



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

February 2018

### Commander’s Notes:

I have people come up to me all the time and say “if you need help, just ask”! Well, it seems to me that on a regular basis not only do I ask, but I often beg for help. Yet, I continuously get ignored. So what is it? Are you willing to help, or not? I don’t know how you expect me to ask, but if you’re looking for a personal phone call, that’s probably not going to happen. There is just too much going on! I send out email messages, I write paragraph after paragraph in this newsletter. If you dare to engage me in a conversation, I almost always reach out to you asking for help. Last month, I made a desperate plea for help and got one (1) response. I was hoping for a little more support than that! Things haven’t changed from last month. We still have work that needs to get done, bills to pay, and programs to fund. In another attempt to reach out, we’ve created a new newsletter column entitled “Help Wanted”. The intent is to provide a little more detail regarding the kind of help we need. If you can help out just a little bit, it would be greatly appreciated.

Don Bishop

### American Legion Oratorical Contest

The Post will conduct its qualifying *American Legion Oratorical Contest*, Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 Noon. Students from Anderson High School will perform an 8 to 10 minute oration, based on the Constitution and a 3 to 5 minute oration on a selected Constitutional topic. \$500 in scholarship money will be distributed to the contestants. The contest winner will have the opportunity to participate in the County contest. The County winner would then move on to the District competition and the District winner would progress to the Department competition, the Department winner moves on to the National contest. There is scholarship money all along the way, and the winning prizes for the National competition is 14,000, 16,000, and 18,000 respectively.

This is a great event! If you haven’t had an opportunity to experience it yourself, you’re missing something special. The event is open to the public, but plan on arriving early. No one will be allowed entry to the presentation hall, once a candidate is announced and begins his or her oration. Our local contest is being organized by Randy Lindsey and Jerry Porter, but they can use help conducting this event. If you are interested in helping out, simply contact Randy or Jerry at your convenience.

### Post 318 Scholarships

Each year the Post provides three (3) \$1000 college scholarships to the children of honorably discharged veterans. Should you have a child in the 2018 graduating class and would like an application, please contact Randy Lindsey. Grandchildren cannot be considered for these scholarships, unless they have a sponsoring parent who is also a veteran.

### Anyone for a Fish Fry?

It’s that time of the year! Beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> and every Friday thereafter through March 30<sup>th</sup> the Post will be conducting its annual Lenten Fish Fries. The menu and pricing remains the same as last year and can be found below. So, come out and support the Post through this important fundraiser.

The production of this annual event requires a lot of manpower. If you are willing to help out, but haven’t been contacted yet, please contact Jerry Porter at 528-1557, or via email at [Gerald1940@twc.com](mailto:Gerald1940@twc.com).



American Legion Post 318  
6660 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244  
Serving from 5p to 7p

### MENU

<b>Dinners Include:</b> French fries, one (1) side, a sandwich bun or rye bread, and a complimentary beverage. Macaroni & cheese can be substituted for your side for an extra 5.75)	
Fried Cod Filet Dinner (5.3 oz. Filet)	\$7.50
Baked Cod Dinner (6 oz. Filet)	\$8.00
Breaded Shrimp Dinner (5 Pieces)	\$8.50
<b>Extra Pieces:</b> Additional pieces of fish or shrimp can be provided with the purchase of a similar meal (no Ala Carte).	
Additional Piece of Cod (Fried or Baked)	\$2.25
Additional Piece of Shrimp	\$1.00
<b>Kids or Optional Meal Includes:</b> French Fries and a complimentary beverage.	
Chicken Nugget Dinner (6 pieces)	\$5.00
<b>Fish Sandwich:</b> A Cod Filet served on a sandwich bun or Rye bread and a complimentary beverage.	
Fish Filet Sandwich	\$6.00
<b>Sides:</b> Additional sides can be ordered	
Cole Slaw (4 oz.)	\$0.75
Apple Sauce (4 oz.)	\$0.75
Cottage Cheese (4 oz.)	\$0.75
French Fries	\$0.75
<b>Super Side:</b>	
Macaroni & Cheese (6 oz.)	\$1.50
<b>Desserts:</b> A selection of desserts are available	
Your Choice	\$2.00
<b>Complimentary Beverages:</b> Self-service at beverage table	
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemon Drink	
<b>Cash Bar Available:</b>	
Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks	

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### ***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. For the month of January bingo earned \$ 4,190.50 and contributed \$ 626.00 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 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 January Euchre contributed \$278.50 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.

