



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

May 2018

### Commander’s Notes:

May is always a busy time at the Post. We have our routine events like bingo, euchre, and dances that need attention, and then we also have to make time for Post elections, “Poppy Days” and our Memorial Day services. To get through this month we can use as much help as possible. If you have some free time consider how you can contribute to our success!

Regardless of what you’re willing to do to support us, on Memorial Day we should all take a minute and remember those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Some of them may have been friends, but all should be remembered! There are many ways this can be done. One option would be to join us as we make our way from cemetery to cemetery to pay our respects. If you can’t make the trip, I would encourage you to consider attending the Anderson Township Bell Ceremony, or other community services. After all, by participating in these events we help keep the meaning of Memorial Day alive. As veterans, if we don’t make the effort who will?

The election of officers, May 8<sup>th</sup>, does not complete our leadership team. To effectively oversee and manage our programs, we will still need to fill all seven (7) committee chair positions. These positions are appointed, and represent the lifeblood of our Post. In recent years our projects and programs have floundered, and our visibility within the community has been reduced, because several of these positions have remained vacant. We currently have incumbents who will serve our next program year as committee chairs for Service Officer, House, and Events Coordinator. However, positions that still need to be filled are: Americanism, Bingo, Community Support, and Fundraising. If you should be interested and willing to become a committee chair, please make yourself known.

*Don Bishop*

### Notice of Election Process for Post Officers

This notice is published in accordance with notification requirements of Post 318 By-Laws, Article V, VI and VII.

At the May 9, 2018 Post Meeting, Anderson Post 318 will conduct an election for Post Officers for the 2018 – 2019 business year.

The slate of nominees for the election, as submitted by the Nominating Committee to the membership at the April 11, 2018 Post Meeting, was as follows:

Commander	<b>(OPEN)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Kamman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Randy Lindsey
Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky
Chaplain	Jerry Porter
Sgt-At-Arms	Ralph Caskey

After receiving no additional or opposition nominees for any of these elected Post Officer positions from the floor at the April 11, 2018 Post Meeting, the nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee were accepted, however, since there were no nomination(s) offered or received for the “Post Commander” position at this point, the nomination process was extended to remain open for nominations until the April 25, 2018 Executive Meeting.

As of the April 25, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting, there was still no nomination(s) received for the “Post Commander” position. In view of the elected officer position of “Post Commander” being required for the Post to maintain its charter and existence, the nomination process for this position shall remain open until the time scheduled for the election at the Post Meeting on May 9, 2018. **(NOTE: Any member desiring to seek election to the position of “Post Commander”, should contact the Post Adjutant as soon as possible prior to the May 9<sup>th</sup> scheduled Post Meeting.)**

Post By-Laws provide for the availability of an absentee ballot option, upon request being made to the Post Adjutant, with such cast ballot being returned to the Adjutant prior to the date of the Post election (May 9, 2018) to be counted. The Adjutant may be contacted at 513-474-9577 or via email at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) to request such absentee ballot.

The Post Officers elected at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting will be installed at the June 13, 2018 Post Meeting, and will assume their respective offices / duties following such installation.

*Dan Wolfangel*  
Adjutant

### ***Fund Raising Update:***

The Post has to raise about \$6,000 each month to continue operations. You can support our fund raising efforts by either attending, or working, our various events. For April, we exceeded the \$ 6000 threshold. How we got there is summarized in the table below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	\$ 5,555
<b>Dances</b>	\$ 1,591
<b>Euchre</b>	\$ 210
<b>Open Mic</b>	\$ 199
<b>Rentals</b>	\$ 700
<b>Total</b>	\$ 8,255

**Bingo** –We conduct bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30p games begin at 6:00p. If you’re willing to help out, contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears at 474-0246.

**Post Dances** – We attempt to schedule 2 dances each month. They are open to the public. Doors open at 7p. The bands perform from 8p to 11p. Volunteers are always needed for these events, if you’re willing to help out, please contact Don Bishop at 474-4194.

**Euchre** – Euchre is scheduled every Thursday night and is open to the public. Buy-in is \$5. Doors open at 6:45p, games begin at 7p. Contact Euchre Manager, Joe Baker (289-9044), with any questions.

**Open Mic** – Open Mic returned to the Post April 13<sup>th</sup>. It is scheduled from 7:30p to 11p on 5/11, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, and 6/29. This event provides local artists an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. There are no admission fees and children are welcome. Beverage and concession services are also available. If you have questions, please contact Don Bishop at 474-4194.

