



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

November, 2019

Commander’s Notes:

This month we will be very busy celebrating Veterans Day. On Saturday, the 9th, Clough United Methodist Church is holding a breakfast for area veterans from 9AM to 11AM at the Church, 2010 Wolfangel Rd. Breakfast is being provided by the women of the Church, and is free for the veteran and one guest. Space is limited, so call (513) 582-8477 by Monday, November 4th, and list for a space at the breakfast table!

On Monday the 11th, Anderson Township is holding its annual Veterans Day supper at Post 318’s Patriot Center. Area veterans and one guest are invited to attend. The supper begins at 5PM and is catered by Belterra Park Gaming. There will be a meal and dessert, followed by entertainment. Space is limited, so call Molly Mohrfield at Anderson Township, (513) 688-8421, and list yourself and your guest. If you get the answering machine, just leave your name and whether or not you will bring a guest.

Joe DuBois

4th District News

Brown Jug Turn-In, 2019-2020

November 12, 2019

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Meet and greet National Commander Bill Oxford at Don Gentile Post 532, 1571 Demorest Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43228.

November 13, 2019

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM: Enjoy a free breakfast at the Big Walnut Grill Restaurant, 175 OH-3, Sunbury, OH 43704. Free to all Veterans, provided by the Big Walnut Grill.

10 AM to 12:00 NOON: Brown Jug Turn-In at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware.

10:00 AM till 1:00 PM: National Commander, Bill Oxford, will be at Headquarters. Light lunch will be served.

PAST BROWN JUG COMMANDERS

Bring your Jug in for display on November 13, 2019

Al Buxton, 4th District Adjutant

Post 318 Officer List

Commander: Joe DuBois	(513) 582-8477
1st Vice: Bob Kamman	(513) 474-5237
2 nd 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

Post 318 Committee Chairmen

Americanism: Paul Henkel	(513) 413-4293
Bingo: Ed Sears	(513) 474-0246
Events Coordination: Ken Knight	(513) 675-5234
Communications: Ed Ruffennach	(330) 962-9652
Community Support: (vacant)	
Finance: Ron Yersky	(513) 232-2591
Fundraising: (vacant)	
House (Building): Bob Alfieri	(513) 232-0309
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
Charities, Inc. Liaison: Don Bishop	(513) 290-8307
VA Volunteer Service: Jerry Porter	(513) 528-1557

Next Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 13th, 2019. The success of Post 318 depends on your support, so come and find out what’s going on! As always, there will be split-the-pot and light snacks after the meeting. If you can bring a fellow veteran who needs a ride, please call our Chaplain, Jerry Porter, at (513) 528-1557.

Patriot Center Rental

The Patriot Center hosted several events in October, and made \$2500 for the Post! If you can tend our bar for rental functions, please contact Ken Knight at (513) 675-5234, and let him know that you might be able to help out with rental functions in the future. **Please let your friends and neighbors know that your Patriot Center is available for use for their functions! Give Ken a call!**

Ken Knight, Events Coordinator

Visit us at: www.post318.org

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. For the month of October Euchre contributed \$ 175 to the Post.

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.

Bingo Results for the month of October:

To Charities, Inc. 501(c)(3): \$1,015.

To the Post: \$2,600.

Concession made \$460 for the Post.

Annual Totals:

To 501C3, Charities, Inc: \$9,181

To Post 318: \$28,250

Concessions, Gross: \$5,244

Bingo Grand Total: \$42,675

Ed Sears, Bingo Manager

Well Done ,Ed!

Need Help?

If you're a veteran in need of help obtaining any of your benefits, please call our **Service Officer, Charlie Cleves**, at (513) 232-7767, or email at: ccleves1@fuse.net.

