



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

May 2019

Commander’s Notes:

May is always a busy time at the Post. We have our routine events like bingo, euchre, and dances that need attention, and then we also have to make time for Post elections, Poppy Days and Memorial Day services. To get through this month we can use as much help as possible. If you have some free time consider how you can contribute to our success!

Regardless of what you’re willing to do to support us, on Memorial Day we should all take a minute and remember those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Some of them may have been friends, some acquaintances, and others may simply be unknown to us, but all should be remembered! There are many ways this can be done. One option would be to join us as we make our way from cemetery to cemetery to pay our respects. If you can’t make the trip, I would encourage you to consider attending the Anderson Township Bell Ceremony, or other community services. After all, by participating in these events we help keep the meaning of Memorial Day alive. As veterans, if we don’t make the effort who will?

The election of Post officers will occur May 8th, but this doesn’t complete our leadership team. To effectively oversee and manage our programs, we will still need to fill all appointed committee chair positions. These positions represent who we as an organization and what we hope to accomplish. Positions that are currently open include; Americanism, Community Support, and Fundraising. If you should be interested and willing to become a committee chair, please make yourself known. Committee programs, without identified leadership, will be suspended.

Just prior to Memorial Day, we will conduct our annual “Poppy Day” campaigns. This year we will focus on two (2) events; 1) the distribution of Poppies at Kroger, Anderson Town Center, May 25th. and 2) the implementation of a new program, within the 6 FHSD elementary schools, to promote the meaning of Memorial Day and to enhance the understanding of the “Memorial Poppy”. Besides these events we are also on the waiting list to distribute poppies at Kroger, Cherry Grove, but we will not get confirmation on this opportunity until just prior to implementation.

Don Bishop

Notice of Election Process for Post Officers

This notice is published in accordance with notification requirements of Post 318 By-Laws, Article V, VI and VII.

At the May 8, 2019 Post Meeting, Anderson Post 318 will conduct an election for Post Officers for the 2019 – 2020 program year.

The slate of nominees for the election, as submitted by the Nominating Committee to the membership is as follows, without any nomination(s) for office of “Post Commander”:

Commander	(OPEN)
1 st Vice Commander	Robert Kamman
2 nd Vice Commander	Randy Lindsay
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky
Chaplain	Jerry Porter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey

In view of the elected officer position of “Post Commander” being required for the Post to maintain its charter and existence, and the lack of a complete slate of nominees, the Executive Committee at their April 24th meeting, by motion passed, has extended the period for nomination(s) until immediately prior to the Post Election on May 8, 2019. Thus, any member desiring to seek election to the position of “Post Commander”, or any of the other elected positions, should contact Nomination Committee member Charlie Cleves (513-232-7767 / ccleves1@fuse.net) or Ed Ruffennach (330-962-9652 / eruffenn@aol.com), prior to the May 8th scheduled Post Meeting.)

Since the Post By-Laws provide for the availability of an absentee ballot option, upon a timely request being made to the Post Adjutant, a ballot will be made available containing names of all nominees known at time of request. The cast ballot must be returned to the Adjutant prior to the date of the Post election (May 8, 2019) to be counted. The Adjutant may be contacted at 513-474-9577 or via email at dwacons@aol.com to request such absentee ballot.

Post Officers elected at the May 8th meeting will be installed at the June 12, 2019 Post Meeting, and will assume their respective offices / duties following such installation..

*Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant*

Visit us at: www.post318.org

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.

As a member, you can help raise the money we need to fund our programs in the following manner; 1) make tax deductible contributions to *Charities, Inc.*, 2) attend *Charities, Inc.* fundraisers, 3) volunteer to work *Charities, Inc.* events, and 4) register with both Kroger and Amazon to participate in their corporate charitable giving programs (see below).

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 to www.kroger.com, and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select *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.

The following provides a summary of the income received and programs recently funded by *Charities, Inc.*:

	Income	Expenses
Bingo	\$ 383	
Kroger Rewards	\$ 214	
Amazon Smiles	\$ 22	
Donations	\$ 40	
Gifts for Yanks Donations	\$ 184	\$ 504
Rent		\$ 300
Volunteer Raffle		\$ 100
Forest Airs Donation		\$ 60
After Prom (3 Local HS)		\$ 300
Hillcrest Cemetery		\$ 100
Special Olympics		\$ 160
4 th of July Parade		\$ 125
VAVS		\$ 36
Bible Purchase		\$ 143
Total	\$ 843	\$ 1,828

Fund Raising Update

The Post needs to raise about \$6,000 each month to continue operations. For April, bingo and our dances

underperformed, but we were able to meet our cash flow needs with contributions from our fish fry's and hall rentals. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this success.

Going forward you can support us by attending, or working, any or all of our funding projects.

Event	Contribution
Bingo	\$ 1,972
Euchre	\$ 296
Dances	\$ 970
Rentals	\$ 1,605
Fish Fry	\$ 2,170
Total	\$ 7,013



Post 318

Every Sunday

Doors Open 4:30 PM
Games Begin 6:00 PM

Red, White & Blue Cover All
Bonus Ball - Favorite Pull Tabs
Concessions
Ample Free Off Street Parking

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

Bingo Manager Ed Sears
513-474-0246.



Every Thursday

Door Open 6:30 PM
Play Begin 7:00 PM

\$ 5 Buy In
(\$2.50 Prize Money - \$2.50 Post Donation)

Cash Bar
Table Snacks

Ample Free Off Street Parking

Round About Travelers, LLC

Upcoming Trips:

- Sept 16-21 - Branson (6 shows/2 Shopping Trips)
Overnight St. Louis - \$609 dbl. occup. per person
- Oct. 22-24 - Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
Mt. Pleasant, MI/shop & dine in Frankenmuth
Receive \$100 in slot play/ food
\$309 dbl. occup. per person

Call Ginny @ 513-608-9120 or
email gkaldmo@gmail.com.

