

Unit Year End Report 2022 – 2023

District #6 Unit Name WINTER PARK MEMORIAL UNIT 112

Reporting from 04/01/22- 03/31/23

Using the member checklist how many times did your members:

- Pledge Allegiance to the Flag 50 +/- (at every unit meeting)
 - Sing the National Anthem 15 +/-
 - Fly a flag at their Home 365 x 4 (AT LEAST 4 MEMBERS HAVE FLAGS)
 - Attend a Patriotic Themed Parade UNKNOWN
 - Participate in an Americanism Education event 10+/-
 - Attend a Flag Retirement event 3
 - Attend other events such as POW/MIA, Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day Ceremonies 5
1. Service for active-duty military (examples include pocket flags and support of the amendment to protect the United States from desecration).
 - Hours volunteered _____
 - Brief description of service _____
 - Dollars spent _____
 2. Service for military families (examples health and housing).
 - Hours volunteered _____
 - Brief description of service _____
 - Dollars spent _____
 3. Promote the ALA's value of Americanism through the Americanism Essay Contest, community education about flag etiquette, respect in the support of our country, active-duty military and veterans.
 - Hours volunteered 20.0
 - Brief description of service promoted contest to local schools, judged 30 essays submitted & forwarded winners to Dept chair.
 - Dollars spent \$175 for medals, certificate paper and certificate holders
 4. Promote patriotism through Unit involvement in community events.
 - Hours volunteered 350
 - Brief description of service one member teaches English to non-English speakers - about 7 hours/week
 - Dollars spent no record
 5. Promote Auxiliary participation in the American Legion Americanism Programs.
 - Hours volunteered _____
 - Brief description of service _____
 - Dollars spent _____

Year End reports are due to your District Chairman by April 1, 2022



Auxiliary Emergency Fund Unit Year End Report

Due to District Chairman by April 1st, 2023

Unit Information:

Unit Number: 112 Chairman Name: NELL COLBERT
Chairman Email Address: NECOLBERT@USA.NET
Phone Number: 321-303-7445

Reporting Items Needed:

1. What does your Unit do to educate your members about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund?
As a Leadership Segment, our Leadership Chair explains the AEF program whenever we have new members join our Unit.
2. How many members have participated in the AEF Program? ALL
3. How much money has been collected for the AEF Program during the 2022-2023 year?
ZERO
4. What has your Unit done to raise funds for AEF?
Because our Unit meetings are held via Zoom, we do not have a means of adding to our AEF kitty. We did use funds earlier in the year to pay the dues for a member who could not afford to pay due to the economy.

On a separate sheet of paper please submit a narrative about significant events that have occurred regarding AEF. Please

There have been no significant events that have effected our Legion family this year.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT CHAPLAIN – YEAR END REPORT 2022/2023

Name of Chaplain DEBI SHANNON Unit # 112 District # 6

Address 108 JAMAICA DRIVE, COCOA BEACH, FL 32931-3213 Phone 407-322-6126

Note: Please do not send checks for Memorial Scholarship Fund to Department Chaplain they should be sent to Department Headquarters. (1912A Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810)

1. Did you open and close all Meetings with a Prayer? Yes x No
Did you use the Home Front Reflection Page? Yes No x
Were you called upon to deliver a prayer other than at meetings? Yes No x

Describe:

2. How many Sympathy Cards did you send? 0
3. How many Get Well Cards did you send? 0
4. How many Thinking of You cards did you send? 0
5. How many Congratulations Cards did you send? 0
6. How many Birthday Cards did you send? 3
Did you visit the sick? Yes No Number of Times
7. Did you drape the Unit Charter for deceased members? Yes No x How Many times?
Did you conduct a Memorial/Funeral Service? Yes No x How Many
Did the Unit make a donation to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of a deceased member? Yes No x

8. Did you Participate in, or conduct a service for the Four Chaplains? Yes No x
Did your Unit contribute to the Chapel of the Four Chaplains? Yes No x

9. Did you use Grace Cards? No How Many?
Describe how:

10. Did your Unit participate in, or conduct a service on: Memorial Day Yes
Veterans Day Yes Wreaths Across America No POW/MIA Yes
Pearl Harbor Day No Flag Day Yes Others: List

11. Did you prepare a Prayer Book for the Unit President? No For Competition?
Did you submit any Prayers to Department Chaplain? No How Many?

Year End Reports

Unit Chaplains - Send two (2) copies of this report to the District Chaplain by April 1, 2023.

District Chaplains - Send one (1) copies of your Year End report to Department Chaplain by April 15, 2023.

Please remember, if your reports reach the District Chaplain after that date, your information will not be reported. If you have any questions, please email me at Chaplain@ALAFL.org and I will respond as quickly as I can, or call me at 727-744-3672 and leave a message.

Department Chaplain address: Ruth Burgess 5023 Bridgeport Dr., Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Children & Youth 2022-2023

Unit Year-End Report

Unit Name & Number Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 District 6
Unit Chairman NELL COLBERT Phone # 321-303-7445
Address PO BOX 2410, GOLDENROD, FL 32733-24100 Email NECOLBERT@USA.NET

Did your Unit have a special meeting or event recognizing April as "Children & Youth" month? Please Give Details.

NO

How did your Unit support, assist, recognize or donate to military children? Please Give Details.

Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 NO

Military Childs Table Ceremony NO

How did your Unit **Purple Up** & celebrate April "Month of the Military Child?"

N/A

How did your Unit support, assist, identify or donate to children of veterans? Please Give Details.

Homeless or in-need families with children? We supplied Thanksgiving non-perishables to the Eastbrook Elementary food pantry for about 20 families. Unknown how many are veteran families.

Did your Unit purchase Klinger, a Story of Hope & Honor or participate in TAPS?

No

How did your Unit support, assist or recognize children in your local community? Please Give Details.

Did your Unit nominate a child for the Youth Hero award? No

Did your Unit nominate a child for the Good Deed award? No

How did your Unit support, assist or recognize chronically ill children? Please Give Details.

N/A

Did your Unit volunteer or donate to any of the following children's charities or special focus projects?

Special Focus Projects

Camp Boggy Creek \$⁰ in-kind⁰ volunteer⁰

Children's charities: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation⁰

John's Hopkins All Children's \$⁰ in-kind⁰ volunteer⁰

Mailman Center \$⁰ in-kind⁰ volunteer⁰

Ronald McDonald House Charities: In-kind⁰ volunteer⁰ soda tabs⁰ lbs.

Activities, events, or donations not covered in the questionnaire please continue on the back of sheet. Include pictures separately in JPEG format.

Please include a narrative and pictures. Pictures must be separate and in JPEG format not imbedded in report.

Please mail or email 1 copy of the Unit report to your District Children and Youth Chairman by April 1, 2023.



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4490 North Goldenrod Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

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wpfl.ala112@gmail.com

March 24, 2023

Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 has several members who are involved in youth organizations in addition to their participation with the Auxiliary.

- One of our members serves on the President's Cabinet for the Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors in addition to serving at the district level in Seminole County. This member has spent more than 100 hours in service to youth through the Boy Scout program.
- Another member is a Cub Scout leader in her sons Cub Scout Pack where she spends 4-5 hours per week on Scouting activities.

In total, our members have donated more than 300 hours assisting various Children and Youth programs outside of the Auxiliary.

