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Merry Christmas

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We sincerely hope you have a very *Merry Christmas* and a safe and *Happy New Year*. These are the times we gather with family and friends and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We also take the time to ring in *Two Thousand Seventeen*. Just think, 17 years ago, we were very concerned, cautious and attentive to say the least, about Y2K and what it was to bring.

We had a very busy 2016! Just to look back at a few of Post 112 accomplishments: We began by having a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating our new building addition/remodeling. Several Post 112 members traveled to Murfreesboro to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for patients at the VA Hospital on a cold Saturday in early Spring.

Post 112 had a very successful fund-raising event on April 16th with our Poor Man's Barbecue. We raised over \$2500 for the National Emergency Fund. We honored our veterans on Memorial Day, a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered, traditionally observed on May 30 but now officially observed on the last Monday in May.

Our Post hosted the Legion Riders and the National Commander Dale Barnett in August. There were over 500 people at our Post. You should have seen the hundreds of motorcycles in our parking lot. Boy howdy - THAT was a sight to see.

Post 112 member Shell Underwood, was the chairperson for the 2016 Veterans Day Parade, a public holiday held on the anniversary of the end of

World War I (November 11) to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. There were over 50 entrants. Shell did an outstanding job. Kudos to Shell and the Veteran Day Parade committee members.

Again, Merry Christmas to you and your family.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



Don't forget to bring cans of food for the food bank to the Christmas Party on December 3rd. The party begins at 6:00 pm and it will be worth your time to attend.

We think you will be pleasantly surprised at the celebration.

Place April 22 on your calendar. Post 112 members will travel to Murfreesboro on April 22 to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for patients of the VA Hospital. More info to follow...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 3, Post 112 Christmas Party
- NO EXECUTIVE OR REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH
- NO SAL MEETING THIS MONTH



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.

VA'S VETERAN LEGACY PROGRAM

VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has launched an educational program to get students and the public involved in learning about – and documenting the stories of – those buried in the 135 national cemeteries across the country. The Veterans Legacy Program is the result of a veterans survey where responders indicated a desire for more preservation of the memories of their deceased comrades.

Ron Walters, interim undersecretary for memorial affairs and considered the architect of the Veterans Legacy Program, says the agency found “a unique opportunity to expand our memorialization mission” in working on the program. A year and a half in development, it was rolled out around Memorial Day at two pilot cemeteries, Beaufort National Cemetery in South Carolina and Riverside National Cemetery in California.

Interactive history lesson plans have been developed on an age-appropriate basis from middle school to college, and correlating with core curriculums in the states in which they're being rolled out. The program is proactively reaching out to teachers and researchers, even holding a teaching workshop in California. The goal is to enable students to learn about the veterans buried in the cemetery nearest them, and the wars they fought, through research and cemetery visits. The likelihood that a veteran is buried fairly close to his or her hometown makes this an exercise in local history; in fact, a tagline for the Veterans Legacy Program is “Local Legacy, National Heritage.” Walters says they've gotten “very good response” from schools.

The students will likely need help with both the research and the visits, and Walters says there is “no greater resource at the local level than the (veteran) service organizations” – including The American Legion. Posts or individual Legionnaires can reach out to schools as guides or docents through the cemeteries, or provide oral histories for the students.

The Veterans Legacy Program continues to develop and will ultimately cover all NCA cemeteries. In June, NCA partnered with the American Battle Monuments Commission to work with its cemeteries. The next major program rollout is scheduled for Memorial Day 2017.

To learn more about the program, visit www.cem.va.gov/cem/legacy

We had a meeting with a Quorum! **WOW!**

We voted to cancel the December meeting. Our next meeting will be January 19, 2017 the day before the Presidential Inauguration.

Should we talk to the Ladies Auxiliary and the Post about using their room for a regular SAL meeting during Bingo? Or would you like to meet on the weekend? Please talk to me and share your ideas for increasing the number of members that can come to a regular meeting.



January 13-17, 2017 - The SAL College and DEC will be at Post 154, Tybee Island. This is a Legion family weekend, all are invited. Hotel rates are \$89-\$129. Contact District or Detachment officers for reservations.

Nascar race raffle tickets for March 5th in Atlanta - chances are available at \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Drawing will be at the next district meeting February 18, 2017.

In His service and at Your Service

George La Greca Sr.

Commander Squadron 112

LADIES AUXILIARY



The American Legion Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, the military and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and National Headquarters. *You are appreciated for all you do.*

We still need volunteers to carry biscuits to the VA in Chattanooga. If you can help with this contact Wanda Tibbs at 706-694-8018.

For any information, contact Charlotte Moss, Auxiliary President at 706-313-1769