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# THE PHOENIX

For the American Legion Family of Post 712

## Elected Officers

Commander—**Lloyd Ray**

1st Vice Commander—  
**John Dillon**

2nd Vice Commander—  
**Don Smoley**

Finance—**Thad Weidmann**

## Appointed Officers

Adjutant—**Ann Guttendorf**

Judge Advocate—  
**Nick Krawec**

Svc Ofcr— **Don Rottman**

Chaplain—**S. Coville-Cook**

Sergeant-At-Arms—

## Executives-at-Large

1. **Nick Krawec**

2. **Don Rottman**

3. **John Caligiure**

4. **Susan Coville-Cook**

Webpage—**Thad Weidmann**

FB/Newsletter Editor—

**John Dillon**, 412-606-8812

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## American Legion Post 712

### > 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, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 (Brentwood VFW Post 1810).

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

**Post 712** held our regularly scheduled Meeting on September 17th at 7 PM. The Meeting was Chaired by Commander *Lloyd Ray*.

- ♦ The membership noted a donation of \$95 to the South Park High School Basketball Program. A half page ad of Post 712 will display in the SPSHS Basketball program provided at home games.
- ♦ Also, the membership noted a donation of \$100 to the Pleasant Hills Fire Department.
- ♦ Post Calendar of Events was discussed and key dates were provided to the Membership. See page 3.

# **Post 712 Fund Raiser at** **Gianna Via's Restaurant**

**Make Plans  
to Attend**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 24th / **8 AM to 10 PM**

**WHERE:** Gianna Via's Restaurant and Bar, Caste Village, 5301 Grove Road,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236 / 412-882-6500

**Save the Date**  
**Tuesday**  
**Sept. 24th**

Gianna Via's will donate 10% of your total bill for everyone who turns in a 712 voucher.

712 uses this money for donations and sponsorship to local Veterans and local Youth Groups, so it is very important you come out for a great meal, good camaraderie and to support our Giving Programs!

**Post 712 will have an Information Table available at the entrance.**

**Be sure to stop by and say hello, pick up a voucher &  
see what we have for you!**

## **Dining Room Hours**

**Tuesday, September 24th 8 AM— 9 PM**

**Monday – Thursday 8 AM - 9 PM**

**Friday 8 AM – 10 PM**

**Saturday 7 AM – 10 PM**

**Sunday 7 AM – 8 PM**



## > POST 712 CALENDAR <

- SUNDAY, September 22 at 1000, **2nd Annual Patriot Day Remembrance Ride** being led by the Chapter 712 Riders. This is a Club Ride (free), in which the public is invited to attend. Departing from Sheetz at 251 Curry Hollow Road. Call Top for more information, 412-606-8812.
- TUESDAY, September 24, from 8 AM to 10 PM, Fund Raising Event, Post 712 at Gianna Via's Restaurant and Bar in Caste Village. We will set up an Information Table to welcome attendee's anytime between 8 AM—10 PM, where we will sell Post 712 shirts, sell raffle tickets, allow members to renew their membership, provide attendee's with a small gift, and answer questions about the Legion, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.
- WEDNESDAY, September 25 at 7 PM, **American Legion Riders Monthly Meeting** to be held at American Legion Post 490 Castle Shannon. All perspective Riders are invited to attend.
- SATURDAY and SUNDAY, September 28 and 29, beginning at 10 AM, volunteer opportunity at the National Headquarters of **Operation Troop Appreciation** located on Pennsylvania Avenue in West Mifflin, 15122. Work includes light to heavy tasks, something for everyone, from sorting items and filling boxes with goods to building shelving units. Several Legionnaires will be attending. If you're interested call John at 412-606-8812.
- TUESDAY, October 15 at 7 PM, **American Legion Post 712 Monthly Meeting** to be conducted at Brentwood VFW Post 1810 on Saw Mill Run Blvd, 15227.
- TUESDAY, November 5—**Election Day**—If any member needs assistance registering to vote call Vice Commander John Dillon for assistance, 412-606-8812.
- MONDAY, November 11 at 6 PM, **1st Annual American Legion Post 712 50/50 Raffle live drawing** event at Brentwood VFW Post 1810.
- ◆ **Check us out on our new Facebook page, *American Legion Post 712* or cut and past our web browser address to find us much easier**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565738168629>

