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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

First of all I want to wish all of our members a Happy and Healthy New Year. May all have a blessed New Year. December was a great time at our Post with our annual Christmas Party and the Sons of the American Legion Children's Party, a fantastic success as usual. Thanks to all who donated to the Salvation Army tree, and filled the Toys for Tots box, as well as contributing to the S.A.L. Christmas Party. Members made our Post proud.

Thanks to all who worked so hard on our Ace of Hearts Program, including our 50-50. You all did a great job under sometimes trying circumstances. Your volunteer efforts were greatly appreciated.

I would like all members to know that our fence has been repaired. Thanks to the five volunteers - Daryl Bowie, Pete Willougby, Dave McKeever, Harold Barth, and grandson Devin Sullivan who volunteered their time and effort Sunday mornings to replace and repair our fences. Thanks guys a great job.

At our December American Legion Meeting, we had the privilege to honor three Eagle Scouts for their achievements. They received certificates and each a check for \$250 for their efforts.

On Sunday, January 14th at 12:00 our Department of Florida Commander, Steve Shuga will be at our Post for lunch. Please come and meet the Department Commander and his group. This is the time to meet, greet, and talk to Florida Department Officers.

On January 2, 2018 our door cards will be changed and all members must have a 2018 Membership Card to receive a new door card. Remember you can renew at the canteen by cash,, check, or credit card.

The winter season is here and thank you to all of our winter visitors who are supporting our Post. It is great to have you back.

Legionnaire and World War II veteran Mel Brown will be celebrating his 104th birthday at the Post on January 6th from 2-4 p.m. Come out and enjoy the day with Mel.

This month the Members of the Month are Andy and Brenda Safiotti. Their efforts that goes into the annual Children's Christmas Party is above and beyond volunteering. Thank you for the many years of hard work and success.

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 ~

February 2018 Frank Cafiso by Constance M. Cafiso	April 2019 William Gass by Donna Gass	December 2020 Geraldine Malaband by Philip DelToro Burton T. McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney	August 2021 Bill Yeager by Capt. Sal Bagnara of the Viking Princess
March 2018 Daniel Knorrston by Teresa Knorrston	August 2019 Mary McLaughlin by Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn	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
May 2018 Ken Baker by Kay & Bonnie Baker	December 2018 William T. Hawes by Lorraine & Deborah	October 2026 Ed Black & Steve Wisor by S.A.L. Post 318	
August 2018 Edward Zikus Jr. by Edgar & Jana Johnson	December 2019 Donald Lee Holley by Josie & Gene Nagele		

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 DUES RENEWAL 2017 - 2018

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For God and Country

Martin Motherway, 1st Vice Commander

1st Vice Report

I hope everyone enjoyed holidays. We are still behind in our membership, so please renew for the new year 2018. Our membership is about one thousand, with 500 to go. If you know any Vet. who is not a member invite them to the canteen, show them a copy of messenger. Tell them the things we do for our Vets and our community. If they need help with the VA or to get a copy of their lost DD-214, our Service Officer will be glad help them.
Happy New Year

Martin Motherwav, First Vice 772-239-2476

2nd Vice Report

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to one and all. In this coming year Post 318 are going to have many events and good times. Check your monthly bulletin for all the details.

Entertainment		
Fri	Jan 05th	Alita and the Boyz
Sat	Jan 06th	Karaoke with Jimbo
Fri	Jan 12th	Frankie Montana
Sat	Jan 13th	Chubby Bones
Fri	Jan 19th	Sonny D
Sat	Jan 20th	Karaoke with Jimbo
Fri	Jan 26th	Johnny and Santiago
Sat	Jan 27th	Shepard and Green

Yours in Service
Arnie Thompson, 2nd Vice Commander

Chaplain Report

Merry Christmas to all at Post 318. I'm going to New York for Christmas to be with my family. I hope we all find the peace that is given to us on the celebration of Our Lord's birth. Lord please bless the members of our Post 318. Keep us in your heart this day and know we love you back. Amen.

John Dunn, Chaplain

Lunch Menu

- Monday - Meatloaf
- Tuesday - Cuban Sandwich
- Wednesday - Sloppy Jo
- Thursday - Sausage, Peppers & Onions
- Friday - Fish or Corned Beef Reuben
- Saturday - Cook's Choice
- Sunday - NFL Specials

Service Officer Report

I have been asked several times about VA loans. Basically there are six steps to a VA Home Loan:

- 1. Select a VA-approved Lender**
Only lenders approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs can originate VA mortgages. Some lenders focus primarily on conventional loans, while others concentrate almost exclusively on the VA loan program for military clients. Using a VA specialty lender with extensive knowledge about the VA loan process vs. a lender who only funds a few VA mortgages a year may translate into an easier and quicker loan process.
- 2. Obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**
An experienced lender can help you obtain what's called a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). The COE will prove that you meet initial eligibility standards for VA loan benefits. To get your COE, you'll need to give your lender a bit of information about your military service.
- 3. Pre-Qualify for Your Loan Amount (optional)**
Pre-qualifying is important, but not required. By choosing to complete this step you can save some time and potential surprises later in the process. To pre-qualify for your loan amount, you'll have a candid conversation with your VA loan professional about your income, credit history, employment, marital status and other factors.
- 4. Go House Hunting and Sign a Purchase Agreement**
The fourth step is usually one borrowers enjoy because they get to look at homes they might consider buying. Working with a real estate professional who specializes in the VA process can help you get the most out of your benefits. Once you've got a signed purchase agreement, you can move forward in the VA loan process.
- 5. Lender Processes Application and Orders VA Appraisal**
A signed purchase contract is the document you'll need to finish your initial application. Once your lender has the contract, they will order the VA appraisal. Here again, not just any appraiser will do. Only a professional who is certified to perform appraisals to VA standards can evaluate the home being considered for VA financing.
- 6. Close on Your Loan and Move In**
After being approved by the underwriter, all that is left to do is close and move in. During closing, the property legally transfers from the former owner to you. Closing is a step that requires you to sign documents that confirm you understand and agree to the terms of the loan. You will need to provide proof of homeowners insurance and, if required, pay closing costs. Once you've signed all your closing documents, you'll get the keys to your new home.
While these steps may not happen in the order above or be a required part (such as pre-qualification)*, they represent the typical process for the applicant in obtaining a VA purchase loan. Your lender may need to take other steps. For more information about VA loans, contact an experienced VA-approved lender.
The entire text can be accessed at the internet address below.
<http://www.military.com/money/va-loans/step-by-step-guide-to-the-va-loan-process.html>

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer



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Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies
Happy New Year to all. Hope your Christmas was joyful and safe. This year 2018 is going to be very exciting. January 14th our Department President T.K is going to visit our unit. She will be having breakfast at 10:30am and will have a meet and greet, please come and join us. January thru March is our fundraising time. This year we are having a Super 50/50 starting January 1st. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece, drawing will be March 17th. February 10th is our Valentines Day Dinner and Dance. Our next meeting is January 15th at 6:45pm, please attend to get more details about our upcoming events.

Yours in service
Sue Pfohl, President
1-708-369-5446

CALLING ALL BUBBLEHEADS!

We have formed a new chapter of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Meetings will be held at American Legion Post 318 on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The reason for meeting at the Legion Post is to foster camaraderie, allow for family involvement in the organization, and to promote an atmosphere and meeting times more amenable to working individuals with family commitments. Hopefully we'll be able to have more social functions throughout the month, and not just monthly meetings (i.e. Fishing trips, football parties, base dinner functions, kids events, etc....). We will still carry out the mission of USSVI to commemorate the lives of submariners lost at sea, and will still be involved in the community through scholarship funds, County Veteran Service Councils, and funding Submarine Memorials within the community.

If you are interested in joining the Baya Base, please email ussvibayabase@gmail.com for more information.

Jordan Kahle
Submarine Veteran & Charter Member

Rider's Report

In December, the Legion Riders hung 75 Angel Tags on the Angel Tree. It is through the generosity of the Post 318 Members that there were 75 happy children that received presents this Christmas. The Riders rode in the Club United for Kids Toy Run sponsored by Post 126 and also in the Port St. Lucie Toy Run with over 1,000 other motorcycles. Proceeds from the PSL Toy Run benefited local charities of the Treasure Coast. Several Riders attended and contributed supplies to the "House a Vet" Open House in Jensen Beach. In addition, a benefit was given by the Enforcers for the Family of David Rosco. David is a Law Enforcement Officer in PSL who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. Thank you to those who have continue to support the Homeless Outreach Program. Many donations were received from Post 318 Members as well as the Port St Lucie Elks.

The Riders Dinner which is Chicken Francoise and Chicken Parmesan will be on Wednesday, January 24th 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, January 2, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Wishing everyone peace, good health and happiness in the New Year.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director



Football Season!!

NFL PLAYOFFS

SEE ALL THE GAMES HERE



New Years Day Party
Buffet 12 - 3 PM \$12.00

Roast Pork and Fried Chicken
Black Eyed Peas, Sauerkraut
Applesauce and Dessert

Big T 2 - 6 PM

Happy Birthday

Come join us to celebrate Mel Brown's
104th Birthday
Saturday, January 6 2 - 4 PM
No cards and no gifts please



Veteran's Day 2017 - POST 318

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year Newsletter Boosters

February 2018

Constance M. Cafiso

July 2018

David A. Lapone

November 2018

Patricia Bonham
Frederick Thompson

May 2019

10-13 Club

March 2018

USAF Maj. Joseph Lyons
Ed & Pat Carey

October 2018

Robert Seip
Nancy Hughes

December 2018

Lee Caldwell
Paul & Susan Brennan

February 2022

Dallas Black

May 2018

Kay & Bonnie Baker

November 2024

Jewish War Veterans



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events

January 2018



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kitchen Closed Happy New Year Buffet 1-3 PM \$12.00 Big-T 2 - 6 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 Alita & the Boyz 7 - 11 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM College Football Mel Brown's Birthday Party Chicken Marsala over Rice \$8.00 Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
7 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 NO S.A.L. Meeting Marine Corp League 7PM	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 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 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 Frankie Montana 7 - 11 PM	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM College Football Baked Ham \$8.00 Chubby Bones 7 - 11 PM
14 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	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 Sub Vet Mtg 7 PM	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf \$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 Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM College Football Roast Pork \$8.00 Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM
21 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM NFL Specials 11:30 - 5 PM	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 Johnny & Santiago 7 - 11 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM College Football Shepherd's Pie \$8.00 Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
28 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- 4 PM	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver & Onions & Bacon or Stuffed Peppers \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	Feb 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 Entertainment 7 - 11 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM College Football Entertainment 7 - 11 PM
4 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30 AM - 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 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM