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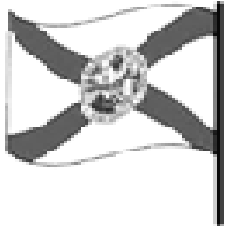


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It's not the price you pay for your membership, it's the price you have already paid to be eligible.

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Commander's Message

Hello American Legion Family,

Post 318 General Membership meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month. If you have any questions or suggestions about the direction of the Post, the General Membership meeting is where you will find the answers. This is your Post, so let your voices be heard!

Membership renewals are now coming in for 2023 – 2024 term. If you have not renewed yours yet, please take the time to send it in. Membership is the key to any Post success.

On July 4th, we celebrated our Country's Independence Day with our Annual Picnic, followed by patriotic entertainment by the Terri Hines Band. Fabulous job by the entire Canteen and Kitchen Staff as well.

August 12th will mark the Commander's Recognition Dinner to acknowledge the valuable work provided by our volunteers and staff. Come and join us for an evening of congratulations.

Today, the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community is suicide, according to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. The number of veterans who die by suicide every day is estimated at between 17 and 22. The American Legion has elevated Be the One to be its top priority, empowering veterans, service members, their family members and civilians to act appropriately when a veteran may be at risk. The program is the destigmatization asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One. The following are guidelines intended to provide help before a crisis-situation develops. The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to:

- Talk with others about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you know you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friends care.

This month, I would like to name **Jeanette Roslie** as Post 318 "**Member of the Month**". Jeanette is responsible for Auxiliary membership and continues to do a wonderful job. Thank you Jeanette for the work you do.

For God and Country,
JOHN HAYES, Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

July 2023 Frank J Lima by Pamela J Lima	January 2026 Duane G Lang by Alice Lang	December 2026 Arnold Thompson by Toni Thompson	July 2027 Kathleen Fryatt by Richard Fryatt
March 2024 Moose Horan by Lee Caldwell	July 2026 Ed Patterson & Rick Fox by Karen Fox-Patterson	March 2027 Daryl Bowie by Lee Caldwell	June 2029 Jim Caldwell by Lee Caldwell
June 2024 Richard Moore by Sheryl Moore	December 2026 Ed Black & Steve Wisor by S.A.L. Post 318	March 2027 Burton T McInerney by Rose Mary McInerney	August 2031 Bob Nittinger by Bob Day, Fred Thompson, Jim Mooney, & Jim Wornick
June 2025 Donald Erb, POW- WWII by Val & Teresa Macor	Frank Howard by Post 318 Honor Guard	July 2027 Thomas P Vaughan by Kathryn Vaughan	

~ 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 now time for all our members to renew their membership for 2024. We always start off on July 1 every year. Please do not wait for a request in the mail, we need everyone to do it now. Remember that our dues is how we keep the canteen going and support our veterans in need. Our service officer and the board help a large number of veterans in need. We have also help our community in many ways.

For those who remember the hurricane that hit the gulf side and destroyed some of legion post over there We sent them support as did other post. The American Legion dose a lot and we depend on our members for their dues and donations. So please renew your membership NOW.

If you have any changes make sure you let us know as soon as possible, this means address, phone number and health and any other needs. We have a great Service Officer to help you. Remember that if you are paying on-line to let us know, at lease a week after. Also for renewing use the following phone numbers:

Legionnaires 772-281-7386
Sons 814-572-7300
Aux 904-885-9536

Please leave a clear message with name, phone #, and membership #.

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

Rider's Report

The Riders summer riding slows down because of the heat and less organized rides. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and follow us. Our next meeting will be on August 5. For the Cause, Not the Applause
John Fiorelli

Second Vice Commander Report

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

August 12th: "Commander's Recognition Dinner" 4 - 10 (See Ad)

September 3rd "Labor Day Picnic" 1 - 3 (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

Roger W Royer, 2nd Vice Commander

Hello everyone!

We are accepting school supply donations, also monetary donations. There is a table set-up in the dining room. Any questions you can contact Brenda Saffioti at 772-486-2905.

It's that time of year to renew your 2024 membership dues (\$40.00). If, you renew before Oct. 31st you will be entered in our Early Bird drawing for a possible free membership for 2025. Our next meeting is August 19th at 10:30 am. Stay cool and hydrated.

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

Service Officer's report for Aug is as follows, I assisted 13 vets to date; to note Service Officers hours are 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday. Please bring dd-214s if needing assistance.

Facts you may want to know:

New benefits eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxins.

While there isn't a deadline to apply for benefits, if you start your "intent to file" before August 9, 2023, and your claim is ultimately approved, VA may be able to backdate your benefits to the date of the bill signing. This means VA will pay you the amount you would have received from August 10, 2022, to the date VA approves your application. And if you haven't received a Toxic Exposure Screening, we encourage you to get one. All Veterans enrolled in VA health care can receive one. Not enrolled? Apply now.

