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COMMANDER'S MINUTE

From the Commander via the Adjutant:

The commander wishes to THANK everyone during this time. As I am writing this article his son is undergoing Heart Surgery. The support has been great with phone calls, visits by the Chaplain and 1st Vice.

We wish to remember that our members are a TEAM which is needed to support each other. Percy Inge is still in rehab and there are other members that need our thoughts and Prayers.

Since the last newsletter we have attended the Department Convention, painted the interior of the Post and started the New Year with a great number of you sending in your membership dues. Please if you have not sent your 2012 dues in yet, please do so as soon as possible. The money is used to support the Post, children's activities and Veterans. Please look at the calendar of events and try to participate, the fellowship with other veterans and their spouses are important.

Thanks again for supporting the Post, our members and especially the Commander's family during this time.

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS AND SCHOOLS!

**Please remember to bring your
grocery coupons, soup can labels
and Box Tops for Education
to the Post each month.**

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YAHOO! GROUPS

**See Billy to
sign up!**

Do you

YAHOO!

Special points of interest:

- Auxiliary FUN Night at Friendly's
- Boys State/Girls State
- Sea Cadets
- "V" for Veterans Driver Licenses
- Enrollment Party

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1st Vice Commander's Report—Jimmy Thornton

First of all, I would like to thank the members for electing me to this office. I will do my best to serve the post in any way that I can. We recently sent out renewal notices to all members that have not paid their dues for 2012. Our goal is to have 100% by early next year.

The Executive Committee has been discussing ways to invite new and younger members to join the post. As of now we have not been able to agree on what course we should pursue. I am asking that as members of this post if any of you have any ideas. Please submit them via E-Mail, phone call, or letter on what your ideas are on this subject. We want to grow and expand our membership; this is your post, so any suggestions will be taken into consideration.

The interior of the post has recently been painted and it looks great. A special thanks to Billy our Adjutant and Dick our commander for the hard work they put in. There are other improvements on the way so stay tuned. Please stop by the post and check out what is happening. Please read the news letter and be aware of our upcoming events. If at all possible please try to attend one of the functions.

Have YOU Paid Your 2012 Dues Yet?
Please send your check to
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TODAY!

2nd Vice Commander's Report—Jerry Dress

On September 8, 2011 we will have CHICKEN DINNER at the Post from 6-8PM, we will be looking for you to show up. On September 10, we have our monthly Burgers and More from 11 to 2PM. On September 11, 2011 we have a slight moment of Silence for 9-11 Remembrance Day at 0845 hours, at the Post. Come if you can make it.

Our general meetings will be on the September 13 at 7PM and a light snack before the meeting starting at 6PM. September 15th we will be servicing a Spaghetti Dinner at the Post from 6-8PM. Closing out September will be a Pancake Breakfast on the 24th from 8-11 AM.

In October we have the Executive Board meeting on the 3rd, at 7PM then on the 6th there will be the Louisiana Shrimp night from 6-8PM. Burgers and More on the 8th of October from 11-2PM. Our general meeting on October 11th and snacks before. Our Auxiliary Unit will be at Friendly's for Dinner on October 13th and is a great fundraiser for their unit, please support. The 29th of October will be our Monthly Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 AM.

Last but not least we have a HALLOWEEN for kids from 6-8PM at the Post. We have flyers at the Post; please take a few to pass out so we can have a great attendance. On Monday the 31st the Post Executive Board meets at 7PM.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

*Happy Birthday to YOU!
Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday dear _____.
Happy Birthday to YOU!*

SEPTEMBER

- 1 SHAKES, HARRY S.
- 3 KROKOS, JOSEPH A.
- 3 LAMOREAUX, DONALD A.
- 4 BROOME, WYNDY G.
- 5 WADE, RALPH W. JR
- 6 FOX, IRA T.
- 14 BROWN, DEAN P.
- 14 THORNTON, JIMMY S.
- 14 HAWLEY, JOHN H. III
- 14 BERCINI, GEORGE W.
- 14 KING, ALFRED J.
- 15 ALVARDO, OSVALDO

- 15 YENCOS, TOM
- 15 MCMILLAN, YANDELL
- 15 ZELL, BRYAN
- 20 EVANS, BYRON
- 21 POLLACK, ROBERT A.
- 21 MCCORMICK, JOHN M.
- 23 DERWINIS, RICHARD P
- 23 RUSSELL, JO ANNE
- 28 GOMES, MANUEL W.
- 28 MOORE, FRANCES L
- 29 MCLENDON, DAVID E.

