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“Together we can make a difference”

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We had over 300 people attend our Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th at the courthouse. The rain held off until later in the day and everyone enjoyed the festivities. Kudos to the Legion members that took their time to assist. Tables and chairs had to be moved from our Legion as well as the Senior Center and then returned. In addition, the sound system had to be set up, plus we borrowed a grill and moved it to Dalton Green (by the way, there were 800 hot dogs cooked). This is **JUST A FEW** of the many things that had to be done. This was a large event and a major undertaking to assemble off site. *Thank you* is not enough to express the gratitude I have for such a great group of people to work together to make sure everything goes as planned. There were several favorable comments made about how nice and enjoyable the ceremony was - this definitely makes one proud to be a member of American Legion Post 112!

We are going to set a goal of **100 NEW members** for the coming year, 2017/2018. That is only a little over eight per month. If everyone will bring in one new member, we will exceed our goal. If you have asked someone in the past to join our organization, ask them again. Their situation or their life may have changed and they may be able to join our membership now. If we work together, we can meet and exceed the goal of **100 new members**. Being a member of Legion Post 112 in Dalton is something to be proud of.

We have a flag burning ceremony scheduled for June 14th, which is also

Flag Day. Come and join in the festivities beginning at 6:00 pm. An Eagle Scout, Geary Greenway, Jr., designed and built the flag burning pit at the Legion in 2016; he did an outstanding job. The public is invited to attend.

If you know of anyone interested in working part-time with bingo, please tell them to come by the Legion any time between Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and talk to John Wilson.

You may not receive next month's newsletter before we celebrate July 4th. We sincerely hope you and your family have a safe and happy Independence Day.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



*A flag burning disposal
will be held Wednesday,
June 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
The public is invited to
attend.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 8, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- June 14, 6:00 pm, Flag burning Ceremony
- June 15, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- June 29, 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.

Our Unit was very busy in May. The Unit's election has resulted in exciting new officers for the 2017-18 year. I appreciate you wanting me to serve as President for the last several years. It has been a pleasure to meet new people and serve others. The Auxiliary will continue to grow and make a difference to the Post and community.

Officers 2017-2018

President	Wanda Parker
1 st Vice President	Charlotte Moss
2 nd Vice President	Wanda Tibbs
Secretary	Dorothy Gray
Treasurer	Cheryl Phipps
Historian	Vickie Robertson
Chaplin (Co Chair)	Bernice Whaley/Peggy Whaley



Please come and meet our new officers. This is an exciting time - so attend and help assist in their transition of their new roles in Auxiliary Unit 112. Dues this year remain the same at \$25.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Juniors and we are always looking for new members.

Nursing scholarships have been awarded to two deserving students who enrolled in the Dalton College Program. A big thank you goes to Bernice Whaley for chairing the committee. Check out pictures on our bulletin board.

Poppy distribution was very successful with hundreds of poppies given to folks, resulting in generous donations. A heartwarming story happened and shared by her grandmother. The young Junior member had given a poppy to a gentleman and he took the time to tell the meaning of the poppy. She was delighted as she listened carefully. This will be a memory that she will cherish for a long time.

Girls State is progressing well, orientation for the three girls and their families has been held and all questions answered. Each student talked about themselves and what they have planned for the future.

A generous donation from the DHS Track Boosters was given to the Auxiliary Food Pantry Program. We were honored to be the recipient of this gift, and the monies will be used to serve needy veterans and their families and community.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
Auxiliary President

WE HAD A QUORUM! Our next years officers are the same as the last several years plus Anthony Robertson was elected as a new Junior Vice President. We also voted to again sponsor two delegates to Boys State and donate \$500 each to Military Kids and the Family Support Network.



I was happy to see many SAL members at the Solemn Remembrance on the Last Monday of May and Grave Decorating on Sunday Thank you to all that paid their respect Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday THANK YOU for your faithful service.

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112

New regulation changes copayment cost of outpatient medication

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is changing the federal regulations concerning copayments charged to Veterans for medications required on an outpatient basis to treat non-service connected conditions.

Estimates show that copayment amounts would increase three times over six years if the current regulations are left unchanged, but switching to a tiered system and freezing associated copayments will continue to keep costs low for Veterans.

The new tiered copayment structure will decrease the costs of outpatient medications for most Veterans, aligning with VA's goals to reduce out-of-pocket costs, encourage greater adherence to prescribed outpatient medications and reduce the risk of fragmented care that results when multiple pharmacies are used to fill Veteran prescriptions.

Under the new regulation, copayment amounts would be fixed and would only vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier. The rulemaking will establish three classes of outpatient medications tiers with associated copayment. Veterans who currently do not have a copayment or are exempt by law will not be affected by the change. For information on VA health benefits or to learn more about the new tiered medication copayment structure please visit https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/cost/copay_rates.asp