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Commander's Message

HELLO American Legion Family:

I would like to thank American Legion Post 318 for the honor and privilege of being Post Commander of our great Post for the past three years.

Thank you to all Officers, E-Board Members, volunteers, Son's of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders, and all members for all of the support you have given me.

I know that the coming year will be another great Legion year at Post 318 with the group of Officers and E-Board members elected.

The Post was once again able to meet our goal of 100% for the 2017-2018 year, as were the Sons of the American Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary . Once again Post 318 is a 100% Post for all groups.

July starts our fiscal membership for 2018-2019. Next year will also be the 100th anniversary of the American Legion with a lot of National Activities planned.

July 1st from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m to raise funds for our Post 318 American Legion Baseball Team, the team will have a spaghetti Dinner. Please come and support them.

July 4th the Post will celebrate Independence Day with our annual barbeque and Big T providing the entertainment. Come out an enjoy the day.

The Department of Florida State Convention will be July 5th-7th. We will represent our Post and again be acknowledged as a Legion Post that continues to support all the programs of the American Legion.

July 21st is the installation of Officers at our Post for the American Legion, Son's of the American Legion, and Ladies Auxiliary, including Officers of Posts 355 and 358. The installers will be Officers of the 12th District and other dignitaries of the American Legion.

This month as Member of the Month I would like to name Martin Motherway, who as 1st Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman has continued to do all he can to reach our 100% goal. Thank you Martin for all you do. SEMPER FI

For God and Country
Richard Feldman, Commander 772-342-2394

~ In Memory Of ~

August 2018

Edward Zikus Jr. by
Edgar & Jana Johnson

April 2019

William Gass
by Donna Gass
Norman S. Thomas
by Dolores J. Thomas

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

December 2018

William T. Hawes
by Lorraine & Deborah

June 2019

Ken Baker
by Kay & Bonnie Baker

March 2021

Dick Boulette, Dennis
Cush, Roy Gulbrandsen,
Bill Yeager, Garin
Salisbury, Conrad Tutelo
by
Post 318 Honor Guard

June 2020

Donald Erb
POW-WW11
by Val & Teresa Macor

January 2019

Al Nalbandian
by Shirley Nalbandian

August 2019

Mary McLaughlin by
Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn

March 2024

Moose Horan
by Linda MacKenzie &
Lee Caldwell

March 2019

Frank Cafiso
by Connie Cafiso

December 2019

Donald Lee Holley
by Josie & Gene Nagele

October 2026

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

2nd Vice Report

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that help coordinate our posts numerous activities. The year 2017-2018 has been a very busy and fun filled list of activities. The amount of people to thank personally is to numerous to acknowledge every post member, who through the course of the year gave of their time and efforts to ensure successful activities. So to ALL the members that gave of their valuable time I salute you.

I'd also like to recognize Commander Feldman and his officers for guiding the Post down the right path. I wish luck to Roger Royer on what I am sure will be a very successful year. I also wish the best of luck to all the Post Officers whether they be Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. or Riders. You are all surrounded by people that care.

With that I say THANK YOU and it's been a pleasure filling the role of Post 318 Second Vice Commander.

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

For Blue Water Navy Sailors and Marines, the restoration of eligibility and the expansion of benefits are long overdue. The House Veterans Affairs Committee has passed the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017. The bill, which still must be approved by the full House and Senate before going to President Trump, will restore benefits to thousands of Vietnam veterans; expand inclusive dates to those who served along the Korean DMZ, and benefit children born with spina bifida due to a parent's exposure to Agent Orange related herbicides in Thailand. Once passed into law, H.R.299 will restore benefits to some 100,000 Blue Water Navy and Marine veterans who had their disability eligibility taken away in 2002 after regulatory changes. It will also require the VA to contact those veterans who had filed claims that were later denied. Those veterans could be eligible for retroactive benefits.

This legislation marks a victory for other veterans and their families who suffer from conditions related to toxic exposures. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange while serving along the Korean DMZ will have an earlier start date to encompass the time period when various defoliants were tested. The current start date of April 1, 1968, will be backed up seven months to September 1, 1967.

The new law will also require the VA to report on research being conducted on a broad range of conditions possibly related to service in Southwest Asia, which is important for future legislative effort to create a list of presumptive conditions for veterans seeking VA health care and benefits.

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Chaplain Report

I am reporting to our membership that the following members have passed away to Post Everlasting. Robert Hoffman, Robert E. Wilson and William Benny.

From our membership I want to thank you for all you have given us. To belong to our great Post with all its membership is a blessing.

Members, please look at our 318 Sick call board and if you see friends there try to cheer them up with a phone call, a card or better yet a visit. See if you can get some people together for a visit.

