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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

At our May General Membership Meeting the following Legion Officers were nominated and elected: Commander Richard Feldman, 1st Vice Commander Martin Motherway, 3rd Vice Commander Russ Hagerthey, Finance Officer Daryl Bowie, and Sergeant At Arms David Width

June 9th is the election for the following Legion positions: 2nd Vice Commander, Legion Chaplain, and three (3) Legion E-Board members will take place. The election will be from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Legionnaires please come and vote for your choices. At our regular Legion Meeting on June 10th, the election results will be certified by the Members.

June also will have a fun day scheduled for Members. On June 24th from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. the Post will be at the Mets Ball Park for Beer Fest. We will again be manning the booths and giving away samples. Sign up early. We need a minimum of 50 members of our Post. It is a fun time and the Post will earn some money for our Programs.

June also closes out our fiscal year. Thanks to all of our members for all the things we have accomplished this last year for Veterans, families, youths, Children, homeless, etc. This bulletin isn't large enough to list all the things the American Legion Post 318, Sons of the American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Legion Riders have done. Thank you. On June 29th to July 1st, the American Legion of Florida State Convention will take place. Our Post will have a full complement of Members from each group attending; where we will be able to participate as one of the largest Post in the State. In fact at this writing we are the 5th largest Legion Post in the State.

Summer season is here. We hope all members will come out and enjoy the summer events we have scheduled.

As of this writing the Post needs 8 Legionnaire renewals or new members to reach our 100% goal for the year. Please help us by reaching out to Veterans to renew or to join our Post.

As Member of the Month, I would like to name once again our 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chairman, Martin Motherway. The year long effort of hard work for Post membership was great. Thanks Martin for a great job.

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	William T. Hawes by Lorraine & Deborah	April 2019 William Gass by Donna Gass	March 2021 Dick Boulette, Dennis Cush, Roy Gulbrandsen, Bill Yeager, Garin Salisbury, Conrad Tutelo by Post 318 Honor Guard
October 2017 Robert (Steev) Zikus by Jan Hupman Pat Nelson by Teresa Knorrston	February 2018 Frank Cafiso by Constance M. Cafiso	August 2019 Mary McLaughlin by Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearm	March 2024 Moose Horan by Linda MacKenzie & Lee Caldwell
November 2017 William T. Hates by Lorraine & Deborah	March 2018 Daniel Knorrston by Teresa Knorrston	December 2019 Donald Lee Holley by Josie & Gene Nagele	October 2026 Ed Black & Steve Wisor by S.A.L. Post 318
December 2017 CPO J.C. Martin by Eddie & Bonnie Beverly Bill Yeager by Capt. Sal Bagnara of the Viking Prince	May 2018 Ken Baker by Kay & Bonnie Baker	December 2020 Geraldine Malaband by Philip DelToro Burton T. McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney	
	August 2018 Edward Zikus Jr. by Edgar & Jana Johnson		

June is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month.



Reach out and help a fellow veteran.

Service Officer Report

Another Scam preying on unaware veterans!

This information has been provided by the St Lucie County Veterans Services Office.

Veteran's Choice Program (VCP) Phone Line Imposter

It has come to VA's attention that a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the VCP phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly.

We want you to know that we are taking this seriously and to keep you aware of the steps we are taking. VHA Office of Community Care (VHA CC) has reported the "mimic" line to the VA Office of Inspector General for a possible civil or criminal investigation.

"Mimic" Phone Line The phone line established to "mimic" the VCP phone line is **1-800-606-8198**. You know you have reached the wrong VCP phone line when:

- The phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate if the caller provides a credit card.
- The phone line does not state the caller has reached U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the VCP phone line.

Be aware that this phone number incorrectly confirms that callers have reached the VCP, if the caller asks that question.

VCP Phone Line: The correct VCP phone line is 1-866-606-8198. This line is for Veterans to check their eligibility for the VCP and ask questions about the program. If you are unsure if you have reached the correct phone line, hang up and dial 1-866-606-8198 again. The phone line will state the caller has reached the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Chaplain Report

After a long while with medical problems, I have gotten much better and am doing the Chaplains duties again. The names of recent members deceased are Martin Hart, no date. George S. Triesel, no date. John Flaksa, April 26th 2017.

Almighty Father, please make their journey peaceful and give them a special blessing for serving their country and in your name bless them.

I need for any information to come to me first for sick call or deceased members. Please include date of death. The member calling in should be a relative. The name will go on the board for only 30 days.

