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“Together we can make a difference”

April 2018

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Whooooooosh! That was the first quarter of 2018 gone already. Boy howdy, time sure does go quickly - it seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the new year.

Our nominating committee for 2018/2019 is Bob Oxford (706-260-5279) and John Wilson (706-270-2874). Persons interested in being a part of the decision-making process of Legion Post 112, please contact either of them.

If you would like to have a brick at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Veterans Drive with your name or someone you want to honor, you can pick up a form at the Legion. The bricks are only \$65 each. It's a great way to honor yourself or a Veteran.

There will not be a Chapel Service here at the Legion this month because of spring break. We will let you know in next month's newsletter about the May service or you can call the Post.

Also, please remember the **FREE meal for Veterans on the third Saturday of each month**. The meal is served between **5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**. Come and bring your spouse or significant other and enjoy food and fellowship with other Veterans. No obligation whatsoever - just show up and enjoy!

After trying several different avenues and **MANY** wild goose chases over the past 2½ years, we are finally on a waiting list for a piece of military equipment, such as a tank or helicopter, to display in front of our building. Our Post will be responsible for the freight to our Post as well as the cement pad or something similar that

the piece of military equipment will rest upon. Hopefully, we'll have good news to relay to everyone shortly.

Your Executive Board is working diligently to think of ways to attract younger Veterans. **ANY Post 112 member** is invited to our Executive Board meeting on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 5:30 pm. We would love to hear your ideas.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver

Commander

Veterans Healthcare Resources

<https://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/resources>

Discount programs are offered exclusively to members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.

Some of these are programs are:

Auto Rental (Alamo, National Car Rental)

Financial & Insurance (Mutual of Omaha, USAA)

Medical (Amplifon Hearing Health Care, CVS Caremark, LifeStation)

Moving & Relocation (Allied, North American Van Lines)

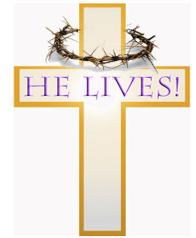
Post Discounts (Office Depot/Office Max)

Travel & Lodging (Best Western, GOV Vacation Rewards, Motel 6, Veterans Holidays, Wyndham Hotel Group)

<https://www.legion.org/benefits/all>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 1, Easter Sunday
- April 12, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary
- April 19, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- April 21, 5:30-7:00 pm, Free Veterans dinner (St. Patrick's Day)
- April 26, 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.



Ladies, thank you so much for your support and willingness to help out when needed. I am proud of our group and looking forward to seeing exciting things happen. It is also time to think about new officers for the 2018/2019 year. If you are interested in an office, we have a

place for you. Get in touch with me or any member of the Auxiliary.

We have three new members. It pays to keep an application in your purse, you never know who you might run into – church, shopping, etc.

The Past Presidents Parlay will be held April 7 in Calhoun. The event will be at the Calhoun American Legion Post and we are expecting to have a great time.

There will be no April Chapel Service. It is spring break and lots of folks will be taking vacations. We expect to resume in May. It is an enjoyable time of food, praise and worship.

We can still use help with Bingo on the second and third Friday nights. Let me know if you can help.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President

Now is the time for all good men and boys to come to the aid of your squadron. April is time to nominate officers -and yes, you may nominate yourself! we need the following officers: Commander, Senior Vice, Junior vice, Finance officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-arms and several committee chairman. I promise that I will attend all meetings as Past Commander; I will assist and not let you fail.

The Spring Conference had several breakout sessions with good ideas. Attend the next meeting on April 19 and I will gladly share some ideas I picked up at the Conference.

We must have elections at the May meeting - after which we submit our Officers list to the Bingo commission (GBI), also the State and National Legion Headquarters.

Many opportunities to help the post and community are on the planning board. Come help us plan and then execute. We stand for God and Country!
Thank you.

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



Veterans can now use My HealthVet credentials to access benefits tools on Vets.gov

More than four million Veterans can now use their My [HealthVet](#) credentials to access services from across VA on Vets.gov. This means that Veterans can now log in one time, in one place, to refill a prescription, check their claim and apply for benefits that help them pay for college and training programs.

This is the first time that Veterans with a My HealthVet patient portal account can use those credentials to access benefits tools such as checking the status of a claim, an appeal or GI Bill benefit, in addition to a variety of health care tools. Allowing Veterans to use their VA-approved credential of choice to access all of VA's online services is a key milestone in VA's digital modernization strategy. Previously, Veterans were only able to use their DS Logon accounts or ID.me accounts to log in to Vets.gov. This created an unnecessary roadblock for Veterans trying to use their preferred credential to access other VA services online and this new functionality will remove that roadblock.