



# The Post Messenger

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 318  
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### Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

The month of March was a very good month for Post 318. To start we had the pleasure of hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> District Picnic at our Post. Members from all 23 Posts within our District attended. I want to thank of all the members who helped make it a successful day. The St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Legion Rider's Casino Night again were fantastic. These events just don't happen. It took a lot of planning, hard work, and dedication by many to pull these events off. It's events like these that make our Post a happening place. Great Job!

We are now getting close to starting our New Post Building. We have signed the contract with the contactor and are just waiting for the Bank to give us final go ahead. We will then close and get started. We are hoping that when you are reading this article we will have started clearing. I will give a more accurate update in next month's newsletter.

In March we selected 4 students to represent Post 318 at Boys State. I want to thank Frank Howard, Sam Deville, and Garin Salisbury for going through the interview process of selecting our representatives. Two students were selected from Port St. Lucie High School and two from Centennial High School.

The Nominating Committee was selected and introduced at the March General Meeting for the Annual Post Officer's Election. The nominating committee is comprised of Phil Daigle, Jim Moore, and Ralph Martinez. If you want to run for office please see one of these members. At the April meeting those running for Officer Positions will be read. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and then nominations will be read one last time and closed at the May meeting. Also, the date of Elections will be decided at the April meeting.

This month I would like to name Frank Howard as our Member of the Month. Frank has continued to help the Post in so many ways. He continues to spearhead many of our Post Youth Programs, updates and posts the donations for the New Post Building, updates the Red Book, and is active with the Honor Guard. Frank, I thank you for your hours of volunteering to make the Post better.

Commander  
Daryl Bowie

### New Building Boosters

*Steve Barentine  
Thomas E. Barrett  
Robert Bohringer  
John M. Carley  
William A. Case  
Thomas Collins  
Jean S. Crownover  
John W. Firestine  
Gabriel R. Galletto*

*Joseph Haigood  
Anita Hanitschak  
Donald Johnson  
Richard Karl  
Dorothy A. Kearns  
Joyce S. Kleja  
Rosalie Moore  
Paul R. Morgan Jr  
Martin Motherway*

*Ramey Carpet One  
Steve Razack  
Russakis Citrus Management  
Thomas Sanders  
Vernon Seitz  
Thomas Squeo  
Richard & Hannaj Walsh*

## Legion Auxiliary



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day festivities, including the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and the Basket of Cheer Raffle. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our fund raiser.

It is getting towards the end of another year for the Auxiliary, and I hope everyone has enjoyed the festivities and fun times we have shared together. Along with the fun is a great deal of hard work from so many who give of their time to make all the events as successful as possible.

Next month we will have our elections once again and I would like to ask all that are committed and care about the success of the Legion and the Auxiliary to consider running for office. We are only as successful as our members who participate and support our efforts. Remember, we are all in this for the same reason and that is to promote unity and work for the common goal of providing for and supporting our Veterans.

Please consider what you can do to make our Unit a bigger success and more unified. We have strength in numbers as long as we work together. We have gained over 43 new members this year, and nothing would please me more than to see a packed room at each meeting. With a new, bigger, and better building, just think what more we can accomplish.

Please plan on attending our next Auxiliary meeting on April 15, at 6:45 pm since your input for the upcoming year is crucial.

Our next Pork Chop Dinner night will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. Thank you for your continued support.

Your friend in service,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

### S.A.L

Please don't forget our 4th Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, April 6 from 1- 5 pm. We will be having barbecue pork or chicken, corn on the cob, beans and cole slaw. Entertainment will be Al Jones.



Lasagna dinners are going great; thank you volunteers for your hard work and thank you Post members for supporting us. Proceed go to help Veterans and their families as well as the youth of our community.

God Bless,

Joseph Boehm, Squadron Commander



**Chaplain Emeritus John F. Hager**  
1924-2013

### Chaplain

#### Post Everlasting

Victor Acosta 3/2/13

John Hager, 3/11/13

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

Need prayers for the following: Dave Eldridge, Ron Major, RJ Smith, Robert Sampson.

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

### Service Officer

Most Veterans are aware that there are potential benefits available to them through the Department of Veteran Affairs. But did you know that Florida also has potential benefits available to Veterans? Some of these benefits can make a difference financially to you and your spouse. Here is a list of benefits available: Free benefits counseling; Property Tax Exemptions that might include elimination of all property tax for qualified veterans; "V" for Veteran designation on Driver's License; 100% Disabled Veteran State ID Card; Driver License Fee Exemption; Handicapped Toll Permit; Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle License Plate; Motor Vehicle License Plates; Florida State Park Discount Passes; Hunting and Fishing Licenses; Commission as a Notary Public; Disabled Veterans' Exemption from Fees; just to name a few. In addition, Florida has 7 State Veterans Homes. For more information go to their web site [www.floridavets.org](http://www.floridavets.org).

Ron Zimmerman, Service Officer

