

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

**February 18, 2025**

The February 2025 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:11pm by President Marge Berrios. The meeting was held via Zoom and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios  
Nell Colbert  
Laurel Ross

Debi Shannon  
Colleen Warren-Tormey

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 last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Laurel Ross) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Colleen Warren-Tormey) that the Finance Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Tool Box* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report
- Two letters from the American Legion Child Well Being Foundation
- Ribbon recognizing our contribution to the AL Child Well Being Foundation
- Printed program from the Post 112 Four Chaplains ceremony for our scrapbook

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Boys State delegate selection will be Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Scouting America girl troop the Post sponsors will be having another Eagle Scout soon

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **AEF:** We received permission to place our AEF "Building the House" box at the Post to collect donations year-round.
- **Americanism:** About a dozen Americanism essays were received from two schools. Dommerich had two classes submit essays. Nell attended the Department Americanism/National Security Zoom call on 2/17.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell participated in the department C&Y Zoom call. April is the month of the Military Child; everyone is encouraged to wear purple on 4/15 and attend the C&Y picnic on 4/5 at Post 117 in Palm Bay. Department is also looking for baskets to raffle. The next Zoom session will be 4/21 since the usual March date falls on St. Patrick's Day.
- **Education:** Nell will be sending emails to our elementary schools asking for the names of one girl and one boy for our Scholastic Achievement Awards along with

the dates of the schools' 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremonies so we can coordinate presenters.

- **Girls State:** We will have 7 or 8 girls to interview. Paula is asking for the names and contact information for our girls who are not selected as delegates or alternates so they can be given to other units as alternates. Marge is going to push to make sure our two alternates are picked up as delegates before any of our non-selected girls are given the opportunity to attend. We will be meeting at Post 112 at 1pm on Sunday, 2/23, to set up for our interviews that will begin at 2pm.
- **Poppies:** We received our Poppy order. Marge will count to be sure we received what was ordered.
- **Public Relations:** Our Rotary grant paperwork was submitted; we are waiting to hear back from the Rotary Club.
- **VA & R:** Laurel has information that she will share with Nell for the 6<sup>th</sup> District newsletter. We may be receiving another request from MOAA to assist them in obtaining another Auxiliary Foundation grant.

### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Debi shared information about upcoming national webinars. Log in to the national website to register.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The spring 6<sup>th</sup> District Legion family meeting is March 1 at Post 347, Lady Lake. Registration begins at 9:30am and the meeting begins at 10am.
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Picnic is March 22 at Post 183, Fern Park. This is our annual fundraiser for Girls State/Boys State transportation.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Unit members discussed the Americanism Essays we received. Selected were:

- Madeline Moore – Dommerich Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Rex Goddard – Runner up – Dommerich Elementary
- Bella Clark – Eastbrook Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup> place

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- Reminder – VA&R Zoom call is Thursday, 2/20
- Reminder – next Americanism/National Security Zoom call is 3/17 at 7pm – send an email to [americanism@alaf.org](mailto:americanism@alaf.org) to register so you get the Zoom link

Debi Shannon offered the benediction, and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

Nell Colbert, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_