



The Post Messenger

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Commander's Message

I am going to devote most of this month's letter to something I feel very strongly about. You are all aware of a group of volunteers efforts to secure property and build a new Post. Recently we had a fantastic opportunity to raise monies to help in this endeavor. Through the efforts of Tommy Bowes the St. Lucie Mets sponsored a fund raiser to benefit Post 318. For every ticket sold for \$20 they were giving back \$10 to our Post. Do the math. 1200 members @ \$20 each would have netted us \$12,000. Even a 50% support would have netted us \$6,000. We sold 50 tickets. Most of these were purchased by the Legion Riders and the Honor Guard and a select few other Post members. I'm having a hard time justifying the signing of a contract with your lack of support. I tried to think of ways to sugar-coat this. But it is what it is. If we proceed you will need to step up and volunteer, donate and help us. The gentleman I have selected as the MEMBER of the MONTH is a guy that has been on the E-Board forever, served as 1st Vice, built our beautiful bar, volunteered at the golf tournament, and the beer bash. I salute you **BABE GARNEAU** Post 318 MEMBER of the MONTH.

Jim Burk, Post Commander

It's time to DART to the Legion League starts July 16 at 7pm. Come and have some fun on Thursdays. Open to all members and their guests. Only \$25 per player! Sign up sheet on bulletin board in back. Ten week Blind-Draw - 11th week party and playoff. ALL MONEY GOES TO PRIZES AND FOOD Dart League hosted by Bob & Sally. Questions? Call Sally @285-5019 Daryl's taking a break, but he'll be back.



Installation Of Officers Saturday, July 11 - Post 318

Installation: 2pm till 3/3:30pm.

Buffet: Served by 3:30/4pm.

Food prep: Larry

Room turnover after installation. Volunteers so all can enjoy lunch.

Menu: Chicken wings/nuggets, baked ham, sandwich board, potato salad. Food to be served with appropriate condiments.

Projected guests: 100 to 150.

Please note above subject to change.

Commanders Recognition & Appreciation Dinner

Sunday July 26 - Cocktails - 1pm, Buffet - 2pm

From the buffet: Sausage & peppers, penne pasta, potato, mashed with selected herbs, seasonal vegetables.

Carving station: Tender, juicy beef, tom turkey's breast roasted to perfection, baked Virginia honey ham, above accompanied by appropriate condiments and breads, three green salad (choice of three dressings).

Tickets pre sold at canteen at \$9 per person.

Music by Jimbo D. J. Plus - 1 to 5pm.

Up-Coming Events

Rider Poker Run in August

Labor Day Celebration - Sunday, September 6

NFL Sundays starting in September

Halloween Party - Saturday, October 31

See newsletter for details.

Auxiliary President Message

The start of summer is always filled with such promise!!! Linda Geraghty and I, along with Tammy DePace & Ruth Loudon were honored to present scholarships to Gina Palagonia & Lila Durkee last month, at local high schools. They are very deserving candidates and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. As you may know, we take a break from meetings for July & August. However, events go on... On July 4th, the most important holiday of the year, we will have a picnic at the Post. Please refer to the calendar and flyers at the Post for details! On July 11 we will be installing officers along with Post 358 at our Post at 2PM. There will be entertainment after the ceremony. On July 24 we will be hosting the Commander's Appreciation Dinner, where members of the year will be announced from each of the Post families. Please plan to attend these joyous events when very special members will be recognized. Who knows...it may be you! We have lots of good times planned for the 2009 - 2010 term and look forward to our 1st meeting in Sept. where we will hit the ground running. Please plan to attend the Sept. meeting with ideas to share with the group. Have a great summer and, as always, Call me if you need me...

Robin Burk, President @561-371-7240

Grasshopper walks into a bar. Bartender says 'Hey, did you know that there's a drink named after you?' Grasshopper says, "Why would the name a drink, 'Elmer?'"

