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Commander's Message

I love this time of year. Starting at the end of June the upcoming month or so has so many things going on. I recently attended the State Convention in Orlando. It's so nice to renew old friendships as well as make new ones. There is only 12 Posts that have more votes at convention to elect our upcoming state officers. So we play an important part each year in choosing our leaders for the upcoming year.

Our 4th of July was such a great time and was well attended. Then shortly after that we had our installation of Post 318 Officers for the upcoming year. And by the way thank you for your vote of confidence in reelecting me as Post Commander.

We have signed a contract on the land behind the Hess station. We are proceeding with plans, site inspections, and final bids to build a new 6000 square foot Post Home. With your help I know we can get it done.

Don't forget the Commander's Appreciation dinner on July 26. This is where we recognize our volunteers of the year, as well as member of the year for each group. And the coveted EAGLE of the years goes to..... Wait, you'll have to show up to see.

And finally the person I have chosen for member of the month is a person that hasn't been a member for a year yet, but has really stepped up to be an important part of our Post. He was recently elected First Vice of the Riders, attended the Service Officers school in Orlando after being appointed Service Officer for our Post, and is also helping put together the Rider's Poker Run in August. I salute you John Vanwye "Johnny V" the member of the month for August.

Jim Burk, Post Commander

1st Vice-Commander

What does membership in The American Legion mean? Membership in The Legion is membership in America. "Get involved" is our motto. It is also the primary reason why more & more dedicated veterans continue to devote their lives to their country. It is the background of involvement that creates & supports the feeling of camaraderie which makes the American Legion the nation's largest and fastest growing organization of wartime veterans. Membership is the livelihood of The American Legion. Without the members there would be no Legion programs. Without members there would be no accomplishment in assistance & support to veterans, their families, the community, state & nation. As we start a new membership year, remember, membership runs on a fiscal calendar (July 1 through June 30). Our goal this year is 868 members paid dues to achieve 100% membership. We are off to a good start. It is estimated by the time you read this newsletter we will have achieved over 50% of our goal. I would like to reach our membership goal of 100% by the end of December. This will allow us to participate in the numerous legion programs (Boy State; Children & Youth Activities; Oratorical contest; Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter of the Year). Another factor in reaching our goal is that it will allow me more time to fulfill my secondary obligation of raising additional funds for our new post building. So, if you haven't yet paid your dues for 2010, please send them in.

Frank Howard, 1st Vice-Commander

Up-Coming Events

Rider Poker Run in August
Labor Day Celebration - Sunday, September 6
NFL Sundays starting in September
Halloween Party - Saturday, October 31
See newsletter for details.

Auxiliary President Message

Happy Summer Ladies!

Since my last newsletter, I attended the State Convention in Orlando on behalf of Unit #318. There were long and arduous meetings, but well worth it - to keep abreast of what we need to focus on as a Unit, and to hear about all of the wonderful things we and other Units are doing to support Veterans, their families and the youth of Florida. Please review our Auxiliary wall in the dining area to see the awards that we earned. I thank each and every one of you who participated this term in our volunteer programs. I will be announcing a planning meeting for our new term soon and I hope that all of the officers and interested ladies will attend. More info to follow. The Annual Riders Poker Run is coming up on August 16. The planning committee has asked if the Auxiliary can provide servers for the buffets and/or desserts. Anyone interested in contributing, please call me so I can let the committee know. And, may I add, this is not just an event for motorcyclists - this is an event that every Legionnaire, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Rider is invited to attend. There will be prizes for best hand, worst hand, raffle prizes, 50/50 and Andy Saffioti's world-famous auction! Besides offering lunch, this year, the Post will be hosting breakfast as well. It will be a fun-filled day for all. Please play to attend.

Call me if you need me...

Robin Burk, President @561-371-7240

Quote for the month: Better by far you should forget and smile than that you should remember and be sad. Author - Christina Rossetti from "Remember"

Support Our Troops Program

Our program is still going strong!! We send military phone cards and PX cards to our troops at least 6 times a year. I have been asked lately "who is eligible for this? How do you get the names?" We send cards to local men and women and relatives of our members serving in areas of conflict. Please, members if you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, nephew or niece serving in the Military and stationed in an area of conflict, please get me their address. Their address must include their APO AE. You can leave it addressed to my attention at the Post or email it to supporttroops@americanlegion318fl.org. Thank you, Mary McLaughlin

Sons of The American Legion

To All SAL Members

Please let me say how sorry I am for missing the newsletter deadline for last month's article. No excuses. I want to congratulate all the officers that were sworn in at the Installation. I was truly moved by the turnout. I thank you. Great feeling, when we were presented with awards for membership and the two awards for supporting the Special Olympics. The membership should be proud. Don't forget there is no meeting in August. But Sons will be serving their famous clams. We get the best around. Please continue to support our Wednesday Night Dinner of HOMEMADE LASAGNA. It is the best in town. Also support all of our Wednesday Night dinners. The food is great and the price is right. Thanks to all SAL Members for all that you do.

