

American Legion Post 112

1118 N. Glenwood Avenue
Dalton, Georgia 30722-0932

(706) 226-5120
Email: alpost112@optilink.us

www.americanlegionpost112.org



"Sewing Veterans, Community and Country"

October 2016

Commander

Lee Oliver
706-260-7294

Adjutant

John Wilson
706-971-4139

Senior Vice Commander

James E. Stafford
706-671-3381

Junior Vice Commanders

Gary Benson
706-581-2770
Starling Hammontree
706-271-5628
Bob Oxford
706-260-5279
Ed Shiver
706-847-6344
Larry Swanson
706-695-4096

Finance Officer

Rudy Desmond
706-428-4746

Service Officer

Jerry Manning
706-483-4692

Chaplain

Harrison Parker
706-695-5301

Sergeant-At-Arms

Larry Swanson
706-695-4096

Historian

Beth Wingfield
706-508-5612

Judge Advocate

Joe Evans
706-629-4966

SAL Commander

George Lo Greco, Sr.
706-259-0072

Auxiliary President

Charlotte Moss
706-313-1769

Fall, the best time of the year!

Temperatures are getting cooler and leaves will begin turning different colors very soon. Football is well underway. People seem to be in a better mood this time of year - don't you agree? We hope you have a great Fall season.

If you haven't had your flu shot, take heed. Fred's Pharmacy will be at Legion Post 112 on Monday, October 17, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is for anyone and there is no cost. You can't beat that deal! There is no need to call, just show up.

The program for October 27th will be a group many of you have heard before, *The Classics*. It is a group that sings and play songs of the 50s and 60s. They are a fun bunch and I am sure *if* you have heard them, you will not want to miss their performance.

If you haven't heard them, you are in for a treat - they are great. Their music will bring back memories.

Don't forget we will **NOT** have a regular meeting in November, in order for everyone to enjoy their family during the Thanksgiving holiday. The only thing more important than family is God.

Our Christmas dinner/meeting will be held on December 3rd beginning at 6:00 pm. Our program will be the Mountain Cove Blue Grass Band. They are a group of young guys that play some fabulous songs. Don't be fooled, they do not play strictly blue grass, you *will* enjoy their music. You not only will be able to listen to some great music, but you will be able to fellowship with some of the greatest

men and women in the world,
VETERANS.

If you are interested in joining the Honor Guard, contact Don Rich at 706-277-1428. Post 112 Honor Guard does an exemplary job with honoring our fallen comrades and if you would like to be a part of our group, please call Don.

Also, occasionally we have a veteran who is unable to drive, will need to go to the VA hospital in Chattanooga. If you are able and willing to drive a veteran, please call Jerry Manning at 706-483-4692 or Junior Hammontree at 706-271-5628.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

REMINDER - The Georgia Department of Labor, Dalton Career Center, is sponsoring a **JOB FAIR** for veterans, retirees, families and public on October 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event is at the American Legion Post. There will be multiple employers from various fields on hand with door prizes. Hundreds of jobs are available in a wide variety of occupations. If interested in attending this event, access www.employgeorgia.com to create an account and resume. If you already have a resume, it can be uploaded. Having an Employ Georgia account and resume will expedite the process of meeting with employers.

For more information, contact the Dalton Career Center located at 1406 Chattanooga Avenue, Dalton, GA. Phone: 706-272-2301. Open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Dress code: business casual Please bring several copies of your resume.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 13, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- October 20, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- October 27, 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.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

One of the four pillars of the Legion, the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division is dedicated to the timely and compassionate delivery of benefits – including health-care services – earned by U.S. military veterans. One of the division’s marquee programs is the Department Service Officer School, which provides accredited training for Legion service officers throughout the nation. The curriculum for these schools includes education on veterans law, as well as changes in the veterans-benefits claims and appeals process.

The Legion provides staff representation at the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington to help veterans appealing a decision to navigate through the maze of regulations and paperwork relevant to their cases. The VA&R national staff conducts regular site visits to VA medical facilities, and produces VBC site visit reports - formerly referred to as the “System Worth Saving” report - for Congress and others.

The division is the Legion’s eyes and ears in Washington about all issues related to VA, particularly benefits and health care. The division also offers representation to veterans dealing with discharge disputes and correction of military records; and administers the Legion’s involvement with VA Volunteer Services, which provides countless hours of cost-free staffing at VA facilities nationwide.

The House of Representatives passed the VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016, a bipartisan legislation that would reform the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs appeals process and reduce wait time for veterans’ claims.

American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt is urging Legionnaires to reach out to Washington and ask that they “pass appeals modernization now! Tell Congress you expect both parties to work together responsibly to pass the legislation, which includes a simple and fair appeals process that provides veterans and their families their earned benefits in a timely manner.” The legislation is awaiting a vote in the Senate.

