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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I hope everyone is doing well, considering the weather that we have experienced lately. I hope that we are all done with these hurricanes now. If you need assistance with anything, 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 to actually attend the meeting at the Post since we have made many good changes. We tried to have some type of a light snack for our meeting nights; however, that did not go well so we have discontinued the effort for now. Let us know if this is something that would interest you and you have the desire to participate.

Daylight savings time will end November 3rd so once again it will be getting dark sooner than what we have been used to. You can still attend a meeting and if you wish to have a ride, let us know and we will try to accommodate your desire.

I appreciate the time and dedication from the 6th District Officers who assisted with our installation and all the efforts our District Officers continue to serve in. Communication is a great thing when used. I will continue to do the best I can for the Good of the Legion and its members as well.

The Flag Retirement project is still "in the works", as of our last meeting so I hope it will be completed by the end of the year. Our Boy Scout Troop is doing an Eagle Scout project to complete this.

As of our last meeting (Oct. 15th) discussion, we will have our Christmas Dinner at the Perkins Restaurant on University Blvd. again. More information to follow.

Remember December 7th and those that were lost. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. Best wishes for the New Year as well.

Talk to other Veterans about us, the Legion is going strong Nationally. "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 to all.
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

The post is slowly but surely receiving dues for 2025. The percentage of member paid is 63.3% which is approximately 3/4 of the members have paid.

I am asking all members to try to get at least one new person to join our post. Just ask the question, "are you a veteran, are you a member of the American Legion" if not invite them to a post meeting to meet the post members and see just what we do for our veterans, youth and community. You might be surprised!

Remember, the success of our post is only as good as the members in it. Thanks!

**2025 Legion Dues are now DUE!
Please send your \$45 check to
Post 112
PO Box 910,
Goldenrod, FL 32733
TODAY!**

AMERICANISM—Ted Costello



As the Americanism chairman for the post I want to refresh the purpose of Americanism to the post members.

Purpose: To inspire patriotism and good citizenship through patriotic observance, patriotic and civic instruction in schools. Americanization of aliens, information on anti-American propaganda, youth activities such as Boys State, Scouts, Oratorical Contest, School Award Medals, baseball, flag etiquette, and other similar community services.





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

We are once again approaching the holiday season and the good times that accompany it. Our Post is again holding its 2024 Post Family Holiday dinner at Perkins Restaurant at 6425 University Blvd, Winter Park, starting at 7 PM on Friday, December 13th. All members of the Post family (Legion, Auxiliary and Sons) are welcome to attend. As usual, we will be using their regular menu, so we won't be "forcing" you to choose from a limited selection.

Hurricane Milton did not do any serious damage to the Post. Other than some debris in the yard and a tree from the apartment complex along the fence losing a branch or two, we lucked out! The Post did not lose power or internet during the storm, either.

Activities are returning to the Post! One of our Scout Troops is making use of the building while the church is under renovation. It is great to see more activity around the Post since the Commander has put so much time into its up-keep. The troop has expressed pleasure in being able to use the Post, too. The Sea Cadets continue their meetings on the first weekend of the month, too.

Other upcoming events will include Four Chaplain's Ceremony, Memorial Day and other things as we can get them organized. If there is something that you have a passion for, mention it to the Commander or me and we will support your suggestion. We need your support, too, so be prepared to help get the event organized and run. We are all volunteers, as you know, but we all want to see OUR Post flourish.

It may sound like a "broken record" but the WEB site is critical for current information. I update it with the activities at the Post. You can see when meetings will be as well as other activities going on at the Post. And, when changes are made, they are reflected in the WEB calendar almost as

soon as I am notified of them. It is far more accurate than the calendar in the newsletter, especially when changes occur.

And renewing your membership ONLINE is SUPER EASY! You don't need to have set up an account within the American Legion! All you need to do is go to <https://Legion.org> and "click on" RENEW in the upper left corner. Enter your membership number and last name and follow through. You can pay with a credit card, and it will immediately process your renewal. When the Post gets notified (in a day or so) we will mail your new card directly to you. Please check the contact information while you are doing this as you can make corrections on the spot.

Take care for now! I hope to see you at the next meeting (November) or at least at the Holiday Dinner.



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- November-December issue—15October

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Our House Building Auxiliary—Nell Colbert



Congratulations to our very own Vice President, Terry Berrios-Guariglia on her marriage in early October. On the beach in Asbury Park, NJ. Please join us as we wish Terry and Frank a very “happily ever after.”

