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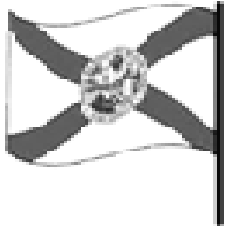
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Commander's Message

At our April membership meeting for the Executive Board, positions were finalized for those individuals who are seeking election to the Executive Board for the upcoming 2026 - 2027 term.

Commander: Paul Furtado (unopposed)
1st Vice Commander: Martin Motherway (unopposed)
2nd Vice Commander: Kenny Diehl (unopposed)
Finance Officer: Larry Hannon (unopposed)
Chaplain: Tom Kennelly (unopposed)
Historian: Joe Wilson (unopposed)
Sgt-at-arms: Hirsch Hirschler (unopposed)

Executive Board Members - select three
Lou Romano, Richard Pryor, Anthony Rivera, Betsy McClusky, John Cross

Nominee's running unopposed were ratified for election at the April Membership meeting.

Election for the Executive Board members will be held May 8th between the hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm at Post 318.

May will be a busy month with all our activities. May 2nd is our Kentucky Derby Day followed with the Auxiliary Golf Tournament May 17th, Memorial Day BBQ on May 24th and the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25th at 1:00 pm.

This month I would like to recognize **Tess Dorie** as the May "**Member of the Month**". Tess is part of our Post 318 Service Officer Team, helping our Veterans needing assistance on a daily basis. Thank you Tess for a job well done.
For God and Country,
Paul Furtado, Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

July 2026
Ed Patterson & Rick Fox
by
Karen Fox-Patterson

Joe Lutton
by
Post 318 Honor Guard

December 2026
Ed Black & Steve Wisor
by
S.A.L. Post 318

March 2027
Lt John Manzi
by
Nancy Bailes

March 2027
Daryl Bowie
by
Lee Caldwell

Burton T McInerney
by
Rose Mary McInerney

July 2027
Kathleen Fryatt
by
Richard Fryatt

Thomas P Vaughan
by
Kathryn Vaughan

April 2028
Barbara Gonder
by
Bill Gonder

June 2029
Jim Caldwell
by
Lee Caldwell

November 2029
Jim Wornick
by
Bob Day
& Jim Mooney

January 2030
Fred Thompson
by
Bob Day, Jim Mooney, &
Jim Wornick

May 2030
Elizabeth Betty DeLuca
by
Rosariosal DeLuca

August 2031
Bob Nittinger
by
Bob Day,
Fred Thompson, Jim
Mooney, & Jim Wornick

December 2031
Arnie Thompson
by
Toni Thompson

~ 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

It is time to start thinking about renewal for 2027 starting JULY 1, 2026. Be an EARLY BIRD for this. Because members have a problem when paying cash, we ask that you pay by check, money order or credit card. If you want to pay on-line, please let us know when you do so we can have your card available for you. For those who want their card sent to them, you must let us know. All cards will be at the post for pick up.

Summer will be here and vacation time with family and friends please do not DRINK & DRIVE.

By this time we would have reach our 100 for the year 2026. I thank all the members for their help in reaching this goal, it could never be accomplish without you. Anyone having problems with renewing call 772-281-7386. Make sure you leave a message with your name, phone number if there is no answer. For GOD and Country
Martin Motherway, First Vice
Phone 772-281-7386 or 516-695-4867

Fellow 318 Auxiliary members,

Our annual Dept. and District 12 presidents visited with our WW11 and Korean Veterans who come to our post every Friday for lunch. A song was sang by our veterans to welcome us all. Our 'Women in Service' of which we have 88 at Post 318 was on display. Theresa Raddick auxiliary member/ volunteers weekly to purchase and serve desserts after their lunch. Names of all these veterans was read.

May is election of new officers month. Please attend our meeting on Saturday, May 16 to vote. Positions are open please contact our nomination committee chair ASAP, Lucy Hinell

772-342-4917 or email : lucyhinell@aol.com

GOLF TOURNAMENT: plans are in full swing. To have another great success we need our members to donate or get gift certificates from local businesses or donate bottles of cheer for our golfers raffle gifting. Our golf tournament is always filled and your prizes are much needed.

Memorial Day on May 25 will also have a "Flagging of the Garden" as it was well received last year. Please contact Sue Manzo with your names and token donation at 724-747-2716.

SEE POSTERS

Our June meeting will be the 3rd Saturday of the month. On June 20 at 10:30 am. We will be voting on next years budget.