Tom Bowes, Commander

American Legion Post 318 Sons of the Legion



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 - 2 tickets will be drawn every week, ticket # 1 if no Ace of Hearts you will get \$50, 2nd ticket will get \$20. 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

Our Honor Guardsman of the Year is Bill Yager. Knowing of Bill's illness, the Honor/Guard presented his award on Saturday, July 18 at his home. Unfortunately Bill passed away on July 21. Because of his demeanor and professionalism he elevated the entire Honor/Color Guard. Bills playing of the bagpipes was moving and appreciated by the families of those we honored. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him. When he was among us, we were better men for it. Thank you and God Bless you Bill.

John Aitken, Sergeant-At-Arms

Hello ladies, I am your Membership Chairperson. As being in charge of membership I am going to start early & hopefully you will all follow. My goal is to get our membership to 100% A.S.A.P. So having said that I am asking each and every member to pay her dues NOW. You don't have to wait for the renewal form to arrive. Let's work together & get us to #1. THIS is our year. For all of you that have already paid your dues (thank-you) & paid \$25 instead of the, yes, you guessed it, it is still only \$20, please call me for a refund or I will automatically put the extra \$5 to the Auxiliary to go towards all of our fundraisers as your contribution. And anybody who wishes to pay the \$25 (as this is what it was supposed to be), we will do the same with your extra \$5. Thank you all that contribute. Hope to see you at the Post & definitely at our meeting.

Marion Mason 772-985-1071

Coupon Program

In July we mailed out 19,347.66 in coupons. This brought our total for 6 mailings to \$89,050.25. This represents a lot of hard work by our volunteers. We are going to take a break & not have any meetings in August. Any volunteer that wants to keep on at home, go for it and thank you. Our meetings in September will be Tuesday 9/8 & Monday 9/21. Margaret Trocki is also going to run a daytime meeting. Watch for the date in the Sept. newsletter! Thank you all for collecting, cutting, sorting and counting the coupons. This program could not keep going without the volunteers. Thank you all for helping to support our Troops. Mary McLaughlin

Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following families: And friends of our dear departed comrades, who are now enjoying eternal peace.

Butler, James 6/13/09 - Newitts, Jack 6/14/09

Need prayers for the following members:

John Aitken - Coy Sheffield - Otto Kahl

Edwin Hunter - Robert Mason - Verner Schmidt

Ray Harrington - Dana Lambert

William Yager - Andy Collins

Thought For The Day

A man is what he thinks about all day long.

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

Auxiliary Chaplain

Prayers go out for all the members of unit 318.

If you know anyone that is sick, please call me at 879-7095. Thanks and God Bless All. Our deepest sympathy goes out for the Reed Family.

Thought For The Day: It is up to each one of us to make a choice: "Am I going to control my world or is my world going to control me?"

Mattie Kelly, Chaplain Unit 318

Help Our Homeless Veterans

We are collecting shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. The Salvation Army will deliver them to the vets in this area. Please bring them to Legion Post 318 and put them in the collection box in the back room. Every little bit helps. Thank you.



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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	August 5	Pig Out Buffet*
SAL	August 12	Lasagna
Aux.	August 19	Pot Roast
Riders	August 26	
Legion	September 2	Pig Out Buffet*

*Ham, roast pork & spare ribs

REGULAR KITCHEN HOURS

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

Welcome NASCAR Fans

- Welcome to our Pit Stop, Post 318 Style
- Sunday menu Specials
- 12 noon till 5pm
- Large Plain Juicy Hot Dog & Fries \$2.75
- Naked Wings Only 12 for \$7.00
- 24 Naked Wings & Pitcher of Beer \$16.00
- Meatball Sub & Fries \$3.50
- ...All Seats on the Start and Finish Line...

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.....2nd Saturday.....12PM
- Executive Board.....2nd 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

Saturday, August 8

On that day we will have our regular E-Board and Legion Meeting.

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.

Always on the last Friday of the month 5:30 to 8PM.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Come play with some of your friends on the third Tuesday of every month. Doors open at 6:30pm, buy-in is \$20.00 and dealing starts at 7pm. Open to all Legion members and their friends. The final 3 players receive a payout and are entered for the championship game in 2010. Free munchies and a chance for fee chips game night.



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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	
June 2010	Askeland, John - Cafiso, Frank & Connie - Gallardi, Frank & Doris - Golden, John & Mary - Kolker, Herbert & Martha - Thompson, Arnie & Toni - Vaughan, Tom & Kathy	
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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 Robert J. McCourt..By Carol Francesco Smith & RJ Smith..4/10

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 Chuck Rice.....By Alberta Rice.....6/10
 Herbert Kolker.....By Martha Kolker.....7/10
 John Kearns.....By Val Riccardi.....8/10
 Frank Donovan.....By Dee.....10/10
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 Sharon Homung.....By Bill "Moose" Horan.....3/11
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