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## COMMANDER'S MINUTE

Thank you for selecting me as your Commander for another year. I do not take this position lightly and hope that I serve each member with dignity and respect you have earned through your service to OUR country. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my mother's illness and home going to be with my dad in Heaven. Special thanks to Vice Commander Dress during my absence in keeping me informed of the daily activities of the Post and support during my absence.

WHAT A YEAR we had as stated in last month's article written by Adjutant Colbert. This year I know we can complete even more in making our Post the best little Post in the Department and Nation. If you have the desire and effort to assist please do not hesitate to come by the Post. Events are both for you, your family and the citizens of our great country.

August membership meeting we elected to increase our DUES by \$8.00 to match the increase forced upon us by the Department and National. EFFECTIVE 24 DECEMBER 2015, the POST dues will go from \$30.00 to \$38.00 so be an EARLY BIRD and save. Vice Commander Dress has more information in his article on this. Since JULY 1 we have just over a third who have paid up; now can you help us by paying this month? THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

Let us remember our members and their spouses who are having a difficult time due to health, finances and other issues. If we as a post can help, by all means let us know. Do not be an island; we are here to help or get you the help needed. There are many programs for veterans but you must be aware and ask.

The post is increasing the size of the pavilion and our contractor is in the process of obtaining the permits and components to accomplish this. We are being good stewards of **Cont'd on Page 10**

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**YAHOO!** GROUPS

**See Bob to  
sign up!**

**Do you**

**YAHOO!**

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## From Jerry's Table

Let me start off to remind ALL that the 2015-2016 dues are due NOW. This will change from \$30.00 to \$38.00 starting in December. Beat the deadline become an "EARLY BIRD" and save \$8.00, the calendar year for the American Legion is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This year the Department of Florida and the National Headquarters have increased the dues by \$8.00 effective January 1, 2016.

THANK YOU all that made the July breakfast, in which we had 19 guests from Lake Waunatta, 14 members from the VA Nursing home and our own members. We celebrated Mr. Elmer Brown on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. The post presented a citation for being a veteran serving the U.S. Navy for 30 years. Mr. Brown's last duty was station Orlando Naval Station which he was instrumental in building it. One of our guests assisted me so that I could spend time with our Veterans and Mr. Brown.

We celebrated Christmas in JULY for the Russell Home members, unfortunately due to the condition of most its residents they were unable to attend. We may consider going to their location next year to show our support of its members and staff. More to come on this thought and the event. Our memories of past events, in helping others, are definitely one of the PILLARS of the American Legion.

September 26<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day with our monthly pancake breakfast and then thanking all 'EARLY BIRD' members by having a BBQ from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. So be and EARLY BIRD, save money and enjoy a free BBQ meal. We will be also accepting memberships that day will be classified as EARLY BIRD. As membership chairperson, I know that we need to support our POST and save money at the same time. Remember we are a nonprofit organization and all donations are accepted to support the FOUR PILLARS of the American Legion.

October 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our ANNUAL Ham Radio Operators in the afternoon setting up and talking all over the world. Come by and visit these volunteers who can assist with communications during a disaster.

October 24 we will have our Annual Arts and Craft Show from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Call me and reserve your space for only \$10.00 donation per space. We will also have our monthly Pancake Breakfast on the 31<sup>st</sup> in the AM and Halloween Party that evening. We hope to entertain the neighborhood youth in a safe environment.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,  
JERRY

**Have YOU Paid Your 2016 Dues Yet?**  
**Please send your check to**  
**PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733**  
**TODAY!**

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## Happy Birthday to YOU!

