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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family: August is here and we are going into our new Legion fiscal year with a great group of Officers and members who have volunteered to continue making our Post the great American Legion Post it is.

At the State Convention our First Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman, Martin Motherway, was named State Recruiter of the Year 2015-2016, following in the footsteps of Babe Garneau 2014-2015 State Recruiter of the Year. That is 2 years in a row for our Post.

I would also like to thank all for allowing me to be your Post Commander for the Past year in conjunction with a great group of Members and Volunteers who made our year so successful. Onward and upward is our goal for the year.

August 20th is our Post Recognition event and Commander's dinner for the year. We will have a great menu, come and applaud our exceptional people of the year.

August is also the start of football season. We will having specials all season long. Come and enjoy the fun .

We have a great Labor Day weekend planned starting on Friday September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. will be American Legion Post 318 Day at Tradition Field with our Rider's and Honor Guard participating on the field. Admission tickets are \$6.00 with \$3.00 going to the Post. Then on Sunday September 4th we will have our annual Sons of the American Legion Clam Bake. The Legion will also have our BBQ. Enjoy those days with the Post.

Our 318 Raffle is still available. Lets sell it out so we may have our drawing. Remember 1st prize is \$1800.00; 2nd prize \$600.00; 3rd \$400.00 and 4th \$300.00. The Post will also have a wheelbarrow Basket of Cheer fundraiser. Tickets are \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 with the drawing in October.

The Post still has an opening for a Legionnaire to serve as historian. We also need volunteers who would help cooking hotdogs, hamburgers, steaks, etc. Please contact me if you are willing to help on the grill.

This month's Member of the Month is a Lady who has always contributed to every group of the Post. She has served the Post in so many ways and always tried to step up when she has been asked. Thank you Fran Romano for all your efforts.

If any member has concerns or suggestions for the betterment of the Post, I am available by phone or at the Post.

For god and Country
Richard Feldman

~ In Memory Of ~

August 2016 Mary McLaughlin by American Legion Auxiliary	William t. Hawes by Lorraine & Deborah	August 2018 Edward Zikus Jr. by Edgar & Jana Johnson	March 2021 Dick Boulette, Dennis Cush Roy Gulbrandsen, Bill Yeager, Garin Salisburg, Conrad Tutelo by Post 318 Honor Guard
September 2016 Robert (Steev) Zikus by Jan Joe Skerbe by Mattie Kelly	February 2017 Alfonzo "Butch" Stevens by Paul Hess	August 2019 Mary McLaughlin by Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn	
October 2016 Ed Patterson by Karen Fox-Patterson Frank Cafiso by Connie Cafiso	April 2017 Ken Baker by Kay & Bonnie Baker	December 2019 Donald Lee Holley by Josie & Gene Nagele	
November 2016 Ted Vincent by Spanish Lakes I Friends	December 2017 CPO J.C. Martin by Eddie & Bonnie Beverly Bill Yeager by Capt. Sal Bagnara of the Viking Prince	December 2020 Geraldine Malaband by Philip DelToro Burton T. McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney	

Commander's Recognition Dinner

Saturday, August 20

Cocktails 5:00 P.M - Dinner 6:00 P.M

Prime Rib or Chicken Kiev

Red Bliss Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans or Broccoli

Spring Mix Salad and Dinner Rolls

Tiramisu Dessert \$12.00 pp

Entertainment by The Flashbacks 7:30 - 11 P.M

Pre-sale on tickets at the Canteen Bar. Tickets limited to 100, til Aug. 8

Service Officer Report

Private Cemeteries: To submit a claim for a headstone, marker, or medallion for use in a private cemetery, complete VA Form 40-1330 with a copy of the veteran's military discharge document and submit to the nearest VA office. Most funeral homes will assist the next of kin with filing the required forms. If they don't, contact the County Veterans Service Office for assistance

Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC): A PMC is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veteran. When no PMC is issued to the next of kin, a request from a close friend or associate will be honored. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC by filling out the form which can be found at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-0247.pdf> and FAXing it to 1-800-455-7153. Requests cannot be sent via e-mail.

Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag? Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays

How Can You Apply for a flag? You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. U.S. Post Offices are the primary issuing point for burial flags. Generally, the funeral director can help you obtain a flag. Call and confirm with the post office in advance. Not all local post offices have burial flags on hand but they should be able to direct you to the closest issuing post office. Regional VA Offices can also help identify local issuing points.

Burial Allowance: There are a lot of variances that goes into determining how much the VA will provide in burial allowances. To make sure the request is completed accurately, contact your County Veteran's Service Office for assistance. Remember, the allowance, if entitled, is not paid up-front and may take a couple of months to receive.

Matt Dunleavy, Assistant Post 318 Service Officer

Auxiliary Report

Hello to all. July has been a good month. We sent three girls to girls state and they enjoyed the chance to learn how our government works and to get some great experiences to put on their applications for college.

Our new officers have been installed and we are ready to go to work planning our year. Hope you are all enjoying your summer. Be rested and ready to come back and help our vets and their families. Community service is what we're all about.

Yours in service,
Phyllis Young, Auxiliary President 772-293-9999

Chaplain Report

It is my solemn duty to inform all of you that Legionnaire John Johnson has been transferred to Post Everlasting.

For those members that do not know, there is a procedure that our Post uses for notification of family members. When a member passes on, his family will call the Post or call me at my home number. Any death of a family member is started that way. Also, requests for names to be put on the board have to be from family members. I will not put a name up at the request of a friend.

It would be a good idea now for us to say a special prayer for our members who are fighting cancer. They do so silently, but I have a big mouth and want us all to say this prayer with me.

O God the strength of the weak and the comfort of suffers, mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of our comrades and loved ones who are ill. Remember especially, Ron. We know not what is best for them, but you know. Grant them patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, and if it is your will, the blessing of a quick recovery. In your name Jesus Christ. Amen. I hope you said it with me.

Bless our active duty members and families who are fighting for us and keep them under your protection. Thank you. Amen.

John Dunn, Chaplain 772-905-8400

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

Now that the hot, humid temperatures have arrived, some of us are probably wishing for the rainy season again. Hoping that members who up north are enjoying their summers. I know that the members down here in Sunny Florida are stay "cool" in the air conditioning.

Installation of officers was held on Saturday, July 9, 2016. I'm very honored to be your chaplain again for the 2nd year. I'm hoping and praying that we will have a wonderful year, as I continue to be of service in prayer and spiritual advise with our members.

I continue to send out cards to let members know that the auxiliary is thinking of them. If you know of anybody who might need a little cheering up with a card, or a phone call, please let me know.

Karen Patterson-Fox, Auxiliary Chaplain

S.A.L. Report

Hello Post 318, We are into our new fiscal year at Post 318 and we have upcoming events planned to help support our veterans and families in need.

Our first one will be the S.A.L. clam bake at the labor day picnic on Sept 4th. We will be serving raw clams steamed clams and Babes famous clam chowder.

Don't Miss out! We will be having our annual S.A.L. Golf Tournament October 16th. Look for the sign up sheets at the post.

We served 83 lasagna dinners last month. Thank you for supporting our dinner and a special thanks to all the volunteers who help make it happen.

We have our new membership cards. Please don't forget to renew.

Andy Saffioti, S.A.L. Commander



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Rider's Report

It's been so hot that we are riding every other Sunday. We visited several other post recently. It really makes you appreciate what we have at 318. Summer Legion Conference was a great time with the chance to see old friends. I have the honor of being elected Vice Commander for the 12th District. Feeding continues to go well with Post 318 helping quite a few veterans and others survive out there.