And congratulations to our Unit for overachieving our membership goal. As of October 20th, we have 30 members for 2025, bringing us to 103%. Please welcome our newest members:

Paula Hedge
Patte Kayne
Janice Pizzurro
Clara Tickal
Joyce Ungerman



In September, your Auxiliary supported the Legion Family's 9-11 Ceremony. President Marge set up a wonderful display of memorabilia from the World Trade Center and we streamed the recent *60 Minutes* special about the tragedy.



Also in September, Marge and Nell presented our annual check

to one of the Eastbrook Elementary teachers so she could continue the Scholastic Books program for her students this year. For \$10 per student, Scholastic Books will provide one book per month for each student in her class for the entire school year.



And more September news, Marge attended the post 243 Boys State dinner meeting where two of our Girls State delegates shared their experiences this past summer. Marge presented the girls with their certificates and their medals that they can wear at graduation this May.



So what's coming up next? In early November, Unit members will be grocery shopping for the holiday food baskets that we deliver to the Lake Baldwin VA for distribution to some of their Giving Tree families as well as shopping for our annual Eastbrook Elementary backpack project. The VA food baskets and the school backpacks provide all the non-perishable food items families can use to make a

complete Thanksgiving dinner.

On November 8th, we will participate in the schools veterans Day program and deliver the backpack food items after the program ends. Since we do have to RSVP to the school to let them know how many of our members would like to attend the program, please email Nell at necolbert@usa.net ASAP. All Unit members are welcome to attend and help us with our membership table where we will give out Poppies and small American flags to all the Veterans who come to the school for the program.

We will also be assisting legion members with their shopping for their Giving Tree adopted family.

On December 13th, we hope all our Unit members AND their spouses can attend the Legion Family Holiday Party. See the flyer on page 9 and RSVP ASAP.

Are you on Facebook? Please like our page and join our group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165411620378> and <https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may pay up to \$26,417 towards the purchase of a specially equipped vehicle for veterans with service-connected disabilities that prevent them from driving. However, this amount does not include shipping costs for the vehicle—which can be expensive if the veteran lives in a rural or remote area.

A veteran should not be burdened with having to pay an additional cost to have their specially adapted vehicle shipped to them and legislation has been introduced to resolve the issue. S. 4372, the **Deliver for Veterans Act** would include the shipping cost to deliver a vehicle to a service-disabled veteran that is entitled to the VA Adaptive Vehicle Grant.

The American Legion Family continues to show its support for those still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Florida

- Legion Family from across Department of Florida District 13 [participated in a clean-up](#) of Post 123 in Sanibel on Oct. 15.
- Legion Family from Post 285 in Edgewater shared on Facebook that [the post served as shelter](#) for 25-30 people during Hurricane Milton.

New VA Character of Discharge Regulation: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing a new regulation pertaining to character of discharge determinations that will allow more former service members to qualify for VA benefits regardless of discharge type. Generally, a former service member must have a discharge under honorable conditions. Though VA cannot change the status of a DOD military discharge, it will review less than honorable discharges for benefits eligibility. VA encourages former service members to whom it previously issued a negative character of discharge determination to reapply under the new regulation using a [VA Form 21-0995](#), Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Contact an [accredited service representative](#) for more

information.

The Defense **POW/MIA Accounting Agency** announced 13 identifications and four burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Identifications:

-- [World War II Army Air Forces Corporal Glenn H. Hodak](#)-- [World War II Army Pvt. 1st Class Estle E. Corvin](#)-- [World War II Army Pvt. James G. Loterbaugh](#)-- [World War II Army Pvt. Harland J. Hennessey](#)-- [World War II Army Air Forces Sgt. James H. Murray](#)-- [World War II Army Private James S. Mitchell](#)-- [World War II Army Pvt. 1st Class Kenneth D. Burgess](#)-- [World War II Army Sgt. Simon Garelick](#)-- [World War II Army Pvt. 1st Class Leon R. Karwacki](#)-- [World War II Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Thomas V. Kelly Jr.](#)-- [Korean War Army Pvt. 1st Class Willard H. Edwards](#)-- [Korean War Army Pvt. 1st Class James C. Bowman](#)-- [Korean War Army Sgt. Thomas J. O'Brien](#)

Updates:

-- [Korean War Army Sgt. Clayton M. Pierce](#)-- [World War II Merchant Marine Wiper Elvis N. Spotts](#)-- [World War II Army First Lieutenant Herman J. Sundstad](#)-- [Vietnam War Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Larry R. Kilpatrick](#)

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My HealthVet account. If you don't have any of these accounts, you can create a free **Login.gov** or **ID.me** account now.





