

# American Legion Post 112

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*“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”*

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## *Upcoming Murfreesboro Trip*

**REMINDER** – If you would like to help cook hamburgers and hot dogs for veterans at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro, TN, on **April 9**, please call 706-226-5120 no later than April 4 to reserve a spot. We will leave **promptly at 7:30 am** and return late afternoon the same day. It is very rewarding to be able to do something for these American veterans, some of which are confined to the hospital. Come and be a part of this great experience, you will be glad you did.

Don't forget our **“Poor Man's Barbecue”** on **April 16**. The menu is barbecue pork or barbecue chicken, baked beans, slaw and bread for \$7.50 – **take-out only** at our post. Many of you have already sold tickets. If you haven't turned your ticket money in, please do so before April 15. The proceeds will benefit the Nation Emergency Fund, as part of Nation Commander Dale Barnett's fund raising event.

**We will need a LOT OF HELP on Saturday, April 16**, beginning at 7:00 am and continuing until we have everything cleaned up. We'll need help in all areas - grilling the chicken, setting up and arranging the food assembly line, taking tickets from the customers when they come to pick up their plates, filling the plates, etc. If you can help, even if it is for just one hour, please call the Post at 706-226-5120 and let us know the time(s) you are available.

**WE NEED YOU!**

We're excited to announce our Post has donated a \$25,000 Endowment Scholarship for a veteran or a child of a veteran to attend Dalton State. This is something ALL members of Post 112 should be proud of.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in YOUR post by running for a position/office, please contact Past Post Commander John Paul Bledsoe no later than April 21.

Our next regular meeting is April 28 and State Senator Charlie Bethel will be the guest speaker. Make plans to attend and bring a guest.

For God and Country,

*Lee Oliver*  
Commander

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

As a Legionnaire you are entitled to the following benefits:

- \$5,000 NO COST to you Accidental Death Protection if traveling on official American Legion business.
- \$1,000 Accident Protection for all covered accidents.

You must be activated to receive these complimentary benefits. For more information, come by our Post and pick up a brochure or call 800-235-6943 or go to [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 9, Murfreesboro Cookout
- April 14, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- April 16, Poor Man's Barbeque
- April 21, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- April 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** - 2nd Friday nights



These are busy times and several more events are ahead of us. We love our veterans and the April 9 trip to the Murfreesboro hospital for a cookout will be a good time to show some love! Please call the Post by April 4 to volunteer for this special trip.

We also have the Poor Man/Woman's Barbeque on April 16. Please help sell tickets, volunteer your time to help and very important – make lots of slaw!

Several Auxiliary members attended the President's Parlay in Cedartown recently. We had a wonderful time with great food, a silent auction and other items of interest. Wanda Tibbs and I also attended the Spring Conference in Duluth. It was an enjoyable trip.

The Nursing Scholarships are posted and available. Call Bernice Whaley at 706-259-5508 for information. Also, be thinking about Auxiliary reports - it will be great if we can have them by April 15.

The Auxiliary Ladies take biscuits (mostly Wanda Tibbs) to the VA Clinic in Chattanooga the first Monday and third Tuesday of every month. We would like to have volunteers who will help - on an on-going basis or just one time. Contact Wanda at 706-694-8018.

NOTE: Legion singers, the next practice session will be Thursday March 31 at 4:30 pm. Also, the gun safety class will be Saturday April 23. Beth will let us know about the time.

For God and Country,

*Charlotte Moss*  
President

Thank you for your support and trusting me to pick two more programs for our donations!

I presented the first \$500.00 check to the "Operation Comfort Warriors" program at the Spring Conference in Duluth. We will be sponsoring two boys to Boys State at a cost of \$250.00 each. That leaves one more \$500.00 contribution we can allocate.

The next SAL college will be at Post 51 on May 23, they will be covering the consolidated report. Please try to make this very informative meeting.

I hope many of you will join the Legion Family Cookout at VAMC Murfreesboro on April 9, my family and I have been to several and we enjoyed them all - we get back so much more than we give!

Don't forget - your Baked beans are due April 15 in the after noon at the Post.

In His service and at Your Service,

*George La Greca Sr.*  
Commander Squadron 112



Wanda Tibbs holding our first almost complete Quilt of Valor. Come join the Auxiliary group for more exciting things that are happening.

**VA SSN Use - Vet Identity Theft Concern.** A lawmaker on the Senate Appropriations Committee plans to introduce legislation that will force the Department of Veterans Affairs to transition from using Social Security numbers as the identifying numbers within the agency. At issue is a complaint of a leak of hundreds of veterans' Social Security numbers by a state agency in Wisconsin. "We don't want to put our veterans and their families at the risk of fraud and identity theft, and that's the concern that we are trying to address," Sen. Tammy Baldwin said on 10 March after a budget hearing before the committee. Baldwin got the investigation, but she's also looking to minimize the risk in the future, and planning legislation to change the way the VA uses personally identifiable information in its systems. "We hope to transition away from using Social Security numbers as the identifying number with the VA," Baldwin told FCW after an Appropriations hearing with VA leadership. VA Secretary Robert McDonald said that the agency was working toward a data architecture that would make such a move possible.