



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message

Hello Legion Family,

First, I would like to remind all Legionnaires that Election Day is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Poles open at 12:00 noon and close at 7:00p.m. I encourage all members to come out and vote. It's your Post and your votes make a difference. On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have our next General Meeting and announce the results. I would like to thank all the Officers that were in office this past year. Each one of them made decisions that were for the betterment of the Post, you're Post. I hope you members can see the difference and the direction the Post is heading. They all unselfishly worked to make it better for you.

This summer the House Committee has a few different activities planned for the members. Starting with Memorial Day they have planned at least one big event per month. If you have any ideas that you would like to see happen then please put your suggestion in the suggestion box at the Post. We read them off every month at our E-Board meetings.

At our last meeting we announced that Post 318 is the largest Post in our 12 District. There are 22 different Posts from Titusville to Jensen Beach in the District. This is a big accomplishment and something to be proud of. It's taken years of dedication from many and a lot of hard work. We keep growing with new members every month and for those that have not renewed I ask please take a look at your membership card and make it happen. We are at 97.6% and are striving for 100%.

**This month I would like to announce that our Member of the Month is Tom Belford. Of course most of you know Tom as Tom-Tom.** He has been our Historian for a few years now. Tom is always there at each event and has helped the Legion in so many ways. Tom, thank you.

**318 Commander  
Daryl Bowie**

### Second Vice Commander

Another year winding down for the post. I'd like to give a special thanks to those that helped out with all of the Legions functions this year. The Legion can not succeed without you. The building fund committee has done a great job this year. I think all of the Legion units had a great year. The SAL's, the Auxiliary and the Riders...as second vice for the Legion I thank you all for your support. Keep up the good work in the future.

#### THE WINNERS OF THIS MONTHS RAFFLE

**1st Prize \$1020.00** Lorraine Sweeney Port St Lucie, Florida

**2nd Prize \$425.00** Dave Ross Liverpool, New York

**3rd Prize \$255.00** James Gilmore Bronx, New York

Please see this months insert for the next raffle. A special thanks goes to Freddy Mastermaker for spearheading this function.

**Another special thanks** goes out to Post 318, Auxiliary and the SALs' for your support of Post 318 Legion Riders in their endeavor with having a concession stand at the 24th annual veterans wall reunion in Melbourne. The riders were just shy of making \$4000.00. The money was raised for our veterans account in which the riders have made good use of it already. Saturday May 21st the 318 Legion Riders donated a Jen Air Stainless Steel Grill to the VA Hospital for the Vets to enjoy monthly Bar-B-Q's, On the same day, the riders road to AM Vets post 15 and donated \$1000.00 to Brian Mast, a vet that lost his legs in action.

Thanks to everyone who made this year a great one.

Post 318 Second Vice  
Johnny V.



## Auxiliary President

I can't believe that a year has passed already. The Auxiliary held its elections at the May meeting and we have a new group of officers for the 2011-2012 Year. I know that they will continue to take the Auxiliary forward in our efforts to care for our veterans and our community. As with all organizations we had our ups and downs but in reflection I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as President of the Auxiliary. I have had the opportunity to work with so many great people. I want to thank the 2010-2011 Auxiliary officers for your support and dedicated work during this past year. As many of you know **I have elected not to continue in the position of President of our wonderful unit. I will continue to serve the Unit as an Executive Board member. I also have been given a very great honor this year, the newly elected 12<sup>th</sup> District president, Ann Smith, has asked me to be the Secretary for District 12 and I have agreed. I will assist her with the many activities we are anticipating for the District for the upcoming year.**

I attended the Constitutional Conference for District 12 held in Melbourne this past Saturday and it was a great experience. I was so proud and honored to accept the multiple awards from the District for the terrific work everyone had done at our Unit this year. Unit 318 was either presented a Certificate of Achievement or was honorably mentioned in every District Committee Chairperson's report. I don't think I stayed in my seat for more than a minute before I had to go to the podium to accept another award. As I told them at the conference I was accepting these awards on behalf of the Unit Committee Chairpersons as they were not in attendance but they are the ones that achieved the results. The following Committee Chairpersons were honored with award certificates:

**Dolores Thomas & Rita Woodburn:** Americanism

**Mary McLaughlin:** National Security

**Muriel Paguet:** Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Children & Youth: **Brenda Saffioti**

Community Service: **Sonja VanWye**

We received honorable mention for our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Membership, Girls State and Poppy Committees. I will be presenting the Certificates to those Committee Chairs at our June meeting. I hope you will join me in giving special thanks for all the hard work that our Auxiliary Unit did this past year. I wish the new officers the same success!

**Sonja VanWye, President Auxiliary**

## Son of American Legion Message

Greetings:

I hope everyone enjoyed our Memorial Day Holiday. Let's not forget or lose sight of what this Holiday represents: To honor all our fallen Heroes and Veterans who have served and protected our freedom. May God bless all the active military personnel who sacrifice their lives to protect us. As American Legion members this solidifies why we continue to constantly support our Veterans and our Military. As our Legion year winds down, I want to thank Post 318 and the Sons for allowing me to serve as commander. Thanks to all the officers and members for their outstanding commitment and support allowing us to have more funds than ever to accomplish our goals and missions. Great job SONS. I also want to wish all our Fathers a very Happy Fathers Day. Thanks for our Dads guidance, spirit and love. You will always be my hero!  
Till next month, God Bless.

God Bless You All

Tony Avolio, SAL Commander

Post 318 Sal Strong



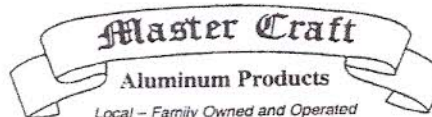
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