



THE PHOENIX

For the American Legion Family of Post 712

American Legion Post 712

Elected Officers

Commander—Lloyd Ray

1st Vice Commander—
John Dillon

2nd Vice Commander—
Don Smoley

Finance—Thad Weidmann

Appointed Officers

Adjutant—Terry Choate

Chaplain—S. Coville-Cook

Judge Advocate—
Nick Krawec

Svc Ofcr— **Don Rottman**

Sergeant-At-Arms—
Tom Bodner

Executives-at-Large

1. **Susan Coville-Cook**

2. **Nick Krawec**

3. **Don Rottman**

4. **John Caligiure**

Web—Thad Weidmann

Editor—John Dillon

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> MEETING NOTES <

MEETING SCHEDULE: American Legion Post 712 holds our Monthly Meetings on the third Tuesday of the Month at 7 PM, at 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd (Rt 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15227 (Brentwood VFW Post 1810).

All Members and Perspective Members of the American Legion Post 712 Family are Welcome to attend Monthly Meetings — This includes Veterans, Sons of the American Legion (SAL), Legion Riders, and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)!

Post 712 held our regularly scheduled Meeting on July 16th at 7 PM. The Meeting was Chaired by then 1st Vice Commander *Lloyd Ray* (now Commander).

- ♦ The membership voted to renew and continue the monthly donation to the **Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard** of \$100 (\$1,200 annually). These donations will now continue thru July 2025.
- ♦ Also approved was a \$100 donation to the **South Park High School Varsity Football** program thru a half page ad that will display in scorebooks available at all home games. *Go Eagles!* (see add on the next page in this newsletter).

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- ♦ We heard from **Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA)** that the renovation of their new National Headquarters in West Mifflin, PA is on-track and going well. Ceiling, lights, floors and paint are now going in and the facility is close to being completely renovated. OTA also advised of a special **Packing Party scheduled for Sunday July 28th**, to prepare boxes for shipment overseas to Military Units located in an area where there are no PX's or BX's. And finally, OTA is planning on resuming their **normal Tuesday morning Packing Parties** (beginning at 10 AM). If anyone would like to volunteer to assist OTA you may do so by contacting Sherry at 412-973-1831. Tell her you are a member of American Legion Post 712.
- ♦ Congratulation to newly elected Post Officers who begin their duties officially on August 1st. **Commander Lloyd Ray, First Vice Commander John Dillon, Second Vice Commander Don Smoley, and Finance Officer Thad Weidmann.** We note that Lloyd, John and Don are all new in their positions bringing new ideas and ways of doing business to the Legion as we move into the future of Post 712 as a Virtual Post. Support Post 712 as we support Veterans and the Community.

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\$500 Food Raffle or \$450 Cash Option			
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All Proceeds Benefit The American Legion			
Winner will be contacted within 24 hours of drawing			
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- ♦ **RAFFLE TICKETS**—The raffle tickets are in and we have started to issue them out to the membership. The winning number is based on the **August 10th—7PM PA Evening Pick 3 Lottery**. The winner receives a **\$500 credit at the butcher Weiss Meats or may take the \$450 Cash option**. Weiss Meats is located in Pleasant Hills at 100 Terence Dr, Pgh, PA 15236. **The ticket donation is only \$5 and each ticket has four numbers.** *Special thanks to Susan Dillon of the Riders who handling ticket accountability for the Post* (August 10th is Pleasant Hills Community Day, the winner will be announced at Community Day activities).
- ♦ The **Riders** briefed their recent rides to Foxburg Winery and lunch at the Allegheny Grille on June 20th and their ride to support the fight against autism in Military Families with the West Brownsville American Legion on July 13th. Both rides were a great success and allot of fun. The Riders also let us know they are attending a ride in support of the Special Olympics on August 3 and then on August 4th, they have a Club Ride to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Congrats to the newly elected Riders Officers **John Dillon, Director; Pat Mostyn, Assistant Director; Chuck Durney, Road Captain; Beverly Weikel, Treasurer; Susan Dillon, Secretary; Lloyd Ray, Adjutant & Mark Smith, Chaplain.**

> Legion Shirts & Raffle Tickets <

We have new Post 712 Patriotic T-shirts to honor September 11th Patriot's Day, **only \$15 each**. Adult sizes Small to 3XL. The shirts are 100% light-weight cotton, Fruit of the Loom brand, preshrunk and have images on both sides. The reverse displays the iconic images of 9-11-2001 and the obverse displays the American Flag.



