



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

I would like to thank all members for their continued efforts in making our Post one of the best Posts in the State of Florida. In January we were the hosting Post for the District 12 Meeting. We were honored by having most of our Department of Florida State Officers, State Adjutant, Mike McDaniel, Department Commander, Al Dudley, and National Vice Commander, James Holland attend the event. Following the District Meeting we held a picnic honoring those attending. It was a proud moment for Post 318. Commander Dudley emphasized how proud he was and how impressed he was of the many good things he has seen from all of our groups within our Post. All Members should be proud of the efforts Post 318 has done on so many Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion Rider programs.

Membership is the key to our success. If you haven't renewed your membership by Feb. 1, 2013 your Canteen and Post privileges will be suspended until you have renewed. I encourage you to please get your annual membership dues sent in to your organization. So far this year we have had over 90 new Legion members join our Post. We are growing larger every year but we still need existing members to renew.

We have been busy around the Post with all the activities and functions. January was packed with successful events and the House Committee has many planned in the future. In February we have the Super Bowl Party, Valentines Dinner/Dance, and returning is the popular Killer Steak Night. Also we have our great Wednesday Night Dinners and our Weekend Entertainment Nights. Members work hard each activity to make you, the members, happy. Please show your support on all of our functions.

The New building is getting ready to start. It's been a long road but we are now at the threshold of seeing it happen. Thank you goes to all members who have graciously donated. We will still need money for equipment and furnishings so we must continue to reach out to all.

This month I would like to make Fred Thompson our Member of The Month. Fred has volunteered so many times around the Post helping in many ways. Last month Fred pressure-washed the entire Post in preparations for the District Meeting. Thanks Fred

Daryl Bowie  
Commander

### Second Vice

As this message is being written, we are wrapping up the details for the Post's annual blood drive. This is probably one of the most vital events of the year. It is our opportunity to possibly save a life of a friend, colleague, family member or a veteran, all members of God's family. Thank you for your support. And, a special "thank you" to Butch, Casey, Tom-Tom, Marty and the ROTC unit. February will deliver our second dinner-dance. It will be a Valentine Dance in co-sponsorship with the Auxiliary who always supports the missions of the Post beyond our expectations. Additionally, this month will inaugurate our "Killer Steak" night. Be sure to consult your calendar for these and all events planned for your dining pleasure and enjoyment.

In Your Service for God and Country, Jim Richards, 2nd Vice

## Legion Auxiliary



Hello Everyone,

It has been a busy year already and we have just begun. We will be breaking ground soon on our new building and a new set of priorities will begin. We are so close to the reality of a new and bigger building that will help us in serving our veterans and their families along with our community in a better way.

For our fundraiser we will be having our Valentine Dinner Dance as a partnership with the Legion on February 16, with Curtis Hill (Mr. Motown) as the entertainment. We will be preparing ten baskets for people to be bidding on prior to the Dance. The baskets will be available in the dining room for the bidding process from February 7 until the 12<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be awarded to the highest bidder on February 12<sup>th</sup>, in time for delivery to their sweethearts on Valentine's Day. Please encourage your sweethearts to bid on the baskets and make this a huge success. Our next Pork Chop Dinner night will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our Auxiliary staff and their partners for their continued tireless efforts for the dinner each and every month.

They all do a great job and your continued support of this event is very much appreciated.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on February 18, 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

## S.A.L.



Hope everyone is having a Happy New Year!

All memberships were due on January 1st so if you have not turned in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. You will lose your Post and canteen privileges if not paid by February 1st.

Our January lasagna dinner was a great success! Thanks to all the volunteers for preparing the meal and many thanks to all of you for coming in to enjoy the dinner.

Check the newsletter for upcoming events,  
God Bless All,  
Joseph Boehm  
Squadron Commander

## Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Charles A. Lerow, 12/29/12

George Van Sciver, 1/2/13

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

Need prayers for the following: Ron Major

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

R.L. Stevenson

If you know any member that is sick, in the hospital/ rehab or in distress, please call Garin Salisbury, Chaplain

## Auxiliary Membership Update

Hello Ladies:

Members who paid 2013 dues by October 31st were entered into a drawing for a free membership in 2013-2014.

And the winners are: Kathy Kessler and Mary Jane Koliba-Congratulations Ladies. We now have 443 members, which is an increase of 43 new members since last year. Our renewal membership is at 76%.

If you have not renewed your 2013 membership, please consider doing so now. Your continued support is important to our programs. You can drop off your dues at the Post or mail a \$30.00 check to:

**American Legion Auxiliary, 8543 So. U.S. #1, Port St Lucie, FL 34952**

If you have any questions, you can reach me by email: flromano29@hotmail.com or by phone at 772-446-7457.

Happy and Healthy New Year  
Fran Romano, 1st Vice President



Many thanks to all the Post members who helped out at the Beer Fest on January 19th at the Mets Stadium. Almost 50 members assisted this year and with the exception of some drizzling rain everyone had a great time. A portion of the ticket sales will come back to Post 318 at a later time.

**Thank You!**

