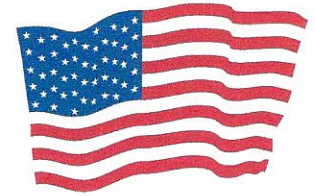




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I want to thank all the members who have renewed their membership in the past month. Our 1st Vice, Babe Garneau, states that we are at 93% and our goal again is to be 100%. If you haven't renewed I ask that you do now. The Post needs your membership.

At the February meeting it was discussed that a nominating committee had to be selected for 2011-2012 Officers. Anyone is welcome to run. Those that are interested will be read at the April meeting. Every Post needs good leadership for their members. With the size of our Post one tries to do what's best for all, keeping in mind what's best for the continued success of the Post.

At this time I want to update the membership on the status of the New Post Building. By the time you are reading this we will have finished the last changes with the Civil Engineer and Architect. Now they can go forward with their process. Once the Architect is done with all aspects of design we will receive a minimum of 5 bids for General Contractors. We will also request a minimum of 3 bids for all other aspects of the building project that are not under the General Contractors scope of work. At this time based on previous conversations with the Building Industry anticipated costs are \$155,000.00 for land clearing and site preparation, \$325,000.00 for the building of new post, \$70,000.00 for permitting and lift stations, \$65,000.00 for interior canteen and kitchen upgrades, and the remaining \$200,000.00 for the balance of the property. We have to raise additional money to add to what we have to put down as a down payment to finance these costs. As you know we have sent out the letters for members to help raise the additional needed dollars we need before we start. We also are sending out letters to some 350 business owners in our area for donations. Those two fund raising programs along with the ongoing Raffle and the other programs we do at the Post will raise the money we need. A lot of members have stepped up and a Donation Board is posted at the Post recognizing those individuals for their generous donations. I want to thank each of you for your dedication to the future of Post 318. It takes time and we are on the right track. Our goal is not that far away. We just need to keep focused and move forward. If you do have any questions please call me at the Post.

This month I would like to make **Arnie Thompson as our Member Of The Month**. Arnie, as all members know and recognize is a long time Legion Member and has been with Post 318 since 1991. With all members, he was the one that welcomed us as we joined the Post. He has dedicated himself to what the Legion stands for and has helped so many members over the years. He has witnessed a lot of good Legionnaires come and go. Arnie, I thank you for all your years of service to the Post and your continued dedication for all of us. I salute you. **Commander, Daryl Bowie**

Second Vice Commander

Hello again to everyone:

First of all I need to start off with an apology to the commander, Daryl Bowie. I used an old template for last months news letter and it had the past commander Jim Burks name on the front page as commander. My sincere apologies. I've always said, "if you make a mistake, it means you're busy doing something." I'll try not to do so much from now on.

The house committee has been working diligently keeping activities going on at our post. Look at calendar or bulletin board for up coming events.

Thanks again,

Johnny V.