Bless this post for all the very good work it does. The group of Riders who give their time and their hearts to the feeding the homeless. This wonderful group of guys and gals are full of a lot of love.

Please bless our service men and women who walk the walk.

John Dunn, Chaplain

Rider's Report

It's that time of year again. American Legion Rider Annual Membership fee of \$20.00 is due before July 1, 2017.

As you may know, the Riders are raffling off a Kimber Stainless Steel Pro Carry II .45 ACP Pistol. One ticket is \$10.00 or two tickets for \$15.00. The drawing is scheduled to occur during breakfast at Post 318 on Father's Day, June 18th. We are only selling 500 tickets so purchase your tickets before they are gone!

The Homeless Outreach Program continues to grow at a rapid pace. As you know, there are needy Veterans and individuals in our community who go without food, shelter and proper clothing every day. Every Thursday the Riders go to designated locations to deliver food, personal care products, tents, tarps, blankets, water, clothing, batteries, bug spray and numerous other items to an average of 55 to 60 people per week. We have been very fortunate to have such great support from organizations within our community. The Knights of Columbus of Saint Bernadette's Catholic Church donated approximately 2,200 pounds of food, clothing and other items to the Homeless Veterans Program. The Treasure Coast Food Bank donated 200 care packages and 3 skids of food. We have also received donations from the First Presbyterian Church and Post 318 Members. We continue to need donations such as tents, tarps, 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 many exciting activities in May and June include the 30th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion at Wickham Park, Armed Forces Day in Kissimmee, Escorting the World Trade Center I-Beam from Kennedy Space Center to the Avenues in Viera, Vets at the Mets Day at First Data Field, the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at Veterans Park and the Annual Memorial Day Picnic and BBQ at the Post and Riders may also participate in the ALR Run to the Thunder in Washington, DC.

Many thanks to all of you in the Legion family who come to the Post to purchase the Riders Dinner. Chicken Francaise and Chicken Parmesan dinners have been so popular we have been selling out. With that being said, we are increasing the amount of dinners so we do not have to turn anyone away. The next Riders Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th. Continued thanks to the volunteers who make, serve and clean-up this dinner.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director**



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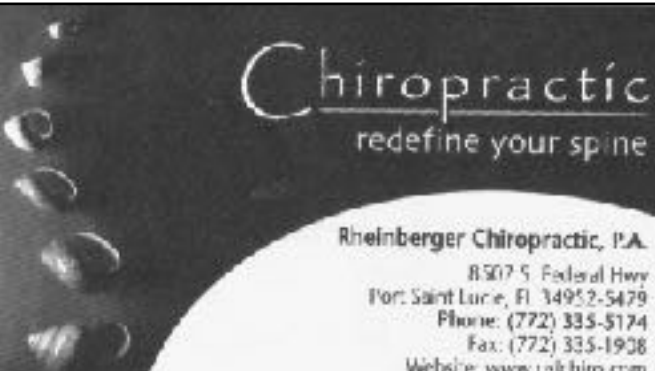
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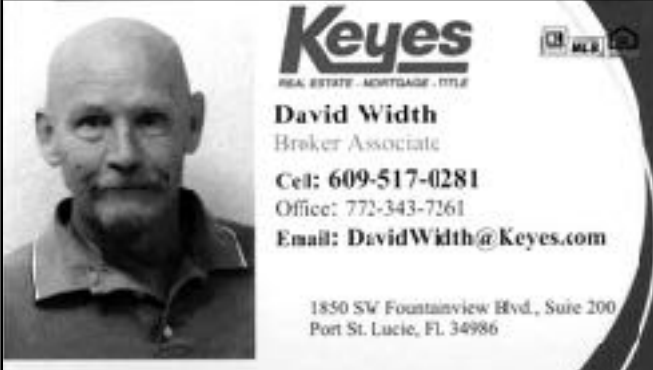
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Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies. I attended our constitutional conference this past month. I am pleased to announce district 12 is leading in membership renewals. Vote was taken for the new District President and our representative for National Convention. Shirley Fashino was chosen for president and Cathie McMullin will be our national convention representative.

It is with great sadness and some relief that I will be passing the gavel to our new auxiliary president Sue Pfohl at our June meeting. I hope that I have lived up to your expectations. I feel we have a great group of women who have accomplished a lot for our veterans, our community and children this past year.

