



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message



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Hello Legion Family,

I want to thank all members who have renewed their membership in the past month. Babe Garneau, our 1st Vice Commander, states we are now at 99% and still growing. We have had a lot of new members join our Post this year and I ask that when you come to the Post please extend a welcome hand to those members you have not met yet. Let them see that we are the "Friendliest Post on the Treasure Coast".

I want to update the membership on the status of our New Post Building. We had to go to another Financial Institution for our loan on the project. Harbor Community Bank is now our lender. We are fortunate that they are giving us the loan. The interest rate is lower and the New Post will be paid off in 15 years v/s 25 years. We will be closing with them within a couple of weeks so get ready to see things happening. I personally want to thank Richard Feldman, our Finance Officer, for his hard work in making things happen when dealing with the Banks. It's not been easy but we are finally getting there. We will still need to continue raising funds to complete the project and will have 6-7 months to do it. I want to thank all who have unselfishly donated to make our dream a reality and to those who have volunteered their time for raising funds. For those who thought it would never happen, get ready.

The Post has a lot of excellent activities planned for the upcoming months. Please take a look at the Calendar and try to attend some of them. A lot of hard work by members making each event a success is done every month so you, the members, can enjoy your time at Post 318.

This month I would like to make Richard Feldman as our Member of the Month. I really don't know what I would do without his help in our negotiations with the Banks and other areas on the New Post building. Richard, I thank you for everything.

Commander  
Daryl Bowie

#### Remember When.....

We frequently had orange and black spaghetti. Doesn't sound very appetizing, does it? Well that's just what it looked like when we prepared our meals. We were so limited on space and a kitchen was just a dream. We had to cook outside the building and set up tables all over the post, and sometimes in the parking lot adorned with electric hot-plates, chafing dishes and whatever was necessary to prepare the food and keep it warm. Extension cords were everywhere, different lengths and colors, mostly black and orange. It was often necessary to designate a member to stand by the panel box just to keep resetting the breakers or someone standing by to keep fuel in the generators. We can chuckle now, but those memories kept us together and made us grow. Perhaps this will serve as a reminder to the Building Committee to ensure that we have an adequate electric service in the new building in the unlikely event that we have to serve black and orange spaghetti again.

For God and Country  
U.S. McGafan

## Legion Auxiliary



Hello Everyone,

We had great success with our Baskets for Valentine's Day and we would like to thank all of you that supported us and bid on these great gifts. A thank you also goes out to all our members who prepared baskets and donated items to make this event such a success.

At our St. Patrick's Day party on March 17<sup>th</sup> we will be offering a Basket of Cheer for Raffle. Items will include liquor, wine, snacks and more. It will certainly add to the fun to this event and provide a great gift to the winner.

Anyone wishing to make a donation for this basket can see Brenda Saffioti no later than March 10. Your continued support of our fundraisers is vital to the success of our Unit.

Post 40 in Fort Pierce will be having a Stand down event for Homeless Veteran's in the month of March. We support Post 40 for many District events including the WWII Veterans appreciation dinner which was such a success, thanks to the many that volunteered their time and service. If you would like to help, please contact Billie Pierce at Post 40.

Our next Pork Chop Dinner night will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. We thank all of you that are faithful supporters of our dinners.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on March 18, at 6:45 pm. Please plan on attending the meeting, as we will need volunteers for the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election process.

Your friend in service,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

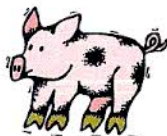
## S.A.L



Hi Folks;

Our Lasagna dinners are still going great! Andy and all the volunteers are doing a great job.

Our 4th annual "Pig Roast" will take place on April 6. As usual we will have BBQ Hog, corn on the cob, baked beans and cole slaw. The dinner will be from 1pm until 5pm and the cost is only \$10.00. Come out and feast with us.



## Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Harry Decker 1/29/13

Burton McInerney 2/4/13

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

Need prayers for the following: John Hager, Ron Major

### A Wish for a Friend

Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers-  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
For golden happy hours-  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!

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



## Join us at the parade!

The Post 318 award-winning Color Guard will be marching in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16. This is the third year in a row the unit will be marching. Please join us at 11am at the Civic Center and enjoy a nice stroll among a sea of green clad spectators. This is an opportunity for Post 318 to show off to the public. See you there!



**Coupon Program**

Hello all volunteers. We ended up sending out two boxes in January for a total of 51,265.75. So far we have sent out one box in February for 26,891.30. That brings this years total so far to 78,157.05 and since the start of the program to 2,375,059.15. I think we are catching up in a hurry. All aspects of the volunteer work help the program. Our efforts are appreciated by the troops. Read the board and you will see the most recent emails that we have gotten.

**Second Vice**

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> you will observe the culmination of various entertainment transformations that we have under gone over the past several months. We will continue to have entertainment on Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat nights as well as on selected other days as occasions may dictate. Wed nights will be exclusively for Karaoke with other floor-show and dance type entertainment on Sat nights. We want to please as many members and guests as possible while utilizing our facilities most effectively. We hope that you will continue to visit the Post for your entertainment opportunities. More varied entertainment is in store for us including a Hypnotist floor show, Country artists, Dancing and a Korean War/ USO/MASH party. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks and months. For a couple of reminders: first, the suggestion box. Thank you for your input and comments. For your suggestion to be read and considered by the E-Board, the suggestion must include your name. Otherwise they are never presented to the Board. Secondly, we are blessed to have the support of many excellent volunteer wait-staff members. The emphasis is on "volunteer". The volunteers not only serve us well during our meals, but are more-often-than-not on duty several hours before the meal preparing salads, desserts and other food prep responsibilities that help make our dining experience such a pleasure. Thank you for remembering these volunteers with your generous gratuities.

In your service for God and Country Jim Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> ce

**UPCOMING EVENTS/ENTERTAINERS**

**Casino Night, Saturday, March 16, 2013  
5 pm to ?**



Roulette, Slot Machines, Texas Hold'en Black Jack, Money Wheel, 50/50 and a Raffle



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Sunday, March 17, 2013  
1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Corned Beef with all the trimmings**

Bar Bingo March 10th and 24th

Dealers Choice Poker, Tue 3/26 7:30pm

Don't forget Ace of Hearts on Thursday evenings

**Entertainers**

- ★ Ron Incitti. Ron's act is fairly unique. Not only does he sing pop, country and oldies, but he plays 7 different musical instruments.
- ★ Cliff Cassidy. Cliff is a one man show who specializes in country-western. He will be making his Post 318 debut on 3/1.
- ★ "Jim's Super Sound". Jim is a disc jockey, karaoke specialist who will provide music during Casino Night.
- ★ Mikey-B. Mikey performs solo and sings all types of popular music.