For our support of the Eastbrook Food Pantry backpack project, we spent \$500.00 and spent an additional 20 hours shopping for food and delivering food to the school.



Pictures from our shopping trip and delivery of the food items to the school and the staff members who helped us unload.

Auxiliary Unit 112 is recognized by the IRS as a 501-C19 non-profit corporation. Unit 112 also holds a valid permit from the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture number CH 33580 allowing us to solicit and collect donations.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
YEAR-END UNIT REPORT
2022 -2023

FULL UNIT NAME & NUMBER

WINTER PARK MEMORIAL UNIT 112, WINTER PARK, FL

UNIT LOCATION

MARGE BERRIOS

President

MARGE BERRIOS

Community Service Chairman

How many members volunteered the year? 7

How many volunteer hours? 500

How much money was spent? _____

Total dollar value for "in-kind" Donation's? \$7000plus\$1100donations

Please add a narrative (who, why, where and activities.) describing what the unit reported for Community Service.

Mail to your District Community Service Chairman before 4/1/23.

Please send two copies of your report and narrative to Chairman

Winter Park Memorial Unit112 Community Service Year-End Report

Unit 112 is a small unit but very active in Community Service the following are some of our activities:

One member is a counselor and offers free counseling services to the community. She has donated in-kind services of over \$6000 this year. Some services are for 8 weeks and other monthly. She has also offered services to veterans.

Another member has over 300 hours of service to her local Hoa, SAL Post Home. She does Post Office runs for all organizations, writes Newsletters, works on Quick Books for all. Pays bills, works on financials and budgets.

A member runs for different charities and has raised over \$1100 in donations, example of charities are Special Olympics and Kellsies Hope Charities which is run during the Walt Disney Princess Marathon weekend.

One member help set up and donated \$100 for a church food pantry.

One member donates time at church services.

A member donates time at another Post that doesn't have an auxiliary she helps in community service there.

These are a few of our activities, we help an local elementary school with their food pantry but we did not add it to our community service hours. Submitted By Marge Berrios
unit112



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

UNIT TO DISTRICT YEAR-END REPORT 2022-2023

Unit Name: WINTER PARK MEMORIAL Unit Number: 112
Chairperson Name: NELL COLBERT District Number: 6
Chairperson's Phone or Email: NECOLBERT@USA.NET / 321-303-7445

As part of your report, please include answers to the following questions:

1. Have you done an annual review of your Constitution & Bylaws?
YES Yes No
2. When was the last revision of your Unit Constitution & Bylaws to comply with all National and Department Constitution & By-Laws? Revision Date: 11/2022
Document forwarded to Department Headquarters YES Yes No
3. When were your Units Standing Rules last revised? 11/2022
4. How was your Unit inspired to review their governing documents?
No inspiration needed - we do this every-other year. This year, because the national and department dues are being increased for 2024, we reviewed our Standing Rules to make a change to our dues beginning in 2024.
5. Has your Unit sponsored any Constitution & Bylaws activities? If so, what were those activities?
no
6. Did your Unit participate in a web-based Constitution & Bylaws activity? If so, was it helpful?
no

Submit this report form on or before **April 1, 2023**.

Send completed form to the Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman by mail.

Lisa Hoyland
1115 61st Street South Gulfport, FL 33707
727-482-0873 or CBylaws@alafl.org

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA EDUCATION
EDUCATION UNIT 2022-2023
Unit Year-End Report

Unit #: 112
Unit Chairman's Name: NELL COLBERT
Phone #: 321-303-7445 Email: NECOLBERT@USA.NET
Did your Unit participate in Give 10 to Education? YES
Dollars spent: \$250
Value of in-kind donations: 0
Veterans in the Community Schools: NO
Hours volunteered: 0
Dollars spent: 0
Value of in-kind donations: 0
Number of Veterans in the Community Schools presentations 0
Our Unit actively supports veterans' associations on campus: NO
Hours volunteered: 0
Dollars Spent: 0
Scholarships our Unit presented: NONE
Dollar amount of local scholarships: 0
Number of scholarships awarded: 0
Dollar amount donated to Department scholarships: 0
Number of Dept./Nat'l scholarships presented/awarded: 0
Helping a needy student: Hours volunteered 25
Dollars spent: \$500
Value of in-kind donations: 0
of children assisted: 1
Juniors service to schools: Hours volunteered: 0
Dollars spent: 0
Value of in-kind donations: 0
Number of children assisted 0
Please send to your District Chairman Due April 1, 2023.

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March 27, 2023

Unit 112 Year End Education Report

Our Unit usually supports Education in several ways:

- In May each year, we present Scholastic Achievement Awards to one 5th grade young lady and one 5th grade young man at each of eight different elementary schools. Our May, 2022 presentations were done in-person and were well received at all the schools. We have already begun contacting the elementary schools to get the names of their recipients for the 2023 Scholastic Achievement Awards and we are looking forward to presenting medals and certificates in person at the end of the year ceremonies in May 2023. For this project we spend approximately \$450 on medals, certificates, and presentation folders.
- Each year, we recognize the teachers and staff at one elementary school with a huge goody basket of fruits and breakfast pastries during National Teacher Appreciation Week. Since the Covid rules were relaxed for May 2022, we delivered and set up the goody basket in the teachers' lounge at the school in early May, 2022. For this project, we spend approximately \$100 on all the goodies provided.
- Several years ago, in lieu of school supplies, we adopted the food pantry at one elementary school and just before Thanksgiving, we provided the non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner items (candied yams, marshmallows, stuffing, gravy, canned corn, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes) for the families in need of extra help. These

are the families identified by the school to receive a backpack full of food each Friday afternoon to carry the family over the weekend; many of these families are active duty or veteran families but we have no way of knowing how many of these families are military families. This year we spent about \$500 and had about 16 service hours dedicated to shopping for the food items, delivering and unloading the food in the food pantry.

- For Give Ten to Education this year, we adopted one classroom and participated in the Scholastic Books Classroom Book project. For \$10 per student, Scholastic Books will provide one book per month for each student in the classroom. We donated \$250 to provide each of 25 students with a book every month this school year (Aug. - May.)
- One of our members is also very active teaching various classes, including ESOL classes, in the community and spent more than 600 hours preparing for her classes and teaching those classes.
- One of our members is also a school volunteer who helps in her son's classroom as well as helping in the clinic with student hearing screenings.
- Another of our members donates \$40 per month through Catholic Charities to support the education of a young girl in Kenya and another member has donated to the fund-raising efforts of the students at the school at which she teaches.



Yours in service to God and Country

Nell Colbert

Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer
Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

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ALA Department of Florida Girls State

Unit Year-End Report

#COLOR ME THERE

Unit# 112 Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 District # 6

Chairman MARGE BERRIOS

Address: 205 TAYLOR LOOP, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708

Phone# 407 3768962

Email Mberr3@yahoo.com

1. How many girls are you sending to Girls State 2023 Session? 2

2. If none, then write none and go no further. Send report to your District Girls State Chairman so she can have 100% units reporting.

