



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

July 2019

Commander’s Notes:

With great humility I have accepted the challenge of leading Post 318 to even greater successes than we have had to date! To do this will require two things: (1) A lot of hard work on my part, and (2) A renewal of the “Can Do!” spirit by you, the active and dedicated veterans of Post 318! Post 318 is committed to carrying out many projects which benefit our community, our state, and our nation. Many of our members are now active or have been active in the past, successfully completing these projects. However, at this time we have run out of members who are willing to give of their time and expertise to carry out all of our goals. We have two committees which do not have a chairman to take on the leadership roles required by our business plan. If you have time and if you are available go to our website: <http://post318.org> and look at the 2019-2020 Business Plan. All of our committees are listed, including the subcommittees for all of the projects under that committee. Then decide where you can help carry the load required to bring these projects to life! You are needed on any of the committees or subcommittees! Please call or text me: (513) 582-8477, or e-mail: Commander@post318.org.

You served your country on active or reserve duty, and as a member of the American Legion you have elected to continue your service to your community, your state, and your nation. We have new members who have joined Post 318 because of our record of past performance. They are joining to help us accomplish the aims published in our Business Plan for all to see! Please volunteer!

Joe DuBois

Post 318 Officer List

Commander: Joe DuBois (513) 582-8477
1st Vice: Bob Kammann (513) 474-5237
2nd Vice: Randy Lindsey (513) 374-2099
Adjutant: Ed Ruffennach (330) 962-9652
Finance Off.: Ron Yersky (513) 232-2591
Chaplain: Jerry Porter (513) 528-1557
Sgt.-at-Arms: Ralph Caskey (513) 470-6588

Good News!

We recently gained new members who are not “age challenged”! Eric Franz who is now our Facebook

“guru”, Tony Capetillo recently retired from the Marine Corps, Kirk Minnich who’s son just completed Buckeye Boys State, and Mike Thumman, whose grandfather’s photo is on our memorial hall wall! Thanks for joining Post 318!

Post 318 Committee Chairmen

Americanism: Paul Henkel (513) 413-4293
Bingo: Ed Sears (513) 474-0246
Community Support: (vacant)
Events Coordination: Ken Knight: (513) 675-5234
Finance: Ron Yersky (513) 232-2591
Fundraising: (vacant)
House (Building): Bob Alfieri (513) 232-0309
Communications: Ed Ruffennach (330) 962-9652
Membership: Bob Kamman (513) 474-5237
Post Activities: Randy Lindsey (513) 374-2099
Service, Vet. Affairs: Charlie Cleves (513) 232-7767
Uniformed Ceremony: Ralph Caskey (513) 470-6588
VA Volunteer Service: Jerry Porter: (513) 528-1557

Thank you Don Bishop and Dan Wolfangel!

Past Commander Don Bishop and Past Adjutant Dan Wolfangel have been amazing volunteers for a long time, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them again for all the work they have done to keep Post 318 operating smoothly over the years! I also want to thank them both for continuing the work they are still involved in! Don and Dan have been a great help to me, and to Ed, in learning how to perform our new duties in our new positions.

The American Legion is very fortunate that they chose to be involved in as many areas as they have, and that they will continue their work to advance our aims for the benefit of our veterans, our community, our state and our nation!

Joe DuBois and Ed Ruffennach

Need Help?

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

Visit us at: www.post318.org

Post 318 Fund Raising Update:

Bingo – The Post conducts bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30 PM, preliminary games begin at 6 PM. All your favorite “pull tabs” are available. You can support the Post by either coming out to play, or volunteering to work these events. Contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions.

Euchre – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$5.00, \$2.50 going to the Post and \$2.50 going to prize money. This is a fun evening and is open to both our membership and the public. Doors open at 6:45 PM, games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions. This is a fun group, and several players bring shared snacks! Chips, water and soft drinks are available for purchase too.

Patriot Center Dances - The fall dance schedule starts on September 14th, 2019, so our regular dance volunteers have some time off! For your information the fall dance schedule is listed on Facebook.

Post 318 Annual Awards Program

The Post will conduct its annual awards program, Saturday, July 20 beginning at 7:00 PM. The program will be held at the Post. This is our opportunity to recognize those, within the community who have participated in our programs, and members who have achieved 5 year service anniversaries. We hope that you will come out and help us recognize these individuals. A list of awards to be presented is listed below.