### ***Post Obtains Two Grave Sites***

The Post is the proud owner of the two grave sites located in Graceland Memorial Cemetery (Milford, OH). These plots include 2 vaults, a bronze Veteran marker, and a granite marker. They were donated by Charles Bowman – now of Florida, in exchange for a tax deductible contribution letter.

The Post plan is to use these grave sites for the interment of destitute veterans. Should you become aware of such a case, please contact Service Officer Charlie Cleves.

### ***February Dance Schedule***

With February comes Valentine’s Day. This year we will celebrate it at the Post on February 10<sup>th</sup> with our annual dance featuring the **Cincy Rockers**. This event is always well attended, so tickets should be purchased in advance.



On February 24<sup>th</sup>, we welcome back **The Remains**. This group is a crowd favorite with a great play list.

Got nothing to do on a Saturday night? Come out and support the Post. Tickets to all of our dance events can be purchased by going to our web site [www.post318.org](http://www.post318.org) and clicking on the special events tab. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

### ***Membership Update***

We are getting closer to our goal, we are currently at 144. Therefore, we still have 11 more members that we need to encourage to renew or that we need to recruit to supplement.

We held our 4th successful members orientation and social last night. I'd like to thank Wayne Carlise (and spouse Debbie), Paul Henkel, Bob Lucke, and Michael Newman (and spouse Joyce) for attending. As with the past sessions, the feedback on the material covered received positive ratings. The purpose of the gatherings are twofold: 1) to share with members the background on the American Legion both nationally and at our local Post level and 2) to encourage members to find Post involvement areas that they might be interested in supporting. I would also like to thank Dan Wolfangel, Matt Lilly & Ed Sears for their support.

#### **2018 Membership Scoreboard**

<b>2017-2018 Quota</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Paid as of 1/31/18</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>% Quota</b>	<b>92.9</b>
<b>Still Needed (Quota)</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Still Needed (Goal)</b>	<b>21</b>

**Robert Kamman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

### ***Boys State – Girls State***

We will begin the Boys State / Girls State selection process in the very near future. For this program year we are budgeted to send 3 boys and 3 girls to represent our Post. Should you have a child, or grandchild, who does not attend Anderson High School but would like to be considered for the program, please contact Americanism Chairman, Randy Lindsay.

Also, we often have more students interested in these programs than we can actually afford to send. This is where you can help! Should you have an interest, you can sponsor one or more students. The cost is \$300 per student. Should you wish to be a sponsor, please contact Commander Bishop as soon as possible

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## ***Help Wanted***

This “**Help Wanted**” column is going to become a regular feature of our monthly newsletter. Its purpose is to communicate the kind of support needed by the Post to maintain operations. Some of the support we need can be taken on by non-members (spouses, family, or Friends of the Legion). If you’re willing to take on any of these challenges, please contact Commander Bishop.

**Bingo Manager** – Bingo represents a primary source of Post operating revenues. By law, it is also provides a source of funding for our programs.

The primary responsibilities associated with this position are to; 1) conduct our weekly bingo sessions, which includes planning organizing and staffing these events, 2) managing all record keeping required by the State of Ohio, 3) accounting for all bingo revenues and banking 4) applying for the annual bingo license and 5) a standing member of the Marketing Committee.

The work effort associated with this position is about 20 hours each week. Some computer literacy is required. This position could be held by a non-member. We must fill this position by October or end bingo.

**Fundraising Chairman** – Fundraising projects represent about 1/3 of the Post’s operating revenues.

The primary responsibilities associated with this position are to; 1) oversee and report on current fundraising projects, 2) to plan, organize and staff fundraising projects that don’t have assigned project managers, 3) a standing member of the Marketing Committee, and 4) identify and implement new fundraising projects.

The work effort associated with this position would be about 10 hours each week. This position should be held by a member.

**Community Support Chairman** - This position acts as a liaison between Post 318 and the Anderson Township Government, The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations.

Its role is to build relationships and facilitate the delivery of American Legion programs intended to inspire patriotic values. It is also the responsibility of this position to look for opportunities to support and recognize members of the Anderson Township Community who have made a significant difference in the community over the program year. Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Civilian Life Saver, and Eagle Scout of the Year are examples.

