



# The Phoenix

Legion Post 712

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## American Legion Post 712

A digital magazine of American Legion Post 712 and matters of interest to the American Legion Family  
[USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org)

**NEXT MEETING**— Tuesday, March 19, at 7 PM at  
3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd (Rt 51), Pittsburgh, PA  
15227 (VFW Bldg)

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## — MEETING NOTES —

**P**ost 712 held its regularly scheduled Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. If you were not there you missed a good meeting.

**First Vice Commander Lloyd Ray** chaired the meeting and came well prepared to keep the positive momentum rolling. Lloyd made a motion to **ensure the Post could sponsor short notice requests** such as a school or scouting event, or community program, **between regularly scheduled Post Meetings**, as such opportunities pop up quickly and often require a decision within a day or two. An example he cited is Post 712 recently sponsored the *Thomas Jefferson High School Baseball Team*. The Executive Board now has the authority to conduct a vote on such short-suspense opportunities. The motion passed unanimously. *Lloyd capped*



*the motion at \$500 a month and the program is limited to a 6 months trial basis at which time the Membership will evaluate the success of program for continuation or elimination.*

Any such request must be passed by a majority vote of the Executive Board at which it will then be reported to the Membership at the next Post Meeting.

**More** great news on the topic of donations, **Second Vice Commander John Dillon** reviewed the merits of Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA) and made a motion to begin **donating \$100 a month to OTA** to support the excellent work they do in supporting Veterans in need and Active Duty Service Members deployed to the far corners of the earth. The donations are scheduled for 2024 for \$100 a month, not to exceed a total donation of \$1,100. The Membership voted on the motion which passed unanimously. Well Done Post 712 in supporting such an outstanding organization. All employees of OTA are volunteers. Each person donates their time and efforts and does not accept pay or financial benefit; they do it for the love of helping Veterans and Service Members—this is the type of organization Post 712 wants to support through donations and thru volunteer hours!!! ([www.operationtroopappreciation.org](http://www.operationtroopappreciation.org)).



*And into every life a little rain must fall.* **Post 712 was notified by American Legion National of dues increase.** Currently Post 712 dues are \$30 a year. Of that \$30, Post 712 receives only \$3. The remaining \$27 is forwarded to American Legion National and the Department of Pennsylvania American Legion (You read that correctly, Post 712 pays \$27 out of \$30 dues for every member). **Finance Officer Thad Weidmann and Lloyd** explained this process to the Membership. However, National is now raising dues to keep up with the high cost of ... well, everything these days. National has raised their dues \$7, meaning Post 712 must now pay \$34 for every Post Member. Thad and Lloyd noted that some Posts charge \$5, \$10, and even \$15 above the mandatory dues as a way of making money off their own Membership. Thad explained the reason Post 712 charges only \$3 more than the mandatory membership fee is to cover the cost of postage, paper and envelopes as Post 712 must mail ID cards to members who do not attend meetings. All present were in favor of not making money from our own Members.

**Staff Judge Nick Krawec** suggested the Post *raise dues by the mandatory amount required by National only to maintain a \$3 buffer to pay assorted costs such as postage, to which all agreed.* In this manner we do not lose money thru mailing ID cards and we simultaneously keep our dues as low as possible. A motion was made and passed unanimously.



**Post 712 dues will now be \$37 annually, which remains one of the least expensive annual dues of American Legion Posts within PA. There is no impact to Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Members. Thanks to the Membership for walking through this challenge and establishing a great plan moving forward!**

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# AMERICAN LEGION POST 712

## I THOUGHT THEY CLOSED DOWN???

### SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERING

A lot of people think Post 712 disbanded because we sold our bar ... as if being the American Legion and service to Veterans and Community were defined by sitting at a bar and drinking beer. If this is your definition of the Legion then you fail to understand the role of the American Legion.

