

# The American Legion Winter Park Memorial Post 112 Family



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## COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

Well, here we go again with another Covid issue. I hope everyone has participated in the Booster program. We need to be as safe as possible. I was not able to participate in our annual Christmas Dinner at Perkins, so I hope everyone enjoyed the time spent there. As a result (and as published) we did not have a regular monthly meeting for December.

First, the pavilion is finally done and will be water proof now if we are in the pavilion and it starts raining. The Sea Cadets said they will miss dodging the leaks! The Post had a Blood Drive for the first time in many moons and did not go well. We had planned on at least eleven donations and we ended up with only four, of which I was one. The other three were from the apartment complex. This was a great day weather wise, but it seems like it



was just bad timing for the drive.

The New Year is going to be a new start and hope it will be not as challenging as the past year has been. January will be a time that we can re-group and move forward however we can. The Post has nothing scheduled for January as of now, but the Four Chaplains Ceremony is normally in February. I am not sure we will conduct this again, it is a lot of work for me and very few participate.

With the assistance of Past Commander Costello and the ladies of the Auxiliary, we provided a needy Veteran with Christmas gifts and food. It was a great feeling being able to do this for a fellow Veteran and family.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas as possible as well as a Happy and safe New Year.

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

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## From Stephen's Korner—Stephen Miglionario

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. The Post is at 83% membership as of this writing! It isn't bad but we were not able to get our 100% renewals before the end of 2021. Maybe next year. We will try again for 2023.



Stay safe and see you in 2022!

**2022 Legion Dues are now being accepted!  
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2. Click the box "I want to auto renew my membership and authorize that my credit card be charged prior to the start of membership each year" under your current membership status.
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4. Select "Save" to save your future renewal. To add or edit credit card information, click "Manage My Saved Credit Cards."

American Legion members with dues paid can print their current membership card found under the MEMBERSHIP tab. For dual members, both American Legion and Sons of The American Legion membership cards can be printed.

Don't have a MyLegion.org account? Sign up now to manage your American Legion and Sons of The American Legion membership profile and benefits.

To register, visit [MyLegion.org](https://mylegion.org). All MyLegion.org accounts are registered with the email on your membership record that National Headquarters has on file. If you are having difficulties with setting up your account, contact your Adjutant and he may be able to make the correction or update your email address.

*Copied from the October issue of "The American Legion Dispatch"*



## Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Happy New Year! And we at the Post hope that you had a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

The Commander has mentioned the improvements that have been made, especially to the pavilion area. He also mentioned that we were able to hold our annual Christmas Dinner but that he was not there. He was sorely missed but we understood the reason. We did have 15 members attending the event and there was a Gift Drawing Exchange. We also gained two members of our Son's Squadron who attended with their grandfather, Chaplain Dover. Welcome to the Post Family. The entire Post Family had representation and were able to enjoy each other's company. Sadly, the turnout was a little lower than hoped and we look forward to a bigger event next year.

Our meetings have returned to the Post, for the most part. The seating is spread out for now and until the medical emergency is over. And we still stream the meetings over our ZOOM conference bridge. The Commander calls this meeting style "hybrid" and it is. Our Constitution and Bylaws allow those attending online to be counted for attendance and voting purposes. If you wish to avoid the drive to the Post but still want to participate, here is your chance. If you have a Cell Phone, you can participate. You don't necessarily need a computer. If you are not receiving the meeting notices by email, send me a note (email on the back page of the newsletter). If you don't have email, then you can call or text me for the information. We miss seeing all of you at the Post, and hope for a better 2022.

We will be talking about Four Chaplains Ceremony as well as the Boys State Candidate interviews at the January meeting. Some other things that can be coming up later in 2022 could be the Fall Family Picnic and perhaps the return of Veterans' Breakfasts when the VA fully opens. Watch the newsletter, emails and the WEB page for updates as they occur. The calendar on the WEB page is updated throughout the month.

Speaking of emails, are you getting the newsletter by US Mail or by email? With the cost of postage going up, mailing the newsletter is not the ideal way of getting it out. However, if you do not have an email or cannot use it for some reason, we will continue to send it by US Mail. The net amount of your dues that comes to the Post is \$9.00 out of \$38.00. The rest goes to the Department of Florida and National. The cost of sending the newsletter by US Mail is just over \$1 each. **We do not want to miss sending to those who do not have email and will continue to send them by US Mail.** But, if you are getting it by email AND US Mail, please let me know so that we can cut down on Post expenses.

Finally, as you know, we honor our Post Family members by wishing them a Happy Birthday on their month. But there are several members whose birthdays are missing from our records for whatever reason. We can't honor them if we don't know what month (and day) they were born. If you have looked for your name to appear in our list on your month and it isn't there, this would be the reason. You can correct that by sending me your date of birth in an email or calling me with it and I will add it to the list. There are very few "kudos" going out in this day and age, so wishing you a Happy Birthday on your month is the least that we can do.