OCTOBER

- 1 LEBEAU, PAUL T.
- 1 KALMOWITZ, STAN
- 1 FOURNIER, JOSEPH H.
- 2 FOLMAR, WILLIAM E.
- 4 MONJAR, VERNON

- 9 COSTELLO, TED J.
- 10 KRONES, DUANE F.
- 11 SCHOLLER, DAVID L.
- 13 STRONG, PAUL
- 13 ROUGEUX, ALBERT A.
- 14 NELSON, ROBERT
- 14 TILLERY, DON E.
- 16 PATELLA, NICHOLAS
- 16 MILLER, DAVID W.
- 16 HUNT, RICHARD R.
- 19 JORGENSEN, THOMAS
- 20 JACKSON, FRANCIS L
- 21 SHANNON, DEBORAH
- 24 COLBERT, NELL E.
- 27 NORTON, THOMAS J.
- 27 HOOVER, RICHARD

Adjutant's Report—Billy Dover

As I begin to write this news article I began by reflecting on my military service. On August 13, 1971, I joined the USN. As the group of individuals with our own history and ideas we became a TEAM with one goal of protecting and serving our Country.

Just as in Boot Camp in which we were converted from individuals to a Team we in the American Legion also need to become a Team. This time, we are to continue in Servicing our fellow veterans and children. As with any organization it is only as good as its members. We have a great group of individuals which can and are becoming a UNIT in the Post. I encourage each of you to take part in some way to help us out.

The post activities have been extremely busy, with the SEA Cadets, Pancake Breakfast, Burgers and more all supported by the Post and with Great enthusiasm by the 2nd Vice Dress. 1st Vice Thornton is sending out letters for those members who have not sent in their dues. If you are one of those please try to send it in as soon as possible. The new Finance Officer Ruiz is in the process of getting the tax information to our CPA. The Commander has diligently tried to help out in all areas of the Post and is working with the

officers in promoting a common bond. That bond is to help all our members and the children events for this New Year.

Those who have received and not yet returned the SURVEY please do so as quickly as possible. My goal is to have all members records corrected. We have some errors or changes in address, phone numbers, and we are missing some information such as branch of service and time spent. IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE FORWARD IT TO US SO THAT YOU CAN BE NOTIFIED QUICKER.

Please support our events because they allow us to spend more money on helping Children and Vets.

As I close I must say THANK YOU for allowing me to work in this position. I have met a great group of individuals and your trust in me is exceedingly important. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
BILL DOVER, JR 407-383-9455



Sea Cadet Update: Richard Meredith



CENTURION BATTALION

7 Officers/Instructors, all committed to the training and mentoring of the Cadets.

Recruitment of Cadets has been a main focus, both by attending conferences and reaching out to the community for qualified Cadets. Those efforts have grown the unit to near 50 Sea Cadets.

ENS Theroux was instrumental in allowing us to incorporate the Unit, as well as establishing a new unit website- www.centurionbattalion.org

The Cadets, both Navy League and Sea Cadets, attended a total of 22 advance trainings across the country. These trainings ranged from advance medical training in San Luis Obispo, CA to Special Boats (Special Weapons Combat Crewman- SWCC) in south Florida.

Included in these advance trainings was the selection of CPO Joe Jackson to train aboard the United States Coast Guard Barque Eagle (the Tall Ship used by the Academy). Only one male and one female Sea Cadet are selected from a nationwide pool of applicants, and CPO Jackson's efforts resulted in him being selected for

Over the summer the Centurion Battalion changed Commanding Officers. LTJG Richard Meredith retired, and LTJG Jim McClure took over as the CO. Jim has been serving as the Executive Officer for the past 5 years. ENS Mark Theroux has been appointed as the new Executive Officer for the unit. The Unit now has 3 Midshipmen and

this prestigious training. For 22 days CPO Jackson staffed the Eagle along with the Midshipmen from the USCG Academy.