# **First Annual Veterans Day 50/50 Raffle**

## How does the Veterans Day 50/50 Raffle Work?

1. \*\*\*\*\* **Every Legionnaire will receive Raffle Tickets either mailed to them or hand-delivered to their address** \*\*\*\*\*
2. The Veterans Day 50/50 Raffle works the same as any other 50/50 raffle. The winner receives 50% of the proceeds from ticket sales.
3. Legionnaires buy or sell some or all 50/50 tickets. Each ticket is a \$5 donation.
4. **Return ticket stubs & donations no later than November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
Mail ticket stubs & donations to American Legion Post 712, 610 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (Don't mail cash. Checks payable to *American Legion Post 712*)  
Or drop the ticket stubs & donations off during a Post meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.
5. **There will be a public drawing of the winning ticket at 6:00 PM, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2024**, at the Brentwood VFW. Stop in for the festivities and watch the drawing live. The winner need not be present. The winner will be notified.
6. **What if I don't want to participate or sell tickets? We ask you return the tickets to help us save money or simply rip them up & throw them away.**
7. **What if I want more tickets or have questions?** Contact Vice Commander John Dillon, Project Officer 412-606-8812 or Commander Lloyd Ray 412-901-0327.

8. **How will I know who won?**

We will provide updates at Post Meetings, on our Facebook page and in our monthly newsletter.



## > NEW SPONSORSHIPS <

- ◆ It is with great pleasure Post 712 is able to announce our newest sponsorship, that of **\$500 to the Thomas Jefferson High School Band**. The money will be used to support band activities, especially the upcoming **21st Annual Fall Festival of Bands** (see next page).
- ◆ Post 712 also announces our recent donation of **\$100 to the Pleasant Hills Volunteer Fire Company**. As Veterans we appreciate the dedication our Volunteer Firefighters exhibit each time the alarm sounds. **Thank You for all you do!** Check out their motto, **Whatever It Takes**, at [www.pleasanthillsfire.org](http://www.pleasanthillsfire.org).



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**Helping Veterans and Strengthening Community**



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and be a difference maker – Call Us*

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**Still Serving – We are the Legion**

# Thomas Jefferson

## 21ST ANNUAL

# FALL FESTIVAL OF BANDS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**  
**6PM**

**TJHS STADIUM**

**310 OLD CLAIRTON RD. JEFFERSON HILLS, PA 15025**

**The Marching Jaguars, under the direction of Mr. James Mirabella and in conjunction with the TJ Band Patrons, would like to invite you and your band to our 21st Annual Fall Festival of Bands.**

*Performances by:*

*Food & Fun!*

Rocket Kettle Corn  
T&L On The Rocks Mocktails  
Concession Stand  
Bake Sale  
Programs  
50-50 Raffle  
Basket Raffle  
Novelty Items  
Candy Grams  
Air Grams

Band Festival T-shirts

**Doors Open**  
**at 5:00 PM**

**Free Parking!**

**A free shuttle will also be available from the high school parking lot (830 Old Clairton Rd.) to the stadium.**

New Horizons Majorettes

Dragon Marching Band  
Allerdice High School

Spartan Marching Band  
Brentwood High School

Wildcat Marching Band  
Edison High School

Golden Lion Marching Band  
Greensburg-Salem High School

Indian Creek High School Marching Band

Golden Eagles Marching Band  
Keystone Oaks High School

Northgate Flames Marching Band  
Northgate High School

Big Red Marching Band  
Penn Hills High School

Mighty Indian Marching Band  
Peters Township High School

Little Green Machine Marching Band  
South Fayette High School

Upper St. Clair High School Marching Band

"Our Very Own"-Jaguar Marching Band

*Special Performance by:*

**Pitt**  
**BAND**

# WHAT DOES POST 712 DO WITH THE MONEY?

## Recent Donations

(Donations are the result of Legionnaires bringing awareness of need to the 712 Membership)

**Thomas Jefferson Junior Football League, \$300**

**Thomas Jefferson High School Baseball, \$170**

**Thomas Jefferson High School 5K For a Cure Race, \$200**

**Thomas Jefferson High School Theater, \$100**

**Thomas Jefferson High School Band, \$500**

**American Legion Post 490 Castle Shannon, \$400**

**American Legion Post 940 West Brownsville, \$100**

**South Park High School Football, \$100**

**South Park High School Soccer, \$95**

**South Park High School Basketball, \$95**

**Brentwood VFW Post 1810**

**2024-2025 = \$2,000**

**2023-2024 = \$2,200**

**Operation Troop Appreciation**

**2024-2025 = \$1,200**

**2023-2024 = \$1,200**

**Veterans Place of Washington Blvd**

**2024-2025 = \$1,200**

**2023-2024 = \$1,200**

**Pleasant Hills Volunteer Fire Company, \$100**

**Volunteer as Veteran of the Game (5) with the Pittsburgh, Pirates**

**Volunteer at Operation Troop Appreciation**

**Volunteer at National Cemetery of the Alleghenies**

**Volunteer at cemeteries to prep graves for Memorial Day**

**Volunteer at Pleasant Hills Community Day**

**Volunteer at the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall**

## **The American Legion – Still Serving**

**Remember**

# **2nd Annual Patriot Day Remembrance Ride**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday, 10 AM  
American Legion Riders  
Chapter 712**

Join the **Riders of Chapter 712 / 490** on a Club Ride  
thru the Mon-Valley in honor of **Patriot Day**  
The ride will be highlighted by a stop at the Monongahela Cemetery  
where we will conduct an informal **Remembrance Ceremony**  
in honor of Veterans laid to rest

## **KICKSTANDS UP**

Sunday, September 22  
10 AM – Sheetz  
251 Curry Hollow Rd

## **DONATION**

**\$0, Nil, Zero**

This is a Club Ride  
of Remembrance &  
Brotherhood  
*All are Welcome*



## **COMFORT STOP**

Plan on lunch-stop  
Location TBD

## **REGISTRATION**

No formal registration,  
but let us know if you are  
attending. Contact  
Top 412-606-8812  
Lloyd 412-901-0327  
or [USA@ALPost712PA.org](mailto:USA@ALPost712PA.org)

# FIRST ANNUAL VETERANS BREAKFAST

**WHEN:** Friday, October 18th, 2024 / 9—11 AM

**WHERE:** Jefferson Hills Community Room

**COST:** Free

**PRESENTERS:**

Dr. Todd DePastino of the Veterans Breakfast Club

Brigadier General David Papak, USMC (Retired)

Entertainer Mikey Dee



**SPONSOR:** State Representative Andrew Kuzma, 39th District

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** [www.RepKuzma.com/events](http://www.RepKuzma.com/events) or 412-382-2009.  
Sign up soon. Space is limited. Veteran and guest are permitted.

(For the record, the American Legion does not endorse candidates or political parties. Though we may endorse legislation that supports Military and Veteran programs and we also very strongly encourage all Legionnaires to vote.

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**Post 712 Patriotic Tee-Shirts are available in sizes Adult Small to 3XL for only \$15 each.** You do not have to be a Veteran to wear one of these shirts. Buy 2 or more shirts and we will deliver them to you if you're in the area.



**Call 412-606-8812**

\* If you live out of the area we will mail the shirts to you.

Though we ask you pay a \$10 shipping fee for postage and wrapping.



# > CHARTERS OF FREEDOM <

By John Dillon

Second in a series of three. As we know, it's a presidential election year and we have been hearing allot of people telling the rest of us how we should think and what we should believe. But, what did the Founding Fathers think? The *Charters of Freedom* are the Founding Fathers thoughts on what we as the unified Nation of the United States, should be. You may not be familiar with the phrase, *Charters of Freedom*, though you certainly know the documents that constitute the *Charters of Freedom*. Those documents are the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Bill of Rights*. Have you ever actually read the *Charters of Freedom*? If so, it was probably a long time ago. We will present the *Charters of Freedom* for your review and information.

Last month I presented the *Declaration of Independence*. This month I present the *Constitution of the United States*. I also take a moment to once again remind you of your *Oath of Enlistment*. All Branches of Service, swore allegiance not to the President, or a political party, and not even to our Country, but to the *Constitution of the United States*. That should stop and make you think. Also, consider voting as not only a right, but as a duty of your continued service to our Nation. Learn the issues and vote for the candidates of your choice.

## Oath of Enlistment

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

(Title 10, U.S. Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962)

# CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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## Article. I.

### Section. 1.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

### Section. 2.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

### Section. 3.

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

#### Section. 4.

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on [the first Monday in December](#), unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.

#### Section. 5.

Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

#### Section. 6.

The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been encreased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

#### Section. 7.

All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be re-passed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

#### Section. 8.

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;—And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

#### Section. 9.

The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, [unless in Proportion to the Census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.](#)

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

#### Section. 10.

No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it's inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

## Article. II.

### Section. 1.

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

## Section. 2.

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

## Section. 3.

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

## Section. 4.

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

## Article. III.

### Section. 1.

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

## Section. 2.

The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;—to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;—to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;—to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;—to Controversies between two or more States;—between a State and Citizens of another State,—between Citizens of different States,—between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

## Section. 3.

Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

## Article. IV.

### Section. 1.

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

### Section. 2.

The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.

No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.

### Section. 3.

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

#### Section. 4.

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

#### Article. V.

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

#### Article. VI.

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

#### Article. VII.

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

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Attest William Jackson Secretary

done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independance of the United States of America the Twelfth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,

## G. Washington Presidt and Deputy from Virginia

### Delaware

Geo: Read

Gunning Bedford jun

John Dickinson

Richard Bassett

Jaco: Broom

### North Carolina

Wm. Blount

Richd. Dobbs Spaight

Hu Williamson

### South Carolina

J. Rutledge

Charles Cotesworth

Pinckney

Charles Pinckney

Pierce Butler

### Maryland

James McHenry

Dan of St Thos. Jenifer

Danl. Carroll

### New Hampshire

John Langdon

Nicholas Gilman

### Massachusetts

Nathaniel Gorham

Rufus King

### Connecticut

Wm. Saml. Johnson

Roger Sherman

### New Jersey

Wil: Livingston

David Brearley

Wm. Paterson

Jona: Dayton

### Pennsylvania

B Franklin

Thomas Mifflin

Robt Morris

Geo Clymer

Thos. FitzSimons

Jared Ingersoll

James Wilson

Gouv Morris

### Virginia

John Blair

James Madison Jr.

### Georgia

William Few

Abr Baldwin

### New York

Alexander Hamilton

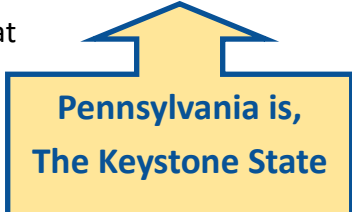
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**FACTS TO KNOW:** The official name of the Constitution is, the *Constitution of the United States*.

- This may surprise you, but the Constitution was not signed until September 17, 1787. The United States conducted a Constitutional Convention in which the preceding's were secret. Only 39 of the 55 delegates signed the Constitution, with many refusing to sign because the Constitution did not include a *Bill of Rights*.

- George Mason (of George Mason University notoriety) refused to sign the Constitution because he believed it gave too much power to the Federal Government and because he did not support the allowance of slavery in the Constitution. Mr. Mason was the only person of note to cite slavery as a reason for not signing the Constitution as he believed slavery was morally wrong (yet Mason himself owned slaves).

- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were the only Founding Fathers not to sign the Constitution as they were both in Europe on diplomatic missions at the time.



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# > American Legion Post 712 <

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

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### 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 & volunteering,

### 712 MEETINGS

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

Would you like to be involved? Commander Lloyd Ray is looking for good people who want to give back to thru helping American Legion Post 712. Call Lloyd at 412-901-0327 or attend a Post Meeting to explore open opportunities.



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