



The Post Messenger

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
8543 So. U. S. Highway #1,
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952-3347



Daryl Bowie, Commander
Phone - 772-878-0655
Fax - 772-878-0625

April-2012

Garin Salisbury, Editor
gsali81@att.net

Visit us @www.americanlegion318fl.org

Issue No. 225

Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

March was a very good month for our Post. We had the pleasure of being visited by our State of Florida Dept. Commander Fletcher Williams Jr., the Eastern Area Commander Bill Walsh, and our 12th District Commander Mark Johnson. On another occasion we were visited by the new upcoming Florida Dept. Commander Al "Gunner" Dudley. Their visit included a fantastic Wednesday Night Dinner and great entertainment. They complimented our Post for doing such a great job in supporting the many Legion programs and how proud they were of Post 318. That type of recognition is reflective of the many dedicated members that volunteer and make Post 318 what it is today.

We had some great events at the Post in March. The St. Patrick's Day Party was fantastic. I want to thank all who made that day a success. The "Mystery Run" put on by the Legion Riders was also a great day. It's events like these two that make our Post a happening Post. These types of events don't just happen. It takes many hours of planning and members working their butts off to insure that you, the members, enjoy yourself.

In March we selected 4 students to represent Post 318 at Boys State. I want to thank Frank Howard for spearheading these efforts. Two students were selected from Port St. Lucie High School and two from Centennial High School.

Post Elections for Officers will be held on Friday, May 25, 2012. We had to push it up because the State moved up the State Convention. Al Durgis has volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee. At the April meeting we will read those names wanting to run for office. At the May General Meeting we will accept nominations from the floor. If you would like to run for any office please see or contact Al.

The New Post Building project is moving ahead. Our plans have been submitted to the County and we have been issued a permit number. At the General Meeting in April we will give the members an update and have the entire plan presentation. I ask that you as members please attend. We will discuss the financial obligation the Post will be assuming going forward for the New Building. We still need donations for the building. Please do what you can to help.

This month I would like to name Sam Deville as our Member of the Month. Sam has surpassed his goal for the year raising in excess of \$20,000.00 for Veterans. His hard work and efforts are impressive. Thank you Sam again for what you have done.

Commander
Daryl Bowie

Ladies Auxiliary



Hello!

Hope everyone is springing into March. Our I-Pad raffle was a huge success. Thank you all for contributing.

Our Golf Outing is scheduled for June 3rd. This is a new date, so please mark your calendars. Brenda will be asking for volunteers, so be sure to put your name on our sign-up sheets for whatever you can help with.

All of those who are interested in running for office, or being part of a committee for the next term, please see me and I will put you in touch with Maria, our Nominating Chairman.

Call me if you need me.
Robin Burk, Pres. Unit #318
561-371-7240

2nd Vice Commander

I cannot believe that the Legion year is almost over and what a great, and busy year it has been!

On April 21st the Sons will hold their Annual Pig Roast. On April 7th and the 28th, Big T and Dad will be providing entertainment at the Post.

In May we will be introducing a fun venture called Bar Bingo and it will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We are planning a World War II Victory Dance on Saturday, May 19th. More information will be forthcoming.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Golf Outing on June 3.

Due to the early State Convention this year, our election of Legion Officers will be earlier than normal.

Butch Bates,
2nd Vice



Chaplain

Need prayers for the following:

Frank Cafiso
Ralph Miele
Fred Scheeley

Thought for the Month

"Your time is limited, don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma, which is living the result of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinion drowned your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition, they somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

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

1st Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires,
Unfortunately, I am sorry to report that our membership is at a complete standstill. Anyone who has not paid their 2012 dues should have received a postcard in the mail. Please take this reminder seriously because we are only 4 percentage points away from reaching our goal of 100%. Were it not for the 66 new members and 62 transfer-ins, we would be a lot further behind, which would be 14 percentage points less than what we have now. I would like to thank them for joining the Post.

Our goal for April 4th of 95% has already been met. We are now at 95.16% at the time of this writing. I am hoping members who received their postcards will send in their dues promptly. Our next goal is 100% by May 2nd. I feel confident that we will make this goal a reality.

Thank You.

Maurice "Babe" Garneau
1st Vice Commander

Wisdom from the Military

"If the enemy is in range.....so are you!" *Infantry Journal*

"You, you, and you.....Panic. The rest of you, come with me." *U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant*

"Any ship can be a minesweeper..... Once" *Navy Manual*

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do." *Unknown Marine Recruit*

"If you see a bomb technician running, keep up with him" *USAF Ammo Troop*

"If it don't work, get a hammer. If that don't work, get a bigger hammer. And if that don't work, PAINT IT!" *US Coast Guard*

"Five second fuses only last three seconds." *Infantry Journal*

"The three most common expressions (or famous last words), in military aviation are:

'Why is it doing that?'

'Where are we?'

'And, 'Oh S****!'

Annual S.A.L. Pig Roast

Saturday, April 21, 2012 1-5 PM

Join us for freshly barbecued pork, sweet corn on the cob and other culinary delights

Horseshoe Tournament, Redneck Games and other activities



Coupon Program

Thank you volunteers for all your work with the coupons. Please, when you drop them off make sure that they are not more than 4 months expired. We have been doing very well. We sent out a second box in February of 27,747.90 and so far one box in March of 25,340.47. That brings the year to 80,069.47 and since the start of the program to 1,636,511.21. That represents a lot of work.

The meetings in April will be on Tuesday April 3rd and Tuesday April 17th from 1:00 to 3:30. All help is greatly appreciated. It helps our troops and their families. Read the notes that they send us. It will explain better than I can.

Thank you for helping our Troops.

For God and Country

Mary McLaughlin

Many Thanks

You have probably noticed a change for the better on our monthly calendar of events over the past few months. Thank you Bob Booth for taking over this task and doing an outstanding job. Bob, I apologize for not recognizing you earlier. GS



Golf



League

A meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on April 15, 2012 at the Post to sign up for the American Legion Dick Boulette Memorial Wednesday Night Golf League. If unable to attend call George Shaver @ 772-579-2648

