

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

September 16, 2025

The September 2025 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:01pm 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	

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. Terry Berrios-Guariglia moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the Finance Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Passionate Posts* newsletter

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Legion Family holiday party is going to be scheduled for Friday evening, December 5th if Perkins can accommodate us.
- No word yet from the roofer about the repairs needed. The requested deposit check has been sent. Jim is following up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **AEF:** This is the Department President's special project for this year. We have budgeted \$100 to support the AEF Disaster fund.
- **Americanism:** The essay contest information has been emailed to our elementary schools. We hope to have better participation because the teachers will have more time to integrate the topic into their curriculum. We will judge the essays received at our February meeting.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell shared Karen's information about the progress to date with the WPHS NJROTC participation and Karen's efforts to get more socks collected. Marge has already purchased some underwear and Nell has some socks. Next month, we will need to set the date for shopping for the Eastbrook Food Pantry backpack project that we deliver in November.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** See Unfinished business below.

- **Education:** We will deliver the Scholastic Books check (\$250) to our Eastbrook teacher when we deliver our Tushies and Toes collection.
- **Girls State:** Marge will be at the Post 243 meeting on Thursday, 9/18, along with Karen and Sara, Karen will be presenting her Power Point about Girls State and sharing her experiences in Tallahassee.
- **Legislative:** Nell encouraged everyone to support the Legion's Legislative activities by signing up for the Grassroots Action Center. Links were included in the September newsletter for the 6th District Auxiliary emailed on right after Labor Day.
- **Membership:** We have twenty-four members paid to date; we need thirty-five to reach 100%. We still have eight members from 2025 who have not renewed for 2026. We will need to add about three new members to reach our 2026 goal.
- **Poppies:** We have enough poppies on hand to distribute at Eastbrook's Veterans Day program.
- **Public Relations:** Nell is posting regularly to our Facebook page and group, and Bob is keeping our website up to date.
- **VA & R:** Next month we will need to discuss our shopping date for the Veterans Food baskets that we donate to the Lake Baldwin VA's Giving Tree program.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi presented additional information about How to be More Optimistic, including items like being mindful, practicing gratitude, and having positive emotions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tushies and Toes shopping – We agreed on 9/29. We will meet at the Oviedo Super Walmart at 2pm.
- Workshop update – Nell and Marge reviewed their notes from the Department Workshop held in late July. To date, the only announced Zoom sessions for any Department committee are National Security on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Nell also shared the "QUE" idea being promoted by Penny Kanbera, the Department Leadership chair. Nell will share the graphic with Terry and Terry will create our Que.
- Standing Rules changes – Nell combined our proposed changes with our existing document and emailed the consolidated document to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios-Guariglia) that the proposed consolidated Standing Rules be adopted as written. Motion carries. Nell and Marge will sign the updated document when they meet on 9/29, and Nell will submit it to Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6th District meeting update – Marge and Nell shared information from the 6th District Auxiliary meeting held on 9/6. Marge noted that President Carol gave a shout out to our unit for our use of Zoom; she was impressed that some of our officers were installed via Zoom in July. Nell was also called on to discuss the District newsletter and how important it is for all units to submit articles and flyers as this helps our district support the activities of other Legion families. Marge shared that we received cash donations from two units for our Tushies and Toes project because of our sharing the project. One notable change discussed was the Girls State/Boys State Transportation event usually held at Fern Park/Altamonte Post 183. This year, the event is being changed to a carnival with activities for the whole family. It will be held at Hickory Point near Howey in the Hills on March 22.

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 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____