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### Commander's Message

Hello American Legion Family:

Our office administrative assistant Suzanne Stevens is retiring from the Post. I would like to thank her for her years of effort and to wish her the best in her well deserved retirement.

At our August 13th regular meeting, we honored three Boy Scouts with certificates and \$250 scholarship checks. The scouts were present with scouting officials and the recipients' families. In addition, the Boy Scouts will be having a food drive collecting goods that will be donated to our homeless feeding program. Our Legion Riders group feeds the homeless in our County every Thursday. All of the above is a proud participation of Post 318 in the community.

On August 20th we had our Commander's Dinner and Post awards. Congratulations to all who were honored. Specially honored by the Post were Ron and Phyllis Young as Members of the Year and Annie Thompson as Legionnaire of the Year among others. Thank you all for your efforts in the past year.

We have our September 2nd Post 318 Day at Mets Stadium. . Tickets are \$6.00 for the game and the ceremony honoring our Post. Hope to see you at the game.

That starts our Labor Day weekend with our Sons of the American Legion Clam Bake and Post barbecue. Also our Basket of Cheer will be awarded.

This month September also starts our football season with several new larger TV screens in place as well as specials for football time.

I would like to remind all Legionnaires to pay their 2017 dues now. As an early bird member you will be eligible for the drawing of five (5) names who will have their dues paid for the next year. Support our Post.

We will be closing out our 318 raffle soon. Please get your chances now. We have great cash prizes for the winners. This fund raiser helps us do some of the charitable and community things we do for veterans and others.

By the end of September we should start to see and welcome back our winter members. We look forward to seeing them at our Post.

This month I would like to name Chaplain John Dunn as Member of the Month. In spite of health problems, he has continued to give his all to doing a great job, visiting, sending cards, doing memorials, etc for veterans of Post 318.

. 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, Commander** 772-342-2394

### ~ In Memory Of ~

**September 2016**

Robert (Steev) Zikus  
by Jan  
Joe Skerbe by Mattie  
Kelly

**October 2016**

Ed Patterson by  
Karen Fox-Patterson  
Frank Cafiso by  
Connie Cafiso

**November 2016**

Ted Vincent by  
Spanish Lakes I Friends  
William t. Hawes by  
Lorraine & Deborah

**February 2017**

Alfonzo "Butch" Stevens  
by Paul Hess

**April 2017**

Ken Baker by  
Kay & Bonnie Baker

**December 2017**

CPO J.C. Martin  
by Eddie & Bonnie  
Beverly  
Bill Yeager by  
Capt. Sal Bagnara of  
the Viking Prince

**August 2018**

Edward Zikus Jr. by  
Edgar & Jana Johnson

**August 2019**

Mary McLaughlin by  
Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn

**December 2019**

Donald Lee Holley  
by Josie & Gene Nagele

**December 2020**

Geraldine Malaband  
by Philip DelToro  
Burton T. McInerney  
by Rose Mary McInerney

**March 2021**

Dick Boulette, Dennis  
Cush, Roy Gulbrandsen,  
Bill Yeager, Garin  
Salisbury, Conrad Tutelo  
by  
Post 318 Honor Guard

### Auxiliary Report

I can't believe September is already here. This is the month your Auxiliary membership fee is due for 2017. Please don't wait for a notice that may or may not get to you. Our membership fee has not increased. It is still \$30.00. You may send a check made out to ALA Unit 318 and drop it in the mail addressed to:

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or stop by the post and drop it with the bartenders to be put into the auxiliary mail drop. You can also pay by credit at the bar or go on line to [www.alaf.org](http://www.alaf.org) and click on the \$ pay bill at the top of your screen. If paid by October 2016 you will be eligible for a drawing for free membership in 2018.

Dust off those coconut bras and get out your grass skirts. We're having a luau on Saturday, September 10th. Mr. Dave Santiago will be providing music. Be sure to get your tickets early since sales will be limited.

Our September meeting will be held Sept 19 at 6:45. We will be looking at the proposed budget for the 2017 year. I am very excited to have guest speaker Jim Burk, President of the Riders, to talk about their homeless vet project and let us know what we might do to help. Please plan to attend.

Yours in service,

**Phyllis Young, Auxiliary President** 772-293-9999

**2nd Vice Commander's Report**

As your new Post 318 Second Vice I first want to say "Thank You" for electing me to serve as an Officer of this awesome Post. I am not only proud to be an eight year Veteran of the United States Navy, I am proud to be a Legionnaire and very proud to be a member of Post 318. As most of you know, I recently retired from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office after thirty years of Law Enforcement service here in St. Lucie County and worked a lot with our County's at risk youth as a mentor. I like to be involved in things that I believe in. I believe in this Post and I will do whatever I can to make this Post thrive.

