

American Veterans Memorial POST #412

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Post meetings held the 3rd 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>
JUN 08	*Post Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Virtual
JUN 14	Army Birthday/FLAG Day		
JUN 15	*Post General Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
JUN 18	Legion Riders Chapter 412 Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Mission BBQ
JUN 18	Bike/Veterans Night @ Mission BBQ	7:00 p.m.	Mission BBQ
JUN 22	*Unit 412 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Outback Steakhouse/Virtual
JUL 1-4	Department Convention	All Day	World Center Marriot

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

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This past month we elected our new Post Officers for the 2021-2022 year. I want to thank all those who held office this past year. It was a difficult year, but we accomplished so much.

We held our first major fundraiser (Central Florida Ride for Our Troops) and raised over \$8000 for a very worthy cause. We also earned our second recognition from Department for 100% membership. We also have two members who are on the 6th District Staff.

We still have a long way to go. One of my goals for this next year is to get our membership over 100 and keep it there. I also want to get the Sons of The American Legion Squadron started. We also need to increase the membership of our Auxiliary. To do all this, we need to start holding Membership Drives at different locations throughout the Lake Nona area.

We also need to increase our Building Fund. If we are ever going to get a place to call home, we will need money. This means Fundraising. But we can't do it without the help of all of our members. 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 18th.

For God and Country.

William A. Musto

MEMBERSHIP



In the coming months, we will be holding a couple of Membership Rallies in the Lake Nona area. We need to increase our presence in the region and let potential members know we are here and what we are all about. If you are interested in helping coordinate these events, please contact the Commander or one

of the Vice Commanders to let them know you are willing to help out.

We had no new members join us in May. This makes our total membership 89 members, and we currently have 89 members paid for 2021. Membership renewals will start in July 2021 for the 2022 year. Current memberships expire on December 31, 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 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.

THE LEGION FAMILY



Members of The American Legion, American Legion

Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Riders comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

For nearly a century, The American Legion Family has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, helped military families through transition and produced many important programs for our country's youth.

American Legion Auxiliary

Founded in 1919, The American Legion Auxiliary has nearly 1 million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. It is all accomplished with volunteers.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals

A woman who is eligible for membership in The American Legion is also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary. The mother, spouse (male or female), daughter, sister, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, or grandmother of members of The American Legion, and deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligible war eras.

Sons of the American Legion

Sons of The American Legion (SAL), founded in 1932, exist to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.

Since 1988, S.A.L. has raised more than \$5.8 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. S.A.L. members have volunteered over 500,000 hours at veterans' hospitals and raised over \$1,000,000 for VA hospitals and VA homes. The Sons also support the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition dedicated to protecting the U.S. flag from desecration through a constitutional amendment.

American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders Chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

Members of The American Legion Riders are required to be motorcycle owners and current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Elections:

Election of Post Officers was conducted via Monkey Survey following the May General Meeting. This was for the position of 2nd Vice Commander.



During the election, one of the candidates dropped out of the election. With that being done, the following are the officers of Post 412 for the 2021-2022 Legion Year beginning July 1, 2021:

Commander – William Musto

1st Vice Commander – Ralph Sanchez

2nd Vice Commander – Elizabeth Thomas

Adjutant - OPEN

Finance Officer – Dawn Thomas

Chaplain – William Kilmer

Historian – Luis Albarracin

Sergeant @ Arms – Claudia Tanner

Judge Advocate – Terie Garcia Amill

Service Officer – Jose Torres

Web Master – Jorge Berrios

EC Member 1 – Mike Hendrix

EC Member 2 – Joseph Domingues

EC Member 3 – OPEN

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 and to view the agenda please go to

<http://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/department-convention/welcome/>

Bike/Veterans Night is back:

Our next Veterans/Bike Night will be Friday June 22nd at Mission BBQ on Semoran Blvd in Orlando. We hope to see you there.



On Saturday July 10th, 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.



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 412 will be holding its monthly meeting on June 22nd at 7 pm via ZOOM and in person at Outback Steakhouse on Hwy 436. 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.



American Legion Riders Chapter 412 is looking for members to join our group. Initial registration is \$50 (this purchases the Patches and first year membership) then membership is \$15 annually after that. Lifetime membership is available for \$150. If you rider a motorcycle and are interested in being a member of the Riders, please contact the Commander or 1st Vice Commander for more information.

Please check out our website: www.legionpost412.com for all the information about our post.

TAPS

None reported for the month of May.

June BIRTHDAYS

June 6 – Victor Colon-Rosa

June 7 – Christine Whitehead

June 8 – Ernie Plaza

June 14 – U S Army

June 16 – Jorge Berrios



June 23 – Jon Bartley
June 23 – Jennifer Hernandez
June 28 – Jose Hernandez Jr

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 15th 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 Any member who has a MyLegion.org account is able to access the newsletter from the MyLegion.org site.

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