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In case you don't know, the Dalton Field Office of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service is located at 305 Point North Place, Suite 7. There are more than 694,000 veterans currently residing in Georgia. The amount of compensation and pension paid to veterans in 2018 in Georgia was \$3,638,052,000. This included education and Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment; general operating expenses; insurance and indemnities and medical care. The Dalton Veteran Service Office continues to be instrumental in assisting recipients in our area to receive over \$42,147,000 in direct VA monetary payments from Compensation and Pension. If you have a problem relating to veteran's benefits, please call Kelly Johnson at the Dalton office, 706-272-2355.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, call the Post at 706-226-5120 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday through Wednesday and give your email address. It will help us to save on postage.

There will be a 7th District meeting at our Post on **Saturday, February 15, 2020**. The meeting is open to all Veterans. Call 706-226-5120 for more information. We hope you will attend and see how decisions are made on the district level.

Flags will be posted on the courthouse lawn on February 14th, at 7:30 am to honor **President's Day** on February 17th. Flags will be retrieved at noon on Tuesday, February 18th. **We welcome any and all volunteers**. We have acquired some additional space for flags in the courthouse area. Call our Post Monday - Wednesday, if you would like to have a flag "in memory of" or "in honor of." The cost is \$100.00 for each flag.

Post 112 will have a flag retirement ceremony on **Saturday, February 29th** beginning at 10:00 am.

Place your tattered and worn flags in the old "mailbox" at the front door entrance of our Post.

Our Legion meeting in February is the 27th. We're asking everyone to bring a new member. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization.

Bring a new member and receive a \$25.00 gift card.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver

Commander

MARINE PROGRAM COULD GET MORE TROOPS OFF THE BATTLEFIELD ALIVE

"Corpsmen are tasked with the grim reality of either restoring a person to life or taking them to their final resting place." Those were the words of Lt. Cmdr. Russell Wier, deputy division surgeon for the 1st Marine Division, as he explained the genesis of Valkyrie, a fresh whole blood transfusion initiative he is presently spearheading, designed to get more troops off the battlefield alive.

Marines are often charged with going on dangerous missions where some lose their lives, but they're not alone – Navy corpsmen go on these missions with them, playing a guardian angel role.

"The number one killer on the battlefield is massive hemorrhage," Cmdr. Joseph Kotora, division surgeon for the 2nd Marine Division, said. "Right now we use a junctional tourniquet and it does a good job as long as we don't move the patient, but patient movement is a battlefield necessity."

Read more on this important information: <https://www.legion.org/security/247860/marine-program-could-get-more-troops-battlefield-alive>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 2, Super Bowl & Groundhog Day; Feb.14, Valentine's Day; Feb.17, President's Day
- February 13, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- February 15, Seventh District Meeting at our Post
- February 20, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- February 27, 600 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary



BINGO - 7:00 pm every Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends)

SPECIAL BINGO - First Friday night of each month.



At the Leadership Meeting in December, we learned a lot of facts about membership. Ladies from State visited and we had six of our members attend. Even though attendance was a bit scarce, we had a great program with lunch and games.

We would love to have each members input. Attend our meetings for a time of learning and good fellowship. Be sure to bring a dessert to our regular meetings.

If you are not getting the newsletter, please let the Post know. They will email or send in the mail.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President



We had good attendance at the January Meeting. We are on the State of Georgia's Calendar for SAL College on Saturday, February 29th. Yes, this is a leap year! We need to invite everyone that wants to find out all about us. Invite anyone that is a son or a grandson of a veteran.

State Commander Cliff Hall is in the Hospital, so the College that was scheduled in Marietta was canceled. The Spring Conference will be at the Duluth Sonesta Hotel March 20-22. The deadline to reserve a room is February 7th. If want to go, SAL will pay your attendance fee and reimburse your cost up \$400.00 per day. Please call or see me at the Post meeting if you are planning to go. Also, if you are interested in running for an office, nominations will be in March with the election in May. It is no secret that I want to be PAST commander!

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112

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