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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family: February was an active month with great turn outs for all of our events, which included the Auxiliary Valentine's Day party, and our Vietnam Veteran's Reunion.

We started our Monday night "Show Me the Money" Bingo, which is a lot of fun.

We interviewed seven (7) young men for our Boy's State Program. We are proud to be able to send seven (7) participants this year, with Legion Post 318 sending three (3), and the Son's of the American Legion sending two (2), and Post 318 Legion Riders also sending two (2). This is a great experience for these young men.

In February Tom Belford, resigned from the E-Board for personal reasons. Thank you Tom Tom for all the years you have devoted to making our Post great. Arnold (Butch) Bates has stepped up to finish out Tom Tom's year on the E-Board.

On Saturday March 10th, we will have our regular monthly Legion Post Meeting. At that Meeting the election committee will be appointed. All Legionnaires who wish to run for office can give their request to the election Committee. April 14th at the Post regular meeting names of those members running for Office will be announced, and nominations from the floor will be accepted. At our Post May 12th meeting floor nominations and names of those running will again be announced.

At this time the election will be held Friday, June 8th and then at our Saturday June 9th regular Legion Meeting, results will be announced and certified.

All Legionnaires in good standing can run for any office. Legionnaires please come out and vote and participate in the election. Our Post is great and members make it so.

At of this writing, our Legion membership stands at 1362 which is 91% of our goal. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so.

This month as Member of the Month, I would like to name Harold Barth. He is a volunteer who quietly does many things at the Post whether it is changing locks or fixing doors or many other efforts. Thank you Harold for all you do.

If any member has concerns or suggestions for the betterment of the Post, I am available by phone or at the Post.

Richard Feldman, Commander 772-342-2394

~ In Memory Of ~

March 2018

Daniel Knorrston
by Teresa Knorrston

August 2019

Mary McLaughlin by
Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn

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

May 2018

Ken Baker
by Kay & Bonnie Baker

December 2018

William T. Hawes
by Lorraine & Deborah

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

August 2018

Edward Zikus Jr. by
Edgar & Jana Johnson

January 2019

Al Nalbandian
by Shirley Nalbandian

October 2026

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

April 2019

William Gass
by Donna Gass

December 2019

Donald Lee Holley
by Josie & Gene Nagele

2nd Vice Report

Welcome to March "our season" is rapidly coming to an end. Here is a listing of your entertainment for the month.

Fri.	2nd	Frankie Montana
Sat.	3rd	Karaoke with Jimbo
Fri.	9th	Permanent Affair
Sat.	10th	Chubby Bones
Fri.	16th	Sonny D
Sat.	17th	Shepard & Green
Fri.	23rd	Santiago & Johnny
Sat.	24th	Alita & the Boyz
Fri.	30th	Al Jones
Sat.	31st	Driftwoods

As always we will have Wednesday Karaoke although on the 14th of March Jimbo will be on vacation, as we will have Karaoke with Dennis. Please come out and enjoy the entertainment. Don't forget the St Patty's Day Special!!! Corn Beef 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM!!!

Yours in Service
Arnie Thompson, 2nd Vice Commander

~ 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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN NON-VA FACILITIES

Service Connected Conditions

- Service connected veterans may be eligible for payment or reimbursement for emergency treatment received in non-VA emergency departments if they receive emergency treatment for:
- An adjudicated service-connected disability
- A non service connected disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability
- Any disability of a veteran who has total disability permanent in nature from a service-connected disability

Non-service Connected Conditions

- This benefit is a safety net for enrolled veterans who have no other means of paying a non-VA emergency bill. Currently, if another health insurance provider pays all or part of a bill, VA cannot provide any reimbursement. To qualify, you must meet all of the following criteria:
- You were provided care in a hospital emergency department or similar facility providing emergency care
- You are enrolled in the VA care system
- You have been provided care by a VA health care provider within the last 24 months
- You are financially liable to the provider of the emergency treatment for the treatment
- You have no other form of health insurance
- You do not have coverage under Medicare, Medicaid, or a state program
- You do not have coverage under any other VA programs
- You have no other contractual or legal recourse against a third party that will pay the entire bill
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs or other Federal facilities were not feasibly available at the time of the emergency

In both Service-related and non-Service related, care must be rendered in a medical emergency of such nature that a prudent layperson would have reasonably expected that delay in seeking immediate medical attention would have been hazardous to life or health.

