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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

I want to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah, and Joy for this Holiday Season.

We are proud and grateful for all that the Legion family does for our Members, Veterans Children, the Homeless, and all the American Legion stands for. Joy to All!

We had a great turn out for our Veterans' Day Ceremony. Thank you Andrea Pearson, Chaplin John Dunn, and our Honor Guard for a great ceremony.

We had a situation about parking on Veterans' Day on the County parkway. The Sherriff's Department came out and we had to move cars. As a result several members contacted Sherriff Ken Mascara and as a result of their efforts we have been asked by the Sherriff's Department to not park on the parkway during the rainy season, as they do not want tires to tear up the grass. I was informed when it was dry we can park there?? We also were told the HOA of Lucie Lakes is calling Code Enforcement and the County every time we park there; also if a plant dies outside of our fence.

Come on Man.

The Post kitchen also put on a great Thanksgiving meal which was enjoyed by all.

December will be a great time at the Post with all of our Holiday events as well as football and members enjoying the music, food, and friendship at the Post.

December 7th on Thursday there will be a ceremony at Veterans' Park Rivergate remembering Pearl Harbor and World War II.

On December 9th we will have our family Christmas Party starting at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy. Then on December 16th the Sons of the American Legion will have their usual Children's' Party. Always a joy to see the smiles and happiness of the Children.

If you can donate toys we have at the Post a Toys for Tots basket and our Sons of the American Legion Christmas Party can use all we can donate.

December 31st the Post we will have a New Year's Eve potluck. January 1st is our New Years Day Party.

Reminder 2018 dues are due at this time. Door cards will be changed as of January 2, 2018. Please pay your dues now. Remember you can pay at the Post by check, cash, or credit card.

This month as Member of the Month Legionnaire Jack McCarthy, Honor Guard Member, Repair Man, and great Legionnaire who is there for the Post whenever called on. Thank you Jack.

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 DUES RENEWAL 2017 - 2018

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For God and Country

Martin Motherway, 1st Vice Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

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

~ The name of a loved one or friend can be added to the "In Memory Of" for only \$15.00 a year ~

Service Officer Report

The Holiday Season, for many of us, brings back fond memories of Christmas past, family, and friends. For a few of us it is a time of stress and anxiety, some of us may even know a veteran or friend who is struggling with personal issues. If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a veteran, relative, or friend stand by them. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. They are committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, **Veterans Crisis Hot line (800) 273-8255**, or visit their web site at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org. Cut this paragraph from the Post Messenger, put it on your refrigerator, and pray you will never need it.

The holiday season is also time for a deluge of printed and media ads asking us to donate to this charitable cause or that one. A good many of these that we see and hear are soliciting donations to help our veterans and others in need. The list of major charitable organizations is huge. Most are national organizations and the money you donate does not necessarily stay in the community where you live and may not support local veterans or others in need of a helping hand. Some organizations are better than others when it comes to the percentage of money actually spent in helping people vs. the percentage spent on salaries and administrative costs. With so many different organizations asking, how does one decide which organizations to contribute to? There is a web site that is very easy to use where you can research the organization BEFORE you send them your hard earned money. The National Center for Charitable Statistics (www.nccs.urban.org) has a data base where you can find information on any non-profit organization that is legitimate. Non-profit organizations are required by the IRS to file a 990 Tax Return every year that shows how much was spent on "programs" and how much was spent on salaries and administrative costs. When you go to the web site, there is a link "Find A Non-profit". Just click on that and on the next screen, type in the name of the non-profit organization. A list will come up with names that match your inquiry. Just scroll down and locate the one you are looking for. On the right side there is a link to their latest 990 tax return in PDF format. Click on that to view their tax return. You will be amazed at the information you will find there. Another web site I use is Guide Star (www.guidestar.org). While it requires a membership to view some of the more in-depth information on a company, you can do a "quick look" at the percentages of money spent on programs and administrative costs. As stated earlier, the majority of money non-profit charities raise does not necessarily stay in the community where the person who donated it lives. **When donating to American Legion Post 318 (Legion, Auxiliary, Son's and Riders) IT STAYS HERE AND IS USED FOR THE PURPOSE IT WAS DONATED FOR!** For specific information on how your organization spends the donated funds, attend a meeting and ASK.

