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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family: February was a great month at Post 318 with a full turnout for all of the events scheduled, especially our Super Bowl Party. Thank you to all who participated and worked to make this event the success it was. I would like to thank all who participated in our Post clean-up day. It showed how proud members are about our great Post home. March as usual will be a busy time at the Post. Football is over and now starts baseball season. Your favorite teams will all be on the Post TV schedule. We also have NASCAR for all of you race fans. Please come and enjoy!

Don't forget our St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th 11:00 a.m. to 7:00PM. We will be serving corned beef, cabbage and other favorites. Music will be all day and evening. Wear your Green!!

On Saturday, March 11th, we will have our regular monthly Post meeting. At that meeting the election committee will be appointed. All Legionnaires who wish to run for office can give their request to the election committee. At the April 8th Post regular meeting names of those members running for office will be announced and also floor nominations will be accepted; with floor nominations again at our regular May 13th meeting. At this time the election will be held on Friday, June 9th, 2017 and at our Saturday regular Legionnaire meeting, June 10th results will be certified. All Legionnaires in good standing can run for any office; and also please come out and vote. We have a great Post and members' contributions is what makes it great.

March also we will be interviewing young men for our Boy's State Program. We send four (4) young men to Boy's State which is conducted at FSU in Tallahassee. The Legion sends three (3) of the participants, and the Sons of the American Legion send one (1). This is a great experience for these young men.

At this writing our Legion membership stands at 1,384 members which is 92.15% of our goal. We are the 5th largest Post in the State of Florida. If at this time you haven't renewed your membership, please do so.

As Member of the Month, I would like to name Roger Royer. Not only has he volunteered as our Judge Advocate, he also heads our Boy's State Program, Chairs our Election Committee, and participates in many other programs for the Post. Thank you Roger for 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, Commander 772-342-2394

~ In Memory Of ~

April 2017 Ken Baker by Kay & Bonnie Baker	November 2017 William T. Hates by Lorraine & Deborah	August 2018 Edward Zikus Jr. by Edgar & Jana Johnson	March 2021 Dick Boulette, Dennis Cush Roy Gulbrandsen, Bill Yeager, Garin Salisbury, Conrad Tutelo by Post 318 Honor Guard
September 2017 Royce "Pat" Murphy by Terry Murphy, Alan Tumerelli, Vinnie Corrado & Patrick Murel	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 2019 Mary McLaughlin by Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn	March 2024 Moose Horan by Linda MacKenzie & Lee Caldwell
October 2017 Robert (Steev) Zikus by Jan Hupman Pat Nelson by Teresa Knorrston	February 2018 Frank Cafiso by Constance M. Cafiso	December 2019 Donald Lee Holley by Josie & Gene Nagele	October 2026 Ed Black & Steve Wisor by S.A.L. Post 318
	December 2020 Geraldine Malaband by Philip DelToro Burton T. McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney		

2nd Vice Report

Hello Post 318. Our Country night was on Friday, Feb. 10th. It was a great night and everyone enjoyed the country duo "Tucson".

At the Feb. 11th General meeting a plaque was awarded to Ron Zimmerman for his service to Veterans and Post 318 while serving as the Post Service Officer. Ron's dedication to Veterans and to Post 318 has been exemplary. Ron has stepped down due to personal reasons and we all wish him well.

March 17th Jimbo will be playing your favorite Irish songs from 12:00 - 4:00 and the kitchen staff will be cooking up some good Ol' Irish chow. Sonny D will be performing from 7:00-11:00.

Saturday night March 25th a new group will be here from 7:00-11:00 called "Rappture" (Cindy Rapp is leader of the band) for your listening and dancing enjoyment. They play great music and will keep you dancing.

Keep an eye on your newsletter for up and coming entertainment. Until next month, Stay Safe, Be Blessed, Enjoy and be Kind to one another and Laugh Often. God Bless you all, God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America.

Sal Anicito, 2nd Vice Commander

1st Vice Report

I have been getting calls about notices sent from National. If you received this notice check with National @ 1-800-433-3318. Most of you will find they were sent in error. For those members who have not paid their dues for 2017, please do so now. It is important that you do so, as we can help our community and all our Vets in need. Our current membership stands at 1,340 (90%), so please renew now.

If you have friends or family who qualify for membership ask them to join. Tell them how we help our Vets and their families with our Service Officer, how we help our homeless Vets and our community

For God and Country,
Martin Motherway, First Vice

Service Officer Report

Last month I received multiple requests concerning Power of Attorney (POA). As a Service Officer at Post 318, I am not accredited to become a veteran's representative. Additionally, I am not permitted to assign the American Legion as a representative. I reached out to the St. Lucie Veterans Services office for help with understanding the POA process. Wayne Teegardin, Veteran Services Manager provided the following brief:

VA Form 21-22 – Appointing a Power of Attorney (POA) Representative. A POA Representative must obtain recognition (accreditation) from the VA's Office of General Counsel in order to represent claimants. Generally, a POA representative is selected by the Veteran to represent them in matters that may come before the VA for determination, such as a claim decision or appeal. The POA representative advises the Veteran prior to and during any appeal hearings or administrative matters before a VA Judge. VA Power of Attorney –VS- General Power of Attorney Under State Law: The execution by a Veteran of a power of attorney under State law has no effect for the purposes of prosecuting a VA claim. In order to be recognized by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), a claimant's POA representative must be appointed and accredited, as previously stated, by the VA's Office of General Counsel. A POA representative for VA purposes has limited power specific to representing Veterans before the VA. A representative is authorized to prepare, present, and prosecute a claimant's claim and has the authority to:

1. Review the claimant's records
2. Present evidence on behalf of the claimant
3. Sign an informal claim, a notice of disagreement (NOD), or a substantive appeal on behalf of the claimant, and
4. Withdraw an appeal.

