



The Post Messenger

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Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

First, I would like to start by congratulating all the new Incoming Officers for the upcoming year from each of our organizations. All the new Officers are now in place to help continue the positive direction of Post 318. Like I've always said if you as a member have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to one your Officers and let them know. I know each one will do their best in helping each member. Remember that we, the Officers, have a responsibility to do the best in insuring that each organization completes a successful year. I also would like to thank all the Officers who served the Post so well in the 2102-2013 year. It was a pleasure working with each of you. So many good things happened in the past year and I know we have many more good things getting ready to happen this year.

We just returned from the Department of Florida State Convention. The delegates that attended from Post 318 were able to see firsthand the results of the many different programs we each support. Post 318 is one of the fastest growing Posts in the State and recognized as an innovative and successful Post. This doesn't come naturally, it comes from all the many years of hard work by all the members insuring that we continue to support and live by why we are an organization. Let us always understand our purpose is to support our Veterans, their families, the children and youth of our community, and those in need. We as a family make it happen because we work together. It makes you proud when others recognize our Post as they do.

Our new Post Building Construction is right on schedule. You can now see the walls up and a lot of activity going on. I want to thank all who have unselfishly donated and made our dream a reality. We still need help in raising the necessary dollars to finish the project so if you haven't donated please consider doing so. We are almost there.

This month I would like to make Fred and Laura Mastermaker our Members of the Month. These are two members who have unselfishly donated many hours to help the Post in so many different ways. It's members such as these that have made our Post what it is. A Big thank you to you both.

Commander
Daryl Bowie

2013-2014 American Legion Post 318 Officers

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| Commander - Daryl Bowie | Historian - Tom Belford |
| 1st Vice - Babe Garneau | Service Officer - Ron Zimmerman |
| 2nd Vice - Jason McNamara | Judge Advocate - Bob Booth |
| 3rd Vice - Russ Hagerthey | E Board: |
| Finance Officer - Richard Feldman | Butch Bates |
| Chaplain - Sam Austin | Sampson De Ville |
| Adjutant - David Width | Arnie Thompson |
| Sgt At Arms - Frank Howard | |

Legion Auxiliary



Hello Ladies,

Our elections are over and a new year begins.

Thanks to the membership for entrusting me for another term as your President, and for all the Board Members for staying on another year. We also have a new District 12 President and I am happy to say it is our very own Robin Burk. Congratulations, Robin, we look forward to working with you this year. Your new slate of officers for 2013-14 is as follows: Debbie Johnston, President; Fran Romano, 1st Vice; Brenda Saffiotti, 2nd Vice; Andrea Pierson, Chaplain; Suzanne Stevens, Treasurer; Shelley Austin, Secretary; Shirley Marler, Sgt. At Arms; Sue Pfohl, Asst. Sgt. Of Arms; Executive Board – Margaret Trocki, Phyllis Young, and Sally Booth.

Convention is over and I have brought back some useful information and ideas. We always seem to support the same projects and with so many useful ones that benefit our Veterans, I think it is time for us to make some changes. I hope all of you will join me in getting more involved with some new and exciting projects. Thank you to all who attended the conference and I welcome any ideas you may have to make this year more successful.

I would like to say a special thank you to Babe Garneau and Brian Pierson for helping the Auxiliary by preparing our Dinner in June. Thanks to all who continue to support us and come to our dinners to meet new friends and comrades. Please remember we will have no meeting for the Auxiliary general membership until September. Have a great summer!

Your friend in service,
Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

Don't forget to send in your 50/50 raffle tickets. You can't win if you don't play. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

318 Raffle

Enter the 318 raffle and win some cash. Each ticket costs \$20.00 and each day in September we will draw a name. If your name is drawn, you receive \$100 **and** your ticket is reentered. So you could win multiple times. Only 318 tickets are sold so get yours as soon as possible. Visit the canteen and ask the bartender.



Chaplain

Post Everlasting

Walter H. Budke 5/21/13

Carol Sassarone (Aux) 6/13/13

Jack Tremblay 6/13/13

Arthur J. Gahagan 6/15/13

James McLaughlin (S.A.L.) 6/15/13

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

I pray that I may not only have the desire to know life, but the assurance to live it. Help me to understand that my earthly possessions are not the measure of my life, nor my body the boundary of my living. May I reach for the high standards that are free, without limit, to all. Amen

If you know any member that is sick, in the hospital/rehab or in distress, please call Sam Austin, Chaplain @ 302-357-1197.

S.A.L.



Hi everyone;

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

The S.A.L. continues the lasagna dinners on the second Wednesday of the month. Thank you all for coming to the Post to enjoy the food and supporting the S.A.L. And once again many thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work.

We would like to take the time to thank the Post 318 Honor Guard for their assistance last month. They provided military honors to a member's father who served in World War II. And of course they participated in the memorial service for Jim McLaughlin.

God Bless.
Garin Salisbury
Squadron Commander