Thought of the day: The most important word to any person is their name. Author: Dale Carnegie

Support Our Troops Program

Our program is still going strong!! We send military phone cards and PX cards to our troops at least 6 times a year. I have been asked lately "who is eligible for this? How do you get the names?" We send cards to local men and women and relatives of our members serving in areas of conflict. Please, members if you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, nephew or niece serving in the Military and stationed in an area of conflict, please get me their address. Their address must include their APO AE. You can leave it addressed to my attention at the Post or email it to supporttroops@americanlegion318fl.org. Thank you, Mary McLaughlin

Independence Day Facts

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired, once at morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner modern American would find quite familiar; an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white & blue bunting.

In 1778 General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams & Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris.

In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1931, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday. The residents of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated Independence Day for the first time since July 4, 1863, when the siege of Vicksburg ended with a Union victory during the American Civil War.



Ace Of Hearts Rules

1 ticket for \$1 or 8 for \$5 - Must be a member in good standing - **MUST PUT YOUR NAME ON THE TICKET EXACTLY AS ON YOUR CARD** - Drawing will be on every Monday at 7pm - If you get any ace but the ace of hearts then you get 10% of the pot - If you get a joker then you get 15% of the pot - If you get the ace of hearts then you get the total pot if present. 50% if not present in the Post for the drawing - Legion gets 20% of the weekly amount taken in - Tickets are sold every week - 3 tickets will be drawn every week, ticket #, ticket # & ticket # - 1st Ace of Hearts, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20 gas card - All winning tickets will be paid off in Legion Stars & Stripes Points. If the name is not exact or is illegible the ticket will be disqualified. A card will still be turned for that draw. If the turned card is an ace or other than the ace of hearts, or a joker, the winnings will not be paid and the stars & stripes points will roll to the next draw. If the turned card is the ace of hearts, the game will end, all stars & stripes points to date will roll to a new game.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Honor/Color Guard

We were proud and honored to present the Colors at the Mets Beer Bash along with the Riders who as always, were there in force. We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30. You are welcome to come join us and maybe see something you would like to be a part of. Many of us have been doing this for quite a while and even though not a one of us would give it up, it would be nice knowing there would be someone there to take over when we can't do it anymore.

John Aitken, Sergeant-At-Arms

Coupon Program

It may be summer but we are still going strong. We just have fewer volunteers. This past mailing we mailed \$20,404.04 in coupons. That brings our total for 5 mailings to \$69,702.59. A very big thank you to all the volunteers. Our meetings in July will be the 1st Tuesday July 7 and the third Monday, July 20. Thank you all for helping our effort to support our Troops. Mary McLaughlin

American Legion Auxiliary 4 Night All Inclusive Cruise

January 21, 2010

Thursday, January 21 - Departs Miami

Friday, January 22 - Key West

Saturday, January 23 - Cozumel

Sunday, January 24 - At Sea

Monday, January 25 - Arrives Back in Miami

Includes round trip bus, shipboard gratuities, wine and alcohol program.

Balcony - \$719/person (based on 2 per cabin)

Ocean View - \$639/person (based on 2 per cabin)

Inside - \$589/person (based on 2 per cabin)

\$25 per person deposit due by April 15

Additional \$225 per person by September 21

Final payment due by November 19

Cancel anytime for a full refund up to Nov. 19

To book your cabin please call Linda Geraghty at Vogue Vacations 772-344-6474.

Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting

Our sincere sympathy is extended to many family and friends of our departed comrades, who are now enjoying eternal peace.

Metcalf, Arthur G. - 5/12, Heller, Howard A. - 5/20

Need prayers for the following members:

John Aitken - Coy Sheffield - Otto Kahl

Edwin Hunter - Robert Mason - Verner Schmidt

Peter Braden - Ray Harrington - Dana Lambert

Joseph Skerby - Willard Yager - Andy Collins

Thought For The Day

Take control of your life, don't allow circumstances to control you.

If you know any member that is sick or in distress, PLEASE call John F. Hager, Post 318 Chaplain @879-7095.

Auxiliary Chaplain

Prayers go out for the following members:

Audrey Audette - Elizabeth Lawrence - Ann Hunter
Tessie Malvetti. May you get well soon.

If you know anyone that is sick, please call me at 879-7095. Thanks and God Bless All. Thank you. Mattie Kelly, Chaplain Unit 318.