American Legion **Post 712 is alive and well** as a Virtual Post that is strongly focused on helping Veterans and supporting the communities in which we all live and work. In fact, **Post 712 has become much more impactful** throughout these communities now that it is not weighed down by building, bar, and food operations. Don't get us wrong, having your own building is a pretty handy resource and if one fell in our lap we would take a hard look at it for occupancy. However, no one here is missing food and bar operations as they were a logistical nightmare and becoming more expensive with each passing month—as a lot of other Legions are painfully aware. Everything from payroll to refrigerator repairs skyrocketed in cost and the number of volunteers willing to help-out with daily operations seemed to decrease monthly. Maintenance, daily operations and the friction points these topics created began to take it's toll, time and effort to such an extent we were no longer focused on our mandate of the 4 Pillars, to support Veterans & the Community and perhaps most importantly, we were failing to support one another.

**P**ost 712 is now actively, even aggressively, supporting community programs thru sponsorships, donations and perhaps most impactful of all, through volunteering efforts. Not only is **Post 712** fully operational, but the **Chapter 712 American Legion Riders** & **Post 712 Legion Auxiliary (ALA)** are operational and accepting new members. The Post Newsletter has been expanded to get the word out and all members are highly encouraged to attend our monthly meetings to stay informed and to become an active part of something special we are building—Top.



# SPONSORSHIP\$

- ♦ The Membership of Post 712 is very pleased to announce we are a sponsor to the THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM for the 2024 season. Look for our ad in the Baseball scorebook at every game.

♦ Good Luck /// Go Jaguars!



- ♦ The Post Membership would also like to announce Post 712 is a sponsor partner to the THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL THEATER for their production of *Beauty and the Beast* during March 2024. Look for our ad in the theater playbill.

♦ Break a Leg TJ!



**THOMAS JEFFERSON  
JAGUARS**

- ♦ VETERANS PLACE ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD— For the second year in a row, the Membership of Post 712 has voted to donate \$100 a month, for 12 months, to the Veterans Place! This is a great, local, organization that gives Veterans in need a helping hand, not a handout, and also supports re-training Veterans with work and life skills. Check them out on the web— [www.VeteransPlaceUSA.org](http://www.VeteransPlaceUSA.org)



- ♦ OPERATION TROOP APPRECIATION— At the February meeting the Membership voted to donate \$100 a month thru December, to OTA! This is a National organization HQ'd locally that supports local Veterans and Active Duty Service Members deployed to the far-flung corners of the world and they do it without a paid staff.



♦ [www.OperationTroopAppreciation.org](http://www.OperationTroopAppreciation.org)

# **WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS**

## **HOLIDAY – MARCH 29TH**

**Honors all Vets who served on Active Duty from  
November 1, 1955 to March 15, 1975**

**We** know about **Armed Forces Day**, celebrated on the third Saturday of May, and **Memorial Day**, celebrated on the last Monday of May, and even **Veterans Day**, celebrated on November 11th, however did you know about **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, celebrated on March 29th, or as it is often referred, *Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day*?

During 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law the ***Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017*** designating **March 29th** of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It is a day we remember and honor those Veterans who served on active duty during the Vietnam era which is designated as November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 whether stationed in-Country or anywhere in the world. It is a day we also pause to remember those who never came home and our POWs, especially those for whom our Nation has yet to account.

March 29th was chosen to honor Vietnam era Veterans as on that date in 1973, the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disestablished and it is also the day the last of the U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, it was about this time Hanoi released the last of the POWs they acknowledged holding.