From Your Sgt-at-Arms—Ron Gagne

Flag etiquette for Veterans Day includes the following guidelines:



1. **Display the flag:** Raise it briskly at sunrise and lower it ceremoniously at sunset.
2. **Hanging the U.S. Flag:** Display it flat if not on a staff, whether inside or outside.
3. **Wearing the Flag:** Do not wear it as part of a costume or sports uniform.
4. **On Your Car:** Avoid draping it over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
5. **Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem:** Show respect during these moments.

Full Staff: On Veterans Day, the American flag should be flown at full staff all day.

BOYS STATE—Bob Colbert

Believe it or not, it is time to start “cranking up” the word for Boys State! I will be contacting the schools where we have recruited delegates in the past and getting their personnel to start looking for the “best of the best” to try out as delegates to the 2025 Boys State event. Each participating Post pays for their own delegates. The student pays nothing to attend.

As you may recall, Boys State is the American Legion’s premier Government Immersion program where the delegates form a simulated government for a week. This government operates at levels from city through county and into a state legislature with the associated “offices” being held by the delegates who are attending. The delegates arrive at Tallahassee and stay in specific USF dormitories and will utilize the government offices that they are “holding.” The “governor,” “supreme court” and legislators are elected by the delegates. They also have classes explaining the various positions that they will be holding for a truly hands-on experience.

Delegates are made up of High School boys between their Junior and Senior year. Our delegates will return to give a report of their experiences to the Post in August. In the past, our delegates have been extremely enthusiastic about their experiences.

We will select our delegates on the last Saturday of February (2/22/25). They will meet with us at the Post and our selection team will make the choices. The Post will select four delegates and three alternates to attend in June of 2025. The alternates will attend should a delegate not be able to attend.

Additionally, if all our delegates attend, the Department of Florida will assign our alternates to fill in for Posts who were not able to get delegates of their own but paid for them to attend.

We will be looking for members of the Post to assist in the selection process on February 22nd. We can use up to five “selectors” for the process. It will take the better part of the afternoon on the 22nd. The “selectors” should contact the Adjutant directly to volunteer. You can email me at bcolbert@usa.net, or text me at 407-619-9611.

I will be keeping the Post updated on the progress through the year.



Happy Birthday, US NAVY



The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which is established at the beginning of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress decides to purchase two armed ships to attack British supply ships and keep their supplies from reaching British soldiers in the colonies. A second resolution passes the same day creating a naval committee to oversee the purchase of the ships and write a set of regulations for their management. Thus was born the Continental Navy, and October 13 remains the official birth date of the U.S. Navy.

At the Post's October meeting, our Auxiliary surprised the Legion members present for their meeting with a birthday

cake to celebrate the birthday of the US Navy!

Be sure to attend the monthly Legion meetings so you can celebrate the birthday of each of our military branches. Next up, the US Marines birthday on November 10th that we'll celebrate on 11/12!

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Brothers and sisters of this great Post how thankful we should be that our God saved us through the Hurricanes. There are others who are still dealing with the aftermath of both Hurricanes. If you have the means please donate to the Department relief fund to help our comrades in the Western part of Florida. The death toll has increased in North Carolina, which has confirmed over 250 deaths and still over 1000 missing.

God told us in Ecclesiastes 3: 3, **"There is a time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to break down, and a time to build up."** I challenge you to start the healing process and help those in need build up physically,

mentally, and spiritually.

Since my last article, I have attended 4 celebrations of life which included two firefighters, an Air Force veteran, and an active-duty USN Hospital Corpsman. I would request that you pray for me and our members along with the families of these individuals who are gone too soon. Continue to pray for those affected by the Hurricanes in the Southeast from Florida to Virginia.