3. How did your unit raise funds for The Girls State Program? (Bingo, Picnic, Bake Sales, etc.) ^^
DONATIONS

4. How did your unit select Girls State Delegates? ^^ Interview From Local H.S.

5. Total number of volunteers spent on 2023 Girls State Session? Total number of hours? 50

6. Number of volunteers that will be attending the 2023 Girls State Session? N/A

***This is for preparation of Girls State 2023 Session.

7. Did you invite 2022 Girls State Delegate(s) to Unit to share her experience? ^^ yes

8. Did you invite 2022 Girls State Delegate(s) to participate in Unit activities or programs? ^^ NO

(^^ Success Stories and pictures are encouraged, please include pictures of your Girls State Delegates. Please use additional paper if necessary.)

Year-End Report due to District Chairman by April 1st

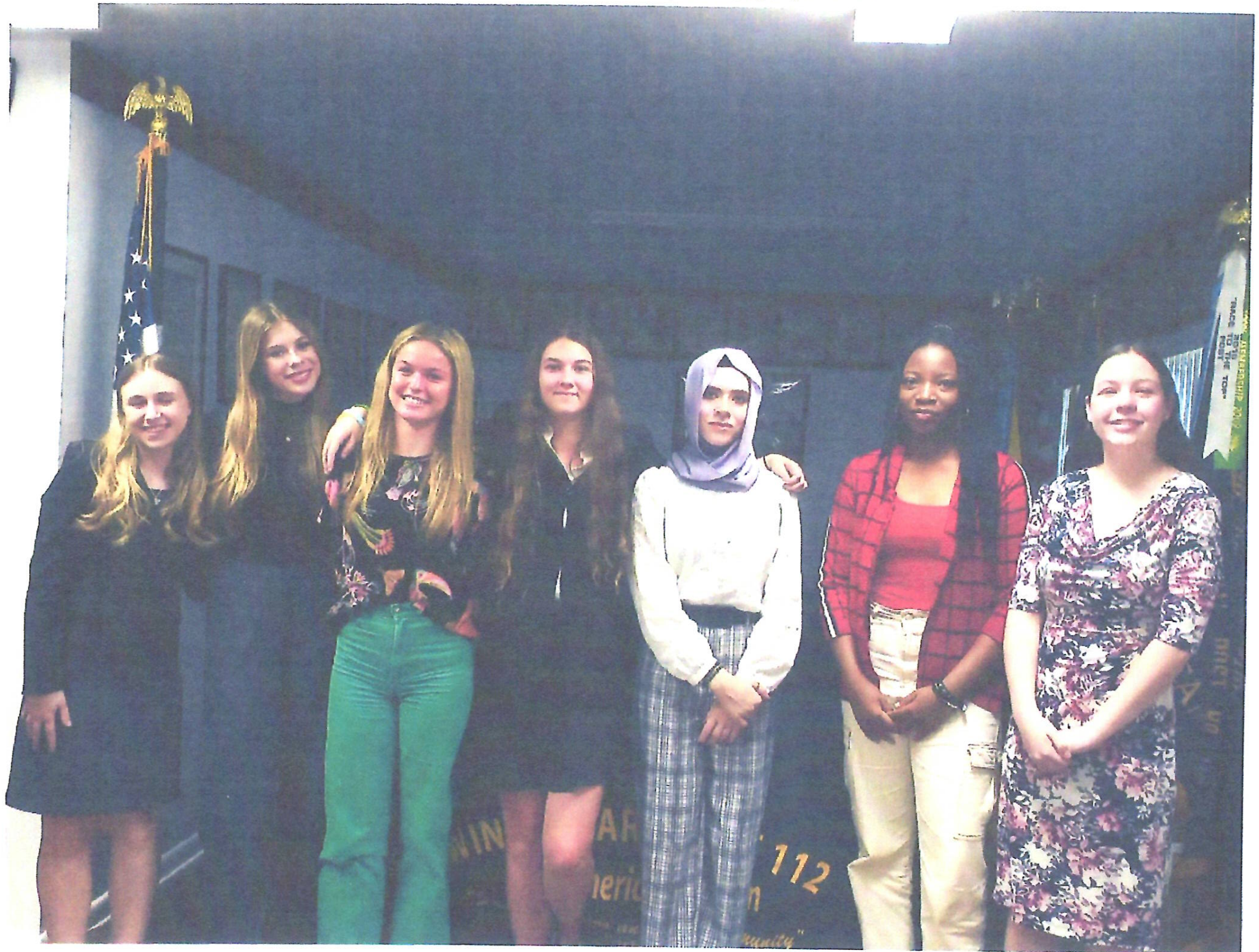
Winter Park Memorial Unit112 Girls State Year End Report

This year we were able to interview 8 girls from three different high schools. Seven of the girls were in person and one via zoom. We would have had 10 girls total but the dates were not good for two girls because of family issues. Since we are a small unit we usually send only one delegate but this year because of donations we were able to apply for an over quota delegate. So after interviews we selected 2 delegates and 2 alternates. All the girls were very excited about Girls State. They were invited to appear on zoom in the fall to talk about their experiences. Attached please find pictures of the entire group and the 4 selected girls. Submitted by Marge Berrios unit112 Girls State Chairman

UNIT 112 Delegates + Alternates



Unit 112 all interviewed



Unit Leadership Year-End Program Reporting 2022 - 2023

Unit Chairman DEBI SHANNON Unit # 112 District 6
Chairman's Address 108 JAMAICA DRIVE, COCOA BEACH, FL 32931-3213
Phone # 407-322-6126 E-mail Address: SWDEBI@AOL.COM

Unit Presidents

Were the duties of chairmen and officers explained?	<u>Yes</u>
Did members ask questions during meetings and if so were they answered?	<u>Yes</u>
Were the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules read and explained?	<u>Yes</u>
Did the members utilize the National Impact Forms?	<u>No</u>
Did you submit a candidate for Unit Member of the Year?	<u>No</u>

Members

How many members completed the online Senior Basic Leadership Course?	<u>1</u>
How many members did the online ALA Academy?	<u>0</u>

a. What courses were completed?

(include all courses that were completed . Use back of this page if necessary)

How many members attended the following?

1. Breakout sessions at the 2021-22 Convention	<u>3</u>
2. How many unit members attended Department Workshop	<u>3</u>
3. How many attended the District School of Instruction	<u>0</u>
4. How many attended other District Meetings	<u>2</u>
5. How many members attended Fall Conference Breakout sessions	<u>3</u>

Did Unit members do anything special to enhance the leadership program (e.g. additional training and what were the topics) ? If so, please explain

During every unit meeting we usually conducted a leadership segment. Following is an

example of such presentations. We discussed our State President, Jane Hardacre, chosen

charity for her year and donated \$100.00 to the Gary Sinise Foundation. We encouraged

members to look for the Florida Canvas newsletter on the ALA of FL.'s website. Information was

shared about a Legion article regarding the 40th year anniversary of the Viet Nam Memorial.

We welcomed 4 new members and explained our various committees.

If you are submitting a narrative for any National, Department or Chairman Award you MUST follow all directions and entry must be received on or before the due date.

Send this Unit Year-End Report form and narrative, if any, to the District Chairman no later than April 01, 2023.

