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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

November we say goodbye to the Hurricane Season and hello to the Holiday Season. Welcome back to our Winter visitors.

We start the Season on November 11th, Veterans Day. We will have our regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. followed by our Veterans Day ceremony at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. our Barbeque will start where all Post 318 Veterans are the Post Guests for a great meal. Post 318 Veterans we honor you, please come and enjoy a free lunch.

With Thanksgiving this month we have so much to be thankful for at the Post. We survived Hurricane Irma with little damage and thanks to all of those who volunteered to secure the Post and after the Hurricane have helped to do the repairs as necessary. Great job guys. We were able to serve members as usual.

The Post also wants to thank the Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Riders, and the Ladies Auxiliary not only for their financial contributions to the Post but also for all they do all year long for our Members and the Community.

The Post will be serving Thanksgiving dinner for those who would like to celebrate at the Post.

We are now in the middle of football season. Come out to the Post to enjoy our specials and friends to cheer with for your favorite team. Also at 12:55 p.m. Sunday before the start of the game we play the Star Spangled Banner loud and clear, and all stand and sing. A real touching Patriotic moment at the Post. God Bless America.

Please renew your 2018 Membership as soon as possible so that the Post can meet our goals. Remember door cards will be changed the first of the year. We have reached over 51% of our goal and need to be at 70% by December.

This month as Member of the Month, SAL Member, Bar Manager, Plumber extra ordinary, one who is always there when needed, Member of the Month, Tyler Schmeer. Thank you Tyler for all you do for Post 318.

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 ~ \$15.00

December 2017

CPO J.C. Martin
by Eddie & Bonnie
Beverly

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

August 2021

Bill Yeager
by Capt. Sal Bagnara
of the Viking Princess

March 2024

Moose Horan
by Linda MacKenzie &
Lee Caldwell

October 2026

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

2nd Vice Report

November officially starts the "Holiday Season"... Saturday November 11th is Veteran's Day, so come on out and honor our veterans. Our annual BBQ will start around 1:30..the exact time is in question due in part that our Color Guard has ceremonial commitments, away from the post. When they return we will have our ceremony in the Post 318 Memorial Garden, Shortly after it ends, the BBBQ will begin. All veterans who are members at Post 318 will eat Free. All other members will be charged a nominal cost of \$6.00.

Arnie Thompson, 2nd Vice Commander

VETERANS' DAY



NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Service Officer Report

The last couple of months have been hectic for all of us that live in Florida. For me and my family it has been compounded by the passing of a dear family member. I was absent from my Service Officer desk for three weeks and was not available to write my monthly report for the Post Messenger. Fortunately, my predecessor, Ron Zimmerman, awarded me with a library of good reports to draw from. The words below were published in 2014. I have made a few minor changes and verified the websites:

"Since the opening of our new location, the Post has seen a lot of new members, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. For those that did not know, the Service Officer is available Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 PM to assist you with questions about VA benefits or how to obtain copies of military service records, military medical records or copies of the DD-214. No appointment is necessary, assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis. Many resources for veterans are available on the internet and not all are created equal. One resource, we have used numerous times is <https://www.nrd.gov>. It is kind of a "clearing house" for resources on benefits & compensation, education & training, employment, family & caregiver support, health, homeless assistance, housing, and transportation & travel. A lot of the information provided is through links to other non-government web sites. This web site is definitely one to check out and add to your favorites. Another good resource we use is www.military-graphics.com. This is not an advertisement for them, nor an endorsement, but we have had nothing but outstanding service and excellent product quality. They have military decals that are not available on any other site that I have found and if they don't have what you are looking for, they'll custom make it for you."

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Chaplain Report

Hello 318 American Legion Members: I prayed this week for our sick in the Post and their loved ones. Please don't be shy, the Lord has heard it all before. He wants us to come to him no matter what.

There were a lot of good people at the benefit we had for Debbie's son and they did a fine job. You members who gave their time and money should step up and give themselves a pat on the back. You are the greatest. You all did good things for this family. I for one am so proud to belong to such a great Post. Use your prayer power and ask the Lord to help our sick.

Come and join us at our meetings. See what our Post is all about. I have been a member for 8 years and I can tell you happiness is where I am at right now.

John Dunn, Chaplain 772-905-8400

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies

Here we are in November already. Hope you all had a chance to enjoy our Rat Pack Dinner and Show, also our Halloween party last month. Our upcoming event for November is the District 12 ABC School (Auxiliary Basic Concepts). A great learning experience for all members. Saturday November 18th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, coffee and donuts and a lite lunch will be provided for \$5.00. Please let me know if you want to attend. Come out on Wednesday November 15th and enjoy our Meatloaf Dinner 5-7 pm. Hope to see you at our next meeting November 20th at 6:45pm.

Yours in Service
Sue Pfohl, Auxiliary President 772-293-9999

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Martin Motherway, 1st Vice Commander



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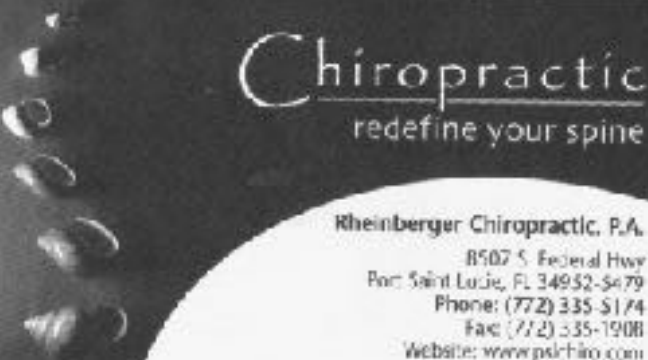
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Auxiliary Chaplain

We pray for safe travels as the snow-birds head back to Post 318.

