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### Commander's Message

**HELLO** American Legion Family:

Happy New Year! Hope all had a joyous holiday last month. We look forward to a great New Year at Post 318..

The Post will have many great events in the coming New Year. Be sure to get posted, come out and enjoy the Post activities, whether it is the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, or Riders. All the groups are going to have activities. Come out and enjoy.

December 7th the Post participated in the Pearl Harbor Day at Rivergate Park in Port St. Lucie. As usual our Honor Guard was outstanding. I wish to thank the Honor Guard for all the events they have participated in for our year as host for the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie and the City of Port St. Lucie. Great job.

Special thanks to all the Ladies Auxiliary for the festive Holiday decorations that made the Post shine with Holiday Season spirit.

We had a great Christmas party. Hope all members enjoyed the great food and music and with all of the Legion groups serving and participating in making that a great night.

The Sons of the American Legion Toy give-a-way was as usual one of the most evidence of the joy of Christmas. Thank you to the Sons of the American Legion.

Thanks to all for the gifts for the Salvation Army Tree, Toys for Tots, and our own SAL party. As usual you members did a great job.

January 2, 2017, our door cards will be changed. All members with 2017 membership cards can exchange their old door cards for new ones. If you have not paid you 2017 dues, now is the time to do so.

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon, our Florida Department Commander Joe Magee and other officers will be visiting our Post. Please come out and welcome them to our Post.

In the spirit of Christmas, I would like to thank the Legion Riders for what they do for the homeless every Thursday of the year.

This month I would like to name as Member of the Month, Lou Romano. He is a Legionnaire, Honor Guard member, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders. We regret that Lou was not eligible to join the Auxiliary. We know you would have. Thank you Lou for all you do for the Post.

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 ~

**February 2017**

Alfonzo "Butch" Stevens  
by Paul Hess

**April 2017**

Ken Baker by  
Kay & Bonnie Baker

**September 2017**

Royce "Pat" Murphy  
by Terry Murphy, Alan  
Tumerelli, Vinnie Corrado  
& Patrick Murel

**October 2017**

Robert (Steev) Zikus  
by Jan Hupman  
Pat Nelson  
by Teresa Knorrston

**November 2017**

William T. Hates  
by Lorraine & Deborah

**December 2017**

CPO J.C. Martin  
by Eddie & Bonnie  
Beverly  
Bill Yeager by  
Capt. Sal Bagnara of  
the Viking Prince  
William T. Hawes  
by Lorraine & Deborah

**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

**October 2026**

Ed Black & Steve Wisor  
by S.A.L. Post 318

### 2nd Vice Report

I hope everyone had a great Holiday. Keep an eye on the upcoming newsletter for a special event coming up in February. As we look to the New Year, I wish you all Health, Love and Happiness. Our Post is one of the largest Posts in Florida. Let's all work together to be the biggest and the best. We have a lot to be thankful for here at 318. Be kind to others and others will be kind to you. God Bless.

**Sal Anicito, 2nd Vice Commander**

**Service Officer Report**

This article was obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs News web site and is provided for information purposes only. For more information, please go to the web site listed at the end of the article.

**Ron Zimmerman Sr. , Post Service Officer**

**New Regulation Decreases Cost of Outpatient Medication Copay for Most Veterans**

Washington – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation on copayments for Veterans' outpatient medications for non-service connected conditions. VA currently charges non-exempt Veterans either \$8 or \$9 for each 30-day or less supply of outpatient medication, and under current regulations, a calculation based on the medication of the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI-P) would be used to determine the copayment amount in future years.

"Switching to a tiered system continues to keep outpatient medication costs low for Veterans," said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. David J. Shulkin. "Reducing their out-of-pocket costs encourages greater adherence to prescribed outpatient medications and reduces the risk of fragmented care that results when multiple pharmacies are used; another way that VA is providing better service to Veterans."

This new regulation eliminates the formula used to calculate future rate increases and establishes three classes of outpatient medications identified as Tier 1, Preferred Generics; Tier 2, Non-Preferred Generics including over-the-counter medications; and Tier 3, Brand Name. Copayment amounts for each tier would be fixed and vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier.

These copayment amounts will be effective February 27, 2017:

- \$5 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 1 outpatient medication
- \$8 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 2 outpatient medication
- \$11 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 3 outpatient medication

These changes apply to Veterans without a service-connected condition, or Veterans with a disability rated less than 50 percent who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law. Medication copayments do not apply to former Prisoners of War, catastrophically disabled Veterans, or those covered by other exceptions as set by law. Copayments stop each calendar year for Veterans in Priority Groups 2-8 once a \$700 cap is reached.

More information on the new tiered medication copayment can be found at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-12/pdf/2016-29515.pdf>

**Auxiliary Report**

Happy New Year ladies! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to serving our community and veterans' needs this year. As always, we can use volunteers for many of our projects.

If you haven't paid your 2017 membership yet you're in arrears. Without an up-to-date card you will not be able to get a new key card. You must have a 2017 card to participate in many of our functions, such as the Ace of Hearts game.

This is our quarter for a raffle. We will be raffling a lottery tree filled with \$200 dollars worth of scratch off lottery tickets..