Did you know that despite the Hollywood stereotype most Vietnam Veterans were Volunteers. Nearly 9 million persons served on active duty during 1964—1973, of which 3.4 million deployed to Southeast Asia and 2.7 million served in South Vietnam. Out of all persons on active duty, 2.2 million were drafted and only about 25% of troops in combat zones were drafted. Further, the unemployment rate for Vietnam Veterans *has been only about 4.8% over the years while the unemployment rate for the rest of society has been far higher about 6.2%*. **The last thing you should know is that 1,584 Vietnam Service Members are still unaccounted for and are waiting to come home.**

***March 29th, Thank a Vietnam Veteran!***



## **GREAT DEALS AT THE POST EXCHANGE (PX) AND BASE EXCHANGE (BX)**

All Honorably Discharged Veterans have **PX on-line shopping privileges**. Meaning any Veteran with an Honorable Discharge may shop on-line and receive the tremendous benefits of PX/BX shopping –

- ♦ **Military-exclusive pricing**
  - ♦ **Members-only credit options**
  - ♦ **Free shipping on orders over \$49**
  - ♦ **Free shipping on all orders when you use your Military Star Card**
- |                                 |  |
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| <b><u>Tax-free shopping</u></b> | <b><u>Access to specialty stores</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--|

You will discover name brands are **significantly reduced from retail prices** and **all PX sales are tax-free**. The PX is especially great for large purchases such as TV's, washers and dryers, furniture, and high-end items including jewelry, perfume, gifts, and name brand clothing for men, women, and children. *The PX sells just about everything.* Check it out at [www.ShopMyExchange.com](http://www.ShopMyExchange.com).

**First things first, to get verified apply on-line. The application process is very easy —** [www.shopmyexchange.com/account/register](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/account/register).

If you need help registering come to the next Post meeting on **March 19th** and we will help you register. Bring your Social Security Number and your Service Number (if different from your Social Security Number).

**This is a benefit every Veteran earned—Use it!**





## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

### *Ed Harmon — “Big Tool”*



1955, Ed Harmon (standing), Beppu, Japan

**Ed Harmon** or as he is known to the Legion Riders, “*Big Tool*” grew up in the Knoxville – Allentown area of Pittsburgh as the second oldest of 8 kids. Today he serves as an **Executive-at-Large for Post 712** and **Road Captain of the 712 Legion Riders**. Ed always has a good story to tell and is willing to lend a hand and help anyone in need. If this sounds right to you attend a Post 712 Meeting and join the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the American Legion.

As many Pittsburgh youth Ed wanted to join the Military as he was searching for something

without even knowing what it was. His father, Edward Harmon served during WWII aboard the USS Savannah, a Light Cruiser that was part of the Armada that carried President Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference. The Savannah and her crew earned 3 Battle Stars and decorations during multiple engagements.

The Korean War ended in 1953. Ed had wanted to enlist but was prohibited from doing so because of his age at the time, 16 years old. However, a year later, when he turned 17, he enlisted as an Infantryman in the Army earning \$150 a month plus he volunteered to join the Airborne and earn another \$50 a month in “Jump Pay.” Though the draft was active, he did not wait to be called. Ed attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY; Infantry Training at Fort Jackson, SC and finally, for Airborne Training it was back to KY at Fort Campbell.



C-17 Globe Master, *Airborne All the Way!*



One of Ed's most vivid memories is from Airborne Training when he was outside in formation. It had snowed and the ground was covered with intermittent puddles of water. The Airborne Trainer ordered a Lieutenant (LT), to sit down on the ground. The LT was standing in a puddle so he took one step to the side and promptly sat as ordered. The Instructor advised the LT his instructions were to sit-down, not to side step and then sit-down. The message was clear. Exacting adherence to orders, no excep-

tions, not even for Officers, it's **the Airborne Way or the Highway.**

When asked if he was apprehensive about attending Airborne Training Ed recounted a story that shortly before he enlisted, he was playing a pickup game of football in the neighborhood. Well, things being what they were, Ed got into a tussle with a Veteran of the famed 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne Regiment, Rakkasans. Ed bested the man and after that figured he could handle anything the Rakkasan had been able to handle including Airborne Training – **Pittsburgh Logic!**