### ***Charitable Giving***

Over the course of each year American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. (***Charities, Inc.***) contributes thousands of dollars to programs and causes important to our membership. To cover this philanthropy, ***Charities, Inc.*** has to raise approximately \$2,200 each month.

The following is an overview of the programs recently funded by ***Charities, Inc.***:

**After Prom** – After Prom is an event arranged by each of the local high schools. It is an entertainment experience that follows prom. The program goal is to provide a drug and alcohol free event that will end with the safe return home of each students. ***Charities, Inc.*** provides financial support for these events.

**Flags for Schools & Community** – ***Charities, Inc.***, has a budget for buying and donating flags to schools and non-profit community organizations. Most recently a Purple Heart flag was donated for display at the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial.

The following is a summary of recent ***Charities, Inc.*** income and expenses.

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	\$ 913	
<b>Member Donations</b>	\$ 750	
<b>Kroger Rewards</b>	\$ 237	
<b>Amazon Smiles</b>	\$ 13	
<b>Post 318 Loan</b>	\$1,000	
<b>Flags for Schools/Comm.</b>		\$ 188
<b>Volunteer Raffle</b>		\$ 50
<b>After Prom</b>		\$ 100
<b>Shelving Unit</b>		\$ 200
<b>Monthly Rent</b>		\$ 300
<b>Total</b>	\$2,913	\$ 838

You can help raise the funds needed to support our programs and philanthropy by; 1) volunteering to work ***Charities, Inc.*** fund raising projects, 2) making tax deductible donations to ***Charities, Inc.*** and 3) by registering with both Kroger and Amazon to participate in their corporate charitable giving programs. An overview of these programs is listed below:

**Kroger Community Rewards** – If you are a Kroger customer and are not currently supporting a charitable organization through ***Kroger Community Rewards***, we would encourage you to do your part! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

**Amazon Smiles** – ***American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.*** is now registered with Amazon Smiles. So, if you shop at Amazon and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities please share this information with family and friends.

### ***At The Flag Pole***

Display the Flag days:

- May 13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Women's Army Corps Founded
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day ( half-staff until noon)

***Ralph Caskey***  
***Sgt.-at-Arms***

### ***Help Wanted***

This “*Help Wanted*” column was intended to become a regular feature in our monthly newsletter. We hoped that by communicating the kind of support needed we could spark some interest and get some volunteers. Wrong again! So far, we’ve only heard from 1 member who has volunteered to fill two (2) positions. Therefore, there are still opportunities available. If you’re interested, please contact Commander Bishop.

- **Bingo Manager** (member)
- **Fundraising Chairman** (member)
- **Community Support Chairman** (member)
- **Graphics Arts Support** (member/non-member)
- **Bingo Volunteers** (member/non-member)
- **Dance Volunteers** (member/non-member)
- **Post Personal Shopper** (member/non-member)

### ***May Dance Schedule***

There are two (2) dance events scheduled for the month of May.



We start the month off by celebrating *Cinco de Mayo* with the *Cincy Rockers*. *The Last Caballeros (TLC)* where originally scheduled to appear, but an unexpected surgery caused them to cancel. However, in support of the Cincy Rockers, members of *TLC* and *Vocalpalloza* will be making guest appearances.

Besides having great music to dance to, table snack for the evening will be chips and salsa. We will also offer \$5.00 Margarita’s, a stand-in Photo Op, and a sombrero toss. Get a little lucky on the toss and you will get a free Margarita, or drink of your choice. If you come out you will get an evening’s worth of entertainment for the price of a single admission.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Patriot Center welcomes back Bluestone Ivory. This high octane group, with a fantastic horn section, brings you the music of *Chicago*. If you come out for this event “*25 or 6 to 4*” will be stuck in your head, but a lot of memories will also come pouring out.

### ***BlueStone Ivory***



Tickets to all of our dance events can be purchased by going to our web site [www.post318.org](http://www.post318.org) and clicking on the special events tab. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

### ***Interested in a Post Jacket?***

Several members have made inquiries regarding how they might obtain a Post jacket. These jackets were made to order, at a cost of about \$60 each. If you’re interested in acquiring a jacket, please contact Ralph Caskey, and provide your jacket size. If there’s enough interest we will place another order.



### ***Chaplin's Report***

The month of April has been a good month financially for the Post with bingo and dances. The Patriot Center is getting to the point that it can stay afloat. It does take a lot of work to get all this accomplished, and as always, we can always need more help. Of course, if we do not get someone to be our next Commander, all these positive steps, will be for nothing.

