



AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY

2024 - 2025 UNIT HISTORIAN REPORT

Due April 1, 2025 to District Historian

Unit Name - Winter Park Memorial Unit # - 112
Unit Address - PO Box 2410, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2410
Unit Chairman - Marge Berrios
Unit Chairman Address: 205 Tiavestock Loop, Winter Springs, FL 32708
E-mail address mberr3@yahoo.com Membership Grouping 1
Unit President - Marge Berrios

District # 6 District Historian Dara Oliver
District Historian E-mail Address - alamemberoliver@gmail
District Historian mailing Address - _____

When did your year start? (date) April 1
Does your Unit have a Facebook or Social Media Page: yes
Please list the name & Platform: www.facebook.com/ALA112FL

What was the most important event that your Unit participated in, hosted or attended? Give details: Four Chaplains Ceremony see Narrative

Did you incorporate any National or Department initiatives in any event? If so, please explain:
no

Are you planning on sending in a Unit written History? No ☐ - Electron ☐ Mail ☐
Are you planning on sending in a Unit Picture History? No ☐ - Electronic ☐ Mail ☐
Did you complete a Female Veteran History Project? (List)
no

What 1 fact did you learn this year about History of your Post home, Auxiliary or a member?

Did a Jr. from your Unit submit a History Report? Yes ☒ / ☐ - Written ☐ or Pictorial ☐
Did a Jr. from your Unit apply for the History Patch? No ☐ / ☐

Hours spent on this committee 4 Total amount of \$ funds spent 0
You may add a Narrative on an additional sheet or on the back.

2025 Unit112 Historian End of Year Report

Our Unit participated and attended in the Four Chaplains Ceremony that was held on Februray 2 at First Baptist Church of Winter Park. Our Chaplain Debi Shannon took part in the reenactment of the chaplain giving away his lifejacket. Attached please find pictures of the ceremony and an article from our newsletter that was posted on Facebook. Submitted by Marge Berrios Unit112



Our House Building Auxiliary—Nell Colbert

After a very busy November and December, our Unit took a minute to regroup before beginning work on our spring projects.

Marge was hard at work contacting our local high schools to obtain their top candidates for our Girls State interviews. By the time you see this newsletter, our selection committee will have interviewed about eight amazing candidates. Pictures of our candidates and the delegates we selected will appear in the next newsletter. Thanks to the help from the Oviedo American Legion Post 243, we were able to select one over-quota delegate and one alternate in addition to our delegate and alternate. We will have at least two of our young ladies attend the 2025 Girls State program and we hope that both of our alternates will be picked to attend as well. Over the years, we have had great success with having our alternates picked up by other Units around the state who paid for someone to attend but who did not have any girls from their high schools interested in attending.

Nell was also busy in January contacting our elementary schools about our annual Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year was "What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?" We received entries from Eastbrook and Dommerich Elementary Schools and we judged the essays submitted at our February meeting.

Also in February, Debi, Lisa, Christine, and Nell attended the Post 112 Four Chaplain's ceremony that was held at the First Baptist Church of Winter Park.



Our very own Chaplain, Debi Shannon participated in the ceremony as one of the Four Chaplains.



About one-hundred people Attended: American

Legion Family members from several Post's as well as members of the church community in addition to our Winter Park Legion family. Pictures from our ceremony can be found on page 9 in this newsletter.

For anyone wanting to learn more about the Four Chaplains and their unselfish acts during WWII, please see: <https://fourchaplains.org/the-four-chaplains/>

March will see the beginning of our process for the election of officers for the 2025-2026 Auxiliary year with the formation of our Nominating Committee. The task of this important committee is to select candidates to fill our leadership roles for the upcoming year. The slate of officers will be presented at our April meeting where nominations from the floor can be accepted. Elections

will be held during our May meeting per our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. These governing documents can be found on our website at:

<https://amlegionaux112fl.com/official-stuff/>

Our installation is usually held as a joint Legion Family event in July.

April brings the Scholastic Achievement awards that fall under our Education program. Nell will be contacting our elementary schools requesting the names of one boy and one girl from the 5th grade class to be recognized as of Scholastic Achievement award recipient for 2025. At the end of May we will need help from our members to present these awards as the schools hold their awards/graduation ceremonies for their students moving to middle school on essentially the same days, usually the last few days of school. If you would like to help make these fun presentations, please contact Nell by email or phone.

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



Four Chaplain's Ceremony Pictures

The 2025 Post 112 Four Chaplains ceremony was held at the First Baptist Church of Winter Park on Sunday, February 2nd. Post Chaplain Billy Dover coordinated the efforts of not only American Legion Family members from several Legion families, but also the Audio-Visual Tech team from the church to produce an amazing program. The church team recorded the entire program and as soon as it is available, it will be posted to the Post 112 website: <https://wpflpost112.org/>

Below are just a few of the pictures taken during the program. More pictures are on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/150539906911/?sorting_setting=CHRONOLOGICAL



**The Four Chaplains
Honor and Remembrance
Ceremony**



Sunday, February 02, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Sponsored by the
Winter Park Memorial Post 112

First Baptist Church Winter Park Florida
1021 N. New York Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

UNIT YEAR--END REPORTING FORM FOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



Unit Reports are due to DISTRICT Jr. Activities Chairman by

April 15, 2025

District Chairman

Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit # 112 District 6
Unit Chairman: N/A e-Mail
Unit President: Marge Berrios e-Mail mberr3@yahoo.com

This information is from April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

How many paid Juniors are in your Unit? 3 Membership Group 1

Did you increase membership from the last reporting period? no

If so, by how many?

How did you involve your Junior members in mission-related activities, such as poppy distribution, community service projects, helping military families, or supporting veterans?

We did not involve our Juniors this year.

What leadership opportunities did you provide to actively involve your Junior members in unit meetings?

N/A - One lives too far away to participate, one just turned 5 and the other is only 1

What ways did you make Junior members aware of the scholarships for which they are eligible? Did you offer guidance with completing the applications?

None are old enough for scholarships.

In what ways did you encourage your Junior members to attend ALA Girls State?

None are old enough to participate in Girls State.

What did you do to increase involvement in the Junior Activities Patch Program for Junior members and young Sons of The American Legion?

A member provided information to the family of one of the young SAL members.

What were ways in which Senior members were involved in supporting patch activities?

None of our Juniors are interested in the patch program at this time.

How did you promote and encourage participation in the Junior Member of the Year award?

N/A

Did you utilize the ALA Juniors eLearning course in the ALA Academy?

N/A

In what ways?

N/A

Please share ways in which Junior meetings were made fun and informative.

N/A

In what ways did you share information about national Junior meetings with Junior members and encourage their attendance?

N/A

Please include a narrative of up to 1,000 words about how your Unit worked on your Junior Activities Program this year.

Unit Leadership Year-End Program Reporting 2024 - 2025

Unit Chairman Deborah Shannon Unit # 1112 District 6

Phone # 407-920-2344 E-mail Address: swdebi@aol.com

How many members actually volunteered to chair a program	<u>3</u>
Did the Unit hold a new member initiation?	<u>no</u>
Does the Unit have a copy of the current Department Unit Guide, National Unit Guide, and Manual of Ceremonies, ?	<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>
How many members completed the online Senior Basic Leadership Course?	<u>1</u>
How many members did the online ALA Academy?	<u>0 1</u>

a. What courses were completed?

Be the One _____

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

How many members attended the following?

1. How many unit members attended Department Workshop	<u>3</u>
2. How many attended the District School of Instruction	<u>0</u>
3. How many attended other District Meetings	<u>2</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

A leadership presentaion was held at most monthly meetings. These presentations included

signs and symptoms of suicide with special emphasis on veterans. We discussed the

importance of "Be The One." Information about Operation 300 discussed and we

donated \$100.00 toward this cause. A communication skills training program was held

over three meetings. Inforamtion about the Family-Buddy Program was given. Emails and

welcoming packets were sent out to new members. Motivation quotes and sayings provided.

If you are submitting a candidate for Unit Member of the Year it must be received on or before the due date of 30 days prior to Department Convention

EMAIL this Unit Year-End Report form and narrative, if any, to the District Leadership Chairman no later than April 01, 2025.

Mary Kelly-Perkins
Department Chairman

leadership@alafl.org
813-508-3822



Unit Legislative Year End Report

Form 2024-2025

Unit# 112 Unit Name WINTER PARK MEMORIAL

Name of Person Reporting Nell Colbert

Phone 321-303-7445 Email necolbert@usa.net

Are you a follower on the Department of Florida ALAFL Legislative Page? yes

Did you find it a valuable resource? yes

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

0 # of phone calls to local elected officials

0 # of emails & letters sent to local elected officials

0 # of personal visits to elected officials

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

0 # of phone calls to state elected officials

0 # Coordinate/Attend "Meet the Candidate"

0 # of emails & letters sent to State elected officials

0 # of persons Volunteered at the Polls (election)

NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

6 # of actions taken through www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home

0 # phone calls to National elected officials

0 # Congressional Contact Report Forms

5 # of emails & letters sent to National elected officials

0 # of personal visits to National elected officials

POST FAMILY MEMBERS:

0 #of post Family Functions shared legislative Issues

0 # of Post Family Events elected officials attended

4 # of Unit meetings where legislative items were shared

Committee-Specific Reporting Guidelines:

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

- How did you educate members in the legislative issues promoted by The American Legion, and how did your members employ those methods?
- What legislative activities (town hall meetings, legislative receptions) did members attend in their communities and departments? What suggestions did members have to improve those activities? Please describe.
- How did members develop relationships with their elected officials? Please describe.
- Please describe how members were able to connect with their local and state officials, and what were their successes?

Reports are Due: April 15, 2025.

Submit completed report to:

Linda Allen

Department of Florida Legislative Chairman

11340 Silverwood Ct

Spring Hill, FL 34609

Legislative@alafll.org

678-464-6434

Our Unit does not have an active Legislative program although we do promote the Legion Grassroots Action Center and ask all our members to sign up for the alerts so they can send emails to their Congressmen. We recorded about 2 hours spent.

NATIONAL SECURITY UNIT YEAR-END REPORT • 2024-2025

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 opportunities we have under National Security. Look at the report before you plan out your year. 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!

- **Operation 300**
- Troop Care Packages/Boxes
- Gold Star Mothers (supporting members & chapters)
- Blue Star Mothers (supporting members & chapters)
- USO
- Operation Homefront
- Gary Sinise Snowball Express
- "Troopons" (Coupons)
- 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)
- TAPS

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 in a narrative on a separate page. Your narrative should highlight each part of your program and how your Unit supported #buildingthehouse for the National Security Program. Take the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone in your unit had on our mission to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve, and transitioning military servicemembers and their families along with Law Enforcement, Fire, and First Responders. Please include up to five high-quality digital photos when submitting your report. Each report should start with a header that includes the Unit Name & Number, District #, President's Name, and Chairman's name. **This will be used as consideration for both Department and National awards.** All other National Security awards must follow criteria in the Unit Guide Book.

Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit Number: 112 District: 6 Group: J
Unit President: Marge Berrios Email: mberr3@yahoo.com Phone # 4073768962
Unit Chairman: Marge Berrios Email: mberr3@yahoo.com Phone # 40737689620

This is what our Unit did from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

1. Coupons: Vol Hours: 0 Postage: \$ Value: \$
2. Troop Boxes: Vol Hours: 0 Postage: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$ No of Boxes:
3. POW/MIA: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ Ceremony (Y/N): DNA:
4. USO: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$
5. Operation Homefront: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$
6. YRRP: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$
7. Blue Star Mothers: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$ Banners:
8. Gold Star Mothers: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$ Banners:
9. Military Spouses: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$
10. Military Families: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In-Kind Donations: \$
11. Homeland Security: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ In Kind Donations: \$
12. Military Child: Vol Hours: 0 Donations: \$ Set-up military child's table ☐
13. CERT/FEMA: Vol Hours: 0 # Certified: Donation/Cost: \$
14. JROTC: Vol Hours: 0 # of Medals: Donation/Cost: \$

YOUR UNIT REPORT IS DUE TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2025!

2025 National Security End of Year Report Unit112

We are a small unit with 7 active members so it is currently difficult to promote the National Security programs. The following is what we were able to do.

1. One member attends the National Security zoom meetings. She has 4 hours to report.
2. A few members did participate in Legion Family Events such as 9-11 memorial, Memorial Day, and a special Four Chaplains Ceremony at a local church. At least 10 hours to report.

Submitted by Marge Berrios Unit112



**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
UNIT YEAR END REPORT 2024-2025**

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~~XXXX~~ Chairman: Nell Colbert Unit: 112 District: 6
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~~XXXX~~ Chairman Address: PO Box 2246
City: Goldenrod State: FL Zip: 32793-2246
Phone: 321-303-7445 Email: necolbert@usa.net

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

We do not have a PPP program in our unit as we have no past President's active any longer.

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

N/A

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

We mentor our members as a matter of course throughout the year.

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

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PLEASE SEND THIS REPORT ALONG WITH YOUR WRITTEN NARRATIVE, PHOTOS AND ALL THE UNITS REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2025

Reports can be sent via email to pastpresidentsparley@alafli.org or USPS to: Wanda Brandt
4344 Tideview Dr, FL 32250.

UNIT REPORTS DUE TO DISTRICT CHAIRS BEFORE MARCH 31, 2025.

Poppy Reporting
2024-2025
Unit Reporting
End of Year

Unit 112 District 6

Chairman MARGE BERRIOS Chairman Contact 407 376 8962

mberr3@yahoo.com

Year-End Reports:

Units to District is due April 1st, 2025

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?

2025 Poppy End of Year Report Unit 112

We are a small unit and this year we did not have the availability to have a poppy booth so were not able to get any donations. We had 2 members attend a local Veterans Day event at a school. We handed out poppies and small flags to about 20 veterans that attended.

We do not promote the poster contest as the schools are not interested. We also do not have a active junior unit so no MissPoppy contest either. We are currently planning for the new year to have a poppy booth as a member is now interested. Hopefully it will be a better year. We only distributed 20poppies this year. Submitted by Marge Berrios unit112