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“Together we can make a difference”

August 2022

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There is still a lot of sickness going around. Several members are sick with COVID. The ones we know about are Junior Hammontree and his wife, T.W. Davis and his wife, and Ronnie Powell and his family. All seem to be recovering but please remember to keep them in your prayers. This Virus is strong and it takes a while for many to get over it.

Our next general meeting will be on August 25, 2022, starting at 6:00 pm. We will have the boys here who participated in our Boys State this year. They will talk to us about their experiences.

We have started a drive to gather unused glasses to be given to the needy. Please bring any glasses you do not use to the meeting and/or drop them off at the Post. We will get them to the right people to be distributed. Also, talk to your friends and neighbors and get their unused glasses for this needy project.

We have been seeing an increase in attendance at the Coffee Cafe. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. Coffee and sweets are served at no cost to any Veteran. We also have card games, dart boards, and great fellowship. We invite you to join us!

For God and Country,

John Wilson, Commander



Georgia Department of Veteran Service (GDVS)

The GDVS exists to serve the veterans of Georgia and their families. The department offers a wide range of services and programs. This includes help with veterans benefits claims and support during the appeals process. The GDVS also offers skilled nursing home care and compassionate cemetery committal services. The department also oversees veterans education, on-the-job training, and apprenticeship training program management.

The GDVS strives to assist veterans and their families receive all of their entitled federal and state benefits.

Benefits available to Georgia veterans are pursuant to the authority of the state constitution, the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the authority vested in the GDVS and other state government agencies.

Please remember - no benefit is automatic. Eligible veterans must apply for their earned benefits to receive them.

If you would like a physical copy of the book, please contact a [veterans field service office](#) near you. For more information about GDVS services, please call 404-656-2300 or visit online at veterans.georgia.gov.

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

If so, you're not alone—the Veterans Crisis Line is here for you. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call.

24/7, confidential crisis support

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- August 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- August 25, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary

**Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm
Bingo - Fridays, 6:30 pm and Saturdays, 5:00 pm; Coffee Cafe - Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am -11:00 am**



August has been slow but the fall months are coming. Remember, the Virus is still around - so everyone stay safe.

It was decided to keep the same officers during the recent election. They are

President – Wanda Parker; Vice President – Charlotte Moss; Membership – Wanda Tibbs; Treasurer – Cheryl Phipps; Secretary – Dorothy Gray; Historian – Vickie Robinson; Co – Chaplains - Bernice Whaley & Peggy Whaley; and Sergeant at Arms – Phyllis Lofty.

We are looing forward to seeing you at the next meeting - Don't forget to bring desserts!

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker

Auxiliary President



“Howdy Ya’ll”!

“When in doubt, don’t” – Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father of the United States (1706-1790). True story: The bugler pressed the ‘play’ button as he had during countless funerals before and instead of Taps, (on the loudest volume) tooted Reveille ... He was in shock for an ago-

nizing 2-3 seconds before realizing somehow the setting got changed. After quickly turning it off, he apologized, hung his head & tried to become invisible. He normally checked the instrument to make sure, but not today, assuming all was well. ‘Semper Vigilance’ – Be ‘always vigilant’ keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties!

No doubt, you’re welcome the third Thursday @ 1800h. Don’t forget!

Sing-cerely,

Anthony J. Robertson

SAL Commander

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Thank You

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 112 HAS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR EVERY VETERAN

American Legion Post 112 cares about veterans and wants to ensure they have all the benefits to which they are entitled. This valuable information is provided so Veterans will not make the same mistake that hundreds of Veterans have made regarding their DD Form 214! This important DD Form 214 is labeled your *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*. Everyone who has served on active duty should have been issued a copy of their DD 214.

This DD Form 214 verifies your military service and includes information about your military service. Much of this information is required if you later wish to re-join the military, apply for veterans benefits, or even apply for certain state or federal jobs. Veterans should treat their DD Form 214 like any other important document – birth and marriage certificates, wills, vehicle titles, land deeds, insurance policies, etc. The veterans need to realize that this is very important *because their family cannot have a casket draped with the American Flag unless there is a copy of the Veterans DD Form 214 available*. This document is much like all military records and should be kept forever. Your DD Form 214 can be registered with many town halls or county registrars and/or with your local VA (Veterans Administration) office. This should be done to maintain a record of military service because it will make retrieval quick and easy.

Please make sure state or local laws do not permit public access to your DD Form 214 before registering your DD Form 214 with any office. This is important because it has your SSN and you could be exposing your private information to the world, thus making you an easy target for identity theft.

Note: Other official military and DoD forms show proof of military service or serve as discharge papers, including the DD Form 256, which is common for members of the Guard or Reserves. Those forms are important, but may not be accepted in place of a DD Form 214.

Veterans should receive a copy of their DD Form 214 on the day they separate or retire from the military. In some cases, the form may not be ready. In these situations, the military will usually mail a copy to your home of record.

If a veteran has recently separated or retired from the military, he or she can try contacting their last Unit. These records are only maintained for a short time before being forwarded to the branch of service human resources or personnel command:

- Air Force - Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC)
- Army - Human Resources Command (HRC)
- Marines - Headquarters US Marine Corps
- Navy Personnel Command - BUPERS

If a veteran has been out of the military for more than a few years, he or she will need to contact the National Personnel Records Center to get a new copy of their DD Form 214.

The National Archives in St. Louis, MO process most DD Form 214 requests. Veterans and their next of kin have two methods for requesting copies of military records. These two methods are Electronic and Paper.

* **Electronic method.** Use the eVetRecs system to create your request.

* **Paper method.** Mail or Fax a Standard Form SF-180. Print, sign, and date all copies of paper forms before submitting them. The address is listed at the end of the SF 180 and below as a point of reference. The SF-80 Form can be obtained from a VA (Veteran's Administration) office or if the veteran has access to a computer, a search for the form can be done online.

Mail the SF-180 to the National Records Center at the following address:

National Personnel Records Center
Attention: {Your Service, e.g., Air Force} Records
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5000