For God and Country
Jim Burk Rider Director

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year **Newsletter Boosters**

August 2016 Theodore & Patricia Bonham Robert Seip Don & Jill Burley Joseph J. Jones & Irene Grischuk- Jones Gerald Lifland	December 2016 Paul D. & Susan T. Brennan	December 2017 Eddie & Bonnie Beverly	March 2026 Toni Maschek
September 2016 William O'Donnell Ed & Pat Carey	March 2017 Bob & Sally Booth	March 2018 USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons	
October 2016 George E. McKenzi	April 2017 Kay Baker	December 2018 Lee Caldwell	
November 2016 Connie Cafiso Raymond Hanley, Jr.	May 2017 Walter West	May 2019 10-13 Club	
	June 2017 Hot Diggity Dog	February 2022 Dallas Black	
	July 2017 Hot Diggity Dog David A. Lapone	November 2024 Jewish War Veterans	

What can you do for your Legion?

Our Post is a great group of people. We are growing by leaps and bounds and have fantastic events monthly for our membership to enjoy. In order to keep our wonderful events going, we need VOLUNTEERS.

What is there for you to do? We need members to step up and help with serving, grill cooking and selling tickets at the door for our Wednesday night Dinners and Special events, among other things. Besides our special events we also have Post clean-up days every year. All of which are put on or accomplished by VOLUNTEERS!

It only takes a few hours of your time. We could use help once a month, or more if possible. If some of you could help, it would be greatly appreciated. It's time to get a little more involved in the Post activities and feel more a part of what is going on. If you would like to help, please call Kat Hanson at 772-240-5819. Lets keep our Post growing and getting even better.

Also, check your Calendar, come join us for a meeting. Find out what is going on. We can always use new ideas and there may be even more ways you can become involved in all the activities going on.

Sally Zimmerman, Newsletter Editor

Parking Woes...

We know that parking at times is a problem especially on Wednesday Night Dinners, Thursday Nights with the Ace of Hearts, Friday and Saturday Nights meals and entertainments and any of the "Special Events" that we hold at the Post. We know that we do not have enough parking spaces to accommodate every member every night of the week. There is not much that can be done to elevate this problem other than buying more land as we have already used as much of our land for parking as we can.

So, at present the only logical solution is to ask for everyone's cooperation with this matter. If possible, you might try carpooling with friends. Motorcycles can share spots with others - four will fit in a parking spot. Golf carts can park on the grass.

We have only so much room available for parking, but with everyone's help and co-operation we can make it more enjoyable place for all our members!

The House Committee

Legionnaire News

Anyone renewing their membership between now and Oct 15 will have their names put a drum to have their 2018 membership paid. There will be 5 winners drawn and will include new and transfer in.

The date for the drawing will be on Oct 21, so send your renewals in early. Make sure you give your correct mailing address and phone number. Snowbirds make sure which address you want it mailed too.

For God and Country,
Martin Motherway, First Vice Commander
martyjm42@aol.com

Message from the Historian

July 23, 2016 ends tenure as Post Historian. I would like to thank everyone for all their input, photos and ideas for my books for the past eight years. A heartfelt thank you to all. I really enjoyed my historical ride.

For God and Country
Tom Belford, Outgoing Historian



Labor Day BBQ

Sunday Sept 4

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Fried Chicken

1 - 3 PM \$10.00pp


Annual S.A.L. Clambake

Noon til gone

Big T 2 - 6 PM

American Legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 House Committee - 5:30 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Fried Chicken - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 US Coast Guard Est. 1790	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sonny D 7:30 - 11 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Jimbo, Karaoke 7:30 - 11 PM
7 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11AM - 5 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No S.A.L. Meeting	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Honor Guard - 6 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Music by "Glen" 7:30 - 11 PM (First time appearance)	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Kevin & Geri, Karaoke 7:30 - 11 PM
14 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11AM - 5 PM	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM No Regular Meeting	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Ham - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sonny D. 7:30 - 11 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Commanders Dinner - \$12.00 Cocktails at 5 PM Flashback Band 7:30 - 11 PM
21 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11AM - 5	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Honor Guard - 6 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francese - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Dave Santiago 7:30 - 11 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Pot Roast Dinner \$9.00 Kevin & Geri - Karaoke 7:30 - 11 PM
28 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11 AM - 5	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver & Onions or Roast Pork - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	Sept 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Entertainment 7:30 - 11 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Entertainment 7:30 - 11 PM
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