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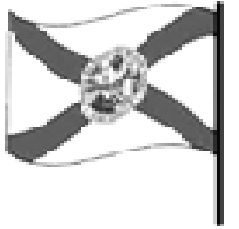


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It's not the price you pay for your membership, it's the price you have already paid to be eligible.

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Commander's Message

As of this writing our Legion membership renewals have reached a bit over 80%. Remember, as of February 1st you must have a 2024 membership card to receive a key-card or a receipt for 2024 dues payment to enter the Canteen. 2023 membership cards will not be honored after February 1st. Please renew if you have not done so yet.

February will have several special events for all members, beginning with the Auxiliary Valentine's Day Dance on February 10th, followed by the Super Bowl and buffet party on February 11th. Entertainment and activities continue throughout February including NASCAR racing on Sunday afternoons along with the NHL Center Ice hockey coverage throughout the remaining 2024 season and Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Post 318 continues to support the various American Legion programs such as American Legion Baseball, Boy's State, Veteran Services and House a Vet. By supporting your Post, you directly support these vital community outreach efforts and ensure our continued success. If you would like to receive weekly informational email postings detailing events and activities offered at Post 318, please send your email address to Legionpst318@gmail.com and you will be added to the distribution file.

In January we had the pleasure of hosting the Dept of Florida Legion Commander, Micheal "Gambler" Raymond, and his staff members at Post 318. A candid discussion was held between the Dept Commander and Post 318 members on a variety of issues, including membership, growth, and the future of the American Legion presence in Port St Lucie. Thank you Commander for this opportunity.

This month I would like to name **Dallas Black** as our "Member of the Month". Dallas is a S.A.L. member and works in the background providing us with extremely valuable cable TV support and adjustments for our Sports Network TV channels. And his contributions to Karaoke Night are legendary! Thank you Dallas, for all you do at 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

January 2025

Roy Brewer
by
Nancy Brewer

Robert Martinelli
by
Dori Anne DeMille

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

Here we are back to work, and still asking why some of our members have not renewed their membership for 2024. At this time the post stands at about 80% and that makes us short by 300 members. If you have paid for your membership please advise us if you have not received your card. Paid on-line, also advise us as we receive notice about 2-3 months after the fact. If you know any young veteran try to get them to join, as they will be the future of the American Legion and all the things we stand for. The past year a lot of our dues help people in the community, including our homeless veterans. Any one in need of help with VA the service officer will help or direct you to someone who can. The post is looking for boys interested going to Boys State if you know any have them get in touch with the post.

Remember that the officers are all volunteers, so please show them respect. Remember the American Legion was formed for all our veterans, thank them for their sacrifice.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE and for their families.

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

Second Vice Commander Report

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

- February 10th** "Valentines Day Dinner"
 - February 11th** "Super Bowl Buffet" 5:30 - 7:30
 - February 17th** "BBQ Night - Chicken or Ribs" 4 - 8
 - 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

Some members of the Auxiliary went Christmas Caroling at the Artie Copas Veteran's Nursing Home in Tradition, we left them with 10 new lap afghans for new residents as they arrive at the nursing home. Each resident was given a goodie bag which contained socks, a hankie and some mints. They had a great time and want us to come back next year! We also did some Christmas Caroling at Savannah Rehabilitation Center (formerly known as Emerald Health). Each resident in the activity room was given a new lap afghan and treated to root beer floats. It's very important that we keep doing these "little things" for the members of our community, but we need your help!!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Please remember to keep me informed of a sick or hospitalized auxiliary members. I'm unable to assist these members if i don't know what is happening! Also please call me if you are aware of any deceased members. a smile, telephone call, or card can go a long way!

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

Well, January was a pretty busy month for the Riders. We rode to Big Apple Pizza in Ft. Pierce along with Post 318 E Board members to a benefit for a ten year old American Legion baseball player who had a stroke and has to relearn how to walk and talk. All four units of our Post donated \$500 each so we were able to present the family with a check for \$2000. It was very gratifying.

We also rode to a benefit to support a local law enforcement officer who has some serious medical problems. The Men at Arms clubhouse was packed with his supporters who all made a donation to his cause.

The Riders also had the pleasure of escorting the American Legion State Commander from post to post for his yearly visit. The weather was inclement but we showed our force as Post 318 Riders.

Our now famous wheelbarrow of cheer is on display at the Post. It is bigger and better than ever and loaded with premium spirits. Tickets can be purchased from the bartenders. One for \$5 or three for \$10. Winner need not be present to win. Please consider supporting this fundraiser so that we may continue to aid our veterans and those in our community who need assistance.

Please visit our Facebook page to follow our activities. American Legion Riders, Port Saint Lucie Florida, Chapter 318.

For the Cause,
Not the Applause
John Fiorelli



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Hello post 318,
 Hope everyone is doing OK. We had a great turn out at our lasagna dinner last month. We served 142 dinners. Thank you all for attending I hope you all enjoyed it. I would like to thank all the volunteers who make it possible great job. We had a good turn out at our meeting last month also thank you all for attending. With the proceeds from our dinner we were able to help more veterans and Youth programs in our community. If you have not renewed your membership by now you have lost all your Legion privileges. Please renew ASAP by dropping your dues off at the post with the bartender and Jim will process them immediately. Thank you!

