



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message,

I would like to thank all members for their continued efforts in making our Post one of the best Post's in the state. At our January meeting we had the pleasure of having the Past State Commander, Al Porter, State Sgt. Of Arms, Art Schwabe , and our District Commander , Mark Johnson. Art expressed that of all the Post's that he had visited over the past year that he was impressed by the many things that Post 318 was doing. All three commented on how much they enjoyed our meeting and wished other Posts throughout the state would follow our footsteps. When you have comments like that it really makes you proud of the efforts Post 318 members and what we have done on the many Legion programs.

Membership is still a concern of the organizations within the Post. I ask you again that if you have not renewed your membership then to do so as soon as you can. Effective February 1<sup>st</sup> if you haven't renewed then you will not have canteen or dining privileges. New door cards are being issued now for those members who have paid up for 2012. Please check your membership cards and see if you have a current 2012 card.

We met in January with the final 3 contractors bidding on the New Post Building project. We will be making a decision this month on the contractor to build the new building. Our next step is financing. We will keep you posted as to our progress.

In January we held a New Building fundraising efforts meeting. Many ideas were brought to the table on ways to generate the needed funds for the building. The next meeting will be held on February the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. If you have ideas or thoughts on how to raise money or would like to help on those ideas we are putting in place then I ask you to come.

This month I would like to make Garin Salisbury, our Chaplain, our Member of the Month. He has tremendous dedication to our members who are sick or moved on to Post Everlasting. Garin, I thank you for all that you do at our Post.

Commander  
Daryl Bowie

### First Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires,

Welcome to 2012. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. Our membership renewal is progressing slowly. Currently we are at 83.28%, which is on goal for December 7th. We need 15 more renewals to reach 85% by February 1st. Since the 1st of January, we have been issuing new key cards to members who have paid their 2012 dues. As of February 1st, if you have not paid your 2012 dues, your green keycard will not work. You will need to ring the bell to come in. At that time the bartender will check your membership card. You can, at that time, pay your 2012 dues and he or she will issue you a new keycard. Otherwise, you will have no Canteen privileges.

Recently I have been receiving \$30.00 for renewals. The renewal fee is \$35.00, not \$30.00.

Thank you for your support in renewing your membership and also for all new members and transfers-in. If you have any questions on any of these matters, feel free to contact me at (772) 971-6998.

For God and Country, Maurice "Babe" Garneau, 1st Vice Commander



### Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Members!

We have a fun-filled month ahead! Watch for our signs at the Post for our raffle. The winning ticket will be pulled at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Good luck to everyone! Proceeds go to our Veterans and children's programs. On February 18th, District #12 is arranging buses to take us to the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach for a visit with our Veterans. The cost is \$32.00, which includes a Neptune buffet back at the Post after the trip. Unit #318 is hosting our first Fashion Show on March 11. We will be modeling styles from Beal's along with a luncheon and other raffles. This is not limited to Auxiliary members, so bring your friends. For advanced ticket sales, please see an Auxiliary officer. It's going to be a short month, but long on fun! So, we hope you can join us!

Call me if you need me,  
Robin Burk, President  
873-5450

### S.A.L.

Greetings

It's the beginning of the year and I want to thank our Wednesday Night Dinner staff for their outstanding efforts throughout the year, providing our Legion a fabulous lasagna dinner each month. Not only is the lasagna dinner the best in town, our eight dollar price is unbelievable! Our patrons constantly rave about our lasagna meal and in January we sold 100 dinners. Starting in February the Sons of American Legion Post 318 will be permitted to use our monthly dinner profits to aid our Post and Veterans. So thanks again and please support all our dinners.

I want to welcome all our new SAL members and thank our members that have renewed, We had a great turnout for our January meeting and I hope more members attend our meetings every second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. WE welcome new ideas and new members.

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentines Day

God Bless  
Tony Avolio  
S.A.L. Commander

\*\*\* Our next SAL meeting is Mon. Feb. 13th at 7pm

### Post Everlasting

Otto Kahl—2 Jan 12

Harry A. Burgess III—13 Jan 12

Carl Swanson—17 Jan 12

May their souls and all the souls of our fallen veterans rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following:

Bill "Moose" Horan

Fred Scheeley

### Thought for the Month

"God, my Father,  
May I love You in all things and above all things.  
May I reach the joy which You have prepared for me in Heaven.

Nothing is good that is against Your Will,  
And all that is good comes from Your Hand.  
Place in my heart a desire to please You  
And fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,  
So that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy your peace."

If you know any member that is sick, in the hospital/rehab or in distress, please call Garin Salisbury, Chaplain @ 772-240-8179 or email gsali81@att.net

*Happy Valentine's Day*



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## A MESSAGE FROM BUTCH

February promises to be another busy month at Post 318. Feb 5th Super Bowl Party. Feb 11 Valentine Dance, Feb 25th Leap Year Dance and drawing for Gulfstream Park Raffle .

I would like to thank the Post Officers that have picked up the slack for me while I have been recovering from surgery. Daryl, Jim Richards, Gene Sereg and many others, from the E Board to the House Committee. Many thanks.

I have visited the Post a few times since my procedure, for short periods of time, and can relate it to the theme from the old TV series "Cheers" that goes like this:

"Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. You wanna be where you can see our troubles are all the same.

You wanna be where everybody knows your name". This is how you make me feel every time I come in. Thank you one and all and God Bless.  
Butch Bates, 2nd Vice, Post 318.

## Coupon Program

A very big congratulations to all the volunteers. We have been recognized by District 12 for our work with the coupon program Thank you!!! All help is greatly appreciated. When you stop by the canteen check the board. I post the thank you notes from the bases that we get there.

The meetings in February will be on Tuesday the 7th and 21st from 1:30 to 3:30. We sent out a second box in December, 25,848.48. That brings our year total to 616,259.42 and since the start to 1,504,694.19. We sent out one box in January for 24,713.75.

Thank you all for helping our troops!!!  
For God and Country.  
Mary McLaughlin

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## Official Flag Flying Days—2012

January 1.....	New Year's Day
January 16.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 12.....	Lincoln's Birthday
February 20.....	President's Day
February 22.....	Washington's Birthday
May 13.....	Mother's Day
May 19.....	Armed Forces Day
May 28.....	Memorial Day
June 14.....	Flag Day
June 17.....	Father's Day
July 4.....	Independence Day
September 3.....	Labor Day
September 11.....	Patriot Day
October 8.....	Columbus Day
November 6.....	Election Day
November 11.....	Veteran's Day
November 22.....	Thanksgiving Day
December 7.....	Pearl Harbor Day
December 25.....	Christmas Day

## Post Color/Honor Guard

The Post 318 Color/Honor Guard is made up of sixteen volunteers who serve the community and the Post at functions such as parades and memorial services. The members are devoted individuals who attend two meetings a month and are always on call to perform services for Legionnaire and other Veterans.

The unit is always looking for men and women to step forward and join us. In order to be a member, the person should be able to march at least one mile and be able to carry the M-1 rifle. Anyone who has successfully completed military marksmanship training (Basic Training) may join.

The Color/Honor Guard receives no compensation and is always ready to serve the families of any deceased Veteran. The unit is trained in flag folding and presentation, rifle salutes and prayer services.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Please drop by and we will gladly answer your questions about joining the group.