*Happy Birthday to YOU!*  
*Happy Birthday to you!*  
*Happy Birthday dear \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*Happy Birthday to YOU!*

**September:**

9/01 Shakes, Harry  
 9/03 Booker, James  
 9/03 Lamoreaux, Donald  
 9/05 Waterworth, Nancy  
 9/06 Fox, Ira  
 9/07 Yousha, Irving  
 9/07 Cassata, Anthony, Jr  
 9/14 Berrcini, George  
 9/14 Thornton, Jimmy  
 9/14 Hawley, John  
 9/15 Alvarado, Awvaldo

9/15 Yencso, Thomas  
 9/17 Weir, Carol  
 9/18 Miglionico, Stephen  
 9/21 McCormick, John  
 9/21 Pollack, Robert  
 9/23 Russell, Joanne  
 9/28 Gomes, Manny  
 9/28 LaPeter, Alfred, Jr  
 9/29 Martin, Pamela

**October:**

10/08 Browning, James  
 10/08 Graham, George  
 10/08 Hodges, Robert  
 10/08 Yerks, Anita  
 10/09 Costella, Ted

10/12 Pintar, Kenneth  
 10/14 Tillery, Don  
 10/14 Hickman, Thomas  
 10/16 Miller, David  
 10/19 Berkmeier, Charles  
 10/21 Shannon, Debbie  
 10/24 Colbert, Nell  
 10/25 Lincoln, George  
 10/27 Norton, Thomas  
 10/28 Coll, Nelson



## Notes From the Adjutant's Desk

Ladies and Gentlemen - Start your engines (membership renewals)! This year is more important than ever that you get your membership in by December 1st! There is a dues increase coming and it will become effective in January BUT the Department has their Christmas holidays in between and the Department will be close for much of the last half of December. Therefore, to be absolutely safe, we want to have all of the Post's renewals (and new members) submitted in the first week of December.

The construction/expansion of the pavilion is under way. We are not sure of a completion date, but it will be a great improvement and something that everyone will be able to take advantage of. With the expansion, we will probably be adding more tables and other items. We know that it will give more seating for our outdoor events as well as more covered area for the Sea Cadets.

The Vice Commander along with the Auxiliary Unit and the S A L Squadron are looking forward

to the "First Annual Membership Picnic" to be held on September 26th. The event will be the "Early Bird" event for all 2016 PAID members. We will also be able to accept your membership dues at the event and give you your 2016 membership card so that you will be able to participate. Anyone who is not a paid member is still invited and the hamburger/hotdogs plus "side" and "drink" will be \$5 per person.

With regard to the Membership Drive, National American Legion and the Department of Florida American Legion have decided to raise the annual dues by \$8 per member per year. You may or may not know, but of your current \$30 per year dues only nets the Post \$9 per member. This \$9 is only a token of what it cost to run the Post in the year, but we are able to survive with our other sources and your dues. This means that of your present dues, \$21 goes to the National and State organizations. With the new increase, the Post would realize \$1 per member unless we change the dues. **Cont'd on Page 10**



## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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**Advertising rates per issue are as follows:**

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- Full page - \$ 30.00 (7 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)

**If paid in advance for FIVE ISSUES, THE SIXTH ISSUE IS FREE!**

Copy MUST be emailed to the editor as a jpg or Publisher file but payment MUST be mailed to the Post's PO Box or hand delivered to the Post by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

**COPY DEADLINES:**

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- September-October issue—15August
- November-December issue—15October

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## Our Happenin' Auxiliary: Nell Colbert

The summer months are usually a little slower for our Auxiliary as we wind down one program year and kick off the next.



Everyone had a great time at our installation in July.

Thanks to 6th District President, Charlotte Bass, and her team.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of another Unit member, Johanna Langis, at the end of July. Johanna joined our Unit at our very first Membership Luncheon at the Winter Park Olive Garden in 2009 and was an active member of our Unit serving as our Sgt-at-Arms for several years before moving to Jacksonville, FL last year. Our charter was draped in Johanna's honor and will remain draped until our September meeting.



Nell represented our Unit at the August 14-15 Department Workshop held at the Lake Buena Vista Wyndham Hotel. Our Membership Monkey, Rafiki, took lots of notes and even had a chance to keep our



Department President company at the podium along with a number of other membership monkeys.



We kicked off our annual school supply drive in July and want to thank everyone who has been so generous with their donations. Our drive runs through December; we want to restock supplies when the second semester begins in January. If you have not dropped off school supplies yet, please help your Post and your Auxiliary. Remember, when Post and S.A.L. members support Auxiliary projects, the Post and Squadron can count your contributions when they make their year end reports. Our students will need the usual supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 3 ring notebook paper, Duotang folders with both pockets and fasteners, spiral notebooks, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, rulers, scissors, etc.



