



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

February, 2020

Commander’s Notes:

Post 318 has reached some membership mile stones this year! Thanks to the hard work of Bob Kamman, we have reached and exceeded our quota, earning us another Little Brown Jug Award from 4th District! We have also exceeded our highest membership ever, thanks to the tireless work of our 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chairman, Bob Kamman!

Please note that I have been advised by Chaplain Porter that I should not try to attend or work every activity that Post 318 is involved in. That has led to burn out for several past Post officers. Therefore, you need to step up and volunteer to help keep Post 318 an active, involved organization! One of our American Legion slogans is “Veterans helping Veterans”. If you don’t need help yourself, you should be helping others! Our current group of volunteers need help. If you think that paying your dues is enough support for the Post, remember that our total dues from our membership would not keep us in business for even one month!

Joe DuBois

Why Bingo?

As we begin a new Year at Post 318, let us remember our duty to continue to serve our veterans, our community, our state and our nation. Our major fundraiser is Sunday Night Bingo at The Patriot Center! We have to have you and others volunteer to help so that we can continue to run our Bingo games, and our other major fundraiser, Dances.

You owe a great deal of thanks to the Post 318 members, their wives and friends who have volunteered to help us with our Bingo and with our dances over the years.

We owe an especially big “Thank You!” to our Bingo Chairman, Ed Sears, for his continuing service to keep our Bingo games going, Sunday after Sunday! That is almost 50 Sundays a year! Ed also spends another day or two keeping records and buying Bingo supplies. That adds up to a minimum of 150 work days a year at the Post!

It would be a great help if you would volunteer just one (1) day a month to help with Bingo or a dance! Give me or Ed Sears a call and we will see how you can help keep Post 318 solvent! Joe: (513) 582-8477, Ed: (513) 474-0246. One day a month!

Post 318 Officer List

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Chaplain: Jerry Porter (513) 528-1557
Sgt.-at-Arms: Ralph Caskey (513) 470-6588

Post 318 Committee Chairmen

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Bingo: Ed Sears (513) 474-0246
Events Coordination: Ken Knight (513) 675-5234
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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, February 12th, 2020. The success of Post 318 depends on your support, so come and find out how you can help! 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 and see who you can bring.

Patriot Center Rental

Our Hall is one of the newest, largest and cleanest in the area which is available for rental. The hall can hold over 200 guests! If you know anyone who needs a good place to have a party or gathering, please give them my number, (513) 675-5234, and recommend that they use our Patriot Center.

Ken Knight,

Events Coordination

January Bingo Results!

Post 318 Bingo netted approximately \$4,163 in January, which is very good for our budget! Thanks again, Ed! And thanks to all of you workers who come out on Sunday and do all of the work you do to make our Bingo Night a winning operation for the Post!

At the Flag Pole

Display your flag days:

February 12 , 2020: Lincoln's Birthday

February 17, 2020: President's Day

We had 3 Color Guard details in January. Thank you all who served in the Post 318 Color Guard at local Anderson area events!

***Ralph Caskey,
Sargeant-At-Arms***

Post Financial Review

When a new Finance Officer takes charge of Post finances, it is necessary to conduct a financial review to determine that all accounts are in order. The Commander appointed Walter Geil and John Surdick to conduct the review. They met on January 15, 2020, to conduct a review of random financial records for 2018 and 2019. The signed review will be presented at the next General Membership meeting and entered into the minutes

All of the records that were reviewed were found to be accurate. Therefore the transfer of all Post 318 financial records to the new Financial Officer was approved by the Commander.

Joe DuBois

As a community service project, the Post donated the use of the Patriot Center for an hour on January 25th to Wilson Cub Scout pack 867. They conducted a meeting where a K-9 Sheriff's officer talked about Police Dogs, their training, abilities, and uses in police work. He also showed how his dog could respond to commands. It was a very good presentation!

Help Out Post 318 on Facebook!

We are asking that all members and friends of the Post that are on Facebook help us out with our marketing. A few simple clicks can help us get the word out about events here at the Post. Here are four simple things you can do to help out.