Tickets for our Valentine Dinner Dance will go on sale in early January. We're serving Chicken Marcel and the entertainment will be Shepard and Green. The food is great and the entertainment is excellent. Tickets are limited so be sure to get yours early. The cost is \$15 dollars with all the proceeds going to our veterans programs.

Remember our meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:45 PM. The meeting is where you can take part in planning and find out what you can do to help. Please plan to attend.

Yours in Service  
**Phyllis Young, Auxiliary President 772-293-9999**

**Rider's Report**

The Legion Riders continue with our homeless/hungry feeding program. We celebrated two years recently. It's partners like Post 318, Treasure Coast Food Bank, Sarah's Kitchen, The Elks, Knights of Columbus, The Boy Scouts and several churches that enable us to continue this mission. The last "Point in Time Count" for Florida was over 50,000 homeless.

We rode in the annual Ft Pierce Christmas parade and had a great time. By the time this goes to print Christmas will be over and the excitement of a new year will be upon us. I wish you all peace, happiness and love in the new year.

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

**1st Vice Report**

THE DRAWING ON OCT 15, 2016 FOR 2018 MEMBERSHIP PAID BY POST ARE:

- RALPH COLLIS
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**Auxiliary Chaplain**  
Welcome 2017!!! Wow, another New Year already! Happy New Year to all auxiliary members. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, whether you went back up north to celebrate with friends and family or you were fortunate enough to have those precious grandchildren come down for a visit!!! 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 all of our auxiliary members as we begin this New Year. Hoping that 2017 will be a very wonderful year for Post 318 and all of its members. Praying for our men and women in the Armed Services. Lord keep them safe.

**Karen Fox-Patterson, Auxiliary Chaplain**

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**S.A.L. Report**  
Hello Post 318, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas a Happy New Year.

We had our annual Children's Christmas Party last month and WOW what a wonderful day it was! We had over 90 children singing Christmas carols anxiously waiting for Santa to arrive.

I would like to thank Santa, his Legion Rider Reindeer and all his helpers for a great day. A special thanks to Brenda for all her hard work and showing everyone the true meaning of Christmas. God bless America

**Andy Saffioti, S.A.L. Commander**

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

<b>March 2017</b> Bob & Sally Booth	<b>July 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog David A. Lapone	<b>October 2017</b> Nancy Hughes	<b>December 2018</b> Lee Caldwell
<b>April 2017</b> Kay Baker	<b>August 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog Theodore & Patricia Bonham	<b>November 2017</b> Fred Thompson	<b>May 2019</b> 10-13 Club
<b>May 2017</b> Walter West	<b>September 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog Robert Seip	<b>December 2017</b> Eddie & Bonnie Beverly Paul & Susan Brennan	<b>February 2022</b> Dallas Black
<b>June 2017</b> Hot Diggity Dog		<b>March 2018</b> USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons	<b>November 2024</b> Jewish War Veterans

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**\$4.00**

French Toast or Pancakes **\$4.00**

And many more items on the menu!  
*Prices include Coffee, Orange Juice & Toast*

**LUNCH MENU**


Monday - Meatloaf  
Tuesday - Grilled Ham & Cheese  
Wednesday - Liver & Onions  
Thursday - Philly Cheese Steak  
Friday - Sloppy Jo  
Sat. & Sun. - Check Canteen Board

Subject to change



**NEW YEARS DAY PARTY**  
**BUFFET 12 - 3PM**  
Pot Roast and Fried Chicken  
Black Eyed Peas, Sauerkraut  
Applesauce and Dessert

Big T 2 - 6PM



**Football Season!!**

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

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Call Kim 772-361-4781

# American Legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

# January 2017

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 No Breakfast</b> 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Happy New Year Buffet</b> 12 - 3 PM Big T 2 - 6	<b>2</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>Marine Corp League - 7 PM</b>	<b>3</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>House Committee - 5:30 PM</b>	<b>4</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2  <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Pot Roast \$9.00  Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>5</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>6</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5  <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b>  Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	<b>7</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8  <b>Legion Riders - 9:30 AM</b> <b>NFL Playoffs</b>  Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
<b>8</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers  Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM  <b>NFL Playoffs</b>	<b>9</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>No S.A.L. Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>Honor Guard - 6 PM</b>	<b>11</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2  <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Home made Lasagna - \$9.00  Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>12</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>13</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5  <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b>  The Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM	<b>14</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM  <b>Legion E-Board - 9 AM</b> <b>General Meeting - 10:30 AM</b>  <b>NFL Playoffs</b>  Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
<b>15</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers  Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM  <b>NFL Playoffs</b>	<b>16</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM</b> <b>Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM</b>	<b>17</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>Service Officer 1 - 4PM</b>	<b>18</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2  <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Ham \$9.00  Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>19</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>20</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5  <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b>  Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	<b>21</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM  Alita & The Boyz 7 - 11 PM
<b>22</b> Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers  Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5  <b>NFL Playoffs</b>	<b>23</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>24</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3  <b>Honor Guard - 6 PM</b>  <b>Service Officer 1 - 4PM</b>	<b>25</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2  <b>Dinner 5 - 7 PM</b> Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00  Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	<b>26</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>27</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5  <b>Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM</b>  The Solid Gold Band 7 - 11 PM	<b>28</b> Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM  <b>MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM</b>  <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatball Dinner</b> <b>\$7.00</b> Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
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