



The Post Messenger

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Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

We are now coming into our active part of our Post Season. With that, we have numerous activities planned. The House Committee has been working hard on scheduling these activities so you as the members can enjoy yourselves. The Post continues to provide to you Dinner Nights, Much Improved Entertainment, Football Weekends, and great Special Events that you can enjoy. Please look at your calendar and try to attend.

I am asking all Legionnaires to attend our monthly meetings. Our meetings are the second Saturday of each month @ 10:30 a.m. Our attendance is growing each month but we sure would like having more. If you recently joined our Post as a new member the best way to meet other members is to come to the meetings and meet others. At our meetings we address all that is going on around the Post. Everyone that attends sure enjoy the information. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't seen it yet we put up our "Future Home of American Legion Post 318" sign on our property. Yes, our property. We now have paid off the property loan and own it free and clear. We continue to work with the Bank on our loan and continue to work toward raising the money needed for them. The Building Fund Raising Committee continues to run the programs to raise the money we need for our New Post Building. Every week we keep raising money. I want to thank all members who have graciously donated for this cause. We are getting real close to our Dream of a New Post Building. Let's keep working hard.

This month I would like to make Harold Barth as our Member of the Month. As a Son of the American Legion I have watched Harold lend a hand in so many ways for the many programs we have around the Post. It's true Volunteerism all the way. Harold, I salute you.

Commander Daryl Bowie

Would You Like To Save Your Post a Lot Of Money?

The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter costs the Post nearly \$10,000 per year! Currently we are mailing about 1,100 copies of the Post Messenger every month. There are many members who do not realize that the newsletter and calendar are available on-line. They can be accessed by typing www.americanlegion318fl.org. Once on the web site, scroll down to the menu icons and select newsletter or calendar. At the bottom of the calendar page you can click on the printable calendar icon and can then print your own copy.

If you would rather read the Post Messenger on-line and save the Post some money please email me at:

editor@americanlegion318fl.org

Your name will be removed from the mailing list and you will receive an email each month when the newsletter is available.

Thanks for your help.
Garin Salisbury, editor



Legion Auxiliary



Hello Everyone,

The new year has begun and I am looking forward to what we can accomplish. So far we have had a luau and sponsored three schools and a needy family by making donations of clothes and school supplies. We also helped raise money at the Mets for Vets Day at Digital Domain Ball Field. We had a great turn out of people from the Post and it was a good deal of fun. Let's keep it going by helping the Sons at their Golf Tournament on October 14. Also forthcoming is the District 12 School of instruction to be held in Brevard County and the Halloween Party on October 27.

One of our goals this year is to boost our Auxiliary Meeting attendance. We are on a campaign to get our members involved again, and I am sure many of you were surprised when you received a call from one of the E-Board members asking for your participation. In addition, you should have received your invoice for dues for 2012-2013 year. The dues are \$30 this year due to an increase in the amount we are now required to send to State. Please consider paying early and your name will be placed in the drawing for free dues next year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Our meeting this month is on October 15, at 6:45 pm. I hope to see everyone there.

Remember to support the fund raisers of all our Units as well as our Post Building Fund. We are all working towards a common goal, which is getting in the new building. It will only be possible though if we work hard to make it happen. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered and served in some capacity.

Respectfully,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

S.A.L.



Don't forget about the S.A.L. golf tournament on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at Gator Trace. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM. Great prizes and great food back at the Post after the tournament.



Many thanks to all the members of S.A.L. for volunteering at the Labor Day Clam Bake. Everyone enjoyed their chowder, steamers and clams on the half shell!

Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Larry Jones, September 8, 2012

May his soul and the souls of all departed veterans rest in peace.

Need prayers for the following:

Raymond Drews, John P. Macleod and Fred Scheeley .

Thanks be to thee, my dear Lord,

For all the benefits thou hast won for me

For all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me

O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother

May I know thee more clearly,

Love thee more dearly,

And follow thee more nearly.

For ever and ever.

If you know any member that is sick, in the hospital/rehab or in distress, please call Garin Salisbury, Chaplain @ 772-878-0655.

Service Officer

The 1973 National Personnel Records Center Fire:

Over the past several years I have talked to a good many veterans about obtaining copies of their Military Service and Medical Records. Often I hear them say "mine were destroyed in the fire". After discussing their branch of service and the time frame they were on Active Duty, they were surprised to learn that their records were not part of those destroyed as they had thought. The information below was extracted directly from the National Archives and Records Administration, Veterans' Records Section (www.archives.gov/veterans) and is provided here for informational purposes.

On July 12, 1973, a disastrous fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) destroyed approximately 16 to 18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF). The records affected were:

Army: Personnel discharged November 1, 1912 to January 1, 1960. Estimated loss of 80%.

Air Force: Personnel discharged September 25, 1947 to January 1, 1964 after last name Hubbard. Estimated loss of 75%

No duplicate copies of these records were ever maintained, nor were microfilm copies produced. Neither were any indexes created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veteran Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available. However, in the years following the fire, the NPRC collected numerous series of records, referred to as Auxiliary Records that are used to reconstruct basic service information.

To learn more about the fire and what the National Archives has done to restore records that were damaged, visit their web site at www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/

