



# The Post Messenger

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## Commander's Message

**Hello Legion Family,**

I would like to start off by saying what a pleasure it is to be your Commander for this upcoming year. I hope in the coming months that we will bring additional membership growth in all our organizations, with all groups working together as a team. Each group needs to support the others when it comes to the other groups activities and functions. Together we succeed, but apart we fail.

New membership renewal cards are rolling in and be sure that you become an Early Bird member. The sooner we can get those renewals in the better. Our Post is growing fast and we have a lot to be proud of, but it takes membership growth to continue.

Thank you to all the Officers who served the Post so well in 2010-2011! All the new Officers are now in place to help continue the direction of the Post. Like I've always said if you have concerns or questions please contact one of the Officers and let them know. They will do their best in helping in any way they can. We have a responsibility to you, the membership, and your input is important.

In July we purchased 4 Eagle500 Ionizing Air Purifiers for the Post. These units have been proven successful in other organizations that had a problem with smoking and bad air. I want to thank the Sons, Auxiliary and Legion Riders for their monetary contribution in helping us purchase these air purifiers. These units purify the air of all smoke, food smells and filter the air for a cleaner Post. We have heard from the membership that the smoke in the Canteen was too much and we had to do something about it. We have installed 3 in the Canteen and 1 in the Hall. We want all members to know that we want everyone to enjoy the Post. Please come in and see for yourself what a difference these units make.

Saturday, August 20th is the Commander's Recognition Dinner. It will start at 3:00 pm. This is when we recognize those individuals that were Members of the Month and we announce our Member of the Year. Please try to attend this event. It's a lot of fun and you can help congratulate the winners. Ticket are on sale at the Post.

We all joined the Post because we were a Veteran, a Spouse/Daughter of a Veteran, or a Son of a Veteran. When we joined Post 318 we found an organization that was having fun doing good for Veterans, Children and Youth and giving back to the Community. Let us all continue to support these causes.

This month I would like to make Al and Shirley Durgis our Members of the Month. They both work the door for our functions and activities and volunteer to help the Post in so many ways. Thank you Al and Shirley.

**Commander  
Daryl Bowie**

## First Vice Commander

Hello Legion Members,

My name is Maurice "Babe" Garneau and I have been re-elected as your 1st Vice Commander in charge of membership.

I am proud to announce we reached our goal of 100% for the year 2011. I would especially like to thank Frank Howard and each and every member who assisted me in achieving this goal.

Here we are at the beginning of a new fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012. By this time you should have received your membership renewals from the Department of Florida.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, we should have approximately 325 paid members. My personal goal at this time is to achieve 50% by September 7th. Your help and support in sending in your renewals early will be needed for us to achieve this goal.

Thanks again to all members as we head towards a successful 2012 membership year.

### FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Maurice "Babe" Garneau

## Second Vice Commander

By the time the August newsletter arrives I will be the new 2nd Vice. While August is one of our slow months for events, there are still many great events going on. On Aug 27 there is the coed softball tournament. For details see Ralph or Judy Martinez or Ed or Catina Black. You can sign up as a player or spectator at the Post. On Aug 20 there will be a Post Clean up at 8 AM. Please come out and help, this is YOUR POST! Also on the 20th is the Commanders Appreciation dinner beginning at 3 PM. A bowling league will be starting soon on the new machines and details can be obtained at the Post.

### LADIES AUXILIARY

Annual membership renewal notices for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$25.00 will be mailed sometime in August. You can mail or leave your check at our Legion Post. Remember, if you pay by October 31st, your name will be entered into a contest for a free membership in 2012-2013. 2011-2012 winners are: Sunny Lavalee and Mechella Wickware.

Hope to see you at our monthly meeting on September 19th at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions you can reach me by email: flromano29@hotmail.com or Phone: 772-446-7457.

## Chaplain Post 318

### Post Everlasting

Joseph Criscione 8 June 2011

Rose Hoboken 4 July 2011

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers  
Army Specialist Jordan Christopher Schumann  
of Port St Lucie; killed in action in Afghanistan  
on 5 July 2011.**

We need prayers for the following members: Andy Collins, Mike Dulude, Fred Scheeley and Pete Wiloughby.

### Thought for the Month

***"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."***

If you know any member that is sick or in distress, please call Garin Salisbury, Chaplain @240-8179 or email gsali81@att.net



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