Hello Legion Family! First, I would like to remind all Legionnaires that our Annual Post Election is scheduled for June 5th. Poles open at 12:00 noon and close at 7:00 p.m. I encourage all members to come out and vote. It’s your Post and your votes do make a difference. The following day on June 6th we will be having our monthly Membership Meeting. The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. Please come out and see the results of the Election. Remember, as a member, you do have a voice on the direction Post 318 takes. By casting your vote this will be your way of insuring it.

Our Post Membership continues to grow. We are now the 6th largest Post in the State. That is a number to be proud of. It’s the members that make the Post. Let’s continue to search for new members and explain to other qualifying Veterans what Post 318 is all about. We have fun but help so many others in the process.

This past month we had our 6 month Post Cleanup. We have a beautiful Post and we want to keep it that way. To do that we need to occasionally do those things such as touching up paint, cleaning fans, vents, windows, and those other things that make it look nice. I want to thank all of those Members that took part in the Cleanup. My thanks go to Henry Langler, Jim Kelly, Ron Baccio, Richard Pryor, Harold Barth, Maggie Casterlin, John Hayes, Bill Gass, Ronald Galasso, Connie Owens, Nancy Riley, Kim Bowles, Leslie Enriquez, Arnie Thompson, April Bloom, David George, Dominick Morelli, Roland Pearce, Martin Motherway, Babe Garneau, Richard Feldman and myself. Great work by all! This summer our House Committee continues to bring outstanding activities to our Post so you, the Members, can enjoy. On June 6th we will be having our first Caribbean Night! Please take a look at the information in this Newsletter for details.

This month I would like to make Martin Motherway our “Member of the Month”. Martin continues to help and volunteer in so many ways around the Post. Whether it is helping on Steak Nights, Post Cleanup, helping to do things that we need to have done. Martin is always there. Martin, thank you.

For God and Country,
Daryl Bowie, Commander

Commander’s Message

At the May 8, 2015, Executive Board Meeting, the subject on the use electronic cigarettes (a.k.a. e-cigarettes) inside the Post was discussed. The Executive Board passed an amendment to the House Rules that forbids the use of electronic cigarettes except in the Patio Bar area, which has been designated as the “smoking permitted area” of the Post. The effective date of the rule change is June 1, 2015.
The American Legion, Post 318  
June 2015

Service Officer Report

Department of Veterans Administration Health Benefits: Long Term Care Part III: The following long-term care services are available to all Veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System and is taken directly from the VA’s web site. As with all benefits through the VA, please contact the County Veterans Service Office at 772-337-5670 for assistance in filing a claim. They are there to assist you.

Home Health Care: Home Health Care includes VA’s Skilled Home Health Care Services (SHHC), Homemaker and Home Health Aide Services (HHHA) and Family Caregivers Program. SHHC is short-term health care services that can be provided to Veterans if they are homebound or live far away from VA. The care is delivered by a community-based home health agency that has a contract with VA. SHHC is for Veterans who need skilled services, case management, and assistance with activities of daily living (e.g., bathing and getting dressed) or instrumental activities of daily living (e.g., fixing meals and taking medicines); are isolated or their caregiver is experiencing burden.

The services of a Homemaker or Home Health Aide can help Veterans remain living in their own home and can serve Veterans of any age. A Homemaker or Home Health Aide can be used as a part of an alternative to nursing home care, and as a way to get Respite Care at home for Veterans and their family caregiver.

VA’s Family Caregivers Program provides support and assistance to caregivers of post 9/11 Veterans and Service Members being medically discharged. Eligible primary Family Caregivers can receive a stipend, training, mental health services, travel and lodging reimbursement, and access to health insurance if they are not already under a VA medical facility and speak with a Caregiver Support Coordinator, visit www.caregiver.va.gov or dial toll-free 1-877-222-8387

Respite Care: Respite Care is a service that pays for a person to come to a Veteran’s home or for a Veteran to go to a program while their family caregiver takes a break. While a Veteran gets Respite Care, the family caregiver can run errands or go out of town for a few days without worrying about leaving the Veteran alone at home. Depending on the Respite Care services in your area, you can choose which options are best for you and your family caregiver. For example: If your caregiver has lots of errands to run or appointments, you could have a Home Health Aide come to your home while your caregiver is out of the house. If your caregiver needs time at your home alone, you could attend an Adult Day Health Care center for the day. Or, if your caregiver is out of town for a few days, you could stay at a Community Living Center (VA Nursing Home) during the time they are away. Respite Care services may be available up to 30 days each calendar year.

Ron Zimmerman Sr., Post 318 Service Officer

Chaplain

I would like to start with a prayer of giving thanks to our wonderful God & Country. Our father how great thou art, You have blessed us in so many ways and we thank you for the opportunity to unite in this moment of prayer, this special privilege we have in America. May our fellowship be an added blessing as we strive to keep America “one nation under God”. Amen

Please bless our service men and women and their families. Also include our new elected Rider group of officers who have a big job in front of them.

Yours always faithful,
John Dunn, Chaplain

Auxiliary Report

Hello Ladies! It is with some relief and sadness that I pass the gavel to a new President of the Auxiliary as my time as President has come to an end. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President for the last three years in which I have enjoyed the duties and responsibilities of my office along with getting to know so many of you wonderful ladies. I have always tried my best to represent the Auxiliary with professionalism and sincerity and I feel we have accomplished great things. I hope I have fulfilled my duties to your expectations and it shows that I have a deep appreciation and love for the Auxiliary and all who represent it. I can’t thank you all enough for all the support and comradery that I have felt during these 3 terms as your President. The admiration that I have for every one of you goes without saying. I will still be on the Executive Board and will still be involved as much as possible. I truly love this organization and what it represents. Please join me in welcoming the new President and I hope you give her the same respect and support that you have shown me.

With love and admiration....your friend,
Debbie Johnston, Auxiliary President 772-370-6891

Riders Report

Elections were recently held for the 2015 to 2016 year and the results were:
Director - Jim Burk
Asst. Director - Allen DiRobby
Sgt at Arms - Larry Honer
Finance Officer - Sam Deville
The following officers were then appointed by Director Burk
Chaplain - Robin Burk
Secretary/Comm Officer - Tom Clark
It’s seems like déjà vu. I was Director in 2005 and 2006. I’m honored to fill that position again. The riders continue our mission to help needy veterans and have given food and paid one veteran's electric bill. Our motto “Ride hard, do good, have fun”

Jim Burk, Rider Director
The American Legion, Post 318

Jamaican Jerk Chicken
and regular Grilled Chicken
Caribbean Lime Shrimp
Bahamian Conch Chowder
Fried Plantations
Rice & Black Beans
Fresh Mango Salsa
Fresh Pineapple Salsa
Dessert, including Key Lime Pie

$10.00 pp
Tickets available at Canteen Bar

Post Elections for 2015 to 2016 Year
At the May General Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee completed its duties and nominations were open to the floor. The following positions were run unopposed and were elected at the meeting:

Commander: Richard Feldman
2nd Vice Commander: Arnie Thompson
3rd Vice Commander: Russ Hagerthey
Finance Officer: Daryl Bowie
Chaplain: John Dunn
Sgt-at-Arms: David Width
Historian: Tom Belford

The following positions will be voted on Friday, June 5th between Noon and 7:00 PM. You must have a current 2015 Membership Card to be eligible to vote. Membership cards will be checked upon entering the Banquet Hall to vote. Preliminary results will be posted at 8:00 PM. The election will be ratified by the membership at the General Business meeting on June 6th.

1st Vice Commander: (vote for only 1)
Jim Burk
Martin Motherway

Executive Committee: (vote for 3)
Maurice “Babe” Garneau
Richard “Hirsh” Hirschler
Wayne Mulligan
Walter West

Be A Booster - $20.00 per year

NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS (Paid Through Month Shown)

June 2015
Charlie, Mike & Nancy Dobierstein
Mattie M. Kelly
George Sinbine
Frederick G. Thompson

August 2015
John Kearney by
Sons of American Legion 318
George E. McKenzie
Theodore A. & Patricia Bonham
Joseph & Irene Jones

September 2015
Connie Cafiso

October 2015
Everett A. Dunbar

December 2015
Joseph H. Pratten
Paul D. & Susan T Brennan

March 2016
Bill Gass
Jim & Bev Kelly
Kay & Bonnie Baker

September 2016
William O'Donnell

March 2017
Bob & Sally Booth

March 2018
USAF Maj Joseph Lyons

December 2018
Lee Caldwell

February 2022
Dallas Black

November 2024
Jewish War Veterans

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