



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

November 2017

Commander’s Notes:

I want to thank 1st Vice, Bob Kamman, and members of the Executive Committee for their support during my absence. They did a great job of covering for me and their efforts are truly appreciated.

With the publication of this newsletter, I am resuming my responsibilities as Commander. However, I still have some limitations that will keep me from being fully engaged a little while longer. If you could lend a hand in the interim that would also be appreciated.

This is not new information, but we are still struggling to get volunteer support. We really need a few people to come out and work in our kitchen from time to time. Cooking up burgers and hot dogs for “Bingo” and “Open Mic” is becoming a primary challenge. It’s not a lot of work, but we do need help. A couple of hours, once or twice a month is what we’re asking for. Let me know if you can help!

Now that the calendar has turned to Fall, it’s time to move our programs front and center. This is how we maintain relevance within the Anderson Township Community. Randy Lindsey, our Americanism Chairman, has started the work required for A&G Testing and will soon begin working on the Oratorical Contest. Dan Wolfangel will be working to nominate our Law Officer, Firefighter, and Civilian Life Saver of the year. Matt Lilly is busy with Post Activities, including our Veterans Day celebration and Christmas Party, and Ralph Caskey has numerous Veterans Day events he is trying to staff and coordinate. If you can provide a helping hand to any of these legionnaires, please make an effort to reach out to them.

Last, but not least, the “Coalition to Save Hillcrest” has a few trees that need to be cut up at Hillcrest Cemetery. If you have a chainsaw and would be willing to lend a hand, please let me know so that we can schedule a date to complete the work.

Don Bishop

Service Photos Needed

As we prepare for our annual Veterans Day Celebration, we are updating our collection of member service photos. If you have pictures that you would like to add, email them to Don Bishop by November 5th. If you have a physical picture and can’t email it, get it to him as soon as possible and he will scan and return it.

Anderson Township Veterans Day Celebration Saturday, November 11th, 2017 American Legion – Anderson Post 318

Reservations Required:
• Anderson Township Veterans & 1 Guest
• Seating for 200 – 1st Come / 1st Serve
• For Reservation - Call Molly @ 688-8421

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 Entertainment - The Avenues
(American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.)



6660 Clough Pike
Anderson Township, Ohio 45244

Seeking Bingo Manager

Bingo Manager, Ed Sears, has indicated that he will be stepping down as Bingo Manager at the end of the 2018 bingo program year (October 31, 2018).

This position is significantly important to the Post in that it represents approximately 1/3 of our revenue stream (about \$2,000 each month). Without bingo, it’s highly probably that Post operations will come to an end.

Running bingo is not an easy task! On a weekly basis, it requires about 20 hours of your time, and it is an every week thing. Some of the tasks involved are running the weekly sessions, keeping the official records, banking, purchasing bingo supplies, and of course begging people each week to come out and lend a hand.

We need a hero, someone to step up and take on this challenge! If it’s something that you would consider, please make your self known.

Post Christmas Party

The Post Christmas Party has been scheduled for Friday December 8th. Hors d’oeuvres beginning at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM. Invitations and RSVP’s will be distributed soon.

We are planning for a pot luck dinner with the Post providing the meats and beverages. Those who attend will be asked to bring a dish or dessert to pass. We will also be seeking door prizes. Should you have something to contribute, please contact Matt Lilly at 617-8351, or via email at matt.lilly@cchmc.org.

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. 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. For the month of October, bingo gross revenues were \$3,994 and \$ 978 was contributed to **Charities, Inc.**

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 October, Euchre contributed \$ 425 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. Kroger contributed \$ 216.97 to our programs this quarter.

FootballMania™ – Thank you for supporting FootballMania™. This year's program generated net revenues of \$ 1518, and to date we have had two winners. If you purchased a ticket, your opportunity to win will continue until the end of the NFL regular season.

Open Mic – Our "Open Mic" trial will continue through December 1st. Program goals are to; 1) bring people into our Post, 2) promote Post events, and 3) generate operating income. To date crowds have been small but building, and we're generating about \$ 60 in net income for each event.

Dances – Dance revenues continue to make a substantial contribution to our operating funds. For our 3 dances in October we earned \$ 2,224.17.

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 of our October 2017 giving:

Trunk & Treat Donation – The Post, through Charities, Inc., contributed \$ 25 to this year's Trunk & Treat event.

Flags for Schools & Community – The Post purchased and contributed 9 American Flags to the Forest Hills School District at a cost of \$ 326.60.

November Dances

On November 4th, we welcome back "**The Remains**". They're a well followed group with a popular play list, usually bringing about 140 fans to the Patriot Center every time they perform.



Bluestone Ivory returns to the Patriot Center, November 18th. Their musical style and inspiration is derived from the great horn bands such as: Chicago, Tower of Power, Earth Wind & Fire, The Memphis Horns, Blood Sweat & Tears, The Blues Brothers and others. They are a crowd favorite and put on a great show.



Doors open at 7:00p and the bands perform from 8p to 11p. Tickets for both groups can be purchased by going to our web site www.post318.org and clicking on the "Special Events" tab. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50, if available.

Open Mic

We will conduct 2 Open Mic events in November; the 3rd and the 17th. We welcome all Post members to come out and participate in these events. If you're a little bold, you can even take the stage. This is a family oriented event. There are no admission fees and you can come and go as you please. So, take this opportunity to check out the local talent

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Membership Update

We are 3/4's of the way to our quota of 155. All existing members, by our Post's constitution, are supposed to have their dues paid by October 21st. We still have 39 members that have not paid their dues. If you are amongst these 39, I would graciously ask you to consider getting your dues paid as soon as possible to help the Post reach its quota and to help support your community. There are 2 ways one can renew: 1) Online, by going to www.legion.org/renew or 2) by mailing or dropping your check for \$40 to the Post. Our address is: American Legion Post 318, P.O. Box 54390, Cincinnati, OH 45254-0390. It is your support that helps to make our Post strong and active.

