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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Greetings fellow Legionnaires of Post 112:

I hope everyone is doing well. Life is a challenge at times, but we must keep the faith and hope for the best.

We will continue with our "blended" meetings and hope that more members will feel comfortable attending the meetings at the Post.

Past Commander Costello is doing a great job with membership and has reached the milestone of 100%!! Thank you, Past Commander Costello for an outstanding effort, much appreciated. It is still up to all to recruit/renew members.

We will be sending all our Boys State candidates this year again and they have agreed to return in August to recap their adventure. Try to attend and show these students and parents how much we support this effort.

School awards program will ramp up next month again, so join in with these rewarding programs if possible. Our first presentation was done at UCF for their ROTC program.

I have been Commander for 7 years now and really would not want my picture to be the last one on our chain of Commanders on the wall. Please spread the word about our awesome Post so we can do more and have more members.

It was also decided not to have a Memorial Day Ceremony this year. Please remember this special day in your own way or attend another ceremony.

Our May meeting will feature our Post Everlasting Ceremony at the Post. This is a Sollom Ceremony showing our respect to our fellow Legionnaires that have passed.

Perhaps when our Flag Retirement area is completed, we can also use that area for get-together type things weather permitting. As of now, there is no date of completion.

Talk to other Veterans about us, the Legion is going strong. *"Anyone who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 are now eligible to join, including Active Duty"* so bring them to a meeting and check out our awesome Post.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.
For God and Country,
Jim Middlekauff, Commander

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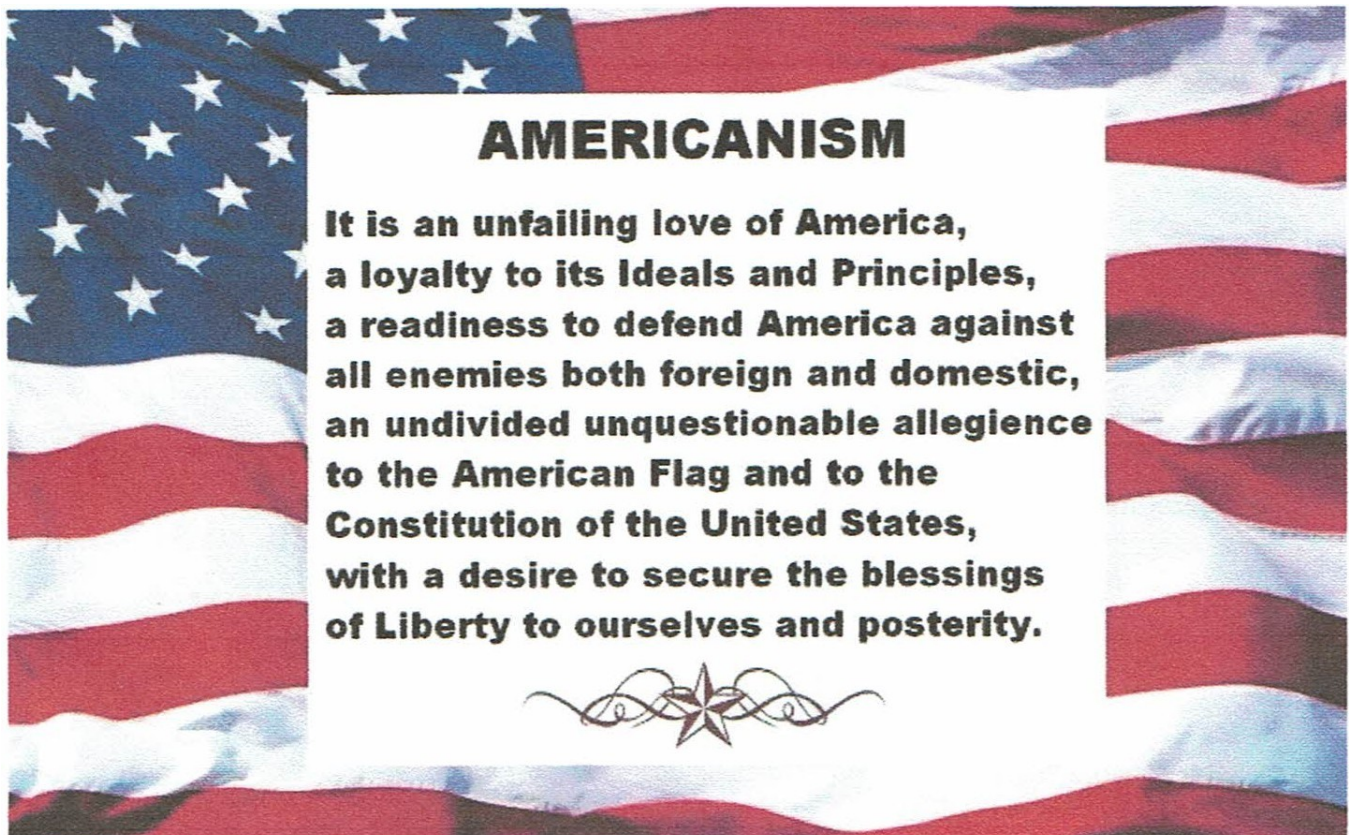
From Ted's Table—Ted Costello