There will be no meeting or lasagna dinner in February. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 5 PM. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, March 13th 5 to 7 PM cost \$10.00

God Bless America
 Andy Saffioti. SAL Commander

Greetings,
 Last chance to get enjoyment books for \$35.00 each.
 If you are interested in applying for scholarships call Katherine Keough for details, 617-347-1455, email misskitty2919@yahoo.com Deadline is March 12th.
 St Patty's Day Progressive 50/50 raffle tickets are on sale, \$5.00 per ticket with the drawing March 17th.
 Bake sale is Sunday February 18th 9:30 -11:00 am. Please bring goodies to the meeting February 17th.
 We need desserts for Superbowl Buffet February 11th. We need decorators for Valentine Day Dinner on February 10th. If, you like to make a basket for Valentine Day please talk to Maddy. Call Maddy if you want to volunteer to decorate or make basket at 518-530-7997.
 Next meeting February 17th, 10:30 am.
 For God and Country,
 Sue Pfohl, President, 708-369-5446

American Legion Post 318 Presents
BBQ Night! Saturday, February 17th 4 - 8
 Menu Includes:
 Ribs, 1/2 Slab.....\$10.00
 Chicken, 2 1/4 pieces.....\$10.00
 Ribs, 1/2 Slab & Chicken 1/4 piece.....\$15.00
 Served with Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Corn Bread

Superbowl Buffet
Sunday, February 11th
5:30 - 7:30
 See Bartender for your Ticket, \$15.00

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 DUES RENEWAL 2024

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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March 2024 Lee Caldwell	June 2024 10-13 Club	September 2024 Fred Thompson	November 2024 Jewish War Veterans	June 2025 Val & Teresa Macor
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Service Officer's report for Feb 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.
 Do you know of any vets with a minor disability incurred during their service who feel it is so minor compared to the disability of others that they do not need to apply for VA Disability? Encourage them to see me. To apply for VA compensation, we will complete VA Form 21-526EZ, "Veteran's Application for Compensation and Pension." with documentation of their military service and medical records that support their disability claim.
 To learn about information and tours of The Ardie R Copas VA Nursing Home in Tradition by calling me at 630 399-1083 or Richard at 772 867-6298.
 Lunch Bunch - Come join a few senior Vets for a friendly luncheon, Fridays at 1pm.
 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.



American Legion 318 Calendar of Events February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 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	2 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Alita & the Boyz 6:30 - 10	3 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Riders Meeting - 9:30am Dinner 4 - 8 Baked Ham - \$10.00 and Open Menu Random Play 6 - 10
4 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30- 5 Football Special Menu Football & Nascar	5 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 House Committee - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	6 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Marine Corp League - 7	7 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Fried Chicken- \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	8 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Dinner Special 4 -8 Pork Chops -\$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	9 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Big T 6:00 - 10	10 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion E Board - 9am Legion Reg Meeting - 10:30am Valentines Day Dinner Terri Hines 6 - 10
11 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Superbowl Buffet 5:30 - 7:30	12 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu SAL Meeting - 5 Show Me the Money - 6	13 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8 Honor Guard Meeting - 6	14 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Picatta - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	15 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner Special 4 - 8 Open Faced Turkey - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	16 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 The Kick 6 - 10	17 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Auxiliary E-Board-9:30am Regular Meeting - 10:30am Dinner 4 - 8 BBQ Ribs or Chicken (See Ad) and Open Menu Driftwoods 6 - 10
18 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/Screwdrivers Auxiliary Bake Sale 9:30-11am Kitchen Open 12:30 - 5 Hockey & Nascar	19 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Kitchen Open 5:00 - 8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	20 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 3 Taco Tuesday Special Service Officer 1 - 4 Tacos, Wings, Beer, & Margarita Special 5:30 - 8	21 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Chicken Parmasan - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	22 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Country Fried Steak - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30	23 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Fish Fry 4 - 8 Permanent Affair 6 - 10	24 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Dinner 5 - 8 Shepherd's Pie - \$10.00 and Open Menu Radio Days 6 - 10
25 Breakfast 8:30-11am 9 - Noon \$3 Bloodies/ Screwdrivers Kitchen Open 12:30-5 Hockey & Nascar	26 Kitchen Open 11:30-3 Legion Membership 12-4 Kitchen Open 5:00-8 Limited Menu Show Me the Money - 6	27 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	28 Kitchen Open 11:30 - 8 Aux Membership 1-4 Dinner 4 - 8 Liver & Onions - \$10.00 and Open Menu Karaoke by Jimbo - 6	29 Kitchen Open 11:30-8 Legion Membership 12 - 4 Dinner 4 - 8 Swedish Meatballs over Noodles - \$10.00 and Open Menu Ace of Hearts - 7 Trivia - 7:30		