Chaplain's Report for October, 2019

Many of our members are getting up in age and are still anxious to get out to a meeting or activity, but may need a ride. Please consider helping one of our older veterans. Contact Jerry if you can give a fellow veteran a ride! (513) 528-1557

Jerry Porter, Chaplain

Breakfast with Santa

Charities, Inc. will conduct its 1st “**Breakfast with Santa**” fundraiser, Saturday, December 7th, from 8 AM to 11 AM. The event will offer a pancake breakfast, photos with Santa, and a Christmas Store for children to shop for small sibling and parent gifts. Admission for this event is \$7.50. Proceeds will be used to fund our programs. So, gather your children, or grandchildren, and come out and support us. We are also looking for people to work the event. If you can help out, please contact Don Bishop at (513) 290-8307.

Joseph House

Katie Waits of Joseph House thanks us for our support of veterans in need. She gave us a list of items that her clients are always in need of: socks, boxer brief underwear, body wash, body lotion, razors, shaving cream, blankets, sheets, towels, and reader glasses.

Please leave your donations in the Joseph House plastic storage bin on your left as you enter the Post 318 Club Room.

4th District Winter Conference

January 12th, 2020. Doors open at 8 AM, Conference begins at 10 AM. The Halker-Flege American Legion Post 69 will host the Conference. Post 69 is located at 9000 Reading Road in Cincinnati.

If you are interested in representing Post 318 at the 4th District Conference in January, please call or e-mail Joe DuBois. (513) 582-8477 or joedubois@cinci.rr.com I will then call and tell them you are planning to attend.

Joe DuBois

November Dance Celebrates Veterans

For November, we have two (2) dances scheduled. The first is a themed dance we're calling "*Military Night*" to celebrate Veterans. This dance will be hosted by Six Pac on November 9th at the Patriot Center.



On November 23rd, The Remains will return to the Patriot Center. This fan favorite group plays the music you want to hear.



Tickets for all dances can be purchased in advance for \$10 by going to the Post web site, then click on the Special Events Tab, or you can call the ShowClix box office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and ask about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events. Advanced sales end at 12:00PM on the day of the event. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

A Cincy Christmas Jamboree

The Patriot Center, in collaboration with the Cincy Rockers, is bringing the legends of Cincinnati entertainment together for a good old fashion Christmas variety show on December 14th, 2019. Join the Cincy Rockers, and our "A-Team" of Bobby Harlow, Jeff Wilson, Jeanne Blessing, Doug Morgan and Ann Chambers as they revive the memories of Christmas's past through holiday songs and entertainment. **Event tickets are on sale now at ShowClix. There are three options available; Premium Seating (\$19.50), Select Seating (\$17.00), and General Admission (\$15.00). Seat selection will be made at time of purchase. Groups wishing to be seated together must purchase all tickets at the same time. You can purchase tickets on-line by following this link: <https://www.showclix.com>, or by calling the ShowClix Box Office at 1-888-718-4253,**

Option 1, and ask about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events. On-line ticket sales close at 12 noon on December 14th. Tickets can be purchased at the door, if available. However, seat selection can only be made through ShowClix, at the time of purchase.

Veterans Day Celebration

Mark Monday, November 11th on your calendar and come celebrate Veterans Day with us. This event is intended for Anderson Township Veterans and 1 guest. It will include a complimentary dinner, dessert, and live entertainment. Details are listed below. Capacity is limited to 200 guests, and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. **Post members, call in your reservation right now.** To make a reservation for you and one guest, call Molly Mohrfield at (513) 688-8421. Leave your name, phone number and list your guest. Use answering machine, if it answers!

**Anderson Township
Veterans Day Celebration**
Monday, November 11th, 2019
American Legion – Anderson Post 318

Reservations Required:

- Anderson Township Veterans & 1 Guest
- Seating for 200 – 1st Come / 1st Serve
- For Reservation - Call 688-8400

Program:

5:00 PM - Cash Bar

6:00 PM - Complimentary Dinner
(Sponsor – Belterra Park Gaming)

7:00 PM - Complimentary Dessert
(Sponsor – Mt Washington Care Center)

7:30 PM - Live Show – The Veterans of Comedy
(Sponsor - American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.)

