



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

July, 2020

Commander’s Notes

This is my first newsletter as your Commander. I just want to thank every member of the Post 318 for having faith in me being the Post Commander for 2020-2021. I will do everything I can, the same as I did for Post 484 when I was Commander there. I just want to say thank you again! The 4th District picnic is coming up on July 19th at Post 199 in Harrison. Details on page 5.

Sincerely, Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318

2020 Business Plan Approval

Just a reminder! The Post 318 Business Plan and Budget will be submitted to Post Membership for approval, at our July 8th General Membership Meeting. Copies of the plan were distributed last month to all members subscribed to MailChimp, and three (3) hardcopies are also available in the Post Clubroom for review. A copy of the plan can also be obtained on our web site at www.post318.org. Simply “click-on” **About Us** and then **Business Plan 2020-2021**.

FABULOUS 4th DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, 2020-2021

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>2020 District Picnic</u>	July 19, 2020	Post 199
<u>District Golf Tournament</u>	August 2, 2020,	Circling Hills, Harrison
<u>District Billiards Tournament</u>	Sept. 13, 2020,	Roc’s Billiards
<u>District Corn Hole Tourney</u>	Oct. 11, 2020,	Post 199
<u>District Bowling Tournament</u>	Nov. 28, 2020,	Madison Bowl
<u>DECEMBER</u> -No events scheduled.		
<u>Outlaw Turkey Shoot</u>	Jan. 24, 2021,	Post 237
<u>Billiards Tournament</u>	Apr. 11, 2021,	Roc’s Billiards
<u>2021 District Picnic</u>	TBA	Post 450.

Al Buxton
4th Dist. 2nd Vice Commander

Officers for 2020-2021

At the June 10th, General Membership Meeting, Post 318 voted to affirm the Action of the Executive Committee Meeting on May 27th, where they voted to accept the appointment of: Chester Canter as Commander, Kirk Minnich as 2nd Vice Commander, and Robert Heberly as Chaplain, and to accept the extension of the terms of the remaining officers until the next scheduled election in May of 2021. Those officers are: Ed Ruffennach as Adjutant, Randy Lindsey as Finance Officer, Robert Kamman as 1st Vice Commander, and Ralph Caskey as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The three appointments, and the extensions for the remaining officers were voted on and approved by the General Membership by unanimous vote.

Our Officers were installed later during the General Membership meeting by Mike Bender, Past District 4 Commander, Past Hamilton County Commander, Past Commander of American Legion Post 534, and long time friend of Post 318. After installation, the Officers assumed their respective offices for the remainder of the meeting, and until the next election of officers scheduled for May of 2021.

Next Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on July 8th at 7PM. We will be wearing masks and maintaining 6 ft. social distancing.

We need a quorum at the General Membership Meeting to approve the 2020-2021 Business Plan and Budget, so please plan to attend the meeting!

We will have a Split-the-Pot, and we will have a drawing for Volunteer of the Month! Due to the governor’s rules, we will not have a social with beer and snacks after the meeting.

Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318

House

We have restored the kitchen to full use, since our caterer is back in business, and our Bingo kitchen is back too.

Bob Alfieri
House Chairman

Fund Raising Update

Bingo is back in business---IF we get at least 17 volunteers every Sunday to carry on the work! If you don't volunteer, we will have to shut down Bingo. Sometime after that, Post 318 will cease to exist! Bingo is the life blood of Post 318, so it is up to you to help keep us in business!

Euchre is cancelled until further notice!

Dances are cancelled until further notice!

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 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.

Joseph House

Al Buxton, 4th District Adjutant, wrote: “Joseph House stepped up big time. They continue to do the right thing for all veterans.”

If you can, please add Joseph House to your monetary donation list during this crisis. We are still collecting toiletries and clothing for the veterans at Joseph House. You can drop off your donations inside the members entrance at the Post, just to the left, inside the door.

Ralph Caskey

Are you a Veteran in crisis?

Or concerned about one?

Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country?

Contact the **Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255.)**

Chaplain's Report

Comrades, I am honored to be serving as the American Legion Post 318 Chaplain for 2020-2021. I bring a number of years of experience to the position as I served for six years as Chaplain of VFW Post 5906 in Glasgow, Kentucky, two of those years concurrently as VFW Kentucky District 5 Chaplain. I am a former U.S. Army Nurse Corps officer and served four years on active duty, including a tour in Mogadishu, Somalia, in the spring and summer of 1993, during Operation Restore Hope. I attained the rank of Captain before I pcs'd.

