



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*March, 2020*

### **Commander’s Notes**

The major fundraiser financing our Post 318 activities is **Sunday Night Bingo at The Patriot Center!** We have to have you, and others, volunteer to help run our Bingo games, and to volunteer to work our other major fundraiser, Saturday night dances.

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

**We also owe a big “Thank You!” to our Bingo Chairman, Ed Sears, for his continuing service to keep our Bingo games going, Sunday after Sunday!**

**Joe DuBois**

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### **At the Flag Pole**

Display your flag! March 29th is National Vietnam Veterans Day.

### **“Toots”**

A Big Shout Out to Ed Ruffennach, "Toots"! In 2019 Ed played his bugle at 75 grave side services, put in 65 hours, and drove over 4,000 miles! When you see Ed give him a high five or two! I'll buy him a beer or two!

### **Gifts for Yanks**

If you would like to donate to the **Gift for Yanks Fund** this year, I need your donation by March 25th. I will send in our gifts by March 31st. Drop off at the Post. I'll be at the Fish Frys on Friday nights! Thanks!

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

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### **Charities, Inc. Finances as of 1/ 31/2020**

General Account (Total): \$3,800  
Veterans Account (Total): \$1,068  
Charities, Inc.(Total):\$4,868

### **Post 318 Officer List**

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

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### **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: Randy Lindsey (513) 374-2099  
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  
Corp. Statutory Agent: Dan Wolfangel (513) 474-9577  
Uniformed Ceremony: Ralph Caskey (513) 470-6588  
Charities, Inc. Liaison: Don Bishop (513) 290-8307  
VA Volunteer Service: Jerry Porter (513) 528-1557

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### **Next Meeting**

Our next general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 11th, 2020. 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 and see who you can bring.

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### **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**

### ***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 Chairman, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions. For the month of February, even with only 3 sessions, Bingo earned \$2,700 for the Post, and contributed \$685 to **Charities, Inc.** Gross income from concessions was \$470.

**Euchre** – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night, beginning at 7PM (doors open at 6:45) and Friday afternoons at 12:30PM (doors open at 12:15) in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$5, \$2.50 going to the Post, and \$2.50 going to prize money. These are fun events, and are open to both our membership and the public. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions.

**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. 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.

### ***Post 318 Scholarships for High School Seniors***

**ELIGIBILITY:** The American Legion - Anderson Post 318 Veteran Scholarships will be awarded to the deserving children (dependents), or grandchildren, of “Honorably Discharged” veterans. Students applying for these scholarships must be in the graduating class of 2020 at Anderson, Turpin, or McNicholas High School, or be the child or grandchild of an American Legion - Anderson Post 318 member in good standing. The entire application must be completed and received by American Legion - Anderson Post 318, P.O. Box 54390, Cincinnati, OH. 45254-0390, on or before, April 30, 2020. A copy of the sponsoring veterans DD 214 must be submitted with the application. All scholarship winners must attend the American Legion - Anderson Post 318 Annual Awards Program on July 18, 2020.

***Contact Jerry Porter for an application  
(513) 528-1557***

### ***February Bingo!***

Post 318 Bingo raised \$685 for Charities, Inc. and \$2700 for the post, and concession sales added another \$470 for a total of \$ 3,855 for the month of February.

***Ed Sears, Bingo Chairman***

### ***Hoops Mania Game!***

***It is not too late to enter the Hoops Mania game!  
Contact Matt Lilly now to buy tickets!***

Call Matt at (513) 617-8351, or e-mail [matt.lilly@cchmc.org](mailto:matt.lilly@cchmc.org). Have him fill out a ticket for you, then send your check for \$20 to Post 318, P.O. Box 54390, Cincinnati, OH 45254. When he receives your check, he will activate your ticket and notify you if you are a winner as the basketball season progresses! So far the Hoops Mania game has raised over \$1,000!

***Matt deserves a big “Thank You” for all the work he has done setting up and running Hoops Mania!***

### ***Williamsburg American Legion Post 288***

**208 E. Main St., Williamsburg, OH 45176**



Proceeds Benefit Ron Chapman’s Election Campaign for National Executive Committee.