***Mary Kelly-Perkins
10212 Murray Road
Clermont, FL 34711***

***leadership@alafl.org
813-508-3822***

NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM YEAREND REPORT 2022-2023

When reporting, please keep in mind that your volunteer hours are the #1 most important thing to report! Here is a list of the many programs we have under National Security, if you have any questions at all, please let me know. Also keep in mind that this program is for Active-Duty Military, their families and First Responders ONLY! Veterans related programs need to be reported under VA&R. → Coupons → Troop Care Packages/Boxes → Gold Star Mothers (supporting members & chapters) → Blue Star Mothers (supporting members & chapters) → USO *(Chairman Award for each membership Group size, 1-6) → Operation Homefront (www.operationhomefront.org, go to "Get Involved") → American Red Cross, Service to the Armed Forces → Military Spouses (www.ementorprogram.org) → Military Children (Military Child's Table) → Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) (Reserve/National Guard) → Military Family (anything you do for Military Families) → CERT/FEMA → ROTC/JROTC → Homeland Security (Coast Guard, and First Responders: Police Dept, Fire Dept, EMT's) → Ceremonies (9/11 & POW/MIA) → Military/Veteran Retreats (My Warriors Place in Ruskin, Project VetRelief & Renewal Coalition in Jupiter) → Blood Drives (www.oneblood.org) → TAPS

NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

Unit Year-End Report, 2022-2023

Please use additional sheets of paper for narratives

Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit Number: 112 District: 6 Group _____
Unit President: MARGE BERRIOS Email: Mberr3@yahoo.com Phone # 407 376 8962
Unit Chairman: MARGE BERRIOS Email: Mberr3@yahoo.com Phone # 407 376 8962

This is what our Unit did from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023

1. Coupons: Vol Hours: 5 Postage: \$8.05 Value: \$1600
2. Troop Boxes: Vol Hours: N/A Postage: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____ No of Boxes: _____

For the following questions, please give a description of how volunteer hours were used, and any special projects your unit has done for the year.

3. USO: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
4. Operation Homefront: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
5. YRRP: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
6. Blue Star Mothers: Vol Hours: 0 Banners: _____ Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
7. Gold Star Mothers: Vol Hours: 0 Banners: _____ Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
8. Military Spouses: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
9. Military Families: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In-Kind Donations: \$ _____
10. Military Child: Volunteer Hours: 0 (Set-up military child's table for POW/MIA Ceremony)
11. Homeland Security: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ _____ In Kind Donations: \$ _____
12. CERT/FEMA: Vol Hours: 0 Donation/Cost: \$ _____ Number Certified: _____
13. JROTC: Vol Hours: 0 Donation/Cost: \$ _____ Number of Medals: _____
14. Blood Drives: Vol Hours: 0 Number of Drives: _____ Pints Given: _____

Please submit for Chairman, Department and National Awards. YOUR UNIT REPORT IS DUE TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023!



**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
UNIT YEAR END REPORT 2022-2023**

Unit Chairman: NONE Unit: 112 District: 6

Unit Chairman Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Describe how you educated members about the Past Presidents Parley Program.

Since this program has been discontinued, our Unit does not have a chair

2. Describe any new Past Presidents Parley activities that were developed and initiated this year.

N/A

3. Did you have any members requesting help from a mentor? Please describe.

NO

4. Did you participate in or provide a nursing scholarship?

NO

5. How many unit members utilized online information from the national website?

10

6. Did your unit apply for any awards and if so which ones?

NO

PLEASE SEND THIS REPORT ALONG WITH YOUR WRITTEN NARRATIVE AND ANY PHOTOS YOU WANT TO SEND TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023

Reports can be sent via email to pastpresidentparley@alaf1.org or USPS to: Kim Oaks, 796 Bianca Dr NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905.



**Poppy Reporting
2022-2023
Unit Reporting End of Year**

Unit 112 District 6

Chairman MARGE BERRIOS Chairman Contact Mberr3@yahoo.com

Year-End Reports:

Units to District is due April 1st, 2023

Annual reports reflect the program work of units. Each Unit Poppy Chairman is required to submit a narrative report to the District Poppy Chairman. Please use the following questions to help that narrative:

1. How did your unit members promote the Poppy Program?
2. Did your Poppy Ambassador(chairman) create and wear a Poppy Sash?
3. Did your unit sponsor a Little Miss Poppy contest?
4. How did your unit promote the Poppy Poster Contest?
5. What events did your ambassador attend?
6. How did your unit's members increase poppy revenue?
7. What are the numbers of poppies or poppy items distributed?
8. What were the dollars raised in the unit from Poppies?
9. Did your unit donate a raffle item to the Poppy Holiday Fall Conference Fundraiser?

Winter Park Memorial Unit112 Poppy Year-End Report
Unit 112 promoted the Poppy Program by having poppy booths at different locations. This year we had two locations in May. We were able to distribute75 poppies and collected\$175.Our members worked a total of8 hours.We did not have a November poppy booth because of the hurricane. Since we are a small unit we do not participate in any Miss Poppy activities nor do we donate to the raffle fundraiser. Submitted by Marge Berrios,unit112

UNIT PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT FORM 2022-2023

Reporting Date April 1, 2023

UNIT NAME WINTER PARK MEMORIAL

Unit Number/District 112 / 6

Name of Person Reporting NELL COLBERT

Address PO BOX 2410, GOLDENROD, FL 32733-2410

E-Mail NECOLBERT@USA.NET

Home# 321-303-7445

Cell# 321-303-7445

Did your unit create a website or social media page? NO If yes, give information

Name of website/social media page with date created:

<https://amlegionaux112fl.com/> CREATED ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO / <https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL> ALSO CREATED ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO

PRESS/MEDIA INFORMATION

Total Minutes of Broadcasting (Radio/TV) Time NONE

Does your unit post regularly on: Facebook YES Instagram NO Twitter NO

Other, name of platform(s): FACEBOOK PAGE & GROUP

Total Number of Social Media Followers: Facebook 408 Instagram 0 Twitter 0

Other (name of platform/number of followers): Facebook Group - 34 members

Did your unit create a media contact list? no, provide the name/email etc.

Interviews with reporters 0 # Articles published 0 (attach three; copies)

Letters to the Editor 0

TV aired program/interviews/event coverage 0 (list dates/times)

Junior Press Releases 0 # Articles sent to Dept Newsletter 0 # Event flyers 0

Total of all of the above 0 (send one copy of each that is applicable: print, screenshot, jpeg, pdf, or word doc)

Does your Unit publish a Newsletter yes - see attached Post Family Newsletter yes - see attached E-Bulletin no

E-Newsletter no (send a sample of three different copies)

Narrative: Provide a description of how our theme "Continue our Legacy of Respect" C.O.L.O.R. inspired your unit, how did you apply the PDP theme and item. Share how your social media page has grown since last year. Describe your mission related interviews and written articles, what program(s) were highlighted. Did your unit wear ALA apparel in public, and what other creative branding ideas were used. Does you unit, rock your RED shirts on Fridays? Did your unit contribute to fundraising or bring awareness to Gary Sinise Foundation – Central Florida. Provide up to ten pictures (print, screenshot, jpeg, pdf, or word doc) of your Unit working the mission and programs from this term.

**SEND THIS REPORT TO YOUR DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHAIRMAN**

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March 28, 2023

Unit 112 2022-2023 Year-End Public Relations Report

Unit 112 is very active publicizing not just our Unit but also the American Legion Auxiliary organization, the Legion, and the Sons of the Legion.

While we have not sought out media coverage for any activities, we are very active on social media, having a website, and both a Facebook fan page and a Facebook Group. We always have a full-page article with pictures in our Legion family bi-monthly newsletter.