What have you done for a veteran today? Do you need any ideas or inspiration to come to our meetings - give me a call, I promise not to burn you out or put too much guilt on you.



We need your input, your ideas and your dues - but most of all our nation’s Veterans need your help and encouragement!

We have several assisted living facilities in our area. Every one of them have veteran residents. I’m sure they would welcome a visitor that speaks their language or who will just listen to the stories they like to tell. We have students in schools that like to hear from veterans - many don’t know anything about why we went to WAR, who started a war, who ended a war! Many have no idea about how many wars and police actions and conflicts that have taken place, etc. The American Legion publishes tons of brochures that students would probably like to have. Teachers will welcome us if they know we will present truthful information in school approved vocabulary and not bar room language or unsupported opinions. I want to help you help others - please challenge me!

In His service and at Your Service,

George Lo Greco Sr.

Commander Squadron 112

AUXILIARY LADIES

The Fair will soon be here - October 20-29 and help is needed for parking. Contact Jerri Phipps if you can help. (706-259-5527)



Fall Conference - October 22.
Leadership workshop - October 29

Volunteers are still needed to carry biscuits to the VA in Chattanooga, contact Wanda Tibbs, 706-694-8018.

For any information, Contact Charlotte Moss, 706-313-1769



Dear Fellow Veterans and Auxiliary Members,

While in the Marine Corps SGT Ramirez served two tours to Afghanistan. His first tour started in September 2011 and his second began July 2012. This boy was one of the lucky ones; he came back in one physical piece. Unfortunately, many of us are far too familiar with the perils of war, the loss of life, and the effects on our health.

When SGT Ramirez came home, he faced a big disappointment. The foundation of his home had literally started to sink into the ground. Assessing the situation, he met with multiple contractors - all of which had the same conclusion, "It has to be torn down and you have to start over". They tried to refinance with a renovation loan as they felt this was the only way they could start over. Tragically, they were not able to get the much needed loan.

Bradley Ramirez and his wife with their three kids have had to move to an apartment because the home became unsuitable for living. Now, they not only have to pay for the apartment but also the mortgage on a home that they cannot live in.

Civilian Nancy Green from Wells Fargo will be leading this mission 256-990-2448. As fellow Soldiers, Marines, and Seamen—we are her troops. The mission is called Project AVE C and operations will be run through the Legion at Post 112. Your post contact is Shell Underwood 706-508-9290.

The Mission has three separate goals. If we are able to raise \$15,000 we begin construction on the property. If we raise \$35,000 we can rebuild his entire home.

Our current community project team leaders include: Cary Coker, John's Lumber, CWT Construction, Sherwin Williams, Double A Guttering, Nature's Way, the American Legion Post 112, Habitat for Humanity, Shaw Industries, Rebuilding HOPE Ministries and Modern Woodmen of America: Shell Underwood. We would like you to join our mission team.

- If everyone on this mailing list donates or raises \$25 we can begin construction.
- If everyone on this mailing list donates or raises \$40 we can build the entire home.

If we have enough participation we can by-pass the hours involved in event fund raising. Please consider making a monetary donation or collecting at your social events outside of Legion and Axillary. As you can see a little can go a long way for this family.

Tax Deductible Donations can be mailed to American Legion Post 112, P.O. Box 932, Dalton, GA 30722. All checks should include Project Avenue C in the memo line. A receipt will be sent to you for tax purposes

CITY OF DALTON PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FOR 2016 VETERANS DAY PARADE

1. Name of participant: _____

2. Name of the float or group: _____

3. Date: November 12 @10:00 am.

I understand that by signing this application I agree to the following:

___ A. I agree to abide by all parade rules, including, but not limited to, the rule that requires that no object, including candy, be thrown from moving units in the parade. Instead, our organization agrees to abide by the rule that any object, such as candy (**will be distributed by an adult walking beside the unit by handing the object to the people on the curb**). Our organization understands that this rule is being imposed to prevent adults or minor children from running out into the street to retrieve an object, such as candy, and accidentally moving into the path of moving units in the parade. **GA Code Section 16-7-43, Littering**

___ B. I agree that a truck or trailer shall transport all non-street legal vehicles the parade assembly site before being unloaded. Non-street legal vehicles shall not be operated on the city streets before or after the parade. **GA Code Section 40-7-3, Off Road Vehicles.**

___ C. I agree that no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any city street by any person under the age of 16 (sixteen) years of age; provided a person who is at least 15 (fifteen) years age may operate a vehicle as authorized by law. City Code Section 114-4, Minimum Age of Operator of Vehicle. **GA Code Section 40-5-24.**

___ D. I fully understand the above rules and regulations and agree to abide by these rules as they have been explained to me.

___ E. I fully understand that if I violate these rules/laws, I can and will be charged with the violation.

Date

Signature

**APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 17th 2016**