



*Commander  
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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 712**  
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May/June 2023

## **American Legion Post 712 has risen from the ashes.**

Due to the seemingly insurmountable number of adverse economic issues including the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to sell our building and transition from a physical post to a virtual post. We have completed that transition and have been a functional American Legion Post since June 2022 with a full complement of elected and appointed officers. Work is in progress to re-establish The Sons of American Legion and discussions are in progress to reestablish the Riders. See the list of current projects later in this newsletter. Also, see the article on another local virtual Post: West Mifflin VFW Post 914.

**Our first term as officers in the new virtual Post is up for renewal with officer nominations made at our May meeting, the election and ballot counting will be held at our June meeting and installation of officers in August.**

**From the Desk of our Vice Commander Dave Masslon:**

Good afternoon American Legion Post 712 members This message is to let you know about the upcoming election of your Post leadership team for 2023-24 term. The following positions are up for election: Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance officer and two At-large, Executive Committee Members. Your participation will help guide the direction of the Post for the next term. If you have interest in being a candidate for any of these offices please contact the Post at 412-901-0327 or e-mail us at [usa@alpost712pa.org](mailto:usa@alpost712pa.org) Nominations need to be in by May 16th and the election is on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Absentee Ballots will be provided to the following members upon written request: hospitalized members, homebound members, and members on active duty. For more details visit our Website and/or Facebook page. Our Post meetings are at 7PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at the Brentwood VFW.

### **Mission Statement American Legion Post 712**

1. Provide support and assistance to Veterans (Local, District, County).
2. Honor deceased Veterans.
3. Develop and implement activities for the enjoyment of Veterans.
4. Create and implement programs and Out-Reach activities to build Post 712 active Veteran membership.
5. Provide guidance, information and training for Post Veterans who want to take an active role in Post leadership and support activities.
6. Participate and provide support to our community with community support groups and First Responders including Police, Fire, EMT and Medical personnel.

# ALA Members

During the past year, the ALA has been very helpful in assisting the Post in preparing the facility at 650 Old Clairton Rd for sale.

In appreciation of their efforts, ALA members have been invited to attend the regular monthly meetings of the Post.

However, we have been notified by our liaison at American Legion Hq in Harrisburg, that we should maintain strict independence of the Post and the ALA.

Therefore, beginning immediately, members of the ALA cannot attend regular meetings of the Post.

The Post appreciates the efforts and the help of the ALA members during these difficult times.

In order to continue the good working relationship, a representative of the ALA (The president or her designee) may attend the regular meetings to provide a report on ALA activities to the Post. The attending representative shall be first on the agenda and will be excused after her report, just as it was previously.

Again, thanks for your help.

Commander Post 712

David Halpern

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Halpern", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

## Some Highlights of Recent Activities

*Our American Legion Auxiliary recently visited our veteran patients at Southwestern Veterans Hospital on April 13 and provided toiletries, clothing etc. to the patients. For patients that could leave their room, they were entertained with Bingo and enjoyed their prizes. They especially enjoyed the comradery of being able to talk to the veterans who joined the ALA on this visit.*



It looks like our helicopter will be moving to American Legion Post 701 in White Oak. The Army Donation Specialist informed us that the transfer was OK'd and White Oak has a transporter and crane company lined up.

### WWII Veterans in Need

Executive Committee member George Lee is contacting WWII veterans to see if they need any assistance. Some of these veterans have no family support. George has information on support groups that can offer assistance. If you know of any WWII veterans needing assistance, call our Post number 412-901-0327 and leave a message or send an e-mail to our Post website [usa@alpost712pa.org](mailto:usa@alpost712pa.org) and the info will be forwarded to George.



*We have authorized the donation of \$700 in monthly payments of \$100 per month to this organization that provides housing for homeless veterans.*

# Future Events

## May 16 Monthly Meeting:

- Officer nominations will be held using Roberts Rules of Order.
- Officer nominations from Nominating Committee.
- Additional Officer nominations from the floor.
- Nomination will be closed.
- Adjutant will cast single vote for any positions with a single name.
- Ballots for positions with multiple names will be printed.
- Absentee ballots, if any, will be mailed out. Must be returned by 5 PM June 20. Judge Advocate will collect and secure ballots.

May 25: ALA will be selling poppies at Shop & Save. Need vets to assist.

## June 20 Monthly Meeting:

- Members will vote using printed ballots.
- Commander will assign 3 members, not on the ballot, to count ballots.
- Judge Advocate will turn in absentee ballots, if any, to be counted.
- New officers with the most votes will be named.

## August 1:

- Post Officers will assume their new responsibilities.

# Storage Items for Sale

We will be selling items like the following that we no longer need since we sold our building. A complete list will be posted on our website [alpost712pa.org](http://alpost712pa.org) soon.

If you need or know someone who may need this bar or office type equipment, call our Post number 412-901-0137 and leave a message or send an e-mail to our website [usa@alpost712pa.org](mailto:usa@alpost712pa.org) and someone will contact you.



Casio QT-6600 POS \$1500



Executive Tables  
Rectangle \$100  
Trapezoid \$70



Executive Chairs \$85

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## Current Projects

### 1. Homeless Vets

*We are supporting 2 organizations:*

*a. Veterans Place Wash Blvd.*



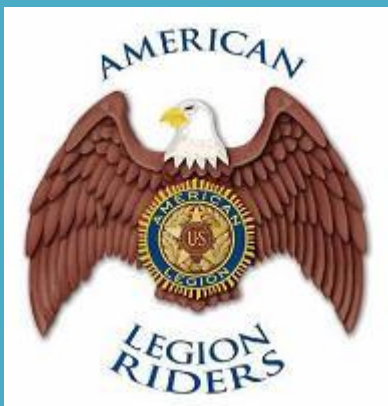
*b. PA Am Leg Homeless Veterans.*

### 2. Southwestern Veteran Center



*Our ALA visits our veteran patients in their rooms providing toiletries, clothing etc. and Bingo entertainment.*

### 3. Ride fundraiser for PAVetPets.org.



### 4. Sponsoring youth sports teams.

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## Virtual VFW



*The following are excerpts from Trib Total Media writer Patrick Cloonan July 29, 2015.*

*West Mifflin VFW Post 914 has never had a home base in over 25 years of existence.*

*It is one of several known as a 'virtual Post'.*

*It doesn't have it's own bar, but has it's meetings the last Thursday of each month 7 PM at the Thompson Run Athletic Association, 4901 Ball Ave, West Mifflin.*

*They stick to core VFW programs, raise money to fund them, and are known as a group that can be counted on to serve.*

*They have an honor guard and rifle team and support youth league sporting teams.*

*All their money is spent to help veterans.*

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