



# The Post Messenger

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### Commander's Message

Hello Legion Family,

Here we are going into what I consider the best part of the year when many of our Post programs and activities start to happen. Every American Legion Post has their own programs to help veterans, Children and Youth, and those in need. But Post 318 prides itself in supporting those programs and helping those in need. Its possible only by the hard work of our members and the commitment they have in assuring that each program is successful.

Our membership continues to grow at a fast pace and I would like to welcome all of the new members to our Post. I also ask all new members to attend your organizations meetings and ask what it is you as a member can do to help. To have a successful Post every member should volunteer at least one time throughout the year. If everyone did this imagine the things we could do as a group.

I would like to congratulate everyone who won the yearly awards at the Commanders Recognition/ Appreciation Dinner. Everyone of you deserved the recognition for what you as a member accomplished this past year. Its members such as you that make our Post what it is. The Greatest Post on the Treasure Coast!

Construction on the New Post Building is proceeding along at the pace we expected. It's exciting to see such a great looking building that we all have dreamed of having as our own. I don't know about you but I really can't wait till it's done. In this Newsletter you will see another letter from me asking members to please donate. We are on our last leg and we need the help. I know many of you have already donated and I thank you for it. Without your donations this project wouldn't have taken place. But I am asking this one last time to those who could find it in their hearts to help. It will be our future with a Post we all can be proud of.

This month I would like make Jack McCarthy as our Member of the Month. Jack is a long time member of Post 318. He has served on both the Post Executive Board and Honor Guard. Jack's nickname "Smilen Jack" is representative of his nature and his dedication to our Post. Jack, I thank you for everything you have done.

Daryl Bowie  
Commander



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### Award Winners - Commander's Recognition Dinner

- Legion Member of the Year - Sam DeVille
- Auxiliary Member of the Year - Suzanne Stevens
- S.A.L. Member of the Year - Jeffrey S. Emmeluth
- Junior S.A.L. Member of the Year - Noah A. Myrick
- Riders Member of the Year - Barbara Heider
- Honor/Color Guard of the Year - Garin E. Salisbury
- POST MEMBER OF THE YEAR - RICHARD L. FELDMAN

NOTICE - Sept Meeting Vote - NOTICE

## Important Notice

At our August General Business Meeting, the issue of the new Post being non-smoking came up. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership present that a vote on the subject would take place at our September General Business Meeting. Post 318 Legion Members will have the opportunity to choose 1 of 3 options presented at the August meeting:

- 1: Keep the policy the same as it currently is, canteen area plus outside patio.
- 2: Smoking area restricted to within 4 foot of the bar top and outside patio areas only.
- 3: No smoking except on outside patio area.

This will be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the September General Business Meeting. In order to vote, you must have a current membership in the Legion, have your membership card with you, and you must attend the meeting. To avoid long lines in signing the meeting log, the log will be available at the Canteen door for sign-in during the time the Executive Board meeting is in session. Upon entering the Meeting Hall, you must present your Membership Card to the Sergeant-at-Arms to ballot. If the numbers of members attending exceeds the amount of room available in the Meeting Hall, then the meeting area will be expanded to include the Canteen area, the bar will be closed and anyone who is not a Legionnaire with a current membership card will be asked to leave the building until such time as the General Business Meeting has adjourned.

For God & Country  
Daryl Bowie, Commander



Hello Everyone,

Thanks to everyone who attended the Luau, and contributed their time to make it a HUGE success! A Special Thank You goes out to Chef Mario and all of the kitchen help that prepared our delicious Hawaiian meal. The compliments just kept coming and we are so pleased that everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food, decorations and entertainment.

We have a busy year ahead of us with our new Post just around the corner. With the new building we are anticipating a growth in new membership and additional participation so we can provide better services to our growing Veteran population. Please plan on doing your part to make this year fun and successful by attending meetings and participating in all of the functions provided by each Unit. **Your** participation is crucial to the development and growth of the Post. Remember, the purpose of the Auxiliary is to promote and support the Legion and its programs.

The Theme for this year is "Cruising for Unity". In all organizations people have differences. Let's put all hands on deck, strive for purpose and understanding and leave our baggage at the door so we can move forward and have a great year!

Your friend in service,

Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President

## Chaplain



Need prayers for the following:  
Sol Holcomb

*Please pray for our troops around the world*

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



