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“Together we can make a difference”

March 2017

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Well Spring has sprung! Some people, and I am one of them, like to see the changing of the seasons that we have enjoyed in years past here in our great city of Dalton. We haven't had much of a Winter, for sure, except for a couple of times. People have already began cutting their grass; that makes for a long summer. But as my Dad would say, there is not much you can do about it, so just make the best of the situation.

According to some of our fellow Post 112 Legion members, there is some confusion regarding payment of American Legion dues; when they are actually due, how often you pay, amount you pay, etc. One Post 112 member of 18 years said he had not been told the entire time of his membership on what date his dues were to be paid. Membership is for the fiscal year from **July 1 to June 30**. Dues are **\$25/year** and you pay once a year. Membership dues nationwide were raised to \$30/year in 2016. Your Post 112 Executive Board voted **NOT** to raise dues at this time. Paid up for Life Membership is available, as well. You can learn more about PUFL at legion.org. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your membership dues, please contact John Wilson at 706-226-5120.

The American Legion will celebrate 100 years of existence in 2019; that is phenomenal. Think about that a minute; 100 years ago, someone with a bright mind had the idea of joining ourselves together for the better good. Per our records at Post 112, a gentleman by the name of Gordon Mann was Post 112's first Commander from

1920 – 1925. If you know anyone in Mr. Mann's family, let them know how much we appreciate his willingness to serve. All the past Post 112 Commanders are listed in chronological order on a nice plaque in the lobby of our building. Look some time when you are visiting our Post; you might see someone you know.

There are some elaborate centennial celebrations planned to showcase our great organization, locally as well as nationally. Please contact us at the Post as soon as possible if you would like to be involved with the Centennial Celebration. It should be something to see and witness!

Spring Conference and Georgia American Legion College will be March 24-26, 2017, in Duluth, GA. For further details, please contact Post 112 if you are interested in attending.

Dewey Moss and George Lo Greco have agreed to serve as the nominating committee for next year's Post 112 officers (2017/2018). Please contact Dewey at 706-463-1674 or George at 706-259-0072 if you are interested in running for an office.

For God and Country,

Lee Oliver
Commander

Wesley Crider Fingerstyle Guitarist

Be sure to attend our March meeting and listen to an International Guitar Champion, double award winner for performance in the Chet Atkins and Merle Travis competition events.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 9, 5:30 pm, Executive meeting American Legion; 6:00 pm, Ladies Auxiliary
- March 16, 6:00 pm, Regular meeting, SAL
- March 24-26, Spring Conference and Georgia American Legion College, Duluth, GA
- March 30, 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 - First Friday night of each month.



March is here and we are ready for Spring to arrive. February was a great month for the Auxiliary. Thanks go to both Larry Harrison and the volunteers from The First Bank of Dalton for visiting the veterans at local nursing homes. The individual

attention given to each veteran seems to brighten their day and is very rewarding to the one saying "Thank You for Your Service". If you would like to be part of this on going effort, please call me at 706-313-1769.

Spring Conference will be in here soon and I encourage you to attend March 24-26, 2017. The Poppy Anchor provided by our 7th District will be on display at conference. Please plan a trip to Savannah, May 29th, to launch the Anchor at Tybee Island. The ceremony is impressive.

Building our Membership is an important part of keeping our Unit fresh and new. New members have new ideas. It is a good opportunity to meet new friends and work with the "old" friends. Benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary includes insurance and discounts. Please come and check it out.

For God and Country,

Charlotte Moss

Auxiliary President

Veterans Choice Program

If you are already enrolled in VA health care, the Choice Program allows you to receive health care within your community.

Using this program does NOT impact your existing VA health care, or any other VA benefit. For additional information on the Choice program please go to <http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/>, or call 1-866-606-8198 to speak with someone.

We had four dedicated dual members at our February meeting. This made a quorum and we gave \$500.00 to Operation Comfort Warrior. I was pleased to hand that check over in the 7th district meeting. The District meetings moved to Saturdays a couple of years ago and attendance is still poor for most of the district, our post however had two at the SAL meeting.



How does everyone feel about a spring Barbeque? Let me know when you can help and we will plan for the best Saturday. Also, what should we have on the menu - Beef, Pork, Chicken or Fish?

The Legion has several great programs for school age youth. Would anyone be interested in visiting the schools in our area and explaining to the school counselors, P.A, news announcers, and students about all of the opportunities available from us. The 7th district agreed and they promised to buy the five star medals for the SAL members that passed the test when the college was held in Dalton, If you were there, please remind me of the name you want on your Certificate.

If I sent anyone a request for dues that had already paid, I apologize The National sends to everybody. Please send or bring your renewals to the Squadron - **Do not** send to the state or national headquarters.

In His service and at your service,

George La Greca Sr.

Commander Squadron 112

Scholarships

The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs.

www.legion.org/scholarships



KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The Republic of South Korea is seeking Korean War Veterans to honor with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. The medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to US service men and women who served in the Korean conflict. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

This medal is for living veterans only. There will be no posthumous awards to a family member. A copy of the DD214 to verify eligibility is **REQUIRED**.

Distribution of medals is on a first come, first serve basis. There is no deadline, but requests should be sent in as soon as possible. If you would like for your Post to take care of this for you, please bring a copy of your DD214 to the Post as soon as possible and all requests will be mailed together and medals will be presented during a regular meeting. Deadline for the Post to take care of this for you is March 15. For more information, contact John Wilson at 706-270-2874.

If you prefer, individual veterans may send a letter including DD214, Name, Address and Phone Number to the Atlanta Consulate requesting the medal.

Individual or consolidated requests for the medal are to be sent to:

Patricia West
Korean Consulate
229 Peachtree Street NE
International Tower Suite 2100
Atlanta, GA 30303