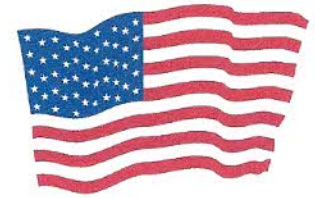




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Commander's Message

Hello Legion Family,

Here we are at Mid-Year and all the elections are over. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Officers from each organization and wish them the best for the upcoming 2011-2012 year. I know each one will do their best for each group.

I know each Legion Officer will continue to do their best in their job for the Post as it has been done in the past. I encourage all Legionnaires to support each of these individuals and if you have ideas or suggestions with regards to making our Post a better organization then talk to the Officers so they can relay your message. It's your Post. It's the Members that vote on the direction the Post takes. So communicate at our monthly meeting what you want to see happen. Your voice counts. It's the members that vote on the direction the Post takes. So communicate at our monthly meeting what you want to see happen. Installation of Officers will be on Jul30th at 3:30 p.m. so come on out and support all the officers of all the groups being sworn in that day.

I am proud to announce that we hit 100% this year in membership. I want to thank Babe Garneau, our 1st Vice Commander, for all the hard work he has done this year to make this happen. I also want to thank Frank Howard for his help in assisting Babe this year on membership. And lastly, thank you membership for your continued participation. Beginning in August, 2012 dues will be accepted and membership renewals will be going out. Let's get our membership off to a great start and reach our goal of 100% again. We are the largest Post in the District and we must continue to keep that recognition.

We just finished updating changes to both our Bi-Laws and Constitution and they have been sent off for State approval. If you want to review these they are posted on the bulletin board at the Post.

Commander (continued)

This month I would like to make Richard Feldman our Member of the Month. Richard is our Finance Officer and when he took over the Post had been without this position for four months. Richard jumped in and has made great strides in overseeing the financial duties of our Post. It's a hard job with a lot of responsibilities and my hat goes off to you Richard.

Daryl Bowie
Post 318 Commander

2011 - 2012 Legion Officers

Commander - Daryl Bowie
1st Vice Commander - Babe Garneau
2nd Vice Commander - Butch Bates
3rd Vice Commander - Russ Hagerthey
Finance Officer- Richard Feldman
Judge Advocate - Bob Booth
Sergeant at Arms - Gene Sereg
Chaplain - Garin Salisbury
Historian - Tom Belford
Executive Board
Chet Havey
Jim Richarda
Arnie Thompson

Second Vice Commander

I'd like to say thanks to all that were supportive and patient with me as I did the newsletters. There comes a time when people choose to take different paths in their daily activities and this is the time for me. Garin (the Post Chaplain) has decided to accept the challenge and duties as the new Post Editor. I will be working closely with Garin for a while so the transformation goes as smoothly as possible. I'm sure you will be pleased with his efforts. I personally would like to thank Garin for taking on this task.

Johnny V

2011-2012 Legion Rider Officers

Commander: Greg Emerson
 1st Vice: Ed Sandora
 2nd Vice: Shirley Copenhaver
 Adjutant: Greg Skinner
 Finance: Fran Romano
 Sgt at Arms: Lou Romano

2011 - 2012 Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Robin Birk
 1st Vice- Fran Romano
 2nd Vice-Brenda Saffiotti
 Treasure-Mary Cowles
 Secretary-Kaye Meyers
 Historian-Linda Dravo
 Sgt at Arms-Phyliss Young
 Asstg. Sgt at Arms-Judy Martinez
 Executive Board
 Sally Booth
 Geneva Skaryd
 Sonia Van Wue

Bowling League

A Post Vizio Bowling league will be forming shortly; look for details at the Post for further information.

Son of American Legion Message

2011-2012 Sons Officers

Commander- Tony Avolio
 1st Vice-Dan Sternberg
 2nd Vice-Andy Saffiotti
 Adjutant-Chris Andrews
 Finance Officer-Jeff Emmeluth
 Sgt at Arms-Greg Emerson
 Executive Board:

Harold Barth, Ed Black, Dan McGaunagle

I want to congratulate all our Legion members who were elected and commend all Officers who were retained their positions. A Legion Officer requires many personal hours and entails a strong commitment to Post 318. All our Officers go above and beyond their duties to support our Post. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July. It's great to be an American.

God bless all our veterans and active duty military.

Tony Avolio
 318 S.A.L. Commander



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Chaplain Post 318

Post Everlasting

Joseph J. Criscione, 8 June 2011

May his soul and the souls of all our dearly departed vererans rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following members;

Mike Dulude, Harry Letourneau, Butch Schwartz and Fred Scheeley.

Thought for the Month

"It takes a long time to grow an old friend."

Please pray for our troops around the world.

If you know any member that is sick or in distress, please call **Garin Salisbury, Chaplain at 240-8179.**

"SOFTBALL

Post 318 is holding our 2nd annual coed softball tournament. Practices are on Sundays at 10:30 am at the softball field next to the TD bank on US 1 in Spanish Lakes. There will be a \$10.00 donation for all fans, officials and players. The tournament will be held in August and more information will be forthcoming. See Raffy or Judy Martinez at the Post or just come out to the ball field on Sunday.

ALL RIGHT!

The New York Mets baseball team recently drafted a young man named Brandon Nimmo as their number one pick of amateurs. He never played high school baseball because it was not available for him. He learned the sport through the American Legion baseball program!

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 318

7 Night Cruise – Royal Caribbean Freedom of the Seas

Jan. 29th – Feb. 5th, 2012

Eastern Caribbean Itinerary from Port Canaveral

Price includes round trip bus

PLEASE DEPOSIT \$50/person by April 30th or until sold out

Inside cabins \$750/person

Promenade (PR) - \$810/person

Ocean view (I) – 940/person

Balcony (D3) - \$1130/person

To book your space call Linda Geraghty 336-7805(You will be joining the Elks & Moose on this cruise)

Coupon Program

The summer is here!!!

Thank you all volunteers. Every little bit helps. I couldn't do it without your help. You are all part of the award.

We had three mailings in May totaling 79,253.26. So far we have two mailings in June totaling 52,508.96. This brings the year to date to 269,745.31. Our two and one half year total is 1,158,180.19. This represents a lot of hard work and thanks to all of you.

Our meetings in July will be July 5th and July 19th from 1:30 to 3:30 and we hope to see a lot of you there.

Our troops appreciate our help.
Mary McLaughlin

