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Commander's Message

Hello American Legion Family:

Just to recap a little of our end of March and April events. As of this writing, our legion membership stands at 97.39% of our goal, with 39 renewals or new members needed for our 100% We have all of May to reach our goal.

Our May 11th regular Legion meeting will be the final call for those Legionnaires who would like to run for office. The election will be held on June 9th. Please come out and vote for your officers for the next year.

On March 25th, the Active Duty Navy Recruiters had their meeting and lunch at our Post. Our 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chairman, Martin Motherway and myself were at the Post to welcome them and were able to sign up several of the attendees as Legionnaires and Post 318 members. We welcome these active duty Navy personnel to our Post.

On April 12th our Senior Post 318 Softball Teams had their fund raiser and softball games at the Mets Data Field with our Honor Guard presenting the colors. A fun time and very successful fund raiser for our Baseball programs. Thanks again to Judy and Ralph Martinez for their hard work in making this effort a great success. It always is.

May is the beginning of many summertime activities. May 6th is our Kentucky Derby Day, where our ladies can wear their Derby Hats and all can enjoy the Derby at the Post.

May 14th celebrates Mother's Day at the Post with our special Mother's Day Breakfast.

May 29th is the official Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Park, after which we will hold our Memorial Day ceremony at 1:00 PM in our Memorial Garden at the Post. We will have our Memorial Day Picnic & BBQ after the Post ceremony from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing you all on that date.

This month I would like to name "Hersh" Herschel as Member of the Month. "Hersh" has kept our shirt and hat program going for the Post several years. All by his lonesome he has kept our Post members proud to wear hats and shirts promoting belonging to American Legion Post 318. Thank you "Hersh".

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 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

February 2018

Frank Cafiso
by Constance M. Cafiso

March 2018

Daniel Knorrston
by Teresa Knorrston

August 2018

Edward Zikus Jr. by
Edgar & Jana Johnson

April 2019

William Gass
by Donna Gass

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

March 2024

Moose Horan
by Linda MacKenzie &
Lee Caldwell

October 2026

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

American Legion Post 318 Election Timetable for FY 2017

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.

Mothers Day Breakfast

Stuffed French Toast with Berry and Banana Glaze
Regular Menu
Free Mimosa & Carnation to the ladies with breakfast purchase

Service Officer Report

As reported in the February 2016 Post Messenger, former VA Secretary Bob McDonald announced his plans to propose expanded disability compensation eligibility for Veterans exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. On March 14, 2017 the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) has established presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, are effective as of March 14, 2017.

"Establishing these presumptions is a demonstration of our commitment to care for those who have served our nation and have been exposed to harm as a result of that service," said current Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David J. Shulkin. "The Camp Lejeune presumptions will make it easier for those Veterans to receive the care and benefits they earned."

The presumption of service connection applies to active-duty, reserve and National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune for a minimum of 30 days (cumulative) between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, and are diagnosed with any of the following conditions:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

The area included in this presumption is all of Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, including satellite camps and housing areas.

This presumption complements the health care already provided for 15 illnesses or conditions as part of the [Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012](#). The Camp Lejeune Act requires VA to provide health care to Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune, and to reimburse family members or pay providers for medical expenses for those who resided there for not fewer than 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987.

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Post Everlasting

- James G. Ferguson
- Carmine F. Tortarella
- Michael Dallo
- Dewayne McOsker
- William Gass

Rider's Report

As you are probably aware, on March 25th Jim Burk had emergency heart surgery. He is doing well, but has a long period of recovery ahead of him. With that being said, Jim has informed the Post that he was stepping down as the Director for the Riders. We wish Jim a speedy recovery and we are all looking forward to his return.

In addition to Jim, two other members of the Riders became ill March. Both Mike Cardenas and Alan DiRobbio. They are both recuperating at home. The Riders wish them well and hope to see them back at the Post again real soon.

Due to the above circumstances, Rider's held their election early and as of April 1st the following Officers are now in place:

- Bob Staneruck – Rider Director
- Jim Prosperi – Assistant Director
- Larry Heimer - Sergeant-In-Arms
- Marika Heimer – Treasurer
- Debbie Staneruck - Adjutant

In April, several Post 318 Riders participated in the Legacy Run which took occurred on April 1st through April 8th Riders nationwide participate in the Legion Legacy Run annually to raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001 and children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. Harold Barth and Jim Prosperi from the ALR Post 318 participated in the ride this year and rode their motorcycles approximately 1,500 miles. The 12th District Picnic took place on March 11th and there was a good turnout for the Riders.

The Homeless Outreach Program continues to be a success thanks to the many donations we received from the Post Legion Members, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Food Bank and several churches. Every Thursday we feed an average of 55 people per week. We also supply the homeless with personal care products, food, water, clothes, shoes, batteries, bug spray, etc. We continue to need donations such as men's and women's underwear, socks, bug spray, batteries, non-perishable foods, deodorant and other items. Donations can be made at Post 318 and placed in the donations bin or you can contact me directly at 267-377-0311.

We have a lot of exciting activities scheduled for the end of April and May which includes escorting the Vietnam Memorial Wall on April 30th for the 30th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion that will take place on May 4th to May 7th.