Today, I work full time as an RN with Hospice of Cincinnati. I was pleased to learn that my recent request to have Wednesdays off each week has been approved, so I should be able to attend most post meetings. I remarried this past July to a junior high sweetheart. I have two lovely daughters, both of whom attend Western Kentucky University. I enjoy sail boating on the Gulf and kayaking or canoeing locally. I also like museums, Cincinnati Reds baseball, and Cincinnati Cyclones hockey.

Robert Heberly Chaplain

Charitable Giving

Over the course of each year, American Legion Post 318 contributes thousands of dollars to programs important to our membership through ***Charities, Inc.***

General Account:

Expenses: \$0, Income: \$1,692.66

Balance as of 5/31/2020: \$5,756.40

Veterans Account:

No activity!

Balance as of 5/31/2020: \$508.89

Total of both accounts: \$6,265.29

Walt Geil Charities Inc., Treasurer

Membership!

July 1st starts the entry into our 2020/2021 membership year. You all did a fantastic job of getting your renewals in last year, and I hope that I can count on you again for this year. Thanks to you, not only did we meet our National quota but we exceeded the Post's all time high membership. This year our Quota from National is 167 and we are starting with a 7 member deficit, mostly due to the loss of many of our WWII era members, a few Korean era, and a few Viet Nam era. You should be receiving your renewal notices in the mail some time shortly after July 1st. There are 3 ways that one can execute their renewal:

1. By sending/dropping off your membership dues (still \$40) at the Post. If you do this before you receive your renewal notice, make sure that your name, the word MEMBERSHIP, and to my attention ROBERT KAMMAN are noted with it. I've received 33 payments already, so we're off to a great start.
2. By going online at... www.legion.org/renew and follow the steps (it's very simple).
3. Or by becoming a Paid Up for Life (PUFL) member. This can be accomplished by going to <https://www.legion.org/join/pufl>.

Thanks for your support of our Post and our community.

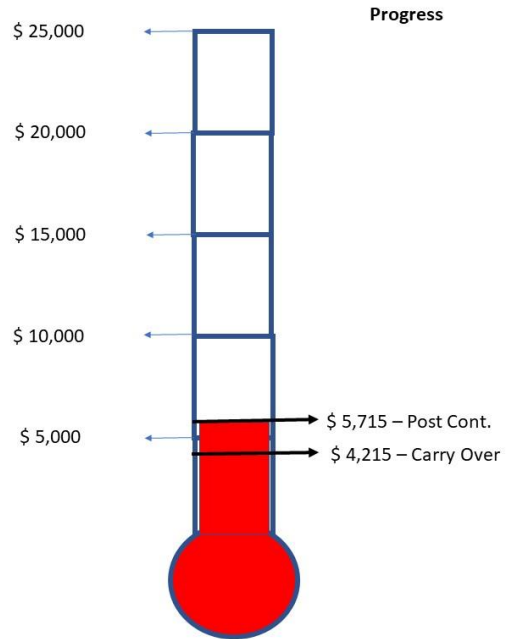
Robert Kamman

***1st Vice Commander & Membership
Chairman, Post 318***

Charities, Inc. Fundraising Update

As previously communicated, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on the ability of American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc (CI) to raise money. As a result, CI has limited money available to fund Post 318 2021 Programs. To maintain a focus on this issue, CI will provide a monthly update (see below) on the status of its fundraising.

American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. Fundraising Goal



Charities, Inc. Support for July

CI will start the month of July with about \$ 5,715 available. This includes \$ 4,215 in 2020 carry over funds and a contribution of \$ 1,500 from the Post. With this money CI will provide \$ 4,200 in funding in support of the following projects:

- Provide three (3) Scholarships (\$3,000)
- Fund the Awards Program (\$ 700)
- Purchase Flags for 9 schools (\$400)
- Support one (1) Eagle Scout Project (\$100)

Post 2021 Business Plan & Budget

The Post 318 2021 Business Plan and Budget are scheduled for membership review and approval at our July 8th General Membership Meeting. For your review, an electronic copy has be distributed to all Post members with email addresses on June 1st. For those without email, three (3) hardcopies of the plan are available in the clubroom. Please do not remove these copies from the clubroom!

***4th District Golf Tournament
August 2, 2020***

The tournament will be held at Circling Hills Golf Course, 10240 Carolina Trace, Harrison OH. First tee time is 10:00 AM. This tournament is open to all Legionnaires, SAL, and Ladies Auxiliary members with a 2020/2021 membership card. The deadline for entries to be received is July 24, 2020.

Help us make this a great tournament. Lunch will be provided, and prizes awarded at the end of the tournament at Yeager-Benson Post 199, 10700 Campbell Rd. Harrison.

Looking forward to your participation.

