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Commander's Message

Hello Legion Family! First, I would like to thank all Members who participated in our 100 Centennial Celebration of the American Legion at the Post on April 28th. When you look back at the History of the American Legion you will find all of the legislations proposed to Congress to benefit U.S. Military Veterans over the years. The G.I. Bill which in 1944 was passed has helped thousands of service people receive their College Education is just one of many programs the American Legion has founded. The American Legion continues to lobby on behalf of Veterans and Service Members to increase Benefits and Pensions for Veterans.

This past Month at our Monthly Membership Meeting we announced those individuals who are running for office for this upcoming year. We had the first reading from the floor in April. We will have the last reading and will be accepting nominations from the floor at our May meeting. At that point nominations will be closed and the elections for Officers will be held on June 7th. Please try to attend the next meeting to show support for those wanting to run for Office.

I am proud to say that we hit our 100% goal for Membership in April. I want to personally thank Martin Motherway for his hard work this year with making sure our Membership renewals were successful. It's not a very easy job processing over 1500 Membership Cards for our Legionnaires. Thank you Martin for a job well done.

I want to thank Ralph and Judy Martinez for their very successful "Annual Old Timer's Softball Game" which was held in April. Each year they both put in so many hours for this event to raise money's for our Post 318 Baseball Team and other Post programs for Veterans. If you see Ralph or Judy tell them thank you and a job well done.

The House Committee has planned numerous activities for the month of May. Please try attending a couple of them as they work very hard in making sure our activities are successful.

This month I would like to make Patti Straub our "Member of the Month" for May. For so many years Patty continues to bake so many cookies and cakes for all of our meals at the Post. She tirelessly puts in many hours making delicious deserts for our Post. I want to thank you Patty for all that you do for Post 318.

Daryl Bowie, Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

June 2019

Ken Baker by Kay & Bonnie Baker

August 2019

Mary McLaughlin by Thomas Jr & Nicole Kearn

November 2019

Andrew Schmeer by His Loving Family

December 2019

Donald Lee Holley by Josie & Gene Nagele
James F. Hammond by Barbara J. Hammond

January 2020

Al Nalbandian by Shirley Nalbandian

June 2020

Donald Erb, POW-WWII by Val & Teresa Macor

December 2020

Geraldine Malaband by Philip DelToro
Burton T. McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney

March 2021

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

August 2021

Bill Yeager by Capt. Sal Bagnara of the Viking Princess

March 2024

Moose Horan by Lee Caldwell

October 2026

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



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For God and Country

Martin Motherway, 1st Vice Commander

~ The name of a loved one or friend can be added to the "In Memory Of" for only \$15.00 a year ~

1st Vice Report

We have finally made our 100% membership for 2018/2019 and I would like to thank all the members who help get us there. As of this writing we have increased the membership to 1,540. I am now up dating my roster for 2020 membership which will start July 1, 2019.

For all our snowbirds returning north have a safe trip home and remember when you renew make sure you give us any changes in your status. The members who live locally please notify us any changes you make as well. Members who pay on line make sure we have your correct address, phone number and e-mail address.

If there is any questions on your membership please fell free to call Mon--Fri 0900--1600, if no answer please leave a message and I will call you as soon as possible.

Martin Motherway, First Vice Commander
772-237-2476

2nd Vice Report

Check your calendars for the following highlights and activities.

"Show me the Money" every Monday evenings from 6 to 8 PM.

"Karaoke" every Wednesday evenings, starting at 6 PM.

May 4: "DERBY DAY" Saturday afternoon Horse Racing Game at the Post. Kitchen with open menu.

May 12: "MOTHER'S DAY" Breakfast specials!

May 19: "LADIE'S AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT"

May 26: NO BREAKFAST TODAY DUE TO OUR "MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY" starting at 12 noon, followed by a picnic buffet from 1 to 3 PM. for \$10.00 per person. Music for your entertainment from 2 to 6 PM with "BIG T".

Roger Royer, 2nd Vice Commander

Chaplain Report

To my Fellow Legionnaires I have some good news. We have had Members who have been sick for a while and it's good to see them back. It is always nice to see Tom Tom and Steve Boulet around the Post again. I was happy to see to see Ralph Martinez at the ball game with his lovely wife Judy.

