



The Post Messenger

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family,

Well, here we are going into a new year! We hope and pray that 2012 will be a great year for Post 318. We ended 2011 with a good note as we saw all the good things each organization within our Post do. We witnessed so many giving's to those in need and for those children who wouldn't have had a Christmas if it wasn't for Post 318. Thank you all for you for making these events possible and your continued donations to our programs. Our existence as a Post is to help Veterans and others within our community and we sure did the right things last month.

Membership renewals need to be in by the end of January. We cannot survive without continued membership. I ask that those who have not renewed to please send in your membership dues now. Each organization needs you. New door cards will be issued to those members who have paid their dues. On February 1st those who haven't paid will not be allowed any Post privileges until they are paid. Please don't be the last to renew.

There will be a general meeting held on January the 11th at 5:30 p.m. for all members of Post 318. The meeting will be to discuss future fund raising programs for the New Building project. I am asking members from each of our post organizations to come and join our efforts. We need your help. The Post won't build itself. We need to continue raising the necessary dollars to make it a reality. If you have new ideas or just want to help what we already have going on, then come.

This month I would like to thank some individuals that have helped the Post with its Thursday night activities every week for months. These members are always there to help us when we need them and we couldn't do it without their help. This month I would like to make our Members of the Month the following: Kasey Bates, Judy Martinez, Carol Sassarone, Suzanne Stevens and Phyliss Young. Thank you ladies for everything you do!

Commander
Daryl Bowie

1st VICE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It's that Special Time of Year again, Christmastime. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Getting back to membership, we are now at 74.45%. Unfortunately our goal for 75% was supposed to be reached by December 7th and we did not make that goal. We were only short by 5 members.

We have made all of our goals up until December 7th. I believe we can obtain our next goal of 80% by January 11th with your help. To meet that goal, we need approximately 40 renewals, new members or transfer-ins.

We are coming to the end of December. As of January 1, 2012, we will be issuing new key cards. If your dues are not paid at that time you will not receive a new key card, therefore you will not be allowed Canteen privileges.

Thank you to all members in reaching our goals thus far. We have done great so far, let's not give up now. We need your help.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless our Post, the "largest and the friendliest" Post in the 12th District. Thank you all!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, Maurice "Babe" Garneau, 1st Vice Comander

Ladies Auxiliary

Wow! Another year is history! Our Unit accomplished so much for our Veterans and Children, providing help that they would not otherwise have access to.

That said, 2012 has lots in store for us. If you haven't provided your e-mail address to Fran Romano, please do. E-mailing is a very effective way to get the latest Unit info out to you. We do not share or sell your address. This is only to benefit you as a Unit member. If your e-mail has changed, please let Fran know.

Calling all Volunteers! We will begin planning our Spring Fashion Show event and the annual Golf Tournament right away. We will need volunteers and as always, appreciate all the help you can provide.

We have begun selling Raffle tickets for our annual raffle. The winning ticket will be pulled at the St. Paddy's Day dinner. The proceeds go to our Veterans programs. 2012 Entertainment books are still available for \$35.00 each. The book contains hundreds of discounts and special pricing for businesses, restaurants and activities right here in St. Lucie County. You will re-coup your cost in the first few usages.

Happy New Year!
Robin Burk, President
Unit #318

Coupon Program

Another year already!!!! All you volunteers, your help is greatly appreciated. We need all the help we can get. Drop your manufacturer's coupons in the bin at the canteen. Those that give the extra effort and cut them out and sort them by food and non food, Thank you.

Our meetings in January will be on the 3rd and the 17th from 1:30 til 3:30 all are welcome. We sent out a second box in November with 24,987.45 and a box in December with 21,775.40. That brings our year total to 568,853.32 and from the start to 1,478,845.73. Congratulations volunteers!!!! Our work is appreciated. We are going to end the year on a great note.

As always for God and Country
Mary McLaughlin

Children's Christmas Party



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