This year, we had several opportunities to be visible in the public:

- One of our members did a presentation for one of the local Rotary Clubs where she explained all the Auxiliary programs and how Unit 112 specifically supports every program. Also included in the presentation was information about the full Legion family and she was able to assist with recruiting new members for the Legion family.
- For Veterans Day, our unit members were invited to attend the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook Elementary School where we were able to have a membership table. We gave out full family information packets, including applications, and we made sure that every Veteran attending was given a Poppy (no donations were accepted.)



Yours in service to God and Country

Nell Colbert

Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer
Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I hope everyone is doing well; it seems that the Covid issue is never ending any more.

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. The Post is still getting improvements made, so stop by and check us out.

We do conduct our Legion Post Everlasting ceremony in May and November each year during meeting nights. Please feel free to join us for this.

Thanks again to the Chairman of Boys State competition (Bob); we will be sending candidates to Tallahassee again this year. We are also conducting school awards. This is a very worthwhile educational program the American Legion has. Our awesome Auxiliary also sponsors Girl State candidates as well as providing medals and certificates for Scholastic Achievement and the Americanism Essay contest.

I hope everyone will take the time to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony somewhere. Unfortunately, our Post will not be able to have a ceremony this year.

Our nominations have been complete for the next year, and I thank those who have the confidence in me to continue as Commander (for one more year). 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 is 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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From Stephen's Korner—Stephen Miglionico

As of this printing we have a 90 percent renewal rate. Needing only 13 more to make it 100%. We are continuing to send you the newsletter, even though your dues are not paid, in the hopes that you will renew. In an effort to keep you as a member, postcards, e-mails and phone calls have been made. Membership is important not only to our post but also to the state and national organizations.

Each year, the number of our members and programs for veterans and communities are reported to Congress. Truly, there is strength in numbers, positively affecting proposed legislation for veterans' benefits. Stand up and show your support for our veterans, as well as the men and women currently serving, by renewing your membership today.

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Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

As you have seen elsewhere in the newsletter, elections will be held at the May general meeting. We must hold elections no later than 10 days before the Department Convention and this year, the convention is being held in mid-June.

We are about to start a new year (fiscal) for the Post. That means that we should be gearing up for the new programs that we want to execute. There are many programs that the Post members could undertake and support, such as Shooting Sports (usually done as "postal" with JROTC units), Oratorical contest (the National winner gets a handsome cash award), Scholarships (there are at least SIX national level scholarships), Amateur Radio (a station at the Post?), Youth Cadets (Law Enforcement oriented), Baseball and many more. You can go to <https://Legion.org> and look under "Programs" to get a better idea of the vast list of activities and their details. All the Post needs to bring any of these programs to life at the Post is a "Champion." Get with the Commander or Adjutant if you are interested in getting any of these programs started.

How about resuming some of our old social activities? We have held "potluck" picnic lunches at the Post in the past. As you know, the cooking facilities at the Post are not adequate for meal preparations but "potluck" could be quite a success. Another idea could be "Coffee & Donuts" one day a week or month. Any of these activities requires someone to "champion" or "chair" the activity to make it happen.

Our Post is actually quite a nice facility as Posts go. It is a little small by some standards, but so is the Post's active membership. If we want to grow, we have to have something for the members to see and do. To do this, we need your help!

We publish a birthday list in each newsletter. Maybe you have noticed that your name never comes up? Fourteen members of the Post Family are not listed each year because I don't have their birthdate. While you may say that you don't

want to be reminded of your age (who does?) it is still nice to have someone wish you a "Happy Birthday" each year to say that they are thinking about you.

Our "Blended" meetings continue. The ZOOM platform has been quite successful in allowing members who do not wish to drive at night or feel that it is too far to travel for a one hour meeting to remain active in the Post. Even though we are "returning to normal" ever so slowly, the "blended" meetings are here to stay. You can even attend using your smartphone or tablet. ZOOM works on desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones, and even the older (non-smartphone) versions. It can work on the old regular dial phones but the ports are **long distance** and there is **no toll-free number** to call. You can enter

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into a browser on any of the devices or you can call 1 301 715 8592 and enter Meeting ID: 862 8807 1778 from any cell phone. The meeting bridge opens about 10 minutes before the meeting is to start. If you call in by phone, you won't be able to see the other people in the meeting.

The Post Office has announced that there will be another rate increase coming this summer. And, to expect at least two increases per year after that. With that and their announced "slow down" of delivery, it is all the more reason to receive your newsletter by email. At this time, it is costing the Post over \$1 per newsletter to mail it. **HOWEVER**, we will always continue to mail the newsletter to anyone who does not have access to email! I have spoken to a few members who do not have internet access and see no reason to pay for something just to get email. I agree! If that is all that you would use it for, don't pay extra. We will mail the newsletter.

I hope to see you at the May meeting for elections.



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.

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

This sounds like a broken record—We are sooooo close to achieving our 100% membership goal! Our goal for 2022 is 24 members and as of this writing, we have 23 paid members, giving us 96%. We need one more renewal or new member ASAP so we can get to 100% before Department convention. If you have not renewed yet, please either log in to your account on the national American Legion Auxiliary website so you can pay online or send in your check for \$36 to our mailing address:

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Please remember that Auxiliary and Legion 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 have friends or relatives who are eligible for the Auxiliary, the Legion, or SAL, please encourage them to join our Winter Park family.

Our Americanism essays have been mailed to the Department Americanism Chair. We're hoping that some of our students will win at the state level and go on to the national contest.

We interviewed five amazing can-



didates for Girls State in late February. Our alternate has already been picked up as the delegate for another unit who could not find candidates to interview so our third choice was added as our alternate and it looks good for her to attend this summer.

As we quickly come to the end of our 2022 program year, we will be presenting certificates and medals to one young lady and one young man at each of the seven elementary schools we serve during their 5th grade awards ceremonies in May. These award ceremonies will be conducted in person so we will need help from our members to get the medals presented. The schools tend to select the last two or three days of school for the awards ceremonies and due to the distance and travel time between the schools, it is very difficult for any one person to cover more than two schools on the same day. Please contact either Marge or Nell if you can help with these presentations. These are very easy and lots of fun to do and we have a script already prepared.

The Department Convention is June 16-19 and our elections must be held at least 10 days prior. Our Nominating Committee met after the March meeting and presented the following slate at the April meeting:

President—Marge Berrios
Vice President—Terry Berrios
Secy-Treas—Nell Colbert
Chaplain—Debi Shannon

Historian—Madelda Thompson
Sgt at Arms—Brenda Brown
Our election will be held during our May meeting on the 17th.

We also received from the Department Secretary our voting strength for District's Constitutional Conference and the Department Annual Convention. We are allowed two delegates for 2022. Marge Berrios and Nell Colbert were elected as our delegates and Debi Shannon was elected as our alternate to convention. The 6th District Constitutional Conference will be held at Post 35 in Mount Dora on May 7th. Registration begins at 9:30am and the meeting begins at 10am.

Our April meeting featured a visit from our 6th District President who was conducting her annual visit. Paula was impressed by how much we get accomplished each year while meeting remotely each month. She even picked up some ideas to share with her own unit!

Hope to see you for elections in May! Have a Happy Mothers Day, Fathers Day, and remember our fallen heroes on Memorial Day.