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5-8 pm. \$8.00 at the door all you can eat

Chinese Raffle – Split The Pot

***Al Buxton, Adjutant, 4<sup>th</sup> District &***

***Post 199 Chaplain and Service Officer***

(513) 225-1489, [asbuxton69@gmail.com](mailto:asbuxton69@gmail.com)

Note: A Chinese Raffle raises money by selling you tickets. You then place your tickets in containers next to the donated items which you want to win. At the end of the raffle a ticket is drawn from each container. The holder of that ticket stub wins that donated item.

## ***March Dance Schedule***

### ***Cincy Rockers***

Join the ***Cincy Rockers***, March 14<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. You'll see a great band, playing the music you want to hear, and also create a few memories.

For this event, we are bringing back the **"Wearing of the Green Contest"**. Get into the spirit of the evening by coming in your best St. Patrick's Day apparel. \$50 will go to the person, or couple, selected by the audience as the best Irishman in disguise. The 2nd and 3rd place runners up will receive tickets to a future dance. If that's not enough, you may also find a **"Blarney Stone"** you can lock your lips around.



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### ***Model Behavior***

On March 28, the ***Model Behavior Band*** will be making their ***Patriot Center*** debut. This group is a high-energy cover band that plays upbeat pop, rock, dance and party music with a core focus in the 1980's. They play the tried and true crowd favorites from bands like **Journey, Bon Jovi, Joan Jett, and Led Zeppelin** but they're unique because they also play a wide selection of songs other bands don't play. When was the last time you saw a live band cover dance and party tunes from artists such as **A Flock of Seagulls, The Knack, Til Tuesday, Aldo Nova** or **The Talking Heads**, just to name a few?



### ***Model Behavior***

***Model Behavior*** creates a party atmosphere wherever they go. They'll have you dancing and singing along with them in no time and don't be surprised if they invite you on stage and give you the "rock star" treatment.

If you're looking for fun the answer is ***Model Behavior!*** Come party with them! You'll be glad you did.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 by going to the Post web site [www.post138.org](http://www.post138.org), 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 12:00p on the day of the event. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

***Don Bishop, Dance Coordinator***

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### ***Spring Dance Schedule***

March 14th - "St. Patrick's Day Celebration" -  
Featuring "Cincy Rockers Band"  
March 28th - "Model Behavior"  
April 4th - "Wild Rice Musical Revue"  
April 18th - "Slow Burn Band"  
May 2nd - "Cinco de Mayo Theme Dance" -  
Featuring "Cincy Rockers Band"  
May 16th - "The Remains Band"  
May 30th - "Wild Rice Musical Revue"  
June 13th - "Slow Burn Band" - (Spring Dance Season  
"Loyalty Card Night" Cash Prize Drawing!)

### ***Chaplain's Report***

Lenten Season is upon us and that means it is Fish Fry time! From February 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 10<sup>th</sup>, every Friday night from 5 until 7, we will be open for business. Volunteering to work these events is a fun thing and we usually have enough staff, but if you are interested, let me know and we will work you in.

Our Legion continues to grow with the leadership of Bob Kamman, as Membership Chairman, and other members recommending people. We are almost to 170 members, our highest membership ever! Now if we can get some new members to volunteer to help with events, this should be a great year.

With a long awaited agreement with our neighbor, The Family Pet Center, we hope the long time feud is finally ended. With some slight changes to our property, some additional funds from them, and a new agreement, we will become friendly neighbors!

We thank Randy Lindsey for stepping up to replace our past Finance Officer, Ron Yersky, so we will continue to have a good understanding of our finances. At last we are becoming more financially able to carry out our mission to serve the Veterans and our community. It would be great if someone would step up to relieve Randy of his second office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.

Ron Yersky, who is having some foot problems, seems to be on the mend. Noel Fenner had his second knee replacement and seems to be getting about. Noel's wife Donna, was involved in a bad accident on Beechmont, but came out of it with little ill effects. Thank the good Lord for protecting her.

