

American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

The November 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

Terry Berrios-Guariglia

Nell Colbert

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.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Marge noted one correction. Nell will make the correction. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios-Guariglia) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) 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
- Transfer paperwork for Grafton Day
- Email correspondence from MOAA re grant.

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Legion Family Holiday party is 12/5 at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by 12/1.
- The roof has been fixed but some drywall work is still needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Children and Youth:** We delivered 10 bags of non-perishable Thanksgiving food to Eastbrook after their Veterans Day program. Nell discovered that due to the government shut down and cut off SNAP benefits, the school had more families asking for assistance. Nell and Bob shopped for four more families and delivered the bags to the school on 11/12.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Our Standing Rules have not yet been posted to the department website.
- **Girls State:** Marge was contacted by the Post 243 Boys State chair about a letter local schools received from the Department about schools being covered. He wanted to know what schools we covered for Girls State.
 - The one girl who attends Lake Buena Vista High School who contacted us because her brother was a Boys State delegate from Post 243 has been referred to Unit 286, Pinecastle. No word yet on who covers Ocoee High School.
 - Girls State is 6/4-6/12 2026.
 - No word yet from Department about when Girls State paperwork and payment is due.
 - Debi will update the letter Marge delivers to our High Schools.

- **Membership:** We are at 83%. As soon as we get the transfer paperwork from Elizabeth Day and 2026 dues payments from both Grafton and her Mom, we will be at 91% of goal. We currently have 30 paid members for 2026; we need 35 to reach 100%.
- **Poppies:** Marge received \$32 in donations from the Winter Springs veterans Day program.
- **Public Relations:** Nell is still trying to get the grant application paperwork for the Orange County East Rotary Foundation grant for 2026.
- **VA & R:** Our three Veteran Holiday food boxes were delivered to the Lake Baldwin VA so they could be given to their Giving tree families.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information from the California Leadership Chair's podcast that dealt with Authority vs Empathy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Fall Conference is this weekend. Nell and Marge will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wreaths Across America – Nell will order the six wreaths for Pineywood cemetery. The service is 12/13 beginning at noon. Nell encouraged everyone to attend and suggested arriving between 11 and 11:30am to find parking.
- 6th District meeting – The next District meeting is 12/6 at Post 53 in Mount Dora beginning at 9:30am.
- Congratulations to Terry and Maria for recently completing two marathons – Terry, the All Women's Marathon in AZ, and Maria, the New York City Marathon. Maria raised over \$3000 for the Team for Kids organization.
- Post Everlasting ceremony – Nell noted that at the November Post 112 meeting, a Post Everlasting ceremony was conducted to recognize those Post members who had passed away during the last six months. The Commander asked that we drape our Charter for the ceremony and he recognized both Brenda Brown and Sharon Leimer, two members we lost in April and May.

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 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____