

# American Legion Post 112

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*“Together we can make a difference”*

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Fourteen people from American Legion Post 112 traveled to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN on May 12 to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the patients and staff. We cooked approximately 200 hamburgers and 200 hot dogs. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to each volunteer. It is a wonderful and fulfilling feeling to do something as simple as preparing a meal for the veterans and hospital personnel. They thanked us over and over. Also, we appreciate Operation Song for entertaining everyone with their songs and stories. ***It was a great day, indeed!***

You may be aware that some of our Post 112 members volunteer to drive local veterans to the VA Clinic in Chattanooga. Call 706-226-5120 if you're interested in driving a Veteran to the clinic. **Our volunteers are much appreciated.** Keep in mind, you will be reimbursed for mileage.

We are about to enter the new American Legion year; 2018/2019. The fiscal year goes from July 1 to June 30, which means Legion members need to renew your membership now; it's only \$25/year. Post 112 attained 100% membership for 2017/2018 and we want to go beyond 100% for this coming year and we will if everyone will work together. Ask a friend, neighbor, fellow church member or someone else you might know to join the Legion. Even if you asked them in the past and they couldn't join because of family matters and/or job restrictions, ask again. Their situation may have changed and/or things aren't as complicated as before. You won't know unless you ask.

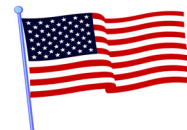
I'm going to offer the same incentive as I did last year; I will award **\$100** to the first **two** members that add **four** new members each to Post 112. That's right, a crisp new **\$100** bill. All you must do is get **four** "new" veterans (**not transfers**) to join American Legion Post 112 and be one of the first two current members to do so.

We had a wonderful Memorial Day Ceremony, in spite of the rain. We had to move the ceremony to the parking deck behind BB&T bank, but everything turned out great. The rain didn't dampen the spirit of the approximately 300 attendees. A heartfelt and genuine **"THANK YOU" is extended to the men and women, as well as their families, that paid the ultimate price for us to enjoy the freedom we have in this country.**

**Dixcee Merritt** did an outstanding job as Memorial Day Ceremony chairperson; she went above and beyond her duties. The entire ceremony took a little over an hour and everything ran smoothly. **Jo Anne Shirley** did an outstanding job as keynote speaker, as well. She talked about her brother, **Bobbie**, who is still MIA from the Vietnam War. It was a very rousing and touching speech. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs after the ceremony, cooked by **Dixcee's** husband, **Tony Merritt**. Thank you, Dixcee and Tony for a job well done.

For God and Country,

*Lee Oliver,*  
Commander



**God Bless America**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 10, 9:00 am, Breakfast and Chapel Service at Post
- June 14, 5:30 pm Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary
- June 16, 5:00 - 7:00 pm Free meal for Veterans
- June 17, Father's Day
- June 21, 6:00 pm Regular meeting SAL
- June 28, 6:00 pm Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary



**BINGO** - 7:00 pm every Monday, Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends)

**SPECIAL BINGO** - First Friday night of each month.



This month we are sending six girls to Girls State. A reception was held for these young ladies at our previous executive meeting. American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which ALA members guide young

women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy and patriotic citizens.

A couple of us were able to go with the Post's group to help cook and serve veterans and staff at the Murfreesboro VA Hospital. It was a very rewarding experience.

The ALA District Meeting was held at our Post in May. District Officers were elected.

Help is still needed with Bingo on the second and third Friday nights and help to take biscuits to the Chattanooga VA clinic twice a month. If you are interested in joining our group, we have a place for you.

Our best days are before us,

**Wanda Parker**  
Auxiliary President

We had the best attendance for the May meeting in a very long time.

*Thank you! We hope to see each of you at the June meeting.*

We gave away \$2,000.00 to the Saturday Sacks program and \$1,000.00 to the North West Georgia Family Crisis Center. These are worthwhile organizations.

We elected Sheldon Grant as our new Sr. Vice, Lee Owen as Jr. Vice and Anthony Robertson as Finance officer. All three are dual members.

*We need more youngsters that are Sons of Veterans. Do any of the Legion members have sons?*

If so, please sign them up and mail them their membership cards to where ever they are living. They might enjoy getting involved in their local squadron activities. *We only need one more paid member to be at 100%.*

In His service and at your service,

**George Lo Greco Sr.**  
Commander Squadron 112



Front Row: Harrison Parker, Wanda Parker and Junior Hammontree

Back Row: Leo Whaley, Lee Oliver, Sheldon Grant, Fred Denbleyker, Anthony Robertson and Gary Benson.

Not Pictured: Vance, Jaime & Christopher Lo Greco along with George and Nancy Lo Greco



There are many benefits of being a member of The American Legion.

Eligible military veterans find more than camaraderie and the continuation of their service when they join the nation's largest veterans service organization.

# ITEMS FOR VETERANS

## NURSING HOMES & HOMEBOUND

Lotions	Blankets and quilts
Body washes	Lap blankets and lap quilts
Hand soap	Adult clothing protectors (for when eating)
Lip balm	Handheld mirror or magnifying mirror on a pedestal.
Brushes & combs	Comfortable slippers (only if know size)
Fluffy socks (or diabetic)	Clocks with large numbers
Sweat shirts	Homemade treats – maybe sugar free - be sure to find out if diabetic
Sweat pants	Stationery, note cards, greeting cards, pens and stamps for those that are mobile.
Personal wipes	Mind Games like Scrabble, crossword puzzles, find-a-word and Sudoku puzzles (Always buy large print)
Flush-able towelettes	Deck of cards
Air fresheners - Lysol	Some veterans like Baseball caps and V-neck shirts
Kleenex	
Fingerless arthritis gloves	
Wraps, shawls, scarfs	
Germ-x	
Snacks – peanut butter crackers, Nutra grain bars, etc.	

HOLIDAYS: Santa hats, Stuffed animals, Easter baskets, etc. (Use your imagination)

There are some types of gifts that are not appropriate for nursing home veteran residents. These elderly individuals could have arthritis and need items that are easy to put on and take off. If you purchase clothing, consider items that are easy to wear. (jogging suits and cardigan sweaters, etc.) See list above.

Some veterans have swallowing difficulties and/or restrictive diets, find out before send/take food items such as candy, cookies and fruit. If a nursing home veteran has Alzheimer's or a related dementia, do not send liquid items such as perfume, cologne, after shave or lotion, as these may end up being swallowed.

It is possible that some nursing home veterans have no family or friends. For those who have the time, consider "adopting" a veteran at a local nursing home. If interested in adopting a veteran, contact the activity director at the nursing home of your choice – this person can help you find the right veteran.

Visits to veterans are so much appreciated! Take your children and/or grandchildren to add to the experience.