



The Post Messenger

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

First I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season. As I stated in the last newsletter it's that time of the year where we at Post 318 help so many others. It's that time of the year where all groups of the Post come together and make things happen. I ask that you contact your organization and ask how you can help make someone's Christmas a little better by giving. It doesn't have to be a lot. I know you will feel better for it.

The Post has so many activities planned for December so please look at the Monthly Calendar. It would be nice to see all members attend just a few of these. Each organization has worked many hours planning these events for the members. It's not easy putting these together so do what you can.

Building Update. The contractors have submitted their bids and the Building Committee have narrowed them down to 3. We will then decide on which contractor to use. We then have the cost of the project. We are now starting discussions with the Financial Institutions on obtaining a loan. I will keep you posted on the results. We are getting close. I want to thank the membership for your many donations and brick purchases. Understand that we have a lot to do and this process is not as easy as some may think. I heard the other day that some are waiting for a shovel to be put in the ground before they donate. Well, I went over to the property the other day and put a shovel in the ground. I hope that suffices because we do need your help.

This month the Members of the Month are hard working guys that keep our Post up for the members. Each and every day they come in and work hard to make it nice for you all. Fred Mastermaker, Dominic Morelli, and Tony Avolio are the ones that make it better. Thanks guys for you hard work.

Daryl Bowie, Commander

God Bless Our Troops



Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies!

As you may already know, we hosted a garage sale as a fund raiser last month. I am happy to tell you that we raised over \$600.00 for veterans programs! I want to especially thank Phyllis who offered her "garage" for the event. I also want to thank all who donated items for the cause, and also those members who "manned the garage" for the weekend.

This month is chock-full of holiday events: Please refer to the bulletin board for the dates and times of the S.A.L. Christmas Party for underprivileged children, New Year's Eve Party and the New Years Day Dinner. Please plan to attend these events. I guarantee you will leave happy!

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 19th. The E-board meets at 5:45 PM and the General membership meets at 6:45 PM.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Call me if you need me.

Robin Burk, Auxiliary President
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Coupon Program

Hello volunteers!! Our meetings in December will be on the 6th and the 20th from 1:30 to 3:30. All are welcome to attend. We sent out a second box in October with 23,289.53 and one box in November with 24,547.25. That brings our year to date to 543,648.12 and from the start to 1,432,082.88. That represents a lot of work on your part. Thank you.

I want to thank all the volunteers that collect, cut and drop off coupons. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. There are a few of you that go the extra mile by sorting and counting. I would like to thank Carole, Dolores, Dot, Marti and Virginia for this tremendous effort.

As you can tell by the thank you notes posted in the canteen, our work is not in vain. It greatly helps our troops.

For God and Country

Mary McLaughlin



Photo by Tom Tom Belford

The following article was written by C/CPT Sean Scott and C/SFC Bill Benaugh from Port St. Lucie HS JROTC Battalion Public Affairs

Thanks to American Legion Post 318, Port St. Lucie High School JROTC hosted a shoulder to shoulder rifle team competition on October 28th. Frank Howard, representative of Post 318, coordinated with the JROTC for months to make this competition successful. This was the first shoulder to shoulder match held at Port St. Lucie High School, but with the continued sponsorship of American Legion Post 318, we will be able to make it an annual event.

Post 318 also provided and presented medals and the first place trophy. Medals were awarded to the first, second, and third place teams for each shooting position, the top shooter for each school was awarded a medal recognizing their superior performance throughout the whole competition. Competing against South Fork High School and Ft. Pierce Central High School, the Jaguar Battalion's team received a gold medal for the Standing position and two silver medals, one for the Kneeling position and the other for the Prone position. Cadet Sergeant Kayla Figueroa earned Port St. Lucie High School's top shooter award, and the Jaguar battalion earned first place overall.

Throughout the years, Port St. Lucie High School's JROTC has continued to improve its relationship with Post 318. This started with their participation in the annual JROTC Award Ceremony and Boy's State, now followed by the annual Air Rifle competition. Port St. Lucie High School appreciated its partnership with American Legion Post 318 and looks forward to their continued support and sponsorship in years to come.