WWW.THEVETERANSOFCOMEDY.COM

6660 Clough Pike
Anderson Township, Ohio 45244

Post 318 Members Service Photos

Over the last 4 years, we have developed a slide show of service related and Legion photographs. It has become a Post historical record and is shown each year during our Veterans Day celebration. In preparation for this year's event, we are currently updating this slide show. If you should have some pictures to contribute please get them **to Don Bishop** ASAP. Electronic files are preferred, but if you have photographs, he will scan and return the originals, so include a return address!

Social Events

December 6th: Post 318 Annual Christmas Party
Save the date! Ham, turkey, beer, wine and sodas will be provided. You bring the sides and desserts!

Randy Lindsey, 2nd Vice Commander

Visit us at: www.post318.org

Wave The Flag Fundraiser

We will conduct our 4th annual “Wave The Flag” Fundraiser, Saturday, November 9th at Kroger – Anderson Towne Center from 10a to 4p. We may also be allowed to solicit donations at Kroger Cherry Grove, but won’t get a confirmation until after October 31st. For planning purposes, we are scheduling volunteers to work both locations. **If you can help out with this fundraiser, please let me know!** As always, I will schedule on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Any questions, please let me know! contact **Don Bishop at 474-4194**, or via email at dabishop@fuse.net Thanks for your consideration!

Don Bishop, Charities, Inc. Liaison

Post Finance Report for October

Current operational figures - Checking \$18,075. Savings \$21,721. Current as of October 29th, with all bills up to date!

Post Finance Officer Position Available immediately!

On the job training with Finance Officer Ron Yersky. Bonding not required. Contact Post Commander or Ron Yersky for details. (Phone numbers on first page.)

Ron Yersky, Finance Officer

Happy Birthday Marines!

In keeping with Marine Corps tradition, there will be birthday cake at the Post, Sunday, November 10th to celebrate the 244th Anniversary of the Marine Corps birthday. Everyone is welcome to join us in the club room, at 7:00 PM, to celebrate this event. However, with a significant increase of new Marine Corps members to our Post this past year, we are hoping for a nice crowd. Please take this opportunity to come down to the Post for a few minutes and have a piece of cake and share some camaraderie. “SEMPER PAR”!

Don Bishop was the guest speaker at the local Wagon Wheels Women’s Club on October 2nd. He presented an overview of the American Legion to the ladies group. Following his presentation, Don accepted a \$50 contribution to Post 318 from the Wagon Wheels Club.

***Thanks again for your good works
to benefit Post 318, Don!***

At The Flag Pole

Display your flag days:

Nov 10 - Marine Corps Birthday Day (cake at the Post, 7 PM in the Club Room)
Nov 11 - Veterans Day (Armistice Day of WW I, 1918)
Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Color Guard

We had 4 Color Guard details for September and October with AHS and THS soccer and football teams. Basketball season will be next up for the CG . If you're interested in joining the CG details, let me know. The presence of our Color Guard at community events demonstrates that we are involved in local activities, and that we care about our youth activities.

We need more members to step up for the activities around Veterans Day. At this time we're shorthanded, so if you can help out call or text Ralph at 470-6588 or email caskeyrw@gmail.com and join us for classroom visits and Color Guard details.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

A Flag Retirement Ceremony by Post 318 was held on Saturday, October 19th, at the Hillcrest Cemetery fire pit. The Post has received many American flags which were in need of retirement, so several hundred flags were honorably retired. We had 8 members who helped retire those flags. Thanks to Commander Joe D, Gary G, Walt G, Don B, Ed S, Todd M, Ed R, Ralph C for a job well done.



Post Bugler, Ed Ruffennach (on the right) ended the ceremony by playing Taps, honoring those veterans buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, on the hill in the background. Stay tuned for our next flag retirement day.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Ralph Caskey

American Legion's Buddy Checks

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

When we were in the military, we would never let our battle buddies down. The same is true now. Only we have millions of buddies today, brothers and sisters who proudly defended our nation. We may have worn the uniform at the same time, before them, or afterward. We may have served in the same branch, or in a different one.