Upon earning his "*Wings*" Ed learned the 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment, the famed "*Red Devils*" were moving to Japan. Ed volunteered for the 508<sup>th</sup> and shortly thereafter found himself on a C-17 Globe Master jet enroute to Beppu City on the southern most island. Ed was excited as Beppu was known as the **Florida of Japan** and he was looking forward to *fun in the sun!* Little did Ed realize when he got there he would spend most of the next year training amongst the snow-covered peaks of the Mt. Tsurumi Mountains— ***You're in the Army Now!!!***

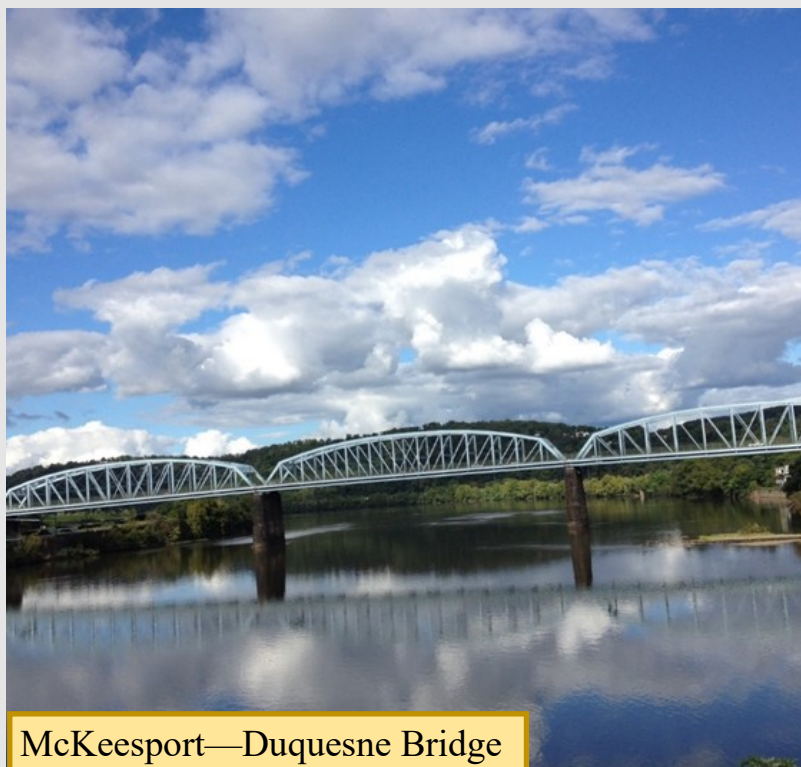


L to R: Region Director Don Truxal, 712 Road Captain Ed Harmon, PA State Director Phil Campbell, 712 Director Lloyd Ray, 712 Assistant Director John Dillon; DEC Meeting, January 2024.



Though he spent a lot of time in the mountains Ed had ample opportunity to intermingle with the Japanese people who left an impression on him. At first, he experienced culture shock, though he came to realize the Japanese were among the most friendly, polite, and honorable people he has ever met to this day.

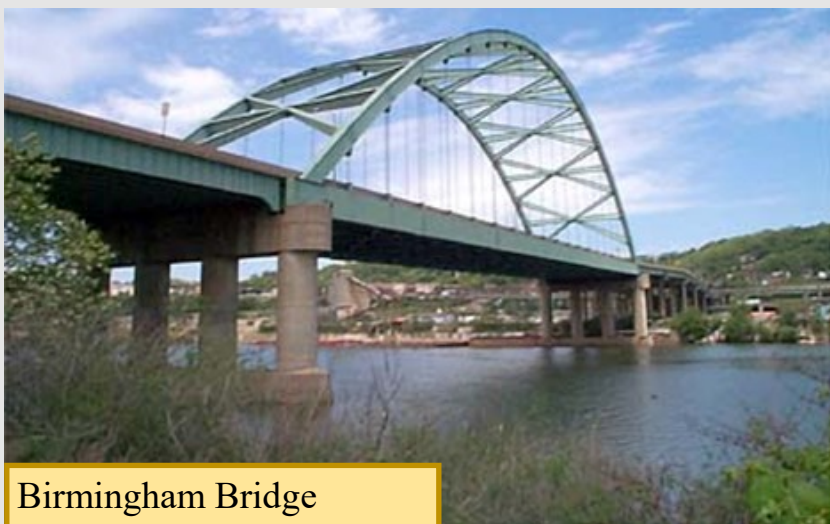
After a year in Japan Ed returned to the U.S. on a slow boat and remarked that was the time to find out if you were claustrophobic – he was not, but soldiers were packed into the ship on bunks that were stacked 5 – 6 bunks high.