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Auxiliary Report

Our Valentine dinner dance was a great success with a good meal and lots of fun. I want to thank Barbara and Auggie Mileto for setting up and decorating a great backdrop for your dressed up photo opportunity. These types of fun events are a way for the auxiliary to meet its commitment to support to our veterans and our community.

What does being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary mean to you? We need our members to participate in and contribute to the accomplishments and purposes of the auxiliary. As previously mentioned in other communications, without your participation we stand a very good chance of losing our charter. That means when it is time to renew your membership, you will no longer be able to remain at our Post. You will need to transfer to another Post since our Auxiliary Unit will not exist. It requires 13 people to fill the offices. These people are leaders and need the support of the membership. If you care about your Post and our Unit, please be at our March meeting and consider stepping up. Our elections are in April. Judy Martinez and Sue Pfohl are our nominating committee. If you need information about the responsibilities and duties of the offices or wish to step up and run for an office, please see one of them. They will be discussing some of these duties at the March meeting.

I do not wish to discount the help we have received from some of our membership. A special thanks to Lucy Rotundo for cooking our Wednesday night dinners. She's doing a wonderful job in the kitchen. Our next meeting is Monday, March 20 at 6:45 pm. Yours is service

Phyllis Young, Auxiliary President 772-293-9999

Auxiliary Membership

In these times, more than ever, we need volunteers to join the Auxiliary, not only so you can come here and enjoy the friendships, socialization, and entertainment, but to help with the real reason the Auxiliary is allowed to be a part of the American Legion Post 318. We have 750 members of the Auxiliary of which only a few volunteer.

As Membership Chairman of ALA these should be the reasons you join:

- In the spirit of service NOT SELF to support and honor the sacrifices of those who served.
- We educate citizens- family support
- We mentor youth- scholarships & education
- We promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace & security

Membership is \$30 a year. You will receive a membership card. Sign it and present it to the doorman or bartender for your keycard. Have it available every time you come to the American Legion. Join us in our meetings every 3rd Tuesday - at 6:45. The next meeting is March 20,2017.

In the spirit of volunteerism, I have also been appointed Chairman of the ALA Nominating Committee. Yes, it is that time again to look for good women who want to help us promote all these qualities. The success of this Unit 318, depends on the members who are willing to lead us. Anyone who is interested in running for an office should see me, Judy Martinez 772-342-1392 or Susan Pfohl.

Judy Martinez, Chairman



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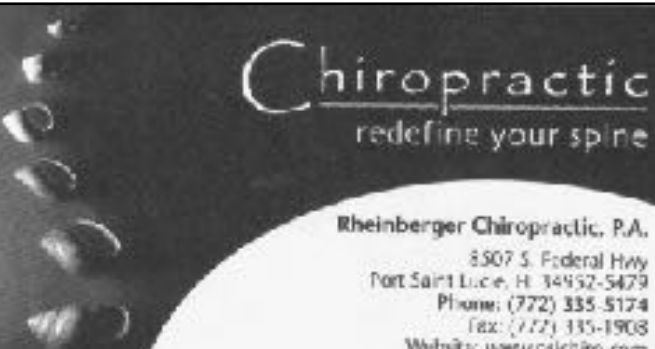
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Rider's Report

The Legion Riders of Post 318 are proud to be a program at our post. Through our homeless feeding program, our participation in parades, funerals and other events, we know the public is watching.

Recently we attended a poker run/fund raiser for a female Navy veteran who lost her home and dog in a house fire and was then diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer 2 weeks later.

Watching the news this morning makes you stop for a minute. Korea heating up, protests in America and on and on, But the saving grace is this. We live in the land of the free, home of the brave and God bless America and organizations like the American Legion. For God and Country.

Jim Burk, Rider Director

S.A.L. Report

Hello post 318! **MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!** Please renew your membership if have not done so. We still have several members who have not renewed. So by now you have lost all your post privileges and will not be able to enter the post without a 2017 card. **SO PLEASE RENEW !!**

We have lost 3 S.A.L. Members this last month Tom Geragthy, Ray Denz and Norm Patterson, our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed by all.

Our lasagna dinner is doing well, we served 150 dinners last month. I would like to thank everyone who attended and a special thanks to all the volunteers who make it happen. With the proceeds we will be able to award 2 scholarships this year as well as donations to our veterans and youth programs. So thanks for the support.

We had a great turnout for our meeting last month. I would like to thank everyone who attended and their input as well.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Andy Saffioti Commander

**Baseball and NASCAR
has returned!**

Come see all the games
and races here.
Come join the fun!



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Lee Caldwell

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February 2022
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St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17

11 - 7 PM

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Red Bliss Potatoes, Carrots

Dessert - \$11.00

Corned Beef Sandwich - \$7.00



Music by Jimbo 12 - 4 PM

Sonny D 7 - 11 PM

American Legion Post 318 Election Timetable for FY 2017

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American Legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

March 2017

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
5 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 House Committee - 5:30 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Service Officer 1 - 4PM Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM The Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Spaghetti/ Meatball Dinner \$7.00 Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
12 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 S.A.L. Meeting - 6:30PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pork Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 St. Patricks Day 11 - 7 PM Jimbo Irish Music 12 - 4PM Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Alita & The Boyz 7 - 11 PM
19 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4PM	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Rappture 7 - 11 PM
26 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver & Onions or Roast Pork \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Solid Gold Band 7 - 11 PM	April 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM
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