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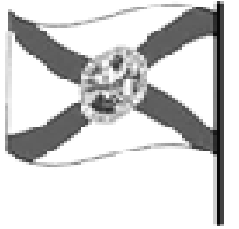


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Commander's Message

HELLO and HAPPY NEW YEAR American Legion Family. I hope all had a joyous holiday last month and we look forward to another great year at Post 318. Be sure to check your newsletter and each month's calendar of events. Come out and enjoy the Post activities.

Our annual Post Christmas Party & Buffet was held on December 9th followed on December 16th with the S.A.L. Children's Christmas Party. Heavy wind and rains did not dampen the Christmas spirit. Always a sight to enjoy and see the joy, excitement, and smiles on the faces of the children (young & old!). I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the Post 318 Auxiliary for their hard work and beautiful decorations adorning the Post during the holiday season. Thank you to one and all.

Thanks to all members who filled the Toys for Tots box with gifts for distribution by the US Marine Corps Reserve and to all who sponsored a child through the Riders Angel Tree program.

Our Legionnaire membership renewals continue as 2023 draws to a close. Members are reminded that Canteen privileges are only afforded to those members with a current membership card. So please, renew your 2024 membership now. New door cards will only be issued to those members with a paid up 2024 membership. 2023 (green) door cards will not work after February 1st, 2024.

This month it is my pleasure to name **John Holschuh** as "**Member of the Month**". John is a Legionnaire and member of the Post 318 Honor Guard. John recently stepped forward to assume the leadership position of our Honor Guard detail with responsibilities to honor the service and sacrifice of honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Thank you John for your service and dedication to Post 318. For God & Country,
John Hayes, Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

<p>March 2024 Moose Horan by Lee Caldwell</p> <p>June 2024 Richard Moore by Sheryl Moore</p> <p>September 2024 Larry Heimer, Sr by Fran & Lou Romano</p> <p>Dan Knorrston, Past President by Post 318</p> <p>November 2024 Patti Straub by Fran Romano</p>	<p>January 2025 Roy Brewer by Nancy Brewer</p> <p>Robert Martinelli by Dori Anne DeMille</p> <p>June 2025 Donald Erb, POW-WWII by Val & Teresa Macor</p> <p>September 2025 Larry Heimer by Post 318 Riders</p> <p>January 2026 Duane G Lang by Alice Lang</p>	<p>July 2026 Ed Patterson & Rick Fox by Karen Fox-Patterson</p> <p>December 2026 Ed Black & Steve Wisor by S.A.L. Post 318</p> <p>Arnold Thompson by Toni Thompson</p> <p>Frank Howard by Post 318 Honor Guard</p> <p>March 2027 Daryl Bowie by Lee Caldwell</p> <p>Burton T McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney</p>	<p>July 2027 Kathleen Fryatt by Richard Fryatt</p> <p>Thomas P Vaughan by Kathryn Vaughan</p> <p>June 2029 Jim Caldwell by Lee Caldwell</p> <p>January 2030 Fred Thompson by Bob Day, Jim Mooney, & Jim Wornick</p> <p>August 2031 Bob Nittinger by Bob Day, Fred Thompson, Jim Mooney, & Jim Wornick</p>
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~ The name of a loved one or friend can be added to the "In Memory Of" for only \$15.00 a year ~

First Vice Commander Report

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and returned safe, sound and very little traffic problems. Now that the holidays are over and the snowbirds are back, it is time to make sure you have renewed your membership for 2024. If you have any doubt about your renewal, call 772-281-7386 we will get back to you as soon as possible. Remember if you have renewed online and you have not received your card let us know. Because of the cost of mailing the cards out, I have been leaving them at the post, you can pick them up there. Anyone living outside the area and wants it mailed to them, we will accommodate them. Make sure we have the correct address and zip code.

At this time we have reached only 75% of our members have renewed, so please renew now. (short about 300) If you know any Veteran, ask them to join. They need to bring a copy of their DD 214 (honorable discharge) and a check for \$45.00. This also includes anyone who transfers into the post. All active duty personnel must show copy of I.D. card and no charge. REMEMBER one member only one guest and please do not argue with the door person. The SAL children's Christmas party was enjoyed by all who were there.

For God and Country,
Martin Motherway, First Vice Commander
772-281-7386
318member@gmail.com

Second Vice Commander Report

We are offering **Daily Lunches** from 11:30am to 3 and **Sunday Breakfast** from 8:30 to 11am.

January 1st "New Years Day Buffet" 1 - 3 (See Ad)

January 20th "Steak Night" 5 - 8 See Ad)

Every Monday: "Show Me the Money" at 6.

Every Tuesday: "Taco Tuesday" from 11:30- 3 "Happy Hour" Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Specials - 5:30 - 8

Every Wednesday: "Karaoke" with Jimbo from 6 -10

Every Thursday: "Ace of Hearts" - 7, "Trivia" - 7:30

Every Friday: Music & Dancing, 6 - 10

Every Saturday: Music & Dancing, 6 -10

Alan Quinn, 2nd Vice Commander

Service Officer's report for Jan is as follows, to note Service Officers hours are 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday. Please bring dd214s if needing assistance.

Facts you may want to know:

Veterans set to see cost-of-living increase to their benefits.

Lunch Bunch - Come join a few senior Vets for a friendly luncheon, Fridays at 1pm. Call Richard at 867-6298

Veterans Crisis Line – Call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1; text 838255, or visit online at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

Rider's Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

I would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support for our Salvation Army Angel Tree program. I made ten trips to their facility to drop off the donated gifts. Lots of bikes, skateboards, sporting equipment and dolls. I'm certain that a lot of underprivileged children were happy this year.