Don't forget to check out the new design for our WEB page at <https://wpflpost112.org> when you have a minute. You can find an archive of the newsletters there, too, so you can look back at the proper month and see if you were listed.

Until next issue, please try to stay safe.







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**QUESTIONS**—Contact the editor at 407.401.8360 or email [nell.colbert@communimatics.com](mailto:nell.colbert@communimatics.com).



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## Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Our membership drive for 2022 has had a great response. As of 12/17, we have two members yet to pay 2022 dues and we need to recruit one additional new member to reach our 100% membership goal. Our goal for 2022 is 24 members and as of this writing, we have 21 paid members. We welcomed our newest member, Claudia Caruso, in early November—Welcome Claudia. If you are one of the two who haven't paid your 2022 dues yet, please send in your check for \$36 ASAP. You can mail your check to our mailing address:

PO Box 2246  
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Please remember that our 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 know of community members who are eligible for the Auxiliary, please invite them to one of our meetings and encourage them to join.

November was extremely busy for our Unit. In addition to attending the Department's Fall Conference, we participated in the Eastbrook Veteran's Day program where we

gave out American flags and Poppies to all the Veterans who attended their recognition breakfast, we shopped for and delivered all the non-perishable fixin's for a



complete Thanksgiving dinner to the Eastbrook food pantry for the students who take home backpacks filled with food each weekend, we assisted the Legion with the shopping for their VA Giving



Tree (Angel Tree) family, and we shopped for and delivered to the Lake Baldwin VA our usual holiday



food baskets for Veteran families in need.



**WOW!  
What a  
busy  
month!**

We weren't quite as busy in December but we did enjoy food and fellowship at Perkins as the Legion family gathered together to celebrate the Christmas holiday season. It was great seeing everyone in person and we enjoyed a fun gift exchange.

Lots of things coming after the New Year like Girls State delegate selection, the Americanism Essay contest, and school awards.

**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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## Notes from Our Service Officer

POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced four burial updates: 3 Army, France, Korea and Mariana Islands. 1 Air Force-Bombardier.

Wreath-laying ceremonies organized by the nonprofit Wreaths Across America to remember and honor our fallen veterans take place at more than 2,500 locations across the United States, at sea, and abroad.

### Burial at Sea

**Eligibility:** Individuals eligible for this program are: (1) active duty members of the uniformed services; (2) retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged. (3) U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command; and (4) dependent family members of active duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services.

How to get started: After the death of the individual for whom the request for Burial at Sea is being made, the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) should contact the Navy and Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs office at 1-866-787-0081 to request a packet and for additional information.

Supporting documents which must accompany this request are:

- (1) a photocopy of the death certificate
- (2) the burial transit permit or the cremation certificate
- (3) a copy of the DD Form 214, discharge certificate, or retirement order.

The Burial at Sea Request Form and the three supporting documents listed above make up the Burial at Sea Request package.

## Winter Park Christmas Parade—Sea Cadets

US Naval Sea Cadets Corps Centurion Battalion had the honor to return to the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Park “Ye Olde Hometown” Christmas Parade, for their 15<sup>th</sup> year of participation. The parade was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through downtown Winter Park from 9 am to 11 am. It was especially nice to participate in the parade again after COVID-19 restrictions closed the parade for the 2020



year and to represent the community as a whole. Additionally, US-NSCC Centurion Battalion had the amazing opportunity to be interviewed by FOX 35 News' very own John Brown and was featured on the local news. All in all, cadets and staff alike brought their very best to the parade and were wholly welcomed by attendees of the parade, bringing forth the spirit of the Holidays and community togetherness.





## Christmas Party



Friday night, December 3rd saw our Legion family “invade” the Perkins Restaurant on University Blvd. at Forsyth Road for our first in-person Christmas party in two years!

While we missed Commander Middlekauff due to illness and SAL Commander Carten who was getting married that weekend, we enjoyed good food and great fellowship. It was so nice to see so many members in person. One of the highlights of the evening was our traditional gift exchange—everyone who brought a gift to exchange got to pick one from the table when their number was called.

Please enjoy some pictures from our evening. We hope everyone has a joyous and safe holiday season.







## The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

As we welcome the NEW YEAR 2022, I hope you have remembered the good things from past year. Whatever your concerns were in the past they are still there now. Did you know just as when things go bad at home or work, we call our lifeline 9-1-1.

In Psalms we can use the 9-1-1 and see that the LORD is our guide in all things.

**Psalms 9:11** Sing praises to the LORD who reigns in Jerusalem. Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

**Psalms 91:1** Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

None of us will escape the final judgement and we must be ready to meet our God at any moment.

Not one of us is guaranteed another breath, but God is our 9-1-1 in all things we can go to him.