Let us Pray:

Dear Lord thank you for the opportunity to serve you in helping our members of Winter Park Memorial Post 112. Thank you for keeping us safe during the past Hurricanes and please

comfort those who have lost their lives or family members in the Hurricanes. We are approaching the election of our members of the Executive branch and Legislative branch of the United States of America. Let us remember all things are done by you through us and let us show the Love that you had for us. Dear LORD please keep us in your loving arms and that the Holy Spirit will guide us in everything. 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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Christmas Party

Legion Family Holiday Party

Friday, December 13, 2024

7pm—9pm

Perkins Restaurant

6425 University Blvd.

Winter Park, FL 32792

RSVP BEFORE 10 DECEMBER

by phone or text to 407-619-9611 OR

Email FLPost112@gmail.com

Optional Gift Exchange (\$20 maximum)





Troop 4613 Eagle Project—Bob Colbert & Azure Bosko



The girls of Troops 4613 are meeting at the Post while the Church is doing renovation. And they recently completed preparing an Eagle Project at the Post for the Audubon Society. The members had a good time in spite of the somewhat gloomy weather. One of the parents has now joined the Legion, too. Below is a write up submitted by Azure Bosko, our Eagle candidate.



My name is Azure Bosko and I am a Life Scout with Troop 4613, chartered with the American Legion Winter Park Memorial Post 112. I recently completed my Eagle Project on September 28th, 2024 at the American Legion Post 112. The Beneficiary of the Project is the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey located in Maitland. It was requested that I build twelve, pressure treated wood benches. I asked to use the American Legion Post 112 as a place to assemble the benches for my Eagle Project. It provided the perfect shaded area to work. It was humid, and rainy, and we had a comfortable place to eat and rest. I'm very grateful to the American Legion Post 112 for providing us with a clean and safe working environment.



The Audubon Center for Birds of Prey was founded on October 19th, 1979, to conserve, treat, and rehabilitate Florida's natural Bird of Prey population including Owls, Kites, Hawks, Falcons, and Ospreys. The benches will be a part of the Pavilion at the Center and used for bird watching and other community engagement activities. It was really nice to be able to connect two meaningful things together, Nature and Scouts, by way of the American Legion Post 112.



Thank you so much for all you have done for me and my Troop, I hope that I am able to use American Legion Winter Park Memorial Post 112 for my Court of Honor.

The boys of Troop 613 are able to continue to meet at the Church. One of their scouts is also working on an Eagle Project for our Post. His plan is to build a "Flag Retirement" area so that we can dispose of the used flags properly. At this time, we don't have a completion date for this project.

Both Troops continue to do service projects for Saints Peter & Paul Church, including helping with the upcoming holiday festivities and other Church functions.

This newsletter is also sent to the Troop leadership of both troops, so our pride is being passed along to them! They are a great addition to the Post's Family.

6th District Toy Drive



Calling ALL Post 112 Family members—Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and SAL members ... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As a Legion 112 Family we are partnering with the VA and other 6th District Legion families to provide toys for the Domiciliary and Transitional Housing Families. The challenge to our POST FAMILY is to collect as many unwrapped new toys as you can and bring them to the Post 112 meeting on November 12th between 6:30pm and 8pm. You can even celebrate the Marine Corps birthday with a piece of Happy Birthday cake!

We will transport the Winter Park Memorial Legion 112 Family donations to the 6th District meeting at Mount Dora Post 35 on December 7th.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

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


NOVEMBER:

- 11 2 Paula Hedge
- 11 2 Kuhn, Scott C
- 11 3 Stanich, Bonnie
- 11 4 Camerer, Christopher D
- 11 16 Doyle, Mary
- 11 16 Middour, Larry T
- 11 17 Chagnon, Armand H
- 11 19 Shannon, Dyke E
- 11 26 Day, Robert J
- 11 30 Brooks, Christian J

DECEMBER:

- 12 7 Gagne, Ronald S
- 12 7 Gagne, Ronald S
- 12 8 Brown, Sharon
- 12 9 Berrios, Marge
- 12 10 Martin, William
- 12 11 Bettis, Earl W
- 12 12 Long, Donald E Sr
- 12 16 Lord, John S
- 12 19 Carten, James E III
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CALENDAR

- NOV Event
- 3 Daylight Saving Time ENDS - 2 AM
 - 7 SAL Meeting - 7 PM (ZOOM only)
 - 11 Veteran's Day
 - 12 Post General Meeting - 7 PM (Post & ZOOM)
 - 19 Auxiliary Unit Meeting - 7 PM - (ZOOM only)
 - 22-24 Fall Conference - Caribe Royale - Orlando
 - 28 Thanksgiving
- DEC
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
 - 13 Post Family Holiday Dinner - 7 PM - Perkins
*Party replaces Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL Dec.
meetings
 - 15 Newsletter Articles are DUE**
 - 25 Christmas

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