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*“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”*

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We are in the process of getting everything ready for the American Legion Legacy Riders to visit our post on **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be approximately 350 – 400 motorcycles and approximately 500 – 550 people in attendance.

The “motorcade,” that is escorting National Commander Dale Barnett to the American Legion National Convention in Cincinnati, “should” arrive about 5:30 to 5:45 pm. We are asking all Legion members that plan to attend the meeting to please arrive no later than 5:30 pm, so as not to conflict with the arrival of the motorcycles. As has been previously discussed, there **WILL NOT** be any cars allowed to park in the front parking lot. Parking for members will be provided in the field behind the building. We ask that you please adhere to this request.

National Commander Dale Barnett will accept donations for the Legacy scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the children of service members who died while on active duty following 9/11 as well as children of veterans who have been assigned a disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs of 50 percent or greater and served after 9/11. Detailed information on the scholarship is available at [legion.org/scholarships/legacy](http://legion.org/scholarships/legacy).

This visit by National Commander Barnett to Post 112 is the only stop he will make in Georgia. It should raise the awareness of Post 112 as well as provide a star in the crown for Dalton, GA. I’m sure you are as proud as I am

to be a member of Post 112 for this monumental event

Remember – ***WE WILL NOT MEET ON OUR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT OF AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>***. Also, call the Post and let us know if you can help on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, even if it is just an hour.

For God and Country,

*Lee Oliver*  
Commander

## ***HOUSE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FALLS SHORT***

American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett shared discontentment for the House of Representative's proposed 2017 Military Construction-VA (MILCON-VA) appropriations bill, while praising the Senate's proposal. Both the Senate and the House put forth varying versions of MILCON-VA, with the Senate providing the requested funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the House falling short of that request.

“We have serious concerns about funding shortfalls in future years. How does Congress expect the VA to provide adequate health care to our nation's military veterans if they are not providing the needed funding to carry out those health care needs? We are grateful for the Senate's proposal.

However, The American Legion fully expects all of Congress to provide the much needed funds that the president (cont'd page 2)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- August 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- August 20, 10:45 am, District meeting, Calhoun
- August 23, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary - also hosting Dale Barnett and Legacy Riders (NO MEETING AUGUST 25)

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

**SPECIAL BINGO** - 2nd Friday nights

We have a lot going on this month and it started with GREAT NEWS. Our Unit 112 has been awarded from the Department Convention in Duluth.

### First Place in Girls State

Congratulations go to Jerri Phipps for all her hard work in taking the major role in making this very worthy program successful. We received another award.

### Third Place in History

Wanda Parker chaired this report, collecting and keeping the information of our Unit is important for our future members.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> is when the Riders escorting the National Commander Dale Barrett through Dalton. Our Commander has asked the Auxiliary to help with serving the meal provided by the Post. We are in need of volunteers that afternoon to help as needed. We have not been asked to do any of the cooking and that alone should make it fun. Please call me if you can help or need more details.

An organization of female veterans is making "neck pillows" for veterans and Beth Wingfield, a veteran in our Post, has asked for assistance in collecting fabric for making "neck pillows". One yard of fabric of any color is needed for each pillow. Bright cheerful colors would be nice.

Making "Quilts of Valor" from our unit continues. Join our group - this is a great way to meet new people. We try to meet in the afternoon before the regular monthly meeting.

Please make plans to pay your Auxiliary dues (\$25) so you will be eligible for the monthly drawing at the regular Post meeting.

***The District Meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup>  
in Calhoun at 10:45 am.***

For God and Country,

***Charlotte Moss***  
President



(cont'd from page 1) is requesting for the VA," American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett strongly expressed.

This follows much criticism in recent years of VA's ability to treat military veterans and process disability claims and appeals in a timely manner, and also repair an aging and crumbling infrastructure that is suffering from mold and insect infestation. The Senate's draft of MILCON-VA, which was drafted by Chairman Kirk and Ranking Member Tester, includes funding to hire 300 new claims processors and 240 additional employees for the Board of Veterans Appeals. These initiatives are proposed to reduce the appeals backlog.

The Legion singers will be performing at a benefit concert at Rocky Face Baptist Church on August 5th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The College in Ellijay won't happen until November 5th this year. In the mean time, there will be an SAL College at the next DEC at post 47 in Calhoun August 20th. Post 47 is also hosting a Memorial Golf tournament in honor of First Sergeant John D Blair on September 2nd at Calhoun Elks Golf and Country club.

\$100.00 per player shotgun start.

\$25,000.00 hole in one prize \$50.00 closest to the pin prize - plus a BBQ lunch, goodie bags and other prizes.

Things are happening, another post is raffling off a 1998 Ford Escort for \$5.00 tickets.

Is anyone interested in Saturday morning breakfast? Please talk to me about ideas to make our squadron more fun, more money, more members, more ....(fill in the blank).

In His service and at Your Service,

***George La Greca Sr.***  
Commander Squadron 112