If you know of any Auxiliary members that need a prayer, a phone call, someone to talk to, please have them contact me. In the event of a death, I would like to have date of death and next of kin to contact.

God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. (Reverend Billy Graham)

Always faithful,
Karen Fox-Patterson, Auxiliary Chaplain, 772-418-1515

S.A.L. Report

I hope everyone had a great summer. Our annual S.A.L. golf tournament was huge success this year, raising \$7461.00 for our veterans and youth programs. I would like to thank all the 112 players that supported the event. I would also like to give a special thanks to the sponsors who donated over \$3500.00 in money and prizes, and WOW what great prizes we had. As always a special thanks to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS at the golf course and back at the post. GREAT JOB!!!!!! We had volunteers from the S.A.L. as well as the Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders, which makes this Post family outing to raise money for our veterans and youth programs, showing that working together we all make a difference. After all, isn't that why we joined.

We had a great turnout for our Lasagna dinner, we served 93 dinners. Thanks to all who attended I hope you all enjoyed it. Thanks to the volunteers that make it happen.

The holidays are approaching and we will be having our annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 16th for underprivileged children in our community. This is always a great time showing the true meaning of Christmas. Again we have volunteers from the S.A.L. Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders help make this a wonderful Christmas for the children who otherwise might not have one. THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!

We are having a raffle for a \$500 gift card on New Year's Day, so please get your tickets and help support our Veterans and youth programs.

If have not renewed your MEMBERSHIPS yet, please do so ASAP. THEY ARE DUE!!!!

God Bless America,
Andy Saffioti, S.A.L. Commander

Rider's Report

The Hurricane IRMA Relief Drop Off was a great success. The Hurricane Drop Off and three-day collection resulted in 2 ½ trailer loads of supplies for the residents of Marathon Key. Donors contributed food, clothing, canned goods, water, tools, tarps and bedding. The monetary donations resulted in \$1,800 and with that money we purchased shovels, cleaning supplies, bleach, rakes, brooms and gloves. These supplies were delivered to Homestead and to the Marathon Key Post 154 Distribution Center.

The Riders were proud to participate in the Honor Flight. We escorted a bus load of 88 WWII and Korean Veterans to the Airport for their day of honor. These heroes were transported to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices and the sacrifices of their friends.

We continue to feed the homeless in Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce every Thursday. Thank you to those who have donated and continue to support the Homeless Outreach Program. We continue to need clothes, tents, tarps, tanks of propane, flashlights, batteries and personal hygiene products. There was a Veteran released from the VA Hospital by the name of Lewis Rudolph (Rudy). Rudy was homeless and in need of help. The Riders provided him with a place to stay for a few days so he could work out his finances with the Veterans Administration. We also provided him with bus fare to go to Pensacola where he was originally from.

In November, the Riders will be escorting the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Lake Wales to Ft. Meade. We will participate in the Veterans Day activities at First Data Field by riding our motorcycles on the Field prior to the game. In addition, we will be promoting Patriotism at Northport and Oak Hammock Schools.

The Riders Dinner which is Chicken Francaise and Chicken Parmesan will be on Wednesday, November 22nd 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 ALR meeting will be on Saturday, November 4th at 9:30 A.M

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director

Veterans' Day Celebration

Saturday, November 11th

Honoring all those that served during the conflicts and wars of this great country.

Picnic and Juke Box 1 - 3 P.M.

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fried Chicken \$6.00 per person
 No charge for Post 318 Veterans with current membership card**



Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd

1 - 4 PM

**Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes,
 Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls and Pie
 \$12.00 per person.**

Please see Bartender for tickets



Don't Forget....

- ~ Wednesday Night Dinners and Karaoke ~
- ~ Friday Night Fish Fry and Entertainment ~
- ~ Our Saturday Night Dinners and Entertainment ~
- and the rest of our events each month!**



S.A.L. Commander Saffioti presenting a check for \$2,000 to Post 318 Commander Feldman.

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American Legion 318 Calendar of Events

November 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 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sunny D 7 - 11 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM College Football Baked Ham \$8.00 Jimbo 7 - 11 PM
5 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM Monday Night Football	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM 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 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM US Marine Corp. Est. 1775 Alita 7:30 - 11 PM	11 Kitchen Open 4 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Veterans Day—BBQ College Football Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
12 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM Monday Night Football	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf \$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 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sunny D 7 - 11 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM College Football Open Faced Roast Beef \$8.00 Jimbo 7 - 11 PM
19 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM Monday Night Football	21_Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Ace of Hearts - 7PM	23 Kitchen Open 1 - 4 Thanksgiving Day [NO Ace of Hearts or Trivia]	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Santiago & Johnny 7 - 11 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM College Football Salisbury Steak \$8.00 Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
26 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM Monday Night Football	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	Dec 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion Riders - 9:30 AM College Football Shepherd's Pie \$8.00 Entertainment 7 - 11 PM
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