

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

January 20, 2026

The January 2026 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	Mercedes Reedy	Debi Shannon
Terry Berrios-Guariglia	Maria Santiago	
Nell Colbert	Lorraine Schwab	

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant	Brittany Parks, Unit 183
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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.

We welcomed two new members this evening (Mercedes and Lorriane) as well as welcoming an Auxiliary member from another local Unit who is interested in transferring to our Unit due to a meeting location change with her current Unit. Welcome Brittany, Lorriane, and Mercedes.

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 Passionate Posts* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report
- FL Sales Tax Return confirmation of acceptance
- Checks from Post 112 and post 243
- FL Tax Tips re new website for filing sales tax returns and e-Pay
- Holiday card from Penny Kanbara
- ALAMIS renewal form
- 2027 Unit dues info form for Department

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The National American Legion Commander will be at Post 112 on 1/30 from about 10:30am until 11:15am. The Post will have Zoom available for those who want to attend remotely.
- The Four Chaplains Ceremony is set for February 1 at the First Baptist Church of Winter Park beginning at 2pm. Chaplain Dover would like everyone to arrive between 12:30pm and 1pm for rehearsal.
- Boys State interviews will be held at Post 112 on 2/28 beginning at 2pm
- Girls State interviews are set for 2/22 at 2pm. The Post will be open for set up by 1pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Americanism:** Nell will scan Americanism essays received from the schools and email them out before our February meeting. Nell asked everyone to review the essays and pick their first, second, and third choices winners for each school. We will score the essays by school during our meeting on 2/17.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell explained what is involved with the National Good Deed and Young Hero awards, noting that we submitted three Good Deed awards that were approved. As soon as we receive the dates for the ScoutsBSA Courts of Honor for the recipient's troops, Nell will let everyone know so we can have some members attend when the awards are presented. Two of the scouts are from Troop 613, sponsored by Post 112. Nell also noted that we have submitted our paperwork to receive the Child Well Being Foundation ribbon for 2025.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Our updated Standing Rules have been posted to the Department website.
- **Education:** We receive monthly pictures from our Scholastic Books/Give 10 to Education class at Eastbrook.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that she will be going to the high schools to request that they select candidates for our interviews at the end of February. We already have the paperwork for one delegate and one alternate. The paperwork for over-quota delegates will not be available until 1/31. Nell will file that paperwork along with our check as soon as the forms become available. Marge asked everyone available to help with the interviews meet at Post 112 at 1pm to get the room set up as the girls will begin arriving as early as 1:30pm.
- **Legislative:** Nell reminded everyone to sign up for the Grassroots Action Center so we can support the Legion's legislative priorities.
- **Membership:** With the addition of Mercedes and Lorraine, our Unit currently has 36 members or 103% of our membership goal. We are the first unit in the 6th District to reach 100%.
- **Poppies:** Our order has arrived; Nell will deliver to Marge at the Commander's visit at the end of the month.
- **Public Relations:** Marge and Nell presented the \$2500 check from the Auxiliary National Foundation to the Central Florida Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) at their banquet in early December. Nell also noted that we have submitted our grant application to the Orange County East Rotary Club.
- **VA & R:** Marge, Debi, and Nell did the shopping for the Veterans annual holiday baskets that we deliver to the Lake Baldwin VA for their Giving Tree families and Marge and Nell assisted Post 112 with their shopping for the two Giving Tree families that were assigned to the Post. Our holiday baskets and the Giving Tree family gifts were delivered in early December.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi presented an impressive leadership segment that emphasized the positive impact of volunteering to a volunteer's health and overall well-being.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Wreaths Across America – Our Unit participated along with Post 112 members at Pineywood Cemetery in December. Our Unit sponsored six wreaths.

NEW BUSINESS:

- All new business items on the Agenda were covered by the Post Adjutant's report from the E-Board or during our committee reports – see above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Please 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 7:46pm after thanking everyone for their attendance. We are looking forward to including all our new members in our upcoming projects.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____