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“Merry Christmas”

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Jesus is the Reason

Luke 2:11 – 14 **“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will toward men.”**

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. Christmas is indeed the best time of the year. We sincerely hope you and your family have the best Christmas you have ever had.

It's crazy, but we are nearing the end of another year. Time seems to fly by doesn't it? As everyone knows, we have zero power over tomorrow. Tomorrow is never promised, so love and appreciate the people who are in your life. As Eleanor Roosevelt stated, ***“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift, and that is why it is called the present.”*** We should all take the time to thank God for placing our family and friends in our dash.

Two Thousand Nineteen – W O W! The American Legion becomes 100 years old. **That is a monumental accomplishment.** This could NOT have happened without people like you and our other comrades who continue to serve our country. We are extremely proud you are a member of American Legion Post 112. The American Legion cares about our

Veterans, their families and our great nation.

We are in the process of planning a 100-year anniversary celebration, but we are not far enough along to have details. A portion of our plans for our observance include having American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad visit our post sometime in early 2019. As always, we welcome your thoughts and/or suggestions.

Merry Christmas!

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) offers a wide range of superb services and programs for the veterans of Georgia.

These services and programs include excellent veterans' benefits assistance, rewarding on-the-job and apprenticeship training program management, devoted skilled nursing home care, and compassionate cemetery committal services.

Georgia is proud of the benefits and services available to veterans in the state. GDVS representatives strive to ensure Georgia's veterans receive all of the federal and state benefits to which they are entitled. Please remember no benefit is automatic. Those who are eligible must apply for the benefits in order to receive them.

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

Merry Christmas

Post 112 members enjoyed their annual Christmas Dinner/Party, Saturday, December 1st.

Harrison and Wanda Parker (Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and elves) will be giving out gift bags to veterans at the VA Clinic in Chattanooga December 21 at 10:30 am. If you would like to participate, call Wanda at 706-695-5301.

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

For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6



Ladies, this month we will be putting together gift bags for veterans in nursing homes - check with me for date and time.

May your Christmas season be filled with laughter, joy, and peace.

*Have a wonderful
Christmas!*

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President

It's that wonderful time of year - the spirit of love and the special warmth of family and friends!

May Peace and Love warm you and your family's heart this holiday season.

*Blessings for a very
Merry Christmas!*

In His service and at your service,

George Lo Greco Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



WOMEN VETERANS

Women veterans face remarkably different experiences than their male counterparts when they transition out of the military. While VA has made significant advancements in women veterans health care throughout the VA health-care system, there is still room for improvements.

The American Legion wants every woman veteran who walks through the doors of a VA medical facility to feel that it was designed with them in mind and no longer has the looks of a "For Male" only building. As a result of the increase in the number of women veterans, The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 14, in September 2016, which calls for VA to ensure that all women veterans receive gender-specific quality health care.

In 2013, The American Legion System Worth Saving Task Force turned its attention to women veterans' health care and identified a number of challenges women veterans face when receiving VA health care to include:

Many women veterans do not identify themselves as veterans.

Many women veterans do not know or understand what benefits they are entitled to receive.

VA medical facilities across the system do not have adequate baseline plans to close the gender gaps and improve use of facilities and services for women.

Additional research is needed to determine the purpose, goals, and effectiveness of three VA women models of care on overall outreach, communication and coordination of women veterans health services.

Many VA facilities do not offer inpatient/residential mental health care programs for women veterans.

Many VA facilities do not offer child care services for women veterans seeking health care appointments.

The time it takes for women veterans to receive results from their mammogram screening.

<https://www.legion.org/womenveterans/healthcare>