This year the Sea Cadet Corp has asked us to Commission our Unit. This is a very large accomplishment for us as it allows for national recognition for our Unit and for our host, the American Legion Memorial Post 112. This Commissioning is an event that will recognize the Legion Post for their efforts to support the Sea Cadets, as well as the Unit's accomplishments.

The Centurion Battalion this summer supported the Legion Post in the Memorial Day Ceremonies the yard sale as well as other events.

August 2011: U.S. Coast Guard Seaman Steven Kain explains the workings of a compass to Joe Jackson, 17, of Astatula, Fla., while aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011. Jackson is one of two cadets selected nationwide from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps to sail aboard the 295-foot Barque during the



2011 Summer Training Cruise, which commemorates the 75th anniversary of the ship.

August 2011: A U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps uniform is worn by Joe Jackson, 17, of Astatula, Fla., while aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011. Jackson is one of two naval sea cadets selected nationwide to sail aboard the 295-foot Barque during the 2011 Summer Training Cruise, which commemorates the 75th anniversary of the ship.

Boys State: Ted Costello

The Post had ten (10) young men compete for three positions at this years Boys State session in Tallahassee. The three young men selected attended Winter Park High School. Since all of the young men were outstanding I asked our department headquarters to let me know if any post could not fill their quotas so our young men could fill those quotas. This year I was fortunate which enabled four (4) more of our young men to attend Boys State representing other posts at no cost to Post 112. At our General Membership meeting on Tuesday September 13, 2011 our three young men will debrief the post membership on their experiences at this years Boys State session. Lets come out and support these fine young men.





Veterans Get a “V”

A new driver's license program is making it easier to identify veterans. In July, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles rolled out its new veterans license, which is just the same as a regular license except for a small “V” in the bottom right hand corner. The change was adopted after years of lobbying by Daniel Garza a retired Army staff sergeant and CEO of **Tampa** based Operation Enduring Gratitude. “The initial reason I wanted it on there was a bunch of merchants and retailers who want to give us [discounts](#) on a daily bases, but they don't know who we are.”

Veterans who want to change their license need to bring their DD-214, which is proof of an honorable discharge and pay one dollar for the V.

Above information provided by [Lloyd R. James](#), **Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Representative (DVOP), JobVantage Specialist, WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA**

American Legion calls for Hearings

The American Legion greatly concerned about VA treatment of PTS with “useless” drug - calls for congressional hearings.

The head of the nation's largest veterans service organization says he is "greatly concerned" about the widespread use of an apparently ineffective medication by VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) doctors treating patients with post traumatic stress (PTS). "It is alarming," said Jimmie L. Foster, national commander of The American Legion, "that fully 20 percent of the nearly 87,000 veterans VA physicians treated for PTS last year were given a medication that has proven to be pretty much useless."

According to a study conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs itself and published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), Risperdal, an antipsychotic medication commonly prescribed to veterans with post traumatic stress when antidepressants have failed to help, does not alleviate the symptoms of PTS. "Not only that," said Foster, "but Risperdal is not even approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of PTS." Only two medications, Zoloft and Paxil, both antidepressants, are government-approved to treat PTS and neither drug, say researchers, is very effective at treating patients with a chronic form of the disorder. "I am greatly concerned that veterans suffering the 'invisible wounds of war' are receiving equally invisible care," said Foster.

The American Legion has been concerned about the misapplication of PTS medications for some time. Last year, the Legion appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the efficacy of existing treatments for PTS and TBI (traumatic brain injury) and explore alternatives to improve the science. The committee comprises officers of the Legion as well as lay, professional and government consultants. Among the speakers at the Legion's latest ad hoc committee meeting was Charles Hoge, M.D., who is considered to be one of the country's leading experts on PTS and TBI. From 2002 through 2009, Dr. Hoge, a retired U.S. Army colonel, directed Walter Reed Army Medical Center's research on the psychological and neurological consequences of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Another committee consultant and longtime associate of the Legion is Dr. Jeanne Mager Stellman, Special Lecturer and Professor Emerita of Clinical Health Policy and Management at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She said, "This is the second major study showing that the drug therapies given to tens of thousands of our nation's veterans for PTS are ineffective and are associated with a range of side effects (such as weight gain). It is time to clean this mess up (and) devote attention to the problem - not wait years for studies to be done, results to be published and still not have changes made."

