

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

**June 16, 2026**

The June 2026 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:08pm 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

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 Maria Santiago) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report Terry Berrios-Guariglia 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
- Dept. Convention packet

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- During the Post's elections last month, Leslie Beltz was elected Commander for 2026-2027.
- Our Legion Family Installation of Officers will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Zoom will be available.
- Our Sons Squadron also conducted elections at their June meeting. All officers will remain the same.
- The burn ban is still in effect, so our flag retirement ceremony has been postponed again.
- Post member Clyde Wade passed away in late April He was a new transfer from post 409.
- The Post will be replacing the picnic tables in the pavilion with new ones. There will be additional picnic tables installed so there will be more seating.
- The Girls State and Boys State delegates will give their updates at the Post meeting in August (8/11.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Americanism:** nell shared how to get half-staff notifications from the Legion for those who have flags at home.

- **Children and Youth:** At convention, we received the Good Deed Award for the scout in troop 4613. Nell will contact the Scoutmaster to schedule the presentation at the troop's next Court of Honor. We will have a blurb in the upcoming Legion Family newsletter about our *Tushies and Toes* service project. We will also kick off our food pantry project for Eastbrook in the fall.
- **Education:** Marge congratulated Nell for her efforts with the Education program this year as we won a plaque for our program in our membership grouping.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that both delegates and one of our alternates attended Girls State.
- **Legislative:** Nell promoted the Legion's Grassroots Action Center so we can promote the legislation that the Legion wants to see passed.
- **Membership:** We remain at just under 103%. We still have a couple of members who have not renewed for 2026 yet. Our kick-off for 2027 membership will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. Nell reminded everyone to bring their dues checks to installation so we can reach 100% as quickly as possible. We must be 100% to apply for an over-quota Girls State delegate. Nell also noted that the National Auxiliary, to streamline membership approvals, has now allowed Unit Officers to approve membership in addition to Post Adjutants.
- **National Security:** Nell reported that our new 6<sup>th</sup> District President is looking for a District National Security program chair. If anyone is interested, please let Nell know so she can put you in touch with President Anita.
- **Poppies:** Marge reported that the new Post Commander is a DAR member, and she has indicated that she has access to opportunities that we may be able to use to distribute Poppies.
- **Public Relations:** Nell is still waiting on word from the Orange County East Rotary about our grant application.
- **VA & R:** We'll be kicking off our Veteran holiday basket project in the fall.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:** In Debi's absence, there was no Leadership segment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Convention Update – Nell and Marge reported on the classes they took as well as the updating us about the Constitution & ByLaws changes, and budget proposals. The delegates approved hiring a paid Department Secretary, reducing the mileage allowance for travel for Department officers and Department program chairs, and keeping the Girls State delegate fee at \$400 per delegate for 2027. Linda Knobloch-Harkness was elected the 2026-2027 Department President and Penny Kanbara from the 6<sup>th</sup> District was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Our theme for next year is MASH – Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes, and the president's special project is Girls State.
- Seminole County Veterans Luncheon – Nell suggested that we consider volunteering at the 2027 luncheon usually held in April. We would be able to have a table from which we might be able to recruit new members. We will discuss it further at a future meeting.
- Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser – Nell suggested that we investigate holding a fundraiser at the Oviedo Texas Roadhouse. Nell noted the success that the Bithlo Unit had with their recent event where they raised about \$1400. Nell will research and bring the information to a future meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Send service hours to Marge, Nell and [wpfl.ala112@gmail.com](mailto:wpfl.ala112@gmail.com) . Please remember to include a brief description of what you did, not just the hours volunteered.
- Installation is July 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Zoom will be available.
- Gils State Delegate updates will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Zoom will be available.

Terry Berrios-Guariglia 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 \_\_\_\_\_