***Al Buxton
2nd Vice Commander
Fabulous 4th District***

June Finance Report

1st Financial Checking: (As of 6/24/2020) \$10,444.75
1st Financial Savings: (As of 6/24/2020) \$24,626.02
13 mos CD: \$10,041.80
Estimated in the bank at end of June is \$43,615.71
5/3 Bank accounts closed out (Total = \$178.44)
Liquor license has been paid. Cost was \$2844.00.
Lawyer cost for Anderson Pet Center agreement has been paid (\$1,288.25).
Post expenses are now less than \$3,000 per month.

***Randy Lindsey
Financial Officer***

***Schedule for Fabulous 4TH District
4th District Exec. Board
and Conferences, 2020 – 2021***

E-Board meetings will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Conferences will be on Sundays. Doors open at 8:00 a.m., and meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. Snacks at E-Board or lunch at conference meetings will be at discretion of the host Post.

E-BOARD, August 20TH, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Post 49

FALL CONF., October 25TH, 2020, Harrison Post 199

E-BOARD, December 17TH, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Lockland Post 631

WINTER CONF., January 10TH, 2021, Post 72

E-BOARD, February 18TH, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Milford Post 450

SPRING CONF., March 28TH, 2021, Post 534

E-BOARD April 15TH, 2021, 7:30 p.m. Post 194

SUMMER CONFERENCE, May 16TH 2021, Post 484

Annual Post 318 Awards Program

Saturday, July 18th, at 7PM we will hold our annual Awards Program, honoring those individuals in our community of veterans, friends and family, who we feel should be recognized by Post 318. Ohio Senator Steve Wilson has been invited to make the Veterans Honors Presentations to the widows of our recently deceased veterans. We will also recognize our veterans who are celebrating 5 year anniversaries of their membership in the American Legion. We also plan to make presentations to those members of the community who were selected for honors that we had to cancel due to the Wuhan Chinese virus attack.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Dan Wolfangel so we will know how many to plan for: 513-474-9577

dwacons@aol.com

Annual 4th District Picnic

Steve Foster and the Officers of the 4th District invite you to attend the 39th Annual 4th District Picnic on the grounds of Yeager-Benson Post 199 in Harrison, Ohio, on Sunday, July 19th, 2020. 10700 Campbell Road. Anyone who has attended this event in the past has enjoyed themselves with comradery, food and fun.

The picnic will start at 1:00 PM with the food being served at 3:00 PM. The 4th District will provide meat, beverages and roasted corn. We're asking that everyone bring a covered dish of his or her choice. Please bring your lounge chairs. This year we will be adding some activities during the picnic. Details will be provided in a flyer at a later date.

There is no need to make reservations. Our picnic coordinator, Donnie Chandler has helped with organizing. Please RSVP to me at the number below.

Looking forward to your comradship,

Al Buxton
2nd Vice Commander, 4th District
3592 Robroy Drive, (513) 225-1489

Post 318 Club Room Reopened!

The Club Room was reopened on May 21st, as long as we comply with the 10 person limit, wear face masks when moving around the area, and keep the 6 foot spacing between social groups. **Everyone using the area will have to clean the whole area before they leave the Club Room.**

We are now allowed to hold Bingo games. Dances are another issue, since normal dances require mingling in close quarters with other moving people, and keeping a 6 foot distance will be impossible the way we have always done it!

Bingo!

Bingo is back! Bingo opened for the first time in 3 months last Sunday night, June 21st! We had 31 players, and closed out 5 pull tab games. The results are listed below:

Type I \$57.00
Type II \$151.00
Of that the Charities, Inc. 501C3 gets \$38.00

If you would like to help let me know. Most of the jobs are done by 7:30 pm. The jobs are not hard to do. Most of them are selling paper to players. (513) 373-9133 or e-mail: emsears1969@gmail.com.

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman

Fly your Flag:
July 4th, 2020 Independence Day

Ralph Caskey
Sergeant-At-Arms

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

<i>Commander:</i>	Chester Canter	513-250-8522
<i>1st Vice:</i>	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
<i>2nd Vice:</i>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<i>Adjutant:</i>	Ed Ruffennach	330-962-9652
<i>Finance Officer:</i>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<i>Chaplain:</i>	Robert Heberly	513-550-6601
<i>Sgt.-at-Arms:</i>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<i>Americanism:</i>	Paul Henkle	513-413-4293
<i>Bingo:</i>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<i>Event Coordination:</i>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<i>Community Support:</i>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<i>House:</i>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<i>Service Officer:</i>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<i>Charities, Inc., Liaison:</i>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<i>Corp. Statutory Agent:</i>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<i>VA Volunteer Service:</i>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557