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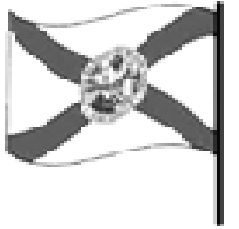


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Commander's Message

Season's Greetings American Legion Family.

We paused on Veterans Day to recall the contribution and the sacrifice which so many men and women and their families have made to permit this country to occupy its present position of leadership, responsibility, and freedom. Thanks to our Post 318 Honor Guard for the fine ceremony in our Memorial Garden. We are grateful for all that the Legion family does throughout the year and the support you provide to our Veterans programs, Children & Youth activities, and community outreach programs that have such a positive impact on the lives of those assisted by your acts of kindness. God bless to all.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner was simply delicious and enjoyed by all in attendance at the Post. Thanks to the Kitchen staff for the wonderful meal and all who helped and volunteered to support this family event.

December 9th will be the date of our annual Christmas Party & Buffet followed on December 16th with the Sons of the American Legion Christmas Party for Children. Always a sight to enjoy and see the joy, excitement, and smiles of the children. If you can donate toys, we have at the Post a Toys for Tots basket sponsored by our USMC Jack Ivy Detachment as well as the Angel Tree sponsored by our Post 318 Auxiliary.

Our Legionnaire membership renewals continues as 2023 draws to a close. Members are reminded that Canteen privileges are only afforded to those members with a current membership card. So please, renew your 2024 membership now. New door cards will only be issued to those members with a paid up 2024 membership. 2023 door cards will not work after February 1st, 2024.

This month I name **Gail Winnberry** as "**Member of the Month**". Gail is an Auxiliary Member and volunteers her time and energy to make the monthly Auxiliary bake sales a resounding success. Thank you Gail for all you do to support Post 318.

For God & Country,
John Hayes, Commander

~ In Memory Of ~

March 2024

Moose Horan
by
Lee Caldwell

June 2024

Richard Moore
by
Sheryl Moore

September 2024

Larry Heimer, Sr
by
Fran & Lou Romano

Dan Knorrston, Past
President
by
Post 318

November 2024

Patti Straub
by
Fran Romano

June 2025

Donald Erb, POW-WWII
by
Val & Teresa Macor

September 2025

Larry Heimer
by
Post 318 Riders

January 2026

Duane G Lang
by
Alice Lang

July 2026

Ed Patterson & Rick Fox
by
Karen Fox-Patterson

December 2026

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

Arnold Thompson by
Toni Thompson

Frank Howard
by
Post 318 Honor Guard

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

June 2029

Jim Caldwell
by
Lee Caldwell

January 2030

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

August 2031

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

~ 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

As of this writing we are at more than 50% membership, I am asking anyone who has not to please do so. Remember that we support a lot of VETERAN'S with their needs. We also help our community in many ways. With out the support of our members, we could not do the things we do. During the past few years we have helped Legion post families destroyed by storms. These are trying times for most of us, with the cost of living going up but think how our homeless Veteran feels. There is a place in our canteen for things needed for these veterans. A list is posted for what you can give to them, in the way of food and any type special need. If each member brings 1 can of food (with a flip top) weekly this would help us a lot.

I wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Enjoy the holidays and keep safe, if you drink please do not drive, we want you back for the New Year. Have a designated Driver, call a taxi or uber to get home safe.
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
 For God and Country,
 Martin Motherway, First Vice Commander
 772-281-7386
 318member@gmail.com

Rider's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to spend it with family and friends.

The Riders attended both the St. Lucie County Veterans Day ceremony as well as the Post 318 ceremony. Both of them were extremely gratifying. Please follow us on FB at American Legion Riders Port St. Lucie Chapter 318 to see pictures.

The Angel Tree was placed at the Post with 75 tags for children in need. All 75 tags were taken quickly by our members who purchase the gifts the children requested. Thank you to those who unselfishly helped to give these children a Christmas they may not have had. I apologize to those who were not able to get a tag. Since the Riders handle this program, next year I will order 100 tags. Thank you again.

On December 16, the SAL will be having the Children's Christmas party at the Post. Please think about stopping by to see all the children waiting outside for when Santa rides up on a Harley. It's great to see the looks and smiles on their faces.

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed holiday season.

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.

December 9th "SAL Christmas Party" 11am (See Ad)

December 16th "Post Christmas Party" 5-7 (See Ad)

December 31st "New Year's Eve Party" 5 (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

Alan Quinn, 2nd Vice Commander

Service Officer's report for Dec is as follows, to note Service Officers hours are 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday. Please bring dd-214s if needing assistance.

Facts you may want to know:

- o Veterans set to see cost-of-living increase to their benefits.
- o Lunch Bunch - Come join a few senior Vets for a friendly luncheon, Fridays at 1pm. Call Richard at 772-867-6298
- o Veterans Crisis Line – Call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1; text 838255, or visit online at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

Hello post 318,

Hope everyone is doing well. The holiday season is upon us and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. We will be having our annual children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 16th at 11 am. Always a great day, especially seeing smiles on the children's faces when Santa arrives. If you have not experienced this please stop by, it truly shows the meaning of Christmas.

