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“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”

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NEW WEBSITE

We're excited about our new website – americanlegionpost112.org, which is live. Check it out! We think you will be pleased with the way it looks.

In February, American Post 112 hosted Operation Song (operationsong.org). Songwriters from Nashville, TN came to Dalton and created songs from the stories of local veterans from when they served in the military. This was a very emotional experience for the veterans as well as the audience who were captivated by the completed songs sung by the songwriters at our post.

We want to pay special tribute to John Wilson for coordinating the Operation Song event. John set up everything from reserving the rooms for the songwriters at a local hotel to providing meals. Good job, John.

Our post is planning a BBQ on **April 16**. It's the day after tax returns are due, so we are calling it "*Poor Man's Barbecue*." The tickets are \$7.50/plate and the menu will be barbecue pork or barbecue chicken, baked beans, slaw and bread. The proceeds will benefit the National Emergency Fund (NEF), which is National Commander Dale Barnett's primary fund-raising event. The NEF provides much-needed grants to Legionnaires, Posts and others in the Legion family recovering from a disaster.

We need lots of help to put this BBQ together. First and foremost,

we need everyone to sell as many tickets as possible. Tickets will be sent to each member in a few days, along with a letter of explanation. We need help in preparing the food and putting the plates together on **April 16**. Mark your calendars!

We are extremely excited about a scholarship that Post 112 is giving to Dalton State - beginning this year. A veteran or a son or daughter of a veteran will be able to attend college with the scholarship. This is a program that will be carried out for years to come.

Exciting things are happening at Post 112. If you would like more information about how to get involved, call or come by and someone will be happy to show you different ways you can contribute.

We are still veterans willing to serve!



Have a great St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and blessings for a Happy Easter March 27.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



NOTE:

Should a candidate for public office request to speak to our membership, we will allot two minutes for each person. This does not mean we are endorsing or supporting them.

Candidates wanting to speak to our membership should call and make a reservation for a time slot at one of our regular meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 10, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- March 17, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- March 18-20, Spring Conference, Duluth, Sonesta Hotel
- March 31, 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

BLACK HAWK DOWN

Our March speaker is John Burns. He enlisted in the Army Infantry in 1987. He served in combat with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Panama (1989-90), Operation Desert Storm (1990-91), and in Mogadishu, Somalia (1993). On October 3, 1993, John Burns was a staff sergeant and a squad leader when his Ranger unit came under heavy Somali fire.

The book and film *Black Hawk Down* were based on those events. John was wounded multiple times, and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device for his actions and leadership that day.



Spring is coming soon and with it brings opportunity to support the Post in their "Poor Man/Woman's BBQ Lunch" scheduled for April 16. The menu includes slaw (and other items).

We will be responsible for

providing the best slaw ever. Get out your old family slaw recipe and share. Details will be completed at the regular monthly Post meeting.

Spring Conference is scheduled for March 18-20. Please try to attend and let me know if a ride is needed. The post van will be making a one day trip.

The Seventh District is hosting the Past President's Parley as a fundraiser for the District's Nursing Scholarship. It will be a fun afternoon with games, prizes and a silent auction. The food will be great and if you need a ride, please call me. It really will be a fun day.

Theme: "WANTED"

Where: Post 86, Cedartown

When: March 12, 2016, 11:00 am

Dress: Old Western (dressing up is not required)

Hope to see you at the March meeting and you can check out our first "Quilt of Valor" as well as the hand quilted lap blankets that were generously donated by ladies at the Cohutta Seventh Day Adventist Church Sewing Circle. If interested in joining the Quilt Group, meet with us in the Auxiliary room at 2:00 pm on March 31, the same afternoon of the regular monthly Post meeting.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
President



We had several new members join last month! Please come out and meet them. We are all bringing our favorite baked beans to the "Poor Mans BBQ" on April 16. We will just dump all of them in a big pot and mix together. People at the last meeting are all to bring the largest

can they can find or four quarts of home made baked beans - most home crock-pots hold five quarts. The next SAL college is at the state wide Spring Conference March 18-20 in Duluth at the Sonesta Hotel. The SAL meeting is Friday evening March 18 and the SAL College is Saturday and Sunday.

We need to nominate Officers in April and elect in May. Please come to the next Meeting March 17 which is also St. Patrick's Day if you need transportation to the meeting or the college call me at 706-260-6611.

In His service and at Your Service,

George La Greca Sr.

Commander Squadron 112

SAVE THE DATE - April 9. This is the date we chose to make our annual trek to Murfreesboro, TN to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for veterans at the VA hospital. We will leave early on April 9 and stop somewhere and have breakfast before arriving in Murfreesboro. We should return to Dalton mid afternoon or so. This out-pouring of kindness has always been well received by the veterans at the hospital as well as being therapeutic for Post 112 members. It is a lot of fun!

If you would like to go, please call [706-226-5120](tel:706-226-5120) NO LATER THAN APRIL 4 and reserve a seat in our van. We're sure you will enjoy yourself.