Veterans Honors Presentations:-----

Ohio Senator Steve Wilson

(Charles Behymer, Robert Calder, George Martin)

Veteran Scholarship Winners -----Jerry Porter

- Peter Henkel - Turpin High School
- Nate Hinaman - Anderson High School

A&G Winners ----- Jerry Porter

- Bryson Welage - 10th Grade Boy –AHS
- Trudy Shellenberger - 10th Grade Girl - AHS
- Steven Kramer - 11th Grade Boy - AHS
- Lilly Brown - 11th Grade Girl - AHS
- Sam Kunkemoeller - 12th Grade Boy - AHS
- Elizabeth Light – 12th Grade Girl - AHS

Boys State Recognition & Presentations --Paul Henkel

- Conner Glenn - Anderson High School
- Owen Minnich - Anderson High School

Girls State Recognition & Presentations --Paul Henkel

- Audra Stump - Anderson High School
- Jadyn Riggs - Anderson High School

Oratorical Program ----- Jerry Porter

- Lucas Hughes Anderson High School

Poppy Program Supporters-----Don Bishop

- Kroger Store - Anderson Towne Center
- Kroger Store – Cherry Grove Plaza
- Forest Hills Elementary Schools
(Ayer, Maddux, Sherwood, Summit, Wilson)

Legion Program Support ----- Jerry Porter

- Nagel Middle School

Law Officer of the Year ----- Dan Wolfangel

- Deputy Robert Goettke- HCSO - District 5

Firefighter of the Year -----Dan Wolfangel

Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas Flerlage - AFD

Special Recognitions -----Robert Kamman

Five (5) Year Membership Award -----Bob Kamman

Thomas Clegg	Jack Storm
Dean Goering	Mike Stringer
Paul Henkel	Allen Tabe
Matt Lilly	Thomas Thornton
Thomas Neal	Ira Widrich
Michael Newman	

Ten (10) Year Membership Award ----- Bob Kamman

David Bishop	Clinton R. Geer
William Bussey	Wayne Hinaman
John Comello	Henry Klein
Harold Cook	Gene Melton
Ray Dassenbrock	Dennis Sakal
Don Fechner	Margaret Simpson
Noel Fenner	Roger Wade
Al Free	

Fifteen (15) Year Service Awards -----Bob Kamman

Paul Brondhaver	Dan Crocker
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Thirty (30) Year Service Awards -----Bob Kamman

Lee Bobltz

Forty (40) Year Service Award -----Bob Kamman

Gary Gregorio	Dan Wolfangel
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Forty-Five (45) Year Service Award -----Bob Kamman

Ken Wright

Fifty (50) Year Service Award -----Bob Kamman

Richard Reed

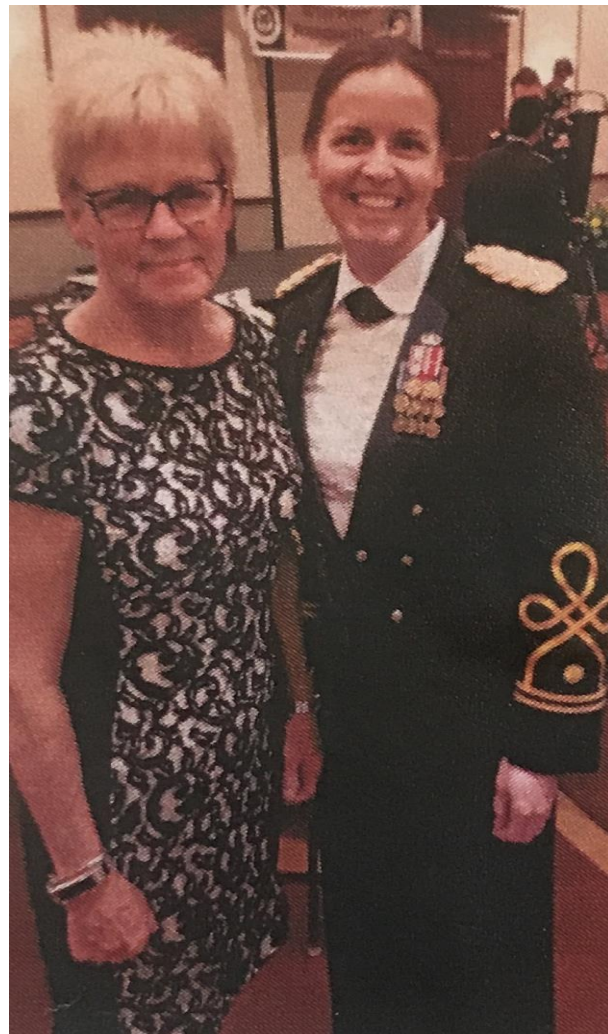
“Post Scripts”

Should you have an issue or topic you would like to opine about, if you put it in writing and submit it by the 25th of each month, it will be published for all to consider. However, there are two requirements; 1) we can't publish political opinions/endorsement, and 2) all editorials must be attributed. You sign it we'll print it!

Adrienne Prem Promoted to Lt. Colonel!

Lieutenant Colonel Prem received her promotion on June 9th, 2019. She and her father, Tom Prem are members of Post 318. Photo shows Lt. Col. Prem with her mother, Priscilla Prem. Adrienne is Chief of Casualty Investigations at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

Congratulations Lt. Col. Prem!