McKeesport—Duquesne Bridge

Ed reported to Fort Campbell, KY, with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division which was in the process of changing from Airborne to Air Assault. While there he worked as a Radio Telephone Operator (RTO), with a Forward Observer keeping track of the M-10 Plotting Board and calling in Fire Missions. He enjoyed the duty as it required planning, team work, and attention to detail and these were attributes he was learning to appreciate through his Army experiences.

During his 3 years in the Army, Ed made a total of 21 “jumps” all using a standard T-10 parachute. After leaving the Army Ed continued “jumping” as a hobby and made another 15 jumps with the Monyok Sky Divers Club in Monroeville, PA, where he earned a trophy for accuracy. One of his most memorable jumps was as a civilian and was less than accurate during which the wind got ahold of his chute and blew him off course. Ed worked the downs of his chute but



Birmingham Bridge

could not get back on course and ended up landing in the backyard of someone who was having a BBQ party. The homeowner yelled at Ed to get the *h\*ll* out of his yard and off his property, which Ed promptly obliged collecting his parachute as fast as he could (*Obviously, this homeowner was not a Veteran, or he would have invited Ed in for BBQ*).

After the Army Ed returned to Pittsburgh and took a job on the railroad for 5 years. It paid the bills but was not satisfying to him. During this time he realized the Army imparted in him structure, discipline and an appreciation for being a part of a team. The Army was a way of life in which each Soldier felt unwavering loyalty and trust in his Brothers and Ed appreciated these qualities. Soon thereafter he became an **Iron Worker**. *It was with the Iron*



*Workers he once again felt at home with a Brotherhood*, much like the Army. As an Iron Worker Ed traveled extensively to jobs in California, New York, Puerto Rico, and Texas among many other locations. He was part of some of the largest constructions and renovations in the area including building the Birmingham Bridge, the Harbor Tunnel (Baltimore), the West End Bridge, the McKees Rocks Bridge, the McKeesport – Duquesne Bridge and even putting a new roof on Duquesne University's Old Main (office building).

Though busy often hundreds of feet above the ground (or river), Ed found time to meet the love of his life, **Ms. Audrey Supp**, to which they settled down in Pleasant Hills and had four children. Ed joined the Jefferson Soccer Club and became a kids coach, referee and President of the Soccer Association over a 12 year span. Ed explained his son, Jimmy, was playing soccer and Ed did not like the way the association was being run as it was unorganized and not especially good for the kids. Knowing what he had to do, Ed became involved in the Association and held an array of positions during that time. Simultaneously, Ed was in an Over 30 Men's Soccer League and still in "*Airborne*" shape as he ran 4 miles nearly every night up and down Old Clairton Road.

Ed is a long-time Legionnaire and related he joined the Legion for the camaraderie with other Veterans as the Legion brings together the Brotherhood of Veterans, of men and women with similar experiences and beliefs that those who did not Serve may not fully understand.

