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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

I would like to thank all Legionnaires for allowing me to be Post Commander for the coming year. Thanks to all-Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and Ladies Auxiliary for a great past year. August starts our 2018 fiscal year and with the great group of Officers and members we have at our Post, the next year will be better than ever. You will see some interesting programs that we have planned for the coming year, which we all will participate in and enjoy.

At the State Convention our 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Martin Motherway, was runner up for recruiter of the year. The Post received a plaque from the Department of Florida for our 100% plus 1 membership achievement. The post continues to grow and we welcome our new members. We have achieved our membership goal for the past year and now have 1510 Legionnaires and we are the 5th largest Legion Post in the Department of Florida.

Our Law Enforcement Officer nominee for last year Mathew Brigila was named Southeast Region Officer of the Year and his name will be forwarded to the National Convention for consideration for National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

The installation of Officers for Post 318, Post 358 and Post 355 was held at our Post on July 9th, including the Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Riders, and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as the Legion Officers of the three Post. Our Post facility received praise from all of the guests.

August 19th is the Post Recognition Event and Commander's Dinner for the year. We will have a great menu. Please come and applaud our Members who will be honored for the past year.

August will see the start of football season and we have the football package to watch all of the games. We will also have specials all season long. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Our Labor Day weekend starts Sunday, September 3rd, with our annual Sons of the American Legion Clam Bake and Legion Barbeque. This is always a sellout and great fun with Big T doing the entertainment.

This month as Member of the Month, I would like to name our Legion Baseball Chairman of Post 318 and American Legion District 12, Daryl Bowie, who has made Legion Baseball (the oldest program of the American Legion) the success it is in our area. Thank you Daryl.

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

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

May 2018

Ken Baker
by Kay & Bonnie Baker

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

2nd Vice Report

First and foremost I would like to extend my appreciation to all the Legionnaires who voted for me in the June election for 2nd Vice-Commander for the year 2017-2018. I am very confident this year will be full of many events, activities, and lots of fun.

The entertainment calendar has already been completed through the end of August by the previous 2nd Vice Commander, Sal. I have just begun the scheduling for entertainment through the end of this calendar year.

Just a reminder of some upcoming events: on Aug 19th will be Commander's Recognition Dinner. Tickets are available behind the bar. Sept 3rd will be our annual Labor Day Barbeque along with the widely anticipated Sons of the American Legion Clambake. Saturday night Sept 16th will be an encore presentation of the "Rat Pack". This is a "must see". More information for upcoming events will be forth coming.

Lastly I would like the membership of Post 318 to know how vital the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders are to our events. It could not be done without them and I applaud them all.

Yours in Service,
Arnie Thompson, 2nd Vice Commander

Service Officer Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) implemented the pre-need burial eligibility determination program to assist anyone who would like to know if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.

VA is promoting pre-need eligibility determinations to encourage Veterans and their eligible family members to plan in advance to use VA burial benefits that Veterans have earned through their military service. Planning in advance for a Veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on a family at a difficult time. Veteran families will have increased confidence that their loved ones are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery at their time of need.

Upon request VA will make eligibility determinations for burial in a VA national cemetery in advance of need. Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery which includes opening/closing of the grave, a government-furnished grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite. Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable by law and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Spouses, minor children and, under certain conditions, dependent unmarried adult children are also eligible for burial even if they predecease the Veteran.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has implemented this pre-need eligibility program so that Veterans, spouses and unmarried dependent adult children may better prepare for burial in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, *Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery*, along with a copy of supporting documentation of military service such as a DD214, if readily available, mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. The web sites listed below may be of assistance: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pre-need/index.asp> and <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf>

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Chaplain Report

To all our members: Please with all your heart, pray for our members with cancer and ask the Lord to show His mercy on them. There is nothing that he loves more than his people going to him for help. All you have to do is talk to him and ask for his blessing for he listens to our prayers.

Our membership has gotten very large, over 1500 members. It would be nice if the members would respect women by not using bad language and treat each other with respect. If there is any problem while you are at the Legion with other people disrespecting you or your wife, your Bartender is the one to go to for help. Please don't hesitate. We want Post 318 to be the best.

Please God keep our membership in your blessing. Until next month.

John Dunn, Chaplain 772 905 8400

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies: Hope you are all having a wonderful summer. This year Karen Fox-Patterson, Jeanne Royer, Robin Burk and myself attended the Florida State Convention in Orlando. It was interesting and informative and met a lot of District 12 Auxiliary members.

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who helped serve the buffet line at the Posts 4th of July celebration. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 16th "Rat Pack Dinner and Show". Tickets are now available for \$15.00 per person. Get your tickets before September 13th, there will be no sales at the door. Please note there will be no general membership meeting in August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 18th at 6:45 pm. Hope to see you there.

Yours in service
Sue Pfohl, Auxiliary President 708-369-5446

Auxiliary Membership Report

Hi Ladies, It's August already and the new year is beginning for the Auxiliary. Early bird renewals begin now for 2018. You have until October 31st to get into the drawing for paid membership for 2019. We will be drawing two names in the November meeting. Congratulations to the winners from last year, Jill Keith and Carol Minich. Renewal is still \$30.

The new E-mail address is alaunit318@auxiliaryunit318fl.com for anyone who wants to communicate information that way. Watch out for reminders and other communications for anyone who has supplied their email address. Please let me know if you are not receiving emails or your newsletter and I will be happy to make a correction.