God keep them close to you for their duration and please bless the spouses and families in their time of need. Thank you Father.

John Dunn, Chaplain

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies

The Auxiliary Golf Tournament was a huge success. Thank you again to all the players, to everyone that donated and to all the volunteers that helped make this event possible. The monies that were raised go to helping our veterans and families, also to our children and youth of Port St. Lucie.

There will be no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Saturday August 18th at 10:30 am. Please attend. Our guest speaker will be our new Commander, Daryl Bowie. Just a reminder dues for 2019 will be \$35.00.

Yours in service

Sue Pfohl, Auxiliary President 708-369-5446

Rider's Report

The results of the American Legion Rider elections are as follows: Director - Bob Staneruck, Assistant Director - John Fiorella, Sergeant at Arms - Larry Heimer, Treasurer & Secretary - Debbie Staneruck

I would like to thank the Riders for their continued support. We hope to keep up the good work and continue to be successful with the many American Legion Programs that we support.

In the past few weeks, the Riders have participated in the Family Fun Poker Run., LAMA 14th Anniversary, a Funeral Escort for a Vietnam Veteran, the Honor Flight Escort, White City Cemetery American Flag placement, Memorial Day Ceremonies and Vet at the Met. We continue to support the Veterans & Community Homeless Outreach Program focusing on homeless Veterans in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! July 4th - The winner of the Lotus Gunworks \$1,000 Gift Card will be selected at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are one for \$10.00 or two for \$15.00. Make sure you get your tickets before they are sold out! July 21st - The Riders will be sponsoring a large Chinese Raffle at Treasure Coast Harley Davidson (TCHD) Customer Appreciation Day in Stuart from noon until 4:00 p.m. There will be music, raffles and free food. Come join in the fun!

The next Riders Dinner is on Wednesday, July 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are serving Stuffed Peppers or Chicken Francaise. Many thanks to all of members of the Legion Family that purchase the Riders Dinner and the volunteers that make, serve and clean-up.

It's also that time of year again. The ALR Post 318 Membership fee of \$20.00 is due. Please see John Fiorelli to renew your membership before July 7th.

There will NOT be a Riders meeting in July. The next Rider meeting will be on Saturday, August 4th at 9:30 a.m.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Bob Staneruck, Rider Director



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Independence Day Celebration

 Wednesday, July 4, 2018 1 - 3 PM

 Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork, Burgers, Hot Dogs

 Potato Salad, Dessert

 \$10.00 pp

 Music By Big T 2 - 6 PM






Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year		Newsletter Boosters	
July 2018 David A. Lapone	December 2018 Lee Caldwell Paul & Susan Brennan	May 2019 10-13 Club	February 2022 Dallas Black
October 2018 Robert Seip Nancy Hughes	March 2019 Connie Cafiso	June 2019 Kay & Bonnie Baker	November 2024 Jewish War Veterans
November 2018 Patricia Bonham Frederick Thompson	April 2019 Ed & Patricia Casey	June 2020 Val & Teresa Macor	



Post 318 Memorial Day 2018



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events

July 2018



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30 AM - 5 PM	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 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 Closed Independence Day July 4 BBQ 1 - 3 PM Big T 2 - 6 PM Lotus Gun Works Drawing 3 PM No Jimbo	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry and Surprise Special 5 - 8 PM Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 No Legion Riders Meeting Baked Ham \$8.00 And Open Menu Music by Jimbo 7 - 11 PM
8 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu No S.A.L. Meeting Show Me The Money 6 PM	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry and Surprise Special 5 - 8 PM Alita & the Boyz 7:30 - 11 PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Cornish Game Hen \$8.00 And Open Menu Al Jones 7 - 11 PM
15 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu Show Me The Money 6 PM	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Sub Vet Meeting - 7 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry and Surprise Special 5 - 8 PM Johnny & Santiago 7 - 11 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Seafood Fra Diavolo Spaghetti \$1 Auxiliary E-Board - 9 AM No Regular Meeting Montana Heatwave 7 - 11 PM
22 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu 10 - 13 Club - 7:30 PM Show Me The Money 6 PM	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Francaise or Stuffed Peppers - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry and Surprise Special 5 - 8 PM The Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Stuffed Pork Chop \$8.00 And Open Menu Solid Gold 7 - 11 PM
29 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu Show Me The Money 6 PM	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- -4 PM	Aug. 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver, Onions & Bacon or Shepherds Pie \$8.00 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 and Surprise Special 5 - 8 PM Shepard & Green 7 - 11 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Music by Jimbo 7 - 11 PM
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