I am pleased to announce that the post has achieved 100% membership for the first time in awhile. Commander, this one is for you, you have worked hard to keep this post alive and well for years. I speak for the rest of the post giving you a big "THANK YOU"!

Please keep working to increase our membership, we need younger members to keep this post going in the future. For those of you that don't know, the post was chartered in 1934 and we need all the support we can get to accomplish this.

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

AMERICANISM





Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

We will be holding the Post Elections at the May Meeting, May 13th at 7 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend either in person or online. You must be a current (paid for 2025) member of the Post to vote. The elected officers will be installed at the July meeting.

Our Post will not be holding a Memorial Day service this year. We do encourage you to participate in one in your area.

There is an article about the Department of Florida Convention as well as the National American Legion Convention that will be held in Tampa, FL, this year. Be sure to read them and let me know if you wish to attend either. The Post has two delegate slots and two alternate slots for the Department Convention. There will be a District Constitutional Conference on May 10th to decide who will be delegates and alternates to the National Convention. If you are certain that you will attend either convention, let me know. For the National Convention, I will need to know by May 8th. For the Department of Florida Convention, I will need to know by the end of May.

Our Scouts are off to summer camp and other summer activities so we may have some tales to

relate when they return.

The Post was able to loan a wheelchair to a veteran's family who had a visitor for a week or so who needed a wheelchair. We were happy to deliver it, and they have since returned it with their thanks and a donation to the Post.

Our Installation of Officers for 2025-2026 will be held at the Post on Tuesday, July 8, at 7 PM. This is a Post Family event, and we will be installing the officers for the Post, Auxiliary and Son's Squadron at this meeting. If you can attend, there will be light refreshments available. Come and meet the people who help to make the Post run.

Finally, postage is going up, again! We expect to hear the final word from the U S Postal Service in the next month or two and it will probably be taking effect in July. If you have an email address where we can send the newsletter, and you are still getting it by mail, please let us know so that we can send it to you. As you can see, even the mailed edition of the newsletter is now in color as our printer has been able to keep those costs down.





ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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Our House Building Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

We conducted our Girls State interviews at the end of February with eight amazing candidates from whom we selected two delegates and two alternates.



We have already been notified that one of our alternates has been picked up as a delegate for another Unit who could not secure enough interested girls from their local high schools to hold Girls State interviews even though they paid for a delegate.

At our February meeting, we judged the Americanism Essays that we received from Eastbrook and Dommerich Elementary Schools. The winning essays were forwarded to Department for the state contest.

We have begun getting responses from our elementary schools about our annual Scholastic Achievement awards that are presented to 5th graders as they transition to Middle School. All our schools hold their graduation

ceremonies during the last three days of school so we will need help getting the awards presented. We have scripts prepared and Nell will make sure that our medals and certificates are ready for the end of May. If you are available May 21-23, please contact Nell by email or phone.

Our Nominating Committee met after our March meeting and the following slate was presented at our April Meeting:

- President—Marge Berrios
- Vice president—Terry Berrios -Guariglia
- Secy-Treas—Nell Colbert
- Chaplain—Debi Shannon
- Sgt-at-Arms—Laurel Ross

Our elections will be held during our May meeting on the 20th and our installation will be held as a joint Legion Family event in July.

We continue to celebrate the birthdays of our military service branches by providing a birthday cake in the months the branch was formed. We celebrated the birthday of the American Legion at the Post's March meeting.



The next birthday celebration will be for the US Army in June. In March, we welcomed two new members into our Unit—Karen,

one of our Girls State alternates, and her Mom, Sara. We are so glad you are here!

We were again asked by the Central Florida Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) to assist them in obtaining another grant from the national American Legion Auxiliary Association for their Creative Arts for Veterans project. We agreed to sponsor their efforts and we're waiting for confirmation that their grant has been approved.