The funeral for our true friend Bob Calder, is still on many of our minds. He was a great guy and he will be missed. A big thank you to all the people who help make this occasion special. We have no other deaths this past month. Our prayers go out to Ron Yersky and Leo Turner for their recent surgeries.

Coming up in the month of May we have a couple of stellar events. At the next Legion regular meeting we will have Ohio Senator Steve Wilson present a flag that flew over our state capital to honor the four men who passed during 2017. These men were John S. Justice, John H. Privity, Ralph W. Sinks, and Frank C. Kamman. May they all Rest In Peace. Hopefully we will have good turnout for this meeting. Remember May 9th, beginning at 7:00PM.

There is also The Memorial Day ceremonies where we visit ten cemeteries and honor our fallen comrades. Remember you can take part or you can just ride along. It is well worth the time. Or you could join us for a good breakfast at the Post starting at 6:30 until 7:30 AM.

Thank God Spring has finally arrived. Let me know if there is anything I can do for any one.

God Bless You All!

***Jerry Porter***  
***Chaplain***

### ***Next Meeting***

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Besides our committee reports, we will conduct Post elections. We will also welcome a guest speaker. Ohio 7<sup>th</sup> District Representative Steve Wilson will attend to present a flag that was flown over the state capital to recognize those Post 318 departed comrades who transferred to Post Everlasting, during 2017. They are; John (Steve) Justice, John Privity, Ralph Sinks and Frank Kamman. It would be nice to have a good turnout.

Our success depends on your support, so feel free to bring a friend and come out and join us! As always there will be a light snack after the meeting.

### ***Membership Update***

We are almost at quota (154 of 155) for our 2018 membership drive. We need only one more paid member. We have 7 existing members that still have not renewed; if you happen to be one of those 7, I sincerely ask that you consider renewing your membership. If financial considerations are holding you back, please let us know as we can help for this year and value your membership with our Post.

#### **2018 Membership Scoreboard**

<b><i>2017-2018 Quota</i></b>	<b><i>155</i></b>
<b><i>Paid as of 4/30/18</i></b>	<b><i>154</i></b>
<b><i>% Quota</i></b>	<b><i>99.35</i></b>
<b><i>Still Needed (Quota)</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Goal</i></b>	<b><i>165</i></b>
<b><i>Still Needed (Goal)</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>

***Robert Kamman***  
***1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander***

### ***Need Help?***

If you're a veteran and need help obtaining any of your entitled benefits, please contact our Service Officer, Charlie Cleves. Charlie can be reached at (513) 232-7767, or via email at: [ccleves1@fuse.net](mailto:ccleves1@fuse.net).

### ***Thought for the Day:***

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up. ----- ***Phyllis Diller***

### ***Post Officers & Committee Chairs:***

<b><i>Commander:</i></b>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<b><i>1st Vice:</i></b>	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
<b><i>2nd Vice:</i></b>	Matt Lilly	513- 617-8351
<b><i>Adjutant:</i></b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b><i>Finance Officer:</i></b>	Ron Yersky	513-232-2591
<b><i>Chaplain:</i></b>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557
<b><i>Sgt.-at-Arms:</i></b>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<b><i>Americanism:</i></b>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<b><i>Bingo:</i></b>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<b><i>Community Support:</i></b>	VACANT	
<b><i>Event Coordination:</i></b>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<b><i>Fundraising:</i></b>	VACANT	
<b><i>House:</i></b>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<b><i>Service Officer:</i></b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767



## ***Poppy Days – 2018***

Our Poppy Day program will remain the same as last year. We will distribute the Memorial Poppy at six Forest Hills Elementary schools, Kroger and Belterra Park. A summary of each event is listed below:

**Forest Hills School District (FHSD) Poppy Day:** We will conduct our second “*FHSD Poppy Day*”, Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Besides fundraising to support our Veteran Programs, this event is intended to educate the children in our community about the meaning of *Memorial Day* and the symbolism of the *Memorial Poppy*. The plan is to have each elementary teacher discuss Memorial Day with their students. Then on Poppy Day at least one Post 318 member will be at each of the elementary schools during the lunch hour, to distribute Poppy’s and interact with the students. Each child will be given a Poppy, whether they make a contribution, or not. A few extra Poppy’s will be left at each school to accommodate students who are absent on “Poppy Day”. Sign-ups are now being accepted for this event (the schedule is on the last page of this newsletter). If you have children, or grandchildren, in a specific school and you want to represent the Post at that school, sign up early. These assignments will be made on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis.

