

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

May 20, 2025

The May 2025 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:03pm by President Marge Berrios. The meeting was held via Zoom and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios	Maria Santiago
Terry Berrios-Guariglia	Debi Shannon
Nell Colbert	Madelda Thompson

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 Terry Berrios-Guariglia) 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
- Call to Convention
- Convention Checklist
- Email re MOAA and Creative Arts Festival

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post would like to move the installation of officers to the 3rd Tuesday in July due to the absence of several Post officers on the 2nd Tuesday and they wanted to be sure that moving the installation to the Auxiliary's regular meeting night would not cause any issues for us. The Unit agreed to this shift; Bob will work with the District Commander to get our Family Installation set for July 15th.
- All Post officers are staying the same for 2025-2026.
- School medals presentations have been scheduled. Bob thanked Debi and Dyke for picking up the presentations at Lakemont and Brookshire so that he and Nell could attend Junior member Braelyn's VPK graduation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Americanism:** Americanism Essay contest medals and certificates are ready for presentation at Dommerich and Eastbrook.

- **Education:** Scholastic Achievement medals and certificates are ready for presentation at five elementary schools. We did not have any names submitted this year from Aloma or Cheney. Red Bug dropped out of this award last year.
- **Girls State:** Our second alternate has been picked up as a delegate for Fruitland Park, Unit 219. This year, there will be a complete compliment of Girls State delegates.
- **Legislative:** Everyone was encouraged to sign up for the Legion's Weekly Grassroots Legislative Newsletter. The newsletter provides links to send emails to our legislators about critical issues promoted by the American Legion. To join, go to: <https://www.legion-aux.org/joining>
- **Membership:** Madelda reported that Brenda Brown has passed away after a long battle with cancer. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, May 24, at 10am. Madelda will email the specifics to Nell and Marge and Nell will notify our membership.
- **Poppies:** Marge contacted Oviedo Post 243 about having a Poppy table at their display at the Oviedo cemetery for Memorial Day. They have some incredibly old poppies that they will use for decorations but will need new poppies to hand out. Marge will coordinate with their Post Commander.
- **Public Relations:** No word yet on our grant application from the Rotary Club.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT: Debi shared a brief history of the Poppy program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- School Medals – presenters were confirmed for our five schools. Presentations will be done in conjunction with Post 112 school medals.
- MOAA grant – no word back from MOAA on the status of their grant application.
- Tushies and Toes project – Nell presented the project at the Post 112 meeting, and they have added a \$100 donation to their budget to support our new project. The project will be presented to SAL 112 at their meeting on 6/2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers: Debi reported that Laurel has asked to be removed from our slate for the position of Sgt at Arms. Debi moved that the slate be accepted by acclimation. Approved. The slate now reads:
 - Marge – President
 - Terry – Vice President
 - Nell – Secretary-Treasurer
 - Debi – Chaplain
 - Open positions are Historian and Sgt at Arms
- Election of Delegates to Department Convention: Due to our size, we are now allowed three delegates to convention. Marge, Nell, and Debi were elected to serve as our delegates for 2025.
- 6th District Constitutional Conference update – Marge reported that our Unit was recognized several times for our reporting and program efforts. Carol Pirone-Udell was elected as the new 6th District President.
- 2025-2026 Budget – Nell presented the draft budget. After making a few minor changes, Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Maria Santiago) that the budget be approved as amended.
- 2025-2026 Program Committee Chairs – It was agreed that our committee chairs will remain the same for next year since we all work together on the programs. Nell was added as our legislative chair.

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.
- Send pictures from school medals presentations to Nell.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction, and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted.



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____