Many thanks to all of you in the Legion family who come to the Post to purchase the Riders Dinner. Chicken Francoise and Chicken Parmesan dinners are typically served on the third Wednesday of the month and have been very successful. The next Riders Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th. Continued thanks to the volunteers who make, serve and clean-up this dinner.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director



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Auxiliary Chaplain

As we once again say goodbye to our members that are heading North, may we wish them safe travels and a wonderful summer.

On March 25, a memorial service for Nancy Boehm(Jo-Jo's wife) was held. On that same note, the following members have entered into Post Everlasting.: Beverley Kelly (3/22/17), Debbie Bohringer (3/22/17), and Anne Gard (4/4/17). We ask our Heavenly Father to comfort their families and surround them with his peace.

I continue to send out cards to let members know that the Auxiliary is thinking of them. If you know of anyone who might need a little cheering up with a card or phone call, please let me know.

I would like to remind anyone in the Auxiliary or calling for a member who is sick or has passed on to call me. Please make sure you report all personal information, name, hospital (date of death if necessary) and a personal contact if you can get it. I can not place a name on sick call or Post Everlasting without a family member's permission

Just a reminder to us all: God is Love...no judging. God is Love...no resentment. God is Love...all patience. God is Love...all power. God is Love...all supply

All you need to have is love to God and man. Love to God shows obedience to every wish, every command. Love is the fulfilling of all law. Pray much for love.

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

HELP WANTED

Experienced Short Order Cook needed. Availability is a must! Must be friendly, work well with others, fast learner, reliable and self motivated. Experience required.

Call Kim 772-361-4781

Auxiliary Report

Greetings. I hope everyone's Easter holiday was pleasant. With spring upon us, we are having to say goodbye for the summer to many of our members. Please drive carefully, have a great summer and come back to us soon.

Our golf tournament is coming up on May 21st. This is one of our biggest events of the year allowing us to fund many of our programs. We need hole sponsors and gifts for the raffle. Please be sure to ask your local businesses for their support. A tax deduction letter for them can be obtained from the bar. Every little bit helps.

Please try to attend our Constitutional Conference on May 13th in Melbourne. Registration is at 9:00 AM with the meeting starting at 10:00.

We held our elections of officers at our April meeting. The results are as follows: President, Sue Pfohl; 1st vice, Judy Martinez; 2nd vice, Barbara Mileto; Treasurer, Malaney McHale; Sgt at Arms, Robin Burk; Asst Sgt at Arms, Nancy Perella, Chaplain, Karen Fox-Patterson; Historian, Maggie Casterlin, E-Board, Gail Winberry, Katie Rogers, Terry Sullivan. Sue has appointed Barbara Gonder as her secretary. These officers will be installed in early July. Please wish them well and give them all your cooperation.

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

Auxiliary Membership Chairman

By now we have voted for our new officers who will be taking their posts in July 2017. Please make sure you let them know your ideas and what you would be happy to volunteer and help with. Make their transition as pleasant as possible.

I am still trying to get all information updated in the membership files. Please, please let me know if anything needs to be updated. Spelling or change of name, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, whether you are receiving your newsletter and of course make sure your membership dues are in.

Remember to smile and laugh often and be kind to all you meet. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me and have a wonderful summer.

Yours Truly,
Judy Martinez jayjay1317@yahoo.com 772-342-1392

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July 2017 Hot Diggity Dog David A. Lapone	December 2017 Eddie & Bonnie Beverly Paul & Susan Brennan Fred Thompson	December 2018 Lee Caldwell	
August 2017 Hot Diggity Dog Theodore & Patricia Bonham		May 2019 10-13 Club	



Post 318 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Monday, May 29 1:00 PM

To honor those who paid the ultimate price to defend our freedom



City Port Saint Lucie Ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park - 11 AM

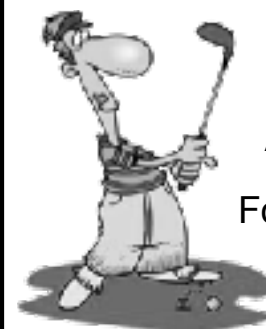


Annual Memorial Day Picnic & BBQ

Monday, May 29, 1 - 3 PM

Burgers, Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken
Potato Salad & Cole Slaw, Dessert \$10.00 pp
Big T 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Annual American Legion Auxiliary 318 Golf Tournament



Sunday, May 21 ~ 8 AM Shotgun start at Gator Trace
Entry Fee \$55.00 pp

All proceeds go to help our Veterans and Youth Programs
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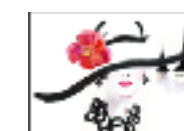
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Come Join Us For Our Kentucky Derby Day May 6th!

Hat Contest @ 3:00 PM ~ Prizes for Best Three Hats
Derby Day Specials!

Meat Ball Subs - \$4 12 Wings - \$8





SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Kentucky Derby Day Alita & The Boyz 7 - 11 PM
7 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Entertainment 630 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Greg Fessel 7 - 11 PM	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Shepard & Greene 7 - 11 PM
14 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL Creamed Cheese Stuffed French Toast with berry & Banana Glaze	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pork Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Golden Oldies Dance Party 7 - 11 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Glen (Elvis) 7 - 11 PM
21 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Auxiliary Golf Tournament	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
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