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Commander's Message

I have had several people ask me about our progress on finding/building a new post home. So here goes: We are still talking to the people that have the parcel of land available behind the Hess station. They have increased the size available to us that would permit a 6000 square foot building, with the ability to increase to 8000 square feet at a future date. Our initial quote to build came in at approximately \$100.00 per square foot or \$600,000.00. This coupled with a land price of \$300,00.00 (which we feel is a bargain) give us a total of \$900,000.00. That's pretty hefty. So you can see why we are proceeding slowly in our quest. We are waiting on two more quotes to see if we can drive that final price down some. I am not going to get into specifics here. I invite you to attend our next building committee meeting to see what's going on.

Our Valentine's Day dinner and dance was a huge success. The event was completely sold out. My hat is off to Madame Auxiliary President, Robin Burk who I know and love. I also must include her volunteers that played such a major role in making this event so successful.

Post elections for all the groups are just around the corner. So please exercise a right that many people in the world do not have. Come out and vote.

My MEMBER of the month is a gentleman that has served this Post for as long as I can remember. He does the annual SAL Christmas Party, been a past leader of that group, still cooks Wednesday night dinners where he recently set a new record for the number of dinners, sold, made the booths for the Newlywed game for the dance, helped emcee the contest, and finally never says no when help is needed. Andy Saffioti, congratulations you are my MEMBER of the month.

Jim Burk, Post Commander

American Legion Post 318 Election

Election Day - June 5, 2009 - Noon to 8PM

Pursuant to American Legion Post 318 By-Laws, Article VI, nominations to hold office will be made at our general membership meeting April 4; nominations may only be made by a member present at a general membership meeting, all nominations made must be seconded, all nominees must accept the nomination, and all nominees are subject to the qualifications as set forth in Article VI, Section 3, therein. The Nominations Committee, as appointed by the Post Commander, will report their selections at the April 4 meeting. All nominations to hold office will be closed at our general membership meeting on May 2.

Special Condition: Any nomination for a member to hold the office of Post Commander or Finance Officer, where a potential conflict of interest may exist as defined in our by-laws, must be made at the April 4th general membership meeting so a special vote may be held at said meeting to consider issuing a "waiver" to the nominee - said vote of "waiver" would require a 2/3 majority vote.

Current Elected Officers: Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Post Historian, Post Chaplain, Sergeant-At-Arms, Executive Board, Executive Board, Executive Board. Post Commander at the May 2nd meeting, shall appoint five (5) members not having conflict of interest, to the "Election Committee"; said committee shall prepare a "Sample Ballot" listing all qualified in alphabetical order under the headings of their respective offices; said "Sample Ballot" shall be marked "sample" and published in the June 2009 newsletter. Actual voting must be made in person at the Post on Election Day June 5, 2009 - No Exceptions!

Port 318 By-Laws & Constitution are available for your review and are posted on our bulletin board or may be viewed by visiting our Post 318 website: www.americanlegion318fl.org. Should you have any questions or concerns, you're invited to contact our Post Judge Advocate Mr. R.F. "Bob" Booth, Jr., by calling (772)337-3335 or by contacting the Post @ (772)878-0655.

Auxiliary President Message

Greeting Ladies! May I begin by thanking all of the very dedicated volunteers who helped to make our Valentine's Dinner Dance a rousing success! Great food, great laughs, and a great raffle! Our own Mary McLaughlin won the Progressive jackpot. And she graciously donated some of her winnings back to the Auxiliary. In the true spirit of the Aux. helping others. Mary also donated some of her winnings to Robin Tucker's Benefit Fund! A world of thanks to you Mary! I also want to mention that Mary is heading up our Coupon Drive for the troops so don't forget to drop off your coupons in the box in the dining room. Regular meeting on Sat. March 21. We will be hosting our annual membership tea where we honor our long-time members. Please plan on attending this event. Top of the morning to you! Call me if you need me... Robin Burk @561-371-7240