I am sorry to report Dan Calip who is in ICU. Please reach out to Dan if you know him. This month we had several fellow Legionnaires complete their tour of duty and have passed on. RICHARD LUSIGNAN, STANLEY SWOZEN, THOMAS MAXWELL, ELWOOD L BELT, AND JOHN SANTELLA.

May God Bless and keep you till we meet again.

Walter West, Chaplain

Service Officer Report

FROM Stars and Stripes, January 29, 2019: A federal court ruled Tuesday that Vietnam veterans who served on ships offshore during the war are eligible for benefits to treat illnesses linked to exposure to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange -- a decision that has the potential to extend help to thousands of veterans.

The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 9-2 in favor of Alfred Procopio, Jr., 73, who served on the USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War. Procopio is one of tens of thousands of "Blue Water" Navy veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers and other ships and were deemed ineligible for the same disability benefits as those veterans who served on the ground and inland waterways.

The decision comes one decade after the Department of Veterans Affairs denied Procopio's disability claims for diabetes and prostate cancer. The court's ruling reverses a previous decision from the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, which upheld the denial because Procopio couldn't show direct exposure to Agent Orange.

"Mr. Procopio is entitled to a presumption of service connection for his prostate cancer and diabetes mellitus," the decision issued Tuesday states. "Accordingly, we reverse."

The Department of Veterans Affairs will not appeal a January court ruling that ordered it to provide health care and disability benefits for 90,000 veterans who served on Navy ships during the Vietnam War, likely paving the way for "Blue Water Navy" sailors and Marines to receive Agent Orange-related compensation and VA-paid health care benefits.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday that he will recommend the Justice Department not fight the decision, handing a victory to ill former service members who fought for years to have their diseases recognized as related to exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

The saga continues...

Matt Dunleavy, Post 318 Service Officer

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies,

Happy Mother's Day to all. This month are our elections for 2019-2020. Please come and vote at our May meeting on Saturday the 18th at 10:30. May 19th is our Annual Golf Tournament at Gator Trace Golf Course. We still need hole sponsors and donations (monetary and gift certificates). All proceeds go to our veterans programs and children and youth. See or call Brenda Saffioti (772-486-2905). Thanking you in advance for your help.

Yours in Service

Sue Pfohl, Auxiliary President



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Auxiliary Chaplain

Looks like most of our snowbirds have headed home or will be shortly. We'd like to wish them a happy and healthy summer and a safe return back to us in the fall.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to place a hedge of protection around all members of Post 318 who are sick and need your prayers at this time, not just our Auxiliary, but also our Sons, Legion Riders and Legionnaires. We ask you this in your Son's Precious and Holy Name, Amen.

Please remember to call me if you know of anyone in the Auxiliary that may need a card or a call. A smile goes a long way. Also please don't forget to let me know if any of our members are in the hospital and would like a visit. Please inform me if any member has passed away.

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

Rider's Report

The Riders had a pretty busy April. Thanks to the St. Lucie Elks Lodge #2823 we were able to donate 100+ "Blessing Bags" to be distributed to homeless veterans as well as others in the community who are in need. The bags are filled with snacks, water, socks, toiletries etc.

On a sad note, we rode to the services of a friend of some Riders who was killed in a head on crash while on her motorcycle. It was a sad day for us. While out and about in your cars please be aware of motorcycles and look twice. We are out there on the roads.

On April 13 we had the honor of escorting a bus with WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans from Stuart to PBIA for their trip to Washington DC. It was a beautiful ride even though we left Post 318 at 3:00AM. At PBIA the Riders presented a \$1000 donation to Southeast Honor Flight.

For our second quarter fund raiser we are raffling off a 7 cubic foot freezer and a \$500 Visa gift card. The winner gets both. Tickets are one for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be on July 4th at the Legion BBQ. Please support our efforts so that we may continue to help those in need. See your bartender for tickets.

Starting in May we will be serving Chicken Parmigiana or Chicken Francaise at our monthly dinner. It is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Please come to the Post, enjoy a great meal, good music and continue to help us help the less fortunate. Thank you.

John Fiorelli, Rider Director

WAITRESSES WANTED

Serving and Greeting Customers
Provide detailed information from Menu's
Ability to work in a fast-Paced environment
Hours are flexible and applicant must be available during day, evenings, weekends.

