

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

**March 18, 2025**

The March 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

Terry Berrios-Guariglia

Nell Colbert

Karen Hoefler

Sara Hoefler

Laurel Ross

Maria Santiago

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.

Marge began by welcoming our two newest members, one of our Girls State alternates and her Mom, who both joined our unit earlier this month.

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

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Maria Santiago) 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
- Invoice from Emblem Sales for our school medals needed for May
- We received an email from the District Picnic coordinator requesting volunteers and side dishes.

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post will not hold a Memorial Day program this year; everyone was encouraged to attend a celebration in the community.
- The Post is at 95% membership
- The Post will donate to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Boys State/Girls State Transportation fund since no one from the Post will be able to attend the picnic.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge reminded everyone that our Tear-end Reports are due March 31<sup>st</sup> and then called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month.

- **Education:** Information has been sent out to our elementary schools about the Scholastic Achievement awards.
- **Girls State:** The paperwork for all our delegates and alternates has been accepted by Department. The 6<sup>th</sup> District orientations are coming soon.
- **Legislative:** Nell continues to respond to surveys sent by Rep Cory Mills.

- **Membership:** With the addition of Sara and Karen, our Unit has 34 members, and we are at 117.24% of our 2024-2025 membership goal.
- **Poppies:** Marge will work with Laurel to have a Poppy booth at the Post 243 Memorial Day event.
- **Public Relations:** No word back yet on our Rotary grant application.
- **VA & R:** Nell advised that during the VA&R Zoom call last month, it was reported that Wreaths Across America should be listed under VA&R.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Debi gave a short presentation about April being the month of the Military Child and encouraged everyone to wear purple on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- MOAA request – Nell explained that we received a request from MOAA (Military Officers Assoc. of Assoc.) to assist them in obtaining another grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation for their Creative Arts program. Laurel Ross moved (seconded by Terry Berrios-Guariglia) that we partner with MOAA to help them get the grant for their art therapy project. Motion carried. Nell will contact MOAA and assist as needed.
- Nominating Committee – Debi, Terry, and Nell agreed to serve on the nominating committee. They will meet briefly immediately following tonight’s meeting.
- Tushies and Toes idea – Nell mentioned the idea of our Unit doing a project like the “Tushies and Toes” motorcycle run sponsored by Unit’s 183 and 55. Nell explained that the program collects underwear and socks for elementary school children. While we would need a new name so there is no confusion, everyone was in favor of adding a program like this to our fall agenda. Karen added that her Winter park High School NJROTC Unit might be willing to help collect items from the students at the school. Nell will contact Eastbrook to get size information when school resumes after spring break.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell. Marge reminded everyone that we need a short statement about what you did each month, not just an hour total for each program you worked.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction, and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Nell Colbert*

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Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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