I wish to thank all members of our Honor Guard for coming out for WWII veteran, Roger Siegmann's funeral. I also wish to thank Joe DuBois, our commander, and his wife Sandy, for going out of their way to take a Veteran who was down on his luck out to dinner and to give this Veteran some encouragement. We are saddened to announce that longtime member, Leo Turner, a WWII Army vet passed away on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We think services were already held in his honor. He was a 72 year Legion Member!

Lord, continue to guide us that we, as a Legion, continue to fulfill our Mission to serve Veterans and the Community. Keep all our members and families in good health. Amen!

***Jerry Porter - Chaplain***

### ***2020 Poppy Day Program***

Charities, Inc. has kicked-off its 2020 Forest Hills School District (FHSD) Poppy Day Program. The goals for this program remain the same: 1) to provide the reason for ***Memorial Day*** and the symbolism of the "***Memorial Poppy***", 2) to provide an opportunity for FHSD students to interact with local veterans, and 3) to raise funds to support disabled veterans and veterans in need.

This year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year we have taken the "Poppy Program" into these FHSD elementary schools. Like our previous years, our plan is to make changes that will allow us to build upon our previous successes. To this end, there are two areas we are hoping to improve on this year.

First, we want to improve the recognition component of our Memorial Day Challenge. Last year a pizza party was provided to the class that turned in the largest average contribution per student. This year we hope to find 6 sponsors and provide a pizza party to the class in each school that turns in the largest average contributions per student. The cost per sponsor would be about \$ 80. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Don Bishop at (513) 474-4194.

Second, we want to improve the coordination between the schools and the Post. Therefore, our plan is to identify the 6 Veterans who will be assigned to each school and have them meet the school coordinator prior to their arrival at the school to pass out poppies. If you would like to be 1 of the 6 Veterans, please contact Don Bishop at (513) 474-4194.

***Don Bishop***

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### ***Joseph House Golf Outing***

The cost for a foursome is \$350. Our annual Joseph House Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the South Trace Golf Course. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 that will be used for providing substance abuse treatment to our homeless veterans.

***Al Buxton,***

***4<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant***

Post 318 contributes \$100 to sponsor a hole!



### ***Membership!***

We've made great strides in our membership renewal this year! We have a total membership of 167, the highest ever! We only have 4 members who have not renewed this year! Membership can be renewed one of several ways: (1) Online by credit card: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) (2) Cash or check, either mailed to or dropped off at the Post at 6660 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. (3) Switch to a 'Paid Up for Life' membership. This allows you 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>.

The budget can also help you out if you are having a tuff year financially, so call me if you need us to pay your dues this year: (513) 545-5237.

If you hear of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way and I will be glad to follow up. This month we added 2 new members: A Post 484 transferee, Chester Canter and a new member and friend of Commander DuBois, John Bothwell. Both are USN vets. Please welcome John and Chester to Post 318.

***Robert Kamman***

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### ***4th District Summer Conference***

***(Doors open at 8:00 AM)***

If you are interested in going with me to represent Post 318 at the 4th District Summer Conference on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 at 10:00 AM, please call me at (513) 582-8477, or e-mail: [joedubois@cinci.rr.com](mailto:joedubois@cinci.rr.com). I will then let them know we are planning to attend. This conference will be held at Wilmington Veterans Post 49, 140 E. Locust St., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-2219.

***Joe DuBois***

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### ***4<sup>th</sup> District Executive Board Meetings***

***(Doors Open at 12 Noon)***

Sunday, April 26th, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Yeager-Benson Memorial Post 199, 10700 Campbell Road, Harrison, OH 45121. Please call if you can come! (937) 367-9180.