Coupon Program

Our coupon program is an ongoing affair. I would like to thank all who took the time to bring by their coupons. Also a very big thanks to Bonnie, Delores, Greta, Jody & Margaret. These ladies gave their valuable time helping cut out, sort by food and non-food & sort by price all the coupons. We shipped out over \$4500 in coupons to a base to help our soldiers & veterans. Ladies we will meet the 1st Tuesday of every month between 5 & 5:30pm, to keep up, this way it will only take about an hour. Anyone interested in helping please stop by. All help is appreciated, if you would like to clip the coupons before you drop them please make sure that they are closely trimmed. We can take coupons up to 6 months expired. They must be manufactures coupons, not for a certain store. Keep up the good response. It helps our soldiers and veterans. Mary McLaughlin

Important

It is the responsibility of the officers & committee heads of the different part of our Post to see to it that the newsletter articles get to the editor in time to be entered, edited, printed and sent through the sometime unreliable US mail system. There is a date of the 15th of the month in which to have your articles in. A little leeway can be given, but that depends on the month, holidays, weekends, etc. Remember, it takes 2 to 3 days at the printer and anywhere from 2 days to a week to get them delivered. Do the math.

Workforce Solutions

Grand Opening of the new St. Lucie County Career Center, located at 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 300 in St. Lucie West. Two Post 318 members, Larry Sowers & Ron Zimmerman are "Veterans Employment Representatives" work exclusively with military veterans & certain spouses of veterans. Veterans Program staff and all associates in the Career Center provide "priority" services in the areas of employment and training to our military veterans in the St. Lucie area. Ron and Larry see veterans on a walk-in basis - **no appointments necessary.**

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Texas Hold'Em Championship Tournament

Due to holiday of Easter falling on Sunday, April 12 we will have the tournament on Sunday, April 5 at 2pm. The only players allowed will be the champions from April 2008 to March 2009. Every player will receive \$5000 in chips and we will do the small blind, big blind with the value of the blinds going up at predetermined times. This is a tournament of champions and only champions can play. The last man or woman standing will receive \$550. We have to play the tournament that early in April because of the holidays. Many of our players will be heading north earlier than usual. Good luck.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Honor/Color Guard

The bad news is that we are getting more and more calls for our services. The good news is that it is and will always be our honor to recognize the sacrifices our veterans have rendered to our country. You can contact us via our website or by calling the Post. Due to the traumatic emotions involved and hectic job of seeing to the last wishes of loved one this military honor is something that could and should be discussed among family members along with final arrangement, wills, etc. We will make sure the Supreme Commander knows you are coming to Post Everlasting. As always the Honor Guard is always there for the qualified veteran's memorial service.

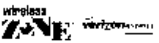
John Aitken, Sergeant-At-Arms

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Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our departed comrade, who are now enjoying eternal peace.

Michael Hirjack - 1/18/09

Bud Erickson - 1/31/09

Need prayers for the following members:

Aitkins, John - Berry, Michael - Branden, Peter Hartlep, Robert - Kahl, Otto - Mason, Robert Schmidt, Verner - Skerby, Joe - Squeo, Tom Tutela, Conrad

Thought For The Day

By building and maintaining a positive mental attitude. You can achieve results you never dreamed were possible.

If you know any member that is sick or in distress, **PLEASE** call John F. Hager, Post 318 Chaplain @879-7095.

Auxiliary Chaplain

Wish all members a happy and healthy Easter. Sick cards sent to the following members: Andersen, Margaret and Hunter, Ann. We wish both of you a speedy recovery.

Thought For The Day: When we carry enough faith in our hearts each day, we will feel God's saving power daily.

If you know anyone that is sick or needs a phone call **PLEASE** call me, Mattie Kelly, Chaplain Unit 318 @879-7095.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Legion	March 4	Roast Pork
SAL	March 11	Lasagna
Aux.	March 18	Pot Roast
Riders	March 25	Meatloaf
Legion	April 1	Brian's Ribs

HALL RENTAL AT POST 318

Birthday? Wedding? Retirement? Promotion?
 To celebrate all of the above or perhaps just a family get together call Larry @344-3136 or the Post at 772-878-0655.

