

American Veterans Memorial POST #412

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Post meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
FEB 5	Four Chaplains Service	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	1411 N. Dean Rd. Orlando 50 Willow Rd, Orlando
FEB 8-11	American Legion Riders Summit		
FEB 14	Post Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Culver's Lake Nona
FEB 21	*Post General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	TBD/Virtual
FEB 28	Unit 412 General Meeting	7:00 p.m.	TBD

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

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives when the Dorchester tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland.

Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport Dorchester as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts Comanche and Escanaba rescued 230 men. As Dorchester took on water, four Army chaplains – Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic), and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) – calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety.

On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, a survivor.

As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying.

Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on the chaplains but was prevented by strict requirements of heroism under fire. It authorized a one-time posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, awarded by President Eisenhower in 1961; it was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

This year a memorial service will be held on February 5th at Faith United Methodist Church at the 9am service and at Azalea Park United Methodist Church at the 11am service. Although it is not being sponsored by Post 412, it is being supported by all American Legion Posts and other Veteran Service Organizations like the VFW, the DAV, and others. If you can not make it to one of these services mentioned, please seek out another service and support this day of remembering the sacrifice of these brave men.

For God and Country.

William A. Musto

MEMBERSHIP

Post 412 would like to welcome the following new members to the group:

Cecilia Figueroa an Army veteran as a new member

We currently have 75 members paid up for the membership year 2023. This is 65% of our goal from National.

We here at Post 412 have always strived to be at 100% by December 31. Unfortunately, this year we did not make this goal. We still have until May 31, 2023, to make goal. Please encourage your friends to renew or join our group.

The Following are Department Membership Goal Dates and our Post targeted membership totals:

Target Date	Member Goal/Actual	Required %/Actual %
Sep 8	57/35	50%/30.4%
Oct 5	63/36	55%/31.3%
Nov 2	74/42	65%/36.5%
Dec 7	86/45	75%/39.1%
Jan 11	92/60	80%/52%
Feb 8	97/75	85%/65%
Mar 8	103/	90%/
Apr 12	109/	95%/
May 10	115/	100%/
May 31	116/	100%+1/

All members need 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 fill out the information requested. Please be sure to use the email that you used to sign up with the Legion. Each member must have a specific email for their account. You cannot share emails.

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 sign soon.

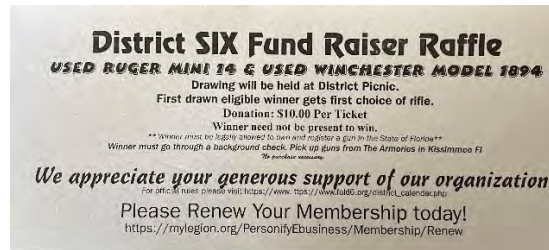
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT POST 412

Culver's Fundraiser



The next Dining Fundraiser at the Culver's in Lake Nona will be on April 11, 2023 from 5-8 pm. These fundraiser events will take place Quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Upcoming dates are: 04/11/23, 07/11/23, and 10/10/23. Please come out and support you post building fund. You must mention POST412 when you order. See attached flyer.

6th District Gun Raffle



The 6th District is having a Gun Raffle to help pay for Boy's and Girl's State transportation. Two rifles will be raffled off. Tickets are \$10 each and we have 4 to sell. Drawing will be at the 6th District picnic. Call Commander Musto to purchase your ticket. (407) 325-2205.

6th District Picnic

The Department of Florida 6th District will be holding it's annual Picnic on March 4th from 12-5 at Post 183 in Fern Park, 2706 Wells Aver, Fern Park. Proceeds from the Picnic will go to support Boy's and Girl's State Transportation needs. This is where the raffle for the above-mentioned rifles will take place. See flyer attached.

Central Florida Ride for Our Troops – 2023



The 2023 Central Florida Ride for Our Troops will be held on March 25th at Gator Harley-Davidson in Leesburg. This is an annual fundraiser to support the Posts Care Package Program. This year proceeds from the Ride will be donated to J.O.S.H. and K.I.S.S to help them provide care packages for our deployed troops. We need Sponsors for this event. Contact the commander for more information. See flyer attached.

Attention MARINES!



By now you have probably been inundated with emails and text messages from different Law Firms about the compensation you might be eligible for if you lived or worked at Camp Lejeune, NC prior to 1988.

The Law Firm Bergmann & Moore, LLC is working with the American

Legion and its members to help you get the compensation you deserve. Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

- They will do a max of 33 1/3% fee of any recovery made
- The Marine will not incur any out of pocket expenses if no recovery is made
- If it is determined that the Marine is owed compensation, the law firm will discuss with the Marine about taking it or not. Any compensation given will need to be recovered by the government via VA compensations, tax returns, etc. This will be 100% of the compensation.
- Scan the URL code on the flyer and answer a few questions.
- Once that is received an email will be sent to the Marine asking for more information.
- Even if the Marine retained a different lawyer, they can still submit it.

Calling All Members



We need your help. Are you a business owner? Do you own property in the South Orlando Area? Do you have access to a suitable location for us to hold our General Meetings? If so, please let us know. This

location would be a space suitable for holding up to 40 people. We would like everyone to contact anyone who might have such a place and get them in contact with the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, or Adjutant. Please consider helping us out.

Local Girl Scout needs Our Help



One of our Junior Auxiliary members, **Carolina Rodriguez**, is also a member of a local Cadet Girl Scout Troop here in

GIRL SCOUTS Lake Nona. She is currently working on her Girl Scout Silver Award. Her project is to design and build Flag Retirement Boxes and place them throughout the community and to bring awareness to Flag Etiquette. She has gotten authorization from Orlando Parks and Recreation to place a box at Veteran's Park in Lake Nona. Post 412 will then retire the discarded flags in the proper manner. She needs veterans who are willing and able to help her as she completes her mission. If you are

willing and able to help, please let the Commander know as soon as possible by calling (407) 325-2205.

UNIT AND CHAPTER NEWS



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 412 will holding its monthly meeting on February 28th. All current Auxiliary members are asked to renew their membership as soon as possible.

We Need Members! Consider asking your spouse (male or female), mother, daughter, granddaughter, or sister to join this group. Please contact Chris Musto, Auxiliary President, at 407-222-9499 for more information and to sign-up.



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. Visit us on Facebook [@LegionRiders412](https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders412) There are some flyers attached for upcoming rides and events sponsored by different Chapters within the District. Please check them out.



Please check out our website: www.legionpost412.org for all the information about our post. Visit us on Facebook

[@AmericanLegionPost412](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost412) and the 6th District Florida [@6thDistFl](https://www.facebook.com/6thDistFl)



TAPS

None for January.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- February 8 – Carlos Rivera Sr.
- February 9 – Robert Fernandez
- February 17 – Luis Lopez Jr.
- February 19 – Robert Schank
- February 25 – Paul Oettinger

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

<i>American Legion Post 412 Officers 22-23</i>	
<i>William A. Musto</i>	<i>Commander</i>
<i>Ralph Sanchez</i>	<i>1st Vice Commander</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>
<i>William A. Musto</i>	<i>Adjutant*</i>
<i>Claudia Tanner</i>	<i>Finance Officer</i>
<i>William Kilmer</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>
<i>Steven Starry</i>	<i>Sgt-at-Arms</i>
<i>James Licata</i>	<i>Service Officer*</i>
<i>Terie Garcia-Amill</i>	<i>Judge Advocate*</i>
<i>Luis Albarracin</i>	<i>Historian</i>
<i>Jorge Berrios</i>	<i>Public Relations*</i>
<i>Mike Hendrix</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>
<i>Paul Oettinger</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>
<i>*=Appointed by commander</i>	

donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS code. Please consider donating to help support your American Legion Post.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Basic Training

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online. The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images, and video. Visit: <https://www.legion.org/alei> and sign up to take the course.



Department of Florida Training

The Department of Florida has training videos available to all members on topics such as MyLegion, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Training Webinars. Visit <https://www.floridalegion.org/resources/training-videos/> to take any of these training opportunities.

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

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Dine in or go through the Drive Thru and mention the American Legion Post. Tuesday
April 11, 2023 5pm-8pm

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of Lake Nona
11878 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL, 34769
(407) 420-7140

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District 6 Family Picnic

March 4th 2023
12-5
Post 183
2706 Wells Ave Fern Park

50/50 **Music** **Raffles**

Gun Raffle drawing

Information coming soon. GATOR

Central Florida Ride for Our Troops 2023
March 25, 2023
Gator Harley-Davidson
Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL

Sponsored by American Legion Post 412, Orlando/Lake Nona

Proceeds to help American Legion Post 412's care package support program.

Advanced Registration: \$15 per person
Day of Registration Fee: \$20 per person

Sponsorships Available

Contact Bill Musto, Commander Post 412
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