If you believe your health or life is in immediate danger, report directly to the closest emergency room or call 911. You, your representative, or the treating facility must contact the nearest VA as soon as possible (within 48 hours) to arrange a transfer to VA care, if hospitalization is required. The local number to call for the VA is - (561) 422-6838 option #5

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Honor Flights

If you are, or if you know of a WWII or Korean War veteran who would like to take their Honor Flight (and has not already done so), please either call 1-855-FLYAVET (855-359-2838) or fill out the veteran application online at www.honorflightsefl.org. Southeast Florida Honor Flight is now taking veteran applications from Vietnam veterans, who will soon be the next group of veterans to be honored.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report

The Post's Constitution & By-Laws Committee met on January 13th to review and suggest changes to our Post's Constitution and By-Laws. The results of this meeting were presented to the General Membership at the February General Membership Meeting and are presented here as required by the Constitution and By-Laws:

Constitution: No changes were recommended by the Committee. Various typographical errors were corrected which do not require a vote or reporting to the Department of Florida.

By-Laws: The Committee reported that various typographical errors were found and corrected, which do not require a vote or reporting to Department of Florida.

The Committee suggested the following changes be incorporated:

Article III, Duties of Officers; Section 1, Line 4 and 5, delete the words "shall be entitled to make motions on the floor".

Article VII, Resignations - Forfeiture of Office Vacancies; Section 2, line 1 add the word "or" to the word "and", change the word "Treasurer" to "Finance Officer".

No other changes were recommended by the Committee. These changes have been approved by a vote of the Executive Board and were presented to the General Membership at the February 10th, 2018 General Membership Meeting. The Post Commander directed that this report be published in the Post's March 2018 Newsletter and that a vote to ratify the proposed changes will be made at the Post's March 2018 General Membership Meeting.

**Ron Zimmerman Sr.,
Committee Chairman**

Legionnaires, our membership is not yet at 100%. We are asking the members who have not yet renewed to please do so. If you know any Veteran who qualifies to join ask him or her to join.

Tell them what we do for all our Veterans and their families. Our Service Officer, who will assist them in benefits and answer questions they might have. We also help our community as well.

Members who have not pay their 2018 renewal do not have any privileges in the canteen or any other benefit in our organization.

As of Feb, 9 we stand at 88%, 1325 members.

**Martin Motherway, First Vice Commander
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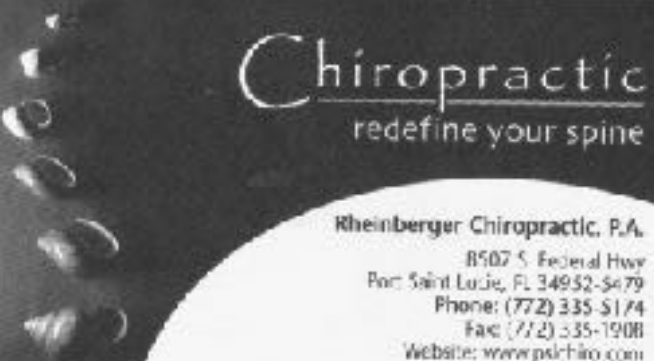
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Rider's Report

This past month Riders attended the 12th District Boys & Girls State Dinner at Post 117 in Palm Bay and they also participated in the 12th District Ride-In Challenge which was on February 17th. Proceeds for both events benefit Boys & Girls State. The Riders of Post 318 were able to raise \$1,000 and presented a check to Bruce Thurber. Several Riders volunteered to trim trees and clean-up around the Post as part of the Post 318 Beautification Project.