Our annual planning conference will be held in September as part of our regular business meeting on the 8th. We will be starting at 6:30pm so that we can be finished by the end of the regular Post meeting. We'll be adding dates to our calendar for events like our

party at the VA Medical Center, our participation in the Goldenrod Fall Festival.

**Membership renewals for 2015-2016 are now due.** If you haven't yet paid your dues, please send your check for \$30 made payable to Auxiliary Unit 112 to PO Box 2246, Goldenrod, FL 32733-2246. If you would rather pay by credit card on-line, that option is now available through the American Legion Auxiliary national website: [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). You can also bring your dues to our September meeting or bring them to the First Annual Winter Park Legion Family Membership BBQ on September 26th from 1-5pm. Family members are welcome! If you have your 2016 paid membership card, there is no cost; for non-member family members, the cost is \$5.00 each. **Our goal is to have 100% by 9/26** so everyone can have an Early Bird stamp on their cards. **See the flyer on Page 11.**

**As always, we welcome 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 Facebook page at:** <https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>  
**or our website at:** [www.AmLegionAux112FL.com](http://www.AmLegionAux112FL.com)  
**to see what we've been doing.**



## Sea Cadet Update: Billy Dover



### CENTURION BATTALION

maybe January 2016. While we have lost seven to graduation, some who have moved on we have gained over 30 new members.

As with any organization the stronger you grow in numbers then the more leadership is needed. The Centurion Battalion wishes to thank you American Legion Post 112 for your support during our past 12 years. This group depends on your generosity in having a safe place to training the YOUTH of tomorrow and many will become future members of the Armed Services, Emergency Services as Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Paramedics, and govern-

The battalion has not drilled since graduation ceremonies the first weekend of May however all but three members have attended at least one or more trainings between May and September. The battalion is GROWING to the point that we are no longer taking in new recruits until

ment officials. The Department of Florida has passed a proposal to allow the USNSCC be able to wear the ribbons given out each year, we are encouraged that the National Headquarters will also pass the proposal since there are more American Legion Post taking on the USNSCC as their youth organization.

HONORS, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT are the minimal standards required by the USNSCC members along with honoring GOD and COUNTRY just as the American Legion. With that said we will assist Winter Park Memorial Post 112 with any event we can because we succeed because of you. This year we will be having our INDOC on the 22 and 23 of AUG at the American Legion to getting the new recruits and Petty Officers together to bring them up to minimal standards before we start our drill in SEPT.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of this great youth organization.

Respectfully,  
LTJG Billy Dover Jr, USNSCC  
Commanding Officer

## Boys/Girls State Update: Ted Costello

Those members that did not attend the last Post meeting missed Boys and Girls State delegates give a "debrief" of their experiences and achievements at this years session. We ask them to attend the meeting to give the Post and Unit more information to better our Boys and Girls State Programs and this year was no exception. All of the delegates spoke very highly of their experiences and expressed their thanks to us for allowing them to attend as our delegates.



Although we only had two of our boys attend on 8/11, I received emails from all of them, including those that were sent by other Posts; they felt obligated to Post 112 because the process started at our Post. I have two boys who want to come to the Post for our September meeting to tell of their experiences, so please attend on Tuesday September 8, 2015 7:00 P.M. at the Post home to hear them speak.

Ted Costello, Boys State Chairman



# Member Benefit That is FREE!

**NOW FOR AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE LEGION MEMBERS!!**

Dyke Shannon, Post Finance Officer

Many of the members of Post 112 have not taken advantage of a **FREE** benefit that is available to you and that benefit has just gotten better!

Every member is eligible for a free-no cost Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage, LegionCare, by simply signing up for it. Three years ago the benefit was increased and now it is again enhanced, so why not take advantage of this opportunity.

Plain and simple, if you sign up for this, you will be covered for a \$1,000/\$5000 Accidental Benefit at no cost to you for the rest of your life!!! *It takes about 3 minutes to do! Just your name and address and Legion Member card number!*

If you were to lose your life due to an Accident and you were doing anything related to the American Legion such as going to or from a Post meeting your estate would receive \$5000.00. If you are going to the store on personal business then the benefit would be \$1,000.00.