Mention Post 318

Visit us at: www.post318.org

May Dance Schedule

We have two (2) dances scheduled for the month of May. We start the month with our “*Cinco de Mayo*” dance, May 4th, featuring Six Pac. For this dance we will offer \$ 5.00 Margaritas and conduct a sombrero toss for prizes.



Cinco de Mayo
May 4, 2019
Featuring: Six Pac

For Tickets: Go to WWW.ShowClix.com or Call 1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask About Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events

Doors Open at 7:00PM
Band Performs from 8:00 to 11:00 PM

On May 18th, we welcome back “*The Remains*”. This group is a fan favorite and always generates a large crowd.



The Remains
Saturday, May 18, 2019

For Tickets: Go to WWW.ShowClix.com or Call 1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask About Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events

Doors Open at 7:00PM
Band Performs from 8:00 to 11:00 PM

At The Flag Pole

Display your flag days:

- May 12 , Mother's Day
- May 18, Armed Forces Day
- May 27 , Memorial Day (Flag half-staff until noon)

Sign up list for Memorial Day ceremonies will be at the General Membership Meeting on May 8th.

Ralph Caskey
SAA

Memorial Day Schedule

The Post will conduct its traditional Memorial Day Services. Activities will begin at 7:15 AM, with breakfast at the Post. We will then make our way to the Anderson Center, departing from there at 8:15 AM to perform services at the following 9 locations:

- 8:40 AM – Mt. Moriah Cemetery
- 9:05 AM – Veterans Park
- 9:20 AM – Asbury Cemetery
- 9:35 AM – Old Five Mile Chapel
- 10:00 AM – Hillcrest Cemetery
- 10:15 AM – Salem Comm. Church
- 10:35 AM – Guardian Angels
- 10:55 AM – Wolfangel Cemetery
- 11:15 AM – Clough Baptist Cemetery

Upon return to the Anderson Center, at approximately 11:30 AM, the Post Color Guard and Rifle Squad will participate in the annual “Memorial Day Bell Ceremony”. This service will begin promptly at 12:00 PM.

Should you wish to participate, please contact SAA, Ralph Caskey.

Thought for the Day:

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.....*Unknown*

Need Help?

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

Faith and Friends Veterans Experience

Attention Fellow Veterans!

Former United States Air Force Chaplain (Major) Jonathan Kollmann is hosting the Faith and Friends Veteran Experience on May 22, 2019 at the Patriot Center. The service begins at 6:30 PM. Come and listen to great music, and hear an inspirational message by Jonathan. Stay for food, drinks and fellowship. All are welcome, especially our beloved veterans.

Jonathan Kollmann

Chaplain's Report

Right now is a time for soul searching because we need your help. Why did you join the American Legion? This organization was formed 100 years ago this year. It was started so that Veterans would have a place to meet and to support other Veterans. It takes people stepping up to run any agency or group.

Our Post does a lot in this community and I believe, we do positive things that help Veterans, families of Veterans, schools, and the Community in general. We need leadership but no one is stepping forward to be our Commander. The job is an important one and does not have to be as all as inclusive as it has been by other Commanders. The next Commander can really be in a great position to be remembered because a bill is now being addressed in Congress to allow all people who served in the Armed Forces with an Honorable discharge can become a member. If this passes, the Legion could grow faster than it has. I know there are guys out there who are members, who could do a good job.

Right now I am beginning to interview Korean Veterans to put them on our wall in the Club room. The interviews usually only take 30 minutes. Hopefully I can make appointments to talk to more of you.

The fish fry's were fairly successful and for the most part averaged over 115. We made some money for the Legion. Ralph Caskey and I want to thank every one of you who worked to make these successful. I also want to thank our members who came to eat. Not many came but some did.

Memorial Day is coming up soon and this is a time that some of you who normally do not take part in anything, can enjoy a morning that is very inspiring. Watch out for further announcements.

Stay healthy and God Bless.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

Membership Update

We are breathing on the door of reaching our membership quota (159); we are two (2) away, with our membership standing at 157. For April, we added three (3) to our roster:

- Two (2) renewals – Tab Bursk and Ned Colson
- One (1) new member – William Suter bought in by Eric Franz. Thanks Eric!

Eric Franz is working on another new member; therefore, that will only leave us one shy of hitting our quota. Charlie Cleves forwarded another that I've been working with but hasn't materialized to date.

Here are our current stats:

2019 Membership Scoreboard

<i>Paid as of 4/24/19</i>	<i>157</i>
<i>2019 Goal</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>% Goal</i>	<i>95.2</i>
<i>2019 Quota</i>	<i>159</i>
<i>% Quota</i>	<i>98.7</i>
<i>Still Needed</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Projected Shortfall</i>	<i>1</i>

We still have 7 of our existing members that haven't renewed. If you are one of these, please help the American Legion and Post 318 by renewing today. If you hear of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way. I will be glad to follow up.

I would like to personally welcome our new member, William Suter to Post 318. Bill originally served in the USMC and is now serving as a commander in the USCG.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 8th. As usual we will go through our committee reports, updating our projects and programs. We will also hold elections for our slate of officers, for program year 2019-2020.

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.

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>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<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>	VACANT	
<i>Bingo:</i>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<i>Community Support:</i>	VACANT	
<i>Event Coordination:</i>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<i>Fundraising:</i>	VACANT	
<i>House:</i>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<i>Service Officer:</i>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767