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Commander's Message

Hello Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders

Here we are starting a brand new year at the Post. All the Elections are over and at this time I would like to congratulate all new Officers from each organization, and wish them the best for the upcoming 2010-2011 year. I know all will do their best to keep our Post going in the right direction. It takes a lot of energy by a lot of members to keep the Post going in such a successful way. It takes a lot of planning, hard work, dedication, and pride by those to insure the Post moves forward in the right direction. A Post where all members are proud and where they want to do more.

A lot of new members keep stating how glad they are that they joined our Post. They like what they see and the members they have met. Let's continue to seek new members and build our Post.

With every New Year come increased goals and responsibilities. Members, I ask you all to step up and do what you can to make our Post better. It doesn't have to be a lot, just come to a meeting, find out what's going on, and ask what you can do to help.

At the State Convention I had the pleasure of discussing our Post with several Department, Area, and District officers. They stated how impressed they were with the efforts of all of our organizations from Post 318. Let's continue to impress in this next year.

The more we work together as a family the more we will accomplish. Divided we will not. This next year remember to lend a hand to every organization at our Post. Lets all work towards having fun and helping others.

This month I would like to make "Jo Jo" Boehm our Member of the Month. "Jo Jo" volunteered and donated so much for a very successful fund raiser at the Post. Our thoughts are always there for "Willie". "Jo Jo", I salute you.

Commander Daryl Bowie

Second Vice Commander

Well we are starting a new fiscal year as far as the Legion State is concerned.

As you all should be aware of by now is that I "Johnny V." am the Second Vice this year for your post. A big part of my duties consist of being in charge of ways and means. As leader of the house committee, I encourage anyone that has a good idea for fun or a fund raising event, to come to the meeting and share your ideas with us. At the house committee meeting we discuss the up coming calendar schedule as well as new ideas for the post. The house committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. This is not a gripe session, these meetings will only be constructive. We as post members have a lot of work to do....we have recently purchased property. Now we need to raise money to do something with it. As we move thru out the year to raise money for a new building we can not forget that we also need to support the veterans in need. Rather it be local or abroad. This is going to be a lot of work but, I will try my best to also make it fun. Speaking of fun.....

The 17th of July was the installation day for all new officers of the Post, Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders. The morning of the 17th was a post clean up. I really thought the clean up went well. Several people participated and had fun at the same time. I would like to thank the following individuals for their efforts.

Butch Bates, Fred Mastermaker, Babe Garneau, Daryl Bowie, Frank Howard, Debbie and Joe Mastrolillo, Sonja VanWye, Frank Majewski, Denny Donahue, Wayne Verburg, Garin Salisbury, Robin and Jim Burk and Margaret Trocki. For those of you that were unable to attend, I'm know we'll have more events in the near future that you can be involved in. Thanks again to all and here's to a good year.

**Johnny V.
John VanWye**

Auxiliary President Message

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As you all know we have recently installed our new Officers and E-Board members and I would like to thank all of the ladies who have volunteered their time for these positions. We are looking forward to a great year filled with activities and most of all FUN! But we can't do it alone so we need your support. Updates:

Monthly Meetings: General Session is the third Monday of every month at 6:45 PM. E-Board will meet prior to the general session. The next meeting will be **September 20**. We can schedule car pools if needed.

Membership Renewals 2011 are due! We have recently increased our dues to \$25.00. This could not be avoided as dues to Department and National have recently increased.

We are looking for volunteers for various committees.

We are expanding our Junior Auxiliary Program. Sign up your granddaughters, daughters and great granddaughters! They do not need to live in the area.

Contact any Auxiliary Officer for additional information.

Thanks!

Sonja VanWye, President
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Support our Troops Program

Our program is still going strong. We send military phone cards and PX cards to our troops at least six times a year. We send cards to local men and women and relatives of our members serving in areas of conflict. Please...members, if you have any kind of relative serving in the military and stationed in an area of conflict, please get me their address. Their address must include the APO AE. You can leave it addressed to my attention at the post or e-mail it to: supporttroops@americanlegion318fl.org.

Thank you
Mary McLaughlin

SAL Message

To all the SAL members who supported me the past two years, I thank you. I am proud of what we accomplished the last two years. We reached out to a lot of organizations and families. We put smiles on a lot of peoples faces. I would like to wish our new commander Tony Avolio, the best of luck as I do all our new officers thru out the post and units etc. as they prepare to take us to the next level.

Remember, no meeting in August. The next meeting is September 13, 2010.

God Bless and thank you all.

Tommy Bowes

Message from the Editor

Last months meeting was a little confusing for most that attended. There was a motion on the floor about changing the meeting date from Saturday to a week day. After the meeting, a conflict of interest was discovered having to do with the date. On behalf of the commander and all the officers of the post we apologize. Therefore at the next meeting; August 14, 2010, the topic of discussion will be the changing of the General meeting date and time.

Johnny V.

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