Flag Disposal Ceremony

On Saturday, July 25 at 10am we will have a Flag Disposal Ceremony. Please come, watch, learn and appreciate what our Flag means to us and hopefully to all of you. The American Flag is the symbol of our country and deserves as much pomp and ceremony we can give it. This ceremony is how we thank it for doing a good job and sending it to its final rest.



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LUNCH SPECIALS

- Salad Platter Monday
- Taco Tuesday
- Chicken Parm Sandwich Wednesday
- Chef's Choice Thursday
- Fish Fry Friday \$6

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Legion	July 1	Roast Turkey
SAL	July 8	Lasagna
Aux.	July 15	South of the Border
Riders	July 22	Country Ribs
Legion	July 29	Stuffed Peppers
Legion	August 5	Pig Out Buffet*

*Ham, roast pork or spare ribs

REGULAR KITCHEN HOURS

Sunday	11am till 5pm
Monday	12 noon till 3pm
Tuesday	12 noon till 3pm
Wednesday	12 noon till 2pm
Wednesday Dinner	5pm till 7pm
Thursday	12 noon till 3pm
Friday	12 noon till 10pm

Welcome NASCAR Fans

Welcome to our Pit Stop, Post 318 Style
Sunday menu Specials

12 noon till 5pm

- Large Plain Juicy Hot Dog & Fries \$2.75
- Naked Wings Only 12 for \$7.00
- 24 Naked Wings & Pitcher of Beer \$16.00
- Meatball Sub & Fries \$3.50

...All Seats on the Start and Finish Line...

HALL RENTAL AT POST 318

Birthday? Wedding? Retirement? Promotion?
To celebrate all of the above or perhaps just a family get together call Larry @344-3136 or the Post at 772-878-0655.

LEGION MEETING SCHEDULE

- Regular Meet.....1st Saturday.....12PM
- Executive Board.....1st Saturday.....10AM
- House Committee.....2nd Thursday.....5:30PM
- Auxiliary Exec Board..3rd Saturday.....11AM
- Aux. Regular Meet.....3rd Saturday.....12PM
- SAL Meet.....2nd Monday.....7PM
- Legion Riders Meet....1st Friday.....7PM
- Color/Honor Guard...2nd & 4th Tuesday...6:30PM
- 10/13 Club Meet.....4th Wednesday.....7:30PM

Saturday, July 4

On that day we will have our regular E-Board and Legion Meeting. Because it is also Independence Day and we will be celebrating it. We urge as many of you as possible to come to the meeting and party after. Because of planned activities there will be no free lunch.



Steak Night - \$11.50

Surf & Turf - \$13.00

You now have a choice. With surf & turf you will get 3 shrimp with the same delicious steak you always get.

Always on the last Friday of the month 5:30 to 8PM.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Come play on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The 2009 - 2010 season continues on. Just ante up & flop in, or turn fourth street then the river. If you play your cards right you may have the NUTS. As you rake in the chips in, it's time to do it again with Community Cards. Do you want your name on the Plaque of Winners for the 2010 Tournament of Champions??? You must come & play to win. Open to all Legion members & their friends who have signed them in to play with them. This year there will be a FREE chance to reenter the game for all players. The final 3 players of each tournament will receive a payout & signed up for the Championship Game in 2010.