While our stories of military service differ, we all took the same oath and served our nation proudly. For each of us, a veteran is a veteran. Now what is important is that we have the backs of our battle buddies.

That's where The American Legion's Buddy Checks come into play. Twice a year, around Veterans Day and the American Legion Birthday, we engage in a concerted effort to check on our fellow veterans. It's a great way to reach out to former members and those who don't regularly visit the Post. In the inaugural Buddy Checks last March, Legionnaires found many veterans who needed assistance, some of whom were too proud to reach out to ask for help. But thanks to the Buddy Check program and follow-through by Legionnaires, many of our buddies were able to get the assistance they needed.

***James W. "Bill" Oxford,
National Commander***

Post 318 Buddy Checks

If you are inclined to meet, or to speak with a fellow veteran during this Buddy Checks time, please let us know by calling or sending an e-mail with your name, phone number and/or your e-mail address. E-mail: Commander@post318.org, or call: (513) 582-8477.

If you are in need of a "Buddy" right now, just give us a call or send an e-mail to the number/e-address above. We will find a fellow veteran to speak with you on the phone, by e-mail or one-on-one, face to face and find out how you are doing and what Post 318 can do for you. If you know a veteran who needs our help, please let Charlie Cleves, Jerry Porter, or me know who they are!

***Joe DuBois,
Post 318 Commander***

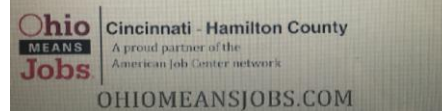
Ohio Means Jobs for Veterans

Ohio Means Jobs, Cincinnati-Hamilton County, Wednesday, November 6, 9 AM to 12 PM at 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio. Phone (513) 946-7200. **More info at: ohiomeansjobs.com**

Queen City Veteran's Job Fair



Sponsored By:



American Legion Amateur Radio Club

If you are a licensed ham radio operator you might want to go to www.legion.org/hamradio and see what they might have to interest you in your hobby!

Joe DuBois, KD8SMG

Annual Membership Drive

We are officially at 85.7% of our quota of 161 paid up members, well before the end of October! If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do it soon! Please pay your 2020 dues by November 11th! Thanks!

Bob Kamman, 1st Vice Commander & Membership Chairman

Gifts for Yanks Program is officially open!

The fundraising drive for the *Gifts for Yanks* program has officially begun. The fundraising drive runs from August 1st, 2019 through May 31st, 2020. All donations submitted during this time-frame will support the program for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. May 31st is also the deadline for any post or district to be considered for a Department Convention Award.

During this years' fundraising drive, we ask every American Legion post to donate at-least \$0.50 per quota member. Last year, we raised just under \$200,000 with less than 20% of our post engaged with the *Gifts for Yanks* program. Thank-you to each member of our American Legion Family who make this program possible.

Jermaine C. Ferguson, Program Coordinator



This character attended the Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 26th! If you recognize him, call or text him and make comments on his attire!

Halloween Dance Costume contest Winners



October 26, 2019 at the Patriot

THE Faith & FRIENDS VETERAN EXPERIENCE

Come Join Us for a new way of doing church!

Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm
 American Legion Anderson Post #318
 6660 Clough Pike • Cincinnati, OH 45244
BRING YOUR FAVORITE VETERANS!
 Dinner 6:00pm • Service 6:30pm

MUSIC • FAITH-BASED MESSAGE • COMMUNITY • DINNER PROVIDED

Message: "Laying Down Your Life for a Friend" by guest speaker Jim Butler

1965: Commissioned Field Artillery Officer from Xavier University.

1967-1968: Vietnam Field Artillery Battery, Cmdr. LZ "Pony"/Camp "Ha Tay" Special Forces Camp & Field Artillery. Liaison Officer 173rd Airborne Brigade LZ "English".

1971-1972 Vietnam Studies & Observations Top Secret Joint Unconventional Warfare Task Force S.E. Asia.

1973-1987: Active U.S. Army Reserve Special Operations Units.

Free Supper, 6:00PM at the Post, November 6th!