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

Parkinson's Disease Awareness: Last month was Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. According to VA, it provides health care for approximately 400,000 veterans with Parkinson's disease. Risk factors for Parkinson's disease are: male, 60 years or older, familial connection to the disease, and exposure to herbicides or pesticides. Symptoms include but are not limited to tremors, rigid or still muscles, balance issues, change in speech, and reduction of automatic movements like blinking or smiling. It develops gradually when certain nerve cells in the brain die and it's thought to be caused by a loss of dopamine-producing cells in the brain. The cause of Parkinson's disease is unknown, but genes and environmental factors may play a role.

Commissary & Exchanges: A top Pentagon official has quashed the idea of consolidating the military commissary and exchange systems, nearly two years after her predecessor ordered the merger to move forward.

An **Army report** covered by CNN this week revealed that military horses serving as pallbearers for Arlington National Cemetery have been suffering poor-living conditions, with one horse recently dying in February with 44 pounds of gravel and sand in his stomach. The report was compiled in February by the U.S. Army's Public Health Command-Atlantic after two horses with the Old Guard — known for guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier — died within days of each other. A lack of space, inadequate funding and the turnover of unit commanders were noted as the primary issues.

Alcohol is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States. VA research indicates that veterans with PTSD who are over the age of 65 and have a drinking problem or depression are at a higher risk of suicide. Substance use disorder, commonly known as ad-

diction, is a disease with which an individual cannot control the use of alcohol and/or drugs. VA offers a variety of both inpatient and outpatient care treatment options.

POW/MIA: "Keeping the Promise", "Fulfill their Trust" and "No one left behind" are several of many mottos that refer to the efforts of the Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serving our nation. The number of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century as of FEB 2019 are: World War II 73,025 of which over 41,000 are presumed to be lost at sea, Korean War 7665, Vietnam War 1589 (VN-1,246, Laos-288, Cambodia-48, & Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7), Cold War 111, Iraq and other conflicts 5. Over 600 Defense Department men and women -- both military and civilian -- work in organizations around the world as part of DoD's personnel recovery and personnel accounting communities. They are all dedicated to the single mission of finding and bringing our missing personnel home. The DPAA collection is divided into two groups. [Group A](#), which consists of 38,000 missing service members whose remains are considered recoverable; and [Group B](#) consists of 44,000 missing service members whose remains are considered unrecoverable.



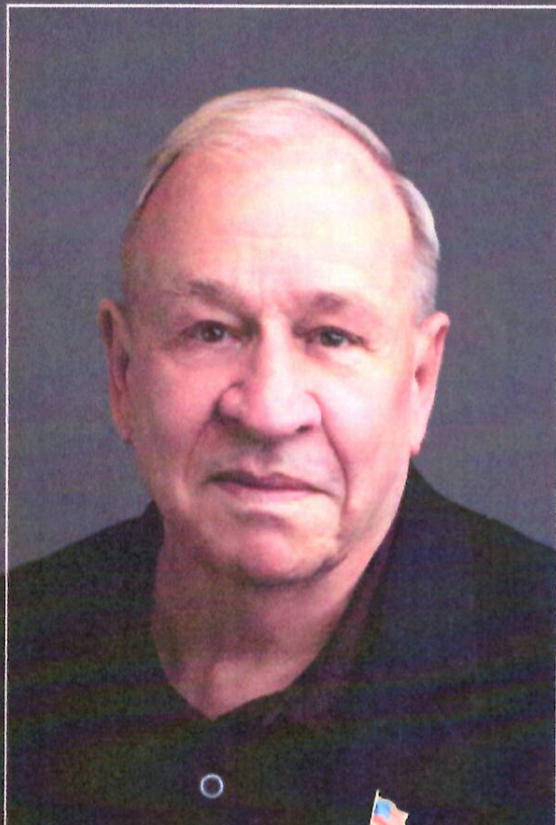
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Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten

Elections will be held this month. Be sure to log in to the ZOOM call so that you can vote and offer your input. So far, the officers will remain the same. Remember, to hold office you must be a paid member.

Things are starting to come back toward normal so we want to begin planning activities for late summer or fall. Perhaps returning to blended meetings like the Post is doing. The VA nurs-

ing home has lowered their restrictions on visitors a little so it may not be much longer until we can resume the pancake breakfasts. Time will tell.

Membership-wise we have 20 out of 28 members paid. Three have moved out of area, so there is only a slim chance of making 100%. But if you are one of the 8 who remain unpaid, it would sure help if you

were to send a check for \$20 for your dues. You can now pay online, as well, if you would rather, and print your new card online. Please contact Bob if you have any questions or need help.

Have
a blessed
Memorial
Day.

Happy
Father's
Day! 🎉👔👔👔

The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

Chaplain's Thought

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."

[Isaiah 55:6-7](#)

So how many times during troubles and stress have you tried to resolve the issue on your own. Just as Isaiah stresses the need for repentance, he also stresses we turn to God for his guidance. God knows your situation and is there for YOU, but it is up to YOU to ask for assistance.

The battleground for your will is in our minds and thoughts where the Lord is there for you. Trust in the faith that God is in control and will open the doors for you but it is you that must enter the open door.

You have the advantage of going to the LORD and asking for help. Protect yourselves from the evils of this world and do not be wicked or unrighteous.

Prayer:

Dear God, the creator of the universe and me, please guide me through the doors that YOU open. Forgive me of my wicked ways in both mind and body. Protect me and my family ever moment of every day and place your Holy Spirit in control. Dear Lord, please be with the members of Ukraine and our NATO partners along with our troops at home and deployed. Please place your hedge of protection over our first responders and the family of all these individuals. We know you are the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow; just give us the strength to trust in you. In the name of the FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, Amen.



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, Billy Dover Jr., Chaplain

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

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

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- 3 SAL Meeting - ONLINE - 7 PM
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 General Meeting - Post & ONLINE - 7 PM
- 17 Auxiliary meeting - ONLINE - 7 PM
- 30 Memorial Day

June

- 7 SAL meeting - ONLINE - 7 PM
- 14 General Meeting - Post & ONLINE - 7 PM
- 10 Newsletter articles due**
- 16 to 19 Department Convention
- 19 Fathers Day
- 21 Auxiliary meeting - ONLINE - 7 PM

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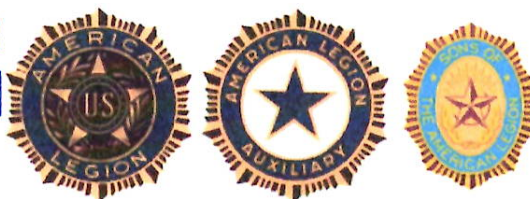
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For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff, Commander



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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

We did it, ladies! We made our 100% goal for 2022—24 paid members. And now our membership drive for 2023 kicks off July 1st and our goal will be 25 paid members so we need to add at least one new member over the coming months. Please look for your renewal letter from Unit 112 in the coming days; letters will be mailed via USPS about July 1st. National doesn't begin to email or snail mail invoices until after the national convention, so if you pay now, you can save national some money by not having them mail you an invoice. If you want to bring your check to the installation, we can give you your new 2023 membership card!

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There was some information in the Department Convention packet that was emailed to everyone about a proposed national dues increase beginning in 2024 where 2024 national dues will be increased by \$6, 2026 will increase another dollar, 2028 will have another dollar increase, with the last one dollar increase coming in 2030. Naturally, we will need to increase our dues by an equal

amount to keep up with what we have to pay out to register everyone. This article is being written before the June Department convention so more information will be shared at our general meetings after convention.

