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“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”

June 2016

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The election of next year's officers was held this past month. Congratulations to the members who were elected to serve as an officer of Post 112 for 2016-2017.

There are some exciting things happening at Post 112. We ask ALL Post 112 members to get behind your elected officers and let's show the city of Dalton, as well as the people of Whitfield County, that American Legion Post 112 Dalton is an upstanding and respected member of the community in which we live. We have the highest regard for the veterans that have faithfully served this country.

We are still willing to serve!

We had a very good turn-out for Memorial Day at the courthouse on May 30th. Kudos to the Memorial Day committee and especially to Post 112 Co-chairman Charles Barthel and John Wilson. Everything was in order and very well organized. It is quite a chore to get all the tables and related items in place as well as handling all the other phases of the occasion.

Our June program will be a graduation for Operation Song's Retreat that was held earlier this year. Certificates will be presented and songs played. Bob Regan and Don Goodman will be on hand for this event. Please mark your calendar for this important date, June 30.

F Y I – As a Legion, SAL or Ladies Auxiliary member, you are eligible for up to \$5000 at NO COST TO YOU accidental death insurance;

\$5,000 NO COST to you accidental Death Protection if traveling on official Legion business; \$1,000 Accident Protection for all covered accidents.

Regulations require your confirmation on file in order to finalize these complimentary benefits. Please do not delay – activate your NO COST To You benefits today. This benefit is provided by our Department of the American Legion. Please visit <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare> for more information.

The process is very simple. Just visit the site, and click on “Sign Up Now.” You'll be walked through a form where you provide your Member Number and contact information. You'll receive a confirmation email almost immediately. Again, this is a free benefit for all Legion, SAL and Ladies Auxiliary members. But you must confirm membership on the site in order to receive it.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

The Veterans Administration (VA) has inpatient PTS/PTSD programs, residential treatment, and day hospital programs. In addition, VA has special programs for substance abuse, homeless veterans, and women's coordinators for female veterans.

There are also many private clinicians or not-for-profit agencies that offer specialized treatment for PTS/PTSD similar to care provided by VA.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 9, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- June 14, Flag Day
- June 16, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- June 23-26, State Convention
- June 30, 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



Summer is here, kids are out of school, and it is time to have some fun! Also, it is again time to elect the 2016-2017 officers. The Nominating Committee searched for new members willing to serve for the coming year and was not as successful as hoped. The current officers have agreed to serve again for the coming year. They are:

President	Charlotte Moss
First Vice	Jerri Phipps
Second Vice	Wanda Tibbs
Secretary	Carol Franklin (This officer is appointed rather than voted on by members)
Treasurer	Cheryl Phipps
Historian	Wanda Parker
Chaplain	Peggy Whaley

Sergeant at Arms and Member at Large will soon be appointed (by your President).

The floor will be open for nominations at the June meeting. Please consider taking an office. Our Unit needs other members to “step up to the plate”. If you want to make a change in your Unit this is your opportunity. Two Nursing Scholarships have been presented to Nursing Students at Dalton College.

Five girls are leaving for Girls State from the Post Sunday June 12 at 7:00 am. Please come to give a good send off. This is a new experience for them and will bring new challenges. I am sure they would appreciate your encouragement.

The State Convention is coming quickly June 23-26. If you are interested in representing our Unit as a delegate, please let me know. The delegates are the only members that are allowed to vote at the business meeting.

Flag Day June 14

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
President



At our last meeting we had five members present. We did not have a motion to re-elect or to nominate any new officers.

On Memorial Day we had about four dozen people who helped put flags on Veterans graves. We had three thousand flags available for the five cemeteries. I put out eleven dozen and two myself.

The storm that hit our flags at the court house broke four poles and we have the flags and name tags for two. We do not have the names or flags of the other two. On flag day June 14, we will need some volunteers to check the names on our list compared to the flags displayed and determine who is missing, Please let me know if you can help.

In His service and at Your Service,

George La Greca Sr., Commander Squadron 112



Barnett: House request for VA 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 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.