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“Sewing Veterans, Community and Country”

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Great Start for a Good Year

We've had a great start to 2016 and we hope you have had a good start as well. We are excited about this year and are looking forward to great things for American Legion Post 112.

FYI - Election officials across the state are being encouraged to hire veterans to prepare for this year's election cycle that kicks off with the SEC primary on March 1. Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced the "Recruit a Veteran Poll Worker" initiative for Georgia Veterans in the early part of December 2015. If any of our Legion members are interested in becoming a poll worker working under the Secretary of State Brian Kemp, go to the website <https://georgiapollworkers.sos.ga.gov> and submit his/her information, including name, address, branch and contact information. For those without computers, you can call 404-656-2871 for more information.

American Legion Post 112 Dalton has a NEW website (it should be live by the middle of February) www.americanlegionpost112.org. We have included a lot of pertinent information regarding our post and affiliated interests. We are excited about the website and being able to communicate with the younger generation. Check out the website and let us know your comments, thoughts and/or suggestions.

If you encounter a problem relating to Veterans benefits, you can visit the Department of Veterans Service

at the Dalton office located at 305 Point North Place, Suite 7. The Dalton office is responsible for Catoosa, Murray and Whitfield Counties.

Dalton State head basketball Coach Tony Ingle will be the guest speaker for our Legion meeting on February 25. Coach Ingle will bring some of his basketball players as well. It would be great if we could have a full house of Post 112 members to welcome the National Champion Dalton State Roadrunners.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



Due to a lack of participation of members using our new building extension on Saturday mornings for fellowship with other veterans, we will now begin opening the extension on Monday through Wednesday, beginning at 10:00 am each morning.

Stop by and have a cup of coffee and maybe a doughnut or pastry. Stay for a few minutes or as long as you like. We look forward to seeing you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- February 13, 7th District Meeting, Post 47, Calhoun, GA
- February 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- February 25, 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



The Ladies Gun Safety Classes are going very well. This class is full but if you are interested in the next session, please contact me. The classes are limited to about 5-6 people.

The "Quilts of Valor" project for wounded veterans is progressing nicely. The first quilt may be ready and available to checkout at our Post family meeting this month. Thanks go to Anna Denbleyker and Rene' Oliver for their time and talent.

Volunteers would be appreciated to help make sandwiches for the meal to be served at the regular meeting. The Post will provide all the "fixins". Remember, desserts are always appreciated.

The quarterly Seventh District meeting is Saturday, February 13, 10:45 am at Post 47 in Calhoun. All are invited and if someone wants to go and needs a ride, call me!

A big thank you goes to Carol Franklin for accepting the Secretary position that opened after the resignation of Sierra Williams. Sierra, we wish the best in all your life adventures.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss
President

Welcome to our three new members - Rod Bradham, Steve Farrow and Rod Weaver. Everyone please make an effort to welcome them and get to know them.

Our next District meeting is in Calhoun on February 13, which is a Saturday. Many have complained about district meetings on Sunday, SO please support our district by attending. Any one that wants a ride, please let me know and I will pick you up.

Our next SAL collage will be at the Spring Conference in Marietta. Come to our meetings on the third Thursday of every month. Bring your ideas about fun events - this will help us, the Legion Family and our community.

In His service and at Your Service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



Thank you for serving
our country!

Happy Valentine's Day
to all our veterans!

The Army created the Community Covenant program in April 2008 to give communities across the country a unique way to honor service members and their families. Last year, the pilot program visited major cities and small towns alike and was hosted by all levels of civic leaders, including mayors, governors and members of Congress.

The program encourages governors, county commissioners, mayors and other community leaders to sign official declarations acknowledging the sacrifices of local service members. Though Community Covenant started as an Army-specific program, it has been expanded to honor the sacrifices of all military families. The Army provides community leaders with a covenant template to make their symbolic gesture. However, many choose to draft a more comprehensive version with their local military families. Some communities have adopted local National Guard units preparing to deploy, while others have rally around wounded warriors returning from combat.

Once each covenant is signed, it is usually displayed in a prominent location, such as city hall, the state capitol or nearby military installations. The [Community Covenant Web site](http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/CommunityCovenant/index.html) has a list of state and local "best practices," an event schedule, media and press coverage, and a step-by-step guide for organizing a community signing ceremony. www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/CommunityCovenant/index.html