The work effort associated with this position would be about 10 hours each week. This position should be held by a member.

**Graphics Arts Support** – We need someone to create various graphics in support of program and project activities. Things like flyers, promotional slides, Facebook events, and ShowClix pages.

The work effort associated with this requirement would only be a few hours each week. However, computer literacy is required and some knowledge of computer based graphic programs would be a beneficial. This position could be held by a non-member.

**Photographer** – We need someone to take pictures at our June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Prom Night, dance. This person would take pictures of our guests with their own camera or cell phone. Then post those pictures on our web site. We’re not looking for professional quality photographs, and there would be no charge for the photos. We’re simply looking to do something different to commemorate the event.

This is a one-time project and its estimate that it will take about 4 hours of effort to complete. This project could be completed by a non-member.

**Bingo Volunteers** – Each week we conduct bingo. To staff these events we need 14 Volunteers. A list of requirement is as follow:

- Front Table Card Sellers: 4
- Pull Tab Sellers: 2
- Candy Person: 1
- Caller: 1
- JOE’S Table: 1
- Concession Stand: 1
- American Trained Hot Dog Chefs: 2
- Assistant Chef / Food Runner: 1
- Cash Rm & Floor Mgr: 1

There is nothing difficult about any of these bingo jobs and the work effort associated with these requirements ranges between 2 hours and 4 ½ hours per event. These positions can be filled by members and non-members.

**Dance Volunteers** – Every other week we conduct a dance. To staff these events we need 9 Volunteers. A list of requirement is as follow:

- Front Table Check In: 2
- Loyalty Card: 1
- Split the Pot: 1
- Bartender – Hall Bar: 2
- Bartender – Club Room Bar: 1
- Busser: 1

There is nothing difficult about any of these jobs and the work effort associated with these requirements range between 3 hours and 4 ½ hours per event. These positions can be filled by members and non-members.

### ***Chaplin's Report***

January has come and gone. With the weather fluctuations, if you did not get the flu or virus, count yourself lucky.

The Legion is still standing and operating, thanks to a few men and wives who come out to support our activities.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be holding the Post Oratorical contest and if you never been to one, come out and listen to these speeches given by high school students, about something regarding the Constitution and the amendments. It will start at 12:00 but be there a little early because no one can enter while someone I speaking.

This month we had a few members going through some stress. Not counting members who have fought the flu, Our hard working member Ralph Caskey had hip replacement surgery and is doing well. Keith Musselman has his electrode turned up, and we all pray that the results are beginning to improve for him. Good old Bob Calder, the Legion Energizer Bunny Man, has been hospitalized with a stroke, but is going through rehab, and prayerfully, getting better. Our Commander Don, had to revisit the hospital to try to get his meds straightened out, and get rid of his passing out moments. We were happy to see him up and about. No other emergencies have come to my attention.

I wish to thank all who come out and help clean up, support the dances, and bingo. A special thanks goes out to Mike Stringer, who is a relatively new member, but has been there for clean-up, set ups and runs the Hall Bar for dances, like a "veteran". He also works hard at getting new members. We need more men like him.

Have a safe and healthy February.

*Jerry Porter*  
*Chaplain*

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### ***At The Flag Pole***

Fly Flag days:

Feb 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 19 - George Washington's Birthday

Color Guard:

2 PM Saturday 2/10/18 @ AHS

7:30 PM Friday 2/16/18 @ THS

*Ralph Caskey*  
*Sgt.-at-Arms*

### ***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 November 2017 giving:

- Veterans Christmas Party - \$ 633.55
- VAVS Luncheon- \$ 52.20
- Active Duty Gift Packages - \$ 135.08
- Veteran Resource Food Bank - \$ 25.00
- 2018 Poppies - \$ 1461.00
- Veteran Family Assistance - \$ 300.00

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### ***Next Meeting***

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our success depends on your support, so feel free to bring a friend and come out and join us! As always there will be a light snack after the meeting.

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### ***Need Help?***

If you're a veteran and need help obtaining any of your entitled bene-fits, please contact our Service Officer, Charlie Cleves. Charlie can be reached at (513) 232-7767, or via email at: [ccleves1@fuse.net](mailto:ccleves1@fuse.net).

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### ***Post Officers & Committee Chairs:***

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