Commander Foster said he is urging Congress to conduct hearings on the ongoing difficulties being experienced by both the Department of Defense (DoD) and VA in the treatment of PTS as well as TBI. He is also prompting both the DoD and VA to speed up their research on the screening of PTS and TBI cases and the treatment of them. "Accelerated research, however, must be balanced with great care and absolute accuracy," Foster concluded.

Article provided by Joseph March, Director of Public Relations, The American Legion National Headquarters



Chaplain's Report : Stan Kalmowitz

Hello to all of you Post 112 Comrades out there. I sure could use your help by simply calling me if you know of any Post 112 member who is seriously ill or has passed away. My cellphone number is 407 340 2203. My e-mail address is: nursestan@yahoo.com

On August 25, I was notified of Percy Inge's serious medical condition. His wife related that he had suffered a stroke which left him unable to speak. He was at Florida Hospital at that time, and his family had requested that there be no visitors. A Get Well card was sent by me for our Post. I am pleased to report to you that he has improved slightly and is now able to speak a few words, but not complete sentences or thoughts. Percy is now at

Tuskawilla Nursing and Rehab Center located at the intersection of Red Bug and Tuskawilla Roads. Sorry, but I do not have an exact street name and number, I'm sure he would appreciate a card or note from some more of us. His Home address is 8221 Esperanza St, Orlando FL 32817. Phone at home is 407 678 7015.

On August 9, I received a call from Brenda Kaufman, the wife of Ernest. Although he is not on our member roster, He was a veteran. Brenda requested that I be present at his Memorial Service at Glen Haven Cemetery in Winter Park on August 27 at 10 am. I agreed to fulfill her request, and Commander Padgett will be going also to present Brenda a Flag. Any

other members of our post who would like to attend are also welcome.

Marian Roberts, I am told is now living with her sister near Waterford Lakes and looking very well. I do not have any address or phone number to pass along at this time. If someone knows, please give me a call or e-mail her information to me.



Last spring I had the honor of presenting some awards to the outstanding students at

Chickasaw Elementary School.

"FREE" \$1,000 AD&D INSURANCE—

Enrollment Party at the Next Post Meeting – Sept. 13th

Another reason you should plan on attending the September 13, 2011 Post Meeting. We will be having an **"Enrollment Party"** before the meeting starts. This opportunity is simply too good to pass-up. The Post Meeting starts at 7:00 PM so show-up around 6:00 PM, do the on-line enrollment, and have a free dinner with your fellow Legionnaires. The actual enrollment process only takes a couple of minutes and those of you with e-mail addresses can get instant confirmation of coverage.

One of the benefits of being a Florida Legionnaire is the availability of enrolling – at absolutely **no-cost** to you, the Legionnaire – in the Department sponsored \$1,000 of Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance*. (By the way, since you will be there for the Post Meeting, it is considered "official Legion business" and if something should happen to you on the way home that night after you enroll, then there is an extra \$500 - \$1,500 total – payable to your es-

tate.) The coverage is provided by CIGNA Insurance through the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT).

Every Legionnaire in the state of Florida, who is in good-standing, is eligible to take advantage of this offer, but he/she must complete an enrollment application to be covered and, right now, less than 40% of us are enrolled. Lets' have a great turn-out on the 13th and get our Post's percentage closer to 100%! And, once you are enrolled, the coverage will be good through August 31, 2016 – that is right, five years from now...

You well know that a tragedy can strike anyone, anywhere, and at any time. When that happens, every little bit helps and it is hard to explain to a loved-one that his/her Legionnaire was not covered simply because they did not take a few minutes to enroll. Do yourself and your loved-ones a favor and take the time. If you cannot make the Post Meeting on the

13th, there are other ways to enroll: 1) grab an **enrollment application** at the **Post Home**, complete it, and mail it in, 2) go on-line to theLIT.com and enroll that way – that is what we will be doing on the 13th, and 3) call the LIT's toll-free number – **1-800-235-6943** – and enroll over the phone. We will be glad to enroll you at the Post Meeting (be sure to bring your membership card since we need your member number), but you don't have to wait until then – get covered today and come to the meeting any way.