Also, anyone who is volunteering their time for our veterans and their families, either at home or at the Legion, should be writing down their hours and bringing them to the Auxiliary meetings on the third Monday of each month. If you are looking for a form to keep track I have some printed behind the bar in my folder,(ask the bartender) or you can go to website alaf1.org. At the far right tab that says QUICKLINKS pull down the menu and click on FORMS & RESOURCES. Under the heading Unit Forms click on the form VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT FORMS and print.

School will be starting soon and the Auxiliary contributes much needed uniforms and supplies for area schools. Monetary donations can be addressed to Brenda Saffioti and there will be a table set up in the back room for supplies and uniforms. Walmart will have a list of school supplies needed in the front of the store.

I believe our next membership meeting will not be until Monday, September 18, 2017 so until then remember to smile and laugh often, and be kind to all you meet. Until we meet again.

Yours truly,
Judy Martinez, Aux Membership Chairman 772-342-1392.



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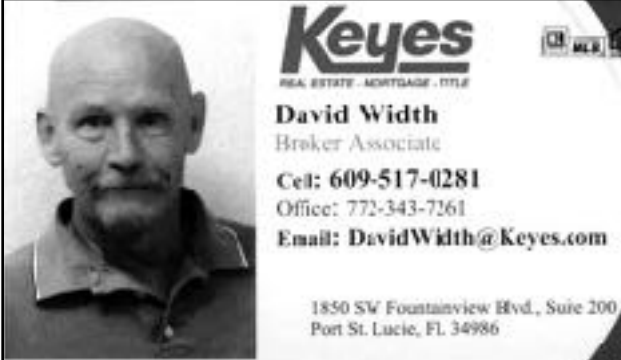
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Auxiliary Chaplain

Summer is upon us. Hopefully we can sit on our porches or in our Florida rooms with the fan on and sip a nice cold glass of tea and think about our day that has past. Times of struggle often seem like long, dark nights. But doing the right thing – even the hard thing – gives us hope. How do we maintain those long night watches when there seems to be little change in our circumstances?

1. Take one step at a time. Don't attempt to tackle the whole task at once. "A man's steps are directed by the Lord" (Proverbs 20-24)
2. Keep your struggles in perspective. Separate the mountains from the molehills. "What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
3. Cultivate the discipline of delayed gratification. "but ;et patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:4)
4. Learn to recognize the invisible God in the world around you. "By faith he (Abraham) left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; for he preserved because he saw him who is invisible; (Hebrews 11:27)

Placing your hope in the Lord help you do all these things. He will lead you. He will remove your mountains. He will strengthen you, helping you to be patient, and He will open your eyes to His works all around you.

I would like to remind anyone in the Auxiliary or calling for an Auxiliary member who is sick or has passed on to either 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).

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.

Yours always faithfully,
Karen Fox-Patterson, Chaplain 772-418-1515

Rider's Report

Several American Legion Riders attended the American Legion Department Convention in Orlando, Florida from June 29th through July 2nd. This event was very educational and a great opportunity to network and meet other members. There are now approximately 5,000 Riders in the State of Florida.

The ceremony for the Installation of Officers took place at the post on July 9th. I would like to thank the previous ALR Officers for your dedication and service as well as your continued support. The American Legion Riders look forward to working in partnership with the Post, the Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. I hope to make a positive and productive impact as we continue to grow and strengthen our programs.

This past month we received food, clothes and toiletries from the Elks in Fort Pierce, the Knights of Columbus, St. Bernadette's Church and numerous members of the Post. Many thanks to those who have donated and supported the Homeless Outreach Program. Please keep those donations coming in as we continue to need canned goods, batteries, tents, tarps and tanks of propane.

We are pleased to announce that we sold all 500 tickets for the gun raffle. The winner of the Kimber Stainless Steel Pro Carry II Pistol was Joe DiRosa. Joe is a member of Post 318.

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 dinner will be served on Wednesday, August 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Continued thanks to all the volunteers that make, serve and clean-up this dinner.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 5th.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director

Commanders Recognition Dinner

~ Saturday, August 19 ~

~ Cocktails 5PM Dinner 6PM ~

Prime Rib or Mahi Francese

Red Bliss Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans Almondine

Spring Mix Salad, Dinner Rolls and Trio Dessert

\$12.00 pp

Entertainment by Greg Wood 7 - 11 PM

Presale on tickets at Canteen Bar

Tickets limited to 100, until August 10



Labor Day BBQ
Sunday, September 3

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Fried Chicken
 Baked Beans, & Potato Salad
 Dessert
 1 - 3 PM \$10.00 pp



Annual S.A.L. Clambake

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 Big T 2 - 6 PM

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



American legion Post 318 Calendar of Events

August 2017



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM US Coast Guard Est. 1790 Shepard & Greene 7 - 11 PM	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Alita & The Boyz 7 - 11 PM
6 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Solid Gold Band 7 - 11 PM	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
13 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No S.A.L. Meeting	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pork Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Commanders Dinner Greg Wood 7 - 11 PM
20 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board - 5:30 PM No Regular Meeting	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No Service Officer Honor Guard - 6 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sunny D 7 - 11 PM	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Spaghetti and Meatball \$8.00 Entertainment 7 - 11 PM
27 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver & Onions or Stuffed Peppers \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	Sept. 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM
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