2018 Membership Scoreboard

<i>2017-2018 Quota</i>	<i>155</i>
<i>Paid as of 10/31/17</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>% Quota</i>	<i>76.12</i>
<i>Still Needed (Quota)</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Membership Goal</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>Still Needed (Goal)</i>	<i>47</i>

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander

We Stand for the National Anthem

As armed forces veterans, we have made the commitments and sacrifices necessary for our nation to remain a free and open society, the symbol of which is embodied in our flag and the National Anthem. To honor and respect those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we stand for the National Anthem and the presentation of our flag, and have no tolerance for those who disrespect either.

We recognize that everyone has the right to peaceful protest, but strongly believe that there are better and more appropriate options than protesting during the playing of our National Anthem. As such, we will defend our beliefs, through a defined course of action, against those individuals or organizations that chose to either continue, or support, any act of disrespect.

Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission

A Hamilton County Veterans Service Officer will be at the following locations to assist in filing VA claims or to answer questions regarding VA benefits.

Wednesday November 8, 2017

Hyde Park Senior Living
2800 Erie Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208
9:00am till 2:30pm

Thursday December 7, 2017

Brookdale Deer Park Assisted Living
3801 East Galgrath Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236
9:00am till 2:30pm

Chaplin's Report

Our Post continues to amaze other Legion Post with the amount of activities in which we are involved. These activities add something to our community and benefit us as well. Just this past month we have held three dances, four Euchre nights, two Open Mic's, four Bingo's and the VA hospital paid us a visit to enjoy sandwiches, soup, conversation, "Corn Hole"; and Bingo. Our next VA activity for November 7th has been cancelled.

These activities do require some hours of work but those who have helped have found it to be enjoyable for the most part. We had some new people step forward to assist in running these events, but, of course, we still need more help. If you have an hour or so a month there are places that still need your help.

We have had a few members under the weather this past month but I am glad to say they all are on the mend. Roger Siegman had a little trouble with his heart but is home from the VA and his family is taking good care of him. Don Bishop has shown steady improvement and is slowly getting back into the running some operations of the Legion. Don McClaughlin is getting therapy on his hip and legs and hopes to get back to the Legion and also out and about. Although there has been a rash of colds running rampant, they seem to be over in a couple days. I guess we should be getting out flu shots because that season is just around the corner.

Our Legion continues to work for God and Country and for the benefit of all Veterans. We hope that each of you will search your calendar and try to find an hour or two to help at the Legion. May this fall weather bring health and happiness to all of you.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

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.

Wave The Flag

Through the generosity of Kroger, Charities, Inc. will conduct its 2nd **Wave The Flag** fundraiser, Sunday November 12th. All money raised through this project will be used to support our veteran programs; Gifts for Yanks, VAVS, etc. To conduct this fundraiser we still need to fill 3 time slots (listed below). If you can help please contact Don Bishop at 474-4194, or via email at dabishop@fuse.net.

Time	Kroger - Anderson	Kroger - Cherry Grove
10a - 12p	Ken Knight	Chuck Smith
10a - 12p		Art Blocksidge
12p - 2p	Ira Widrich	Bob Kamman
12p - 2p	Dan Wolfangel	
2p - 4p	Charlie Cleves	Not Available
2p - 4p		Not Available

At The Flag Pole

Display your Flag Days:

- Veterans Day: November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day: 4th Thursday in November

To celebrate Veterans Day the following school and church visits have been scheduled:

- November 8th: Parkside Church
- November 9th: IHM Parish
- November 10th: Nagel Middle School
Mercer Elementary
- November 13th: Sherwood Elementary

Those who volunteered have already been assigned. Anyone else who would like to participate e-mail or call me at 513-470- 6588 for details.

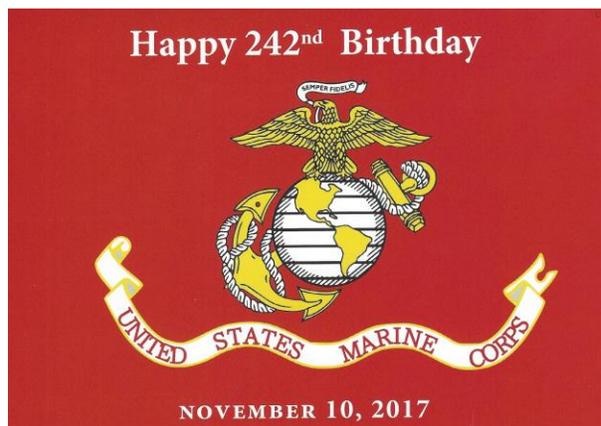
Ralph Caskey
Sgt.-at-Arms

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 8th. This is your opportunity to get firsthand information regarding what's going on at the Post, project and program updates, and to meet and interact with the Post leadership team and other members.

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.

USMC Birthday Celebration



Join us for cake and refreshments in the Club Room, Friday November 10th, at 7:00 PM, as we celebrate the 242nd birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

This Marine Corps tradition, including the cake and reading of "Order 47", began in 1921 and Marines across the world will pause on November 10th to recognize this event. If you would like to help us celebrate this heritage, please join us.

Thought for the Day:

"I think Congressmen should wear uniforms, you know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors"..... **Unknown**

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

Commander:	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
2nd Vice:	Matt Lilly	513- 617-8351
Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
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Sgt.-at-Arms:	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
Americanism:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
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Community Support:	Doug Rogers	513-602-5007
Event Coordination:	Jimmy Bussey	513-616-3215
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