



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## S.A.L.

### Greetings

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays. I want to thank everyone who attended and supported all our holiday events. As usual our S.A.L.'s Christmas Party and the Riders Christmas party were a success. We raised over \$600.00 and many toys for our Marine's Toys for Tots program. Once again I want to thank all our sponsors, members and volunteers for bringing smiles to our communities' needy families and children. Santa's arrival was spectacular, escorted by St. Lucie County Sheriffs Department and American Legion Rider reindeers. It's always amazing and impresses our children and their families. Thank you Greg Emerson for being a jolly Santa and for always lighting up our children's faces. Special thanks to Brenda and Andy Saffioti for spearheading this wonderful event; enlisting all the eligible children and providing each of them with their Christmas wishes. We appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort you both spend in making our Sons of the American Legion's Christmas party very special, every year. Thanks and — God Bless you all.

In closing, many of the S.A.L. members need to renew their membership. Thirty dollars is a minimal fee for what Post 318 provides for us. Fabulous events, great dinners that are unbelievable. Don't forget our Bartendar's hospitality and our low price drinks. Plus we are a great place to unwind, socialize with true vets, patriots and many friends. Time is running out and your membership and our beloved Post 318's benefits will expire on January 31, 2012. So please pay your dues.

Tony Avolio,  
S.A.L. Commander



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## Post Chaplain

Need prayers for the following members: Butch Bates and Fred Scheeley .

### Thought for the Month

The best vitamin for being a happy person is...B1.

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

## Gobbles of Thanks

Moose Horan and Larry Ruschell donated the turkeys for our wonderful Thanksgiving dinner; thanks guys. And kudos to all the kitchen staff for the excellent home cooked meal that day!

## Auxiliary 1st Vice President

The members who paid dues by October 31st, were entered into a drawing for a free membership in 2012-2013.

And the winners are: Joy Ann Perreira and Dorothy Louzon.

If you haven't renewed your 2012 membership, please consider doing so now. Your continued support is important to our programs. You can drop off your dues at the Post or mail a \$25.00 check to:

American Legion Auxiliary, 8543 So. U.S. Highway #1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

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

Happy & Healthy Holidays  
Fran Romano, 1st Vice President

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### 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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