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Commander's Message

We just finished up with the Rider's Annual Poker Run to benefit local vets yesterday. It was a great success thanks to the many volunteers that worked long and hard to make it that way. Post members that supported this and volunteered, I thank you so much. There were over 150 bikes participating. With the economy being what it is, it was still a great turnout. Our next Post meeting has been moved to Sept. 12. This will allow more of us to participate in an event at PGA the previous weekend. Details to be posted at 318. Also at our next meeting we will have Ed McKeen from the VA Medical Center to talk about benefits & sign up veterans for various health benefits at the center. You do not want to miss this important meeting. You do not have to have a service related problem to be in the system, I signed up last week. Bring your DD-214. Finally, the gentleman I have honored as MEMBER OF THE MONTH is DANA LAMBERT. He is in his 2nd term as Finance Officer & has spent countless hours updating our financial records & has greatly improved the bottom line by offering many suggestions to improve the way we do business. Yes folks, it is a business. Or at least needs to be run like one. 3 days after being discharged from the hospital after surgery, he was at the Post working on our monthly reports & cooking breakfast for the poker run.

Jim Burk, Post Commander

Up-Coming Events

Labor Day Celebration

Sunday, September 6

NFL Sundays starting in September

Halloween Party - Saturday, October 31

1st Vice-Commander

So far we have done very well in Legion Membership renewals. As of Aug. 21, I have processed 539 renewals. That puts us at 62.1% of our goal. I need another 329 renewals to reach 100%. If every member who has sent in his or her membership would check with 3 of their friends to see if they have sent in their 2010 renewals, then we may be able to reach our goal of 868 renewals by Dec. 31.

Frank Howard, 1st Vice-Commander

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

Help With Our Building Fund

One of the ways you can help is by getting your newsletter via the internet. If you are on the net, all you have to do is go to the address located above and read, print or do anything you want from that spot. We will save on printing and mailing costs. Just email me & I will take you off the mailing list ONLY. Thank you for your support.

Dick Boulette, Editor

Auxiliary President Message

Hello Ladies! We are back to our regularly scheduled meetings beginning Saturday, September 19. E-Board meets at 11am & the regular meeting begins at noon. I am looking forward to seeing you all again at the meeting. Please remember that we voted to collect a nominal charge for lunch. We are starting our new term with plans for the Great Auxiliary Yard Sale, which will be in November. A planning meeting will be held to appoint committee chairman & members so please watch the bulletin board for the date. I encourage all of you to stop & see our participation certificates & program awards for the 2008 - 2009 term, which are on display in the dining hall. These awards are the result of lots of hard work by dedicated members. I salute you! I also offer a world of thanks to all the Aux. members who volunteered for the Riders Poker Run, held on Aug. 16 which was a rousing success! Call me if you need me...

Robin Burk, President @561-371-7240

Auxiliary 1st Vice Unit 318

Hello Ladies, October is the cut off mark for the early birds. Send in you dues A.S.A.P. Come the end of Dec. your door cards will no longer be valid & a new one will not be issued until your dues are up to date. **BE AN EARLY BIRD & MAYBE GET YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES PAID FOR.** Protect your membership card, having one is a **PRIVILEGE** & is not to be abused or disregarded. If lost, a replacement fee of \$5 will be imposed. Remember, we are guest here. If it wasn't for a family member we would not have this privilege. **ALWAYS** thank a Vet. Love you all & am glad we are a family. It is not what we pay for dues, but what price was paid to allow us to be members. Marion Mason 985-1071.

Sons of The American Legion

To all Sons, the membership cards are in. Please drop off your dues, as an early bird your name may be pulled & you get a 1 year free membership. On Labor Day the Sons will be selling clams on the half shell raw or steamed, the freshest and cheapest around. Sons will also be selling Babe's famous Manhattan chowder. All the money the Sons make will go to our kids Christmas Party, so please come out Sept. 6. Thanks to the Sons kitchen staff - we hit 100 dinners for our famous Lasagna Dinner. You're the best. Please support all of the Wednesday Night dinners & see everyone on Labor Day for the Post's big bash. Remember to pay your dues and help your Sons.

Tommy Bowes, Commander SAL Post 318

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 - 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.

One Less Drink

Another way to raise money is by our one less drink a week volunteer program. I doubt anyone of us will miss that drink and every little bit helps. Just hand the money you would spend for your drink to the bartender to put in the jar. For that matter you can donate anything you can spare. Thank you for your help.

Chaplain Post 318**Post Everlasting**

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

John M. Kinnel - 3/10/09, Henry A Hayda - 5/31/09, Bill Yager - 7/20/09.

Need prayers for members:

John Aitken - Coy Sheffield - Otto Kahl
Edwin Hunter - Robert Mason - Verner Schmidt - Ray Harrington - Dana Lambert
Andy Collins - Charles Duberger - Larry Sawers - Joe Skerbe

Thought For The Day

Pray for your doctor that he may have healing skills as a servant of the great physician. If you know any member that is sick or in distress, **PLEASE** call John F. Hager, Post 318 Chaplain @879-7095.

**Chaplain Unit 318**

Prayers for the followings members.

