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Commander's Message

We have made our final offer on the land purchase. The only condition remaining is the seller's bank releasing the portion we are attempting to buy. Let's keep our fingers crossed. If it's a go we really need all Post members to step up and volunteer as well as support the endeavor. I as a Rider was able to attend the 20th Annual Welcome Home event in Melbourne recently. Very moving experience. The Golf Tournament was a huge success. Hats off to everyone who played, paid or volunteered. Again a reminder about Post elections coming up. And finally, my MEMBER OF THE MONTH is a person that has done so much in the past year. She increased the numbers of women attending the Auxiliary meetings, decorated every event at the Post. Spearheaded the best ever golf tournament that 318 has ever had, and is my soul mate and best friend. **ROBIN BURK**

Jim Burk, Post Commander

SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT SAMPLE
There is no race (vote) for the following offices
Only 1 nomination made & accepted each office

Commander - Jim Burk 1st Vice - Frank Howard

2nd Vice - Larry Ruschell Chaplain - John Hagar

Historian - Tom Belford SAA - John Aitken

Even though there is no competition, please submit your vote as a vote of confidence for the officer.

For 3rd Vice Commander (Vote for 1 only)

Bowie, Daryl Pacitti, Bob

For Executive Board (Vote for 3 only)

Garneau, "Babe" Mastermaker, Fred

Sandora, Ed Schmitt, Gary

Zimmerman, Ron

Fellow American Legion Post 318 members, the June 5 election of officers is upon us. At the April 4 meeting my name, Bob Pacitti, was nominated and



accepted on the slate of officers, running for 3rd Vice Commander. I am well qualified to serve you in that position. A Navy veteran from 1965 - 69, I am also a Vietnam vet having served aboard the flight deck of the Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42). My background includes law enforcement and daily newspaper careers. I am well versed in Fl. State Statutes and communications. As a past Optimist Club President & member, serving the South Florida community was my call for several years. My services have been offered to Post 318 Commander Jim Burk as the Post's Public Information Officer, regardless of the outcome of the June 5 election. I look forward to serving you on the incoming board of officers for Post 318, if you deem that necessary. Please vote on June 5. **BOB PACITTI**

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Auxiliary President Message

Hello ladies! Let me begin by giving a hearty round of applause to all of the volunteers who helped with the Golf Tournament. We had one of the most successful events ever! The year, we shared the event planning with the Legion: They helped us with soliciting for donations and raffle prizes so we were able to spread the planning responsibilities to more volunteers. There are so many of you to thank. Please know that no matter how big or small your input was, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Our elections were held in May and I would like to announce that Wanda O'Neil is our new Sergeant-At-Arms. I wish her good luck in the next term and I look forward to working with you Wanda. Convention is coming up on June 25th through June 27th. If you are interested in attending any of the meetings, please contact me as we still have rooms available. P.S.: Please take the time to read your "Home Front" magazine issued by national. It has lots of uplifting stories, volunteering ideas, and information on upcoming events.

Call me if you need me...

Robin Burk, President @561-371-7240

Coupon Program

Here we go into the summer months & the response is overwhelming. This month we mailed out \$17,851.90 in coupons. That brings our total for four mailings to \$49,298.55. We volunteers will still meet the 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday on the month between 5 & 5:30. We will talk about it at our auxiliary meeting. We may have a daytime meeting run by Margaret Trocki. I know a lot of you would like to volunteer but cannot drive at night. Thank you all for volunteering, contributing & taking the time to cut them out. Thank you for making this program possible. Thank you for helping our Troops.

Mary McLaughlin

SAL Commander Message

I want to thank all of you who have stepped up to the plate and insured that a very important part of our Post continues. Please remember that no organization can survive without the cooperation of it's members. Most of us believe that the other person will step forward and do the job. Be that other person. There are many members in the Sons that will be happy to make sure you are going down the correct road. The amazing thing is that when YOU take that road, you will realize that you know a better way to get where you want to go. There is no road that is wrong if it gets you where you are going.

Election results:

Commander - Tom Bowes, 1st Vice - Dan Sternberg, 2nd Vice - Andy Saffiotti, Adjutant - Chris Andrews, Finance - Jeff Emelmuth, Chaplain - Bob Baldwin, Sergeant-At-Arms - Tony Avolio, Historian - Mark Bojt, E-Board - Tony DiCosmo, Jim McLaughlin & Dan McGonach.

