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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family! April is the month we say farewell to many of our Winter members. Thank you for your participation. See you all in the Fall.

Our clean up day was a job well done. I would like to thank all 18 members who participated. Thank you Babe Garneau, Susan Feldman, Carole A Bodkin, Fran Romano, Sue Morgan, Dominick Moreilli, Edward F Abbott, Martin Heischberg, Tyler Schmeer, Ray Hanley, Jessie Willoughby, Wayne Mulligan, Paul Fillo, JR Healey, Fred Thompson, Kirsten Monroe, Richard Pryor, and David McKeever.

As usual our St. Patrick's Day was a great time for all, with a great turn out. As of this writing the Legion membership was at 94.78% of our goal, with 1412 Legion members. We want to reach our goal of 100% by June 1, 2017. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now.

All spring and summer we will have our baseball and NASCAR packages on our Post TV's. Come out and enjoy at our Post.

Our election committee will take nominations for office from the floor at our April and May meetings, with the election in June. Please come out and vote for our officers for the next year.

Four great young men from Port St. Lucie are approved to attend Boy's State. They will be great representatives of our Post, their schools and the community. All four impressed the committee at their interviews and have stated that they will enter the military. We wish them well.

This month I would like to name (Babe) Garneau and David McKeever as Members of the Month for all the work they have done and continue to do for the Post. Great job guys! . . .

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 ~

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

2nd Vice Report

Hello everyone. I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather we've been having in South Florida. This is certainly a wonderful time of year down here. Our 50's Sock-Hop on February 25th was a huge success. It was another fun night with "Sha Boom" bringing us all back in time singing the songs of yesterday that we all remember. A big debt of gratitude to all who helped with the decorations and making that night a success. April brings us two new acts. On Friday April 28th Ralph (wait for it...) "Ants In His Pants" (I have no idea, so don't ask!!) will be performing and on Sat. April 29th "Random Play" will be performing. They are both very good and I think you'll enjoy them, please come out to support and welcome these folks. Also, Greg Fessel will be back on Sat. April 8th.

On May 1st Jerri and I will be going away for about 3 1/2 months. We will be back the middle of August. We will be traveling in our Motor Home to see this beautiful country of ours. While I'm gone I would appreciate your continued support so when I return we can all continue to make Post 318 the best that it could be. Thank you all for your support and encouragement as I will continue to bring good things to Post 318. God Bless all our Veterans past and Present, God Bless all of you, God Bless all our First Responder's and God Bless America!

Sal Anicito, 2nd Vice Commander

Post Everlasting

Daniel E. Knorrston
Joseph F. Quinn
William Harmon
Frank Takes
William Dorsey

Auxiliary Report

Hello. St Patrick's Day was a fun day as always at our post. Our drawing for the lottery tickets went well and I want to thank everyone who participated in the drawing. The proceeds from that raffle goes a long way towards our programs to help veterans and their families.

Mark your calendar for our Meeting on April 17. We will be electing officers for the 2017-2018 year. Our leadership is what makes us successful. It is important that you have a voice.

I've reported to district all of our achievements for the past year. Wow! When I gathered all the information from our committee heads, I was amazed at how much time our members have put in to make all of our goals successful. My thanks to everyone who has volunteered for our fund raisers as well as those who have put in many hours in community service.

We have to say goodbye for the summer to our Wed. dinner cooks. April 19th is the last time they will be preparing dinner until next fall. Thank you Phil and Lucie for preparing a great pork roast. Don't worry friends, our pork roast dinner will continue because they have left their recipe for us to serve the best pork roast in town on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

Service Officer Report

Several of my friends and relatives have asked me what I do as the *Service Officer* at 318. After giving what seemed to be several conflicting answers, I decided to use the definition listed in the Post BY-LAWS, Article III, Section 11. Service Officer – The responsibility of the Service Officer is to bring to the attention of all members their rights and benefits granted them by law which is the American Legion Craft. Duties such as instructions and advice on issuing claim forms to receive such benefits will be performed by the Servicer. It will be the Service Officer's responsibility to utilize the expert services available through Legion channels and other government agencies.

Please remember that the Post Service Officer is only Certified to assist Veterans. Being successful with receiving earned benefits requires timely submission of information to the VA. To help our veterans be successful, we use all of the resources we have available to help you get to full-time Accredited Professionals. They can make sure that the veteran and his or her dependents are adequately represented.

Matt Dunleavy, Service Officer

Rider's Report

The Legion Riders recently were part of a stand down for veterans. We, along with the Career Source, our Post, Veterans Administration, the Treasure Coast Homeless Council and others provided clothes, food, hygiene articles, housing info and a host of other things to 44 homeless Veterans. They got free haircuts as well. Many of the Veterans were familiar to us from our homeless feeding program.

Our elections will be coming up soon, as well as the Post's. Please vote. We all earned that right for us and everyone through our service to our country.