The LIT is the official insurance program of forty-eight (48) Departments (state organizations) of The American Legion and has been in existence for over forty-five years. The "free" AD&D is only a part of a wide-range of insurance plans and related services available through the LIT.

** The full face amount will be paid for a covered accidental death. Dismemberment benefits will be paid according to the policy schedule.*



BOOSTERS

Our Boosters roll reverted back to zero as of January 1, 2011. If you would like to support your Post by making a financial contribution or you would like to make an in-kind donation of materials to the post, please contact any of our officers.

The starting amount is \$25 to be listed as a Booster. The levels are; Bronze at \$25, Silver at \$50, Gold at \$75 and Platinum at \$100. The amounts will be cumulative through the year, so that it is easier to attain the next level. At the end of the year, everyone starts over.

The Boosters listed below reflect contributions made since January 1st, 2011.

Bronze— \$25
Silver— \$50 Bob and Nell Colbert
Gold— \$75
Platinum— \$100+
•Chuck Kuhn
•Stan Kalmowitz

No new contributions were received since the July—August newsletter.

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Gratitude and God: Tim Healey

Our gratitude goes out to all Military Service members and condolences to the families and loved ones of the **30** brave and dedicated military members who lost their lives in Afghanistan. The **22 Navy Seals, 5 Army Crewmen and 3 Air Force Combat Controllers** who were aboard a Chinook helicopter attempting to rescue Rangers who were pinned down, about sixty miles s/w of Kabul. May God Bless all of them.

Our Founding Fathers based our form of government on the belief the great Creator of man had endowed each and every human being with "certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Then they fashioned a government that would protect these God-given rights. We must realize that many places in the world subscribe to a form of government unalterably opposed to our own. They say the state, not God, is the author of our rights. This totalitarianism has many faces... Communism, Nazism, Fascism and other "isms." The American Legion realizes the American people must never forget God, the source of their rights. "For God and Country"

Confusion over wearing a Legion cap while reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" solved, thanks to Bob Colbert per National American Legion web site. While wearing a Legion cap, do not recite if you salute. Either uncover and recite or leave cover on and remain silent. Also, per Dyke Shannon, at a funeral home leave on, church, you remove while inside as respect to the church. Many thanks to both of you for solving such perplexing problems.

Mosquitoes—An Unwanted Pest

The first buzz of a mosquito is an unpleasant reminder that summer fun comes with a pesky price. Examining the science behind common mosquito myths reveals that while some have a basis in reality, many are plain bunk. Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance -- they carry harmful diseases such as encephalitis and malaria. Here's what you need to know about this most unwanted guest:

1. Lemon dish soap and Listerine repel mosquitoes.

Fiction: This myth has been widely circulated around the Internet. According to the Florida Medical Entomology Lab at the University of Florida, these household products do not work to thwart mosquitoes. One of the most effective repellents is DEET. The Centers for Disease Control also recommends repellents with Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus. If you use a product containing DEET, read the label and do not over-apply. DEET is a powerful chemical that can be harmful if used incorrectly. Make sure the repellent has an EPA-approved label and registration number. Use caution with small children and stick with a formulation that is made for kids.

2. Ultrasonic devices repel mosquitoes.

Fiction: Save your money. According to the Department of Entomology at Purdue, these gadgets don't work. Bug zappers do kill mosquitoes, but they also electrocute many beneficial insects including those that eat mosquitoes, so the scientists at Purdue recommend against using them.

3. Taking B vitamins repels mosquitoes.

Maybe: According to the Mayo Clinic, B vitamins change a person's odor, which may indeed make them less attractive to mosquitoes.

4. Eating garlic repels mosquitoes.

Fiction: According to current research, consuming large amounts of garlic only works against vampires and bad dates.

5. Skin-So-Soft products repel mosquitoes.

Fact: BUT, buyer beware: According to a study by the University of Florida, Skin-So-Soft and other products containing Citronella oil are only effective for between 3 and 10 minutes after application.

