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“Together we can make a difference”

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We hope you have had a great start to Two Thousand Eighteen. It has been a “cold” winter so far - but we’ll get through it and it will be Spring before we know it.

On **February 15th**, between the hours of 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce is inviting local business men and women, merchants, etc. to our Post for a “Meet and Greet” session. This is a gathering where people of all ages mix and mingle and talk about everything under the sun. The Chamber has these “Meet & Greet” get-togethers for Chamber members each month at different locations/businesses throughout Dalton. We cordially invite you and encourage you to attend and join in the FUN. It will be a great opportunity to “educate” the public to some of the things American Legion Post 112 does for Veterans in the Dalton/Whitfield area. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served. Who knows – we may even generate some interest in someone joining our great organization from among the attendees.

I want to remind Post 112 members, we have begun serving a **FREE** meal to **ALL** Veterans on the 3rd (third) Saturday of the month, between 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The next **FREE** meal will be **February 17th**. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship of other veterans with no strings attached. You do not have to be member of Post 112 to attend. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to run for the 2018/2019 office - Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, or

Finance Officer and contribute to the decisions made by the Executive Board of Post 112, please let one of the Board members know. Fresh ideas of how we can make Post 112 better are always welcome.

Don’t forget the Suggestion Box is in the lobby of our building. If you have a suggestion or idea, please let us know. Your comments are welcomed.

REMINDER – Flags will be placed on the courthouse lawn on President’s Day, Monday, **February 19th**, at 7:00 am and retrieved at 5:00 pm. American Legion Post 112 is one of the Hosts on February 19, which means Post 112 is the group or business which is primarily responsible for placing and retrieving the flags on that particular day. Bring your kids and/or grandkids.

We’re excited about things in store for Post 112 in 2018. Stay tuned for some important “happenings.”

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver

Commander

If you would like to be informed about things going on at our Post, send your email address to alpost112@optilink.us and we will place you on the list for reminders and updates. **We will never** do anything to cheat you or deceive you, **we will not** spam or spy on you and **we will never share** your information with any third party.

Also, if you would like to be placed on the list to visit Veterans in Rest Homes or Assisted Living, please call 706-226-5120. These visits are very meaningful, as well as rewarding, for you and the Veteran.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 8, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- February 15, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce “Meet and Greet”
- February 15, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- February 17, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, FREE Veterans dinner (3rd Saturday)
- February 19, President’s Day
- February 22, 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.



The New Year is well under way and we continue thinking about ways we can help our veterans. Please attend our meetings and share your ideas.

We can make a difference!

The District meeting will be held in Cartersville on February

17th. If you would like to attend, please be in touch with me.

We will be having Chapel Service on the second Sunday of the month. It was changed from the first. The date is February 11th at 9:00 am and I hope to see you there.

We wanted to show our appreciation to Leo Whaley and Lenard Whaley for all the hard work they did to help us during the Fair last fall. They were each presented, at the January meeting, with a Black Walnut cake. Leo and Lenard went beyond the call of duty to help us. We appreciate everyone who helped with parking - including Ladies Auxiliary, Post 112 members and SAL members.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President

I need to learn how to communicate effectively! *Please help me!* My requests seem to go no where. What is a better way to get a two way discussion going? I want to listen to all of the members of the Legion, the Sons, and the public in general.

The Post Commander, the department Senior Vice Commander, myself and Mr. dependable Marlon, were the only four people at the **FREE** veterans meal last Friday evening. We had posters in churches, Greater Works and local businesses - also the Daily Citizen News listed us in the community calendar. There were no takers for the free meal!

We only had our usual four people at the SAL Thursday meeting. I am afraid that we might shrivel up and blow away if we can't establish ourselves as valuable to our community, state and nation. What can we do to prevent that?

Please contact me, I am available to discuss your concerns!

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



VA PENSION BENEFITS

Are you a wartime Veteran? Are you over age 65 or totally and permanently disabled? Do you have limited or no income? If so, you may be eligible to receive VA pension benefits.

What is VA pension? VA pension is a needs-based, tax-free monetary benefit for eligible wartime Veterans. It is a supplemental income provided by VA to help eligible Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges.

Are family members eligible for VA survivors pension benefits? Surviving spouses who have not remarried and dependent children of deceased wartime Veterans may also qualify if the survivors meet net worth and income requirements and the Veteran has qualifying service.

Are additional benefits available for Veterans who require the aid of another person? Yes, Veterans and survivors who require the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in activities of daily living or are housebound may qualify for pension at an increased rate.

Visit [Explore.VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) to find out if you or a loved one may qualify for VA pension benefits.