



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



"For God and Country"

August 2019

Commander's Notes:

Here we are over half way through summer, and looking forward to another Post 318 Dance Schedule! Please consider donating some of your time to supporting our fund raising projects. Every other week Dances beginning in September will need your support. If you don't want to help at the dance, please consider coming and bringing friends and family for the entertainment. The music is good, and the selection of beverages is only limited to your designated driver!

We are still having Bingo games every Sunday afternoon, so we need 14 volunteers every week to continue that fund raiser. The money we make from Bingo helps fund our many community services. As members of the American Legion we know that our community, state and nation need our support in the areas of Americanism and civic responsibility.

Bingo and dances fund those activities, so please step up and volunteer! If you have never joined us in putting on the dances or the Bingo games, we have many volunteers with years of experience doing everything involved. They look forward to getting you up to speed!

Come to a dance (in season) or Sunday night Bingo and we will take time to see that you get a job that you will enjoy! We train to please! We are also very friendly, and appreciate your company as well as your help! Come and join fellow veterans doing good works. We also tell interesting stories, so you may get some good entertainment. We look forward to hearing from you---and a lot of other new volunteers too! Thank you all for your military service! Thank you also for your volunteer service as an American Legionnaire!

Joe DuBois

American Legion Travel Benefits

Members of the American Legion are eligible for travel benefits from some businesses. If you still need to make travel plans this summer, you can click on the link below to see if you can use any of these discounts.

<https://www.legion.org/benefits/all>

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Post 318 Committee Chairmen

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Post 318 Annual Awards Program

Our Awards Program was a success! Thank you Ohio Senator Steve Wilson for attending the ceremony and honoring our 3 recently deceased veterans. Senator Wilson was a great speaker, and the families of our Honored Veterans were all represented at the ceremony.

Our Law Officer of the Year, Bob Goettke, along with his wife Ginger, and our Fireman of the Year, Nicholas Flerlage, accepted their awards, Then each of them said a few words thanking us for recognizing their service to the community. Other firemen and police officers were supporting them in the audience.

Thank you Dan Wolfangel for your dedication to doing all of the coordination you had to do to make this happen---smoothly! Thanks also to those of you who presented the awards: Bob Kamman, Jerry Porter, Don Bishop, Dan Wolfangel, Paul Henkel and our Senator, Steve Wilson. Thanks also to Mary and Don Bishop for preparing light refreshments for us!

About our Awards Night!

Dear Dan, (Wolfangel)

Thank you for including Senator Steve Wilson on your program last night. It was just awesome. So many awards for so many deserving people. We were humbled to be a small part of it.

Your Post is outstanding. It is obvious how hard everyone works to make it such a great organization. You and your members should be proud. If you or any of your members ever have questions about their benefits, please do not hesitate to contact Steve or his office. If he can, he will help. If not, he will direct you to someone who may be able to help. I hope to see you next year.

Sincerely,
Mike Pugh
(Aide to Senator Wilson)

Flag and Honor Guard Dates

At The Flag Pole:

Display the Flag days for August:

8-1-19 (Air Force Day)

8-4-(1790) U.S.Coast Guard Established

8-7-(1964) Vietnam War Began

8-14-1945 (Japan surrendered, ending WW II

8-16-19 (National Airborne Day)

8-19-19 (National Aviation Day)

8-26-19 (Women's Equality Day)

Our Color Guard has a detail on 8-12-19 for the Forest Hills School District opening day for teachers and staff. The fall sports season is coming soon if you would like to join the color guard detail and aren't a member already contact:

Ralph Caskey
Sgt.-At-Arms
(513) 470-6588

Hamilton County Legion meetings for 2019

Aug 7.....at Post 484
Sept 4.....at Post 631
Oct 2.....at Post 199
Nov 6.....at Post 69
Dec 4.....at Post 513

Chaplain's Report July 2019

Summer is here and with it comes a slow down on our activities at the Post. Without dances, Bingo and rentals are our main sources of income, so we have to make sure we are successful in these two endeavors and get the support necessary to run these events.

The Awards program on July 20th, went well with a good turnout for this time of year. Student participation was minimal but adult awards and family members filled the available seats. It was great to see Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri get recognized for their great contributions to the Post. They do seem to be attached at the hip because they are always together at the Post giving the support necessary to have things go as well as they do. Love to have more men like these two.

I have been away but I was glad to hear that no large outbreak of illness hit the Post or anyone passing. Let us keep it that way. Now that Don and Dan have finally retired from their positions at the Post, I hope they can sit back and enjoy what they have been so involved in making our Post successful. I know they will continue to provide guidance and offer their help when called upon. Thanks again to both of them for their long and great service to the Post.

Please stay healthy and have a great summer. Remember that the Post needs your help, so if you can give a little time to help at the Post, I look forward to seeing you there. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

Our Next General Meeting

Please come to our August 14th general meeting at 7:00 PM. Snacks, Volunteer of the Month drawing, and Split-the-Pot following the meeting.

Good News for the Future of the Post!

The Senate and the House passed the bill allowing all honorably discharged military veterans to join the American Legion! We are waiting for President Trump to sign it into law before we can recruit new members from the new candidates!

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 – If **American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.** is now registered with Amazon as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities, please share this information with family and friends. So, if you shop at Amazon and select Amazon Smiles, then **American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.**, you are then contributing to our fundraiser---at no cost to you!

Euchre Earnings for July

For the 3 weeks we played Euchre in July, we had \$193 come into the post. You are invited to join the Euchre players on Thursday nights at the Post. Chips and sodas can be purchased during the games, and some players may bring shared snacks. They are a very friendly group. Cost to play Euchre is \$5.00: \$2.50 for the Post and \$2.50 for prizes for the evening. Doors open at 6:45 and play begins at 7 PM.

Joe Baker

Fundraiser for Post 318!

Please make plans to attend our August 25th fundraiser at Latitudes Bistro & Bar in Anderson Towne Center. The program starts at 2 PM and runs to 7 PM, with music by several local bands and a D.J. There will be a Silent Auction and a Split-the-Pot. Admission is \$10, and all proceeds go to support Post 318! Check our Facebook pages for more details.

Dept. of Ohio Gifts for Yanks

Gifts for Yanks provides Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans. Gifts for Yanks also supports special projects at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in Ohio. Please consider supporting this 501(c)19 with your donations!

Membership Update

We are off to a great start towards our membership quota of 161. For July, we have 85 existing members renewed and one new and one transfer in progress. Here are our current stats:

2019 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 07/26/2019	85
2019 Goal	165
% of Goal	51.5%
2019 Quota	161
% of Quota	52.8%
Required for Quota	76

We still have the 79 of our existing members that haven't renewed to date. If you are one of these, please try to do so soon. We have a really good chance of hitting our goal this year; this would be the first time in the 5 years that I have been doing membership. If you hear of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way and I will be glad to follow up. We did a great job bring in new and transferred members last year. A big shout out to everyone for helping out.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander & Membership Chair

Party for Dept. Commander Roger Friend!

You are invited to attend the newly installed American Legion Department of Ohio Commander Roger Friend's Homecoming party! The party will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio 43055. Make your reservations by September 6th to get the \$119.00 rate! (740) 788-1200

Registration for the party: 5 to 7PM, Cash Bar: 6 to 9, Dinner: 7 to 8, Matt & Troy Band: 8 to 11. Food, music, dancing and fun! Cost per person is \$35. Call for reservations by Sept. 20th! (740) 877-8019.

Football Mania!

Please pay for your tickets and send in your ticket stubs before August 22nd! The tickets are \$20 each, and Post 318 receives \$14 of that! Weekly prizes run from \$25 to \$400 and details are printed on your tickets. If you have questions, or need more tickets, please call our Sweepstakes Chairman, Dennis Sakal. Remember that you must send in your filled out ticket stubs with your payment so Dennis can activate your tickets!

4th of July Parade was Great!



Scout Troop 519 led the parade, and our Post 318 Color Guard came next followed by our bagpiper, Mike Gregorio. Next came our group of Post 318 Members in cars. Then came our very large American Flag carried by members and wives of members! Thanks to all of you who participated in the parade or came to watch!

Very Big American Flag!



Post 318 Color Guard & Piper

This newsletter was edited by Joe DuBois, Commander, Post 318. If you have suggestions or comments for coming newsletters, please let me know!

Put Your Disability on Ice Learn to Play Hockey

SATURDAY
AUGUST 10 → 9:30 AM

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SLED HOCKEY
&
WARRIOR HOCKEY**

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That's my granddaughter in her sled on the left in the photo of the two sled hockey players. She is 14 years old and loves playing sled hockey. Her sled hockey team practices on Monday nights, beginning in September at Sports Plus, 10765 Reading Rd. She practices with others who have mobility issues. One player is in his sixties, and another is a quadriplegic who has a volunteer "pusher" to move him around the rink. Note that this ad is for: Blind Hockey, Sled Hockey and Warrior Hockey. They are open to people of all ages.

The sled is a great equalizer, and even those who have to be pushed enjoy playing the games. If you have special needs, please respond to the flyer above and see what TRYhockeyCINCY@gmail.com can do for you! The first year's membership and use of personal equipment is free! These are nonprofit, all volunteer programs!

My granddaughter went to see how sled hockey worked. She was equipped and strapped in a sled to see how it felt. She then said she would try it on the ice. That was 4 years ago, and she hasn't missed a practice or tournament since! Once a year a few professional Cincinnati Cyclones players come to the rink and practice with her team---in sleds! Try it August 10th at 9:30 AM! E-mail your RSVP soon!

You are invited to make suggestions for current content you think we should include in our newsletter. You are also invited to express your opinion on matters not political. All requests must be signed and identified by the writer of the article . You sign it, we print it!