



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*September 2019*

### **Commander’s Notes:**

August was a very productive month for Post 318, even without holding any dances! Bingo held its own, even with the heat and vacations, keeping the Post above water financially. To cap it off, a group of friends, neighbors and relatives organized and ran a fundraiser for Post 318 on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The event raised over \$7,000 for Anderson, Ohio, Post 318!

The Post 318 Color Guard, as well as Bagpipers Steve Watt, Mike Gregorio, and drummer Mark Behr opened the program. I led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke about the history and the objectives of Post 318 in Anderson Township.

Our sincere thanks goes out to all of the people who sponsored and worked to make this event a huge success! First of all we salute Kerri Wolfangel, and Chris Short for their hard work planning and executing the plan! Next we thank Sam Khoury and Charlie Ferrara, owners of Latitudes Bar and Bistro where the event was held. Thanks also to The Dan Varner Trio, Dan, Brad Kelly and Nick Netherton, and Glen Hock, the D.J., for providing the great musical entertainment.

Many thanks to Ann Stratman and Sherri Hudson for working so hard to make everything come together on Sunday! There are many others who donated their time and resources to make this event a success, and we also thank them for a job well done!

Sponsors for our VIP tables were: Herking Law Firm, Flight Outfitters, Josh Gerth (Anderson Twp. Trustee), Becky Motz, Big Ash Brewing, Donohue Accounting, Nick and Stephanie Whalen, Rapid Mortgage, Dan and Ruth Wolfangel, and Dan Varner.

Joe DuBois, Commander

### **We Have Another Reds Tickets Auction!**

Four Reds tickets behind the dugout, use of the Scouts Club, and a parking pass are up for auction. The game is on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:35 PM. Make you bids on-line to [Commander@post318.org](mailto:Commander@post318.org)! Starting bid is \$150. Estimated value is over \$400! Bids close at 11:59 on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Check website: [www.post318.org](http://www.post318.org) for the ongoing bids and then the final auction winner at 11:59 PM on September 3<sup>rd</sup>! Tickets can be paid for and picked up at the Post on the 4<sup>th</sup> by the winner.

### **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.: Ron Yersky	(513) 232-2591
Chaplain: Jerry Porter	(513) 528-1557
Sgt.-at-Arms: Ralph Caskey	(513) 470-6588

### **Post 318 Committee Chairmen**

Americanism: Paul Henkel	(513) 413-4293
Bingo: Ed Sears	(513) 474-0246
Events Coordination: Ken Knight	(513) 675-5234
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Finance: Ron Yersky	(513) 232-2591
Fundraising: (vacant)	
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Membership: Bob Kamman	(513) 474-5237
Post Activities: Randy Lindsey	(513) 374-2099
Service, Vet. Affairs: Charlie Cleves	(513) 232-7767
Uniformed Ceremony: Ralph Caskey	(513) 470-6588
VA Volunteer Service: Jerry Porter	(513) 528-1557



Four of the many organizers and workers at the fundraiser for Post 318 held at Latitudes on August 25<sup>th</sup>: Chris Short, Kerri Wolfangel, Ann Stratman and Sherri Hudson. Thank you all!

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## Fund Raising Update:

### Bingo

The Post conducts bingo every Sunday. Except not this Sunday because it is Labor Day weekend! On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we resume the regular schedule, so doors open at 4:30 PM, and 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 by volunteering to work these events. Contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions. For the month of August bingo earned \$4,242 of which \$890.00 was contributed to **Charities, Inc.**

### Euchre

Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$5, \$2.50 going to the Post and \$2.50 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, and games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions. In August Euchre contributed \$342 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.

### Amazon Smiles

**American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.** is now registered with Amazon “**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. So, if you shop at Amazon and select Amazon Smiles, then “**American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.**”, you are contributing to our fundraising--- at no cost to you!

## Football Mania

Football Mania closes on September 5<sup>th</sup>, so if you want to play the game this season you must get your ticket stub and your payment to Dennis Sakal by September 5<sup>th</sup>! Call Dennis at (513) 335-3148 or e-mail: [dennis.sakal@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.sakal@gmail.com) He may have extra tickets if you want them. Dennis must have the ticket stubs and your payment in hand by September 5<sup>th</sup>!

## Membership Update

We are off to a great start towards our membership quota of 161. Through Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, we are 2/3's of the way to our quota of 161. Great job everyone on getting your renewals in. I still have 58 existing members that haven't submitted their renewals. I know, I know, you are telling me “But my card is still good until the end of Dec 2019.” This is true; but, ***we need to get the renewals processed so that the department and National can set their budgets for 2020.*** Therefore, please try to get your renewals processed at your earliest convenience. It will also make my job easier!

### 2019 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 08/25/2019	108
2019 Goal	165
% of Goal	65.5%
2019 Quota	161
% of Quota	67.1%
Required for Quota	53
Unpaid members	58

If you are ***one of the 58 members that haven't paid*** to date, please try to do so soon. We have a really good chance of hitting our goal this year. That would be the first time in the 5 years since I have been doing membership!

The President has signed the Legion Act. This permits anyone who has served in the Armed Forces since Dec 1941 and was honorably discharged to be granted membership into the American Legion. If you know of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way and I will be glad to follow up or forward me their contact information and I will be glad to contact them. We have 5 new members this year, which is really great. Let's keep this trend up and have another great membership year.