We also discussed another service project for the fall called "Tushies and Toes" where we will be collecting NEW socks and underwear for students at Eastbrook Elementary. The school is thrilled to be the recipient of our latest project. Our newest Junior, Karen, is an NJROTC student at Winter Park High School and she will be coordinating collection efforts at WPHS for the NJROTC Unit. More information about this project coming in the next newsletter.

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

Reminder for VA Secure Sign In: The deadline to switch from **DS Logon** to **ID.me** or **Login.gov** is still **September 30, 2025**.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (**DFAS**) announced key updates in its March 2025 retiree newsletter regarding the Real ID Act and the Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification (USID) Card. Effective **May 7, 2025**, the Real ID Act mandates compliant IDs for domestic flights and access to federal facilities like military bases. **Timeline:** Start by **April 2025**, as DFAS warns of backlogs closer to the **May 7, 2025** deadline, when non-compliant IDs lose validity.

Retirees should check their card's expiration, ensure dependents upgrade too, and act soon to stay compliant. A non-compliant ID could block air travel or base access after May 7, 2025. For more details or support, visit dfas.mil or cac.mil. Plan ahead to secure your benefits without interruption.

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano (CA-39) convened a roundtable with more than a dozen veteran organizations and advocacy groups to discuss toxic exposures on and around domestic

military bases. Military firefighters are exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which stem from the use of aqueous film forming foam to extinguish fuel fires. There is need for Congress to carefully monitor the VA *Presumption Decision Process* that systematically evaluates presumptive conditions of service connection.

The House passed six bipartisan bills for veterans and their families. [H.R. 1039](#), *Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act*, that would simplify VA notice letters to make them more understandable to recipients and [H.R. 1228](#), *Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act*, that would move the Office of Survivors Assistance to the Office of the Secretary to ensure prioritization of all survivor benefits.

The Defense **POW/MIA** Accounting Agency announced four identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War.

Identifications: *World War II* Army Cpl. Delmont Johnston, *World War II* Marine Corps Pfc. John H. Newstrom, *Korean War* Army Sgt. Elwyn Dean Nordyke and *Korean War* Army Cpl. Robert Lee Brewster.





The Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover



LCES is an acronym used by wildland firefighting but is also useful to all of us. L stands for *Lookouts*, C for *Communication*, E is for *Escape Routes*, and S for *Safety Zones*. Let us look at this in the biblical aspect of to be used by us in everyday life.

Lookouts are just as on a ship or in the field, there is always a lookout looking for danger. How many times have you responded because a lookout warned you? You may look no further than when you are using your GPS or Waze program when driving.

Communication is one of our biggest challenges especially when we are trying to solve a problem, but God wants you to talk with HIM first. We all need to be able to communicate with God as well as our family members.

Escape Routes are needed in case of a fire or if there are dangers on the roads ahead. God always has an escape route for each of us in every situation, but we must ask for his help. When were you in a situation and God provided you with that escape route?

Finally, **Safety Zones**, and this may be in your time of reading the Bible and listening for God to speak to you. We can always be in our Safety Zones within our thoughts and looking for the good inside of each situation.

You see God can be related to the acronym LCES, and we can use it every day to be safe in a world of hate. We must always remember to read God's message to us in the Bible and pray, asking for his help in all things.

Ephesians 6: 10-13:

10 Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day and having done all to stand.

Let us pray: Our most gracious and heavenly Father thank you for your protection from being our lookout, communicating to me your desires, showing me how to escape situations that could cause me harm and keeping me in your safety zone. Your Word is a lamp into my feet and it is up to me to follow you. Heavenly Father be with every member of our great nation and protect our veterans, service personnel and first responders as well as their families.

This we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Billy Dover
Chaplain





Son's of the of the Legion: Jim Carten



America is called the land of the free and the home of the brave. To be able to say that has come at a great cost over many generations. This Memorial Day weekend let us remember, and express our deepest gratitude for, all those who have died in service to our nation. The freedom that we, and many others in the world, enjoy today was made possible by their sacrifice.

The 6th District Constitutional Conference is being held at Post 80 in St. Cloud on Saturday, May 10. Join your local squadrons and help choose our District leadership - or become part of it.

The 53rd Annual Detachment Convention will be held June 12 – 15, 2025 at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista located at 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. Come out and join your fellow sons for some fellowship and hear about how we are supporting the Legion and our nation.

For God and Country
Commander Jimbo

American Legion Department Convention

Convention time – American Legion style – Want to go?