For God and Country
Jim Burk, Rider Director



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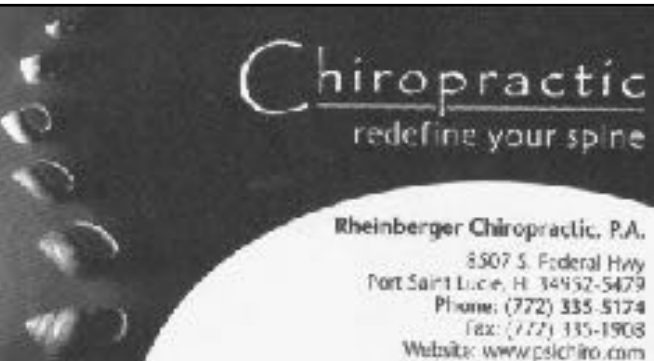
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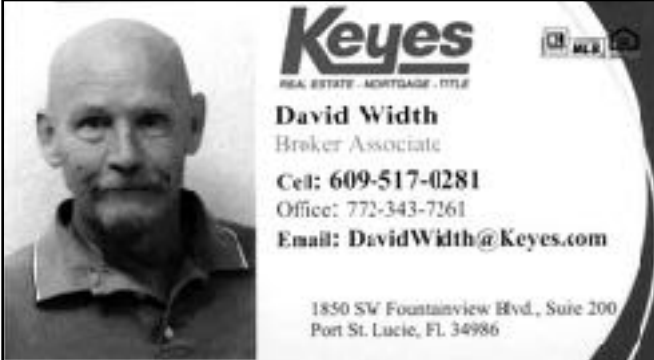
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Auxiliary Chaplain

If you plant a seed and you water and nurture it, it will grow. It is the same thing with your mind; if people, situations and circumstances have that much influence in your life, then God doesn't have enough (Daniel 12:3) Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of Heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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 me (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).

Reading a quote from John F. Kennedy. "Let the world go forth from this time and place to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans--both in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace."

Father God, thank you for Your wisdom, knowledge and revelation received. Sharing the Word of God. Amen.

For God and Country,
Karen Fox-Patterson, Chaplain 772-418-1515

Help us feed & care for our homeless Veterans

Our post, in partnership with the *Salvation Army* and *Sarah's Kitchen*, provides a hot meal every Thursday at Pinewood Park in Ft Pierce. We feed between 12:00 and 1:30 and are averaging around 55 people per week. We also visit several "camps" in the area and take them food and everyday necessities to make their life a little more comfortable. ***But we need your help!***

How can you help? We need donations of toiletries such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant and wipes; canned goods, beef jerky and non-perishable food; socks and underwear; bug spray, sun block and any thing else we take for granted. There is a drop off bin at the Post for your convenience. Please make sure the food you drop off has not expired! Expired food of any type must be thrown away! "Cash" donations are always welcomed as well. Since this is a post program, it's tax deductible. You can give your "cash" donations to either myself or the duty Bar Tender and they will make sure we get the money. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile endeavor.

For God and Country
Jim Burk, Past Commander

We have spaces available for ads

Post 318 Members: \$200.00 year

Non-members: \$250.00

If interested, make your check payable to American Legion Post 318, include a business card

Please leave with the Bartender

Easter Dinner

Sunday, April 16, Noon to 4 PM

Garden Salad

Baked Ham or Roast Turkey Breast

Baked Sweet Potato or Mashed Potato

String Beans Almondine

Dinner Rolls, Dessert

\$12.00 pp

Tickets Available at Canteen Bar



Surf & Turf

Saturday, April 8, 5 - 8 PM

New York Strip & Stuffed Shrimp

\$17.00 pp

Entertainment: Greg Fessel

Tickets available at Canteen Bar



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Newsletter Boosters

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Bob & Sally Booth

April 2017

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May 2017

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Theodore & Patricia Bonham

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Robert Seip

October 2017

Nancy Hughes

December 2017

Eddie & Bonnie Beverly
Paul & Susan Brennan

February 2018

Constance M. CafisoMarch

March 2018

USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons
Ed & Pat Carey

December 2018

Lee Caldwell

May 2019

10-13 Club

February 2022

Dallas Black

November 2024

Jewish War Veterans

American Legion Post 318 Election Timetable for FY 2017

Saturday, April 8th Post at the regular Post meeting names of those members running for office will be announced and also floor nominations will be accepted

Saturday, May 13th floor nominations will again be accepted.

Friday, June 9th, 2017 will be elections at our Saturday, June 10th regular Post meeting 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.

American Legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

April 2017

| SUNDAY | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM |
| 2 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM | 3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM | 4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM | 5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM | 6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 | 7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sunny D 7 - 11 PM | 8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM SURF & TURF \$17.00 pp Greg Fessel 7 - 11 PM |
| 9 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM | 10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 S.A.L. Meeting - 6:30 PM | 11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM | 12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM | 13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 | 14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Al Jones 7 - 11 PM | 15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM |
| 16 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Easter Dinner 12 - 4 PM \$12.00 pp | 17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM | 18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4 PM | 19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pork Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM | 20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 | 21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sunny D 7 - 11 PM | 22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM |
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