Robert Kamman  
Membership Chairman

Bagpipers & Drummer at the fundraiser for Post 318 at Latitudes Bar & Bistro on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



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## Let's Dance

With the calendar reading September, it's time to "strike up the bands", and we're starting off with a couple of really good ones.



The *Cincy Rockers* are kicking off our dance events with the theme entitled "Be True to Your School". So, break out the letter sweaters and come join us to relive those high school, or college days, of laughter and fun. While being entertained by the *Cincy Rockers*, you'll be with friends and loved ones, creating new memories.

*The Monday Night Big Band* returns to the *Patriot Center* Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This 18 piece group, now in their twenty-sixth year, is one of the region's premier swing bands.



The theme of this dance event is "*Swinging through the Decades*". *The Monday Night Big Band* will take you on a musical journey that will start in the swing era of the 30's and take you through to the horn bands of the 70's. From Count Basie to Chicago! If you want to get into the spirit of this event, come dressed in the style of your favorite decade. Whether you come to swing, or come to watch and listen, this is going to be an evening of fun and great entertainment.

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. After that, tickets are sold at the door for \$12.50 cash.

## Need Help?

If you're a veteran and need help obtaining any of your entitled benefits, 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). He can also find out what benefits you are entitled to, and then show you how to apply for them.

If you are in need of a fellow veteran just to talk with, feel free to call Jerry Porter, our excellent Chaplain, at (513) 528-1557.

## In Memoriam

Phyllis Martin donated \$1,000 to the Post in memory of her deceased husband, George Martin. Phyllis was recognized through the Ohio Veterans Honors Program by our Ohio State Senator, Steve Wilson, at our Annual Awards Program on July 20, 2019.

## Thank You, Roger (Letter)

To: Mr. Roger Wade, Cintech Construction, Inc.

On behalf of Post 318, I want to thank you for your donation of 4 Reds tickets and a parking pass for the benefit of Post 318! Our member Chuck Smith won the online bidding for the tickets. **NOTE: Roger has just donated 4 more tickets!** Please see the new auction info on page one!

Roger, you are one of the reasons Post 318 is doing as much as we do for our veterans, our local community and our youth! Thanks again for the donation!

## Post 318 Color Guard for the Fundraiser at Latitudes Bar & Bistro in Anderson Township



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**Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws Revisions**

This publication is to provide Post 318 membership with notice that the Post Executive Committee has recommended several revisions to the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws. These revisions were reviewed, finalized and voted on at the July 31, 2019 Executive Meeting, with a unanimous vote in favor of "presenting and recommending the revisions to the Post membership for adoption at a Post General Meeting". Due to insufficient time period, between July E.C. Meeting and the August Post Meeting, to prepare review copy and publish the ten (10) day minimum notice to membership, the Post General Membership vote was set for the September 11, 2019 Post Meeting. Several hard copies of the Post Constitution and By-Laws which indicate the revisions proposed have been made available in Post 318's Club Room for member's to review. If you plan to attend the meeting and vote, and cannot review the available hard copies, and you feel the need to review an electronic copy of revisions, you may request same to be sent to you via email by contacting Post Member Dan Wolfangel, at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto: dwacons@aol.com).

Thanks, Dan Wolfangel

**Policy for Handling Returned / Dishonored Checks**

The Post establishes this policy to provide for the handling, processing and recovery of funds related to personal or business checks which have been tendered to Post 318 for any reason, inclusive of, but not limited to: event admissions for Post sponsored events; hall rental related expenses; cash for Bingo; etc., and have subsequently been dishonored by the financial institution on which the check is drawn, and is returned to Post 318 from Post's financial institution at which the check was deposited. Notice: Notice of provisions of this policy to be appropriately posted within Post 318 facility.

**Hamilton County Legion meetings for 2019**

Sept 4.....at Post 631      Oct 2.....at Post 199  
Nov 6.....at Post 69      Dec 4.....at Post 513

**Dances Begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will need volunteers! Please be ready to help support the Post on those Saturday nights!

**Uniformed Ceremonies**

On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Color Guard opened the Forest Hills School Districts new year under the direction of Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. We also presented 7 new United States flags to the 7 schools in the school district.

**At The Flag Pole!**

- 9-2: Labor Day                                      9-11: Patriot Day
- 9-14: "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key
- 9-17: U.S. Constitution Day (1878)
- 9-18: U.S. Air Force Established (1947)
- 9-20: POW-MIA Recognition Day
- 9-29: VFW Day Established (1899)

Color Guard Detail Dates for September & October

- 9-24-@ Anderson H.S. (vs. Turpin) ("B" Soccer) 7PM
- 9-25-@ Turpin H.S. (vs. Anderson) ("G" Soccer) 7PM
- 10-11-@ Anderson H.S. - Military Night (Football)
- 10-18-@ Turpin H.S. (vs. Anderson) CG (Football)

Ralph Caskey  
Sgt.-at-Arms

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**Next Meeting**

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. The success of Post 318 depends on your support, so please bring a friend and come find out what's going on. We will have a prize for one of the month's worker Members. After the meeting we will have a split-the-pot drawing, then light refreshments by Randy Lindsey in the Club Room.

**August Ice Cream Social**

The Social was a success! Around 35 Members and wives attended, and everyone enjoyed great ice cream, toppings, and pie & cookies! Good job, Randy!