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July 2009	Bhirdo, R. W. & K. K. - Treasure Coast 10/13 Club	
Aug. 2009	Antonucci, Frank - Collins, Thomas - Howell, Edmund & Iris - Lehot, Edward - Rivera, Joe & Marilyn Soto, Richard - Stark, Robert & Diane - St. Pierre, Bill & Liz - West, Don & Vivian	
Sept. 2009	Pierson, Brian & Andrea - Vincent, Therese	
October 2009	Buko, Louis & Winifred - Deangelo, June - Fowler, Lee & Sarah - Turner, Al & Sue	
Nov. 2009	Ferreira, Joy & Lou - Lynch, Jack - Rau, Edwin & Marie - Stiehl, Bob	
Dec. 2009	Cliff & Dani - La Placa, Mary & Victor - McKenzie, George - Woodburn, Walt & Rita	
Jan. 2010	Boomer, Hugh & Bee - Cahill, Violet - Case, Bill - Van Sciver, George & Agnes Zeynik, Jeanette & Ray	
Feb. 2010	Magill, William & Jeanne - Stewart, Jo & Ken - Thompson, Frederick - Zikus, Bob	
March 2010	Germany, John & Betty - O'Neill, Kevin	
April 2010	Bonham, Theodore & Patricia - Christian, Ron - Dunning, Nancy - Hahn, Louis Jr - Smith, Carol Francesco & RJ	
May 2010	Baker, Kenneth & Kay - Collins, Lorraine & Andrew - Collins, Thomas - Jarvis, Hope - Milley, Don & Carol Sassarone, Carol - Trocki, Margaret	
June 2010	Askeland, John - Cafiso, Frank & Connie—Golden, John & Mary - Thompson, Arnie & Toni - Vaughan, Tom & Kathy	
August 2010	Benny, William & Helen	
Oct. 2010	Booth, Bob & Sally	
Nov 2010	Donovan, Dot	
Dec. 2010	Rice, John—McNally, James & Ann Marie	
March 2011	Horan, "Moose"	
April 2011	Foster, Leroy, Jerry & Lucita	
March 2012	West, Donald & Vivian	
March 2013	Caldwell, "Lee"	
May 2013	10 - 13 Club	
May 2014	Swisher, Dick	
March 2018	Air Force Major Joseph Lyons (Kabul, Afghanistan)	
Nov. 2024	Jewish War Veterans	

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Business cards\$12 per month or \$100 per year

\$15 per year.....IN MEMORY OF.....Paid thru month shown

Sharon Hornung.....By Bill "Moose" Horan.....9/09
 Neil L. Malvetti.....By Theresa Malvetti.....10/09
 Don Vincent.....By Therese Vincent.....10/09
 Jackie Miller.....By Hank Miller.....10/09
 Ken Chismar.....By Dot Kearns.....10/09
 John Kearns.....By Dot Kearns.....10/09
 Jane & Ben Martini Azzara....By Bob Azzara & Brothers...11/09
 Dan McKillop.....By Martha McKillop.....11/09
 John Michaels.....By McNally, J.& Ann Marie.12/09
 John J. Antop (Unk).....By Betty Swank.....12/09
 Joe "Viet Nam" Joe Chalkis...By Betty Swank.....12/09

Jackie Miller.....By Hank.....2/10
 James L. O'Neill.....By Kay & Family.....3/10
 Ken Christian.....By Ron Christian.....4/10
 Charlene Smith.....By RJ Smith & Carol Francesco Smith. 4/10
 Robert J. McCourt..By Carol Francesco Smith & RJ Smith.4/10
 Mary Golden.....By John Golden.....6/10
 Chuck Rice.....By Alberta Rice.....6/10
 John Kearns.....By Val Riccardi.....8/10
 Frank Donovan.....By Dee.....10/10
 John Herman.....By Sharon Herman.....7/10
 Sharon Hornung.....By Bill "Moose" Horan.....3/11
 Marion Swisher.....By Dick Swisher.....11/11
 John Kearns.....By Auxiliary Unit 318.....6/14
 Don Vincent.....By The Legion Riders.....7/15
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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 4, 2009

Honor Guard Cane Raffle - drawing at 4:30pm

1 for \$3.00 - 3 for \$5.00 - 8 for \$10.00

Proceeds will benefit "Honor Flights"

**Our goal is to select five WWII veterans from this Post to
visit their memorial in Washington, D. C.**



**2 canes donated by the Honor/Color Guard and 1 cane each by Legionnaires Tom
Belford and Marty Brechtelsbauer**

All canes carved by the St. Lucie County Woodcarvers Association

Be competitive and enter one of the 50/50 tournaments

Pool - Single Elimination - \$5 Entrance Fee Darts - Single Elimination - \$5 Entrance Fee

Horseshoes - \$5 Entrance Fee - Sign up sheet on Post bulletin board

Menu:

Juicy 318 Burger

Jumbo Hot Dogs

Home Style Potato Salad

Boston's Best Baked Beans

Baked Ham & Fried Chicken

Buffet Style starting at 1PM

The Dynamic Jimbo D. J. Plus

Music from 1 to 5PM

Tickets sold at Door. All for \$6.00