



# The Post Messenger

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family.

There are a few things going on around the Post that should interest all members.

On Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> we held a 9/11 ceremony at the Post in remembrance of those who lost their lives that day. I want to thank the many members who showed up for the ceremony. During the ceremony we unveiled a piece of steel from the World's Trade Center donated by Jim Lafferty and the Sons of The American Legion. It's a beautiful piece that will always be on display at our Post. I personally want to thank Pete Willoughby, Don Johnson, and Andy Saffioti for their help in making the display and the Color Guard for their beautiful performance.

Membership renewals continue to roll in and it makes our membership one of the tops in the District. That's good. If you haven't renewed your membership please send it in. We need to keep the ball rolling. Secondly, there are a lot of activities that are in the planning stage for this fall that I'm sure all members will enjoy. Our Labor Day Party was a huge success. We served around 165 members and the Sons sold over 1000 clams. The music by the T' N' T' Music Show was fabulous, the Auction by our own in-house Auctioneer, Jim Richards, was fantastic and the Horseshoe Tournament was enjoyed by all. Keep looking at our monthly calendar and try to attend the events as they come around.

You probably have received our second mailing for the "New Post Building" fund drive. The fundraising committee continues to work on ideas that will help generate the dollars needed to help build our new Post. Ideas such as Brick Sales, Raffles, are working so please try to get involved and donate what you can to help. All donations for our future are always appreciated.

This month I would like to make Ralph and Judy Martinez our Members of the Month. Ralph and Judy put together the Second Annual Post Softball game. They raised \$1200.00 for the Post. It was a fun day enjoyed by all. Thank you Ralph and Judy. I salute you.

Commander  
Daryl Bowie



Andy Saffioti, Pete Willoughby and Don Johnson present the World Trade Center display to Post 318. Many thanks to these three men, Jim Lafferty and the Sons for their donation to the Post on September 11, 2011.

## Sons of American Legion

Greetings,

I want to thank everyone who supported our Labor Day Celebration featuring our Clam Bake. Special thanks to all our volunteers who, cooked, served and cleaned up. Once again Babe's clam chowder was outstanding!

On Sunday, October 16 the Sons of Post 318 are hosting their second annual Fall Golf Classic Tournament. There are still openings and you can register at the Post. Please join us on the links for a great round of golf and fun. We always provide great prizes and giveaways, and your support is greatly needed.

Post 318 Memorial of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, honoring our fallen heroes was emotionally riveting. Our Commander, Daryl Bowie, delivered and expressed a heart warming and inspirational speech. Thank you, Commander.

Post 318 now has a steel symbol of the World Trade Center in our dining area. This sacred symbol was donated by Jim Lafferty and the Sons. We now can always pay tribute and honor our fallen heroes forever at Post 318.

Tony Avolio  
S.A.L. Commander

### **2nd Vice**

On Oct 16 the Sons have their Golf Outing always a great time, and a great turnout. On the 22nd there is a Meet and Greet with other District Posts. On the 29th is the Halloween Party. (prizes for best costume) The Ladies always go all out to make this a fun event, and on the 30th the Riders will sponsor a Fun Run from our Post.

On a personal note I would like to thank the House Committee for making my job so easy. Most have been here many years, and their expertise is invaluable. Everyone works well together and the meetings are always productive and fun.

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## **Post Everlasting**

**Dick Boulette, August 30, 2011**

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

Need prayers for the following members: Mike Dulude and Fred Scheeley .

Thought for the Month

***The Prayer for Peace***

If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

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

### **2nd Vice**

Labor Day kicked off Sept, and it was one of our best ever. The Sons sold clams on the half shell, and clam chowder. The food from the kitchen was great. There was horseshoe tournament, but the entertainment of Big T and Dad just topped the day off.

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## Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Everyone!

Sonja VanWye, Shirley Copenhaver and I are just back from the School of Instruction held on Sept 10th in Melbourne. This was hosted by Unit 81, home Unit of our District President, Anne Smith. A wonderful lunch was served at Unit #171, which is the home Unit of Pat Clark, District #12 Historian. This was a day jam-packed with information about all of the committees and a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet members from other Units.

The A-B-C School will be held at our Unit on Saturday, October 15th. District officers and guest speakers will be instructing us about everything Auxiliary! I encourage all members to participate in this learning experience.

We have begun the planning for the Annual Halloween Party which will be held on Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 7 PM. There will be finger food, costume prizes and a 50/50. Please call Brenda at 772-485-2905 with food donations and offers to volunteer. We need volunteers for decorating, food service and clean-up. Hope you can join us!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 17. The E-board meeting begins at 5:45 PM and the General Meeting at 6:45 PM. See you there!

Words of Wisdom about volunteering:  
 "Give without hesitation, lose without regret, acquire without means.

Call me if you need me...  
 Robin Burk, President, Unit # 318  
 783-5450

## Auxiliary 1st Vice

Annual membership renewal notices for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$25.00 were mailed 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 2013-2014. Hope to see you at our monthly meeting on October 17th at 6:45 PM.

If you have any questions you can reach me by email: [fromanoman29@hotmail.com](mailto:fromanoman29@hotmail.com) or Phone: 772-446-7457.

Good Health and God Bless  
 Fran Romano, 1st Vice President

## Coupon Program

Welcome back winter residents. Here are some pointers on the coupon saving, cutting and sorting. The coupons can be up to four months expired. We only save manufacturer coupons. None for a certain store....Please, no staples. It is hard on the nails to sort.

We sent out a second box in August of 30,966.10 and one box in September of 23,230.15. This brings the year to date to 448,910.34 and since our start to 1,337,347.5. Thank you all for the great effort this takes. It helps our troops!!!

Members; If you have any member of your family serving in an area of conflict, please leave their address including their APO AE at the Post addressed to my attention. We would be happy to take care of them.

Volunteers, you are doing great!!!  
 For God and Country  
 Mary McLaughlin

## Our New Post!