The Department of Florida American Legion Convention is coming up in June, and the American Legion National Convention is coming up in August in Tampa. There is a lot going on at these conventions and a lot to learn. You also get to meet some really great people from around the State and Country. The Post is always looking for members to attend these conventions and contrary to ancient belief, they are quite interesting. The agendas will be posted soon, and you can see what is available. The Department of Florida convention can be found at

<https://floridalegion.org/convention/event-agenda/>

and the National convention can be found at

<https://www.legion.org/get-involved/meetings/national-convention>.

If you wish to be a delegate to the Department of Florida Convention representing the Post, let me know. We can have two delegates and two alternates for the Post. As I am already attending, I will be one delegate that we know will be there. If you are available and interested in being a delegate or alternate, we would be glad to have you, however, if you volunteer to be one, we must pay a fee for you, so please attend. You are encouraged to attend regardless of whether you are a delegate/alternate or not. There are a lot of classes for the various Legion activities

The National Convention in Tampa will be held from August 22nd to August 28th. The Department of Florida sends delegates and alternates to the National Convention. Delegates and Alternates are chosen at the District

Constitutional Conference which will be held in St. Cloud at Post 80 on Saturday, May 10th, at 9 AM. If you want to attend the National Convention as a Delegate or Alternate, please let me know ASAP so that I can try to get your name on the roster. Please do not “apply” if you are not sure that you are attending the Convention as the slots are limited. I can pretty much guarantee that it will be interesting, and you won’t have to travel across the country to attend. The National Convention is held in a different state each year. Tampa is as close as we will get in some time. And, as a delegate or alternate, some of your expenses may be covered by the Department. Send me a message if you are interested and I will get the details to you. Again, only apply if you are certain that you will attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY



School Medals—Bob Colbert

School medals are upon us! The ROTC and JROTC medals have been given out. Our Sea Cadet medals will be awarded in early May, and the Elementary School medals will be presented at the end of May.

This year, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have seven schools that the Post presents at and all seven will be having their ceremonies within three days. In the past, the Commander, Chaplain and Sgt at Arms have assisted me in presenting them. While it sounds like we have them covered, this year I will not be as available as in the past due to having grandchildren with their ceremonies on some of the days that our schools are having their ceremonies.



I will be sending out a list of schools and dates shortly by email. If you are interested and do not have email, call and leave a message at 407-671-6404 and I will let you know where we can use your help.





BOYS STATE—Bob Colbert

By the time that you see this article, our Boys State delegates will have been to the required Orientation meeting at Post 286 in Pine Castle. We had the selection at the end of February and selected four youth to attend as our Delegates, and we had our alternate picked up by Post 39 to represent their Post at Boys State. You



may recall that historically our alternates have been picked by other Posts who were not successful in getting qualified youth to attend. The second alternate shown in the pictures was not able to represent the Post due to a conflict.



The boys will be attending Boys State in mid-June and will be coming to our August meeting to let us know what they thought and how they did.

Don't forget, you can always attend meetings online and not have to drive to the Post.

Saluting the Flag—Update

Obviously, service personnel salute the Flag when in uniform. But, did you know, that as Veterans, we have the unique ability to salute the Flag when OUT OF UNIFORM?

Here is some information that you may find helpful with the latest updates. Please note that some patriotic organizations may have added their own traditions beyond the articles quoted below.

My source of information is [Article 4 US CODE Ch 1: THE FLAG](#). For those reading this online, I have included the "hyperlink" for your convenience.

Pledge of Allegiance - (Section 4) Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform. This change occurred in 2013.

Hoisting, lower and the passing of the Flag - (Section 9) During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute.

During the National Anthem – (Section 10) The President authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.





Happy Birthday to YOU!

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

MAY

6	Caruso, Claudia D
6	Colbert, Landon B
6	Squires, Mark S
9	Piltz, Kerry
15	Sexton, Caleb R
15	Sexton, Chase M
21	Finch, Glenn H
23	Sprague, Arthur R Jr
24	Colon, Alfonso

JUNE

6	Bruneau, George J
7	Gagne, Mark T
8	Colbert, Phil
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CALENDAR

MAY

Event

- 5 SAL Meeting - 7PM - ZOOM only & Cinco DeMayo
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 Post General Meeting & Elections - 7 PM
- 20 Auxiliary Meeting - 7PM - ZOOM only - Elections
- 26 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2 SAL Meeting - 7PM - ZOOM only
- 10 Post General Meeting - 7PM
- 13-15 Department Convention - Lake Buena Vista Hilton
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 Auxiliary Meeting - 7PM - ZOOM only

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

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