Our Girls State delegates are attending the 2022 session as this article is being written. Our plan is to have our girls attend our August meeting to update us on their exciting experiences.

At the end of the school year, we presented certificates and medals



to one young lady and one young man at each of the seven elementary schools we serve during their



5th grade awards ceremonies. The students and their parents were excited and very appreciative of our efforts to recognize their students. This year, Nell and Marge handled all presentations.

The Department Convention was held June 16-19 and Debi, Marge, and Nell represented our Unit well.

We learned that Patti Holliday, the Department Secretary, resigned her position in mid-May so Department is looking for her replacement. The Department delegates also voted to increase the Department dues by \$2.50 for the 2023-2024 membership year as well. We won't know about the proposed National dues increase until after the National Convention in August. More information from the convention will be shared at future Unit meetings.

Hope to see you for our installation of officers at the Legion Family meeting on July 12th. Watch your email for the Zoom link to the installation meeting if you cannot attend in person.



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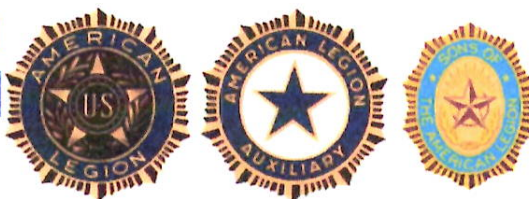
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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I know you have heard this before, but make sure you are all prepared for hurricane season we never know what to expect. Please have your plans ready and supplies stocked up. You can always count on your Post to help though if needed. 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 as in the past.

The Post is looking really good, so stop by and check us out. Feel free to join us at a meeting and give inputs as to what you may want to see happening at the Post. I would like to hear from you and also to help out when you have some time. You can reach me anytime on my cell and leave a message (407-739-4949). Thanks.

Hopefully, we will have our Boys State candidates at our next meeting and hear of their experiences. Our awesome Auxiliary also sponsored Girl State candidates.

I had hoped that we could have a Sept. 11th ceremony at the Post, but again we will not be able to and is very unfortunate. I thank those who have the confidence in me to continue as Commander (for one more year). 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, 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 are now eligible to join, including Active Duty" so come to a meeting and bring them with you.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.

For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Our Membership Drive for 2023 is off to a great start! As of 8/15, when this article was written, we have sixteen paid members for 2023 bringing us to 64% of our 2023 goal. To date, the following members have renewed for 2023:

Berrios, Marge
Berrios, Terry
Brown, Sharon
Caruso, Claudia
Colbert, Aurora
Colbert, Braelyn
Colbert, Nell
Colbert, Victoria
Costello, Christine
Doyle, Mary
Gagne, Lisa
Klinger, Staci
Knapp, Cheryl
Russell, Jo Anne
Shannon, Debi
Thompson, Madelda

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2023. If you are not listed above, please send your check to PO Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246 or pay on-line at the national website.

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In July, we installed our officers for the 2022-2023 program year. Pau-

la Fox, 6th District President, and Charlotte Bass, the Department 2nd Vice President, handled the installation duties. Marge and Nell were installed in person at the



Post and in our years old tradition of having officers installed over Zoom, Terry and Debi were installed remotely.

Our Girls State delegates will be attending our September meeting on 9/20 to update us on their exciting experiences in Tallahassee as neither were available to attend our August meeting. Please try to attend so we can show these young women just how much we appreciate them.

In August, Nell, along with Post Commander, Jim, and Adjutant, Bob, did a little housekeeping at the Post. The Unit's file cabinet was no longer able to contain all of our required documents, so we worked together to clean out a lockable file cabinet that contained some outdated Legion materials, and the Post gave us the bigger file cabinet for our use. Thank you Post 112—we appreciate your support.!

Coming up soon, we will be completing our "Give Ten to Education" project by awarding to one of

the Eastbrook teachers a Scholastic Books grant that will allow each of her students to receive a new book every month this school year.

And, of course, November and December will feature our Veterans Day Poppy booths, the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook, our Eastbrook food pantry project, and holiday food basket project for the VA. It's starting out to be a very busy year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our future meetings. Watch your emails for the Zoom link and remember, you do not have to use a computer to join our meetings; you can join using your smart phone, laptop, or tablet. Call Nell if you need help.

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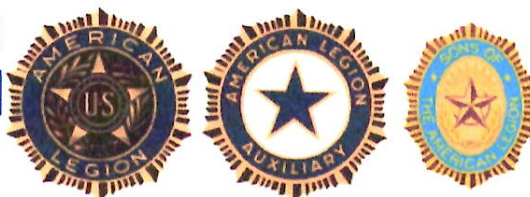
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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

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
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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.

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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings Fellow Post members.

It is time to say good-bye to 2022! I hope this past year was not too hard on anyone, it was "challenging" to say the least. Even with that, the Post accomplished many things to be proud of. The Auxiliary was highly active as always and much appreciated by the Post.

As of now we do not have any programs setup but will discuss the Four Chaplains Ceremony for February at our January 2023 meeting. We will continue with the blended meetings until further notice, it just seems to work well.

We have "adopted" two Scouts BSA troops, a boy troop and a girl troop so we will have more action at the Post. Our girl troop just celebrated their very first Eagle Scout! Ron Gagne is also our Scout liaison and our Sgt. At Arms.

Our Post Christmas dinner at Perkins was well attended and all had an enjoyable time including an excellent meal. Our gift exchange was a fun event and everyone who participated got some really nice gifts.

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.

I do hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and could spend some quality time with family. I do wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 2023 and hope to see more at our Post meetings and ceremonies.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.
For God and Country, Jim Middlekauff
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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Our membership drive for 2023 has had a great response. As of 12/22, all our 2022 members have renewed for 2023. We need to recruit two additional new members to reach our 100% membership goal for 2023 of 25 members. 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. 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. Dues are \$36.00.

November was extremely busy for our Unit. As usual, in addition to attending the Department's Fall Conference, 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



Veteran families in need.



**WOW!
What a busy
month!**

While we weren't quite as busy in December, we participated in the hurricane delayed Eastbrook Veteran's Day program where we gave out American flags and Poppies to all the Veterans who attended their recognition breakfast.



weekend. We also assisted the Legion with the shopping for their VA Giving Tree family, and we shopped for and delivered to the Lake Baldwin VA our usual holiday food baskets for



Post members Bob Colbert and Billy Dover joined us at Eastbrook to talk with the Veterans about our Legion family in hopes that they would join us. We also enjoyed food and fellowship at Perkins as the Legion family gathered together to celebrate the Christmas holiday season. We even got to meet the two youngest members of our Legion family, Braelyn (Auxiliary) and Landon (SAL). It was great seeing everyone in person and we enjoyed the annual fun gift exchange. Pictures from the party are on another page of this newsletter. If you missed it this year, please attend next year so you can join the fun!

Lots of things coming after the New Year like Girls State delegate selection, the Americanism Essay contest, and school awards. Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday every month on Zoom beginning at 7pm. The link is emailed to members each month.

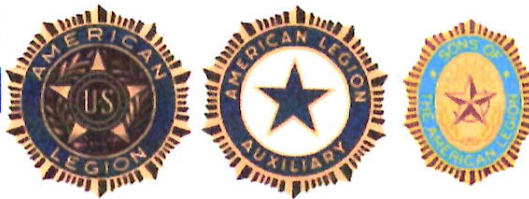
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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings Fellow Post members.