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

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 200+ crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Gregory "Gman" Cavin, Service Officer

Hello post 318,

Hope everyone is doing well and having a good summer. We had our installation of officers last month and I would like to thank all the officers who retained there positions and to the new officers I welcome you. I look forward to working with everyone to have another successful year for post 318. There will be no meeting in August and there will be no lasagna dinner.

Have a great summer and like the song says see you in September.

God Bless America
Andy Saffioti
SAL commander



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No one makes a lock without a key. God won't give you any problems without solutions. Amen. I hope all our members, both north and south are having a wonderful and safe summer despite all the weather conditions in this country. Please remember to contact me if you know of a member who is sick, in the hospital, or nursing home. I would be more than happy send a card or visit them. A smile goes a long way. Also please advise me of any deceased members, so that I can place their names on POST EVERLASTING.

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

Now you can remember a family member or friend for their service with our "Buy A Brick" Program. A 4 x 8 inch brick paver with an inscription is only \$50.00! All proceeds fund our various programs to help veterans and their families. Please call the office for more details.

**Post 318
Shirts & Caps Available at
Every Membership Meeting
From the Post Quartermaster
See Hirsch Hirschler for Details**



American Legion Post 318

Commander's Recognition and Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, August 12th \$20.00p/p
Cocktails at 4:00 Dinner at 5:00

Menu Includes:

Choice of Prime Rib or Shrimp Francese
Appetizers, Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls, & Dessert

Ticket Sales from the Bartender **End August 3rd**

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Fill in this form and send it to:



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Please make checks payable to appropriate organization:

American Legion Post 318 \$45.00

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 318 \$40.00

Sons of American Legion Squadron 318 \$35.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Membership Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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www.americanlegion318fl.org

<https://www.facebook.com/portstluciepost318americanlegion/>

Newsletter Boosters

Be a Booster-\$20.00 per year

March 2024
Lee Caldwell

June 2024
10-13 Club

November 2024
Jewish War Veterans

June 2025
Val & Teresa Macor

Post 318 Membership Drive for 2024 started July 1st!
Get your renewals in now and be eligible for an

Early Bird Drawing

(Next years membership is paid for you)

Stop in or mail your renewal today.

You will be glad you did!

American Legion Post 318

Labor Day Celebration Picnic

Sunday, September 3rd, 1 - 3 \$12.00
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Fried Chicken
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, & Dessert

Terri Hines 2 - 6

Annual S.A.L. Clambake - Noon until Gone



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Marine Corp League - 7	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 7 Legion Membership 1- 4 Dinner 4 - 7 Fried Chicken- \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	3 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Open Faced Roast Beef- \$9.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Alita & the Boyz 6:30 - 10	5 Kitchen Open 11:30- 8 Riders Meeting - 9:30am Dinner 4 - 8 Fra Diavolo - \$11.00 and Open Menu Random Play 6 - 10
6 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12 - 5 Nascar	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 1-4 House Comm Meeting - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	8 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6	9 Kitchen Open 11:30- 7 Legion Membership 1-4 Dinner 4 - 7 Stuffed Shells - \$10.00 and open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	10 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Open Faced Turkey- \$9.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Marine Corp League Auxiliary Meeting - 9am Fish Fry 4 - 8 Chris Adams 6:30 - 10	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion E-Board - 9am Legion Meeting - 10:30 Commander Dinner Cocktails: 4:00 Dinner: 5:00 (See Ad) Terri Hines 6 - 10
13 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12 - 5 Nascar	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 1- 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6 SAL Meeting - Canceled	15 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 7 Legion Membership 1-4 Dinner 4 - 7 Chicken Francese over Penne Pasta - \$10.00 and open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	17 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Dinner Special 4 -8 Baked Ham - \$9.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Radio Days 6 - 10	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary E-Board - 9:30am Regular Meeting - 10:30am Dinner 4 - 8 Meatball & Sausage over Spaghetti - \$10.00 and Open Menu Permanent Affair 6 - 10
20 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12 - 5 Nascar	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 1- 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 7 Legion Membership 1-4 Dinner 4 - 7 Chicken Parmesan - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	24 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Country Fried Steak - \$9.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	25 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Terri Hines 6 - 10	26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 4 - 8 Salisbury Steak - \$10.00 and Open Menu The Kick 6 - 10
27 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12 - 5 Nascar	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 1- 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	29 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	30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 7 Legion Membership 1- 4 Dinner 4 - 7 Liver, Bacon,& Onions - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	31 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Swedish Meatballs over Noodles - \$9.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30		