



American Veterans Memorial POST #412

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William Musto, Commander

Post meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| JUL 1-4 | Department Convention | All Day | World Center Marriot |
| JUL 10 | Adopt-a-Road Cleanup | 9:00 a.m. | Dunkin Donuts Moss Park |
| JUL 13 | Post Executive Committee Meeting | 7:30 p.m. | Culver's Lake Nona |
| JUL 16 | Legion Riders Chapter 412 Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | Mission BBQ |
| JUL 16 | Bike/Veterans Night @ Mission BBQ | 7:00 p.m. | Mission BBQ |
| JUL 24 | Post General Meeting/Officer Install | 2:00 p.m. | 2745 Holiday Woods Dr, Kissimmee |
| JUL 27 | *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

As we enter another Legion year, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of American Legion Post 412. I know there are many good things ahead of us.

I want to encourage all members to sign up for a *mylegion* account by going to www.legion.org and clicking on **MYLEGION.ORG**. Once you are there, click on **REGISTER** and filling out the information requested. Please be sure to use the email that you used to sign up with the Legion.

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.

For God and Country.

William A. Musto

MEMBERSHIP

We had no new members join us in June. This makes our total membership 88 members, and we currently have 88

members paid for 2021. Membership renewals will start in July 2021 for the 2022 year. Current memberships expire on December 31, 2021. If you are not a PUFL member or have your *myLegion.org* account set for automatic renewals, please consider signing up of a *myLegion.org* account and paying your membership renewal online.



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

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.

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.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

The American Legion's mission statement, as adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 2020, is: *To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.*

The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America."

The American Legion's value principles are as follows:

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - which means The American Legion educates, mentors, and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

The American Legion's motto is "VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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/>

American Legion Nation Convention



The American Legion's 102nd National Convention will take place in Phoenix, Arizona, August 27 – September 2, 2021. The American Legion's largest annual meeting is the national convention. Each of the

Legion's 55 departments – the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and Philippines – is entitled to a minimum of five voting delegates to the national convention. A department is granted one extra delegate, a member in good standing, for each 1,000 members (or major fraction thereof) 30 days before the convention. The five annually elected vice commanders round out the group of delegates present. The national convention delegates alone have the authority to approve changes to the Legion's constitution and bylaws. The group is also responsible for passing programs that determine the course of the Legion, setting membership dues for the upcoming year, and electing a national commander and five national vice commanders to serve until the next convention.

Bike/Veterans Night is back:

Our next Veterans/Bike Night will be Friday July 16th at Mission BBQ on Semoran Blvd in Orlando. We hope to see you there.



Narcoossee Road Clean-up

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 July 27th at 7 pm via ZOOM and in person at a place to be determined. 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 June.

July BIRTHDAYS

- July 5 – Dan Ryley
- July 6 – John Hislop
- July 14 – Eric Flores
- July 22 – Victor Torres



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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