Pick up a shirt for yourself & others
Only \$15 each



Buy Shirts or Tickets
Call 412-606-8812

— Raffle Tickets —

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> POST 712 CALENDAR <

- ◆ July 28, Sunday. **Post 712 Tee-Shirts and Raffle Tickets for sale** from 12 Noon—2 PM in the parking lot of the Post 712 Administrative Office, located at 610 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (2 doors down from the old Post 712 building and across the street from Tavern In The Hills Restaurant). **If you miss this opportunity call 412-606-8812 to arrange for purchase of tee-shirts, tickets or both.**
- ◆ July 30, Tuesday. **Pleasant Hills National Night Out** Parade. The parade will begin at 7 PM and last for approximately 90 minutes.
- ◆ August 3rd, Saturday. **Special Olympics Motorcycle Ride**. Supported by the Riders.
- ◆ August 4th, Sunday. Riders **Club Ride to the Flight 93 Memorial** in Shanksville, PA.
- ◆ August 10th, Saturday. **Pleasant Hills Community Day**, Noon—10 PM. Post 712 will set up a stand. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day. Call 412-901-0327 to get involved and support the community.
- ◆ August 20, Tuesday. **Post 712 Monthly Meeting** at Brentwood VFW, 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd (PA 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15227.
- ◆ August 25, Sunday. **Installation of Officers** event will be held at 1 PM at Castle Shannon American Legion, 1008 Castle Shannon Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234 (lunch served, all are invited, parking in the rear).
- ◆ August 28-September 1, **The Vietnam Traveling Wall** at Frick Park in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Sponsored by Gallagher's Pub and Operation Troop Appreciation.
- ◆ September 13-16, **Riders Gettysburg Trip**. Riders and invited guests are welcome to attend. Some people will be following the motorcycles in cars. Contact John Dillon for details, 412-6060-8812.

OPPORTUNITY: **Operation Troop Appreciation** meets every Tuesday to pack Care Packages for Service Members deployed overseas often where no PX/BX facilities are available. OTA also prepares Welcome Home packages for local Veterans in need. If you would like to volunteer from time to time contact 412-606-8812. You do not have to jump tall buildings in a single bound or run faster than a locomotive, there is a volunteer opportunity for persons of all abilities.

**Contact Post 712 — Call 412-901-0327
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Fort Gordon Rechristened as - Fort Eisenhower -

DoD Mandate to Cease Honors to the Confederacy

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On October 27, 2023, Fort Gordon, GA, was rechristened as Fort Eisenhower. Fort Gordon, as it was originally named, was established in 1941 as a U.S. Army installation and named after Major General (MG) John Brown Gordon of the Confederate Army. You may not be familiar with MG Gordon's military exploits as he had a somewhat unremarkable military career, though after the Civil War he went on to serve as the Governor of Georgia, a Senator to Georgia (twice) and even to hold National Office.

However, during 2023, the Secretary of Defense directed all military installations named in honor of Confederate Officers to be redesignated with names more in keeping with the social norms of society today. The committee from Fort Gordon settled on the name, Fort Eisenhower, as the U.S. Army General, the Supreme Allied Commander during World War II and the 34th President of the United States certainly had the resume for such an honor. The committee noted Eisenhower was a frequent visitor to the area as Fort Eisenhower, is located near Augusta, GA, home of the Masters Golf Tournament, and Eisenhower being an avid golfer often visited.