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

First Vice Report

As of Nov. our membership stands at 56% and the year is coming to an end. With holidays closing in, we ask that those who have not already renewed please do so. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy and safe New Year.

For God & Country,
Martin Motherway, First Vice

Second Vice Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Here at Post 318 we are still allowed to say it. Dec. 9th at 5:00 pm is the annual Christmas Party. Just a few items that will be offered for the evening are: Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, and Sausage and Peppers, and much much more. I'm sure the outstanding staff from the kitchen will put together a wonderful meal.

On Dec 16 will be the Annual S.A.L. Children's Christmas Party from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Make sure if you see Andy and Brenda Safiotti to tell them thanks!

Jan 1st 2018 will be our annual, immensely successful, New Year's Day Party, featuring Big T. Menu includes Roast Pork and Oven Roasted Chicken with the usual New Year's Day traditional fare.

Yours in Service,
Arnie Thompson, Second Vice

Chaplain Report

Life goes on Legionnaires of Post 318. This month we have five transfers to Post everlasting, Albert Natbandian, Joseph Langelli, Kenneth Geist, Harvey Sussel and Robert Gsell. May God welcome them and guide them in their travel to their new post. Thank you Lord.

Right now I am at my desk listening to Willie Nelson sing Family Bible. Its a good song to think about when I want to say as your Chaplain and friend Thank You. All of the good people we lost leave something of themselves here and we all benefit from it. See you soon.

John Dunn, Chaplain 772-905-8400

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies! The holidays are upon us. This is the time of the year we give thanks to our families and friends. We also must give thanks to all our service men, women and veterans for giving us this freedom to enjoy these holidays. My Thanksgiving was wonderful, hope yours was too. Don't forget that last minute present, you can still get the 2018 Enjoyment book, \$35.00. See me, Phyllis or Brenda at the Legion or St. Lucie Car Wash. Our December meeting is Monday the 18th at 6:45 pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Service
Auxiliary President 772-293-9999



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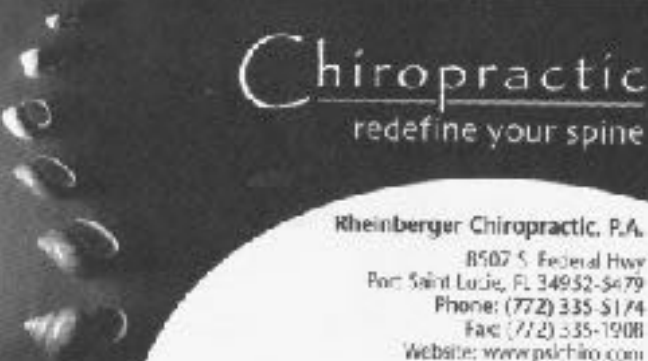
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Auxiliary Membership Report

Hi Ladies! It's hard to believe we are already in the month of December. Renewals for the Ladies Auxiliary are due by the end of this month. Thank you to all who have already renewed. We are over the 50% mark. Please make 2018 a success by getting us to 100% by the end of this year.

Renewals are still \$30. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 318, or use cash. You can leave your envelope at the Legion with the bartender so they can put it in my folder. You can also pay by credit card with the bartender. Please be sure to put your name and current address on the envelope. All your information will be kept confidential. I have been shredding everything even if it only has your name. If you would like to mail your renewal send to: American Legion Post 318, 1000 Savanna Club Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952, Attention: Auxiliary Membership

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Remember to smile and be kind to all you meet.

Yours Truly, **Judy Martinez, Membership Chairman 772-342-1392**



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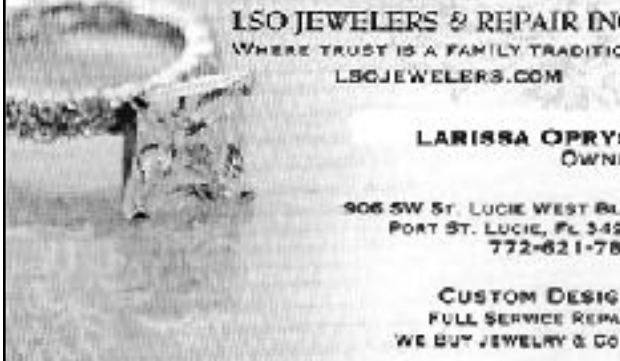
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Auxiliary Chaplain

Dear Auxiliary members, the 2017 holiday season is now upon us. We have so much to be thankful for. Most of our members are back from up North and the Christmas season is just around the corner. Please remember that through your shopping, stress and planning parties; that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

If I'm needed to call any of our members who may need someone to talk to during the holidays or if someone needs a card or a visit, please call me at 772-418-1515.

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a Merry Christmas

Always Faithful,
Karen Fox-Patterson, Chaplain 772-418-1515

Rider's Report

The Riders once again were proud to participate in the Honor Flight escorting WWII and Korean Veterans to the Airport for their day of honor and we also escorted the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Lakes Wales to Fort Mead. In addition, several Riders participated in the Kids Without Christmas Poker Run.

We continue to feed the homeless of Port St. Lucie every Thursday. Thank you to those who continue to support the Homeless Outreach Program. Along with the numerous donations we get from Post 318 Members we also picked up 2,400 lbs. of donated food and clothing from the Knights of Columbus of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church.

The Riders Dinner, which is Chicken Francoise and Chicken Parmesan, will be on Wednesday, December 27th 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, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director



**Post 318
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 9
5:00 PM to Close**

Buffet 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Turkey and Spiral Ham
Sausage and Peppers
Misc. Sides
Dessert

Entertainment by Frankie Montana

**Sons of American Legion
Annual Children's
Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 16 11:00 - 2:00



Angel Giving Tree



Presented by the
American Legion, Post 318

Each year the Salvation Army provides Christmas gifts for needy children. For some children, the Angel Tree gifts may be the only gift that they will open this Christmas. This year Post 318 has graciously consented to place an Angel Tree at the Post. Each Angel on the Tree represents a child's wish, from infants through age 14, who might not have a Christmas if it were not for your donation.

If you want to be a Donor you can adopt an Angel by taking a tag off the tree. The tag will list the name, age, gender and the child's wish list. The gifts listed are suggested from the child's wish list and you are in no way obligated to purchase those exact items. Once you purchase the gift, you can drop it off at Post 318 on Sunday, December 10th. Please DO NOT wrap any of the gifts and keep the Angel tag with the gift. Thank you for your support!

Happiest of Holidays to you and your family!
For God and Country,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director

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
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director

Entertainment for December

- Dec 1st: Music by Sonny D
- Dec 2nd: Karaoke with Jimbo
- Dec 8th: An evening with Shepard & Green
- Dec 9th: Encore performance with Frankie Montana
- Dec 15th: Music by Sonny D
- Dec 16th: Ralph's B-Day and Karaoke with Jimbo
- Dec 22nd: Alita, music starts at 7:30 PM
- Dec 23rd: Heat Wave
- Dec 29th: Johnny and Santiago
- Dec 30th: Permanent Affair



New Years Day Party
Buffet 1:00 - 3:00 PM \$12.00
Pork Roast and Fried Chicken
Black Eyed Peas, Sauerkraut
Applesauce and Dessert
Entertainment by Big T 2 - 6 PM

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March 2018
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Ed & Pat Carey

October 2018
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July 2018
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Jewish War Veterans

December 2018
Lee Caldwell



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events

December 2017



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Merry Christmas				1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM College Football Chicken Dumplings \$8.00 Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
3 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Marine Corp League - 7 PM Monday Night Football	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Pot Roast \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Shepard & Greene 7 - 11 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Post Christmas Party 5PM Hosted by the Legion Family Frankie Montana 7 - 11 PM
10 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM Monday Night Football	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM S.A.L. Kids Party 11 - 2 PM College Football Stuffed Shells w/Meatball or Sausage \$8.00 Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
17 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM Monday Night Football	19_Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Alita 7:30 - 11 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM College Football Shrimp, Mussels & Crab Far Diavolo over Spaghetti \$10.00 Heat Wave 7 - 11 PM
24 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM Post Closes at 8 PM	25 Kitchen Closed Post Open 1 - 9 PM	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No Service Officer Honor Guard - 6 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Chicken Parmesan \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Johnny & Santiago 7 - 11 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM College Football Stuffed Chicken Breast \$8.00 Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM
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