Starting right now and for enrollments after 1/1/2015, anyone enrolled in LegionCare will be covered for as long as they maintain their membership in The American Legion. This new "one and done" approach will save from needing to re-enroll every 5 years. The LegionCare program will continue to cover you for \$1,000 of AD&D coverage plus provide the added benefit of up to \$5,000 if the accidental loss occurs when on "official Legion business." \*

We want you to know too, LegionCare is now available to **all members of the Legion Family** including the **American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older**. The Legionnaire Insurance Trust has been working hard to provide valuable benefits to your entire family and we look forward to continuing to serve veterans' insurance needs. You must enroll to be covered it is not "automatic". If you are not sure if you enrolled, simply enroll again to make sure.

To enroll, please visit [www.TheLIT.com](http://www.TheLIT.com) now or stop by the Post, enrollment forms are available!

## VA Update : Ted Costello

### Volunteers Needed!

Now that the new VA Hospital at Lake Nona is open, new facilities are opening on a monthly basis and the need is now more than ever for people to volunteer their time at either Lake Nona or the Lake Baldwin facilities.

If interested please contact: 407-629-1599 X6940 for more information.

Ted Costello

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## The S.A.L. Chaplain's Prayers : Billy Dover

*I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA; THE ONE WHO IS AND WAS AND IS TO COME. I, HOWEVER, AM THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER.*

These were the comments that we need heed from within ourselves. As I have followed another member of the USMC and fellow firefighter's remains to the grave side this week I have the

assurance that we will ALL meet our creator. While our politics, lives and family change every day we must take time to make sure we are ready to meet our creator. The SONS of the AMERICAN Legion are praying daily for our current, future and past members of the Armed Services. Let us remember each day that our great nation can only be great if

protected against enemies both foreign and domestic.

A special prayer goes out, for those members, who lost their lives in Tenn. this past month and their families both military and personal. May GOD continue to place the blanket of protection over them in the coming days. AMEN

Chaplain Dover

## Live UR Legacy: Be Prepared

*(Please see DDCI's ad with Workshop details on Page 9 in this Newsletter)*

Most of us *never* want to be at the bedside of a loved one making their healthcare treatment decisions. But 80-90% of us *will* likely do just that. What would you do if you were asked to make those decisions today?

Some of us would be prepared (we call those folks *planners*)! Yet, so many of us would not! Why? We don't like to talk about life-threatening situations, or, we think advanced directives are all we need; and, while we don't know exactly what we will be asked to do in the hospital, we don't know where to begin to look for help for us today.

That help is here! Decision Dynamics Consulting, Inc. (DDCI),

Lake Mary, offers help to families of future ICU patients by offering them advanced training to prepare to make confident decisions about treatment. DDCI also helps families currently struggling with real-time treatment decisions by offering on-site instruction to resolve individual treatment dilemmas. Anyone can contact us for a free 15-minute *Decision Clarity* consultation—we'll evaluate your current plans and strategize your critical next steps to prepare.

Or, you can join Dr. Julia Buckey, ACSW, and Ms. Casey Shaouni, RN, CCRN, on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 12:00 to noon, at the Lake Mary Community Center, to learn how to:

- Start family conversations (and when you should up-

date them)!

- Know Florida's law and use its free documents,
- Let your patient's life guide your decisions, even if you *never* talked.
- Make treatment decisions your families can live with.

If you need this information today, but may be unable to afford a Workshop ticket because of serious illness, medical expenses, or caregiving duties, The American Legion Winter Park Memorial Post 112 has two (2) free tickets for use by its members to ensure those needing this information receive it. Please contact Mrs. Nell Colbert, at 321.303.7445, or Dr. Julia Buckey, 407.496.4006, for further information.

