

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

**March 17, 2026**

The March 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	Nell Colbert	Debi Shannon
Terry Berrios-Guariglia	Maria Santiago	

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. Terry Berrios-Guariglia moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) 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 (MCR Report)
- 100% membership pins

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Legion Birthday celebration went very well, and the Legion recruited one new member. Two Auxiliary members participated. The Post thanked the Unit for providing the donuts for the morning.
- The breakers outside the back door need to be repaired – Jim is scheduling.
- Jim is having surgery on Friday but should be able to attend on Sunday.
- Our Boys State delegates are not reading the directions they received!
- The Post is donating \$500 to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Girls State/Boys State Transportation fund (\$250 each from the Post and our Unit.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Americanism:** Our entry has been submitted to Department.
- **Education:** We received that names and awards ceremony date from Lakemont and an email from Rainbow indicating that they are still selecting their candidates.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported receiving a letter from one of our candidates who was not selected asking if the girl could be interviewed again or be interviewed by another Unit. Marge let her know the Department policy.
- **Legislative:** Nell reminded everyone again to sign up for the Legion's Grassroots program so emails can be sent to legislators regarding legislation supported by the Legion.
- **Membership:** We remain at 102.86% membership.

- **Poppies:** We received a donation of \$4 at the legion Birthday celebration.
- **Public Relations:** We are still waiting on word from Rotary about our grant application.
- **VA & R:** We continue to provide birthday cakes for our Post meetings in the months when the birthdays of our military branches fall. We also brought three dozen donuts for the Legion Birthday celebration.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Debi urged all members to write/email our state legislators to encourage them to keep funding for Girls State and Boys State in the state budget for 2027. The Senate bill is 2602 and the House bill is 2799. The Senate Finance Chair is Ed Hooper, and the House Finance chair is Lawrence McClure.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Our Nominating Committee met as part of our meeting this year. Debi Shannon took the chair and led the discussion. Suggested officers are:

- President – Marge
- VP – Terry
- Secy-Treas – Nell
- Chaplain – Debi
- Sgt-at-Arms – Maria
- Historian – need someone to step up.

Debi and Terri will contact other members to see if there is interest in any of our positions, especially for Historian. Nell will send out an email regarding nominations from the floor at our April meeting and elections at our May meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting – This one was not well attended. Those District Chairs present were able to share information that would help Units complete their Year-End reports that are due before 4/1/2026. The D6 newsletter articles from Units are due to the editor by 3/23/2026.
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Girls State/Boys State Transportation picnic is set for 3/22 at Hickory Point Park in Tavares. Please try to attend.
- The District Constitutional Conference is May 9<sup>th</sup> at Post 80. We will elect our delegates at our April meeting. This is where the 2026-2027 District President will be elected along with our District delegates to the 2026 National Auxiliary Convention.

**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 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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