

American Legion Post 112

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"Together we can make a difference"

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It is an honor to be elected as Commander of American Legion Post 112 again for 2018/2019 and ***I sincerely thank you*** for allowing me to represent you. **It is a position I do not take lightly.** I sincerely think we have a post that everyone should be proud of and we will continue to strive to make Post 112 the best American Legion Post possible.

We're looking forward to having a great year here at Post 112. We anticipate some exciting things on the horizon. One of the things we are looking forward to is the American Legion celebrating its 100th year birthday in 2018/2019. There is a strong possibility the National Commander will pay a visit to our post sometime during the early part of next year, possibly March or April (it has not been confirmed at this time). We want to make a good showing. Call the post if you would like to be involved in planning this monumental event.

The Ladies Auxiliary will prepare and serve the **Free Meal for Veterans** on the third Saturday of the month, **July 21**. The menu they are planning is BBQ with slaw, chips and watermelon. Mark your calendar and come and enjoy a **FREE** meal.

Don't forget our Chapel service on the second Sunday each month. It will be held on **July 8**. Call 706-226-5120 to make your reservation for breakfast, so we will know how much food to prepare. Our Chaplain, Harrison Parker, does a great job.

We need Veterans that will volunteer to drive other Veterans to the VA

Clinic in Chattanooga. **You will be reimbursed for mileage.**

If you know of any homebound or assisted living veterans, please let us know! Also, if you are interested in interacting with them, call the Legion post and/or Raymond McCrannie at 706-618-7728 or send an email trmccran@charter.net.

Be a part of this wonderful ministry!

If you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your membership in American Legion. The year goes from July 1 to June 30. If you will, pay your membership dues (\$25/yr) during the month of July, and get it out of the way. Don't forget to ask a friend and encourage them to join. You'll be doing them a favor.

As I did last year, I will award **\$100** to the first **two** (2) members that add **four** (4) new members each to Post 112. You read it correctly, a crisp new **\$100** bill. All you must do is get **four** (4) "new" veterans (**not transfers**) to join American Legion Post 112 and be one of the first two current members to do so.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver

Commander



God Bless America

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 4, Independence Day
- July 12, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary
- July 8, 9:00 am, Breakfast and Chapel Service at Post
- July 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- July 21, 5:30-7:00 pm, Free Veterans dinner
- July 26, 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.



Our Auxiliary Unit 112 sent five girls to Girl's State recently. This special program teaches participants many things including the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being a good citizen.

A special thank you goes to Marlene Fry and daughter for taking these ladies to Statesboro, GA for Girls State and also to Cheryl Phipps and Robin Dennis who made the trip to bring them back.

Several of our Auxiliary ladies helped in preparing food for the boys and girls during Law enforcement week. Also, some of our ladies went to Duluth for the American Legion Auxiliary Convention - new officers were elected.

We are still needing help with Bingo on the second and third Friday nights. It is a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker

Auxiliary President



This was the absolute best convention I have ever had the honor to attend! All of the new leaders, and even a few of the old ones, spoke from their hearts about the new changes we will be seeing. *Back to Basics* was the direction that was heard from our new SAL Detachment Commander Jamey Holloway, our New Department Adjutant Zeste Debro, and our New Department Commander Stanley Franklin. They all shared their visions for the coming year. They emphasized the fact that we need to support each Legion family member including Sons, Auxiliary and Riders - and **STOP** the bickering. There will be an important leadership meeting August 18 and SAL college August 19 - save these dates - these meetings promise to be exciting. One important vote that was **DEFEATED** was to raise the 2020-2021 dues from \$8.00 to \$10.00.

Can you or do you Blog on other social platforms? If so, please help us communicate with ALL THE VETERANS and their families. Communications are important!

In His service and at your service,

George La Greco Sr.

Commander Squadron 112

OUR AMERICAN FLAG

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing a committee to devise a seal for the United States of America. This mission, designed to reflect the Founding Fathers' beliefs, values, and sovereignty of the new Nation, did not become a reality until June 20, 1782. In heraldic devices, such as seals, each element has a specific meaning – even colors.



The stripes of our flag represent the original 13 Colonies and the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic. White signifies purity and innocence; Red, hardness and valor; and Blue, the color of the Chief, signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The American Flag, as we know it today, is a symbol of freedom known across the globe. With its 50 stars and 13 stripes, the American flag represents not just the country but the way the people of the country live their lives.