We are fortunate to have some really good entertainers perform at 318 and I know that everyone has a good time dancing and having fun. We will be bringing in other acts during our season as well. Many of you have expressed to me that Saturday night karaoke is becoming a little stale at the Post. I respect and appreciate your input. During our busy season we will be bringing in some bands on Saturday nights alternating with Saturday karaoke. Wednesday night karaoke will remain in place.

If a new act comes in that is in some way not desirable to the Post, let me know so I can take care of it. I do ask that you give every act a fair chance to come in and entertain. If for some reason you don't like an act that is brought in, there is no need to criticize or be nasty to me or anyone else, especially the entertainment. I have experienced this in the past and quite frankly, it is unacceptable. We are a family here at 318 and if something needs to be corrected, we will correct it. We book acts on a single night basis so if the act is not up to our expectations, we just won't book them again.

We need more of you to get involved in Post functions. It seems to be the same people over and over that step up and get things done and others are quick to criticize these folks and complain if things are not "perfect". Volunteer, lend a hand and lets all work together to make our events as perfect as possible. Remember, this is YOUR Post. We're all here for the same reasons, comradery with each other and having fun. We're Veterans and families of Veterans and Veterans know that you cannot successfully complete the mission at hand without working as a team. Be part of the team. Enjoy your time at the Post and God Bless.

**Sal Anicito, 2nd Vice Commander**

**Service Officer Report**

Since the opening of our new location, the Post has seen a lot of new members, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. For those that did not know, the Service Officers are available Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 PM to assist you with questions about VA benefits or how to obtain copies of military service records, military medical records or copies of the DD-214. No appointment is necessary, assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis. Resources for veterans, many resources are available on the internet and not all are created equal. One resource, we have used numerous times is <https://www.nrd.gov>. It is kind of a "clearing house" for resources on benefits & compensation, education & training, employment, family & caregiver support, health, homeless assistance, housing, and transportation & travel. A lot of the information provided is through links to other non-government web sites. This web site is definitely one to check out and add to your favorites.

**Matt Dunleavy, Assistant Post 318 Service Officer**

**Chaplain Report**

Our Post did not have anyone transfer to Post Everlasting in July. Lord let me say a thank you from all of us at American Legion Post 318. Thank you Lord. We will keep asking for your mercy and kindness. Be aware that our Post asks only for knowledge of your will.

Our sick still need our prayers, so Lord please ease the burden for the sick and their families. Ease their pain and suffering and bless them which only you can do. Shelter them with your shadow of love and give them peace.

Last, but not least, Lord would be to watch over our service people and their families. We that have been through this know how hard it can be. Keep them strong as they look to you for your love.

**John Dunn, Chaplain 772-905-8400**

**Auxiliary Chaplain**

I find myself counting our blessings that our Auxiliary members have been in somewhat good health. A few surgeries, etc. nothing serious. We should still be praying for other members of our Post that are seriously ill. 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.

I would like to remind anyone in the Auxiliary or calling for an Auxiliary member who is sick or has passed on, to call myself (772-418-1515). Please make sure you report all personal information, name, hospital, (date of death-if necessary and a personal contact if you can get that information, I cannot place a name on sick call or post everlasting without a family member's permission.

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings over our auxiliary members whether still up north or back here in Florida. We ask prayers for them and any family members that may need them. We do not know what their needs are, but we know that You do. We ask this in your Holy and Precious Name.


**Karen Fox-Patterson, Auxiliary Chaplain (772-418-1515)**



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**Rider's Report**

The Legion Riders in the recent past payed a gas bill for a veteran who lost his job, paid an electric bill for a female veteran who sells on commission and had a bad month, paid to have a veteran's property repaired. In the woods and park, along with Sarah's Kitchen and the Salvation Army, we served 85 hot meals along with providing sack lunches, provided toilet paper, razors, soap, shampoo etc. to the same 85 people.

Right now we need backpacks, bug spray, batteries, can openers and/ or cash donations to provide these things. Please help us with this vital endeavor.