Fundraiser for Post 318

Past Adjutant Wolfangel noted that his daughter (Kerri Wolfangel – Comey & Shepherd Realty), and the owner of Lattitude Bistro (Anderson Towne Center) were proposing to hold a fundraiser to benefit our Post on August 25th, from 2 PM to 7 PM, with music by several local bands and a DJ, with silent auction gift baskets; a raffle; and Split-the-Pot. Admission cost would be \$10 per person. VIP tables available with special benefits. Only thing being requested of the Post is a Color Guard for opening, someone to give comment on Post's

activities in community, and set up the ceremonial POW-MIA missing man table. Further info forthcoming. More info will be posted on Facebook!

Please keep this date open, August 25th, 2019, because this would be a good event to invite others to attend and to use to spread the word that we are here, serving Anderson Township area veterans, our community, Ohio and The Nation.

Next Meeting

Our next Regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 10th, 2019. Our success depends on your support, so feel free to bring a friend and come find out what's going on! As always, there will be a light snack after the meeting.

Anderson Township July 4th Parade!

As in the past, Post 318 would like to make a strong showing at this very important and visible event. Again, Post 318 will lead the parade. Our Boy Scout Troop 519 will start off, followed by our Color Guard, followed by our marching unit, Commander DuBois and cars carrying our Service Flags and our veterans who need to ride. For the first time we will display our very large American Flag carried horizontally by hand. If you need to ride in the parade please let Ralph Caskey at (513) 470-6588. He will pick you up at the New England Club if you let him know!

Uniform of the day will be a baseball cap with your branch of service on it, or your Legion cap, with a white shirt and blue dress pants.

This year the parade (Post 318) begins at 10: AM, and Beechmont Ave. will be closed at 9:30! We will assemble at Nordica Lane by Dunkin Donuts Shop at 9:00 AM. You can park at Anderson High School and a shuttle will drive you to the starting point from 8 AM to 9:30 AM.

If you need a ride in the parade please call Ralph Caskey and let him know.

Ralph Caskey
Sgt at Arms,

At The Flag Pole

Display your flag days:

- July 4th, Independence Day!
- July 27th, National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Visit us at: www.post318.org

Membership Update

2020 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE HERE. As we have wrapped up another very successful membership year for Post 318, I would like to thank everyone for renewing their dues and a heartfelt thanks to all our new members. Our quota this past year was +3 over our 2018 year. Usually it's +1, so this made our challenge a bit harder; but you all came through.

I would like to get a jump on our membership renewals. Dues this year currently remain at \$40. However, there is talk that the Department will be increasing their dues by \$5. This would most likely take effect January 1, 2020. Therefore, my suggestion is to get your dues in early to avoid this increase. I've already had 5 members give me their dues so we're off to a good start. Your membership can be renewed one of several ways:

- Online by credit card: www.legion.org/renew
- Cash or check, either mailed to or dropped off at the Post. 6660 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244
- Switched to a 'Paid Up for Life' membership. This allows one to pay a onetime fee (or disburse it over 12 months). It eliminates renewal notices and future dues increases. You can check this out by going to <https://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

As Don mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Legion is asking congress to permit veterans that have served and have been honorably discharged, regardless of whether or not it was during a prescribed war period, to be able to join the American Legion. This has been approved by the Senate and is now in front of the House for their approval. In light of this action, I am asking that anyone that knows of any veterans who would now be permitted to join under these new guidelines to please send me that person's name and contact information. When this is finally approved, I will personally contact these individuals to see if they are interested in joining.

Thanks for renewing your 2020 membership as it helps to ensure that the American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, their families, and communities across the nation.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander

Charities, Inc. Fund Raisers

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 on-line and sign up for ***Kroger Rewards***, selecting ***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.

Chaplain's Report

This has been an interesting year. Due to the hard work of Bob Kamman, our 1st Vic Chairman, we once again made quota, meaning we have met and exceeded our last year's numbers for membership. There are many new names on our roster. Our hope is that these new members will get involved. If they only choose to do two activities such as Bingo, a dance, or cleanup, just once or twice during the year we will be blessed!

Two of our fairly new members, Joe DuBois and Ed Ruffennach, have jumped in and are now our Commander and Adjutant. With their leadership we should see some new ideas being brought forth. We can't thank Don Bishop and Dan Wolfangel enough for all they have done and will continue to do for our Post!

Seems like the Marines have landed at Post 318. Two of the three newest members are Marines. They attended our cookout on the 19th, and with over 40 people attending it was a great success, even with a mighty cloud burst! We want to thank Randy Lindsey for his hard work, even though his wife was unable to attend, and he had to do all the work.

It is great that some of our older members have been attending our functions. Our activities are for all ages, and if you attend one function you will see how enjoyable they can be. Bill King and his lovely wife, Ida May, have moved into the New England Club, room 111. Bill had a pacemaker put in last week, and after a short recovery at Anderson, hopes to go back to his new place. Some of our other members have had cataract surgery and carpal tunnel surgery but are getting around just fine.

I will be unable to help out for the next two weeks, so if you need a Chaplain call the Post and someone will contact you. May this next year be even better than this year. May God continue to watch over all of you, and our Post.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain