

**American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes**

August 19, 2025

The August 2025 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:06pm by President Marge Berrios. The meeting was held via Zoom and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Terry Berrios-Guariglia

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

The minutes from the June and July meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the minutes for both months be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Reports for June and July. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Finance Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Passion Posts* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Reports for May, June, and July
- Letters from our delegate and our alternate, Karen, who was picked up to represent another Unit

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post thanked the Unit for the birthday cakes being provided to celebrate the branches' birthdays'
- A roof leak was found around the chimney. A roofer has been called to fix the issue.
- The Post has a new Judge Advocate, a new member who has transferred in from another Post.
- Business goes on as usual from month to month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month.

- **AEF:** Our new Department President's project for this year is the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.
- **Americanism:** It was suggested at workshop that essay contest information be sent out to the schools early so teachers can build the material into their lesson

plans for the months before Christmas. Nell will send the information out in early September.

- **Children and Youth:** Nell reported that our Post and SAL will be donating funds to the Auxiliary to help us purchase items needed for our Tushies and Toes project. Karen is still working with her NJROTC unit to facilitate a collection at Winter Park High School. Marge and Nell and anyone else available will shop after the Post meeting in September.
- **Community Service:**
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** See below for discussion about Standing Rules.
- **Education:** We will deliver our \$250 check to Mrs. Torres, the teacher we support at Eastbrook, for her participation in the Scholastic Books for Students program.
- **Girls State:** Our delegate, Misha, won a \$250 scholarship. Marge confirmed that it is OK for Karen to do her power point presentation for Post 243 if she brings her own laptop.
- **Legislative:** Please sign up for the Legion's Grassroots Legislative Action program.
- **Membership:** We have twenty-three paid to date. We need thirty-five total to make 100%. Marge will emphasize that we need the folks from Post 243 to pay their dues ASAP so we can get an over-quota delegate for Girls State for 2026. Nell plans to bring membership cards to the Post 243 meeting to give to those who pay their dues,
- **Poppies:** Marge reported that we do not need to order more poppies for Veterans Day.
- **Public Relations:** Nell, Karen, and Sara attended the August Rotary meeting where Karen made an impressive and well-received presentation about Girls State. Rotary presented us with a check to help with our programs. Nell also reported that she is working on the Legion family Sept-Oct newsletter and the 6th District Auxiliary newsletter for September.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi gave an informative update on the Auxiliary Academy website's revamping. Being included is a "Word of the Month." The word for August is *Optimist*; Debi gave examples of the meaning of optimist.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- MOAA Grant – We received notice that the grant request has been approved. Nell will contact Kin to get the specifics on the project so we can plan to help and when their luncheon is scheduled for the check presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Standing Rules proposed changes - There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed changes to our Standing Rules that were emailed to all members along with the minutes from June and July and the agenda for this meeting. We agreed that our newly elected officers will over as of July 1st and we added that the new Unit President should attend the New President's class at the Department Convention in June each year if possible.
- Everyone is encouraged to attend the 6th District Auxiliary meeting on September 6th at Post 63 in Winter Garden beginning at 9am.
- Everyone is also encouraged to attend the School of Instruction on August 30th at Pinecastle Post 286 beginning at 9:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell. Please remember to include a brief description of what you did, not just the hours volunteered.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction, and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____