*Julia Winchester Buckey*





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## ***Live UR Legacy: Be Prepared***

Join Dr. Julia W. Buckey, ACSW, and Ms. Casey Shaouni, RN, CCRN, as they bring over 30 years of family critical-care decision-making and nursing experience together to enable you to make confident healthcare decisions for your loved one in stressful and traumatic medical situations. Attendees will learn how to take the critical steps toward positive outcomes when we discuss how to:

- Begin and conduct difficult conversations about extraordinary treatment
- Identify potential problem decision areas
- Develop long-range decision making solutions
- Prepare for unexpected events and hard choices during patient stays
- Plan for the demands of critical care stays on the family

***When?*** Saturday, August 29, 2015 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM  
*(Beverages and light snacks will be provided.)*

***Where?*** Lake Mary Community Center — Room 2  
140 E. Wilbur Avenue, Lake Mary, FL 32476  
*(Free Parking and Wheelchair Access)*

***Fee?*** \$149.00 for Two – Registration ends August 28<sup>th</sup>

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## Commanders Minute—cont'd from Page 1

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the Post money so that we can get the best bang for our buck. Vaughan property is in the process of being sold and construction of 320 units which will surround us on three sides will begin this year. OUR access will remain the same and we just ask that you use caution when entering and exiting the post grounds.

Did you know that there are 16 different programs we as a post can support! We need chairpersons to be able to take the helm and work on anyone of these. If interested please contact Vice Commander Dress as soon as possible so we can sign you up, if you are not interested in chairing then please volunteer to help the chair.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
Billy Dover Jr, Commander

## From the Adjutant's Desk—cont'd from Page 3

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At the General Meeting on August 11th, the membership voted upon to raise the Post's Annual Dues from \$30/year to \$38/year effective December 15, 2015. This change allows a safety margin in the processing. Department has set the date for the increase as January 1, 2016. The Department will be closing for the Christmas and New Year's holidays so in order for us to get the renewals in to their office and processed before the increase we need to have them turned in by December 20, 2015. If you send it in on December 15, 2015, we will have time to get it handled and to Department in time to assure NO PENALTIES! So if you haven't sent in your renewal, let's get it in the mail to beat the increase.

Another way to "beat the increase" is to become a "Paid Up for Life" (PUFL) member. You can do this ON LINE or come to the Post and we will help you do it. It has to be done ON LINE and we have a computer at the Post if you don't have one or don't want to try to do it alone. Once you have become a "Paid Up for Life" member, there will never be an increase that affects you. The cost of becoming a "Paid Up for Life" member varies with each member but would be somewhere between \$450 and \$800. The National American Legion can accept a 10 month payment plan which may be helpful for those on "fixed income.". At the September Executive Board Meeting, we will be discussing ways to help you become a "Paid Up for Life" member and the ideas will be pre-

sented at the September General Meeting on September 8, 2015. If you are thinking of becoming a "Paid Up for Life" member but may have trouble affording it, contact Commander Billy Dover and let him know of your intent. Your request will be confidential and the Post will work with you, if at all possible.

**Have YOU Paid  
Your 2016 Dues?**

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send your check to  
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TODAY!**



## Sons of the American Legion: Bob Colbert

The 2016 Membership campaign has begun! And, we are hoping to have it wound up before December 2015. This will mean that we can concentrate on other matters as well as give the Squadron a feeling of accomplishment. Our dues are \$18/year, just in case you forgot. And, you can send your dues to the Post's address: PO Box 910, Goldenrod, FL 32733. Mail for the Squadron is sorted there so we can keep expenses down.

LEGIONNAIRES – Did you know that your son or grandson can join the Sons of the American Legion?" If you are already a member of the Post, we should have your DD-214 on file, and if so, all your son or grandson needs to do is complete the application and submit it to the Post with his first year's dues. BY THE WAY, this could be an ideal Christmas Gift for those that are "hard to buy for."

### **First Annual Legion Family Membership Picnic September 26, 2015**



**1-5pm**

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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## CALENDAR

### AUGUST:

- 31 S.A.L. General Meeting—6pm
- 31 Executive Board Meeting—7pm

### SEPTEMBER:

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting—7PM**
- 11 Patriot's Day
- 26 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 26 1st Annual Membership BBQ—1-5pm**

### OCTOBER:

- 5 S.A.L. General Meeting—6pm
- 5 Executive Board Meeting—7pm
- 13 Monthly Post & Auxiliary Meeting—7pm**
- 17 Ham Radio Field Day—all day**
- 24 Arts & Crafts Yard Sale (8am—3pm)**
- 31 Post Pancake Breakfast (8-11am)**
- 31 Halloween Party (5-8pm)**

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