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“Together we can make a difference”

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In the very near future, new lights are being installed on the exterior of our Legion building (the improvements may have already been completed by the time you receive this newsletter). We've had complaints of the parking lot being dark at nighttime. Check it out the next time you are riding by at night. We think you will be pleased at the way it looks.

Also, remodeling will be done to our kitchen soon; new ceiling tile, painting the walls, etc. There has not been any updating in the kitchen since the building was built and we think it will enhance our interior considerably. Notice the next time you are visiting the post. Legion Post 112 members should be proud of the way our building looks; outside as well as the interior.

What a great time we had on April 22 at the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, cooking lunch (hamburgers and hotdogs) for the patients and staff of the hospital. We had 20 people from Legion Post 112 to make the trip. It is an uplifting experience to see all the smiles and hear "thank you". Members of Operation Song organization entertained everyone after the meal (thanks to Leo Whaley for setting it up for us). It makes you feel good inside to know you made a difference in other people's life, even if it was for just one day.

We will be voting for 2017/2018 officers at the meeting on May 25; there will not be a formal meeting. If your dues have been paid for the current year, you are eligible to vote. Be sure to come by to cast your vote and enjoy a sandwich with us.

If you know of any special entertainment (musicians, singers or a combination of both, etc.) you would enjoy at one of our regular meetings, be sure to contact us at the Post. We have all the slots filled for the remainder of 2017, but we are currently looking for 2018.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, commemorating those who have died in military service to their country. It is observed annually on the last Monday of May, which this year is May 29th.

The Memorial Day Celebration here will begin here in Dalton, by placing flags on the courthouse lawn at 7:00 am on Saturday, May 27. On Monday, May 29, on the courthouse lawn, we will observe the deceased veterans who have passed since Memorial Day in 2016. The celebration will continue on the Dalton Green after the ceremony at the courthouse, with vendors and hot dogs.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

Veterans can view frequently asked questions and see a breakdown of (co-payment) medication tiers by visiting the following website:

www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/resources/publications/IB10-971_medication_copayment_brochure.pdf

For information on VA health benefits or to learn more about the new tiered medication copayment structure please visit the VA Health Benefits website:

www.vets.gov

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- May 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- May 25, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- May 26, Poppy Day
- May 27, District Meeting, Fairmount



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.



May is here and bringing lots of fun things to do - plus opportunities for involvement. The Memorial Service to be held at the Courthouse on Memorial Day is a great way to remember veterans and their sacrifices made to keep our country great. The service is

very impressive and would be a great teachable moment to talk to your children or grandchildren about our Country's history. Children are our future!

The launching of the Poppy Anchor will be held on Tybee Island this year. Our District 7 is responsible for the ceremony this year and it will be beautiful. This program will also be held on Memorial Day.



It is time to think about officers for the Auxiliary next year. If you have a desire to help others, then please consider volunteering to hold an office. If holding an office seems overwhelming, come join us at our meeting and share your ideas. The nominating committee is busy now.

Stop by the Auxiliary room and check out our new red, white and blue Patriotic tree. Come to a meeting and honor a hero by add their name on the tree.

I hope all mothers and future mothers have a wonderful Mother's Day, May 14th.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
Auxiliary President

If you know of someone who has a torn or damaged flag, have them bring it to the Post. A flag burning disposal will be held Saturday, June 14, 2017.

The SAL is part of the American Legion. If you are a member, then your sons and grandsons are eligible to join us. Our annual dues are 60% cheaper than the Legions because you have already paid the Lions share to make us eligible. We teach respect for our Father in heaven, and on earth we respect the Legion Family and represent you to the community. Please help us help you - sign up your son and grandsons. I know some of you have more than one son or grandson.



The next district meeting is in Fairmount at Post 305 on May 27th. The next squadron meeting is May 18 at the post at 6:00 pm. The flags will go out at the courthouse Saturday morning 7:00 am on May 27 and will be taken down Monday on May 29 at 5:00 pm. The community will be reading names of veterans that we lost since Memorial day 2016. We will also be meeting at the Rock Chapel in the Cemetery after church Sunday afternoon on May 28 and we need many hands to decorate over 3,000 veteran graves.

In His service and at your service

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112

POPPY DAY

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. Each year, members of The American Legion family, led by the American Legion Auxiliary, distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. This year, The American Legion has brought National Poppy Day™ to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On May 26, wear a red poppy to remember the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.