6. Creating a bat or insect-eating bird habitat will rid your yard of mosquitoes.

Fiction: While these species do eat mosquitoes, they probably won't eat enough to make a noticeable difference at your next garden party.

7. Meat tenderizer calms an itchy bite.

Fact: The Mayo Clinic recommends mixing a tablespoon of water with a tablespoon of meat tenderizer and forming a paste to apply to a bite. Using an ice pack can ease discomfort as well. OTC remedies to try: hydrocortisone cream and calamine lotion.

8. Mosquitoes die after feeding.

Fiction: Unfortunately, the female mosquito (males don't eat blood, they feed on nectar) can live to bite again. Females will die if they don't get their first blood meal, which they require in order to lay eggs.

9. Mosquitoes transmit the HIV virus.

Fiction: According to scientists at the Centers for Disease Control, Rutgers University, and others, mosquitoes cannot transmit the HIV virus from human to human. They do carry the West Nile virus and other serious diseases.

Nearly one million people die each year from malaria, mainly children under the age of 5.

[Source: Yahoo!Green Sarah B. Weir article 18Jul 2011++



GI Bill Update

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reaching out to inform Veterans of recent changes made by Congress to the Post 9/11 GI Bill that take effect in 2011. General Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, said "The Post 9/11 GI Bill is incredibly important because it reduces the financial burdens of higher education so that Veterans have an opportunity to achieve their education goals. VA believes it is important for Veterans to be aware of changes to the GI Bill this year and learn more about how these changes may affect them." "It's hard to believe how far we have all come with the Post-9/11 GI Bill the past two years," stated General Hickey. "Today, more than 537,000 students have received over \$11.5 billion in GI Bill benefits to help them take charge of their future."

Upcoming changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill effective August 1, 2011 include paying the actual net cost of all public in-state tuition and fees, rather than basing payments upon the highest in-state tuition and fee rates for every state; capping private and foreign tuition at \$17,500 per academic year; and ending payments during certain school breaks, to preserve Veterans' entitlement for future academic semesters. Also, certain students attending private schools in select states can now continue to receive benefits at the same rate payable during the previous academic year. Beginning October 1, 2011, eligible individuals will be able to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill for programs such as non-college degrees, on-the-job training, and correspondence courses, and they will be eligible to receive a portion of the national monthly housing allowance rate when enrolled only in distance learning courses.

VA is implementing the latest round of changes to the Post 9/11 GI Bill and has already begun processing fall 2011 enrollment certifications. Outreach by VA has helped to increase participation by colleges and universities in the Yellow Ribbon program, which helps students avoid out-of-pocket costs that may exceed the benefit. Today, more than 2,600 schools are participating in the Yellow Ribbon program. "VA is committed to ensuring Veterans have the information and tools they need to succeed," General Hickey concluded. Complete information on the Post-9/11 GI Bill is available at: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. VA's education information phone number is: 1-888-GIBILL-1. For ongoing benefit information, Veterans and Service members can log into the VA eBenefits website: <http://www.eBenefits.va.gov>. To ask a question in a secure e-mail, use the "Ask a Question" tab at: <https://www.gibill2.va.gov/cgi-bin/vba.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php>.

[Source: TREA Washington Update 5 Aug 2011 ++]

Patton Cologne Helps the VA!

The U.S. Army has released a cologne named for the World War II hero Gen. George S. Patton. The scent, dubbed simply "Patton," is the Army's licensed, official fragrance. The cologne was not initiated by anyone in the Patton family, but they took the news with good humor. Daughter-in-law Joanne Patton said, "It was a surprise to me. We'll wait to see how and why," she said, chuckling. "... I was surprised that a perfume for General Patton wouldn't be smelling like diesel fuel." Gen. Patton, who died in 1945, owned what is now Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton. His son, also a general named George, lived there until his death in 2004, and his widow, Joanne, still lives on the Asbury Street property. Patton cologne is made by California-based Parfumologie. A portion of proceeds from sales of Patton, and the scents Parfumologie has created for each branch of the armed forces (Riptide for the Coast Guard, Devil Dogs for the Marines and Stealth for the Air Force), are donated to the Veterans Administration. The line of colognes was first released in 2009, but made news in AUG after the Patton cologne was mentioned on the Military Times news website. Patton is advertised as a woody blend of lavender, citrus, coconut, cedar, sage, tonka bean, bergamot and lime.