Call Shannon 814-528-2404

Election Timetable

Saturday, May 11 Floor nominations will again be accepted

Post elections will be Friday, June 10 12 - 7 PM

Saturday, June 11 Post meeting and certified Election results

All Legionnaires in good standing can run for any office; and also please come out and vote. We have a great Post and members' contributions is what makes it great.

Mothers Day Breakfast

Creamed Cheese Stuffed French Toast with Blueberry & Banana Glaze - \$6.00
Regular Menu

Free Mimosa & Carnation to the ladies with breakfast purchase
8:30 - 11 AM

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year

Newsletter Boosters

May 2019

10-13 Club

November 2019

Frederick Thompson
The Andrew Schmeer
Foundation

November 2020

Nancy Hughes

March 2024

Lee Caldwell

June 2019

Kay & Bonnie Baker

February 2022

Robert Seip
Hot Diggity Dogs & More

February 2022

Dallas Black

November 2024

Jewish War Veterans

August 2019

David A. Laponas

June 2020

Val & Teresa Macor

Memorial Day Picnic & Remembrance Ceremony



To honor those who paid the ultimate price to defend our freedom

Sunday, May 26, 1 - 3 PM

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken
Potato Salad & Cole Slaw, Dessert \$10.00

Big T 2 - 6 PM



Annual American Legion Auxiliary 318 Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 19 8 AM Shotgun start at Gator Trace
Entry Fee \$60.00 pp

All proceeds go to help our Veterans and Youth Programs
For more information call or stop by our Post 772-878-0655

Or call Maddy 772-807-1105 or Brenda 772-486-2905



American Legion Post 318



**Come Join us for our Kentucky Derby Day
May 4th at 3 PM**


**Prize for Best Hat
Place your bets on the Legion Horse Racing Games**

**Derby Day Specials
Meatball Sub - \$4.00
12 Wings - \$8.00
BBQ Pork Sandwich - \$6.00**



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events ~ May 2019



SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL	 MEMORIAL DAY		1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM BBQ Ribs or Chicken - \$9.00 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 5 - 8 PM Alita & the Boys 7:30 - 11 PM	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Riders - 9:30 AM Kentucky Derby Baked Ham - \$8.00 And Open Menu Jimbo 7 - 11 PM
5 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu Show Me The Money 6 PM Marine Corp League - 7 PM	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No Service Officer House Committee 3:30 PM	8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Home made Lasagna - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Run Aways 7 - 11 PM	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion E-Board - 9 AM General Meeting - 10:30 AM Seafood Fra Diavolo over Spaghetti - \$10.00 And Open Menu Rapture 7 - 11 PM
12 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Mother's Day Breakfast Special	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu Show Me The Money 6 PM S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 No Service Officer Honor Guard - 6 PM	15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Meatloaf - \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Santiago 7 - 11 PM	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Auxiliary E-Board - 9:30 AM Regular Meeting - 10:30 AM Auxiliary Elections Chicken Cordon Bleu And Open Menu Al Jones 7 - 11 PM
19 Breakfast 8:30 - 11 AM 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 11:30AM - 5 PM Auxiliary Golf Tournament	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu Show Me The Money 6 PM	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- 4 PM Sub Vet Meeting - 7 PM	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Chicken Parmigiana or Chicken Francaise \$9.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Montana Heatwave 7 - 11 PM	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM MCL Auxiliary - 11 AM Spaghetti w/Meatballs & Sauge \$8.00 and Open Menu Driftwoods 7 - 11 PM
26 NO BREAKFAST Kitchen Closed 9 - Noon \$2 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Ceremony at 12 Noon Memorial Day Picnic Buffet 1 - 3 PM \$10.00pp Music by Big T 2 - 6 PM	27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Kitchen Open 5:30-8 Limited Menu No Show Me The Money Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park Memorial 11 AM	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1- 4 PM Honor Guard - 6 PM	29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 PM Liver,Bacon & Onions or Stuffed Peppers - \$8.00 Karaoke by Jimbo 6:30 PM	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Ace of Hearts - 7 PM Trivia - 7:30 - 9:30	31 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 5 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Radio Guys 7 - 11 PM	June 1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 PM Legion Riders - 9:30 AM And Open Menu Music by Jimbo 7 - 11 PM