We had a good turn out for our lasagna dinner we served 119 dinners. Thank you all for your support and thank you to all the volunteers who make it happen. We also had a good turn out at our meeting and would like to thank all the members who attended. With the proceed from our golf tournament and our dinners we are able to support more veterans and youth programs in our community.

It is time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. The dues are \$35 and can be dropped off at the post canteen with the bartender on duty. We will get them to our membership chairman Jim Prosperi and he will process them immediately.
 God Bless America
 Andy Saffioti.SAL commander



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Old Irish Prayer
 May the rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon you face,
 And the rains fall softly upon the fields,
 And until we meet again, may God hold you in the
 palm of His hand. Amen

Soon all of the holiday decorations will be up,
 making our home and stores so beautiful! Please
 remember that JESUS is the reason for the
 season!!

Please remember to let me know of any sick
 auxiliary members or members that are in nursing
 homes. I will be happy to call them to pray with
 them or just listen. I also send out cards. A smile
 goes a long way!! Also if you know of any
 deceased Auxiliary members, please let me know,
 in order for me to contact a family member, so I can
 get a tag ordered for our Wall of Remembrance.
 I'd like to thank all members of POST 318 for all
 their support with the Angel Tree this year!

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

Hello Everyone,

Welcome all of our members back from the
 north. And I want to thank all the volunteers for
 helping to make the Veteran's Day BBQ a great
 success for our veterans and their families. We
 want to thank our veterans for their service. We are
 now accepting applications for our scholarship
 program, applications are at the post. For more info
 you can call our scholarship chairman Katherine
 Keough at 617-347-1455. There will not be a
 meeting Dec. 16th, SAL will be having their
 Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 16th and we will
 need bakers to provide your tasty desserts for their
 party. Enjoyment books are on sale for \$35.00.
 Please renew your membership dues of \$40.00
 before December 31st.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 For God and Country,
 Sue Pfohl, President, 708-369-5446

American Legion Post 318



CHRISTMAS PARTY BUFFET



Saturday, December 9th, 5 - 7

Menu Includes:

Turkey, Spiral Ham, Sausage and Peppers,
 All the Trimmings and Dessert

Entertainment By Terri Hines 6 - 10

One Guest per Member

American Legion Post 318

S.A.L. Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16th 11:00am



AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 DUES RENEWAL 2024

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American Legion
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March 2024
 Lee Caldwell

June 2024
 10-13 Club

September 2024
 Fred Thompson

November 2024
 Jewish War Veterans

June 2025
 Val & Teresa Macor

Post 318 New Year's Day Buffet

1-3 \$15.00

Roast Pork, Fried Chicken, Sauerkraut, Applesauce,
 and Dessert

Entertainment by Big T 2 - 6

Tickets Sold at the Door on the Day of Event





American Legion 318 Calendar of Events December 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p>31 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9-Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 New Years Eve! CANTEEN CLOSSES 10PM</p> | <p>JANUARY 1ST NEW YEARS DAY BUFFET (SEE AD) Show Me the Money - Canceled</p> | | | | <p>1 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Alita & the Boyz 6:30 - 10</p> | <p>2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Riders Meeting - canceled District Meeting - 9am Dinner 4 - 8 Clam Sauce over Spaghetti - \$11.00 and Open Menu The Kick 6 - 10</p> |
| <p>3 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30- 5 Football Special Menu Football</p> | <p>4 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 House Committee - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6</p> | <p>5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Marine Corp League - 7</p> | <p>6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Fried Chicken - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p> | <p>7 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 -8 Open Faced Roast Beef - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p> | <p>8 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Marine Corp League Auxiliary Meeting - 9am Fish Fry 4 - 8 Radio Days 6:00 - 10</p> | <p>9 Kitchen Open 11:30-2 SAL District Meeting-9am Post 318 Christmas Party Buffet 5 - 7 (See Ad) Terri Hines 6 - 10</p> |
| <p>10 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Football Special Menu Football</p> | <p>11 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6 SAL Meeting- Canceled</p> | <p>12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6</p> | <p>13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Stuffed Shells - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p> | <p>14 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Chicken Marsala - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p> | <p>15 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Big T 6 - 10</p> | <p>16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary E-Board-canceled Regular Meeting - canceled SAL Children's Christmas Party 11am Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Francese - \$10.00 and Open Menu Random Play 6 - 10</p> |
| <p>17 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Football Special Menu Football</p> | <p>18 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6</p> | <p>19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8</p> | <p>20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Parmesan- \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p> | <p>21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Swedish Meatballs over Noodles - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p> | <p>22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Terri Hines 6 - 10</p> | <p>23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 4 - 8 Meatloaf - \$10.00 and Open Menu Permanent Affair 6 - 10</p> |
| <p>24 Breakfast Canceled 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Closed Canteen Hours 9 - 5 Christmas Eve Football</p> | <p>25 Kitchen Closed Christmas Day Merry Christmas! Canteen Hours 11 - 8</p> | <p>26 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6 10 - 13 Club - 7:30</p> | <p>27 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 4 - 8 Liver & Onions - \$10.00 and Open Menu Aux Membership 1-4 Karaoke by Jimbo - 6</p> | <p>28 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Country Fried Steak-\$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30</p> | <p>29 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Radio Days 6 - 10</p> | <p>30 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 4 - 8 Salisbury Steak - \$10.00 and Open Menu The Kick 6 - 10</p> |