At our June meeting on the 19th at 6:45, our new slate of officers will be installed. Please plan to attend and give them your full support for all the things we hope to accomplish for the 2017-2018 year. I will always be available to lend support for our new board.

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

Auxiliary Membership Chairman Report

Hi Auxiliary Ladies. It is now June and membership as of May 15, is at 94%. Please, please renew for this year so we can show 100% for our Unit 318. We only have until June 14th to get 32 more renewals in. You can mail your renewals to: American Legion Auxiliary, 1000 Savanna Club Blvd, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952 or drop your payment off at the Legion and ask the bartender to put it in my Auxiliary folder.

I have finally set up an email address and email reminders account for our Auxiliary. I sent out the 1st batch on May 11th and the 2nd batch on May 12th for meeting reminders. Please check your emails and spam mail to see if you have received the meeting reminders for May. I will be sending out a new batch for June. Our new email address is alaunit318@auxiliaryunit318fl.com. Make sure you have your correct email address in our records.

Meeting date for this month is June 19th at 6:45pm. Come join us for the latest. Stay well, Be happy, until we meet again.

Yours truly,
Judy Martinez, 1st Vice President 772-342-1392

S.A.L. Report

Hello post 318 Summer is here so it's time to keep cool.

I want to thank all the members who have renewed their memberships. We are over 100% but still lack a few memberships, so if you haven't renewed please do so ASAP because by now you have definitely lost your Post privileges.

We have over 300 S.A.L. members which is pretty awesome. I am so very proud of our squadron. I would like to thank all the officers who accepted an office or stayed on as an officer. I want to give a special thanks to Jim Prosperity, our Membership Chairman who has done an awesome job in his first year. Thank you Jim. When I joined the S.A.L 21 years ago we had 62 members and \$700 in the bank. Now we have over 300 members and raise over \$20,000 a year for our veterans and youth programs.

We had a great turnout for our lasagna dinner. Once again thanks to everyone who supports us and I hope you all enjoyed the dinner. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen. If any member would like to attend the convention June 30th, please contact us., It's a great experience and you will enjoy it very much.

There will be no S.A.L. meeting in June, July and August. Have a great summer will see you in September for our Labor Day Clambake.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
ANDY SAFFIOTI, S.A.L. COMMANDER

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year Newsletter Boosters

June 2017 Hot Diggity Dog	September 2017 Hot Diggity Dog Robert Seip	February 2018 Constance M. Cafiso	December 2018 Lee Caldwell
July 2017 Hot Diggity Dog David A. Lapone	October 2017 Nancy Hughes	March 2018 USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons Ed & Pat Carey	May 2019 10-13 Club
August 2017 Hot Diggity Dog Theodore & Patricia Bonham	December 2017 Eddie & Bonnie Beverly Paul & Susan Brennan Fred Thompson	May 2018 Kay & Bonnie Baker	February 2022 Dallas Black
			November 2024 Jewish War Veterans



Caribbean Night
Saturday, June 17
Buffet 5 - 7 PM

Jamaican Jerk Chicken & BBQ Chicken
Key Lime Shrimp, Conch Fritters
Conch Chowder
Rice & Beans
Fresh Fruit & Key Lime Pie
And more
\$10.00 pp



Tickets Available at Canteen Bar
Tickets also sold at the door

Father's Day Breakfast Specials

Eggs over Homemade Corned Beef Hash with Toast \$5.00
 Blueberry Pancakes \$4.00
 Also Regular Menu
 All Dads receive a free Bloody Mary with Breakfast Purchase

American Legion Post 318 Election Timetable for FY 2017



Friday, June 9th - Post Elections, Noon to 7:00 PM
 (You must have current Legion Membership card to vote)

Saturday, June 10th - Monthly meeting and official election results

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

June 2017

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Shepard & Greene 7 - 11 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Alita & The Boyz 7 - 11 PM
4 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Post Election- Noon - 7 PM Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Al Jones 7 - 11 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
11 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 NO S.A.L. MEETING Merchant Marines Set. 1775	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Flag Day US Army Est. 1775 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Santiago 7 - 11 PM	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Caribbean Night Solid Gold Band 7 - 11 PM
18 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Father Day Riders Gun Raffle will be drawn at breakfast	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pork Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Mets Ball Park Beer Fest 4 - 9 PM Rapture 7 - 11 PM
25 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Glen (Elvis) 7 - 11 PM	July 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Shepard & Greene 7 - 11 PM
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