



The Post Messenger

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all that have made our Post a better place to visit. A big thanks to the members that helped out on Post Cleanup and those that helped in moving in the new beverage box. We had Volunteers from every organization within our Post help out and we definitely had fun doing it. Thanks again.

It's great to see membership renewals come in as fast as they have been. We want to be the first Post in our District to hit 100%. Please send in your renewal so we can hit our goal. New members are joining every month and it only adds to the size of our Post. As I stated in a previous newsletter, we are the largest Post in District 12 and want to stay that way.

I have been asked by different members to give an update on our new building plans. Currently we have finished with the design and the Architect is preparing to send it out to the contractors. We will give the contractors three weeks to complete their bids. Once the contractors have submitted their bids to build our facility, we will sit down with the Architect and decide on the best one to construct our new Post. After we have the actual cost we will start the process of seeking financial assistance from a lending institution. We will continue to raise monies from our members and local businesses to help for the down payment necessary for obtaining the loan.. During this past year we have been going through the process of working with our Civil Engineer and Architect on all aspects of the building process. This process takes longer than most would want but it is finally becoming a reality. We are getting close to this goal and I would like for all members to understand that we will continue to work hard on making this happen. We have on display at the Post the new building design, property layout and a conceptual artist rendering for all members to see. Please come by and see for yourself.

This month I would like to make Kevin Ness our Member of the Month. Kevin has come to our rescue many times over the past year when it comes to our computerization problems at the Post. Kevin always is willing to help us when we need help. Thank you, Kevin.

Commander
Daryl Bowie

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

I am dedicating this newsletter to 12th District information, as I am just back from the weekend in Orlando for the District Summer Workshop. The Plan of Work for the year 2011-2012 was discussed as it relates to ALL committees. It was a very information-intensive weekend.

Department President Diane Rousseau's theme this year is "Honor Their Service". There will be programs honoring veterans, currently deployed servicemen and women, and special programs that will honor those veterans that are the reason we are eligible to belong to the Auxiliary. So please start gathering pictures, news clippings and any other memorabilia you have from your husbands, fathers, grandfathers or whoever else's service to our country has made you eligible to join the Auxiliary.

I have been appointed Americanism Chairman for District 12 for the ensuing term. Sonja VanWye has been appointed District 12 Secretary and Shirley Copenhaver has been appointed Legislative and Public Relations Chairman. So this term, Unit #318 is WELL represented at District

Mark on your calendar:

9/10 - Unit Chairman's Instruction Day @ Post 81 and 191 in Melbourne. All chairmen should attend this event to learn the plan of action for your committee. We will car-pool.

9/16 - Remembrance Day - POW/MIA - Post 40

9/24 - District 12 picnic at Wickham Park in Melbourne - raising funds to transport students to Boys State and Girls State, June, 2012

10/2 - Ride 2 Recovery - Bicycle Race in Lake Mary - participants are Wounded Warriors

10/15 - A-B-C School at Unit #318 - Learn all there is to know about being a member of the Auxiliary

10/22 - National Veterans Homeless Support STAND DOWN - Provides services to homeless veterans @ Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Post #109 in Titusville. 8am to 3pm. Volunteers are always needed. Hygiene products, cleaning products, items similar to hurricane supplies will be packaged up and provided to attendees. Hopefully, we can get volunteers from every group of the Post to attend.

Lots more to tell you - ran out of space. See you at our meeting on September 19th @ 6pm!

Call me if you need me.....

Robin Burk, President, Unit #318, 873-5450.

Post Everlasting

Martin Folan, Jr

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed veterans rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following members: Mike Dudge, Fred Scheeley and Pete Willoughby.

Thought for the Month

The Prayer for Protection

The Light of God surrounds me.

The Love of God enfolds me.

The Power of God protects me.

The Presence of God watches over me.

The Mind of God guides me.

The Life of God flows through me.

The Laws of God direct me.

The Power of God abides within me.

The Joy of God uplifts me.

The Strength of God renews me.

The Beauty of God inspires me.

Wherever I am, God is with me.

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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