On December 10 the Riders rode in the 17th annual PAL Toy Run through the county. The weather was beautiful. We had nine bikes and thirteen riders as well as an estimated 500 plus bikes for the 75 mile ride. We each pay \$10 to support PAL and bring a toy to donate.

On December 16 we escorted Santa to the SAL Children's Party at the Post. The weather wasn't the best but it's such a fun time for the children.

On December 17 we escorted Santa to the Moose 513 in Port St. Lucie. Another great time watching the children when they see Santa.

Please check out our Facebook page to follow our activities. American Legion Riders, Port St. Lucie Florida Chapter 318.

For the Cause, Not the Applause
John Fiorelli

Hello post 318,

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We had our annual children's Christmas party last month and what a day it was. Santa and the Grinch stole the show and the children were so amazed to see them. Dallas and Jim make a great pair thanks guys. The look on the children's faces was priceless. I would like to thank Harold for putting the bikes together and the all the volunteers who help make this special day happen. You are all awesome. Special thanks to Fran and the kitchen staff for preparing the food, Roma bakery for donating the pizzas and a special thanks to all the ladies who made awesome desserts.

A special shout out to my wife Brenda for doing this for over 20 years. You are amazing. Thanks to Jimbo for playing music and thanks to Jesse for singing Christmas carols with the children. You guys are great.

We will be having our lasagna dinner Wednesday January 10th 5-7 pm \$10.00.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8th 5 pm. Memberships are now overdue. If you have not renewed you will lose you canteen privileges. Dues are \$35 and can be left at the post with the bartender and Jim will process them immediately.

God Bless America

Andy Saffioti.SAL Commander



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As we begin 2024, remember this: "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11)

I'd like to wish all our Auxiliary members both near and far, A very happy and Blessed New Year.

Please remember to let me know of any sick auxiliary members or members that are in nursing homes. I will be happy to call them, to pray with them or just listen. I also send out cards, A smile goes a long way! Also if you know of any deceased Auxiliary members, please let me know, in order for me to contact a family member, so I can get a tag ordered for wall of remembrance,

I regret to inform our members that Barbara Gonder and Marcia Richling have entered POST EVERLASTING, may Our Lord be with their families during this difficult time!

For God and Country,
Karen Fox-Patterson,
Auxiliary Chaplain
772-418-1515

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year to all!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2024 now is the time, only \$40.00. You will be denied access to the legion if you don't have a 2024 membership card.

We start selling our Progressive 50/50 Raffle tickets January 1st, \$5.00 per ticket, drawing will be on March 17th St. Patrick's Day. See an auxiliary member for tickets.

January 20th we are having and ABC school (Auxiliary Basic Concepts). Registration is 9:00 am. meeting starts 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm., lunch is \$5.00. A great way to learn more about the auxiliary. Feb. 10th is our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. Seating will be limited to 120 in the dining room. More details to follow. Our next meeting is Feb. 17th, 10:30 am.

For God and Country,
Sue Pfohl, President, 708-369-5446

Post 318 New Year's Day Buffet

1 - 3 \$15.00

Roast Pork, Fried Chicken, Sauerkraut, Applesauce,
and Dessert

Entertainment by Big T 2 - 6

Tickets Sold at the Door on the Day of Event

American Legion Post 318

Steak Night

Saturday, January 20th 5 - 8 \$20.00

16 oz T-Bone Steak, Baked Potato,
Veggies, Salad, & Dessert

Random Play 6 - 10

Get Your Limited Tickets From the Bartender



AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 DUES RENEWAL 2024

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March 2024
Lee Caldwell

June 2024
10-13 Club

September 2024
Fred Thompson

November 2024
Jewish War Veterans

June 2025
Val & Teresa Macor

The Honor Guard is looking for new members to join the team.

We are continuously looking for new members to join our team. We do not require past experience and we welcome Veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces. We will provide the training, if you can provide the heart and dedication to volunteer your time. If you are a Veteran and a member of the Post 318 American Legion, you've met the most basic requirements.

If you are interested in learning more about the Honor Guard, or if you are interested in joining the team, please email:

Post318honorguard@gmail.com

or contact John Holschuh

772-281-7507



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JANUARY 1ST NEW YEARS DAY BUFFET (SEE AD) Show Me the Money - Canceled	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Baked Ham - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	4 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 -8 Open Faced Roast Beef - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Alita & the Boyz 6:30 - 10	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Riders Meeting - 9:30am Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Piccata -\$10.00 and Open Menu Driftwoods 6 - 10
7 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30- 5 Football Special Menu Football	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 House Committee - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu SAL Meeting - 5 Show Me the Money - 6	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 5 - 7 Lasagna - \$10.00 Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	11 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 -8 Chicken Marsala \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Marine Corp League Auxiliary Meeting - 9am Fish Fry 4 - 8 Radio Days 6:00 - 10	13 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion E Board - 9am Legion Reg Meeting - 10:30am Dinner 4 - 8 Clams over Spaghetti - \$11.00 and Open Menu Terri Hines 6 - 10
14 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Football Special Menu Football	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Marine Corp League - 7	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Parnasan - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	18 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Swedish Meatballs over Noodles - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Permanent Affair 6 - 10	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary E-Board-Canceled Regular Meeting - Canceled Auxiliary ABC School 9-2 Dinner 4 - 8 Steak Night (See Ad) and Open Menu Random Play 6 - 10
21 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Football Special Menu Football	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Meatloaf - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Country Fried Steak - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 The Kick 6 - 10	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 4 - 8 Salisbury Steak - \$10.00 and Open Menu Radio Days 6 - 10
28 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30-5 Football Special Menu Football	29 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion Membership 12-4 Kitchen Open 5:00-8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 10 - 13 Club - 7:30	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1-4 Dinner 4 - 8 Liver & Onions - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6			