



The Post Messenger

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Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

To all members of Post 318 I wish you a Happy New Year! I hope all your New Year Resolutions you made come true and that 2013 is a prosperous and healthy New Year. Our Post 318 resolution is continued growth, support for those in need, and continued fellowship among all organizations within our Post.

During the month of December I witnessed so many giving's by all of our organizations at Post 318. The Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion Riders all worked together making sure that those unfortunate and needy experienced a wonderful Christmas. It took a lot of hard work and good hearts in making it all happen. On behalf of the Post I would like to thank all those members who volunteered their time and donated to help so many others.

Our membership continues to grow at a fast pace and I encourage all members to continue recruiting new members to our Post organizations. If you have not renewed your membership I ask that you renew now. Please don't wait till the last moment to do it. Post 318 ranks 16th in size in the state of Florida. Lets continue to grow and be proud of our accomplishments.

I want to thank all members for their donations for the New Post Building. Our goal is to start clearing and building in February. It's been a long road but we are finally getting there. We will continue to raise the money we need for equipment, furnishings, and necessary items for the New Post so any or all donations will be the key to finishing this much awaited project.

Again, let's have a great year, be thankful for what we have, and remember that as a family we can accomplish so much for others.

This past month on a day that I had come to the Legion and saw how someone had worked hard, pulled weeds, and brought in new flowers for our Memorial Garden at the Post. It took a lot of hard work by a member to make this happen. This person wasn't asked to do it. They didn't ask for help nor did they say that they had done it. They just did it because they thought it was the right thing to do. That's why I want to make this person our Member of the Month. Margaret Trocki, I salute you. You exemplify what we are all about.

Daryl Bowie
Commander

Legion Auxiliary



Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas with family and friends. I know of some very happy kids that were able to have a Christmas that would not have been possible without the help of a good number of Elves from Post 318. Thanks to everyone that contributed and made this day a reality for the kids along with all the people that donated toys for the Toys for Tots program.

We all have so much to be thankful for, but sometimes we lose sight of what we have in the pursuit of what we don't. I, myself, am committed to this Post and what we have to offer the Veterans and our Community. I would like to ask each one of you to consider what you have to offer of yourselves. We have all been affected by these hard economic times, but we all have something to offer even if it is not money. Each event is only possible by the energy and volunteering that we get from our members. When any Unit has a fund raiser please step up and see how you can help. Only the continued support of our Legion family will make our new building a reality. To all of you that support the Post and its activities, we say THANK YOU!

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on January 21, at 6:45 pm. Please plan on attending the meetings this year. We are only as successful as our members that participate.

Respectfully,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

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IDOL



**Karaoke contest Sunday, January 27 from
2:00 until 7:00.**

Advanced signup required.

Entry fee \$20.00

Prizes and fun for all

Karaoke provided by Jimbo

All proceeds go to the Building Fund

Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Vera Harding (Aux) 11/28/12

Marcella Danchik (Aux) 12/8/12

May their souls and the souls of all departed members rest in peace. Amen

Need prayers for the following:

A Navy Veteran and George Vansciver.

Prayer for the New Year

The New Year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them. Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind.

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

S.A.L.



Greetings everyone

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and here's hoping you have a great New Year.

I would like thank all who helped with the Children's Christmas party. It was a great weekend for the S.A.L., Riders, Legion and Auxiliary. Special thanks to "Santa" and his "helper" for their visit. The sparkle in the eyes and radiant smiles of the seventy-eight children who were here when Santa rode up really gave all of us who attended the true spirit of the Christmas season. We couldn't have done it without the help of our special "Elf" Brenda and her helpers.

Thanks again to the American Legion Riders for their assistance in collecting toys on Friday night for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The Marines came by on Sunday and rode off with a packed trailer of toys for the needy.

God Bless all,
Joseph Boehm,
Squadron Commander