Hyman: **Rescuing the Perching**  
Written in 1870 by Fanny J. Crosby. She was the famous blind American poetess.

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;

Weep o'er the erring one,  
Lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful,  
Jesus will save.

Let us pray and remember the

ones who have passed in 2021, on to the Supreme Commander. TMC Rene Pinter a member for 15 years passed away after a battle with cancer.

Dear God:

As we come to you at the beginning of the New Year may we remember that you are the only saving grace for us and our protector. You are our 9-1-1 in the good and bad times and all we have to do is ask for help. Please be with our Service members and their families, our first responders and our Nations leaders. Guide each and everyone of us to look to you for all our needs and desires. Amen

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,  
BILLY DOVER Jr., Chaplain

## Boys State—Bob Colbert



We will be interviewing our Boys State Candidates on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Post at 2 PM. We will be setting up after 1 PM and the actual interviews will begin at 2 PM. Any Post member is welcome to sit in on the interviews. At this time, we do not know how many candidates will be on hand. As you may remember, the Post sends 4 candidates and selects four alternates that are usually picked up by other Posts in the State that were not able to recruit their own candidates. The end result is that eight of our candidates are generally able to attend.

While we recruit from a couple of schools, if you know of someone in our area who is a Junior this year and may want to attend, have them contact the Adjutant for a preliminary screening.

The results of the interviews will not be available for the next issue as the deadline for the March-April newsletter will come up before the actual interviews; the information will be in the May-June newsletter.







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## **Sons of the Legion—Jim Carten, Cmdr.**

Happy New Year! We hope that you and yours had a Merry Christmas and holiday season.

The Winter Park Memorial Squadron 112 of the Sons of the American Legion had a slow year due to the health restrictions. Our meeting has been “virtual” for the entire year. And we really missed the Pancake Breakfasts this past year. We are hoping and praying that the VA (Veterans Affairs) will be able to reduce their restrictions and resume attending them with us. Once the restrictions are eased, we will be able to have social time with these fine ladies and gentlemen from the VA nursing home. At this time, there is no word on when we will be able to resume them. “Stay tuned” as we will publish their resumption both here and on the WEB page.

Membership renewals are coming along but if you have not sent in your \$20 for 2022, please take a minute and send it in. We are down to less than ten members who have not renewed. We hope to send “reminders” out after the first of the year.

The Son’s Squadron was represented at the Christmas Dinner and at the “Giving Tree” shopping. Your Adjutant and Vice Commander were both at the “Giving Tree” event. At the Christmas Dinner, the Squadron gained two new members courtesy of their grandfather, Chaplain Billy Dover. The Squadron Commander was not able to attend the Christmas Dinner as he was getting married. We did miss those who were not able to attend.

The Squadron was also represented at the Annual Detachment Convention and the Fall Conference.

As mentioned earlier, our meetings are still virtual, but we should be able to resume meeting at the Post after the first of the year. This means that you will have TWO ways to attend – online or in person. Online meetings can be attended by computer or cell phone and the login information is sent out monthly. In Person can be done at the Post and we are still “spread out” in the room to allow for the social distancing.

Hope to see you either in person or online in the new year. Let us make this a GREAT 2022!

For the Commander – Bob Colbert, Adjutant







## Happy Birthday to YOU!

**Happy Birthday to YOU!**  
**Happy Birthday to you!**  
**Happy Birthday dear \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Happy Birthday to YOU!**

### January

- 1 Martin, Drew K
- 2 Smith, Rhonda M
- 8 Hohman, Glenn E
- 12 Loveitt, Lucille
- 12 Smith, Stephen A
- 15 Brasher, Lawrence A
- 15 Colbert, Braelyn A
- 17 Roberts, Wayne D
- 19 Kraeger, Russell W
- 21 Travers, Charles
- 25 Colbert, Russell C

### February

- 6 Flanagan, Donald E
- 7 Ackley, Wayne S
- 8 Dearden, Miles C
- 8 Posada, Eduardo
- 9 Brown, Brenda A
- 10 Colbert, Robert C
- 17 Colbert, Victoria L
- 18 Sines, Irvin A
- 21 Gagne, Lisa
- 23 Brown, Donn W
- 24 Anderson, Charles N
- 24 Towles, Robin
- 27 Paquin, Joseph E

in our birthday list? We don't want to miss anyone and if your birthday is not listed, it's because we don't have it! Please email the Adjutant at [bcolbert@usa.net](mailto:bcolbert@usa.net) with your birth date so we can make sure you are not missed again.



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 4 Son's meeting - 7 PM
- 11 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 18 Auxiliary meeting - 7 PM ZOOM only

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Son's meeting - 7 PM
- 8 Post General Meeting - 7 PM
- 15 Auxiliary meeting - 7 PM ZOOM only
- 26 Boy's State Selection - 2 PM
- 27 Girl's State Selection - 2 PM

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

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