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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 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



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

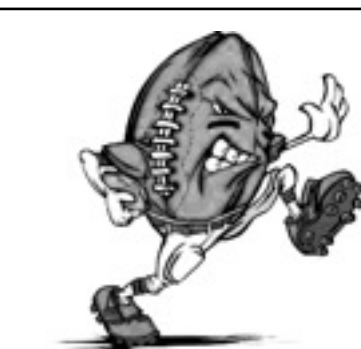
Fried Chicken, Burgers, Dogs
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Dessert
\$10.00 pp
S.A.L. Clambake — Noon to ???
Steamed, Raw..... PLUS
Babes Famous Clam Chowder



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!


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



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