### ***4th District Events***

#### ***Turkey Shoot***

March 21, 2020, 1PM until done!  
Post 237, 4070 Greenbriar Road, Batavia, Ohio.  
12 Gage shotguns only! 3, 5, and 10 – Dollar Rounds  
Cash Pay Out to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Split-the-Pot, Food, Raffles and More! Rain or Shine! (Under Cover). Must be 18 or older to enter! Again: 12 Ga. Shotguns Only!  
Contact Greg Norvell or Jerry Perry (513) 319-5024

#### ***8 Ball Pool Tournament***

April 19, 2020 – 12:30 starts at 1:00 at Roc's House of Billiards – 624 Ohio Pike – Withamsville, OH 45245. Single player event with entry fee of \$15. Open to Legionnaires, SALs, Auxiliary with a 2020 membership card. Each member may bring one guest. Walk-ins welcome! Applications must be in by April 11<sup>th</sup>. Double elimination event, with awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, based on number of players.

***Greg Norvell,***

***4<sup>th</sup> District, 2nd Vice Commander***

Call or e-mail for an entry form.

(450) 513-823-1142, [gm.norvell@hotmail.com](mailto:gm.norvell@hotmail.com)

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### ***4th District Membership Party!***

We will have a Brown Jug Party on March 14, 2020 to celebrate the win. This will be held at Mt Carmel Post 72 from 5 pm until 9 pm. Food, beer, soft drinks will be supplied, presentations given and good time had by all.

The District worked hard and we were at 80% by November 11th, which made us qualify for the Brown Jug, and ***we were the only Ohio District to do so!*** I want to thank everyone for their hard work! all fourth district invited to attend! Let Steve Foster: (513) 827-2514, or Ken Ellis: (513) 444-8660, know as soon as possible, so we can get a head count for food.

***Steve Foster,***

***4th District, 1st Vice Commander***

(513) 724-2341, [sfoster49@gmail.com](mailto:sfoster49@gmail.com)

## ***Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State Update***

Post 318 has completed its selection and nomination process for the 2020 Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State programs. As a reminder, these programs are mock government programs held each summer to teach young men and women how our state government operates through hands-on experience in specific roles.

Students from across the state come to the campus of Miami University (Boys State) and Mount Union College (Girls State). This is a tremendous experience for the attendees that helps prepare them for college and beyond and it is completely organized and administered by the American Legion.

This year, we have nominated three boys and five girls for these programs. All but one of these students came from Anderson High School, with the remaining student coming from Turpin High School. These students are very impressive individuals with records that include varsity team captains, perfect GPAs, founders of clubs and organizations and impactful community service.

We are proud of the students we have nominated to participate. As one last note about the process, we budgeted to send only six students. However, given the strong records and qualities of the candidate pool, our membership stepped up and donated additional funds to send two more! Great job Post 318!

***Paul Henkel  
Americanism Chairman***

### ***A Word of Thanks!***

Selection of applicants to go to Boys State and Girls State is one of Post 318's most important contributions to the future of our community, state and nation. We feel that the benefits of these programs are well worth the expenditure of the funds required to send these deserving young students to learn how our republic works!

**We want to thank Paul Henkel** and others who have helped in this selection process! Thanks also to those members who donated the funds required to send 2 additional girls to Buckeye Girls State! **Good work, Paul!**

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



# **CHILI CHALLENGE**



**{TO BENEFIT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS}**

— CHALLENGE ROUND NO. 2 —

**WHEN: MARCH 7TH, 2020**  
**WHERE: MILFORD AMERICAN LEGION**  
**111 VICTOR STIER DR.**

**JUDGING STARTS AT 4:00 PM**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 5:30 – 10:00 PM**

**CHILI, SALAD, DESERT  
AND SOFT DRINK**  
**\$8.00**  
**BEER SOLD SEPARATELY**  
**12 AND UNDER FREE**

*Any questions call Larry Johnson at 513-802-0106*

***Any questions about the Chili Challenge call  
Larry Johnson at (513 802-0106)***

***The Patriot Center Presents:  
Model Behavior  
Saturday March 28, 2020***



For Tickets: Go to  
[www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com) or  
Call 1-888-718-4253,  
Option 1, and ask about  
Patriot Center of Cincinnati  
Events

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

Band Performs From  
8:00 to 11 PM