

American Legion Post 112

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April 2019

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We will make our annual visit to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN, on **April 20th**, to cook hotdogs and hamburgers for the patients as well as the staff. Our plan is to depart from our post at **7:00 am** and stop on the way to have breakfast. We should arrive back in Dalton late afternoon, approximately 5:00 pm. If you would like to go along, call the post (706-226-5120) and reserve a seat on the van or if you choose, you are welcome to drive your personal vehicle and be reimbursed for fuel. Your spirits will be uplifted, more than you can imagine. It is such a rewarding experience to do something like this for those Vets. They look forward to our visit with much enthusiasm. **We will leave promptly at 7:00 am.**

As previously stated in this space, **American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad**, along with his entourage, will visit Post 112 on **Monday, April 29th**. We are ecstatic he has chosen to visit our Post and we want to make it as memorable as possible. The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm with a catered meal. Local government officials from the Mayor's office, City Council and County Commissioner's office and Chamber of Commerce, as well as members of Dalton's first responders will attend. Also, our State Representatives Kasey Carpenter and Jason Ridley along with State Senator Chuck Payne have confirmed their attendance. It should be an enjoyable evening and we hope you will attend and meet the National Commander. It's not every day that you get to meet & greet the American Legion National Commander. **For us to have**

enough food prepared, we ask that you call 706-226-5120 and make a reservation no later than April 26th.

The National Commander's visit on April 29th will **NOT** replace our regular scheduled Legion meeting on April 25th. At the meeting on April 25, Post 112 members that are running for a position on the Executive Board for 2019/2020, will voice reasons they want the membership to vote for them. If you want to be involved with the decision-making process of the post, please contact Bob Oxford at 706-260-5279 or Gary Benson at 706-581-2770.

If for some reason you have not paid your dues for 2018/2019, please do so in April. We are close to our goal of 100% for the year and your membership could put us at our goal. Come on Veterans, let's do this! It's a shame to be this close and not be able to say we have 100% for 2018/2019.

REMINDER – Don't forget by being a Veteran, you are eligible for accident protection insurance **AT NO COST TO YOU**. For online activation visit: thelit.com/legioncare1 to apply. It's a no-brainer. This is endorsed by your American Legion Department.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 11, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary
- April 18, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting SAL
- April 21, Easter Sunday
- April 25, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary
- April 29, 6:00 pm, National Commander's visit



BINGO - 7:00 pm every Tuesday and Friday (Open to the public - Tell all your friends)
SPECIAL BINGO - First Friday night of each month.



The American Legion turned 100 years old in March. The Auxiliary brought a large delicious Birthday cake to the meeting.

The Past President's Parley is April 13 in Lindale, Georgia. Let me know if you would

like to attend.

If you haven't paid your dues, please pay them this month. Everyone enjoy Easter Sunday with your family - a day to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Our best days are before us,

Wanda Parker
Auxiliary President

Several things need our attention this month. Nominations are needed for the upcoming election of NEW Officers. Please nominate the person or persons you feel will do a good job.

Our Certification and Bond should be filed in June for the July Installation.

The SAL year is always the same as the Legion and Auxiliary - beginning the first of July until the last of June the following year. I promise to support my replacement and all new officers.

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.
Commander Squadron 112



Secretary Wilkie announces groundbreaking partnership between VA and Sanford Health

The *VA PHarmacogenomics Action for cancer SuRvivorship* (PHASeR) testing program will soon provide free genetic testing to some Veterans cared for by VA. The innovative partnership between VA and Sanford Health, one of the nation's largest nonprofit health care systems, was unveiled by VA Secretary Robert Wilkie during a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The program will begin as a pilot this year at the Durham VA Health Care System where all cancer survivors who receive treatment at the facility will be enrolled. The program eventually will expand to enrolling some 250,000 Veterans at 125 sites.

PHASeR is funded by a \$25 million gift from philanthropist Denny Sanford, for whom the health system is named, and an effort by Sanford Health to raise matching funds. The test can help providers determine which medications will be most effective for patients, improving access to appropriate treatments and reducing adverse drug reactions, which research shows costs up to \$30 billion per year.

The test results will help with clinical decision making for all types of prescribed medications, including cardiovascular and mental health diseases and pain management. Veterans will be able to access the test at their local VA facilities, and Sanford Health will process the tests at its South Dakota-based Imagenetics facility. VA Secretary Robert Wilkie lauded the partnership, and said relationships like this will continue to expand the department's delivery of world class health care.

"This screening test will help providers at the VA prescribe the most appropriate medications at the right dose for cancer survivors," Wilkie said. "Our goal is to continue delivering the best care possible for our nation's heroes, and this partnership helps us do just that."

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/57488/partnership-between-va-sanford-health/>