I hope everyone is doing well in the New Year so far. We will be upgrading more things around the Post as well, so come to a meeting and see your Post. We had a huge old style Navy Recruiting Poster donated to the Post from Admiral Harms (Ret) and looks great hanging in the meeting hall.

We will continue with the blended meetings until further notice; it just seems to work well and we are getting a good turn-out at the Post also. We have "adopted" a ScoutsBSA Boy Scout Troop and ScoutsBSA Girl Troop now, so we will have more action at the Post. Ron Gagne is also our Scout liaison as well as the Posts' Sgt. at Arms and is doing an outstanding job helping out.

Clare and I visited the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery over the weekend and found it is a beautiful quiet place. If anyone is interested in finding out more about it, I might be able to arrange a spokes person to come to a meeting and give a presentation. Let us know if there is any other type of presentation that may be of interest so we can arrange for them to come to a meeting. As of this writing, we do not have any ceremonies scheduled.

Our school medal presentations will be starting very soon, so if you are able and have the time we would greatly appreciate the assistance doing a presentation. We have a script to read, so it is not a lengthy presentation and greatly appreciated by the students as well as the parents.

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Our Happenin' Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

Our membership drive for 2023 has had a great response. As of 2/16, we are at 108% of our membership goal! Please join us in welcoming our newest members, all of whom joined our Unit in late December—early January:

- Laurel Ross
- S. Scott Ross
- Debbie Simmons
- Coleen Warren-Tormey

We are so glad you're part of our Auxiliary Unit!

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By the time you receive this newsletter, our Unit will have selected our Girls State delegates for 2023. As of 2/16, we have six candidates who will interview for two delegate slots and two alternate slots. Girls State delegate selection took place on Sunday, February 26th but because this newsletter must go to the printer prior to our selection date, pictures of our candidates and selectees will be published in the May-June newsletter. You can see the pictures before then by checking our website, Facebook page and group.

We have also begun to receive es-

says for our Americanism Essay contest. Our March 21st meeting will be dedicated to judging all the essays we receive. All submissions will be scanned and emailed to all members so we encourage everyone to take some time and identify those you believe are the best. Our winners from each school will be forwarded to Department for the state level contest.

In early March, we'll begin asking our elementary schools to select their 5th grade Scholastic Achievement Award winners. We cover eight different elementary schools and because they are mostly in Orange County and the awards ceremonies are generally scheduled for the last day or two of the school year, we need lots of help making these fun presentations. There is already a prepared script for the presentation 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.

It's also time to establish our Nominating Committee so that a slate of officers for 2023-2024 can be presented by our April meeting. The Nominating Committee will be meeting in March and begin contacting candidates for our Unit officers. 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 6th District and Department dates to add to your calendar:

- 3/4—6th District Picnic for Girls State and Boys State transportation—Post 183, Fern Park—12n-4pm
- 3/25—6th District meeting at

Post 80, St. Cloud, 9:30am

- 5/27—6th District Constitutional Conference—Post 35, Mount Dora—time TBD
- 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://alafl.org/wp-content/uploads/ALAFL_VolIXII_Issue7February2023.s.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 February and March editions of the *Florida Canvas*. Future editions can be found on the Department website at alafl.org.

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VA&R Chairman NELL COLBERT **Unit President** MARGE BERRIOS

- How did your unit participate in the caregiver support program? Please include #of volunteers, and hours. N/A
- Describe any exceptional efforts members made in earning their Service to Veterans hours. N/A
- What assistance did your unit give at a standdown? Please include #of volunteers, and hours. N/A
- How did your unit assist, or support hospitalized or nursing home veterans? Please include #of volunteers, and hours. one volunteer provides pro bono Notary services to Veterans - about 4 hours
- How did your unit assist transitioning veterans, military and their veterans in your community? Please include #of volunteers, and hours. _____

- Did your unit participate in a job fair? Please include #of volunteers, and hours. NO
- How did your unit assist or recognize caregivers of veterans. Please include #of volunteers, and hours. NO

Include Impact Forms.

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Our small Unit has been able to continue to support Veterans in our community even though we hold our monthly Unit meetings via Zoom. We have several major projects that we do each year that fall under VA & R:

- For Christmas each year, our members shop for traditional Christmas dinner non-perishable food items like cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, candied yams, marshmallows, and canned vegetables that are placed in three huge baskets to be given to Veteran families in need. The baskets have at least \$125 in food items each, including basic staples like flour, sugar, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and much more. This year, our three food baskets were delivered to the Lake Baldwin VA and given to Giving Tree families. Total amount spent for Christmas 2022 was just over \$375.00 not including the storage baskets included to hold the food items.
- One of our members whose husband is a member of another American Legion Post is very active with the DAR and her husband's Post and gives service to Veterans through these activities.
- One of our members is the newsletter editor for the Legion Family newsletter that is published six times per year. She also provides photography services for the Post for their scrapbook since the Post no longer has a Historian.
- A member whose husband was in another Post before his passing continues to provide home-cooked food items for her husband's former Post's special events like installations and various Veterans events held at the Post.
- One member provides bookkeeping services for the Post and the SAL Squadron, making daily Post Office runs, paying bills, maintaining QuickBooks, and making regular bank deposits.



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- Several of our members assist the Post members when they shop for their VA Giving Tree family each Christmas. While much of this shopping can be done at Target, sometimes the children in the Giving tree family want items not available at Target so the shopping continues at multiple stores until all the items are purchased.

- One member of our Unit is a practicing psychologist and she donated about \$100 to as much as \$400 per month in pro bono counseling services to Veterans.

In total, our members provided more than 400 hours of service to Veterans and more than \$1,500 in goods to Veterans.

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Unit President Year -End Report 2022-2023 Winter Park Memorial Unit112.

Although we are a small unit it has been a very eventful year. The following are some highlights of our activities.

Membership-We had two new members join, one being a male spouse. We are at 108% membership now.

Girls State-This year because of donations we are able to send our regular delegate and a over-quota delegate. We interviewed 8 girls from 3 different high schools.

Americanism- It was a banner year for the essay contest. We had 40 enteries from 3 high schools and 2 elementary schools.

Children and Youth-Our members donated more than 300 hours to C&Y projects. One being our support of the backpack food pantry project at a local school where at Thanksgiving we donate non-pershiable food items for 20 families.

Poppy-held 2 Poppy booths at different locations and collected \$175 in donatons.

Natonal Security-sent \$1600 worth of coupons to a military base in Okinawa.

Education-We participated in the Give-10 To Education at a local school donated \$250 for this program. We awarded Scholarstic Achievement awards to one boy and one girl in 5th grade in 8 different schools. We provided a goody breakfast basket to one school during Teacher Appreciation week.

VA&R-Three food baskets donated at Christmas for Giving Tree Families through Lake Baldwin VA Each basket contained more than \$125 worth of food items.

Community Service-Over 500 hours and \$7000 in in-kind and donations from giving free counseling services to running fro charities to helping local HOA, BSA and churches.

Consitutional and BY-Laws-WE review every year and we changed our Standing rules to allow for dues change coming in 2024.

The above are just highlights of all our activities ,these programs were only worked by 7 members. Submitted by Marge Berrios
President Unit112