[Source: The Salem News Bethany Bray article 10 Aug 2011 ++]



Auxiliary Update



Our ladies hit the ground running for July! Our installation of officers took place during the regular Post meeting on July 12th. Congratulations to our new leadership team: Aunita Padgett, President; Marge Berrios, Vice President; Nell Colbert, Secretary-Treasurer; Johanna Langis, Sgt. At Arms; and Debi Shannon, Chaplain.

Christmas in July for the Russell Home kids was our next project. If you didn't make it, you missed lots of fun!

Also in July, we went to the VA Nursing Home, serving coffee, tea and light snacks to the lady Veterans who currently reside at the Nursing Home. Each of the patients received a small gift from the Auxiliary. Nita, Marge and Nell had a great time meeting the ladies who represented almost all branches of the service and our unit is planning to hold other events for these wonderful ladies throughout the year.



And July also saw Tracy Nelson, our dynamic Girls State delegate, head off to Tallahassee for a fun week of learning and leadership AND BOY DID TRACY LEAD!! Tracy quickly stood out in the crowd and was elected as Speaker of the House. Comments from the Girls State staff told of how organized Tracy was and what a pleasure it was to listen to her as she led the House in dealing with legislation for the State of Seminole. At the end of the week, Tracy was not only chosen as the Outstanding Citizen for 2011 but she was also named as one of the two Senators from Florida to attend Girls Nation. Tracy went on to distinguish herself (and Unit 112) at Girls Nation where she was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate and later appointed Secretary of the Treasury. At the end of the week, Tracy was named as the most Outstanding Senator for 2011. There are lots of pictures on the Unit's Facebook pages—please check them out. Tracy will be telling about her experiences at both Girls State and Girls Nation at the September Post meeting. Please come out and hear about her fantastic experiences.

Our unit also kicked off our school supply drive in early July by putting collection boxes in a number of Walgreens locations in Winter Park, Oviedo and Goldenrod. We again received a donation of back packs from Costco and with the supplies collected through our drive, we were able to stuff all of the backpacks with spiral notebooks, duo-tang folders, filler paper, pencils, pens, scissors, rulers and glue. On August 19th Aunita, Marge, Jo Ann and Nell stuffed the backpacks and delivered them to Cheney Elementary. We also had enough supplies left over to take a huge box of supplies to Eastbrook Elementary. We are looking forward to doing additional activities throughout the year to support both schools.



We want to thank everyone who came out to support the Auxiliary Fun Night at Friendly's in August. Your support helps us earn much needed money to fund our projects during the year. Coming up next is our Reading Rockets program for Eastbrook and our Pocket Flag project for our adopted military unit in Afghanistan along with our holiday gift baskets for needy reserve families. Our next Friendly's FUNdraiser is October 13th from 5-8pm—please join us and support your Auxiliary.

And, of course, we are always looking for new ladies who would like to actively support our military, our youth and our community through our community service projects. To become involved, please call us at 321.578.8612. Check out our website at www.AmLegionAux112FL.com to see what we've been doing.





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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 **Chicken Dinner (6-8pm)**
- 10 **Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 10 **6th District Meeting—Post 80, St. Cloud**
- 11 **Patriot's Day Celebration (8:45am)**
- 13 **Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 15 **Spaghetti Dinner (6-8om)**
- 18 **Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 17 **Auxiliary School of Instruction—Post 286, Pine Castle**
- 24 **Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**

OCTOBER:

- 3 Executive Board Meeting—7pm
- 6 **Louisiana Shrimp Boil (6-8pm)**
- 8 **Burgers and More (11am—2pm)**
- 11 **Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting**
- 13 **Auxiliary FUN Night at UCF Friendly's (5-8pm)**
- 29 **Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 30 **Halloween Party (6-8pm)**
- 31 Executive Board Meeting—7pm

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