

Define FAITH: a complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Faith is what we live by because we know when we die we are to be in the presence of God. In the Bible, there are numerous times that individuals display faith. Just as the scripture above, Jesus saw the faith in the person with palsy and He made the blind see. How often have you tried to do something and failed because of a lack of faith? I believe that when we die there is something more than a black hole or that we no longer exist. I have faith that once I leave this world I will be with my Lord and Savior who sets at the right hand of God. I have faith that the Holy Spirit is with me guiding me in everything I do.

I believe God has opened doors for me to be your Chaplain. I have also become the Chaplain for the Orlando International Airport Fire Department, working with the PEER support of the Reedy Creek Fire Department. I need your prayers. I recently attended the funeral service for a previous Centurion Battalion Sea Cadet who was a Hospital Corpsman for the USN. I have also assisted the firefighters of Lake County who dealt with the killing of a Sheriff's deputy and wounding two others in an ambush.

There is evil everywhere and we need to combat it with Love and Truth. We need to be able to Listen intently to those talking to you. Listen to understand and not to correct which is our nature. We need to support our Service Personnel and our First Responders along with their families.

Faith begins with you and our attitude to others should be one of understanding and trust even when it is against our thoughts.

Let us Pray:
Almighty God we come to you asking you to guide us in our thoughts and actions. Let us continue to have faith that our great nation will once again turn to you along with our leaders, both nationally and locally. We have faith to know that you are in charge of all things in Heaven and Earth. Protect those who protects us in the Arm Services and first responders along with their families. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

For God and Country,

Billy Dover Jr.,
Chaplain
Post 112





YOUR Auxiliary Needs Your HELP!

President Charlotte's theme this year is "Securing our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future." To build our future, as well as the future of the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion, the Auxiliary needs to grow our Unit because ...

#MembershipsTheKey

To do this, YOUR Auxiliary Unit needs the help of EVERY Legionnaire and SAL member!

How you ask?

Auxiliary members are the spouses, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Veterans who still serve or who have served our great country. What better way for our family members to **HONOR YOUR SERVICE** by helping our Auxiliary support not just our Post and SAL, but also the Veterans, Community, and Children & Youth in our area. SO ... if you have a spouse, mother, daughter, granddaughter, or sister, **PLEASE** ask them to join our Winter Park Auxiliary Unit 112.

Joining is easy—the application for membership is available at the Post as well as online. Our dues are \$45 per year for Senior members (those 18 and older) or \$12 per year for our Juniors who are all under 18. Payment can be given to Nell at any Post meeting or mailed to the Unit at PO Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246.

Our meetings are always available via Zoom, so there is no need to drive to the Post for meetings. We even have members who live in other parts of not just Florida, but across the US as well. Please don't let your family's location keep you from asking them to join our Auxiliary.

If you have any questions about our *House Building* Auxiliary, please don't hesitate to ask either Nell or Unit President, Marge at (mberr3@yahoo.com or 407-376-8962).

What Are You PASSIONATE About ???

There are many Legion programs available for the Post to sponsor. I listed those programs we are currently sponsoring in the Adjutant's article, but here are the other programs the Legion sponsors. All we need is a "champion" to get any of them started and to be successful. Check these out:

- Disaster Preparedness - promoting emergency preparedness to Legion family members by providing information and programs about preparing for emergencies like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, etc.
- Employment Awards - awards to companies for supporting veterans
- Law & Order Awards - Police, Fire and EMT "Of the Year" Awards
- Public Relations - promotion of Legion Family events through print and social media
- Shooting Sports – Most area high school JROTC units have shooting teams. This program encourages postal matches as well as in person tournaments coordinated by local military organizations

These programs do not currently have chairs. It only takes a Post member interested in a particular program to make it go. Yes, it will take a little effort and some recruiting to get the job done. But the satisfaction is great!

Should you wish to take on one of these areas, I will submit your name and information to the Department of Florida and they will contact you with the information that you need to succeed in chairing it.





Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Short INDOOR Ceremony at 10am

Coffee/donuts/sandwiches & chat

10am – 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

1	Shakes	Harry
5	Riordan	Robert
6	Fox	Ira
7	Mendez	Gary
14	Hawley	John
21	Pollack	Robert
23	Russell	Joanne
25	Costello	Christine
27	Carten	Finnley
28	Gomes	Manny

October

3	Saunders	Virginia
8	Graham	George
9	Costello	Ted
14	Beltz	Leslie
14	Hickman	Thomas
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CALENDAR

Date	Event
Sept	
2	Labor Day
9	Son's Meeting - ZOOM - 7 PM
10	Post General Meeting - Post & ZOOM - 7 PM
11	Patriot's Day Memorial & Coffee - 10 AM to 2 PM
17	Auxiliary Meeting - ZOOM - 7 PM
Oct	
7	Son's Meeting - ZOOM - 7 PM
8	Post General Meeting - Post & ZOOM - 7 PM
15	Auxiliary Meeting - ZOOM - 7 PM

The Post also hosts two Scout Troops and a Sea Cadet Battalion
See <https://wpflpost112.org/events> for the full calendar

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

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