No bake sale for the summer months.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Jeannette Roslie Aux. President Unit 318
904-885-9536

Second Vice Commander Report

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

May 2nd "Kentucky Derby Day" (See Ad)

May 17th "Aux Golf Tournament" (See Ad)

May 24th "Memorial Day BBQ" (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 - 6

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

Every Friday: Music & Dancing, 6 - 10

Every Saturday: Music & Dancing, 6 -10

Kenny Diehl, 2nd Vice Commander

Hello Post 318. Well, the spring weather has been great for riding. The 318 Riders had a busy month riding in poker runs and attending Veteran and Law enforcement events throughout the county. The highlight being our escort of two buses of Veterans to PBIA for their flight to Washington DC to view the military monuments. We also attended a Gold Star Family ceremony at Veterans Park on a beautiful morning. If you've never been to the park you should take a short ride to see it and look at the monuments. It's located on Veterans Parkway.

The American Legion 12th District picnic at Post 81 in Melbourne was a really fun time with good food and music to benefit Boys and Girls State. We also rode in Post 394 poker run to support Project Vet relief.

The Riders are currently having a fundraiser for Veterans and those in our community who are in need. We are raffling off a \$500 Walmart gift card and two \$50 Walmart cards. This goes from April through June and the winners will be picked at the July 4 BB at the Post. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. The winner need not be present. Please see a bartender for tickets. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Rider Hoe Down was a huge success. There was great food. We served 157 dinners. The Sax Man band had people on the dance floor all night dancing it up. Post 318 member Rodney was the winner of the Wheelbarrow of Cheer and the winning share of the 50/50 was \$375. I'd like to thank all the 318 members who supported our effort. All proceeds go to help veterans and members of our community in need.

Be on the lookout. The Riders have a new set of **Challenge Coins**, coming sometime between mid April and May. They are beautiful. The front shows the units in the Legion family and the back is a celebration of the 250th anniversary of our great country. They will be selling for \$10 each. Stay safe and healthy.
For the Cause, Not the Applause
John Fiorelli



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Hello post 318,

Hope everyone is doing OK. We had a great turnout at our meeting in April. I would like to thank all who attended. I would also like to give a special thanks to all the officers who kept their positions for the following year. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to have another successful year for our post and our veterans and youth programs. There will be no meeting in May and no lasagna dinner in May. Check the newsletter and calendar for upcoming events.

Andy Saffioti. SAL Commander

Service Officer's report for Apr is as follows, we assisted 7 Vets, Auxiliary 3, 2 Spouses requiring assistance for benefits and SOLs 4 with membership and benefit issues. Service Officers' hours are 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday. Please bring DD-214, if you require assistance.

Facts you may want to know:

Veteran benefits aren't just a nice perk -- they are something you earned through service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, Air Force or Coast Guard. But knowing what your benefits are and how to use them isn't a simple task. Where do you find them? How do you sign up? What are your veteran state benefits? How do you access your benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs? How do you use your VA loan or GI Bill?

Use Military.com veteran benefits resources to learn about all of the benefits of military service. Everyone knows about the federal benefits available to veterans, but did you know many states also offer great benefits to their veterans? State benefits range from free college and employment resources to free hunting and fishing licenses. Most states also offer tax breaks for their veterans and specialized license plates, and some states even provide their veterans with cash bonuses just for serving in the military.

We have compiled a handy summary of the benefits each state and territory offers. Each summary page also has a link directly to the specific State Department of Veterans Affairs, so be sure to check it out. There may be a benefit available to you or your family that you didn't know about! Information for individual states is updated as it becomes available.

Your Service Officers,
Gregory "Gman" Cavin 772 337-5670 & Richard Pryor 772 867-6298

Welcome to my Chaplains corner and to post 318 members. Money can't buy it. Science can't duplicate it. People can't live without it. But, in one brief, simple gesture, many of the members of our American Legion Post, SAL Squadron, and Auxiliary Unit can join with others who are able to give life's most important asset, a pint of blood. I do not take this job lightly, I'm sorry to sound disappointed but this drive was well advertised. Our quartermaster even offered free swag to anyone who gave, these items are not cheap. We have over 5,000 members, to only have 13 members give blood, that is an embarrassment to our post, let's do better this fall and make us proud to be post 318. Also I'm being asked to do the invocation and Benediction on Memorial Day May 26 at Veterans Park. For God and Country, Tom Kennelly, Post Chaplain 772-678-1867

American Legion Post 318 Presents



Kentucky Derby Day

Saturday, May 2nd 2:00

Legion Horse Racing Games 3 - 5
Prize for Best Hat After the Race!