For God and Country  
**Jim Burk, Rider Director**

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year <b>Newsletter Boosters</b>			
<b>September 2016</b> William O'Donnell Ed & Pat Carey	<b>March 2017</b> Bob & Sally Booth	<b>July 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog David A. Lapone	<b>December 2018</b> Lee Caldwell
<b>October 2016</b> George E. McKenzie	<b>April 2017</b> Kay Baker	<b>August 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog Theodore & Patricia Bonham	<b>May 2019</b> 10-13 Club
<b>November 2016</b> Connie Cafiso Raymond Hanley, Jr.	<b>May 2017</b> Walter West	<b>December 2017</b> Eddie & Bonnie Beverly	<b>February 2022</b> Dallas Black
<b>December 2016</b> Paul D. & Susan T. Brennan	<b>June 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog	<b>March 2018</b> USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons	<b>November 2024</b> Jewish War Veterans



**Post 318 Picnic**  
Sun, Sept 4th, 1 - 3 PM  
**S.A.L. Clambake**  
Entertainment by:  
**Big T 2 - 6 PM**

**Fried Chicken, Burgers, Dogs**  
**Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Dessert**  
\$10.00 pp  
**S.A.L. Clambake — Noon to ???**  
**Steamed, Raw..... PLUS**  
**Babes Famous Clam Chowder**



**Auxiliary Luau**


Sat. Sept 10th, 6 PM  
**Music by Dave Santiago**  
**Hawaiian Chicken with all the trimmings**  
**Come join us for a night of fun!**



**Football season has returned**  
**Saturday - College Football**  
**NFL Sunday & Monday Night**  
**See all the games here!**  
**NFL Day Specials!**  
**Come join the fun and root for your team!**

# American Legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

# September 2016

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Service Officer 1 - 4 PM</b> <b>Ace of Hearts - 7 PM</b> <b>Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30</b>	<b>2</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b> <b>Day at the Mets \$6.00</b> Sonny D 7:30 - 11 PM	<b>3</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Legion Riders - 9:30 AM</b> <b>College Football</b> Jimbo, Karaoke 7:30 - 11 PM
<b>4</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers <b>S.A.L. Clambake - Noon to ???</b> <b>Labor Day BBQ 1 3 PM \$10.00</b> <b>Big T 2 - 6 PM</b>	<b>5</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>Marine Corp League - 7 PM</b> <b>Monday Night Football</b>	<b>6</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>House Committee - 5:30</b>	<b>7</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Fried Chicken - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>8</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Service Officer 1 - 4 PM</b> <b>Ace of Hearts - 7 PM</b> <b>Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30</b>	<b>9</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b> Greg Fessel 7:30 - 11 PM	<b>10</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM <b>Legion E-Board - 9 AM</b> <b>General Meeting - 10:30 AM</b> <b>College Football</b> <b>Auxiliary Luau Party</b> Dave Santiago 7:30 - 11 PM
<b>11</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11AM - 5 PM <b>NFL Specials 11 - 5 PM</b>	<b>12</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>S.A.L. Meeting - 6:30 PM</b> <b>Monday Night Football</b>	<b>13</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>Honor Guard - 6 PM</b>	<b>14</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Service Officer 1 - 4 PM</b> <b>Ace of Hearts - 7 PM</b> <b>Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30</b>	<b>16</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b> Sonny D 7:30 - 11 PM	<b>17</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM <b>Firefighters/Police Appreciation 11 AM</b> <b>College Football</b> Flashback Band 7:30 - 11 PM
<b>18</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11AM - 5 <b>US Air Force Established 1947</b> <b>NFL Specials 11 - 5 PM</b>	<b>19</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM</b> <b>Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM</b> <b>Monday Night Football</b>	<b>20</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3	<b>21</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Ham - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Service Officer 1 - 4 PM</b> <b>Ace of Hearts - 7 PM</b> <b>Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30</b>	<b>23</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b> The Driftwoods 7:30 - 11 PM	<b>24</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM <b>MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM</b> <b>College Football</b> <b>Spaghetti/ Meatball Dinner</b> <b>Caesar Salad, garlic toast &amp; dessert \$6.00</b> Jimbo, Karaoke 7:30 - 11 PM
<b>25</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11 AM - 5 <b>NFL Specials 11 - 5 PM</b>	<b>26</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM</b> <b>Monday Night Football</b>	<b>27</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 <b>Honor Guard - 6 PM</b>	<b>28</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Chicken Francese Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>29</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 <b>Service Officer 1 - 4 PM</b> <b>Ace of Hearts - 7 PM</b> <b>Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>30</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b> Permanent Affair 7:30 - 11 PM	<b>Oct 1</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8PM Legion Riders - 9:30 AM <b>College Football</b> Entertainment 7:30 - 11 PM
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