We continue to collect donations for the Homeless Veterans Program. We are always in need of gently used clothing, canned goods, hygiene products, socks and new undergarments. Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously throughout the year.

The Riders Dinner is on March 27th. We are serving Stuffed Peppers with mash potatoes or Chicken Francoise from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Continued thanks to everyone who purchases our dinner and to the volunteers that make, serve and clean-up.

The next ALR meeting will be on Saturday, March 3rd, at 9:30 AM.

For God and Country
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director

Auxiliary Chaplain Report

Now that the few days of winter have left us, hopefully we can look forward to a much brighter spring.

I am still sending cards to the sick and praying for those in need of prayer. If you know of someone in need of prayer, a phone call or even a short visit, or someone who is sick (whether home or in the hospital) please call me at 772-418-1515.

Just think...We're not here by chance, but by God's choosing. His hand formed us and made us the people that we are. He compares us to no one else-we are one of a kind. We lack nothing that His grace can't give us. He has allowed us to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation.

To every thing there us a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

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

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies

Our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance was a huge success. Thank you all for your support for our veterans and children of Port St. Lucie. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. We are now in March and we need your continuing support for our 50/50 progressive raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will be on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). See an Auxiliary member for tickets. Our next meeting is March 19th at 6:45pm. See you there.

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

S.A.L. Report

Hello Post 318!

Spring is in the air and I hope everyone had a good winter. We had a great turn out on Valentine's Day for our lasagna dinner. I would like to thank all who attended and supported us and I hope you all enjoyed it. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who make it happen. We have a great team thanks.

With the proceeds from the dinners we are able to support more veterans and youth programs. Last year we were able to give two scholarships out to two fine young men as well as supporting Special Olympics, Children's Miracle Network, and child youth programs. This year we were also able to send two boys to Boys State.

I would like to thank all the S.A.L. members for renewing their memberships. We are over 100% good job guys. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 12th, please attend. Together we all make a difference. Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events at the post.

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

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year Newsletter Boosters

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 2018 Patricia Bonham Frederick Thompson	May 2019 10-13 Club	November 2024 Jewish War Veterans
July 2018 David A. Lapone			



St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17
 11 - 7 PM

Corned Beef and Cabbage
 Red Bliss Potatoes, Carrots
 Dessert - \$11.00pp
 Corned Beef Sandwich - \$7.00

Jukebox 12 - 4 PM
 Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM

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

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American Legion 318 Calendar of Events

March 2018



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 Frankie Montana 7 - 11 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Baked Ham \$8.00 Also Open Menu Jimbo, Karaoke 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 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Limited Menu Marine Corp League - 7 PM Show Me The Money 6 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 Liver, onions & bacon or Shepherds Pie \$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 Permanent Affair 7 - 11 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Chicken Marsala over Rice \$8.00 Also Open Menu Chubby Bones 7 - 11 PM
11 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Limited Menu S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM Show Me The Money 6 PM	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 Karaoke by Dennis 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 Sonny D 7 - 11 PM	17 Kitchen Closed St. Patrick's Day 11 - 7 PM Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM
18 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Limited Menu Auxiliary E-Board 5:30 PM Regular Meeting - 6:45 PM Show Me The Money 6 PM	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- 4 PM Sub Vet Meeting - 7 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf \$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 Johnny & Santiago 7 - 11 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Salisbury Steak \$8.00 Also Open Menu Alita and the Boyz 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 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Limited Menu 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM Show Me The Money 6 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 Stuffed Peppers \$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 Al Jones 7 - 11 PM	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Turkey Dinner \$8.00 Also Open Menu Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
April 1 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30 AM - 5 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Limited Menu Marine Corp League - 7 PM Show Me The Money 6 PM	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- 4 PM House Committee - 5:30 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver, onions & bacon or Shepherds Pie \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Entertainment 7 - 11 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Also Open Menu Jimbo, Karaoke 7 - 11 PM