Previous Name	Location	New Name
Fort A.P. Hill	Virginia	Fort Walker
Fort Benning	Georgia	Fort Moore
Fort Bragg	North Carolina	Fort Liberty
Fort Gordon	Georgia	Fort Eisenhower
Fort Hood	Texas	Fort Cavazos
Fort Lee	Virginia	Fort Gregg-Adams
Fort Pickett	Virginia	Fort Barfoot
Fort Polk	Louisiana	Fort Johnson
Fort Rucker	Alabama	Fort Novosel

Fort Eisenhower is a large installation with 16,000 military and 13,500 civilian personnel assigned. In addition to having maneuver and training areas and firing ranges for artillery, mortars and rifles, Fort Eisenhower is home to the U.S. Army Signal Corps, U.S. Army Cyber Command, and the National Security Agency (NSA). The U.S. Army Cyber School is also located on the grounds. In addition to the NSA, Fort Gordon hosts the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity, the Naval Network Warfare Command, and a number of U.S. Army Military Intelligence & Signal units.

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To enhance the **American Legion Family of Post 712**, all Members and Perspective Members of Post 712, of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), of the Chapter 712 Legion Riders, and of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) are welcomed and encouraged to attend Post Meetings. Join us for a meeting and social hour afterwards. Have a little fun!

Contact the Legion

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Legion Post 712, 610 Old
Clairton Rd, Pgh, PA 15236

Facebook: *American Legion
Post 712-Virtual*

Website: *ALPost712PA.org*

Membership Requirements

- ◆ Having served at least one day on active duty since December 7, 1941
- ◆ Having served honorably
- ◆ Copy of DD214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- ◆ Call or email for more information
- ◆ Annual Dues = \$37.00

Who We Are

We are the *New Post 712* building a legacy of camaraderie, service and honor. Supporting Veterans and Youth through donations, sponsorships and volunteering, improving our community and aiding non-profit organizations. Join us—Attend a meeting.

712 MEETINGS

The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, at 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd, Pgh, PA

Do you have a question for the Post 712 Leadership and cannot make it to a meeting? Do you need help getting your DD-214 Certificate of Discharge from your Branch of Service? Do you know a Veteran in need or a worthy cause in the community that needs donations, sponsorships, or volunteers? Would you like to publish a story or news article in The Phoenix? If you answered, “yes” to any of these questions Post 712 can assist you. Send us an email or give us a call. Our contact information is typed above this article.

Post 712 is setting up a stand in Mowry Park on Pleasant Hills Community Day, August 10th. Stop by and visit us and you are welcome to sit with us for an hour or two between Noon—10 PM to staff the booth. We will have static displays and information for the community. Call 412-901-0327.

Legion Riders

Post 490

OFFICERS

Director—John Dillon
Assistant Director—Pat Mostyn
Road Captain—Chuck Durney
Treasurer—Beverly Weikel
Secretary—Susan Dillon
Adjutant—Lloyd Ray
Chaplain—Mark Smith

MEETINGS

The first Wednesday of the Month at 7PM. The next Riders Meeting is August 7th at 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd, PGH, PA 15227 (VFW bldg.). All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP

1. Be a Member of the Legion Family, Veterans, SAL or ALA (Spouses welcome also).
2. Own a motorcycle, trike, Can-Am or similar vehicle.
3. Be licensed and have insurance.
4. You may be a member of any Legion Post and still join the Post 712 Riders.

CONTACT

- ◆ Call Top at 412-606-8812
- ◆ USA@ALPost712PA.org
- ◆ *American Legion Riders Chapter 712* on Facebook

Are you looking for a great place to hang out? If so, try **American Legion Post 490 in Castle Shannon**. It's close and it has the same great vibe of all American Legions. It's located at 1008 Castle Shannon Blvd, Pgh, PA 15234.

Canteen Hours for Post 490

Monday and Wednesday 2—7 PM

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday 2 PM—Close

Saturday 1 PM—Close

Sunday 12—7 PM

Parking is in the back. Make sure you take your Legion membership card as proof of American Legion membership is required for entry.