**Kroger Poppy Day:** We will once again distribute Poppy’s at Kroger, Anderson Towne Center (ATC). However, our presence at this Kroger location will continue to be limited to one day, Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

In past years, we have also distributed Poppy’s at Kroger, Cherry Grove. Unfortunately, our participation at this location is not yet confirmed. However, we have included this location on our schedule to insure that we have coverage, should we get approved.

**Belterra Park Poppy Day** – We will also conduct our second “Poppy Day” at Belterra Park, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30p to 5:00p. However, this year we will only be set up in 1 location, in the race track area. Like Kroger, we will use a 2 person teams each shift.

A preliminary schedule is printed on the last page of this newsletter. We have 30 slots to fill. You are welcome to volunteer for more than one shift. As always, the schedule is set up to assign 2 members to each shift. You can sign up by calling Don Bishop at 474-4194, or via email at [dabishop@fuse.net](mailto:dabishop@fuse.net). There will also be a signup sheet available at our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Assignments will be made on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis,

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### ***Post Facebook Pages to Merge***

Today, Post 318 has two (2) Facebook listings; “*American Legion Post 318 Anderson - Anderson*

*Township*, and *American Legion – Anderson Post 318*. Therefore, people using Facebook to get information about us are either getting half our story, or are disappointed because they couldn’t find what they were looking for. The two sites are also causing confusion.

To resolve this issue, Post 318 is in the process of merging its Facebook presence into a single Public Group. When complete *American Legion – Anderson Post 318* will be our active page, and our expectation is that our Facebook content will be both broader and deeper. It should also be noted that the way this group is set up anyone can post on this page, and we encourage you to do so.

Lastly, if you’re a Facebook user, we encourage you to both Join us and Like us.

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### ***Memorial Day Schedule***

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance, is an important occasion for the Veteran Community. The Post will observe this day by continuing its tradition of breakfast, cemetery visits and participation in the Anderson Township “Bell Ceremony”. We invite all Post members to join us as we remember those who have served our country. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you can’t make the meeting but would like to participate, please contact Sargent-at-Arms, Ralph Caskey by May 18<sup>th</sup>, so that we can insure that there is enough food and transportation to accommodate everyone. Our Schedule of events is listed below. Please share with your family and friends.

- 0630: Breakfast at the Post
- 0745: Muster at Anderson Center
- 0800: Depart Anderson Center
- 0840: Mt. Moriah Cemetery (Mt. Moriah Drive)
- 0905: Veterans Park (Forest Road)
- 0920: Asbury Cemetery (Forest Road @ Asbury)
- 0935: Old Five Mile Chapel Cemetery (Five Mile Road)
- 1000: Hillcrest Cemetery (Sutton Road)
- 1015: Salem Community Church Cemetery (Salem & Sutton)
- 1035: Guardian Angels Cemetery (Beechmont @ Salem)
- 1055: Wolfangel Cemetery (Deaconsbench Drive)
- 1115: Clough Baptist Cemetery (Bridges Road @ Clough)
- 1145: Bell Ceremony check-in at Anderson Center
- 1200: Bell Ceremony at Anderson Center

## Poppy Day Sign-up

To sign-up contact Don Bishop at [dabishop@fuse.net](mailto:dabishop@fuse.net), or call 513-474-4194. Time slots are assigned on a first come first serve basis. Scheduling for Kroger – Cherry Grove is Tentative.

### Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Location	Time	Veteran
Ayres Elementary	11:10 AM – 1:30 PM	
Ayres Elementary	11:10 AM – 1:30 PM	
Maddux Elementary	10:55 AM – 1:20 PM	
Maddux Elementary	10:55 AM – 1:20 PM	
Mercer Elementary	11:05 AM – 1:30 PM	
Mercer Elementary	11:05 AM – 1:30 PM	
Sherwood Elementary	11:00 AM – 1:15 PM	
Sherwood Elementary	11:00 AM – 1:15 PM	
Summit Elementary	10:50 AM – 1:05 PM	
Summit Elementary	10:50 AM – 1:05 PM	
Wilson Elementary	11:00 AM – 1:25 PM	
Wilson Elementary	11:00 AM – 1:25 PM	

### Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Location	Time	Veteran
Kroger – Anderson	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	
Kroger – Anderson	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	

### Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

Location	Time	Veteran
Kroger – Cherry Grove	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Kroger – Cherry Grove	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Kroger – Cherry Grove	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Kroger – Cherry Grove	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	

### Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Location	Time	Veteran
Belterra Park	12:30 PM – 2:45 PM	
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Belterra Park	2:45 PM – 5:00 PM	
Belterra Park	2:45 PM – 5:00 PM	

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