#1.) **LIKE** both the **PatriotCenter318** and **@AmericanLegion318** on Facebook.

#2.) Then ask your friends and family on Facebook to do the same.

#3.) When you see an event such as our upcoming Lenten Fish Frys show up on Facebook as a suggested event, please click either **INTERESTED** or **GOING**. By doing this, all of your friends that are on Facebook who live within 25 miles of the Post will see these events in their news feed at some point.

#4.) When you see an event and have indicated you are **INTERESTED** or **GOING**, please **INVITE** your nearby Facebook friends. Invite them to the events 7 to 21 days before the event. By doing this you are triggering Facebook's analytics to kick in. Then Facebook will begin sharing [advertising] our events for free to these people and their friends.

Thanks for your assistance and support!

Eric Franz, Facebook Nerd

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Our guru, "The Facebook Nerd", Eric, would like to keep track of all post activity posted on Facebook. To make this work, he requests that all posting be e-mailed to him in text or doc format (no PDF please!), and he will make sure it gets properly posted where it needs to be! Thanks!

Joe DuBois

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. Please 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, \$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 December, Euchre contributed \$ 191 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.

FootballMania™ Results

Dennis Sakal is presently residing in Florida and has announced that the FootballMania™ game is over. He has reported that this season’s game has produced 2 \$100 winners, and 4 \$25 winners. The last Post winner was Ron Yersky, who won \$600. A big “Thank You!” goes out from us to Dennis Sakal for his work running our FootballMania™ game this year! He was also active helping out at Bingo over the years.

HoopsMania™

Our next game is the HoopsMania™. Matt Lilly has volunteered to conduct this game for us, and he just mailed out the HoopsMania™ tickets for you to buy or to sell to friends or family. For each ticket you buy or sell, the Post receives \$14! If you don’t receive your tickets let Matt Know! Call him at (513) 617-8351 & leave a message. Fill out the ticket stub and send it with a check for \$20.00 to our P.O Box number.

Joe DuBois

Chaplain’s Report , January 2020

We start a new decade with some optimism. It has been a long time since we had enough money in the bank so we were not worrying about paying the bills, for a little while. Membership has reached an all time high for this Post. A great big thank you goes out to Bob Kamman for his persistence and for members bringing in new members. Without Bob’s calls and emails we would probably be below quota, not above.

We lost another member this month. Bill Hitchcock was called to the eternal resting place after battling cancer for five months. He was a really good man who I got to know well. He was not as active as he would have liked, but he supported our Post. Thank you to Joe and Gary for attending his service with me.

We also lost Roger Siegman. The Post provided the Color Guard, The Rifle Squad, the Flag Presentation, our Bugler for Taps, and I prayed the final prayer and presented the flag to the family. We need to support our members families during these sad moments and it shows our concern for members when we attend these funerals.

On February 18th, we will have another visit to the VA to help some of the resident patients there play their weekly Bingo games. They look forward to these visits by the different Posts, and the volunteers who help always come back rewarded. We need six or seven volunteers each time we go, so if you are interested, just let me know.

Because of the hard work of our Bingo manager, Ed Sears, and his faithful crew, bingo is still doing very well and the numbers of attendees is increasing. A big Thank you goes out to Ed, and especially Carolyn, his wife, for supporting him.

Joe DuBois, our Commander, is really on top of things.. He would really appreciate more volunteer help. One reason people do not take on leadership positions at the Post, is the lack of support. Your leaders end up getting burned out! Come on guys! Let’s come up with some new ideas to get more members involved! If anyone has suggestions, please e-mail them to Joe, or attend a meeting and ask him how you can help.

Leo Turner is at the VA in Georgetown. Keith Musselman is still at the Anderson nursing home. Jack Storm is at Salem Woods. If you are near any of these facilities, please drop in and say hello to these guys! God Bless all of you and may this year continue to bring you good health. ***Jerry Porter, Chaplain***

February Dance Schedule

The Patriot Center has three really good bands scheduled to entertain you during this month.

**Super Bowl Warm-up
Featuring The Cincy Rockers
February 1st**



But wait, there's more! To get into the spirit of Super Bowl LV, we will conduct some special activities, including our football toss. You're welcome to bring in your own appetizers to make it a great "tailgate" experience, and suggested attire for the evening is to dress in the colors of the team you'll be cheering for on Super Bowl Sunday, or your favorite NFL team.

**Patriot Center Presents:
Valentine's Day Dance
Saturday, February 15, 2020
Featuring: Wild Rice Musical Revue**

Wild Rice Musical Revue will return to the Patriot Center to host our Valentine's Day event on February 15th! This high energy dance band, made up of Cincinnati music legends, specializes in making sure their audience has a great time! Whether you want to get up and dance, or sit back and enjoy the music, you will be entertained. As part of this Valentine's Day celebration, the Patriot Center will break out its "kissing booth", a memorable photo opportunity. There will be complimentary candy for everyone, and there may also be a few more sur-prises, all for the price of a single admission. A great way to spend one of the top "date nights" of the year!

Slow Burn Band Dance

On February 29th, the *Patriot Center* is pleased to welcome back *Slow Burn*. This is a highly talented and versatile band. They play from a huge set list of various musical genres from *Classic Rock* styles to *Traditional Blues*. They are an energetic band that engages audiences and entertains all ages, so let the "burn begin".



Tickets for all dance events can be purchased in advance at: <https://www.showclix.com/> for \$10, or by calling the ShowClix box office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask about *Patriot Center of Cincinnati* events. All fees and taxes are included. Advance sales end at 12:00 PM on the day of the event. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

Food Service Trial

The Patriot Center, in collaboration with *At Your Service NOW* catering, is conducting a limited food service trial for our dance events. The dances scheduled for February 1st and February 15th are included in this trial. Offered meals will be served between 6pm and 7:30pm.

- To participate, customers can order the defined meal on ShowClix, when dance tickets are purchased, for \$8.00.*
- For walk-ins, the meal can be requested upon arrival at the Patriot Center for \$9.00*, if available.
- *All payments will be in cash, upon arrival at the Patriot Center.

Continuing this food service beyond February 15th would require sale of at least twenty-five (25) meals per event.

February 1st Menu: chicken wings, vegetable Shooters, and a choice of sauce for the wings.

February 15th Menu: Chicken Alfredo and a side salad.

Toward The Light

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THE GIFT OF TIME

On his death bed, Alexander the Great, summoned his army generals and told them his last three ultimate wishes: First, the best doctors should carry his coffin. Second, the wealth he had accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery. And lastly, his hands should be let loose so they could hang outside the coffin for all to see. His generals were surprised by his unusual requests and one asked Alexander to explain. He told them, "I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal. "I want the road to my grave to be covered with my treasure so that everyone can see that material wealth acquired on earth, will stay on earth. "And finally, I want my hands to swing in the wind so that the people understand we come into this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed, after our most precious treasure of all is exhausted. That treasure, my friends, is time." We take no material wealth to the grave. Time is our most precious treasure because it is limited. We can produce more treasure but we cannot produce more time. When we give someone our time, we give them a portion of our life—a portion we can never get back. Our time is our life! **May God grant you enough time to share with all those you love.**

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Oratorical Contest

The Post 318 annual oratorical contest was held on Saturday, January 25th at 12 noon. Our judges were: #1-Dee Stone, #2-Rick Weis, #3-Bob Bachelder, #4-Winnie Clayton, and #5-Bob Kamman.

Timers - Don Bishop and Dan Wolfangel

Usher- Randy Lindsey

Tabulator extraordinaire- Jack Surdick

Master of Ceremonies was Gerald Porter.

Our contestant, Nate Baker , won our local contest, and his score was recorded. He will move up to the District contest. He was accompanied by his mother, father and brother.

Lenten Fish Fry!

Once again, Anderson American Legion Post #318 is hosting our Annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners from 5 to 7 PM every Friday from February 28th through April 10th, at our Post, known as the Patriot Center, located at 6660 Clough Pike in Anderson Township.

You can dine-in or carry-out. Basic dinners include of an entree of fried or baked fish or shrimp, with french fries and the choice of a tasty side dish and beverage. A chicken tenders dinner with french fries and beverage is also available.

Basic dinners range from \$5.00 to \$8.50. You can also choose from the variety of sides to add to your dinner, at a modest additional cost. Diners can also get just a fish sandwich.

Delicious desserts, many of which are home-made, will also be available. Soft drinks and bar drinks will also be available for purchase. The Post needs volunteers, so make sure you are on the list to help out!

Dan Wolfangel



Oratorical Contest Winner, Nate Baker, and the officials listed on the left of the Photo. George Thompson Post 425 & Hamilton County, also attended. (In the red jacket above.)

Membership Update!

Post 318 is over quota, and at our highest membership ever! We are 1 over our quota of 165! We have also exceeded our record highest membership of 163, set back in 1981! The plaque announcing that we reached our quota was presented to Commander DuBois at the winter conference of Ohio District 4, by Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson. Our new Post 318 members: Ken Barg, John Bothwell, Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, Steve Saunders, Mike Thumann, Rick Weis. Transfers: Chester Canter, Danny Garrett, Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich, Ron Mercurio. Our deceased Members: Bill King, Don McLaughlin, Roger Siegman, and Dale Simpson. February Birthdays: Richard Brusman, Lewis Ivanovich, Tomas Neal, Jack Nolting, Richard Reed, Ed Sears, John Smith, Leo Turner, Robert Williams.

Robert Kamman
Membership Chairman

BROWN JUG PARTY

MARCH 14, 2020, STUART G. LUGINBUHL POST 72, MT. CARMEL, OHIO 45244. CASUAL LEGION DRESS. FOOD, BEER, AND SODA PROVIDED PAST JUG WINNERS BRING YOUR JUGS! CASH BAR FOR MIXED DRINKS. AWARDS TIME: 5:00 PM TILL 9:00 PM. 497 B, OLD STATE ROUTE 74. COME ENJOY THE PARTY!

IF YOU ARE COMING, PLEASE CALL: STEVE FOSTER AT 513-827-2514 OR KEN ELLIS AT 513-444-8660 BY FEBRUARY 28, 2020 AND LET THEM KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING SO THEY CAN GET A HEAD COUNT FOR THE FOOD.

Al Buxton, 4th District Adjutant



the World's First Vietnam Veterans Memorial
and the Men who erected it
Cha Rang Valley, II Corps area, RVN: 27OCT1968

(kneeling) Bill Atkeison, Jim Fox, Wayne Wylie
(standing) Eddie Ledden, Dave Behrens, Larry Trusty,
Will Padgett <hidden>, Gus Teague, Bob Gorse, Chuck Bennett
Jim Carwell ... behind the camera

A cross, constructed of wooden beams, carried to the top of a (approx) 900ft hill outside our base camp, erected by digging a hole to place the cross base in and piling rocks around it. Placed on the vertical piece was a plaque stating the cross was a memorial to the US military members who fought in Vietnam. We served our Time in Vietnam with the US Army. While we were doing that, we erected what we believe to be the World's First Vietnam Veterans Memorial erected in-country by US Servicemen. Placed on the vertical piece was a brass plaque attesting to the fact that this memorial was "in honor of the US Servicemen" who had fought in Vietnam. The plaque was dated "28 OCT, 1968." And we're proud of it!

Fish Fry Yard Signs!

To promote our Lenten Fish Frys, the Post has about 50 yard signs. These signs simple communicate that the Post has a fish fry each Friday. They were designed to be reusable, so they don't have any specific dates on them. Our challenge is to get these signs out into the community. They will be available at our February 12th meeting. They should be displayed beginning February 22nd. Please stop in and pick one up. **We need your support to successfully promote our Fish Fry's.**