LEGION MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Meet.....1st Saturday.....12PM
 Executive Board.....1st Saturday..... 10AM
 House Committee.....2nd Thursday.....5:30PM
 Auxiliary Exec Board..3rd Saturday.....11AM
 Aux. Regular Meet....3rd Saturday.....12PM
 SAL Meet.....2nd Monday.....7PM
 Legion Riders Meet...1st Friday.....7PM
 Color/Honor Guard...2nd & 4th Tuesday...6:30PM
 10/13 Club Meet.....4th Wednesday.....7:30PM

REGULAR KITCHEN HOURS

Sunday.....11am till 5pm
 Monday.....12 noon till 3pm
 Wednesday.....12 noon till 2pm
 Wednesday Dinner.....5pm till 7pm
 Thursday.....12 noon till 3pm
 Friday.....12 noon till 10pm
 Saturday.....12 noon till 10pm

Fish Fry

Why smell up your kitchen frying fish? We have a fish fry and a full menu every Friday from 12 noon to 10pm including the last Friday of the month, when we have our Steak and/or Surf & Turf Night. Again you may bring guests with you.

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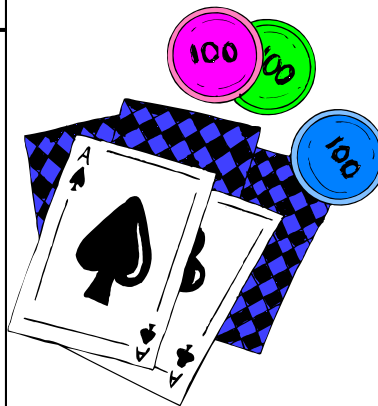
**Steak Night - \$11.50
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This month will be on Friday, February 27. 5:30 to 8PM.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT



Our next tournament will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. We play from 7 to 11pm if it lasts that long. This month and next will be the last for me. I have been doing this for 3 years and it is time for someone else with fresh ideas to come in. I want to thank all of you who have

supported the Post in this endeavor and ask that you do the same for whoever takes over. **80% of all donations will be returned to the players.**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 15 - 1 to 5PM
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April 2009	Askeland, John - Gallardi, Frank & Doris - Hendershot, William & Alice - Hornbeck, Roy - Martin, Arnold - Trocki, Margaret - Schwartz, Garry - Whiston, Stephen		
May 2009	Baker, Kenneth & Catherine - Hahn, Louis - Martin, Arnold		
June 2009	Antonucci, Frank, Msgt. (Ret) - Bailey, Robert - Couluris, Larry & Helen - McNally, Jim & Ann Marie - Seip, Robert		
July 2009	Bhirdo, R. W. & K. K. - Treasure Coast 10/13 Club		
Aug. 2009	Antonucci, Frank - Collins, Thomas - Howell, Edmund & Iris - Lechot, Edward - Rivera, Joe & Marilyn Soto, Richard - Stark, Robert & Diane - St. Pierre, Bill & Liz - West, Don & Vivian		
Sept. 2009	Pierson, Brian & Andrea - Vincent, Therese		
October 2009	Buko, Louis & Winifred - Deangelo, June - Fowler, Lee & Sarah - Turner, Al & Sue		
Nov. 2009	Ferreira, Joy & Lou - Lynch, Jack - Rau, Edwin & Marie - Stiehl, Bob		
Dec. 2009	Cliff & Dani - La Placa, Mary & Victor - McKenzie, George - Woodburn, Walt & Rita		
Jan. 2010	Boomer, Hugh & Bee - Cahill, Violet - Case, Bill - Van Sciver, George & Agnes Zeynik, Jeanette & Ray		
Feb. 2010	Magill, William & Jeanne - Stewart, Jo & Ken - Thompson, Frederick - Zikus, Bob		
March 2010	Germany, John & Betty - O'Neill, Kevin		
April 2010	Bonham, Theodore & Patricia		
May 2010	Sassarone, Carol		
August 2010	Benny, William & Helen		
Oct. 2010	Booth, Bob & Sally		
Nov 2010	Donovan, Dot		
Dec. 2010	Rice, John—McNally, James & Ann Marie		
March 2011	Horan, "Moose"		
March 2013	Caldwell, "Lee"		
May 2014	Swisher, Dick		
March 2018	Air Force Major Joseph Lyons (Kabul, Afghanistan)		
Nov. 2024	Jewish War Veterans		

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