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“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”

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We are gearing up for the American Legion Legacy Riders to visit our post on August 23rd. Can you imagine the sound that 400 motorcycles will create? It will be something to see AND hear. Post 112 Dalton is the only stop in Georgia. Keep in mind – the 23rd is a Tuesday and ***this will be our regular membership meeting for August.*** WE WILL NOT MEET ON OUR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

Also, remember – since the motorcycles will need the entire paved lot and grass area on the side of building for parking, ***cars will NOT be allowed in front of Legion building on the 23rd.*** Parking for Post 112 members will be provided in the grass field behind the building. ***Please adjust accordingly.*** The riders will arrive approximately at 5:30 pm. It will be a good idea for our members to arrive a little early, so as not to create any confusion with the arrival of the motorcycles.

In case you want to alert your friends and neighbors of the route the riders will take to our post - riders will be traveling South on I-75. They will exit I-75 at 336. They will turn left on Hwy 41, right on Shugart Rd, left on Waugh St. and then left on Glenwood Ave.

National Commander Dale Barnett will accompany the Legacy Riders and will address the riders as well as our members during the festivities. It is shaping up to be an interesting meeting. Again, please arrive early and use the grass field behind our building to park. We will need lots of help getting the building ready for the

Legacy Riders. There is a tremendous amount of work involved in making this a memorable visit for the riders. We will have only one day, Tuesday, to get everything ready since we have bingo on Monday, August 22nd. Please contact one of the Executive Board members if you can assist in any way, even if it is for one hour. ***We Need You!***

Our next regular meeting will be on July 28th. Judge Jim Wilbanks will be the guest speaker. We will also recognize the First Responders of Dalton and Whitfield County on July 28th. We hope to see you there.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

Judge Jim Wilbanks is currently presiding Judge of the Conasauga Circuit Drug Court. He was in private practice from 1984 through his election to the bench in 2014.

His impressive background includes past pro tem and presiding Municipal Court Judge for Dalton and a past judge pro tem for Municipal Court for Varnell.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 4, Independence Day
- July 14, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- July 21, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- July 28, 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 - 2nd Friday nights



July is here and a new year starts for the Auxiliary and it is time to renew our membership for this coming year. The dues remain \$25 for seniors and \$5.00 for juniors. Juniors are under the age of eighteen (18). This is a great time to ask your friends and family to join us.

The Auxiliary is a patriot organization with the mission to assist veterans and their families, serve the community as well as assist the Post as needed. This is a great opportunity to show your support for our true American heroes.

The "Quilts of Valor" ladies have completed another beautiful quilt that will be on display during our meetings. Any help would be appreciated with supplies, cutting, sewing and quilting. We try to meet early in the afternoon before our regular monthly Post family meetings. Quilters of all levels are welcome and please check us out.

The Department Convention is over and we are waiting for the results of our Unit's reports. The reports reflect the projects that were accomplished this past year. Our fingers are crossed.

Girls State was a great success and enjoyed by the three (3) local girls who attended. The girls will be invited to a meeting so they can share their experience.

Our executive meeting is on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm and all are welcome. This would be a good time to get to know us and share new ideas in a casual atmosphere.

Have a wonderful July 4th

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
President



Your 2015-2016 dues card expires on the last day of this month. We only had 35 of our 51 members renew or 68%. You may still pay last years dues when you pay the 2016-2017 and retain your continuous service years.



We received a certificate for turning in our report of activities at the State convention in Duluth. We totaled the hours of five members that reported doing something for veterans, community or youth. I hope we get more sharing of what we are doing next year! I know we have more than five active members.

The next SAL College will be in Ellijay in about six or seven weeks - stay alert for the actual dates. I will share as soon as they are set.

We still need more help with people to be section leaders for the avenue of flags!

In His service and at Your Service,

George La Greco Sr.
Commander Squadron 112

DD-214s ARE NOW ONLINE

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online.

Go to <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site.