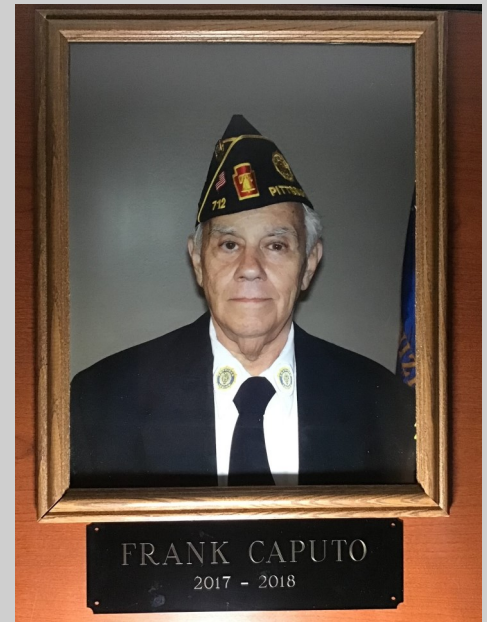


These days his hobbies include volunteering with the Legion and local charities such as Operation Troop Appreciation. He can still be seen going up and down Old Clairton Road these days, but now he is on a Harley Davidson rather than jogging. /// Top



## COMMITTEE TO RETURN PHOTOGRAPHS TO PAST COMMANDERS

The Committee is pleased to report a total of 18 photographs in frames and name plaques have been returned to Past Commanders or their family members in the area and across the East Coast to date. To refresh your memories, the Membership voted that photographs of Past Commanders should be returned to those Past Commanders or their families as a memento of their volunteer service to Post 712 rather than remain in storage gathering dust. The overwhelming response from Past Commanders and families has been extremely positive and thankful to the Membership of the Post. *Great decision Post 712 Membership!*



The Committee will mail the photo and name plate to a Past Commander or family member if they are out of the area. If local, the Committee will hand deliver to save packaging and postage costs. We are still trying to locate a few points of contact.

If you know how to contact the following Past Commanders or their families, please email the Editor at [USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org)

**William S. Hoop** 1952-1953 &  
1959-1961  
**Thomas Tindall** 1968-1969  
**Jack Sabina** 1970-1972 &  
1978-1979

**Rege Donnelly** 1991-1993  
**Robert Burch** 1993-1994  
**Dave Prop** 1994-1995

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO LOCATE**



# WHAT'S IN A NAME? - CONFEDERATE NAMES

Dept of Defense Directive to rechristen U.S. Army Installations  
named in honor of the Confederacy

The first of nine articles — LTG HAROLD MOORE

**W**hat do these Army Posts have in common? Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Benning, Fort Bragg, Fort Gordon, Fort Hood, Fort Lee, Fort Pickett, Fort Polk, & Fort Rucker?

*If you said they are all named after Confederate Generals, you are correct.* A few of these forts are legendary in Military history such as Fort Benning, Home of the Infantry, the Rangers, and Army Snipers. Fort Bragg is Home to the U.S. Military Special Operations Command and the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corp, including the famed 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

However, the **Department of Defense (DOD)** directed all Branches of the Service to **rename all forts, buildings, bases, weapons, or anything else, that were previously named in honor of the Confederacy** to a name in keeping with the awareness and appropriateness of society today. This



was an appropriate order for the DOD to issue especially when you consider the Civil War ended 170 years ago and race and the Confederacy continue as a divisive topic today.

*I support the name change* but must admit as a graduate of the U.S. Infantry School at Fort Benning it stung a bit for this iconic fort to be renamed given its place history. Now I must purchase new t-shirts as my *Ft. Benning Alumni* shirt has become outdated. The DOD Directive

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

required all renaming ceremonies to be completed no later than **January 1, 2024**.

You already know who Fort Moore is named after even if you do not realize it. Fort Moore is named after **Lieutenant General (LTG) (3 Stars) Harold “Hal” Moore and his wife Julia**, who both made meaningful and lasting contributions to the Army. LTG Moore is best remembered as the Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) in command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment at the Battle of Ia Drang in 1965 during the Vietnam War.