Tessie Malavetti - Nikki Lawrence
Ann Hunter

If you know anyone that need prayers or a sick card call me at 879-7095.

Thought For The Day; The Lord is the source of all our blessings; He never fails to provide our needs.

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.

Legion Riders Commander's Corner

I want to thank everybody that participated in our Poker Run, it was a huge success. I especially want to thank all the volunteers that made this whole thing possible. The kitchen worked out great and I know the bar was slamming. Also I want to thank the Post, Auxiliary, S. A. L. and all the groups that came out and supported our fund raiser. And a special thanks go out to Johnny V. and his wife Sonja for getting and keeping this Poker Run so organized. I know we all worked hard to have it run smoothly and it did. I don't have to mention you all by name, you know who you are. Thank you again. Ed Sandora, Commander American Legion Post 318 Riders

Coupon Program

Our August mailing was due to the help of Gerri and our home volunteers including Marte, Delores, Greta and Dottie. Ladies we mailed out \$22,365.58 in coupons. This brought our total for 7 mailings to \$111,415.83. Thank you all for all your hard work. This program would not be a success if we did not have your help. Our meetings in Sept. will be on Tuesday the 8th from 5 till 7pm & on Tuesday the 22nd from 1:30 till 4pm. Yes volunteers, a daytime meeting. I hope to see new faces! All are welcome. A big fat pat on the back to all who collect, cut, sort & count the coupons. Thank you all for helping to support our Troops. Mary McLaughlin

Proper Attire

According to Post rules, there will be no sleeveless shirts allowed after 5pm.

LUNCH SPECIALS DAILY

Fish Fry Every Friday \$6

Buffet Or Fish Fry - \$6.00

Second Friday of every month - 5pm - ?
Starting October 9

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Legion	September 2	Pig Out Buffet*
SAL	September 9	Lasagna
Aux.	September 16	So. Fried Chicken
Riders	September 23	Meatloaf
Legion	September 30	Roast Turkey

*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 NFL FANS

For all you Armchair Quarterbacks

Welcome to our Tail-Gate Party

Post 318 Style

Sunday menu Specials

Late breakfast, Early Lunch

11am till 5pm

Large Plain Juicy Hot Dog & Fries \$2.75

Naked Wings 12 for Only \$7.00

24 Naked Wings & Pitcher of Beer \$16.00

Meatball Sub & Fries \$3.50

Wear your team jersey - 50¢ off 1st drink

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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.

Donate School Supplies

Please join Post 318 in trying to help students in our area get necessary school supplies so they may start the new school year with the tools they need to learn. Bring your donations to the Post. School will be starting very shortly. Thank 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.

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

You are welcome to bring guests

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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October 2009 Louis & Winifred Buko June Deangelo Lee & Sarah Fowler Al & Sue Turner	February 2010 William & Jeanne Magill Jo & Ken Stewart Frederick Thompson	June 2010 John Askeland Frank & Connie Cafiso Frank & Doris Gallardi John & Mary Golden Herbert & Martha Kolker Arnie & Toni Thompson Tom & Kathy Vaughan	December 2010 John Rice Iris Howell	
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		August 2010 William & Helen Benny	May 2013 10 - 13 Club	
		October 2010 Bob & Sally Booth	May 2014 Dick Swisher	

Boosters help defray the cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter. To add your name or to renew for one year, make you check for \$10 payable to "The American Legion, Post 318," mark "Booster" on memo line, drop off at the canteen or mail to "The American Legion, Post 318" 8543 So. U.S. Highway #1, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952-3347.

Business cards\$25 per month or \$200 per year

\$15 per year.....IN MEMORY OF.....Paid thru month shown

September 2009 Sharon Hornung by Bill "Moose" Horan	February 2010 Jackie Miller by Hank	July 2010 Herbert Kolker by Martha Kolker John Herman by Sharon Herman	November 2011 Marion Swisher
October 2009 Neil L. Malvetti by Theresa Malvetti Don Vincent by Therese Vincent Jackie Miller by Hank Miller Ken Chismas by Dot Kearns	March 2010 James L. O'Neil by Kay & Family	August 2010 John Kearns by Val Riccardi	June 2014 John Kearns by
November 2009 Jane & Ben Martini Azzara By Bob Azzara & Brothers Dan McKillop by Martha McKillop	April 2010 Ken Christian by Ron Christian Charlene Smith by RJ Smith Charlene Smith by Carol Francesco Smith Robert McCourt by Carol Francesco Smith Robert J. McCourt by RJ Smith	October 2010 Frank Donovan by Dee	July 2015 Don Vincent by The Legion Riders
December 2009 John Michaels by McNally, J. & Ann Marie	June 2010 Mary Golden by John Golden	December 2010 John J. Antop (Unk) by Betty Swank Joe "Viet Nam" Chalkis by Betty Swank	August 2015 John Kearns by Sans of American Legion
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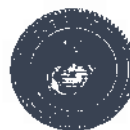
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Labor Day Picnic Sunday, September 6

Menu:

Juicy Burgers

Jumbo Hot Dogs

Home Style Potato Salad

Baked Virginia Ham

Fried Chicken

Buffet Style 1 till 4pm

Smokey Bones/Dynamic Duo

1 till 5pm

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