

# American Veterans Memorial POST #412

10524 Moss Park Rd, #204-190, Orlando FL 32832

407-693-1233 (New Number)

[www.legionpost412.com](http://www.legionpost412.com)

[americanlegionlakenona@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionlakenona@gmail.com)

William Musto, Commander    Dawn Thomas, Adjutant

Post meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
MAY 11	*Post Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Virtual
MAY 18	*Post General Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
MAY 21	Bike/Veterans Night @ Mission BBQ	7:00 p.m.	Mission BBQ
MAY 25	*Unit 412 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	TBD/Virtual

\*Meetings to be held virtually will use the ZOOM app. (<https://zoom.us/>)

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This is the last month for nominations for Post Officers. We are planning on holding our election the first week of June. We have at least one person nominated for each position that is available. If you are interested in being an officer of the Post, please let me know. Remember, we are all volunteers, and no one gets paid to do anything for the Post. It is only through everyone's input that things get done.

Hopefully, it won't be too much longer and we will be able to meet face-to-face, but until then I hope to see (or at least hear) you on our next Zoom meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

For God and Country.

*William A. Musto*

### MEMBERSHIP

We had 2 new members join us in April. Eldgria Brock a Navy veteran transferred from Post 400 and Brenda Buisch an Army veteran transferred from Post 183. Please welcome our new members. This brings our total membership up to 89 members and we currently have 89 members paid for 2021.

Sadly, we had 13 members not renew for 2021 and now are in **expired** status. These members can still pay their 2021 dues and maintain their membership. All they need to do is contact the Commander and pay.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

I want to encourage all members to sign up for a



*mylegion* account by going to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and clicking on **mylegion** and filling out the information requested. This is a good way to stay connected to the American Legion as well as the Post in general. Once signed up, you will be able to view all your information online, renew your membership, view the Post newsletter, **print your membership card**, and receive information from National about the goings on of the Legion. Please consider signing up as soon as you can.

Remember, the **Legion Act** passed in 2019 has opened up membership in the American Legion to any honorably discharged veteran of the US Military who

served between December 7, 1941 and the Present. If you know of anyone who is eligible, PLEASE let them know.

### **Paid Up For Life Program (PUFL)**

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life program online or can print a personalized application and mail in their payment. Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.

- No more renewal notices. No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, “Did I renew my membership or not?”
- Join the other 200,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, “I believe in The American Legion and what it’s doing. I’m in this for the long haul.”
- Avoid future dues increases. No matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.
- Lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine!

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

### **WHAT’S HAPPENING**

#### **Up Coming Elections:**

Nominations for Officers for the 2021-2022 year began on March 1. An email with information on how to nominate, who is eligible, and what positions are being nominated for was sent in February to all members. If you are interested in running for an office in Post 412, please let the Commander know your intentions. All members who are in good standing are eligible to run for an office. Elections will take place in June 2021 prior to the Department Convention.



#### **Department of Florida Annual Convention**

The Department will be hosting its 102nd statewide convention July 1 – 4, 2021 at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Approximately 3,000 American Legion members will be in attendance to include spouses and family members. There is something for everyone to be enjoyed at this large event, from vendors, banquets, activities, classes and more. This is a great time for posts to gather and exchange ideas and reunite as a family. The Department convention also conducts its annual business during this event, electing new leadership,

celebrating successes, and recognizing outstanding individuals and posts. For more information please go to <http://www.floridalegion.org>

#### **Bike/Veterans Night is back:**

Our next Veterans/Bike Night will be Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Mission BBQ on Semoran Blvd in Orlando. We hope to see you there.



On Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Post 412 will hold its next Area Beautification. We have partnered with the City of Orlando and Adopt-a-Highway to pick up trash along Narcoossee Rd between Dowden Rd and Moss Park Rd. We will meet at the Dunkin’ Donuts at Narcoossee Rd and Moss Park road at 9 am.



American Legion Riders Chapter 412 is looking for members to join our group. If you are interested in being a member of the Riders, please contact the Commander or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for more information.



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 412 will be holding its monthly meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via ZOOM and in person at Giovanni’s on Narcoossee Rd. They have lots to discuss and take care of as we look to strengthen this group.



We are looking for someone to organize a Sons of The American Legion Squadron for Post 412. If you are interested, or you know someone who is, please contact the Commander for more information. The Sons of The American Legion is open to all sons and grandsons of eligible veterans. This is the last entity we need to have the Full Legion Family. If your mother, Grandmother, father, or Grandfather served anytime between December 7, 1941 and the present you are eligible to join.

Please check out our website: [www.legionpost412.com](http://www.legionpost412.com) for all the information about our post.

#### **TAPS**

None reported for the month of April.

#### **May BIRTHDAYS**



May 5 – Peter Harlow  
May 6 – John Nevarez  
May 9 – Carroll Beckett  
May 12 – Enrique Aponte  
May 12 – Reinaldo Rodriguez  
May 17 – Jose Feliciano  
May 21 – Rafael Quijano  
May 21 – Darwin Rivera  
May 26 – Elizabeth Thomas

**If your birthday is not listed that is because I do not have it.**

*If you have anything you want posted in this newsletter, please let the Commander know by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The Post Newsletter is published the last week of each month and distributed through email, posted to the MyLegion page for our Post, and posted on the Post Website [www.legionpost412.com](http://www.legionpost412.com) Any member who has a MyLegion.org account is able to access the newsletter from the MyLegion.org site.*

***American Veterans Memorial Post 412 is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit Veteran's Organization. All donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS code. Please consider donating to help support your American Legion Post.***

