



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message



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Hello Legion Family,

I want to start with saying thank you to all members who have really stepped up from all the different organizations within our Post. Each group has effectively raised the necessary money to supplement their yearly programs which are dear to their hearts. Each group has worked the many hours necessary to raise those funds for those programs. As members I ask that you recognize those that are dedicating their time and energy into helping. Without volunteers we would not have the success we do. A thank you goes a long way.

I am proud to say that the Legion has obtained 100% in membership for this year. A big thank you goes to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Babe Garneau, for his continued dedication and service for this year. Great Job Babe!

The new Post Building project is moving forward. We are in the process of getting the appraisal for the Bank Loan. Hopefully the appraisal will come in valued for what we need. At that time we will sign the loan and go forward. We are so close but we need to continue to raise money for items we need within the Post like equipment and additional materials. For an update on the progress please attend the May meeting. Also, when you come to the Post you will see our new Barometer as to how we are doing on collecting funds.

We are off to a great summer. Many activities are planned so please take time to look at the monthly calendar and plan on attending. There is a lot of hard work that goes into the planning of these events to insure all members enjoy themselves here at the Post.

This month I would like to announce that the Member of the Month is Tommy Bowse. Tommy, as you know, is one of our most colorful Sons at our Post. His help in so many different functions and fund raisers is beyond words. It seems when we need help he is always there to lend a hand or help us raise moneys necessary for our programs. Tommy, thank you for all that you have done. I salute you.

Daryl Bowie

### Honor Flight

Many of you are aware of a national program called Honor Flight which flies World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to view the World War II Memorial and other significant monuments. Many of our veterans (including some from our Post) have taken advantage of this wonderful program. Recently, the Mayor of Port St Lucie put together a task force to raise even more money for this program to accelerate the number of veterans making this trip. Two members of our Post volunteered their time to assist in this task force. George Benary (Legion and Rider) and Jerry Heider (S.A.L. and Rider) really stepped up to the plate to exceed the goals set forth by the Mayor. They visited other civic organizations, worked at golf tournaments and visited each Post 318 Units. The result was the task force raised several thousand dollars above their goal. Your American Legion Post will be sponsoring eight veterans for future flights to Washington D.C. Thanks George and Jerry for your hard work and thank you Post 318 family for your generosity (special thanks to Russ Hagerthey).

Garin Salisbury, Editor



## Ladies Auxiliary



Hello Members!

It is hard to believe that the end of the term is near. May will be my last meeting as President before the new slate of officers begins the 2012-2012 term. I will be assuming the Chairmanship of the District #12 Leadership Committee for the next term.

Whether you have attended meetings, held an office or committee chairmanship, volunteered your time, donated food, or donated money, I offer my heart-felt thanks to you!

We have more to accomplish; Our Poppy Drive is beginning, and the planning of the Golf Tournament on June 3rd is in full swing! Please continue to volunteer and support our events, to help us achieve the goals of the American Legion Auxiliary.

State Convention is June 7th through the 10th, held at the Renaissance Resort in Orlando. We will need at least 9 Unit delegates to represent us. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Auxiliary, and to get to know members who represent us, not only at the State level, but District and National as well. If you are able to attend, please contact me.

I close with this thought; No matter what we accomplish during the term, if we can say that we "all worked together and had a great time", we are successful. I think camaraderie among members is the most important ideal that should be practiced in everything we do. I encourage all of you to engage conversation, greet new members, and get to know each other. This goes a long way towards working well together, better communication and greater achievements for Unit#318.

Call me if you need me.....

Robin Burk, President  
Unit #318

**S.A.L.**



Greetings,

I want to thank all our members and officers for attaining our goal of 100% membership. Thanks to renewals and new membership we are presently at 104.6%. Great job guys. I urge all our members to attend our S.A.L. monthly meetings held on the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting, Monday May 14th at 7:00 pm. We will vote for next year's incoming officers.

Due to the Post Messenger deadline, I have to thank all the members, volunteers and sponsors for our third annual Pig Roast. JoJo Boehm and Ed Black have spearheaded this years event and have done a marvelous job ensuring great entertainment via creative games, live music,

sponsors and of course their Pig Roast menu. Thanks so much.

With Memorial Day approaching at the end of this month the Sons of Post 318 want to honor and thank all our Legion Members, Active Military and our fallen veteran heroes for protecting our great country's freedom. As Sons of veterans we pledge that we will continue to serve our Post in the best interest of all veterans, their families and our community.

We will never forget your patriotic dedication to our great country, The United States. God Bless you all!  
Happy Mother's Day

Anthony Avolio, Jr.  
S.A.L. Commander

### Post Everlasting

**Romeo Martello 3/28//12**

**Paul D. Gunta 4/17/12**

May their souls and all the souls of our friends and comrades rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following:  
Fred Scheeley

### Thought for the Month

O God of Mercy, we beg You now to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Grant them strength, wisdom and help through Your power and Your limitless love. Amen.

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



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