Tom Bowes, Commander @340-3168



Ace Of Hearts Rules

1 ticket for \$1 or 8 for \$5 - Must be a member in good standing - **MUST PUT YOUR NAME ON THE TICKET EXACTLY AS ON YOUR CARD** - Drawing will be on every Monday at 7pm - If you get any ace but the ace of hearts then you get 10% of the pot - If you get a joker then you get 15% of the pot - If you get the ace of hearts then you get the total pot if present. 50% if not present in the Post for the drawing - Legion gets 20% of the weekly amount taken in - Tickets are sold every week - 3 tickets will be drawn every week, ticket #, ticket # & ticket # - 1st Ace of Hearts, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20 gas card - All winning tickets will be paid off in Legion Stars & Stripes Points. If the name is not exact or is illegible the ticket will be disqualified. A card will still be turned for that draw. If the turned card is an ace or other than the ace of hearts, or a joker, the winnings will not be paid and the stars & stripes points will roll to the next draw. If the turned card is the ace of hearts, the game will end, all stars & stripes points to date will roll to a new game.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Honor/Color Guard

Legion election will be on Friday, June 4 from noon till 7pm. Please take the time to come to the Post and vote. Regardless of whether there is a choice or not, please vote. At the very least it will be a vote of confidence and that is important when you have to make difficult decisions during your term. That is why it is so important to have the best we have, in office. Unfortunately, many elections are popularity contests and too often being likable doesn't mean you are capable. The only consideration should be whether you think the individual you are voting for is able and can move the Post to the next level. I did not get off the Honor/Color Guard subject as much as you think. When we get a potential new member, we get to know them and make sure they will be ready, willing and able to do the job that we all know is very important to the Post and it's members. Thank you.

John Aitken, Sergeant-At-Arms

American Legion Auxiliary 4 Night All Inclusive Cruise

January 21, 2010

Thursday, January 21 - Departs Miami

Friday, January 22 - Key West

Saturday, January 23 - Cozumel

Sunday, January 24 - At Sea

Monday, January 25 - Arrives Back in Miami

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Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting

Happy to report no deaths during the month of April. Please stay healthy so we can have another good month.

Hospital & Sick Report - Coy L. Shiffeld home from the VA Hospital and doing well. Welcome home Coy.

Need prayers for the following members:

John Aitken - Coy Sheffield - Otto Kahl

Edwin Hunter - Robert Mason - Verner Schmidt

Peter Braden - Ray Harrington - Dana Lambert

Joseph Skerby

Thought For The Day

Your faith attitude is the window through which you see the world.

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

Auxiliary Chaplain

I wish all the members out there that are sick or in distress a big get well. I know there are more members out there that need prayers. I don't have a crystal ball, so please call me @879-7095 when you know of a member that is sick or in hospital or just needs a prayer. Thank you. Mattie Kelly, Chaplain Unit 318. Need prayers for the following members:

Tessie Malvetti - Ann Hunter - Betty Swank

Donna Young - Shirley DeCarlo

Keep these members in your prayers.



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LUNCH SPECIALS

- Salad Platter Monday
- Taco Tuesday
- Chicken Parm Sandwich Wednesday
- Chef's Choice Thursday
- Fish Fry Friday \$6

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Legion	June 3	Fried Chicken
SAL	June 10	Lasagna
Aux.	June 17	Pot Roast
Riders	June 24	Ribs
Legion	July 1	Roast Turkey

REGULAR KITCHEN HOURS

- Sunday.....11am till 5pm
- Monday.....12 noon till 3pm
- Tuesday12 noon till 3pm
- Wednesday.....12 noon till 2pm
- Wednesday Dinner.....5pm till 7pm
- Thursday.....12 noon till 3pm
- Friday.....12 noon till 10pm

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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

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.

Steak Night - \$11.50

Surf & Turf - \$13.00



You now have a choice. With surf & turf you will get 3 shrimp with the same delicious steak you always get.

Will be on fourth Friday of the month 5:30 to 8PM.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Come play on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The 2009 - 2010 season continues on. Just ante up & flop in, or turn fourth street then the river. If you play your cards right you may have the NUTS. As you rake in the chips in, it's time to do it again with Community Cards. Do you want your name on the Plaque of Winners for the 2010 Tournament of Champions??? You must come & play to win. Open to all Legion members & their friends who have signed them in to play with them. This year there will be a FREE chance to reenter the game for all players. The final 3 players of each tournament will receive a payout & signed up for the Championship Game in 2010.

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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 - Christian, Ron - Dunning, Nancy - Hahn, Louis Jr - Smith, Carol Francesco & RJ	
May 2010	Baker, Kenneth & Kay - Collins, Lorraine & Andrew - Collins, Thomas - Jarvis, Hope - Milley, Don & Carol Sassarone, Carol - Trocki, Margaret	
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"	
April 2011	Foster, Leroy, Jerry & Lucita	
March 2012	West, Donald & Vivian	
March 2013	Caldwell, "Lee"	
May 2013	10 - 13 Club	
May 2014	Swisher, Dick	
March 2018	Air Force Major Joseph Lyons (Kabul, Afghanistan)	
Nov. 2024	Jewish War Veterans	

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Neil L. Malvetti.....By Theresa Malvetti.....10/09	James L. O'Neill.....By Kay & Family.....3/10
Don Vincent.....By Therese Vincent.....10/09	Ken Christian.....By Ron Christian.....4/10
Jackie Miller.....By Hank Miller.....10/09	Charlene Smith.....By RJ Smith & Carol Francesco Smith. 4/10
Ken Chismar.....By Dot Kearns.....10/09	Robert J. McCourt..By Carol Francesco Smith & RJ Smith..4/10
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Joe 'Viet Nam" Joe Chalkis...By Betty Swank.....12/09	Marion Swisher.....By Dick Swisher.....11/11
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