

# American Legion Post 112

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July 2022

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It looks like the hot weather is going to stay with us for a while. I hope everyone is staying cool and well. The dreaded virus has been making its rounds again. Be sure to take all precautions and stay safe.

We had a very successful Veterans Appreciation Day on July 4. However, it was so hot that most did not stay outside to play games, etc. The meal was excellent and the band for entertainment during the meal and after was great. Several people enjoyed some dancing. When it became dark everyone went to the patio and watched Dalton's fireworks.

On a sad note, we lost two very good men over the past month. We lost our Sgt. At Arms and Jr. Vice Commander Joe Johnson; and two weeks ago we lost Leon Lewis who has held many positions in the Post. These men will be missed greatly. Please pray for their families.

Our next general meeting will be on July 28, 2022, starting at 6:00 pm. We will have Amber Rosario with DOC-UP here to speak to us about how they help Veterans in need. We look forward to seeing everyone!

For God and Country,

*John Wilson*  
Commander



## Access and Quality in VA Healthcare

The Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its Access to Care website to be more user-friendly and record more accurate wait times based on feedback from veterans and stakeholders, according to the agency.

“The VA is listening to veterans, incorporating their feedback and reviewing access to care across the organization,” said Steven Lieberman, acting deputy undersecretary for the VA's health administration. “As a national leader in health care access and transparency, this change in the presentation of veteran-facing information ensures veterans receive the world-class care they have earned and deserve.”

The VA has been required to publish wait times due to the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, which mandated the agency offer timelier and more convenient care to veterans. VA officials said they had published wait times for primary care, mental health and select specialty care appointments. Moreover, users had to do more clicking on the website.

“We do as well recognize that while wait times obviously are extremely critical and important to health care, they're not the only thing that really drives health care decisions for any user,” VA officials said Monday. “[The Veterans Health Administration] has systems in place to capture data at the point of care and solicit veterans' feedback about the care we provide,” said Terrence Hayes, the VA's press secretary. “This allows us to evaluate quality of care, identify trends and inform continuous improvement efforts.”

Hayes said the VA uses its electronic health record and scheduling systems to collect wait time information. That data is collected and stored in the agency's corporate data warehouse, which then delivers that data to the Access to Care website.

Average wait times will be used at all VA sites except the facilities that have transitioned to the agency's new electronic health record system. For more information, go to:

<https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/>

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- July 28, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- July 30, 2:00 pm, Flag Retirement
- August 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Auxiliary
- August 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL

**Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm  
Bingo - Fridays, 6:30 pm and Saturdays, 5:00 pm; Coffee Cafe - Tues, Wed, Thur. 8:00 am -11:00 am**



The American Legion July 4<sup>th</sup> event was a big success. We had great food, watched fireworks, and had a good time with everyone. Our cake walk was profitable and the funds will be used for veterans.

The Legion recently lost two good veterans. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Leon Lewis and Joe Johnson. They will be missed by many.

Ladies, it is dues time again. Please get with Wanda Tibbs to bring your dues up to date. Also, remember to bring desserts to the next meeting.

Our best days are before us,

*Wanda Parker*  
Auxiliary President



“Howdy Ya’ll”!

“Summertime and the livin’ is easy...” - George Gershwin. It’s hard to believe that the year is already half over. BBQ, homemade ice cream, pool parties, visiting with friends & relatives, traveling to a favorite get-a-way, or just lounging doing nothing are fantastic past-times.

Another memorable experience was the American Legion State Convention on June 24,25,26. Dewey Moss, Vicki, and I were the only attendees from Post 112, to my knowledge. It is an informative event with an opportunity to fellowship with like-minded individuals.

New membership cards are not ready yet, but I’ll let you know, then we can start collecting 2022-2023 dues. I am still trying to pin down the best date for the Defib course. Please have a fun, safe summer and we’ll see you the third Thursday @ 1800h.

Sing-cerely,  
*Anthony J. Robertson*  
SAL Commander

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