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It sure does seem like we are not going to have any spring; winter keeps holding on. It will warm up soon and we'll wish we had some of this chilly weather and rain then. But God knows what he is doing, so we must trust Him.

Members of Post 112 will make our annual trek to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN, on **May 12**, to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the patients and staff. It is a very worthwhile experience and the Veterans and hospital employees seem to enjoy it more than words can describe. Last year, when we were there, some members of the staff informed us we were one of only three groups that came and cooked for the Veterans and staff.

Leo Whaley has arranged for Operation Song to be there and entertain everyone. We will leave the Post **PROMPTLY AT 7:00 am** and stop on the way to have breakfast. We anticipate arriving back in Dalton approximately 5:00 pm or so. Please call 706-226-5120 ASAP and let us know if you plan to go along. This is another way Post 112 continues to serve Veterans.

This is a reminder to everyone about our Chapel Service held on most second Sundays of each month here at the Legion. In May the date is the **13th**. Free breakfast is served at 9:00 am and the service begins immediately following the breakfast. This should give you plenty of time to attend and be at your church for morning worship service. Our Chaplain, Harrison Parker, invites EVERYONE to attend the service - please call the

Legion (706-226-5120) and make a reservation so he will know how much food to prepare.

Don't forget the **FREE meal to Veterans** and significant others on the third Saturday of each month. This date in May is the **19th**. The meal is served between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Great fellowship and FREE meal; hard to beat that combination!

The most important bit of news to pass along – American Legion Post 112, along with some dedicated members of our community, have been working hard to prepare a Memorial Day Ceremony at the courthouse on May 28th. Long hours have gone into the preparation, to honor the men and women that paid the ultimate price for you and me to enjoy the freedom we have in the United States of America. Please plan to attend this important event; festivities begin at 10:00 am. Immediately following the ceremony on the courthouse lawn, there will be grilled hotdogs and other treats for anyone on the Dalton Green. We sincerely hope to see you there.

Also, on Memorial Day, flags will be placed on the courthouse lawn as well as King St, at **7:00 am** and retrieved at **5:00 pm**. This is a great way for young kids to learn about patriotism.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver, Commander



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 10, 5:30 pm Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary
- May 12, Trip to VA Alvin C. York Medical Center, Murfreesboro, TN
- May 13, 9:00 am, Breakfast and Chapel Service at Post (Mother's Day)
- May 17, 6:00 pm Regular meeting SAL
- May 19, 5:30-7:00 pm Free Veterans dinner
- May 28, Memorial Day Observed
- May 31, 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.



Four Auxiliary members attended the Past President's Parlay. These events are always lots of fun.

The Chattanooga VA Clinic held its annual Volunteers Luncheon. Post 112 and Unit 112 received certificates in recognition of support and ded-

ication to Veterans within the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System and the Chattanooga Outpatient Clinic.

Our next Chapel Service is May 13th which also happens to be Mother's Day. Please come and bring your mother. A rose will be presented to each mother present. Services begin at 9:00 am.

Election of officers will be at our next regular meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer, please let me or any member know. It is a helpful and rewarding experience.

We are still needing help with 50/50 Bingo. If you like to meet people, this is for you. It is a lot of fun and we can use individuals and/or couples.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President

Nominations for offices for the coming year are Senior Vice President - Sheldon Grant and Finance Officer - Anthony Robertson. Nominations are still open for other positions. Please call me if you are interested. Elections will be at the May 17th meeting.

I hope all of you are planning to go on the trip to VA Alvin C. York Medical Center in Murfreesboro TN. We will leave the Post in Dalton early on the 12th of May, stop to eat breakfast (Legion pays) on the way up.

We will grill hotdogs and hamburgers for the staff and patients that are there. In addition we will take some food to the rooms and visit with patients - we also provide all the fixings. The ladies usually bring snacks. I guarantee you will get back more than you give. It is a rewarding hard work day! You can plan on returning to Dalton in the late afternoon, worn out but happy.

Yeah, we usually talk about the members who are not there but should be!

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



Memorial Day

For nearly 150 years Americans have gathered in late spring to honor the sacrifices of those who have given their lives in service to their country. Dozens of informal commemorations of those killed in the Civil War grew to become one of the Nation's most solemn and hallowed holidays. "Decoration Day" was embraced and States began having ceremonies, mostly for those killed in the Civil War, but America's entry into World War I, the tradition expanded to include those killed in all wars.

It was a long road from Decoration Day to an official Memorial Day. It became a federal holiday in 1971 when America was deeply embroiled in the Vietnam War. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 finally went into effect, moving Memorial Day from its traditional observance on May 30 (regardless of the day of the week), to a set day - the last Monday in May.

This year's Memorial Day falls on May 28th. There will be many ceremonies with lots of people visiting cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.