**LTG Moore co-authored the book, *We were Soldiers Once ... and Young*, 1992**, which was made into the 2002 movie starring Mel Gibson, *We Were Soldiers* (Sam Elliot plays Sergeant Major Basil Plumley - Ed).

LTG Moore served in **World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War**. He was a graduate of United States Military Academy West Point and during his career he commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Gary Owen Brigade), and the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division among other units (7<sup>th</sup> ID was affectionately known as the “**rag heads**” for their penchant of wearing drooping camouflage on their helmets). LTG Moore was highly decorated having been awarded the **Army Distinguished Service Cross (4)** and the **Army Distinguished Service Medal** among many other awards.

Troops that served with LTC Moore at the **Battle of Ia Drang** affectionately referred to him as, “**Yellow Hair**” as given their situation of being surrounded by the enemy and heavily outnumbered, it was their respectful way of referencing LTC Moore to a previous LTC who commanded the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, **George Armstrong Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn**, whom Native Americans called “Yellow Hair.”—*Soldiers Humor—gotta love it!*



1965

A little known fact is that Moore was wounded by *punji stakes* in Vietnam and received the **Purple Heart Medal**. However, his wounds were superficial and he refused the medal saying he was not a deserving recipient. When he was not permitted to refuse the medal by Army Brass, he then refused to wear the medal as a sign of respect to those soldiers who died or sustained grievous bodily wounds.

LTG Moore was born in Kentucky in 1922 and died during 2017 at 94 years of age in Alabama. He is buried in the cemetery at ~~Ft Benning~~, Ft Moore, GA alongside his wife Julie Moore. He served for 32 years (1945-1977) and co-authored two books, the second being, *We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam*.

*LTC Moore is credited with developing training techniques and executing Air Cavalry tactics that enhanced the effectiveness and laid the ground work for future Air Cavalry operations, which are still being used today.*



## WORTH REPEATING

- ⇒ **Would you like to contribute to *The Phoenix*? We are looking for Guest Contributors to share good news stories or items of interest to the American Legion Family through the newsletter. Family members serving in the Military, stories from your days in the Service, benefits for Veterans, or interesting information, just about anything for a Legion audience. Guest contributors may be Legionnaires, Riders, ALA, SAL, or simply Friends of the Legion. Call John at 412-606-8812 if you have something to share.**
- ⇒ **Do you know a Veterans organization, Youth Program or worthy cause in need of a sponsor or in need of volunteers? Post 712 may be able to help. Attend a Post 712 Meeting and we can discuss (March 19 at 7 PM).**
- ⇒ **Do you know someone not receiving the Newsletter who would like to receive the monthly Newsletter? Advise that person to email their first and last name and email address to [USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org) and ask to be put on the Newsletter distribution list. We are happy to share our Newsletter with Friends of the Legion.**
- ⇒ **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.**



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## CHAPTER 712

### Elected Officers

Director —  
Lloyd Ray  
Assistant Director —  
John Dillon  
Road Captain —  
Ed Harmon  
Treasurer —  
Beverly Weikel  
Secretary —  
Susan Dillon  
Chaplain —  
Mark Smith

### **Motorcycle Instructions—**

***Keep the Shiny Side Up!***

**New Members Welcome**

### RIDERS MEETINGS

- ♦ 7 PM on the first Wednesday of the Month.  
The next Riders Meeting is on March 6th
- ♦ At American Legion Post 490, 1008 Castle Shannon Blvd, Pgh, PA 15234

### American Legion Riders Chapter 712

- ♦ 412-606-8812
- ♦ [USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org)
- ♦ FB [American Legion Riders Chapter 712](#)(Ctrl Clk)
- ♦ Mailing Address

American Legion Riders Chapter 712  
American Legion Post 712  
610 Old Clairton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236



The American Legion Riders are a brotherhood and sisterhood of military and civilian Legionnaires. We are Veterans and Patriots, who are brought together by a few simple core beliefs. The Riders are a family-oriented group who believe in taking care of the families of the fallen, in providing aid to those injured in service to our Nation, in celebrating service to our Nation and in supporting our local community; and we believe in doing all of this from the back of a motorcycle. Our members are male and female, from their 20's to their 80's. If you want to make a difference in the lives of others, while in the company of great people, talk to a Rider.

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## POST 712

### Elected Officers

President—  
Mary Ann Marunich  
1st Vice President—  
Donna McCrumb  
2nd Vice President—  
Carol Stoodt  
Treasurer—  
Eileen Halpern  
Secretary—  
Chris Bodner



May 27th is  
National Poppy Day

Check us Out! Members  
and perspective Members  
are encouraged to attend.

### ♦ ALA MEETINGS:

- ♦ 7PM on the 3rd Monday of the month
- ♦ At the Post 712 Business Office conference room at 610 Old Clairton Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

### American Legion Auxiliary Post 712

Contact Mary Ann for additional information

- ♦ 412-330-7863
- ♦ Snookie1938@aol.com

### Save the Date

- ♦ May 27th, Veterans Day  
Poppy Sales at Sams Club in West Mifflin  
Volunteers welcome  
The more the merrier!

 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**  
**AUXILIARY**

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 712

## Elected Officers

Commander—  
Dave Halpern  
1st Vice Commander—  
Lloyd Ray  
2nd Vice Commander—  
John Dillon  
Finance—  
Thad Weidmann  
Sergeant-at-Arms—  
Tom Bodner  
Executive-at-Large  
1. Susan Coville-Cook  
2. Ed Harmon  
3. Nick Krawec  
4. Don Rottman

## Appointed Officers

Adjutant—Terry Choate  
Chaplain—  
Susan Coville-Cook  
Judge Advocate—  
Nick Krawec  
Service Officer—  
Don Rottman  
Webmaster—  
Thad Weidmann  
Editor— John Dillon  
USA@ALPost712PA.org

## ♦ AMERICAN LEGION POST 712

♦ POST 712 MEETINGS: 7PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3801 Saw Mill Run Blvd, Pgh, PA 15227 (VFW bldg).

## ♦ Contact American Legion Post 712

- ♦ USA@ALPost712PA.org
- ♦ 412-901-0327
- ♦ Business Office: American Legion Post 712  
610 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236
- ♦ FB *AmericanLegion\_PostSevenOneTwo*
- ♦ Website *ALPost712PA.org*

♦ Members and perspective Members are encouraged to attend.

## 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



# THE LAST PAGE

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE PHOENIX?

Would you like to reach more than **3,600 Facebook Followers** have your business or personal message posted on *multiple Internet sites* and have your message **emailed** to another **750 members** of the Legion and their families and friends? All while **supporting Veterans, Youth, and the local Community thru Post 712**?

If so, consider sending a message through the Post 712 monthly newsletter, *The Phoenix*. **Business or personal messages** may be posted and are guaranteed to be displayed for the life of the Newsletter or 30 days, whichever is longer. Associated donations—

- ♦ **Full page \$75 (7.5 inches wide by 9.5 inches long)**
- ♦ **1/2 page \$40 (7.5 inches wide by 4.75 inches long)**
- ♦ **1/4 page \$25 (3.75 inches wide by 4.75 inches long)**
- ♦ **Business Card \$15 (3 inches wide by 2 inches long)**

Messages should be submitted in PDF or JPEG format and may be black and white or *full color*. Contact John 412-606-8812.

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

### *The Phoenix* Welcomes Guest Contributors

Do you have a story to tell from your days in uniform? Would you like to share your experiences with the VA?

Family Members, would you like to share news of a relative who served in the Military and deserves public recognition. Or persons who deserve recognition as volunteers for Service to Community. Scouts or school events? Think about it and if you would like to share your thoughts, or your good news with the Post 712 Family call John at 412-606-8812 or [USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org)