Post 318 Auxiliary Annual Golf Tournament

May 17th 8:00 am

Shotgun Start at Gator Trace

Entry Fee \$80.00 pp

All Proceeds Help Our Veteran's and Youth Programs

See Aux Board Member for Details



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March 2029
Lee Caldwell

American Legion Post 318 Presents



Memorial Day BBQ

Sunday, May 24th 1 - 3 \$12.00



Entertainment by Big T

Menu Includes:

Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Breaded Drumettes,
Baked Beans, Potato Salad, & Dessert

Get your Tickets at the Door On the Day of Event

Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 25th

1:00 at the Post Memorial Garden

American Legion Post 318 Riders

Progressive Raffle

Drawing on Saturday, July 4th

Need not be present to win

Tickets are \$10. for 3 or \$5. each

Tickets available at the Bar or

See Fran, Lou, or John



3 Prizes

1st Drawing - \$500 Walmart Gift Card

2nd Drawing - \$50. Walmart Gift Card

3rd Drawing - \$50. Walmart Gift Card

All proceeds go to Riders Programs



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers</p> <p>Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5</p> <p>Line Dancing 1 - 3</p> <p>Baseball, Hockey & NASCAR</p>					<p>1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8</p> <p>Fish Fry 4 - 8</p> <p>Big T 6 - 10</p>	<p>2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Riders Meeting - 9:30am</p> <p>Kentucky Derby Day (See Ad)</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Shepard's Pie - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Driftwoods 6 -10</p>
<p>3 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers</p> <p>Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5</p> <p>Baseball, Hockey & NASCAR</p>	<p>4 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion Membership 11-4 House Committee - 4</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5 - 8 Limited Menu</p> <p>Show Me the Money - 6</p>	<p>5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4</p> <p>Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 4:30 - 8</p> <p>Marine Corp League - 7</p>	<p>6 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Auxiliary Membership 11-2</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Beef Burgundy - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p>	<p>7 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 11-4</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Stir Fry Chicken or Shrimp - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p>	<p>8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8</p> <p>Post Elections 11 - 6</p> <p>Fish Fry 4 - 8</p> <p>Radio Days 6 - 10</p>	<p>9 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion E Board - 9am Regular Meeting - 10:30am</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Open Faced Turkey - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Terri Hines - 6 - 10</p>
<p>10 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers</p> <p>Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5</p> <p>Baseball, Hockey & NASCAR</p>	<p>11 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion Membership 11- 4</p> <p>SAL Meeting - 4:30</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5 - 8 Limited Menu</p> <p>Show Me the Money - 6</p>	<p>12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4</p> <p>Tacos, Wings, Beer 7 Margarita Special 4:30 - 8</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting - 6</p>	<p>13 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Auxiliary Membership 11-2</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Pasta Bolognese - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p>	<p>14 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 11-4</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Wiener Schnitzel - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p>	<p>15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8</p> <p>Fish Fry 4 - 8</p> <p>The Latitudes 6 - 10</p>	<p>16 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Aux E-Board - 9:30am Aux Reg Meeting -10:30am</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Creamy Lemon Herb Chicken - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Big T 6 - 10</p>
<p>17 Breakfast 8:30 - 11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers</p> <p>Aux Golf Tournament (See Ad)</p> <p>Kitchen Open 12:30-5</p> <p>Baseball, Hockey & NASCAR</p>	<p>18 Kitchen Open 11:30-3</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5 - 8 Limited Menu</p> <p>Show Me the Money - 6</p>	<p>19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4</p> <p>Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 4:30 - 8</p>	<p>20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary Membership 11-2</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Sausage Gnochi - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p>	<p>21 Kitchen Open 11:30-8</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Pork Milanese - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p>	<p>22 Kitchen Open 11:30-8</p> <p>Fish Fry 4 - 8</p> <p>The Kick 6 - 10</p>	<p>23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Open Faced Roast Beef - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Radio Days 6 - 10</p>
<p>24 NO Breakfast Kitchen Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day BBQ (See Ad)</p> <p>Baseball, Hockey & NASCAR</p>	<p>25 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion Membership 11- 4</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5 - 8 Limited Menu</p> <p>Show Me the Money - 6</p>	<p>26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4</p> <p>Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 4:30 - 8</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting - 6 10-13 Club - 7:30</p>	<p>27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary Membership 11 - 2</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p>	<p>28 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 11 - 4</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Smothered Chicken - \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p>	<p>& Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8</p> <p>Fish Fry 4 - 8</p> <p>Terri Hines 6 - 10</p>	<p>30 Kitchen Open 11:30-8</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 8 Mediterranean Chicken- \$12.00 and Open Menu</p> <p>Brooks Reid Band 6 - 10</p>