



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

October 2017

Commander’s Notes:

On August 31st, I, assumed responsibility as our Acting Commander during Don’s absence. It has been a challenge to fill Don’s shoes for many reasons: knowledge, time availability, contacts and many more reasons. I have been fortunate to have the support of the Executive committee and many of our other members.

As we continue, it will be necessary to have your continued support to accomplish our Post’s mission and activities while Don recuperates. If this Post is to survive, we need help from its members; a couple of hours here or an evening there, even if only once a month or two. A few of activities that can use support are: hall setups, dances, bingo, and open mic. Any time you can spare really helps.

Robert Kamman
Acting Commander / 1st Vice Commander

Fall Dance Schedule

Our dance season is off to a fast footrace to the next dance. Our earnings have exceeded those of the dances at this time in previous years and this definitely helps in supporting the functions of our Post. Each dance requires 9 people to support the evening. 3 of those positions are filled for all the dances. The other 6, we need to fill every other week. Thanks to all that have come out to support the first two events.

For this season, we have booked 4 bands to conduct 10 events between September 9th and New Year’s Eve. Once again we will issue frequent dances cards, giving our customers a chance to win cash prizes.

For the fall season we have added **Blue Stone Ivory** to a lineup that also includes the **Cincy Rockers’**, **The Remains**, and **The Last Caballeros**. Like always tickets to all of our events, except New Year’s Eve, can be purchased in advance at www.ShowClix.com for \$ 10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$ 12.50. Admission to the New Year’s Eve event will be \$25 per person.



Our remaining schedule is as follows:

- October 7th – The Last Caballeros
- October 21st – Blue Stone Ivory
- October 28th – Cincy Rockers’ (Halloween)
- November 4th – The Remains
- November 18th – Blue Stone Ivory
- December 2nd – The Last Caballeros (Christmas)
- December 16th – The Remains
- December 31st – Cincy Rockers’ (New Year’s Eve)

UC Students Plan 9/11 Remembrance

The Young Americans for Freedom Chapter at the University of Cincinnati honored the 3,000 victims of the September 11 terror attacks by placing 3,000 small American flags in their quad. The hope is that this public display of flags will cause every student to take a moment to remember those who lost their lives on that day. Post 318 leadership believed this to be a worthy project on many levels and agreed to support it by providing funds to assist in the purchase of the flags.



Veterans Day Celebration

Post 318 will once again host the Veterans Day celebration sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee. The event will open at 5:00 PM with a cash bar, followed by complimentary dinner at 6:00 PM, provided by Belterra Park. Mt. Washington Care Center will provide dessert, and about 7:30 PM “**The Avenues**” will perform. This year’s entertainment will again be sponsored by Charities, Inc.

Reservations will be required for this event, and each veteran will be able to bring 1 guest. Total reservations will be limited to 200. Like last year, Post 318 members will be able to place advanced reservations, but there are no reservation guarantees. So, mark Saturday November 11th on your calendar and watch for information regarding when and how you can place your reservation.

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. The good news is our Bingo attendance is starting to increase. The bad news is, an increase in attendance will eventually drive a need to increase “worker bees”. You can support the Post by either coming out to play, or volunteering to work these events. Some of these support roles are only for a few hours. Please contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions. For the month of August bingo earned \$ 4,669 and contributed \$ 868 to **Charities, Inc.** to meet our legal obligations.

Euchre – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$10, \$5 going to the Post and \$5 going to prize money. This is a fun evening and is open to both our members 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 August Euchre contributed about \$ 500 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.

Charitable Giving

Over the course of each year American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. (**Charities, Inc.**), contributes thousands of dollars to programs and causes important to our membership. The following is a summary some of our 2017 donations:

Oratorical Scholarships – Charities, Inc. paid out \$ 500 in scholarship money to American Legion Oratorical Contest winners.

Ohio Veterans Home Golf Hole Sponsor – The Post elected to provide \$ 75 in funding to sponsor a hole for the Ohio Veterans Home golf outing. All proceeds from this event support activities at the Georgetown facility.

VAVS Hospital Visit – Members of the Post make quarterly visits to the Cincinnati VA, where we entertained the resident patients and provided a light snack.

UC Student 9-11 Rememberance - \$100 for flag purchase.

Post to Trial “Open Mic” Event

Starting September 22, and every other Friday thereafter through December 1st, the Post is going to trial an **“Open Mic”** event. The first week met with varying success; but, these types of events take several weeks to establish attendance. The goals of this program are to:

- 1) Bring people into the Post,
- 2) Enable us to promote our other events to a new audience, and
- 3) Generate operating income.

Should our goals be met, we would probably continue this event, long term. So, our success will depend on your support. If you have nothing going on Friday, October 6th, check out Open Mic. There are no admission fees.

Patriot Center of Cincinnati Presents:

“Open Mic”

**Family Entertainment
Up-and-Coming Performers
No Admission Fees**

Hours 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Dates:

Sept. 22
Oct 6
Oct 20
Nov 3
Nov 17
Dec 1



**Cash Bar
&
Food**

Patriot Center of Cincinnati
6660 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244



Membership Update

We are slightly behind in our membership renewals compared to this point in time last year. We haven't received renewals from about 54 of our members and this is a kind reminder, that our Post constitution defines that all dues are payable by October 20th. If you can help us out by taking a few minutes to write your renewal check and getting it in the mail, I would be grateful. Those members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues are respectfully encouraged to do so.

2018 Membership Scoreboard

<i>2017-2018 Quota</i>	<i>155</i>
<i>Paid as of 8/31/17</i>	<i>107</i>
<i>% Quota</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Still Needed (Quota)</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Members Yet to Renew</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Membership Goal</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>Still Needed (Goal)</i>	<i>58</i>

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander

Chaplin's Report

If there is anyone needing assistance, or prayers, please let me know. Keep up the good work and stay healthy.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

At The Flag Pole

Days to display your flag in September are:

Columbus Day - Oct 9th

Navy Day – Oct 27th

Veteran's Day - We are looking for volunteers to visit the various schools in Anderson Township. Please consider signing up at our Members meeting or by contacting Ralph Caskey at (513) 470-6588.

Ralph Caskey
Sgt.-at-Arms

Need Help?

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

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 11th.

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.

Thought for the Day:

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people." – Eleanor Roosevelt

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

<i>Commander:</i>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<i>1st Vice:</i>	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
<i>2nd Vice:</i>	Matt Lilly	513- 617-8351
<i>Adjutant:</i>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<i>Finance Officer:</i>	Ron Yersky	513-232-2591
<i>Chaplain:</i>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557
<i>Sgt.-at-Arms:</i>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<i>Americanism:</i>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<i>Bingo:</i>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<i>Community Support:</i>	Doug Rogers	513-602-5007
<i>Event Coordination:</i>	Jimmy Bussey	513-616-3215
<i>Fundraising:</i>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<i>House:</i>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<i>Service Officer:</i>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767

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